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Salem Baptist Church - Champaign, Illinois

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Foreward

No attempt is made in this publication to set forth a complete history of our church, nor to include all of the names of Christian Soldiers who have contributed so much that makes this possible.

There are other events and people who have played great roles in our church drama. There are those who have experienced great personal victories; these spiritual victories cannot be recorded by human hands.

There is another book written by another hand who never forgets the most minute details of His people---He has the complete record of this church.

Men's Day

Nov. 9, 1958

Eugene H. Williams, Pastor
Dedication Day

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The Brotherhood wishes to thank the many members, some of whose names appear on committees, for the assistance rendered in the success of this publication.

History Of Salem Baptist Church

In 1867, Sister Susan Franklin Johnson, Kitty Lee, Brother T.J. Shores, J. W. Randolph, and Martin Dandrage, met the council at the Old Coffee Place, at 406 East Park Street, and organized a Missionary Baptist Church. The church was named Second Baptist Missionary Church. It was recognized by the first Baptist Church of Champaign, the First Baptist Church of Urbana, and the First Baptist Church of Mahomet, Illinois.

The following received membership in the church: Sister Hopkins, who was nearly 100 years old, had previously been a member of a Methodist Church, and came as a candidate for baptism. Other candidates for baptism were: Phebie Rivers, Anna Randolph, Sarah Brommwell, and David Johnson. Other members added to the church later, were: Sister Fannie Strong, and her granddaughter, R. H. Johnson, Mary Mitchell, Anthony Johnson, Lester Johnson, Mrs. Washington, Mrs. Walker, Mrs. Rose Brommwell Morgan, Henrietta Brommell Alexander, Louis Brommwell, Hardy Brommwell, Edward Lee, Atrice Lee, Henry Randolph, Ella Randolph, Callie Randolph, and Mildred Randolph Grey.

Sister Mildred Grey, then a music student at the university of Illinois, was an outstanding organist and played the organ for Second Baptist and Salem for several years.

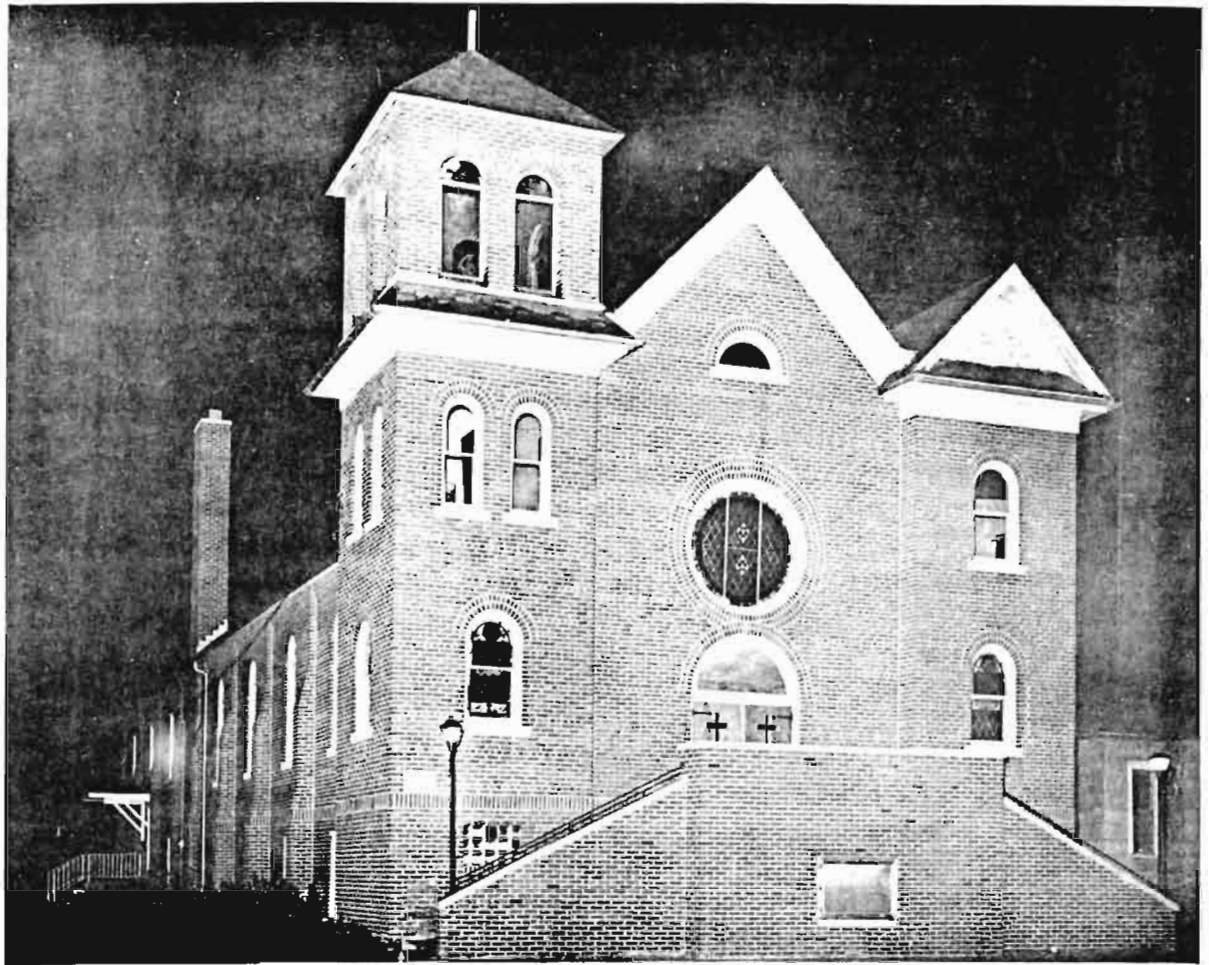
Mr. Lester Johnson, another faithful member, bought the bell which is now in the belfry. Mrs. Eva T. Deam was also an active member. She was president of the Women's Division of the National Baptist Convention, and also superintendent of the Sunday School. Witnesses of the church organization were: Sister Anna Randolph, Sarah Brommwell, and Brother David Johnson.

The church was received into the White Baptist Association. The superintendent of the Sunday School was Brother Lloyd, of the First Baptist Church, in Champaign. Sister Bidler, of the First Baptist Church in Champaign, taught the adult Sunday School class.

Rev. William Washington was called to pastor and was assisted by Rev. T. J. Shores. The second pastor was Rev. Riesnor, and Rev. J. H. Bell served as the third pastor. The church purchased the lot on Park Street, and proceeded to erect a church about 1869. This frame building burned, causing the membership to again rent a place for worship. The fourth pastor was Rev. Teal, a man of great ability. Rev. Teal served over a year, and resigned. Rev. Pearman succeeded Rev. Teal, and served from 1886 to 1887. During his administration, G. W. Roy, Ella Randolph Bostic, Lyla Brommwell, Johnson Benton, and others were united to the church.

The next pastor was Rev. F. Gray. By this time, the church had purchased a lot on Clark Street, and erected a building there. Rev. F. Gray resigned, and in 1889 Rev. G. A. Turner was called to pastor. Rev. Turner served until 1891, and Rev. S. L. Harris was called. The church was highly benefitted by and also well pleased with Rev. Harris and his dutiful wife. Rev. Harris resigned, and was succeeded by Rev. B. H. West.

In 1893, the Wood River Association met here with the church, and Second Baptist Church joined the Wood River District Association. Because Second Baptist was too small to accommodate the delegation, services were held in the hall over Swanell's Drug Store, now Grant's, at the corner of Main and Hickory Streets.



Salem Baptist Church

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 Eugene H. Williams, Pastor

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'MAN OF YEAR'

Mar 8 1958

The Rev. Eugene H. Williams, second from right, receives a plaque from the Wood River Baptist Association for accomplishments at Salem Baptist Church during 1958.

With him as he receives the "Man of the Year" award are, from the left, Dr. Alfred Wilson, moderator, Wood River Association; the Rev. Tobias Hutchins, Danville, and the

Rev. John A. Hester, Springfield, secretary of the Wood River Baptist Association. Presentation was made at a special service Sunday night in Salem Baptist Church.

To Honor Rev. Williams As 'Man Of The Year'

Rev. Eugene H. Williams, pastor Salem Baptist Church, will receive a "Man of the Year" award from the Wood River Baptist Assn. at 7:30 p.m. Sunday at the church.

The award, to be presented by Dr. J. Alfred Wilson, Springfield, is being given to Rev. Williams and the church in recognition of their building effort of 1958 and Rev. William's appointment to the Champaign Human Relations Commission.

The presentation is made annually by the association to the church and pastor who, in the opinion of the association, has made the most significant contribution to Christian work.

The Wood River Baptist Assn. is a 119-year-old organization of Negro Baptist churches of central and southern Illinois. Dr. J. Alfred Wilson, Springfield, is moderator of the 40 pastors in the association.

The awards program will consist of a sermon by Dr. Wilson. Presentation of the award will be made by Rev. Tobias Hutch-



REV. EUGENE WILLIAMS
... Man of the Year

ins, Danville, who serves as chairman of the awards committee.

Trustee Board

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Brother Louis Brown, chairman of Trustee Board, Brother Pete Hawkins, and Brother Job Harris, served under the late Rev. S. L. Edwards, from 1908, to 1915. During their tenure of service, the present Salem Baptist Church was erected. W. H. Chandler, chairman, Al Watson, and Phil Anderson were elected to serve from 1915 until 1920. The ceiling of the church was lowered, and the pews which were in the church until September, 1958, were purchased during their administration. The pews were approximately forty-four years old.

The next group of trustees were Ed Broom, chairman, David Sayles, Harry Johnson, Ed Wells, Billy Williams, who later served as chairman, W. M. Varnado, and Clifford Caldwell. This group was elected in 1920. In 1925, David Sayles was elected Chairman of the Board, and remained chairman until 1950.

C. E. Campbell, Billy Williams, and Walter Clark served until 1930 and in the same year, Uriah Moreland, Grady Jordan, and O. B. Johnson served as trustees. In 1940 Charlie Brown, Al Watson, Harrison Pierce, and David Sayles were the trustees. In 1946 Charlie Brown, David Sayles, Uriah Moreland, Harrison Pierce, Theotto Bowles, and Alvin Foxwell, were trustees.

In 1948, the church began to show a tremendous financial increase. The church purchased the parsonage at 304 North Third Street, and paid for it within two years. Trustees were David Sayles, Chairman, Theotto Bowles, Charlie Brown, Alvin Foxwell, and Harrison Pierce. In 1950, David Sayles resigned as chairman of the Trustee Board, and accepted the chairmanship of the Deacon Board. He was succeeded by Alvin Foxwell, who is still chairman. In 1950, the building fund was started for the church annex. The board members were Alvin Foxwell, David Sayles, Theotto Bowles, Charlie Brown, Harrison Pierce, Roscoe Tinsley, Louis Taylor, and Clarence Taylor. Death ended the services of trustee Charlie Brown. This group of trustees are still active and faithful. In 1958, Brother Jasper Lewis and Brother Ozell Thompson were added to the Trustee Board. Current chairman: Alvin Foxwell.



STATE PR OFFICER

Mrs. Eugene Williams, wife of the pastor of Salem Baptist Church; recently was elected chairman of public relations for United Church Women of Illinois. She also has been elected delegate to the Triennial Assembly of the group Oct. 27-30 in Denver, Colo., and will be accompanied by Mrs. John Price, president of the local United Church Women. Mrs. Williams is vice president of the local group.



THE PASTOR, WIFE AND FAMILY
1956

Rev. and Mrs. Eugene H. Williams, and family:
Eugene Franklin, Bruce Damon, Dwight Marquis, Carolyn Anne, Ann Shirley, and Rochelle Diane.

Rev. and Mrs. Williams were called to Salem Baptist Church in April, 1956, from First Baptist Church, Quincy, Illinois, having held pastorates in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and Sioux City, Iowa.

Mrs. Williams received her education from Western Baptist, Kansas City Mo., and Sioux Falls College, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Rev. Williams attended Sioux Falls College, and American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

During this administration, the educational annex was built, and our church proper was completely renovated at a combined cost of.

"I can do all things through Christ
who strengthens me."



News-Gazette Photo by Chuck Boyer

UNI HIGH BACCALAUREATE. Rev. Eugene H. Williams, pastor, Salem Baptist Church, right, was the principal speaker at the University High School baccalaureate in the Lincoln Hall Theater. His topic was "A World In Your Hands." Others who participated in the program were, left to right, Charlotte Tate, in charge of the program; Rabbi Benjamin Rudavsky, Hillel Foundation, who gave the invocation and benediction; and James Buckley, who sang the solo "The Lord Is My Light."

Uni Hi Baccalaureate **STILL WORLDS TO CONQUER, SENIORS TOLD**

There are still new worlds to be conquered, still rewards ahead and adventures and the opportunity for recognition, Rev. Eugene H. Williams, pastor, Salem Baptist Church, told University High School graduates at their baccalaureate Sunday.

Rev. Williams based his remarks on the Scripture reference Luke 2:49 and pointed out to the graduates that "at 12 years of age Jesus realized he had a world on his hands."

"Young people must realize that this is the time for them to dedicate themselves and to act. We apologize for the kind of world we leave in their hands. It has its problems," Rev. Williams said. "But, he added, "you need not be afraid."

Rev. Williams told the students that they "had as much as anyone and more than many others" and most of all "you have a world in your hands."

Rev. Williams chose as his topic "A World in Your Hands" for the ceremonies in the Lincoln Hall Theater.

"We will see you again — in the White House, in the halls of Congress, in our space ships. We may read one of your books or you may cure one of man's fatal diseases or live under laws you have framed that will leave a better tomorrow."

Rabbi Benjamin Rudavsky, Hillel Foundation, gave the invocation and benediction. Music was furnished by the school's a cappella choir and the solo, "The Lord is My Light," was performed by James Buckley. Charlotte Tate was in charge of the baccalaureate. Diplomas will be awarded at commencement exercises at 8 p.m. Friday in Lincoln Hall Theater.

1958



FAVORITE SENIORS. Two of the main participants in Sunday's Champaign High School baccalaureate services meet with their favorite seniors before the ceremony. No one will ever know who was most nervous. They are, left to right, Dwight Williams, CHS senior, and his father, Rev.

News-Gazette Photos by Bill Ebeling Eugene H. Williams, pastor, Salem Baptist Church; Rev. E. H. Bekemeyer, pastor, St. John's Lutheran Church, and his CHS senior daughter, Phyllis. Rev. Williams gave the invocation, and Rev. Bekemeyer was main speaker.

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Baccalaureate
REV. WILLIAMS TO SPEAK TO CHS SENIORS

Rev. Eugene Williams, of Salem Baptist Church in Champaign, will give the Champaign High School Baccalaureate services, "This Is The Way," program at 3 p.m. Sunday.

Other ministers taking part will be Rev. Oscar Plumb, Methodist Church, who will give the invocation, Rev. W. J. Mann, University Place Church, will deliver the benediction.

Rev. Williams had four children to graduate from Champaign High School and his daughter Anne will graduate with the Class of 60. He has one daughter yet to graduate from CHS.

The Cappella Choir will sing several religious numbers during the program. Following the baccalaureate, the graduates will have a tea with the faculty and parents.

Rehearsal for the program will be at 2:05 p.m. June 3 in the boy's gym.

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He is a member of the Advisory Board of Child Welfare and the Champaign Human Resources Commission. He is chairman of the "Neighborhood Analysis" advisory committee for the Champaign's Urban Renewal Plan.

Rev. Williams is also a member of the executive committee for the Champaign Centennial Commission.

THE NEWS GAZETTE

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PERFECT SCORERS. Champaign High School business education students who scored perfectly on one of two tests or on both tests administered by the National Office Management Assn. are, left to right, Sharon Reed, Sandi England, Judy Ray, Nancy Inskip, Anne Williams, Sharon Tucker, JoAnne Holmes and Peggy Decker. Miss Tucker received a perfect score on both Test I and II; Miss Reed and Miss

Williams on Test I and the remainder of the coeds on Test II. Three of the group are office occupations students. Sharon Tucker receives her on-the-job training from Short and Son Insurance Agency; Anne Williams works in the Champaign High School Library under Mrs. Deane Hill; and JoAnne Holmes works for Peer, Hunt and Curzon.

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Baccalaureate

CHAMPAIGN SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

HIGH SCHOOL GYMNASIUM

JUNE 5, 1960

3:00 P. M.

Services in charge of

THE REVEREND EUGENE H. WILLIAMS

Salem Baptist Church
Champaign, Ill.

Processional—"War March of Priests" Mendelssohn
High School Orchestra, Gilbert Papp, Conductor

Invocation The Reverend Oscar C. Plumb
First Methodist Church

Piano Solo—"Polonaise A Flat Major" Chopin
Nancy Sharp

Sermon The Reverend Eugene H. Williams

Choir Selection—"Missa Brevis" Palestrina
"Go Not Far from Me" Morgan
High School A cappella Choir, E. W. Loftiss, Conductor

Benediction The Reverend William J. Jarman
University Place Christian Church

Response—"The Lord Bless You and Keep You" Lutkin
A cappella Choir

Recessional—"Pomp and Circumstance" Edgar
High School Orchestra

(The audience will please remain seated during the recessional. It is requested that there be no applause during the program.)

At CHS Baccalaureate

TELLS NEED OF VOICE OF GOD TO FIND WAY

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Constantly Moving

In regard to direction in the world, Rev. Williams noted that the need for super-highways is constantly increasing, and said that it seems Americans are constantly going somewhere.

"I am suggesting that there are highways of the mind and soul, there are ideas which our world needs yet unborn in the minds of men. We have always needed a path, a direction in which to go."

Rev. Williams told the graduating seniors that they were on the threshold of the world of making decisions, and some would stand hesitantly at the crossroads, fearful of going into challenging living; some would seek a well-trodden path, peopled with a stream of surging humanity, safe, comfortable and easy; some would ignore all direction and seek a wrong way and travel the wrong road.

Need Of Direction

"I trust that all of you will feel the need of a stronger force in this matter of direction. If you feel this need, would it comfort you to know many others have also?" Rev. Williams asked.

"To a wandering Hebrew nation, polluted by strange and dangerous ideologies, unable to cope with the problems of their day, close to being pawns of satanic influences, God stood in the midst, pointed with a finger of love, and said, 'This is the Way.'"

"God is yet standing in the midst of men, of their ambitions and problems. He is yet pointing with a finger of love. He is yet saying to us, 'This is the Way.' Will you hear him?"

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ORATORS. William Smith, Robert C. Butler and Anne Williams, left to right, will participate in an oratorical contest at 4 p. m. Sunday at Salem Baptist Church, Fifth and Park. The contest is sponsored by Elks Lodge 619 and Victory Temple 930, Improved Elks of the World, 59 Chester. The winner will enter the state contest to take place in July in June. Judges will be: County Judge Fred E. Smith, C. Pelekoudas, UI graduate student, and Webster Smalley, UI instructor in speech. Dorothy Jordan is daughter ruler and Dawson Banks is grand ruler. Calvin Pollard is educational director.



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HANDS OF SUCCESS: Clapping their hands prior to the baccalaureate services Sunday at Champaign High School are, left to right, Rev. Eugene Williams, Salem Baptist Church; Ann Williams; and CHS principal W. T. Wooley. Rev. Williams delivered the baccalaureate sermon, his daughter Anne will graduate Thursday night, and Wooley, retiring from his post this year, will watch his sixth CHS class graduate.

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Gandhi Is Model for Rev. King, Negro Apostle of Non-Violence

By Stuart H. Lorry
N. Y. Herald Tribune Service
New York

LORD, we ain't what we oughta be,

We ain't what we wanna be,

We ain't what we gonna be,

But thank God, we ain't what we was.

—"Ole Negro slave preacher's prayer."

The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. who quoted an "old Negro slave preacher's prayer" to a predominantly white audience in the fellowship hall of the segregated University Baptist Church in Chapel Hill, N. C., recently, is living testimony to the ungrammatic truth of the last line.

The equally ungrammatic truth of the first, second and third lines he applied with even more severity to himself than others in his race.

At 31, the Baptist pastor who four years ago burst onto the national scene, as organizer of the Montgomery, Ala., bus boycott fears he is going stale. "I feel myself warming up the same old stuff and serving it to my audiences over and over again," he confided to a sympathetic fellow clergyman at the end of a 28-hour visit here. Earlier in the day he told an interviewer that the jet-age pace of a leader left him with little time to refine and refresh his advocacy of non-violent resistance as the vehicle Southern Negroes should use to win social, economic and political equality.

Little Time for Reading

Since the end of the 14-month Montgomery bus boycott, Dr. King has traveled from 2,500 to 3,000 miles a week, explaining his



nonviolent philosophy to individuals ranging from President Eisenhower to frustrated Negro high school students. This leaves little time for reading or reflection.

"I do an hour of devotional reading every morning after I wake up," he said, "but I can't do much more. Some days I can only get in a half hour." His devotional reading includes the Bible and work by theologians. The volume he brought to Chapel Hill was Harry Emerson Fosdick's "The Enduring Message of the Bible."

If Dr. King's intellectual endeavors have been reduced, his public speeches do not reveal the fact. In a typical 45-minute talk, he embellishes his message with

allusions to and quotations from Amos, Epicurus, Aristotle, Plato, Socrates, Jesus, John Donne, Mahatma Gandhi, Langston Hughes and Negro spirituals and preachings—all without the aid of prepared text or notes.

He is a striking figure on a rostrum. Of medium height and weight, his trim frame is draped with conservatively cut, immaculately attended dark suits. His white shirts are closed at the cuffs with unobtrusive gold links. His striped ties are always neatly knotted, his black shoes shined but not overly so. As he talks, he never moves from the spot in which he squarely plants his feet. Only his mouth, eyes and hands

have motion and, indeed, they all appear to be communicating.

Dr. King tells his audiences the fight for equality of Negroes has been lifted from the legal and political level to the moral level with the onset of the non-violent movement (manifested at present with the lunch counter sit-ins throughout the South). He reminds them that Negroes are not battling for convenient seats on buses or the right to drink coffee and eat hot dogs in variety stores. "The real demand is for respect and dignity," he says.

His philosophy is from Christianity—all men are one in the eyes of God. His tactics are from Gandhi (whose every recorded word he has studied carefully)—resistance to the laws of man are justified when they conflict with a higher, moral law. His rationale is from Hegel—there can be no progress without at least tension and perhaps violence.

He is convinced the South will experience violence before the Negro wins the respect and dignity he seeks. But the violence must be one-sided with the Negro suffering the blows. The Negro, he says, "must meet physical force with soul force." He told an audience: "Somebody in this world must have sense enough to meet hate with love."

Thus, he says, the Negro demonstrator for equality must not carry his placards and organize his boycotts out of hate or revenge. "We do not hate you, we love you," he tells the white segregationists (many of whom come to hear him), "we do not want to annihilate you or damage you. We want to redeem you."



"UNCLE DAVID" JOHNSON

One of the founders of the original "Second Baptist Church" of Champaign about 1860 and served as one of its deacons for many years. In view of his valued service both to the church and city his photograph was dedicated, after his death, and placed over the pulpit in the new church building, now known as "Salem Baptist Church."

David Johnson was born in Prince William County Virginia May 11, 1822, and moved his family to Illinois after his service in the Union Army.

Later he built a two story residence at 503 E. Stoughton Street, just two blocks from the then "Second Baptist Church," which was located in the 500 block on East Clark Street, and his home became the rendezvous for most traveling evangelist and emigrants.

Thru the years his record as a citizen and christian leader has stood as a beacon to men. His desire to live to see the "Comer Stone" laid in "Salem Church" foundation was granted, after which he prayed to God and quietly slept away.

History Of Salem Baptist Church

A large number of converts were received that year, and the church had an organized choir of trained voices. Sister Ella Randolph was the organist, and Miss Amy Coffeen was hired to train and direct them. Her father had taught the older members the hymns with the different meters -short, common, long, etc.

Rev. West offered his resignation and in 1894, Rev. W. W. Stewart was called, later, he was called to his home in Missouri, and upon his return, offered his resignation. In 1895, Rev. W. Helm, accepted the call. By this time, the Sunday School was alive, and besides studying the weekly lessons, pupils were trained to study the Bible, and time was given to recite as many verses from a Bible book as one could remember. During Rev. Helm's administration, the church was remodeled, made larger, and a pool installed.

During the year 1895, the church observed its dedication service. The Rev. Stedman, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Champaign, preached the dedication sermon. It was both solemn and beautiful. Mr. Lloyd sang, "Just As I Am," accompanied by her husband at the piano. Mrs. Roberta Helm played an instrumental, "Nearer My God To Thee," with variations. She professed a hope in Christ in this church, and with Mollie Jennings, D. J. Jones, Sam Chatman, and others, was baptized and united with the church. During the latter part of 1896, Rev. W.B. Brown was called to pastor, and accepted the call early in 1887. He was succeeded by Rev. J.W. Crushon, in 1901, who resigned in 1902, and was succeeded by Rev. J. H. Nickols. Rev. Nickols increased the interest in the church and the Sunday School. He interceded and cleared the church lot at 500 East Park Street. He was making plans to erect a church there when he resigned.

Rev. S. L. Edwards was then called to serve. He was new out of the Methodist Conference, and knew little about the Baptist laws, although he was a very fine man. He had the name of the church changed from Second Baptist to Salem Baptist. He succeeded in building the present church. In 1908, the cornerstone was laid. While the church was being erected, Rev. Edwards worked at various jobs to help earn a living. The first communions set was also purchased under Rev. Edwards. The trustees were Brothers Pete Hawkins, Louis Brown, and Job Harris. The deacons were Dave Johnson, George Roy, Anthony Johnson, and B. E. Payne.

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1958

SEATED, LEFT TO RIGHT: DAVID SAYLES, REV. EUGENE H. WILLIAMS, ALVIN FOXWELL; STANDING: EUGENE CALDWELL, JAMES O. WILSON, LOUIS TAYLOR, ALBERT MCKINLEY, HELEN HITE, CLARENCE TAYLOR, THEOTTO BOWLES, F. D. BROWN, ROSCOE TINSLEY, L. T. TINSLEY.



CONGREGATION IN THE LATE 40's



The Brotherhood of Salem Baptist Church was organized December 10, 1953 under pastorate of Rev. J. A. Anderson.

The purposes of the Brotherhood:

- 1) Backing the pastor, giving him the best helpers in the world - the men of his own church
- 2) Giving thoughtful and constructive leadership to all departments of the church work
- 3) Lifting the loads of debt, doubt, indifference and disaster that come to all churches
- 4) Binding the brokenhearted with visitation, kind words and prayer.

Its first president was Bro. Clarence Taylor.

This group was very helpful in the church with such projects as purchase of public address system, ministerial bible, hymnals for the church, chairs for Sunday School, a galvanized kitchen sink, etc. Through this organization much unity has been exercised among the men of the church as well as effectiveness of the church program to the church as a whole.



THE PASTOR

Rev. Eugene H. Williams serves as: Chairman of Finance, Wood River Baptist Assoc. Advisory Board of Planned Parenthood. Co-captain of Professional group for United Fund. Member Mayor's Commission of Human Relations.

Rev. Williams To Speak To Hadassah

Rev. Eugene Williams, pastor of the Salem Baptist Church, Champaign, will speak to the Champaign-Urbana chapter of Hadassah at 1 p. m. Tuesday in the home of Mrs. Lewis Tanner, 1204 W. Clark.

Rev. Williams, a member of the Champaign Human Relations Commission, will talk to the group on human relations in the community.

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FAVORITE SENIORS. Two of the main participants in Sunday's Champaign High School baccalaureate services meet with their favorite seniors before the ceremony. No one will ever know who was most nervous. They are, left to right, Dwight Williams, CHS senior, and his father, Rev.

Eugene H. Williams, pastor, Salem Baptist Church; Rev. E. H. Bekemeyer, pastor, St. John's Lutheran Church, and his CHS senior daughter, Phyllis. Rev. Williams gave the invocation, and Rev. Bekemeyer was main speaker.

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'HALFWAY BANQUET.' Salem Baptist Church honored high school graduates, team members and church members in long standing at its "Halfway Banquet" as part of the church's Year of Golden Jubilee program. Rev. T. R. Edwards, Galesburg, moderator of the Eastern District, Iowa Baptist Convention. and Mrs. Ed

wards were special guests. Standing left to right, are Rev. Eugene Williams, pastor; Mae Ola Bush, high school honor student; David Sayles, who joined the church in 1918; Rev. Edwards. Seated, left to right, are Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Minnie Caldwell, who joined the church in 1911; and Mrs. Edwards.



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HANDS OF SUCCESS: Claspng their hands prior to the baccalaureate services Sunday at Champaign High School are, left to right, Rev. Eugene Williams, Salem Baptist Church; Ann Williams; and CHS principal W. T. Wooley. Rev. Williams delivered the baccalaureate sermon, his daughter Anne will graduate Thursday night, and Wooley, retiring from his post this year, will watch his sixth CHS class graduate.

ST JOHNSON SERVICES FOR SATURDAY

Funeral services will be conducted at 1:30 p.m. Saturday in Salem Baptist Church for Marian S. Johnson, 405 E. Church, Champaign elementary school teacher for 12 years, who died early Wednesday morning in Carle Memorial Hospital.

Rev. Eugene Williams will officiate.

The body is now at the Stamper Funeral Home, Bloomington, where friends may call from 7 to 10 p.m. Friday. The Salem Baptist Church will be opened at 10 a.m. Saturday and the body will be brought from Bloomington to the church at 11 a.m.

Serving as flower girls for the service will be girls who were pupils of Miss Johnson in fifth grade class last year at Willard school. Pall bearers will be Richard Edwards, a member of the Unit 4 Board of Education; Wilbern McMurray, principal of Willard school; Kenneth Stratton, a Willard teacher; Clarence Jackson, Willard custodian; William Bracy and Thomas White.

Miss Johnson joined the Champaign school system in 1946. She previously had taught in Virginia and was an instructor at Scott Air Base, Belleville during the war.



MARIAN JOHNSON

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Thomas to Get License From Salem Church



Clarence Thomas, 19, a 1958 graduate of Champaign High School who participated in the February sit-in strikes in Nashville, Tenn., will be granted a license to preach by Salem Baptist Church.

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He will preach his trial sermon at the Sunday morning service. The church voted to grant the license to young Thomas on his profession of his call to the ministry, and based on his scholastic record.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Brown Sr., 407 E. Bradley St., he entered the American Baptist Theological Seminary, Nashville, Sept. 16, 1959.

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Thomas participated in six sit-in strikes, the last of which resulted in his arrest on Feb. 27. Booked on a disorderly conduct charge after waiting a day and a half for trial, he spent 33½ days in jail, 2½ days of which he spent in the workhouse.

The Negro students had started the spontaneous sit-in strikes, which the ministers and laymen of Nashville joined Feb. 29.

The Nashville chapter of the NAACP gave partial support to this movement, and the Nashville Christian Leadership Council was in full accord.

Asked about present and future plans for continuing the movement, Thomas said that demonstrations were not just "for hot dogs and coffee," but will extend into the fields of job opportunities, housing, civil rights, voting rights and the dignity of the Negro as a human being.

His subject at the morning service in Salem Baptist Church will be "The New Negro." In the evening service his subject will be "Where Do I Stand?" He will receive his license after the Sunday sermons.

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Baptist Church

Monday, June 13, 1960—De



NEW PREACHER

Clarence Thomas, second from right, a 1958 graduate of Champaign High School, receives his license to preach from the Rev. Eugene Williams, pastor of Salem Baptist Church, as his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Brown,

407 E. Bradley St., look on. Thomas is a student at the American Baptist Theological Seminary in Nashville, Tenn. He delivered the sermons Sunday in the Champaign church, then was awarded the license.



GETS PREACHING LICENSE. Clarence Thomas, center, received his preaching license Sunday after preaching both morning and evening service sermons at Salem Baptist Church. Thomas recently participated in Negro sit-in strikes in Nashville, Tenn., where he was attending theological

seminary. After taking part in six sit-ins he was sent to jail for participation. With Thomas are Rev. Eugene Williams, left, pastor of Salem Baptist Church, and David Sayles, chairman of the official board of the church.





SALEM SATELITES BASKETBALL TEAM . . .

Pictured . . . Seated: Clarence Thomas, Perry Clayton, Val Bush, A. C. Gordon; Standing: Willie Gordon, Bernie Clay, Thomas Brown, Tommy Hunt, Dwight Williams, John Hawkins.



CHURCH PHOTOGRAPHERS

HISTORY OF SALEM BAPTIST CHURCH

In 1911, Rev. J.M. Owens was called to serve, and proved to be a faithful servant. The old seats were discarded and new pews installed. These pews were used until September, 1958. The deacons were Brothers B. E. Payne, George Roy, W. H. Chandler, Bob Smith, and W. H. Patterson. In 1914, Rev. S. W. Batchlor succeeded Rev. Owens. The deacons were Dabney Jones, B. E. Payne, W. H. Patterson, W. H. Chandler, and Bob Smith. In 1916, Rev. S. C. Clanton succeeded Rev. Batchlor. Rev. Clanton was a man of much learning. Because of poor health, Rev. Clanton resigned the same year.

In 1917, Rev. S. M. Hall succeeded Rev. Clanton. Rev. Hall accepted the call for no certain salary, and told the church to give whatever they felt they could pay. During his administration, the ceiling was lowered and the church decorated. Nearly every one loved Rev. Hall, and his resignation was a great set-back to the church. The deacons who served under Rev. Hall were B. E. Payne, W. H. Chandler, Uriah Moreland, Bob Smith, and W. H. Patterson.

Brother F. M. Martin filled the pulpit until Rev. R. A. Hayden was called in 1920. The congregation increased under Rev. Hayden, and was spiritually helped. The church was remodeled and the lot in the rear of the church was purchased. A baptistry was also installed and rest rooms. The new addition now stands on the lot which was purchased. Deacons who served under Rev. Hayden were Ed Benton, chairman of the Deacon Board, B. E. Payne, Uriah Moreland, W. H. Chandler, Bob Smith, James Caldwell, Richard Hall, and Howard Foree. Rev. Hayden left Salem Church and organized Pilgrim Baptist Church on North Fourth Street.

In 1925, Rev. Dabney Jones succeeded Rev. Hayden. During his administration, the front stairs were remodeled and the entrance was changed from the west to the south side, where it is now located, and an indebtedness of \$16,000.00 was paid. Rev. Jones filled the pulpit for nine years, serving until 1933. Deacons under Rev. Jones were Uriah Moreland, Chairman of the Board, B. E. Payne, Bob Smith, James Caldwell, Howard Foree, Richard Hall, Ed Benton, who also served as chairman, Joe Garland, Albert McKinley, and W. H. Chandler, who later served as chairman also.

Rev. J. J. Olive, president of the State Convention of Illinois, was called to pastor the latter part of 1933. Death ended his service in August, 1937. Rev. Olive was a great leader, and he was very enthusiastic over the State Convention. While preparing to attend the session, he suffered a heart attack and passed on to the Great Beyond. The deacons were B. E. Payne, chairman, W. H. Chandler, Uriah Moreland, C. E. Campbell, Joe Garland, Albert McKinley, Grady Jordan, and Alonzo Carouthers. In April, 1938, Rev. A. S. Webb succeeded Rev. Olive. During his administration, a new heating plant was installed. Many members were added. Rev. Webb ordained Rev. C. E. Campbell, and Rev. O.B. Johnson. Rev. Webb represented in most of the State and National meetings.

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MRS. HELEN M. FINCH



AFTER MORNING SERVICE



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Mitchell T. Carter

Funeral services for Mitchell T. Carter, 61, 406½ E. Grove, C. who died Friday at Burnham City Hospital, will be held at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday at St. Luke's CME Church. Rev. A. W. Bishop will officiate. Burial will be in Mt. Hope Cemetery.

Friends may call from 7 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the McHaney Funeral Home.

Born May 1, 1906, in Champaign, he leaves his wife Gladys; a son Earl, Newark, N.J.; a step-daughter, Mrs. Joyce Bradley, Denver, Colo.; one brother, Simeon Carter, Champaign; and four grandchildren.

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Reception Honors Rev., Mrs. Williams

Rev. and Mrs. Eugene Williams were honored at a reception Saturday given by Mr. and Mrs. John DeBoer and Mr. and Mrs. W. Ellison Chalmers in the Chalmers home, 1001 E. Pennsylvania, Urbana.

Rev. Williams, pastor of the Salem Baptist Church, and Mrs. Williams are leaving for Waterloo, Iowa, where he will be pastor of the Antioch Baptist Church.

Rev. Williams has been a member of the Human Relations Commission and the Citizens Advisory Committee for Urbana Renewal, and Mrs. Williams is first vice president of the United Churchwomen and has been active in the League of Women Voters.

Guests at the reception were Mr. and Mrs. Albert Alexander, Mr. and Mrs. John Bardeen, Rev. and Mrs. A. W. Bishop, Wilborn Bowles, Mr. and Mrs. Don Brown, Rev. David Cole,

1-HOUR

HISTORY OF SALEM BAPTIST CHURCH

He started a parsonage fund and raised approximately \$700.00. Deacons were B.E. Payne, Chairman, Joe Garland, Uriah Moreland, W. H. Chandler, Albert McKinley, William Ricks, David Sayles, Ed Benton, who later served as chairman, and Harrison Pierce.

In 1948, Rev. R. A. Lillard, a fine, intellectual, and spiritual minister was called to Salem. The church was without a parsonage. After renting an apartment for a short while, Rev. and Mrs. Lillard set out to purchase a parsonage. The committee for selecting the parsonage, were trustees Charlie Brown, Alvin Foxwell, Theotto Bowles, and deacons David Sayles and Harrison Pierce. Brother Pierce made inquiries about the house at 304 North Third Street, and presented the matter to the Official Board. Brother Charlie Brown contacted the owner, and after the legal matters were settled, trustees Brown, Bowles, and Foxwell signed the contract. The purchase price was \$8,500.00. When Rev. Lillard resigned sixteen months later, a balance of \$2,300.00 was owed on the parsonage. Deacons were B. E. Payne, chairman, Joe Garland, Albert McKinley, Harrison Pierce, David Sayles, Ed Benton, George Bigham, Percy Gordon, L. T. Tinsley, William Ricks, Eugene Caldwell, John Brown, and George Peacock. Trustees were David Sayles, chairman, Alvin Foxwell, Theotto Bowles, Charlie Brown, and Harrison Pierce.

Rev. Lillard, directed by the Spirit of God, recommended the Rev. W. H. Donaldson, to Salem Baptist Church in 1949. Rev. Donaldson's administration, the \$2,300.00 mortgage on the parsonage was burned in September, 1950- the duplex offering system was set up, a typewriter purchased, rugs for the parsonage were bought, desk for the church office, a new Youngstown Kitchen, hot water tank, and a gas furnace for the parsonage installed. New Hymnals and robes were purchased for the church, a rug for the aisles, a motion picture projector and a screen, filing cabinet, adding machine, mimeograph machine and other office equipment was purchased. The Building Fund was started and \$5,200.00 was raised. The checking account exceeded \$200, and the outstanding debts were less than \$300.00. Rev. Donaldson baptized into the church approximately 100 persons, and equally that number was taken into the church by Christian experience. Success was also attained through the operation of four missionary departments on the Circle plan. He also organized the Young Matrons, on April 16, 1952. A mortgage burning service was held in September, 1950. Rev. Donaldson invited the former pastor, Rev. R. A. Lillard, to preach for the special service, inasmuch as Rev. Lillard had started buying the parsonage. Mrs. Mildred Gray Smith, and B.E. Payne, the two oldest members, were honored with the burning. Mrs. Smith Held the paper and deacon Payne struck the match. July 1, 1953, Rev. Donaldson resigned and began the pastorate of Zion Baptist, Peoria, Illinois. Deacons were B.E. Payne, Chairman, Joe Garland, David Sayles, who later resigned as chairman of trustees, and became chairman of deacon board, Albert McKinley, L.T. Tinsley, George Peacock, John Brown, Harrison Pierce, Eugene Caldwell, Percy Gordon, Otis Scott, James Wilson, Roscoe Tinsley, Halsey Childs, and Joe Garland, Trustees were Alvin Foxwell, chairman, Theotto Bowles, Charlie Brown, David Sayles, Harrison Pierce, Louis Taylor, and Roscoe Tinsley.

In 1953, Rev. John Arlington Anderson was called. During his administration, the Willing Workers Club was organized, with Elizabeth Foxwell as president. The Willing Workers sponsored a drive and purchased a \$4100.00 organ. Rev. Anderson also organized the Junior and Red Circle girls. A nursery was also put in the church



THE MORTGAGE BURNING, SEPT. 1950. REV. W. H. DONALDSON, GUEST SPEAKER, B. E. PAYNE, HOLDING MATCH, AND MILDRED G. SMITH, HOLDING MORTGAGE.



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Emma Liddell
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Mae Ola Bush
Val Bush
Mrs. Carl Turley
Mrs. Esther McLean
Louise James
Bernice Chambers
Eugene Caldwell
Mary Brown



Sunday School Staff:
Teachers and Officers
(Note) As a tribute to Mrs. Hattie
J. Wells and her faithfulness to
Salem Church, our childrens' nur-
sery is dedicated in her memory.



Mrs. Lydia Elizabeth Wilson
member of Circle No. III; formerly
the Pulpit Committee; organized 1931
A member since 1923. Now serves as
Chairman of Welfare Committee.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Mrs. Eva T. Dean served as superintendent of the Sunday School for several years. Besides from her duties to the Sunday School, she was president of the Women's division of the National Baptist Convention. She was succeeded by Mrs. Lila Benton, who also a very conscientious president. Mrs. Benton was succeeded by Mrs. Foree, a deaconess of the church.

In 1923, Mrs. Hattie J. Wells was elected President. For thirty years, Mrs. Wells was faithful to the Sunday School. Death ended her services in 1953. Deacon James O. Wilson succeeded Mrs. Wells. He has worked dilligently and serves as a beacon to children and adults each Sunday.

HISTORY OF SALEM BAPTIST CHURCH

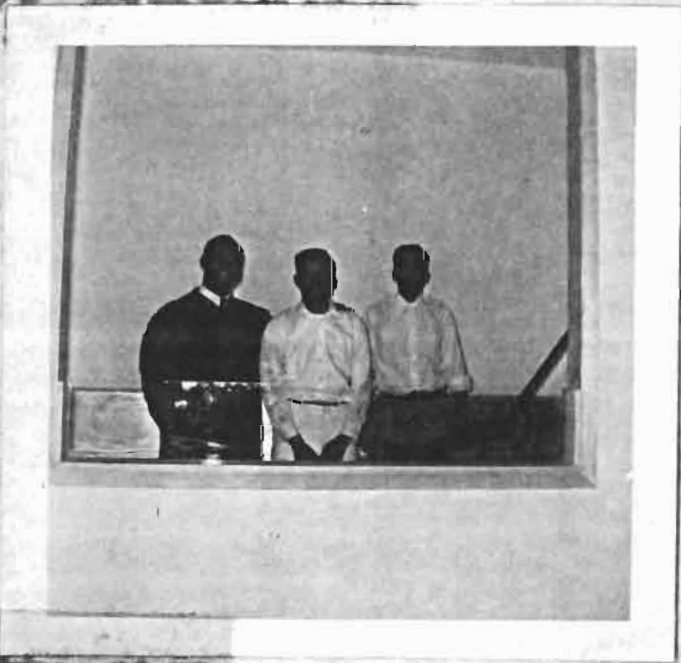
basement. It was dedicated to the memory of Mrs. Hattie J. Wells, who served as superintendent of the Sunday School, from 1925 until her death, on Sept. 10, 1953. During her twenty-eight years of service, Mrs. Wells saw the Sunday School grow and progress, as it served as a guiding light to the community each Sunday morning. Deacon James O. Wilson succeeded the late Mrs. Hattie J. Wells as superintendent of the Sunday School in 1953. He has served diligently and faithfully since assuming the position. The Building Fund now exceeded \$12,000.00. The deacons were David Sayles, chairman, Albert McKinley, Harrison Pierce, L.T. Tinsley, Eugene Caldwell, Otis Scott, James Wilson, Roscoe Tinsley, and Clarence Taylor. The trustees were Alvin Foxwell, chairman, Charlie Borwn, Theotto Bowles, David Sayles, Harrison Pierce, Louis Taylor, Clarence Taylor and Roscoe Tinsley.

In April, 1956, Rev. Eugene H. Williams, was called. On May 27, 1957, the church officially voted to build the annex. A \$25,000 loan from the First Federal Loan and Savings Association was granted. A ground-breaking ceremony was held July 28, 1957. Color movies films of the services showing pastor and members turning the sod. In August, 1957, the new addition was started, and was near completion in February, 1958. The first event held in our new basement and kitchen facilities was the fourth annual Brotherhood Banquet, February 14, 1958. The new annex consists of ten new class rooms, two new restrooms, baptismal pool, pastor's office and study, complete new modern kitchen, banquet room, three storage closets, new light fixtures, one hundred steel folding chairs, new heating system, and two new entrances. The exterior of the church proper was tuck-pointed and sandblasted, complete new front entrance, cottage style windows, and outside trim painted, and new outside oak doors. We completely redecorated the inside- installed new pews, pulpit furniture, communion table, deacon's chairs (7) installed rubber tile on the floor. The total cost was approximately \$52,000.00. The present indebtedness is near \$24,000.00. Rev. Williams had raised over \$15,000.00 to date. In January, 1958, the Building Fund Clubs were organized. The entire church was organized into three Building Fund Clubs. \$5.00 and \$2.50 per month for adult members, and \$1.00 per month for our youth. Dues to be paid on the first Sunday of each month. Rev. Williams ordained Rev. Edward Scaggs August 10, 1958, and Brother Cecil Webb preached his sermon for license August 10, 1958. Rev. Scaggs entered the Northern Baptist Theological seminary, in Chicago, in March 1958, and is now pastor of the First Baptist Church, Georgetown, Illinois. On September 7, 1958, Salem Baptist Church ordained Brother Louis Taylor as a deacon, and Sister Ruth Taylor, as deaconess.

Deacons are David Sayles, chairman, Albert McKinley, Harrison Pierce, L.T. Tinsley, Roscoe Tinsley, Otis Scott, James Wilson, Clarence Taylor, Eugene Caldwell, and Louis Taylor. Trustees are Alvin Foxwell, chairman, Theotto Bowles, David Sayles, Harrison Pierce, Jasper Lewis, Clarence Taylor, Louis Taylor, Roscoe Tinsley and Ozell Thompson. The oldest deacon now serving on the board is Albert McKinley, having the most years of service is David Sayles, and the oldest members are Sister Nannie Jamerson, and Sister Effie Payne. Pioneers of the church when it was built in 1908, are: Sister Mildred Gray Smith, now living in Georgetown, Ill., Sister Nannie Jaerson, Sister Ella Williams, Sister Mary Stokes, Sister Stella Baker Lyde, and Mother Effie Payne.



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SALEM CHURCH OPEN HOUSE TO BE SATURDAY

The Brotherhood of Salem Baptist Church will sponsor an open house at the church from 7 to 9 p.m. Saturday.

The open house is to allow the general public to see what progress has been made in the building program of the church. Refreshments will be served and members of the Brotherhood will be hosts and guides.

There will be a special dedication program at 4 p.m. Sunday to commemorate the church's 50th year in its present location, and to dedicate the new annex and the renovated sanctuary.

The new work includes tile flooring, pulpit furniture, pews, deacons chair, altar table, windows and doors, sandblasting and tuckpointing, redecorated sanctuary, and new outside front entrance.

In the new annex there are rooms for 10 church school classes, choir room, baptismal and pulpit area, pastor's study, modern kitchen, two separate entrances, separate heating facilities, and a combination social and dining area with a seating capacity of 250.

Contractors for the work were, Doyle Brothers, Eugene Suggs, Sylvester Sayles, Tile Specialists, Martinie Metals, and Bud Mingee.

Dr. J. Alfred Wilson, D. D., Union Baptist Church, Springfield, will be the guest speaker.

Dr. Wilson is vice president of the General Baptist state convention and moderator of the Wood River Baptist Assn.

Music for the special dedication services will be furnished by the choir of the Union Baptist Church, Springfield.

General co-chairmen for the program were Theotto Bowles and Garland Boddie. Hattie Winfield, Alvin Foxwell, Elizabeth Foxwell, and Eldridge Long were in charge of the souvenir booklet.

James O. Wilson and L. T. Tinsley were in charge of the photography.



ADDITION DEDICATED

Taking part in dedication ceremonies Sunday for the new addition of Salem Baptist Church were these pastors and church

officials. From the left are Dr. J. Alfred Wilson, guest speaker for the ceremony; Theotto Bowles, chairman for the church;

the Rev. A. S. Webb, pastor emeritus; Garland Boddie, co-chairman, and the Rev. Eugene H. Williams, pastor.

Church Drive Nets \$3,000

About \$3,000 was contributed to the Salem Baptist Church during a drive which ended Sunday with dedication of the new church addition and renovated sanctuary.

The money will go toward payment of debt on the \$60,000 project.

Congratulatory messages to the 91-year-old congregation were received from Gov. William Stratton, heads of various state church organizations and Champaign Mayor Virgil F. Lafferty.

The Rev. Eugene Williams, pastor, said that some 400 persons attended the Sunday afternoon ceremony. Choir of Union Baptist Church, Springfield, sang and members from the Springfield congregation were guests.

Dr. J. Alfred Wilson, pastor of the Union Baptist Church in Springfield, spoke on the subject, "Whose House is This?"

ORDER OF SERVICE

Dedication day

November 9, 1958

11:00 A.M.

Organ Prelude -----	Ann McLean
Call to Worship -----	Rev. C. E. Campbell
Processional Hymn ----- All Hail -----	The Choirs
Invocation -----	Rev. A. S. Webb
Hymn -----	Rev. Cecil Webb
Responsive Reading -----	The Choirs
Deacon's Prayer -----	Deacon D. Sayles
Consecrated Offering -----	Rev. E. H. Williams
Announcements -----	Helen Hite (Clerk)
Selection -----	The Youth Choir
Offeratory --- Prayer -----	Rev. O. B. Johnson
Tithes and Offering -----	The Ushers
Selection -----	The Majestic Choir
The Sermon -----	Rev. E. H. Williams
There; Was A Man!	
Invitation Hymn -----	The Gospel Chorus
Doxology -----	Organ Postlude
Benediction	

DEDICATION
DEDICATION DAY

4:00 p. m.

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Organ Prelude -----	Ester Turley
Processional -----	The Choirs
Call to Worship -----	Rev. C. E. Campbell
Invocation -----	Rev. O. B. Johnson
Anthem -----	Union Baptist Choir
The Scriptures -----	Rev. Cecil Webb
Anthem -----	Union Baptist Choir
Introduction of Speaker -----	Rev. E. H. Williams
The Sermon -----	Dr. J. Alfred Wilson
The Invitation -----	Rev. Edward Scaggs
The Offering -----	Garland Boddie & Theotto Bowles

The Order of Dedication

Music -----	Union Baptist Choir
Scripture -----	Rev. John Hester
Prayer -----	Rev. A. S. Webb
Act of Dedication -----	Dr. J. Alfred Wilson
Presentations -----	Pastor
Benediction -----	Rev. E. H. Williams
Organ Postlude -----	Ann McLean

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THURSDAY, JULY 7, 1960.

SALEM PASTOR, WIFE TO BE HONORED

Rev. and Mrs. Eugene Williams, who have been at the Salem Baptist Church four years of his 21 years in the ministry, will be honored by the members of the congregation Sunday.

The morning worship service will be conducted by Rev. William Scaggs, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Georgetown. Rev. Williams ordained Rev. Scaggs on Aug. 10, 1958.

Dr. J. Alfred Wilson, pastor of the Union Baptist Church, Springfield, will speak at services at 3:30 p.m. Dr. Wilson is moderator of the Wood River Baptist Assn. and president of the Illinois State Baptist convention.

A reception will be immediately after the afternoon services in the church parlors. All services are open to the public.

Since coming to Champaign Rev. Williams has been a member of the Human Relations Commission, a board member of Champaign County Child Welfare, a member of the executive committee of Champaign Centennial, chairman of Neighborhood Analysis Committee of Champaign Urban Renewal, and member of other organizations and civic groups.

Mrs. Williams, in addition to church activities, is an officer and member of the United Council of Church Women, League of Women Voters and Citizens Education Committee.

From South Dakota

Rev. Williams is a native of Yankton, S.D., and Mrs. Williams of Omaha, Neb. Both attended Sioux Falls College, Sioux Falls, S. D.

Rev. Williams has served the Mt. Olive and Mt. Zion Baptist Churches, Sioux Falls, S.D., the Pilgrim Baptist Church, Sioux Falls, S.D., and the First Baptist Church, Quincy. He came to Salem Church on April 1, 1956.

David Sayles, Jasper Lewis and Clarence Taylor are co-chairmen for the event. Mrs. Ozell Thompson is publicity chairman.



BAPTISTS CONFER

Some 114 persons from even churches in the Champaign-Urbana area attended a United Leadership Training school Tuesday night in University Baptist Church in which these pastors took part. From the left are the Rev. Eugene Williams, pastor of Salem Baptist Church,

Champaign, and the Rev. Alfred Brough, assistant at University Baptist Church. Standing are the Rev. D. J. Unruh, pastor of Mahomet Baptist Church, and the Rev. Harold Lane, pastor of First Baptist Church, Rantoul. The sessions are to be held each Tuesday night during April.

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Salem Baptist Pastor, Wife Are Honored

Congregation of Salem Baptist Church will honor its pastor and his wife Sunday for the work they have done in the church and in the community for the last four years.

The Rev. Eugene Williams and Mrs. Williams have been at the Champaign church for four years. This is his 21st year in the ministry.

The Rev. Edward Scaggs, pastor of First Baptist Church of Georgetown who was ordained by the Rev. Mr. Williams on Aug. 10, 1958, will deliver the sermon at the morning worship service Sunday. His subject will be "The Bite of the Serpent."

Dr. J. Alfred Wilson, pastor of the Union Baptist Church in Springfield, will speak at an anniversary service at 3:30 p.m. He is moderator of the Wood River Baptist Association and recently was elected president of the Illinois State Baptist Convention.

A reception, to which the public is invited, will be held in the church parlors immediately following the afternoon service.

Since coming to Champaign, the Rev. Mr. Williams has served on the Human Relations Commission of the city, as board member of Champaign County Child Welfare Association and on the executive committee for the Champaign Centennial.

He is chairman of the Neighborhood Analysis Committee of the Champaign Urbana Renewal program and has served in numerous other organizations and civic groups.

In addition to church activities, Mrs. Williams is an officer and member of United Church Women, League of Women Voters, Citizens Education Committee, and other groups.

The Rev. Mr. Williams is a native of Yankton, S.D., and Mrs. Williams, of Omaha, Neb. They both attended Sioux Falls College in South Dakota.

The pastor has served churches in Sioux City, Iowa; Sioux Falls, S. D. and Quincy. He was pastor of First Baptist Church in Quincy before coming to the Champaign church on April 1, 1956.

David Sayles, Jasper Lewis and Clarence Taylor are co-chairmen for the event. Mrs. Ozell Thompson is publicity chairman.



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*Johnnie Ann's
Cynthia Mae Rivers
Home
old fashioned dress*

ber St., and Wilbur Klein of 905 N. Cunningham Ave., both in the UHS industrial arts class taught by John Robertson. Displays at the open

house from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. The displays will include home economic projects, art and industrial work.

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Marion, Ill., April 25 (AP) — Gerald Smith, 15, died of a heart



CHURCH WOMEN ELECT

Among new officers of the Champaign - Urbana Council of United Church Women are, from left, Mrs. Donald Brown, public relations chairman; Mrs.

Eugene Williams, 1st vice president; Mrs. James G. Bullock, treasurer; Mrs. John W. Price, president, and Mrs. Barlow Hill, Christian social rela-

tions chairman. New officers were elected Friday at a May Fellowship Breakfast in Salem Baptist Church. Some 200 women attended.

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PLAN FELLOWSHIP DAY

May Fellowship Day committee of the local United Church Women makes plans for the annual event to be observed Friday morning in Salem Baptist Church. From

the left are Mrs. Joseph Kastelic of United Church of Christ; Mrs. Ralph Davies of Grace Methodist Church; Mrs. Eugene Williams, wife of the pastor of Salem Baptist

Church; Mrs. Franklin Jackson of McKinley Presbyterian Church, and Mrs. M. G. Snyder of First Congregational Church.

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EX WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SET. United Church Women in Champaign-Urbana and their friends will meet for a World Day of Prayer Friday at the Wesley Foundation. The afternoon portion at 1:30 p. m. will feature the Universal Service which has been prepared by the Women's Inter-church Council of Canada. The program theme is "Laborers Together With God."

Working on the presentation are left to right seated Mrs. John W. Price and Mrs. Barlow Hill. Mrs. Price is also in charge of the offering service. Standing left to right are Mrs. Stanley C. Smith, Mrs. Eugene Williams, Mrs. Alan K. Laing and Mrs. John J. DeBoer. Other services will be at 10:30 a. m. and at noon.

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CIRCLE NO. 3

The Pulpit Committee was organized Feb. 3, 1931, Rev. Dabney Jones, pastor, and Sister Arie McGhee, chairman.

Later, in the year 1947, the Pulpit Committee was re-organized under the pastorate of Rev. A.S. Webb.

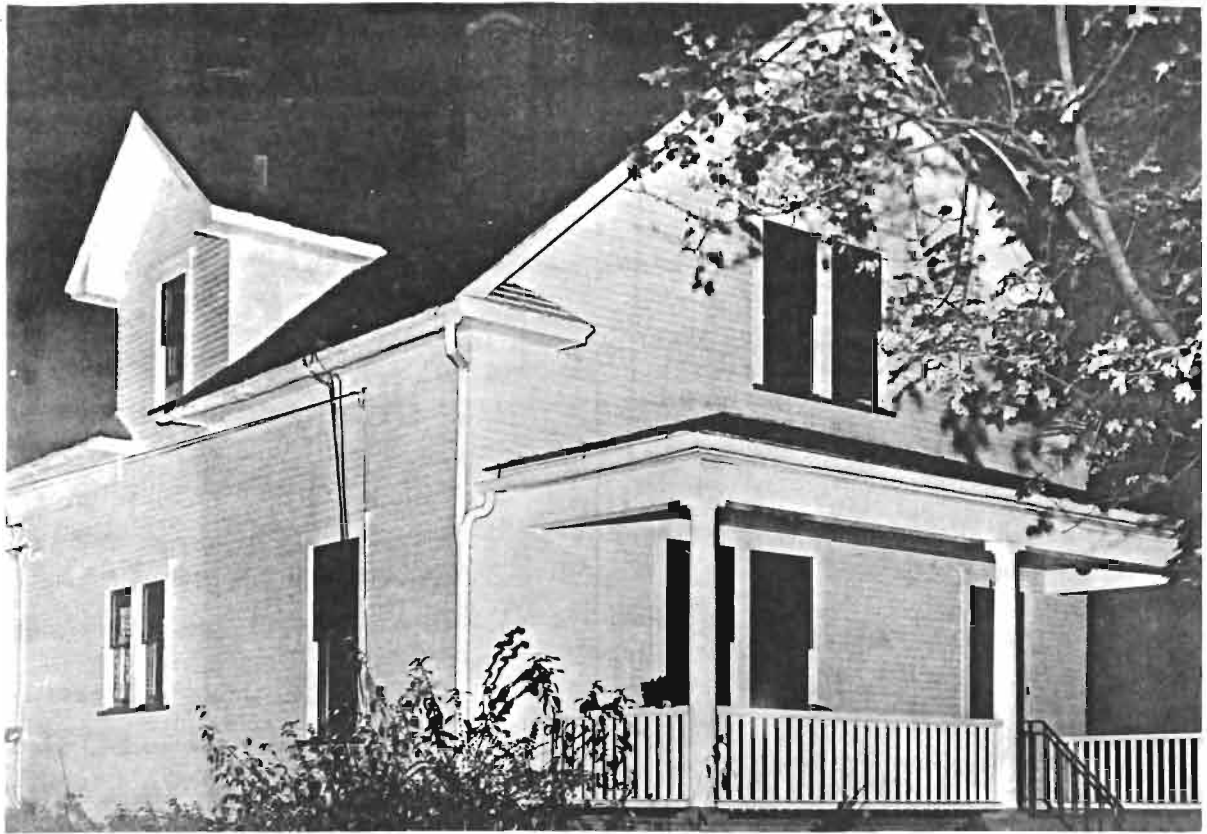
The purpose of the club was to keep the pulpit decorated and in proper order, such as flowers, linens, and pulpit drapery.

Our motto was "I will do all I can to help beautify the House of the Lord, and bring others into the fold."

Under Rev. Lillard's leadership, the name was changed on Jan. 13, 1948, to the Progressive Pulpit Club.

Under Rev. W. Howe Donaldson's leadership, the Club was converted into a Missionary Circle No. 3.

The following presidents are: Sister Arie McGhee, Sister Ellie Pierce, Sister Eloise Varnado, Sister Flora Aughtry, and Sister Ella Williams. On Nov. 23, 1953 Sister Ellie Pierce was made President Emeritus.



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THE OLD FRONT PARK STREET

Prominent Minister Dies

Rev. Dabeny C. Jones, aged 71, one of the outstanding ministers of the Missionary Baptist Church and one of Champaign's best citizens was buried here Sunday Jan. 27th. His funeral was held at Salem Baptist Church, with Rev. A. S. Webb, its pastor in charge. The funeral sermon was preached by Rev. Herman Gore of St. Louis, Mo., the choice of Rev. Jones, his very dear friend.

According to the obituary read at the funeral, Rev. Jones was born Feb. 15th 1874 in Jackson, Miss., and in Hinds County, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clayborn Jones. His family moved to Cairo Illinois, when he was four years old and while he was yet a boy he came to the city of Champaign and was employed by the late Senator William B. McKinley, in whose employ he remained for a period of 25 years. At the age of 19 however, he professed a hope in Christ and joined what is now the Salem Baptist Church of this city where he served as a deacon for several years. Then he was called to the ministry and was ordained and called to pastor at Batestown near Danville in Vermillion County where he built his first church house. He was known as a builder of churches and the work of his entire life justifies the name.

He went from Batestown to Danville, where he built two churches, and was then called to the pastorate of Salem, his mother church. Here he remodeled the church, changed the entrance from 5th St., to its present location on Park St. He served nine years there and left the church in good financial standing, as was his record everywhere. He was one of the greatest financiers the church has had. He then went to Lincoln for a three year period, was District Missionary of the Woodrifer Baptist Ass'n. for a period of six years and from thence he was called to the Mt. Emery Baptist church at Jacksonville, Ill., where progressive years of leadership ill health overtook him after five there.

It was from this battlefield that he came home to Champaign a few short months ago and entered the hospital for treatment. He continued to grow worse, however, until the end came around four P. M. Wednesday Jan. 23 at his home 407 East Bradley Street. His splendid wife Mrs. Madge Jones, re-

mained faithful to him until the end and from all we can learn, she



REV. DABENY JONES

was his inspiration during his active years of the ministry. She, two sisters, Mrs. Hattie Wells and Mrs. Anna Watson one brother Mr. Irvin Jones all of this city, eight nieces four nephews, cousins and other more distant relatives survive. A former wife, the late Mrs. Della Jones, died many years ago. From what we have been able to learn, he has lived with his last wife for more than 20 years. So

ended a most useful as well as a most beautiful life.

The program rendered at the funeral was for the most part dictated by Rev. Jones. His church choir from Jacksonville had charge of the music at his request. The entire program follows:

Directing—Rev. A. S. Webb, pastor of Salem Baptist Church.

1. Voluntary—Procession
2. Song, "Saviour, More Than Life To Me"—Choir.
3. Scripture reading (2nd Timothy 4:1-8) Rev. F. J. Capshaw
4. Song, "Jesus Is All The World To Me" Choir
5. Prayer: Rev. Tobias Hutchins
6. Reading of Obituary and other records—Rev. E. D. Little
7. Brief talks by; Rev. R. C. Shultz, Rev. E. D. Little, Rev. F. J. Capshaw, Rev. T. S. Henderson Rev. H. Clifford Northcott and Rev. B. M. Murrell, Moderator of the Wood River Baptist Ass'n.
8. Song: "Does Jesus Choir" by Choir.
9. The Sermon, Rev. Herman Gore

10. Viewing the body and instrumental voluntary music
11. Song "Well Done" choir
12. Exit Piano Voluntary

This program possibly varied some but little if at all.

Rev. Gore preached a masterful sermon (to the living).

The crowd was estimated to have been the largest that has gathered for a funeral in Champaign for years.

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Mr. Wilbert Anderson	1954
Mr. George Anderson	1931
Mrs. Dortha Anderson	1929
Mr. Edward Anderson	1958
Mr. Phillip Allison	1928
Mr. Charles Augherty	1907
Mr. John Beard	1944
Nannie McKay Bell, Edward T. Benton	1948
Mrs. Lila J. Benton	1950
Mr. Ed Bostick & Mr. Charles Brown	1956
Mr. James Caldwell, Clara Campbell	1925
Mr. Daniel Carr	1930
Mr. Simeon Carter, Sr.	1954
Loulla Coleman, Josephine Collins, John B. Colley	1934
Mrs. Elijah Crider	1948
Mr. Curtis Crider	1934
Mrs. Lila Crider	1930
Mr. James Crider	1936
Mrs. Ollie Brown Cross	1957
Mr. W. H. Chandler	1942
Mrs. Eva T. Dean	1942
Mrs. Lille Dawson	1957
Mrs. Ocie Drake	1942
Mr. William Drake	1942
Mr. Ike Felder, Mrs. Mary Felder	1942
Mrs. Louise Fowler	1937
Mrs. Anna Carter Folt	1951
Mrs. Daisy Gandy, Mr. Jeff Gandy, Joe Garland	1937
Mrs. Ida C. Hall, Anna Hall, Richard Hall	1957
Mrs. Alice Hill, Clara Hill, Mr. & Mrs. Bailey Hite	1957
Mr. Thomas Johnson, Mr. Harry Johnson	1958
Mrs. Mary Willie Lackey	1949
Mrs. Corene Long	1926
Mrs. Louise Long	1955
Miss Vivian Long, Rev. Frank Martin, Hattie Martin	1943
Mrs. Mary M. Martin	1925
Mr. William S. Martin, Mrs. Laura Merrifield	1917



APPRECIATION DAY. Rev. and Mrs. Eugene H. Williams, seated, were honored at the Salem Baptist Church in recognition of their accomplishments during the past year. Standing, left to right, are Mrs. Helen Hite, mistress of ceremonies

News-Gazette Photo by Bill Ebeling for the special service, David Sayles, chairman of the deacon's board; Theotto Bowles, co-chairman of the program; and Mrs. Ruth Taylor, co-chairman of the Sunday program.

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Williams' Will Be Honored By Baptists

Appreciation Day, honoring the Rev. and Mrs. Eugene H. Williams, will be observed Sunday at Salem Baptist Church.

There will be a review of the accomplishments of the pastor and his wife during their three years here. Other local pastors and churches have been invited to participate.

The Rev. L. W. Nince, pastor of Bethesda Baptist Church, Galesburg, will speak at the observance at 3:30 p. m. He organized and built the Bethesda Church 11 years ago.

Tribute will be given to the Rev. Mr. Williams by William Sprague of First Baptist Church, Quincy.

Since the Rev. Mr. Williams came to the Champaign church, it has been remodeled and a new addition built.

The Rev. Mr. Williams was designated "Man of the Year" for 1958 by the Wood River Baptist Association of Illinois. He serves on the Champaign Human Relations Committee, is on the advisory board of Child Welfare and is chairman of finance for the Wood River Baptist Association.

Mrs. Williams is vice president of local United Church Women, is public relations chairman for the state United Church Women and co-chairman of radio for the League of Women Voters. She also is representative to the Illinois Radio-Television Commission.

Official board of the church is sponsoring the program. David Sayles is chairman. Theotto Bowles and Ruth Taylor are general chairmen for the event.

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The Gospel Chorus was organized February 5, 1939, during the pastorate of Rev. A.S. Webb. Brother Adren Maclin was elected the first President, Mrs. Eliza Mae Wallace, second, Mrs. Luvata Bowles third, Mrs. Lucille Clark fourth, Mrs. Hattie Harris fifth, and Mrs. Bessie Peacock, who is now serving, is the sixth President. The Gospel Chorus sings each Sunday night and on the first Sunday morning.

Theodore King



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PLEDGES FOR 50TH ANNIVERSARY

Welma Colley	\$12.50
Jean Davis	2.50
Michael Davis	2.50
Hontas Greer	5.00
Mrs. T. R. Lindsay	50.00
Bessie Peacock	5.00
Constance D. Peacock	12.50
Joan Peacock	12.50
Sandra Peacock	2.50
Mildred Rector	12.50
Virginia Rodgers	12.50
Alice Sayles	2.50
David Sayles	25.00
Virginia Sayles	25.00
Gloria Smith	2.50
Mildred Smith	5.00
Willie Speed	25.00
Clara Stovall	25.00
Fred Stovall	25.00
Clarence Taylor	25.00
Louis Taylor	25.00
Ruth Taylor	12.50
Donald Thomas50
Ann Thompson	25.00
Elvenia Tinsley	12.50
Roscoe Tinsley	25.00
Mr. and Mrs. Carl Turley	50.00
Mrs. Fred Walden	12.50
Eloise Washington	2.50
Elva Washington	2.50
Rev. Cecil Webb	25.00
Lizzie Webb	12.50
Ann Williams50
Mrs. E. H. Williams	50.00
Rev. E. H. Williams	50.00
Mrs. Ella Williams	25.00
Rhinnie Williams	12.50



ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE COMPILING THE SOUVENIR PROGRAM

Left to right - seated: Garland Boddie, Eldridge Long, Helen Hite, Hattie Winfield, Veola Tinsley, Luvata Bowles, and Theotto Bowles. Standing: Fred Stovall, Jasper Lewis, James Wilson, David Sayles, L. T. Tinsley and Rev. E. H. Williams

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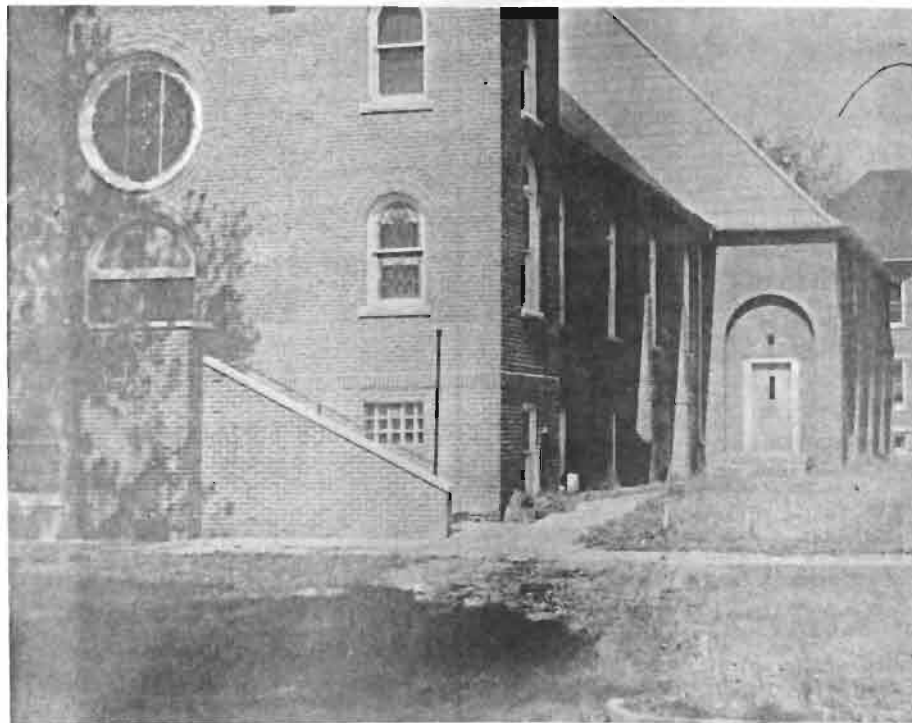
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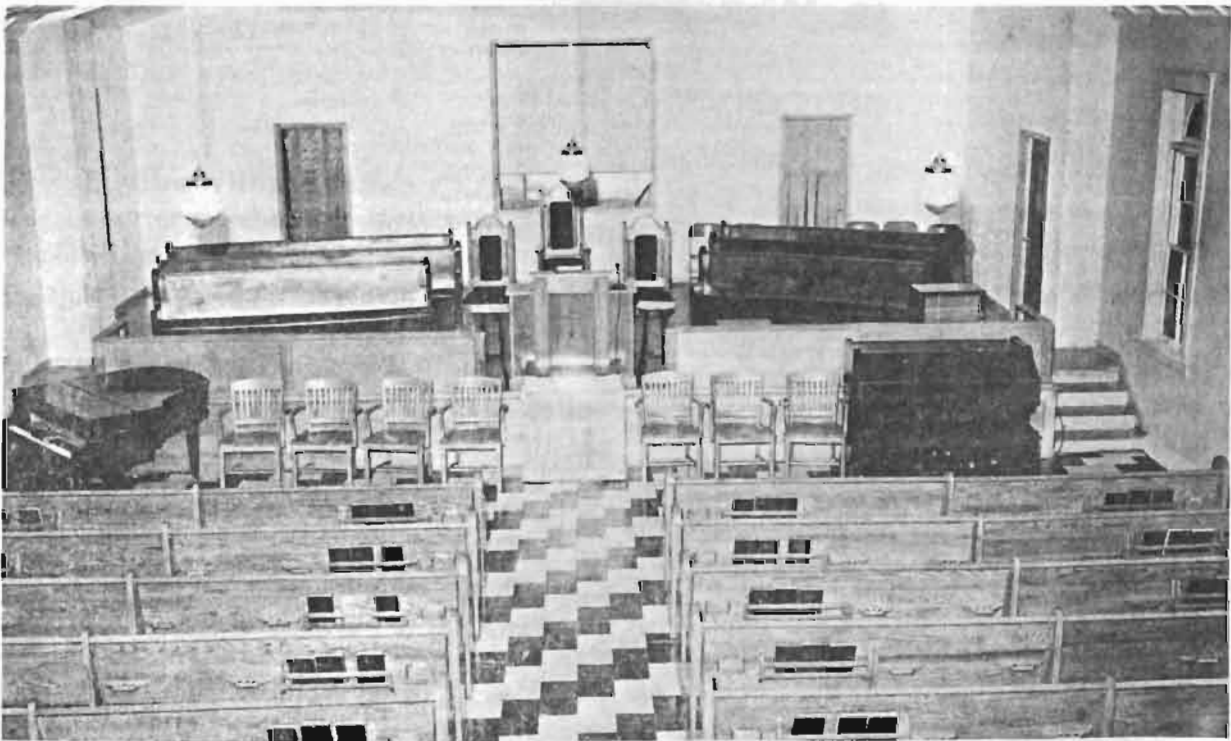
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WILLING WORKERS CLUB

The Willing Workers Club was organized on March 14, 1954, with the following charter members: Luvata Bowles, Hattie Winfield, Nellie Nelson, Ella Williams, Willa Mae Williams, Leona White, T.R. Lindsay, Lula Clark, Hattie Anderson, Hattie Parker, Gertrude Harris, Jessie Caldwell, Emline Clark, Mary McKinley, Margaret Green, Elizabeth Foxwell, Etta McCutcheon, Ann Williams, Emma Wells, and Lucille Clark.

Officers of the club were as follows: Elizabeth Foxwell, president, Luvata Bowles, treasurer, Willa Mae Williams, secretary, and Mary McKinley, chaplain.

The willing Workers purchased the church's organ, on April 14, 1954, at a cost of three thousand, one hundred fifteen dollars, and the chimes were purchased on Nov. 4, 1954, for one thousand dollars. Total cost of club's contribution, forty one hundred, one hundred and fifteen dollars.

The dedication of the Organ: April - 1954. Willing Workers Club.
Elizabeth Foxwell - President, at the Organ: Julia Walden Valentine, Minister of Music.

IN MEMORY



Lila Johnson Benton - 1872 - 1950

Lila J. Benton (mother of Helen Johnson Hite and Marian Johnson Dumas) was a life long member of Salem Baptist Church which she served faithfully until her death. Having served as:

- A. Church Clerk
- B. Chairman of the Pulpit Committee
- C. Member of Gospel Chorus
- D. President of the Wh&FM Society
- E. Deaconess of the Church
- F. Worked actively in the Sunday School and the B.Y.P.U.

In 1949 during the pastorate of the late Rev. R.L. Lillard, she was awarded a certificate as the oldest living member of Salem Baptist Church. She united with the church in 1887 and was baptized by Rev. Pierman. She was a true christian, and ever thought was for Salem and its growth.

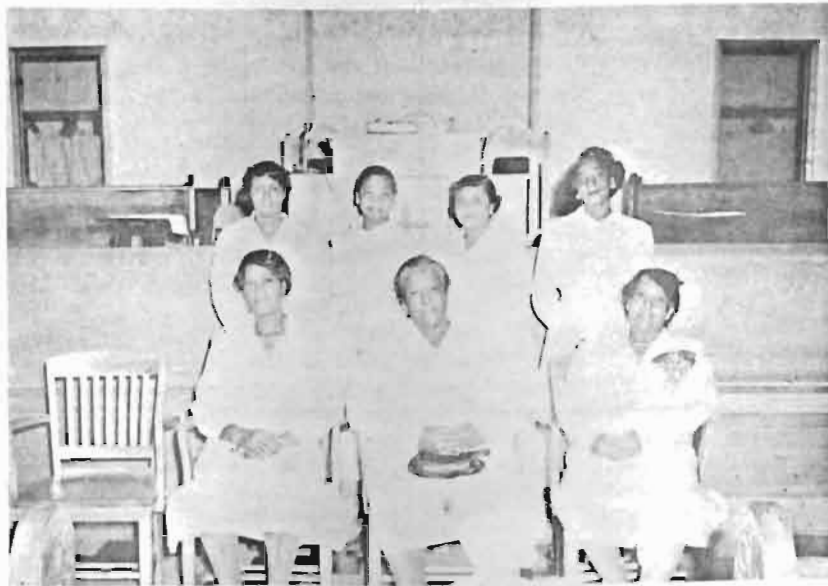


YOUNG MATRONS MISSIONARY SOCIETY

On April 16, 1952, the Young Matrons Missionary Society was organized under the Rev. W. Howe Donaldson, with Veola Tinsley presiding. The following officers were elected: Nettie Scott, president, Veola Tinsley, V. president, Clara Stovall, secretary, Emline Alexander, assistant secretary, Lou Tisha Powells, treasurer, and Elease Milton, program Chairman.

PLEDGES FOR 50TH ANNIVERSARY

Peggy Alexander	\$ 2.50
Hattie Anderson	12.50
Luvata Bowles	50.00
Theotto Bowles	25.00
Wilborne Bowles	50.00
Oneida Brown	25.00
Eugenia Butler	12.50
Garland Boddie	12.50
George Bigham	25.00
Mae Ola Bush50
Van J. Bush50
F. D. Brown	50.00
Mary Brown	12.50
Morris Clark	5.00
Eugene Caldwell	50.00
Dorothy Cassells	12.50
James Cassells	12.50
Mrs. Jessie Caldwell	25.00
Lucille Clark	12.50
Lillie Mae Cash	12.50
Nancy Carter	12.50
Jackie Davis	12.50
Mary Elam	2.50
Jo Lynda Eskew	5.00
Alvin Foxwell	50.00
Elizabeth Foxwell	50.00
Millard Gray	25.00
Katie Harris	50.00
Sue Halson	25.00
L. B. Hamilton	12.50
Rose Hess	25.00
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Barbara Hamilton	2.50
Rose Janes	25.00
Maggie Johnson	25.00
Eldridge H. Long	12.50
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James Lindsay	25.00
Jasper Lewis	2.50
Betty Lewis	12.50
Evelyn Miller50
Patricia Miller	12.50
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DEACONESS BOARD

Seated, left to right: Sisters Bessie Peacock, Minnie Caldwell, Mary McKinley.

Standing: Sisters Virginia Sayles, Mildred Wilson, Jessie Caldwell and Mary Brown.

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Hundley, Theron Ingleman, Don Kruse,
and B. C. Bridenstein. Another member,
Burt Nixon, was unable to attend the initial
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E. Moyer is standing. Others are, from left, Rev. Eugene H. Williams, Mrs. Sveinbjorn Johnson, Secretary Wilborne Bowles and Paul E. Karlstrom. Meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month.

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THE USHER BOARD

The Usher Board was organized by Mrs. Harriett Hursey during the pastorate of Rev. Dabney Jones. Mrs. Hursey served as President several years. Other Presidents include Mrs. Callie Glover, Mrs. Willa Mae Nelson Debrill, Mrs. Sue Halsom, Roscoe Tinsley, Eldridge Long.



THE JUNIOR CHOIR

The Junior Choir was organized by Mrs. Helen Hite during the pastorate of Rev. A.S. Webb. Mrs. Hite also served as organist for the group for three years. She was succeeded by the late Mrs. Julia Walden Valentine, Mrs. Ester Turley, and Mrs. Ann McLean now serves as pianist and organist. The Youth Choir sings each Sunday morning.

OUR DEPARTED LOVED ONES

Mr. Arthur Merrifield	
Mrs. Lillie Pearl Minor	1943
Mr. Urah Moreland	
Mr. George Nelson	
Mr. B. E. Payne	
Mr. G. Peacock, Sr.	1953
Mrs. C. V. Phillips	1929
Mrs. Alice Sayles	
Mr. John Simmons	1950
Mr. Abedell H. Simmons	1925
Mr. Robert Smith	
Mr. Homer Steele	1956
Mrs. Gussie Stovall	
Mrs. Lela Spencer	
Mr. & Mrs. Samuel B. Tanner	1943
Mr. Albert Watson	1943
Mr. William Williams	1950
Mrs. Mildred Webb	
Mr. James Bush	
Mrs. Ida Broom	
Mrs. Lila Benton	
Mr. John Bonaparte	
Mrs. Sarah A. Bronwell	1899
Mrs. Callie Goodlow	1926
Mr. Charles Glass	1958
Mrs. Elzala Foltz Hampton	1952
Mr. Luster J. Johnson	1917
Mrs. Julia Walden Valentine	1957
Mr. Amos Chester	1957
Mrs. Lois Jones Patterson	1946
Mrs. Zelia Dowling	
Mr. Jerry Dowling, Sr.	1953
Mrs. Della Lowe	1958
Mrs. Carrie Johnson	1956
Mrs. Maxine Taylor	1958



ANN BUSH MacLEAN, Organist



Rev. & Mrs. A.S. Webb and daughter Grace. Sister Webb originated Womens Day in Salem Baptist Church. Starting in 1939, she asked for the 4th Sunday in Mar.



MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Seated, left to right: O. B. Johnson, I. Garland, Pastor A. S. Webb, Rev. F. Martin, L. Benton.

Second row: L. Bowles, B. Jamerson, R. Hendricks, L. Clark, H. Chandler, L. Merrifield, A. McKinley, Jr.

Back row: J. Brown, I. Garland, W. H. Chandler, E. Benton, D. Sayles, A. Watson, U. Moreland and C. Brown



THE SENIOR CHOIR

by Mrs. Minnie Brown

Mrs. Mildred Gray was organist of Salem Baptist Church during the pastorate of Rev. S.C. Clanton. She served for several years, and poor health cause her to resign near 1918. Mrs. Lorenzo Baker Wiley the assumed the position. Mrs. Gray regained her health and played for the choir. Mrs. Hayden sometimes assisted her. In 1932 Mrs. Malone became organist. Other organists were Miss Alice Baxter, Mrs. Hayden, Mrs. Helen Hite. Mrs. Mattie Burch, and the late Mrs. Julia Walden Valentine, and Mrs. Ester Turley and daughter Mrs. Ann Bush McLean are now serving. Mr. Charlie Brown was director of the choir from 1917 until his death in 1956. Presidents included: Mrs. Ella Williams, Mrs. Laura Merrifield, Mrs. Madge Jones, Mrs. Ollie Maclin, Mrs. Hattie Anderson, Mrs. Lucille Clark, Mrs. Louise McClendon, Mrs. Willie Mae Williams Mrs. Elese Milton, Clarence Taylor, and Mrs. Hattie Windfield.

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