

MORTGAGE BURNING SERVICES

JUNE 24-30, 1963  
Salern Baptist Church

500 East Park Street  
Champaign, Illinois

REV. A. T. ROWAN, PASTOR



DEBTS PAID OFF

The Rev. A. T. Rowan, pastor of Salem Baptist Church, holds the mortgage that was burned Sunday afternoon at the church. From the left are the Rev. O. W. Williams, Danville; the Rev. W. H. Donaldson, Peoria; the Rev. Mr. Rowan and David

Sayles, chairman of the deacon board. The ceremony marked the payment of the debt for construction of the church's Christian education annex. The debt on the 15 - year loan was paid in full in less than six years.

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Monday, June 24, 1963

7:45 P.m.

Special Guests: Dr. A. W. Bishop, choir and congregation of St. Luke's CME Church, Champaign; Rev. Blaine Ramsey, Jr., choir and congregation of Bethel AME Church, Champaign.

Sponsors: Music Department of Salem

Mistress of Ceremonies: Mrs. Lucille Clark  
In Charge of Devotional Service: Clarence Taylor

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Processional	Visiting Choirs
Selection	Bethel AME Church Choir
Invocation	Rev. Ramsey
Selection	St. Luke's CME Church Choir
Welcome Address	Mrs. Willie Mae Williams
Response to Welcome	
Scripture	
Selection	Bethel Choir
Greetings	Rev. Ramsey
Presentation of Speaker	Pastor Rowan
Selection	St. Luke's Choir
THE SERMON	Dr. Bishop
Invitation	
Offering	Finance Committee
Remarks	
Benediction	

Tuesday, June 25, 1963

7:45 p.m.

Special Guest: Rev. G. W. Brown, choir and congregation of Morning Star Free Will Baptist Church, Urbana, Illinois

Sponsors: The Brotherhood and Youth Fellowship

Mistress of Ceremonies: Miss Barbara Hamilton  
In Charge of Devotional Service: Eugene Caldwell

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Processional	Visiting Choir
Invocation	
Selection	Morning Star Choir
Welcome Addresses "The Brotherhood"	William McCoy
"Youth Fellowship"	Lemond Adams
Response to Welcome	
Selection	Morning Star Choir
Scripture	
Greetings	Rev. Anderson
Presentation of Speaker	Pastor Rowan
THE SERMON	Rev. Brown
Invitation	
Offering	Finance Committee
Remarks	
Benediction	

Wednesday, June 26, 1963

7:45 p.m.

Special Guests: Elder Solomon Irving, choir and congregation, Grove Street Church of God in Christ; Elder R. F. Sheriff, choir and congregation, AOH Church of God in Christ.

Sponsors: Senior & Junior Usher Boards of Salem

Mistress of Ceremonies: Mrs. Velma Colley

In Charge of Devotional Service: James O. Wilson

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Processional	Visiting Choirs
Selection	AOH Church Choir
Invocation	
Selection	Grove Street Choir
Welcome Addresses "Sr. Usher Board"	Eldridge Long
"Jr. Usher Board"	Alice Sayles
Response to Welcome	
Selection	AOH Church Choir
Greetings	Elder Sheriff
Presentation of Speaker	Pastor Rowan
Selection	Grove Street Choir
THE SERMON	Elder Irving
Invitation	
Offering	Finance Committee
Remarks	
Benediction	

Thursday, June 27, 1963

7:45 p.m.

Special Guests: Rev. J. E. Graves, choir and congregation, Mt. Olive Baptist Church, Champaign; Rev. A. G. Gregory, choir and congregation of Pilgrim Baptist, Champaign.

Sponsor: The Missionary Department of Salem

Master of Ceremonies: Fred Stovall

In Charge of Devotional Service: George Bigham

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Processional	Visiting Choirs
Selection	Pilgrim Choir
Invocation	
Selection	Mt. Olive Choir
Welcome Address "Missionary Dept."	Mrs. Helen Hite
Response to Welcome	
Scripture	
Selection	Pilgrim Choir
Greetings	Rev. Gregory
Presentation of Speaker	Pastor Rowan
Selection	Mt. Olive Choir
THE SERMON	Rev. Graves
Invitation	
Offering	Finance Committee
Remarks	
Benediction	

Friday, June 28, 1963

7:45 p.m.

Special Guest: Rev. Donald Browning and congregation,  
Bondville Methodist Church, Bondville,  
Illinois.

Sponsors: Sunday School and Baptist Training Union

Master of Ceremonies: Clarence Taylor  
In Charge of Devotional Service: L. T. Tinsley

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Processional Majestic Choir & Gospel Chorus, Salem

Selection Gospel Chorus

Invocation

Selection Majestic Choir

Welcome Addresses "Sunday School" John White  
"BTU" Mrs. Veola Tinsley

Response to Welcome

Scripture

Selection Gospel Chorus

Presentation of Speaker Pastor Rowan

Selection Majestic Choir

THE SERMON Rev. Browning

Invitation

Offering Finance Committee

Remarks

Benediction

THE ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday, June 30, 1963

11:00 a.m.

Let Us Draw Nigh Unto God

Organ Prelude

Call to Worship Rev. Cecil Webb

Processional Hymn "Jesus the Light"

Invocation Rev. C. E. Campbell

Consecrated Offering

Selection Men & Boys' Chorus

Responsive Reading Rev. Clarence Thomas

Welcome to Visitors

Presentation of Tithes and Offering

Organ Offertory

Offertory Prayer Rev. G. T. Williams

Selection Men & Boys' Chorus

Sermonic Hymn

Presentation of Speaker Pastor Rowan

THE SERMON Rev. E. H. Williams

Pastor, Antioch Baptist Church, Waterloo, Iowa

Invitation

Closing Hymn "Praise God" #481

Benediction

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Organist

Mrs. Joan Ellis

Pianists

Mrs. Esther Turley

Gregory White

Men and Boys' Chorus directed by Rev. G. T. Williams

SERVICE OF MORTGAGE BURNING

Sunday, June 30, 1963

3:15 p.m.

Special Guest: Rev. W. H. Donaldson, choir and congregation, Zion Baptist Church, Peoria, Illinois.

Sponsor: Official Board of Salem Baptist Church

Mistress of Ceremonies: Mrs. A. T. Rowan

In Charge of Devotional Service: Nick Boiesaw  
Morris Clark

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Call to Worship Rev. Cecil Webb  
Processional Zion Baptist Choir  
Invocation  
Selection Zion Baptist Choir  
Welcome Address Mrs. Dorothy Lee  
Response  
Selection Zion Baptist Choir  
Presentation of Tithes and Offering  
Presentation of Cub Scout #100 Otis Scott  
Presentation of Speaker Pastor Rowan  
Selection Zion Baptist Choir

THE SERMON Rev. Donaldson

Invitation

THE BURNING OF THE MORTGAGE

The Responsive Reading:

MINISTER - In a spirit of gratitude to our Heavenly Father that we were permitted to complete the erection of this educational unit and to provide adequate equipment for its use.

CONGREGATION - We would proceed to burn this mortgage.

MINISTER - In appreciation of the services rendered by those who have led us in our church organization and financial matters and for the assistance and encouragement of our sister churches.

CONGREGATION - We would proceed to burn this mortgage.

MINISTER - In appreciation of the willingness and ability to contribute toward this fund to the extent that we have been able to provide a sufficient amount to liquidate the total indebtedness.

CONGREGATION - We would proceed to burn this mortgage.

MINISTER - In a spirit of genuine gratitude that we have been united in the bonds of christian comradeship in the prosecution of this enterprise.

CONGREGATION - We would proceed to burn this mortgage.

"Salem Looks Backward"

Rev. W. H. Donaldson  
Rev. J. A. Anderson  
Rev. E. H. Williams  
Rev. A. T. Rowan

"Salem Looks Forward"  
(Representatives of auxiliaries)

Pastor Rowan  
David Sayles (Chrmn., Official Board)

Doxology (to be sung during burning of the mortgage)

A Hymn of Fellowship "Blest Be The Tie"

The Benediction

## A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE EDUCATIONAL ANNEX OF SALEM BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. W. H. Donaldson came to Salem Baptist Church in 1949. Under his leadership the \$2,300 mortgage on the parsonage was paid and burned in Sept. 1950; a duplex offering system was set up; a typewriter was purchased; rugs for the parsonage were bought; a desk for the church office was purchased; a new Youngstown kitchen, hot water tank and gas furnace was installed in the parsonage; new hymnals and rugs were 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 building fund was started and \$5,200 was raised.

On April 16, 1952 the Young Matrons was organized. Many members were added by baptism and christian experience. Success was also attained through the operation of four missionary departments on the circle plan.

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

In 1953 Rev. John A. Anderson was called to the pastorate of Salem. During his administration the Willing Workers Club was organized. The Willing Workers sponsored a drive and purchased a \$4,100 organ. The Red Circle and Junior Red Circle Girls were organized. A nursery was put in the church basement and dedicated to the memory of Mrs. Hattie J. Wells. The building fund in 1954 exceeded \$12,000. Rev. Anderson participated in the ground breaking ceremony on April 17, 1955. The first shovel of dirt for the ceremony was turned over by Rev. Anderson, Rev. J. A. Wilson, and Theotto Bowles. Rev. Anderson resigned to return to Lafayette, Indiana in December 1955.

Rev. Eugene H. Williams accepted the pastorate in April, 1955. The building fund was now over \$15,000. A \$25,000 loan was obtained from the First Federal Loan and Savings Association in May 1957 and the new addition was started in August 1957. The annex was near completion in February 1958.

The first event held in the new basement was the Fourth Annual Brotherhood Banquet, February 14, 1958. The new annex consists of six new class rooms, two rest rooms, baptismal pool, pastor's office and study, completely new, modern kitchen, banquet room, three storage closets, new light fixtures, one hundred steel folding chairs, new heating plant, and two entrances. The exterior of the church was tuck-pointed and sand-blasted, a new front entrance was installed, cottage style windows, outside trim painted and outside oak doors. The inside was completely redecorated, new pews installed, pulpit furniture, communion table and seven deacon chairs purchased; rubber tile laid on the floor. The total cost was approximately \$52,000. The Building Fund Club was divided into three groups--- a \$5.00-per-month and \$2.50-per-month clubs for adults, and \$1.00-per-month club for children---which was paid the first Sunday in each month.

Rev. Edward Scaggs and Rev. Cecil Webb were licensed and ordained, and Rev. Clarence Thomas licensed under the administration of Rev. Williams. Rev. Williams resigned in June 1961 to accept the pastorate of the Antioch Baptist Church, Waterloo, Iowa.

Rev. A. T. Rowan came to us in September 1961. There was an indebtedness of \$12,404.22. 450 new chairs for the Sunday School and choir were purchased, new tile put on the educational unit floor, the sanctuary and dining area redecorated, and the outside of the church was painted. New robes were bought for the Gospel Chorus, new tables for the Sunday School, and new hymnals and piano were bought.

Rev. Rowan organized the following organizations: Junior Choir, Board of Christian Education, Men and Boys' Chorus, Cub Scout #100, Mildred Webb Missionary Circle.

Rev. Rowan was host pastor for the Wood River District Congress of Christian Education in July 1962. He instituted the "Senior Citizens Day", Dec. 9, 1962 and started quarterly "Youth Day" services. He licensed Rev. G. T. Williams and ordained Rev. Clarence Thomas and Rev. G.T. Williams. Over 160 members have been added to the church.



Salem is blessed with the courteous and efficient services of two USHER BOARDS---the SENIOR BOARD under the direction of Calvin Peacock, and the JUNIOR BOARD under the direction of Mrs. Eugenia Butler with Albert Alexander, Jr. as president. The addition to the worship service of the ushers cannot be over-emphasized for they play an important part in the role of greeting members and visitors and helping to make them as comfortable as possible.

Through the work and continued dedication of our BULLETIN CLERK, Miss Constance Peacock, the order of services and news of the church is brought to us. Miss Peacock has served as bulletin clerk for many years and continues to do a fine job.

WOMAN'S HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY is active in church and community projects at home and abroad. They render spiritual inspiration and give fruit baskets to patients at the Outlook Sanatorium and the Community Nursing Home. They visit the shut-ins, send cards of cheer, give financial aid to needy families throughout the year. Mrs. Helen Hite is president.

The pulpit committee, organized in 1930 was later changed to CIRCLE THREE under Rev. Donaldson in 1953. Their motto is, "I will do all I can to help beautify the house of the Lord and help bring others into the fold." They raised money for the parsonage fund, contributed toward the building fund, kept the pulpit decorated and in proper order, such as flowers, linen and pulpit drapery, visited the sick, sent cards of cheer, delivered food baskets to needy families and rendered service whenever needed.

Rev. Donaldson organized the General Missionary Department. Mrs. Donaldson was the first president. Special projects of the Circle was to raise funds to help put in a lighting system in Africa. Mrs. Margaret Hunt is president.

The ESTHER MISSIONARY CIRCLE, formerly the Young Matrons Missionary Circle, was organized April 16, 1952 under the Rev. W. H. Donaldson. Mrs. Nettie B. Scott served as the first president.

Shortly after the group organized, the members sold vanilla flavor and purchased dishes and a coffee maker for the church. The following year patrons were enlisted from the various members and the Matrons bought a silver tea service set and presented it to the church.

A fund raising drive was started Jan. 5, 1954 to start a nursery in the church basement. The group delivers cheer baskets to sick and needed, visits the shut-ins, conducts semi-annual canned-goods drives to supply the storeroom, entertains at the Community Nursing Home. The group serves willingly whenever called upon. Mrs. Ann Thompson is president.

The MILDRED WEBB MISSIONARY CIRCLE was organized by Rev. Rowan May 26, 1963. Mrs. Ann Williams is president. The Circle was named after the late Mrs. Mildred Webb, mother of Rev. Cecil Webb.

Theotto Bowles, GENERAL TREASURER, Roscoe Tinsley, BUILDING FUND TREASURER, and George Bigham is BENEVOLENT FUND TREASURER. Otis Scott is FINANCIAL SECRETARY, Jasper Lewis, CHAIRMAN OF THE TRUSTEE BOARD, David Sayles, CHAIRMAN OF THE DEACON BOARD, Mrs. Helen Hite is CHURCH CLERK. These are the people who have kept a record of the finances, made the monthly payments on our loan, kept our financial books intact, and picked up the mortgage that will soon be burned.

We thank God for our many blessings. Every member of Salem should be proud of our achievements because every member has helped to make this event possible.

The total loan from First Federal Loan and Savings Association was for a fifteen year period; however, it was paid in full in less than six years. While the monthly payments on the loan were made primarily through the Building Fund Club, the efforts of the Brotherhood Banquet, Woman's Day (observed each year on the fourth Sunday in March) and Men's Day (observed each year on the fourth Sunday in November) rallies enabled the church to make large contributions toward the indebtedness. With the help of the auxiliaries and departments, the church has reached its goal.

We are sure that each member of Salem is proud of this accomplishment because it has been made possible through the combined efforts of all.

#### A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE AUXILIARIES OF SALEM BAPTIST CHURCH

The DEACONS and TRUSTEES (the Official Board) take care of the business of the church and lends strong support to the pastor and church. Deacon David Sayles, chairman of the Deacon Board, Trustee Jasper Lewis, chairman of the Trustee Board, along with their committees look after the parsonage.

The DEACONESS and MOTHER'S BOARD aid the pastor in many ways. They take care of the communion glasses, assist the pastor with the communion and help the candidates to get ready for baptism. They recently made baptismal robes for the church. Visiting the sick and helping the distressed is one of the most enjoyable duties of the Board.

The most significant advantage of the addition of the educational annex is shared by the SUNDAY SCHOOL. It is primarily the teaching ministry of the church. In order to give the best atmosphere for successful teaching and learning, conditions must be as conducive as possible. One of the most important factors is adequate space. Since the six new class rooms have been added the attendance has doubled (from 70) and

the teachers are able to teach more about Christ through study, drama, programs and visual aids.

Through the efforts of the church, the General Superintendent, James O. Wilson, has been able to represent in local, state and national congresses, which has led to the awarding of achievement certificates, the highest certificate given by the National Baptist Convention.

The BROTHERHOOD of Salem was organized Dec. 10, 1953 under the pastorate of Rev. J. A. Anderson. The purpose of the Brotherhood:

1. Backing the pastor, giving him the best help 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 comes to all churches.
4. Binding the broken-hearted with visitations, kind words and prayer.

Its first president was Clarence Taylor who served two consecutive years. This group was very helpful in the church with such projects as the purchase of public address system, ministerial Bible, hymnals, chairs for the Sunday School, a galvanized kitchen sink, etc. Through this organization much unity has been exercised among the men of the church. The climax of all its efforts has been the nine annual Brotherhood Banquets, originated by Theotto Bowles. The banquets are held each year on the second Friday evening in February. William McCoy is president.

The MUSIC DEPARTMENT, choirs and choruses, bring inspiration to the congregation through songs and music. The MAJESTIC CHOIR, YOUTH CHOIR, JUNIOR CHOIR, GOSPEL CHORUS, and MEN AND BOYS' CHORUS render service to the church and community.





The Salem Baptist Church, A monument to the workers of the colored Baptists of Champaign. Every colored man should vote against the saloon for if they return a drunken mob may destroy your homes and compel you to flee for your lives as they have done in Springfield, Cairo and East St. Louis. Saloons are the greatest enemy of the colored race.

J. M. Rivers, pastor of Salem Baptist church.

A. T. Jackson, Pastor of Bethel A. M. E. church