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PASTOR'S PAGE

It is with a sense of reverence and deep gratitude that I write this page. Would to God that I had adequate words to express my inmost feeling as we come to the celebration of the One Hundredth and Tenth (110th) year of the existence of Salem Baptist Church. It has been my privilege to serve two tenures as pastor of Salem--1949 to 1953 and 1968 to present. For this opportunity I am deeply grateful.

Today I join with the officers and members in thanksgiving and praise to our heavenly Father for the privilege of being affiliated with an institution that has stood as a beacon light in the cities of Champaign-Urbana, pointing weary travelers to the way of life. Through its doors have come and gone many a tired and worn pilgrim. Not one of the founding members remain to tell of her infancy, her struggles to get things moving; but thousands have been sheltered and comforted by her ministry through the years. They simply passed by, made their contributions, and passed on. Many of them sleep in grave yards throughout America, but they left for us a precious and glorious legacy. Salem stands undaunted after one hundred and ten years of service to this community.

To those of us who remain, let us rededicate ourselves to the task of passing on to those who are to come after us a better and more fruitful Salem than we received from the hands of those who preceded us. Let us strive to make it all that a church is supposed to be. What Salem shall be in the year 2076 will depend largely on what we do today. Today is ours for good or bad; for helping or hindering; whatever we do will affect someone, now or in future times.

I believe the following lines by Markham express more vividly what I wish to say:

"To each man is given a day and his Work for the day;
And once, and no more, he is given to travel this way.
And woe if he flies from the task, Whatever the odds;
For the task is appointed to him on the scroll of the gods.
There is waiting a work where only His hands can avail;
And so, if he falters, a chord in the Music will fail.
He may laugh to the sky, he may lie for an hour in the sun,
But he dare not go home till the labor appointed is done.
To man is given a marble to carve for the wall;
A stone that is needed to heighten the beauty of all;
And only his soul has magic to give it grace;
And only his hands have cunning to put it in place.
The task that is given each man no other can do;
So the errand is waiting--it has waited through ages for you.
And now you appear, and the hushed
Ones are turning their gaze to see
What you will do with your chance in the chamber of today."

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11:00 A.M. Worship Service

Organ Prelude
Call to Worship Michael Wilson
Processional ... "We're Marching to Zion" Salem Choir
Responsive Reading Psalms 122
Deacon's Prayer
Choral Response Choirs and Congregation
Congregational Hymn "The Church Is One Foundation" #380
Announcements Veola Tinsley
Welcome to Visitors
Selection Salem Choir
Children's Sermon and Prayer
Mission and Education Offering
Selection Salem Choir
Altar Call and Pastoral Prayer Pastor
Presentation of Tithes and Offerings
Doxology Choir and Congregation
Selection Choir
Sermon ... "Leaving Way Markers" Pastor W. H. Donaldson
Invitational Hymn "Amazing Grace" #188
Invitation for Christian Discipleship

"Dinner in Fellowship Hall"

3:30 P.M. Service

Devotional Deacons
Processional Choirs
Master of Ceremonies "The Occasion"
Selection Salem Choirs
Welcome Clarence Taylor
Response Member of Union Church
Selection Union Baptist Choir
Scripture Rev. Morris Clark
Selection Union Baptist Choir
History
Offeratory Ushers
In Memorium Solo Bro. Joe Lewis
Introduction of Speaker Pastor W. H. Donaldson
Selection Union Baptist Choir
Sermon Rev. Cecil Webb
Invitation
Ordination Pastor W. H. Donaldson
Presentation
Benediction

"Reception in Fellowship Hall"

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September 7, 1976

The Congregation
Salem Baptist Church
500 East Park Street
Champaign, Illinois 61820

Dear Friends:

I am pleased to extend my sincere congratulations to you on the occasion of the one hundred and tenth anniversary of the Salem Baptist Church.

The year 1867 links your Church and the University together by a common historical bond, since it is the year of the founding of both institutions. We are also linked together through the lives of many people who, over the years, have been affiliated with the University and have worshipped in the Salem Baptist Church.

Best wishes to the congregation on this memorable anniversary. May the passing years find the Salem Baptist Church steadfast in strength and in commitment to service to the communities in which we live.

Cordially,



J. W. Peltason
Chancellor

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September 7, 1976

The Reverend W. H. Donaldson, Pastor
Salem Baptist Church
500 East Park Street
Champaign, Illinois 61820

Dear Reverend Donaldson:

On the occasion of the one-hundred and tenth anniversary of the Salem Baptist Church, I take great pleasure in extending my congratulations to you and the members of your congregation.

Salem Baptist Church is one of the oldest continuing institutions in Champaign County, and I am proud to have assisted in having your church officially designated as an historic site by the Champaign County Bicentennial Commission.

We are all indebted to the professional and lay leadership of the Salem Baptist Church over the past one-hundred and ten years. Your accomplishments are held in high esteem by the entire community.

Again, congratulations and best wishes to the congregation for the ensuing years.

Very truly yours,

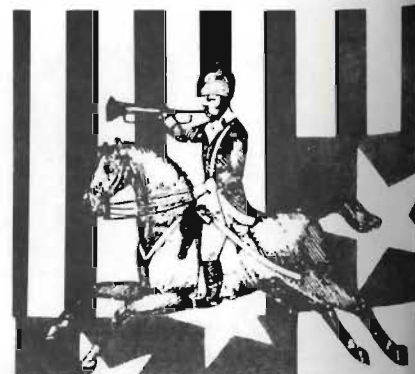
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September 15, 1976

The Congregation
Salem Baptist Church
500 East Park Street
Champaign, Illinois
61820

Dear Friends:

Congratulations to Salem Baptist Church on its one-hundredth and tenth anniversary. Members of your congregation, past and present, have reason to be proud of your spiritual and cultural contributions to our community. The lives of many, many persons have been favorably influenced by your efforts.

May the future years be even more rewarding! We are proud to share community leadership and responsibility with you.

Very truly yours,

William Bland
Mayor
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CHURCH HISTORY

In the latter part of 1866 and early 1867, a small group of forward thinking, spiritually inclined people began thinking of the possibility of organizing themselves into a church body.

In the year 1867, Susan Johnson, Kitty Lee, L. J. Shores, J. W. Randolph, and Martin Dandrage recognized the need to organize a church body. Prior to this, in 1864, there had been organized a "Council of Recognition". This body was composed of selected members of the First Baptist Church of Champaign, the First Baptist of Urbana, and Bethel Church of Mahomet, Ill. Its purpose was to consider the newly organized church, its Article of Faith, its Covenant, as well as circumstances of its organization, and to recognize it as a Baptist Church.

It was before this council that these people met at the Old Coffee Place, 406 East Park Street, Champaign, and organized the Second Baptist Missionary Church; later Salem.

The original membership, in addition to the organizers, was Sister Hopkins, Phebie Rivers, Anna Randolph, Sarah Brommwell, and David Johnson, all joining by baptism. Other members added later were Fannie Strong and her granddaughter, R. A. Johnson, Mary Mitchell, Anthony Johnson, Lester Johnson, Mrs. Washington, Mrs. Walker, Mrs. Rose Brommwell Morgan, Henrietta Brommwell Alexander, Louis Brommwell, Hardy Brommwell, Edward Lee, Atrice Lee, Henry, Ella and Callie Randolph, Mrs. Mildred Randolph Graves.

Sister Graves, who was then a music student at the University of Illinois, played the organ for Second Baptist and Salem for many years.

The official witnesses of the church's organization were: Anna Randolph, Sarah Brommwell and David Johnson.

The first pastor called to serve the new church was Rev. William Washington who was followed by Rev. Riesnor and Rev. J. H. Bell. During their pastorate, the membership purchased a lot on Park Street and erected their first church in 1869. This building burned and again the members were forced to rent a place for their worship services.

Between the years 1869 to 1886 the following pastors served: Rev.'s Teal, Gray and Turner. Also during this period, the church purchased a lot on East Clark Street and erected a building for worship.

From the year 1889 to 1891 the church was pastored by Rev. S. L. Harris and later by Rev. B. H. West.

In 1893, the Wood River District Association met here with the church, and Second Baptist joined the Wood River District Association. Second Baptist, being too small to accommodate the delegation, the services were held in a rented hall above the then Swanell's Drug Store, formerly W. T. Grant's, located on Main and Hickory Streets. A large number of converts were received during this period; and the church had an organized choir under the direction of a hired musician, Miss Amy Coffeen.

After the resignation of Rev. West in 1894, Rev. W. W. Stewart was called and served a short time to be called to his home in Missouri. Then in 1895, Rev. W. Helm accepted the pastorate. Also, during this several year span, the church's growth and organization were commendable. The Sunday School was active in studying weekly lessons and Bible training.

After completion of a remodeling program and the installation of a baptismal pool, the church observed its first major dedication service. The Rev. Stedman, pastor of First Baptist, Champaign, preached the dedication sermon in a very solemn and beautiful ceremony.

During the latter part of 1896, Rev. Helm was succeeded by Rev. W. B. Brown in the early part of 1897. He was followed by Rev. J. W. Crushon in 1901, and Rev. J. H. Nickols in 1902. It was under this administration that the ground work and plans were laid for the purchase and clearing of the lot at 500 East Park Street for the erection of the church there.

The next several year's development are of great significance to this publication; for it was during this period that the original church was erected. Many present day members can recall the features of the original structure before the mid-1950's remodeling program.

After Rev. Nickols, came Rev. S. L. Edwards, a minister recently out of the Methodist Conference and who was unfamiliar with the Baptist doctrine and laws. He was often referred to as a very fine, competent man. He had the church's name changed to SALEM BAPTIST CHURCH.

In 1908, the cornerstone was laid and the first communion set was purchased. The board of officers were - Deacons: Dave Johnson, George Roy, Anthony Johnson, and B. E. Payne. Trustees: Pete Hawkins, Lois Brown, and Job Harris.

Those who served as pastors between 1911 and 1916 were Rev. J. M. Owens, under who's pastorate new pews were installed, some few of which are presently used in the balcony, choir rooms and two of the class rooms, Rev. S. W. Batchlor, and Rev. S. C. Clanton.

The church later was pastored between 1917 and 1925 by Rev. Hall and Rev. R. A. Hayden, both serving comparatively extended terms. From 1911 thru 1925 some of the officers were: Deacons B. E. Payne, George Roy, W. H. Chandler, Bob Smith, W. H. Patterson, Dabney Jones, Uriah Moreland, James Caldwell, Richard Hall and Howard Foree.

Rev. Hayden left Salem and organized the Pilgrim Baptist Church on North Fourth Street. He was followed in 1925 by Rev. Dabney Jones.

During Rev. Jones pastorate, the front entrance was changed from the south-west side to the south side. During his nine years of service a \$16,000.00 indebtedness was paid. Deacons serving under Rev. Jones were: Chairman, Uriah Moreland, B. E. Payne, Bob Smith, James Caldwell, Howard Foree, Richard Hall, Ed Benton, Joe Garland, Albert McKinley, Sr., and W. H. Chandler.

In the latter part of 1933, Rev. J. J. Olive, president of the State Convention of Illinois, was called. A heart attack and death interrupted a very enthusiastic pastorate in August of 1937.

In April, 1938, Rev. A. S. Webb was called to succeed Rev. Olive. During his administration, a heating plant was installed, and many members were added. Rev. Webb ordained Bro. C. E. Campbell and Bro. O. B. Johnson. He also started a parsonage fund which netted approximately \$700.00. Deacons under his administration were B. E. Payne, Chairman, Joe Garland, Uriah Moreland, W. H. Chandler, Albert McKinley, William Ricks, David Sayles, Ed Benton, 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.

On June 20, 1949, Rev. W. H. Donaldson was called from Murfreesboro, Tennessee to pastor Salem Baptist Church. He accepted the call and on the first Sunday in August, 1949, he moved here and started his strenuous task.

Under his leadership \$2,955.06 was raised to pay off the balance of the parsonage; a duplex envelope system was set up; a typewriter was purchased; rugs for the parsonage

were bought; a desk for the church office, a new Youngstown kitchen, hot water tank and gas furnace purchased for the parsonage; new hymnals and rugs purchased for the church; a rug for the aisle; motion picture projector and screen; filing cabinets; adding machine, mimeograph machine and other office equipment were purchased. The checking account exceeded \$200.00 and the outstanding debts were less than \$300.00.

Rev. Donaldson baptized into the church approximately 100 persons, and an equal number was taken into the church by Christian experience. A mortgage burning service was held in September, 1950 and Rev. Donaldson invited the late Rev. R. L. Lillard to preach for the special service inasmuch as Rev. Lillard had started buying the parsonage. The late Deacon B. E. Payne and Sister Mildred Gray, the two oldest members were honored with the burning--Sister Gray held the paper and Deacon Payne struck the match.

Rev. Donaldson organized the Young Matrons Missionary Society April 16, 1952; he also was responsible for the success attained through the operation of our missionary departments on the Circle Plan that worked under the General Missionary Department.

Officers were: B. E. Payne, chairman of Deacons, Joe Garland, David Sayles, who later resigned as Chairman of Trustees and became chairman of the Deacon Board, Albert McKinley, L. T. Tinsley, George Peacock, John Brown, Harrison Pierce, Eugene Caldwell, Percy Gordon, Otis Scott, James O. 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.

On July 1, 1953, Rev. Donaldson resigned and accepted the pastorate at Zion Baptist Church, Peoria, Illinois.

Rev. John Arlington Anderson was called to the pastorate of Salem in 1953. During his administration the Willing Workers Club was organized with Elizabeth Foxwell as president. The Willing Workers sponsored a drive and purchased a \$4,100 organ. Rev. Anderson also organized the Junior and Red Circle Girls, and on December 10, 1953, the Brotherhood was organized with Clarence Taylor as president.

A nursery was put in the church basement and dedicated to the memory of Mrs. Hattie J. Wells, who served as superintendent of the Sunday School from 1925 until her death on September 10, 1953. Deacon James O. Wilson succeeded the late Mrs. Hattie J. Wells as superintendent.

The deacons were David Sayles, chairman, Albert McKinley, Harrison Pierce, L. T. Tinsley, Eugene Caldwell, Otis M. Scott, James O. Wilson, Roscoe Tinsley and Clarence Taylor. The trustees were Alvin Foxwell, chairman, Charlie Brown, Theotto Bowles, David Sayles, Harrison Pierce, Louis Taylor, Clarence Taylor and Roscoe Tinsley.

Rev. Anderson resigned to return to Lafayette, Indiana in December of 1955.

In April, 1956, Rev. Eugene H. Williams was called to Salem Baptist Church. On May 27, 1957, the church officially voted to build an education annex, and a \$25,000 loan from the First Federal Loan and Savings Association was granted.

A ground-breaking ceremony was held July 28, 1957. The addition was started in August, 1957 and completed in February, 1958. The annex consisted of: 10 new classrooms, 2 new rest rooms, a baptismal pool, a pastor's office, a modern kitchen, a banquet room, 3 storage closets, new light fixtures, 100 steel folding chairs, a new heating system, and two new entrances. The exterior of the Church was painted and sandblasted. It had a new front entrance, cottage style windows, new outside doors and completely trimmed windows. We redecorated the inside--installed new pews, new pulpit furniture, new communion table, deacon's chairs, and new rubber tile on the floor. The total cost was approximately \$52,000.

In January 1958 our Building Fund Clubs were organized to pay off the indebtedness.

Rev. Williams ordained Rev. Edward Scaggs and Rev. Cecil Webb. Deacons were: David Sayles, chairman, Albert McKinley, Harrison Pierce, L. T. Tinsley, Roscoe Tinsley, Otis Scott, James Wilson, Clarence Taylor, Eugene Caldwell, Louis Taylor and F. D. Brown. Trustees were: Alvin Foxwell, chairman, Theotto Bowles, David Sayles, Harrison Pierce,

and Ozell Thompson. Helen Hite was the church clerk.

Rev. Williams resigned in June, 1961 to accept the pastorate of the Antioch Baptist Church, Waterloo, Iowa.

Rev. A. T. Rowan is a native of Kansas City, Missouri, a graduate of Michigan State University and Western Baptist Seminary, in Kansas City.

He was called to pastor Salem Baptist Church on August 29, 1961; after resigning from the historical Zion Baptist Church, Springfield, Illinois.

Salem made considerable progress under the leadership of Rev. Rowan. Some of the accomplishments: liquidation of the \$12,404 indebtedness on our educational annex, 450 new chairs for the Sunday School and new floors were installed in the educational annex. The sanctuary and dining areas were redecorated and the outside of the church was painted. New robes were acquired for the Gospel Chorus and the Junior Choir. New tables for the Sunday School, new hymnals and a piano were also purchased.

The following auxiliaries were organized under Rev. Rowan's leadership: Junior Choir, Board of Christian Education, Men and Boy's Chorus, Cub Scout #100, Mildred Webb Missionary Circle, Red Circle and the Women's Missionary Fellowship. The annual "Senior Citizens Day" (December 9, 1962) was also instituted. Youth Day services began early in 1962.

Rev. Rowan ordained Rev. Clarence Thomas and the late Rev. G. T. Williams. Over 175 new members were added to the Church under his pastorate.

Officers were: David Sayles, chairman of the Deacon's Board, Albert McKinley, Clarence Taylor, James O. Wilson, Carl Turley, Otis Scott, Nick Boiesan, Robert McGraw, L. T. Tinsley, Fred Stovall, Albert Alexander, and Millard Gray. Helen Hite was the church clerk; Theotto Bowles, general treasurer; George Bigham, benevolent fund treasurer; Otis Scott, financial secretary; Jasper Lewis, chairman of the Trustee Board; David Sayles, chairman of the Deacon Board. These were the people who kept a record of our finances.

Two former pastors were invited to participate in the Mortgage Burning Ceremony on June 30, 1963. Rev. Eugene Williams spoke at the morning service and Rev. W. H. Donaldson at the afternoon service. Rev. Rowan resigned from Salem in 1964 to accept the pastorate at Bethany Baptist Church in Cleveland, Ohio.

The congregation of Salem Baptist Church voted Friday November 27, 1964 to issue a call to Rev. A. B. Moore of Muskogee, Oklahoma, as its new pastor. Rev. Moore accepted the call November 29, 1964.

Rev. Moore, who was pastor of the First Baptist Church in Pawhuska, Oklahoma, preached his first sermon as pastor of Salem on Sunday, January 3, 1964.

He rearranged the pulpit during his pastorate at Salem. Rev. Moore resigned in 1968.

Rev. W. H. Donaldson returned to Salem Baptist Church in December 1968, after an absence of 15 1/2 years. He resigned from Mt. Zion Baptist Church in East Moline, Illinois to complete the work at Salem the Lord had ordained him to finish.

He is the Past-moderator of Stone River Baptist Association, Nashville, Tennessee; founder and Dean of Peoria Seminary Extension of A.B.T. Seminary, and Quad Cities Extension Unit, Rock Island, Illinois; Vice-moderator of Woodriver Baptist Association, a member of the Champaign Human Relations Commission, and historian for the Alumni Association of the American Baptist Seminary and College of the Bible.

He also is presently serving as a Chaplain for the Champaign-Urbana Ministerial Alliance, and the Burnham City Hospital; he is a member of the Central Illinois Radio and Television Religious Broadcast. He frequently gives the evening meditation over WCIA Television on "Evensong" and "Reflections on the News".

Since Pastor Donaldson's return to Salem, he has ordained 2 deacons, licensed 5 members to preach and added a goodly number of members to the Christian family at Salem.

The church not only has prospered spiritually, but financially as well. The old

Willard School was purchased for a parking lot, church bus, new carpet, new parsonage, air conditioner, baptistry, new organ, new kitchen stove, refrigerator, new upright freezer, new door, canopy, and new draperies were also purchased for the church.

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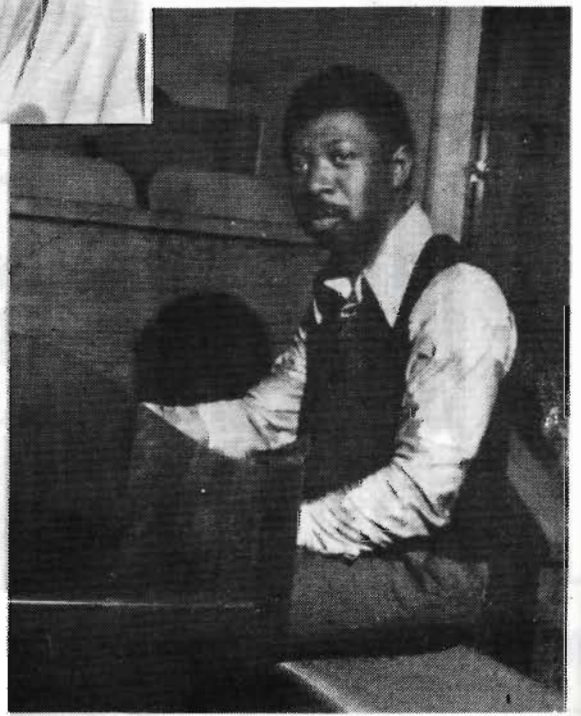
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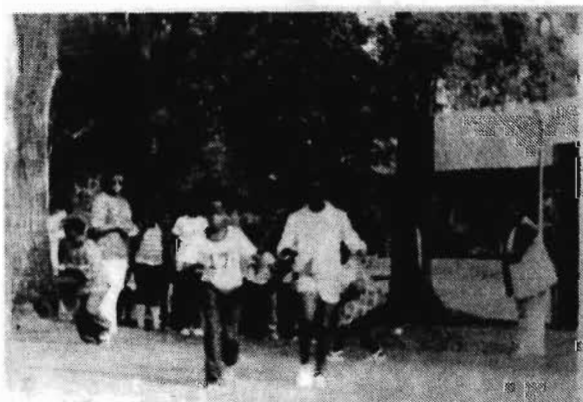
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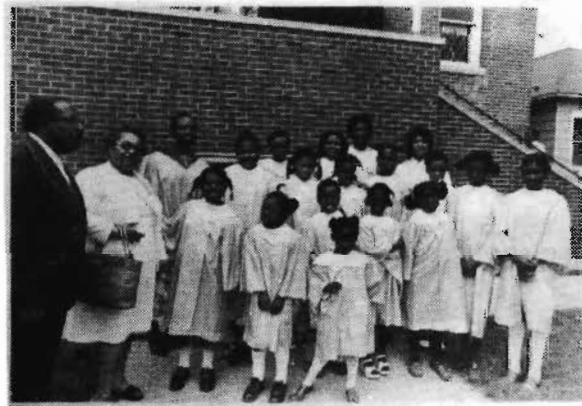


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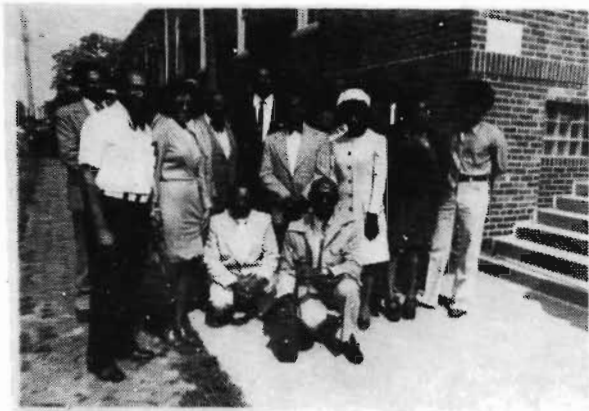


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Organizers: Sis. Wilson, Sis. Donaldson, Sis. Tanner - Pianists: Sis. Dozier and Sis. Brown - Secretary: Tammy Wilson; Treasurer: Elana Hassell; Asst. Treasurer: Tony Herron; Chaplain: Sonya Pickens; Asst. Secretary: Angela Taylor



One of Church's most senior, active members - Mother Minnie Caldwell (left). At right is her loyal assistant - Sis. Alberta Crenshaw.



ANNIVERSARY PLANNING COMMITTEE
 To Mr. Robert Lewis, the Church and our committee feel a deep sense of gratitude for your wonderful work of photography.



Still Active--Sis. Ella Williams (left) joined under the pastorate of Rev. J. H. Nickols in 1903. The Church then was The Second Baptist Missionary located on E. Clark St. At right is her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Willie Mae Williams.



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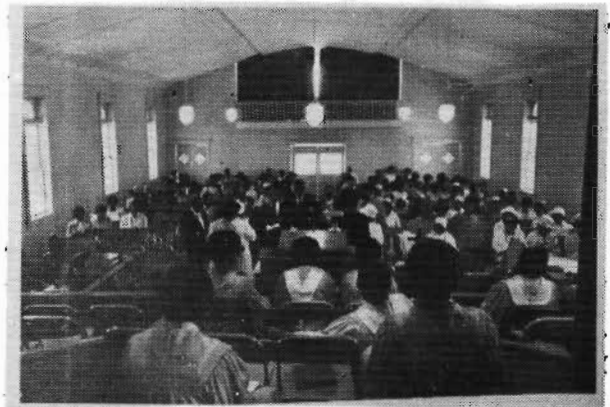
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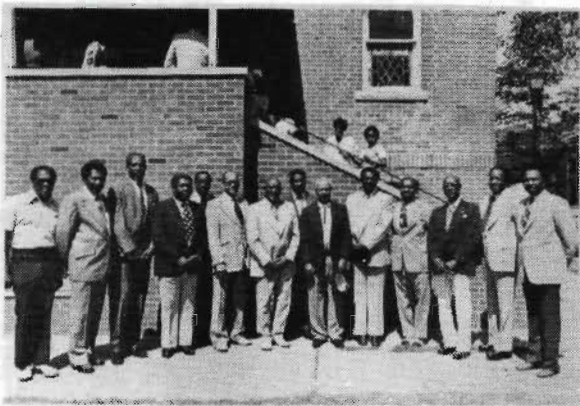
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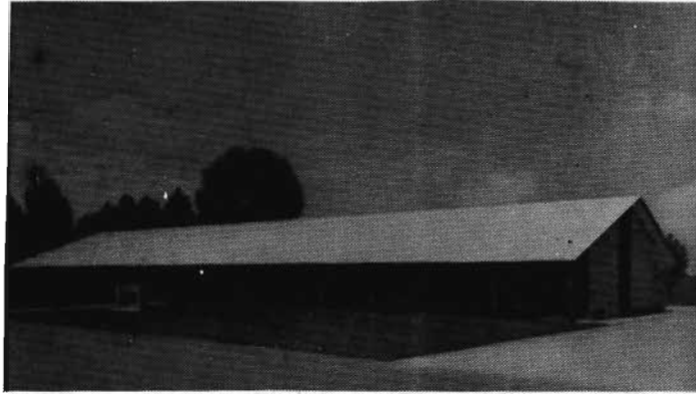
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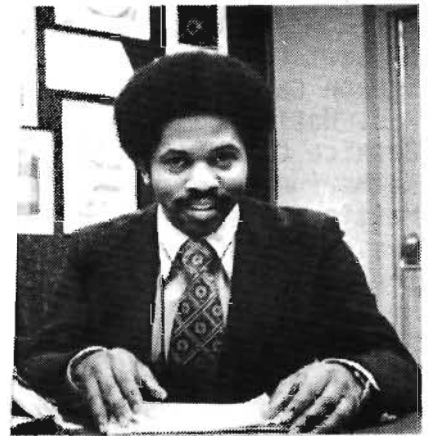
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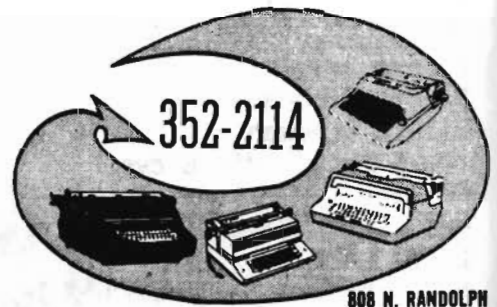
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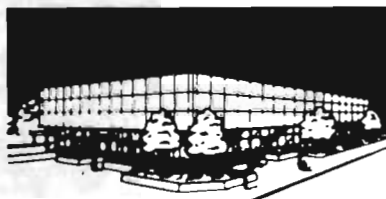
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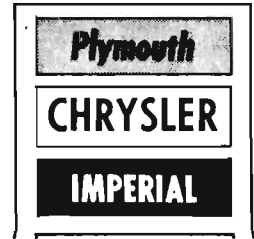
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Sister Hite is an active member of Salem, having served as Clerk for twenty-five years. She started working in the Sunday School. Director of B.T.U., Pianist of Church Choir, Gospel Chorus, Youth Choir - Usher Board, President Missionary Society for ten years, also Missionary Fellowship four years, and Trustee of the Church.



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:

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- 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.



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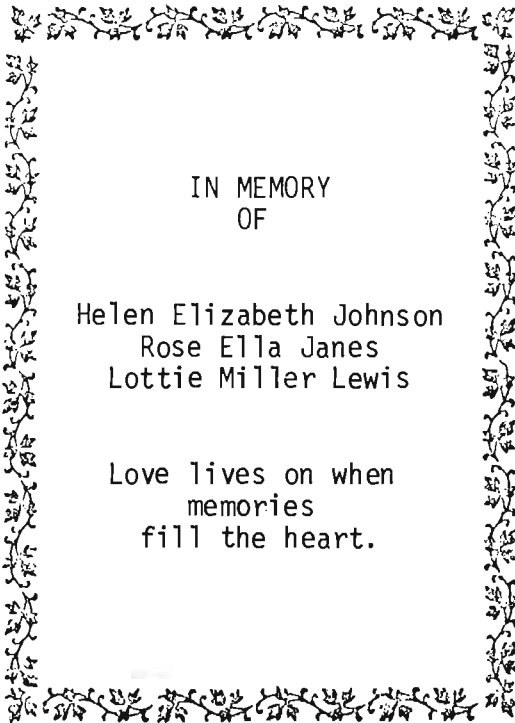
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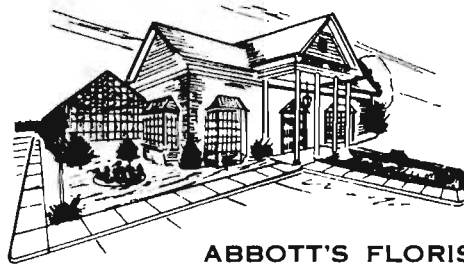
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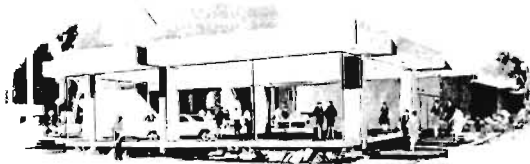


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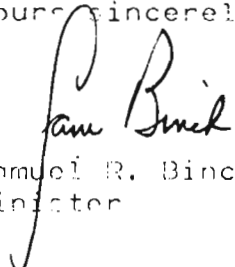
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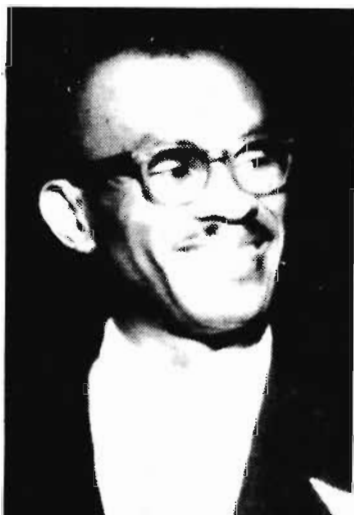
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