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Celebrating the Road to Benson Baptist's 135th Anniversary - pages 13-16

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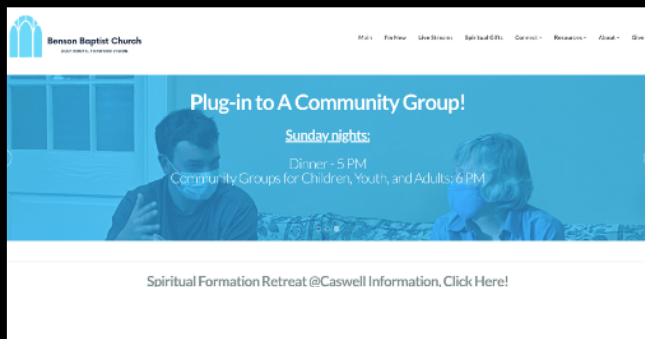
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Cover: Benson Baptist members gather for the ground breaking of the new Education Wing in 1959.



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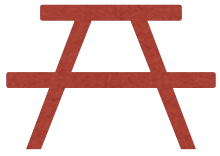
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Sunday Nights

Information Night: February 6
Group's First Meetings: February 20



5:00 P.M. - Dinner

Join BBCers of all ages for a home cooked meal in the Fellowship Hall.



6:00 P.M. - Nursery

Infants and toddlers are invited to join us in our staffed nursery while their parents are in community groups!



6:00 P.M. - KidSpark

Kids are invited to explore missions, crafts, games, and music every Sunday night in the children's ministry center.



6:00 P.M. - Youth Group

Teenagers are invited to join Will and other youth volunteers for Bible study, games, and more in the Youth Room.



6:00 P.M. - Adult Community Group One

A discussion of the book "Present Over Perfect" by Shauna Neiquist. In this community group, you'll be invited to look at the landscape of your own life, considering what it might look like to leave behind the pressure to be perfect, and to begin the life-changing practice of simply being present in the middle of the mess and the ordinariness of life. Led by Heather Powers & Celine Raybon.



6:00 P.M. - Adult Community Group Two

A discussion of the book "The Good and Beautiful Life" by James Bryan Smith. Using the Sermon on the Mount, interactive exercises, and more, you'll be invited to dig deeper into how you see yourself verses how Christ sees you — and how that affects the Kingdom of God. Led by Lawrence Powers.

Pastor's Paragraphs

"Then Joshua set up twelve stones in the middle of the Jordan at the place where the feet of the priests who carried the ark of the covenant were standing, and they are there to this day."

Joshua 4:9

Throughout the Old Testament, we find moments where the people stop to mark places of significance related to God's work in their lives with stones. These markers, or cairns, were used to make sure the people, and all who passed by that place, would remember the journey they'd been on and how God was faithful.

As I've mentioned a few times on Sunday mornings, I did not grow up in a church setting. The closest I ever got to attending church regularly was a week of VBS every other summer. It was not until I was thirteen that I walked into a church youth group event and decided to become a disciple of Jesus.

Yet, there are many moments throughout my life to that point that marked the journey that had gotten me there. There were the VBS volunteers at churches whose names I'll never know. They showed me that church could be fun and that Jesus loved me. There were extended family members who told me about the Jesus they knew and tried to get me to follow him. There were times where my life was more like the valley of the shadow of death than any kid should endure where I felt a calming presence still guiding me.

Even though I was not a follower of Christ, there are still moments where I'd encountered God and God was faithful to me.

Today, whenever I go on a backpacking trip, long hike, or retreat, I find a stone to take with me to mark what I'd learned on that journey. In addition to the actual stones, my office is full of markers where my life and God's call intersected:

- Photos of the youth and college groups I'd served as minister in,
- Coffee mugs gifted to me by campus ministry students,
- Photos of friends and professors,
- Pottery gifted to me by previous supervisors,
- Four diplomas marking academic pursuits,
- Awards reminding me of communities that have helped me grow,
- My baptism certificate from 2002 reminding me of the beginnings of my faith journey and,
- My certificate of ordination reminding me of the congregation that recognized my calling to this work,
- Artwork made by my children at various stages of their growth,
- A mandala picked out for me from a friend at a marketplace in Nepal,
- A Mr. Potato Head that belonged to a late colleague to remind me of his creative spirit and love for art...

... the list goes on and on. Each of these things has meaning to me because they all are a part of the foundation of my faith journey to date.

Often we spend countless hours trying to find Christ's presence when, really, we've been encountering him all along.

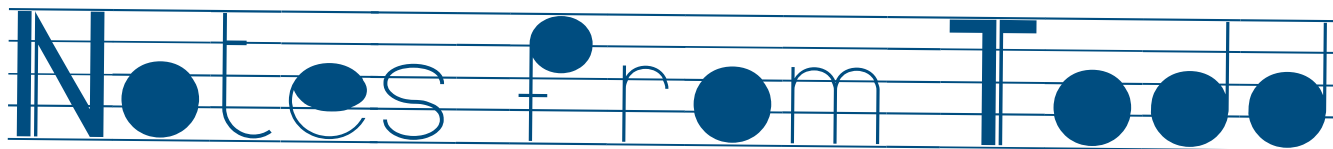
I wonder what "cairns" mark your own journey with Christ. What makes up your foundation of faith?

Know that your journey is not over yet. The best is yet to be and the foundations of your life are still being built.



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Lawrence



There is an 18th century English hymn that we sing to an early American folk tune, and it tells of God's promises found in the Scriptures, more specifically in Isaiah 41:10, 43:2, Romans 8:3-39, Hebrews 13:5, and Deuteronomy 31:6:

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord, Is laid for your faith in His excellent word! What more can He say than to you He hath said, To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed, For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid; I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand, Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.

When through the deep waters I call thee to go, The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow; For I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless, And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie, My grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply; The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design Thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.

E'en down to old age all My people shall prove My sovereign, eternal, unchangeable love; And then, when grey hairs shall their temples adorn, Like lambs they shall still in My bosom be borne.

The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose, I will not, I will not desert to his foes; That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake, I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake!

This hymn with an uncertain composer no doubt has been used in worship services at Benson Baptist Church since its inception. It still reminds us that our foundation is God's Word—not just the written version but also the Word made flesh in Jesus Christ. When we sing this great old hymn, we can lift our voices in confidence that our faith rests firmly on that sure foundation. Institutions, governments, and people in power rise and fall, but God's steadfastness and unfailing love endure.

In His Service,

Todd



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WILL'S WHIMS

There are dozens of references to foundations scattered throughout scripture. These references generally relate to what we are expected to build our faith and lives upon, that is, Christ. How do we build that foundation?

At Benson Baptist, it begins with our children and youth ministries. A strong foundation doesn't begin with the Bible (what did he just say?!). A strong foundation begins with met needs. Are children and youth's basic needs being met? Are they safe? After these needs are fulfilled we ask ourselves: "Does this child feel like they belong?"

Creating intentional community is an absolute necessity in the local church. Without community, the church ceases to exist. Esteem is the next foundational block. For a youth or child to thrive, they must have self-worth.

This is especially true in the world of youth ministry. Our teenagers are slammed with a thousand different stimuli every single day. While social media plays an important role in our world, the negative self-image that can result from a variety of apps can leave our youth feeling "less than." Helping our youth

and children that they are a beloved child of God and that there's nothing that could separate them from the love of God becomes a paramount message. They are fearfully and wonderfully made and not only does God take great delight in them, their church family does too.

The last step is to ensure that they are prepared to leave the nest and strike out on their own. This might seem scary, and I would never trivialize the fear a parent might feel thinking about their child fending for themselves; however, they will be okay. That is part of the work of the church. Ensuring that when our children have grown into teenagers, and our teenagers have grown into adults, they have a strong enough foundation to accomplish anything.

This is where you come in. I love our children and youth and will always do everything I can to prepare them for life and especially a life guided by Christ — but I need your help! Ministry becomes more like extinguishing fires when there aren't others to help. Luckily, that's not the case at BBC. We have an awesome team of volunteers; however, there's always room for more. If you think your gifts might be best put to use working with our children or youth, reach out to me! Together we can continue the holy work of building a stronger foundation at BBC!



Rev. Will Raybon

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The View from Debbie's Desk

I lived with my birth mother and siblings until I was 10. The only time that I remember going to church when I lived with her was when the local Salvation Army had an event where you could earn tickets for attending church and activities at the church. Then occasionally, you turned in the tickets for food. We had 6 kids so during those times we received a lot of food and didn't go hungry that's probably why I have good memories from going there. One of the children's activities was that we learned to play the tambourine. We would play them while the adults sang outside the Post Office to try and get donations from passerby's. The adults wore uniforms and I remember I wanted to wear one of those uniforms really bad but they didn't have my size.

When I was 15 or 16 after having already been adopted by my Aunt & Uncle a few of the local churches got together to show a Christian movie for FREE at the movie theater. My best friend and I went. I don't remember the name of the movie, but it impacted me like nothing ever had before. They had an altar call at the front of the theater at the end of the movie. Both of us went to the front crying and gave our hearts to the Lord. A couple of cute boys from our school came and talked to us afterwards. They gave us their numbers and I called them a few times asking questions about the bible. I called mostly because they were cute boys but even then, I knew that I had been led to Jesus. There wasn't a follow up from any of the churches and life and my teenage years took over and I put that at the back of my mind. But I never forgot.

My Aunt & Uncle (now Mom & Dad) were Catholic. We attended Mass every week and I found that I liked the tradition and the routine of a Catholic church. Mom and Dad did not make me go to school to learn catechism about Catholic history & traditions. They wanted me to make up my own mind. Which after about 7 years of living with them I decided that I did want to learn. They arranged for

me to have one on one lessons with one of the Priests. I went to three maybe four sessions, but I couldn't stay awake. I kept falling asleep while he was talking. It was very embarrassing. Here I was face to face with a priest, and I kept falling asleep. I decided that was God telling me I was not supposed to be Catholic. My parents were very upset, but I didn't go back.

When Don and I got married, we didn't go to church for years. But I was drawn to churches. When we were in Germany, sometimes I would see a church that I felt drawn to and I would stop and go in for a few minutes. (that was before they locked churches) The Lord was not giving up on me. He knew I was one of His even before I realized or truly understood it.

When we moved to Georgia, occasionally we would go to a church for a few weeks and then stop. We didn't feel like we belonged. We didn't feel accepted. But then when I was a cub scout leader one of my scouts was getting baptized (in a Baptist Church) and asked our family to come to the baptism. From the moment we first stepped into the building something was different. Miss Inez. She greeted us warmly and made us feel at home right away giving us big hugs to welcome us. We thoroughly enjoyed the service and afterwards, Don said "this is the church for us" I agreed. We went to Campbellton Baptist Church for years until Don got a job in a different state. Don, Josh and I were all baptized there. We were home.

Thank you, Lord, for guiding me on my journey to you.

Debbie

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Fox Tales

When I was a young child, I remember going into the backyard one day where my daddy was building something. Like most children, I was filled with questions. "Daddy...what are you building? What is a patio? Why do we need one? Why are you using that wood if it is going to be made out of concrete?" I'm sure he would have rather I go away and play so that he could get back to the work he was trying to complete. Instead, he stopped and step by step he answered each of my questions while explaining with much love and patience the importance of each step. He explained to me how necessary it was that all the steps be completed so that the foundation would be strong enough to last for years.

At that time I did not understand that he was teaching me much more than how to build a patio. It was only years later as I have journeyed through many stages of my life that I realized his explanation was not only about a structure in our backyard. With fatherly love, he began a new foundation....a foundation that would help me understand how to navigate through life when things got bad, how to lean on the right people that could help me stay on the right path, and how to always seek direction from the Master Builder in my life.

Jesus teaches through His parables how the sands will wash away, the sticks may break but the solid rock will create a firm foundation that will last. We are called as Christians and as the church to build our house on that firm foundation.

I am grateful for the earthly father that I had that loved me enough to teach me the importance of a firm foundation in my life. I am even more thankful for my Heavenly Father who is patient and loving enough to show me and guide me to the foundation He has prepared for us to follow each step of each day.

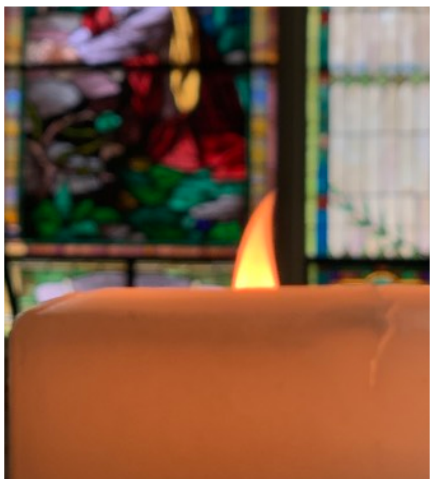
May each of us in 2022 follow individually and as a church body the path our Heavenly Father has for us. And may we always turn to our Master Builder when building our foundations.

In Him,

Marie



Rev. Marie Fox



Join us as we remember those we've lost since the last edition of BBC Connections:

Myra Padilla

January 22, 1967-September 26, 2021

Shirley Byrd

September 21, 0 - January 17, 2022

Robert Rowland

February 1976-November 29, 2021

WELCOME TO THE WORLD!

Join us in welcoming the newest additions to our BBC church family!

Eden Everly Royal

Daughter of Lindsay and Chess Royal

Born September 30, 2021



Adleigh "Addie" Mae Herring

Daughter of Taylor and Eric Herring

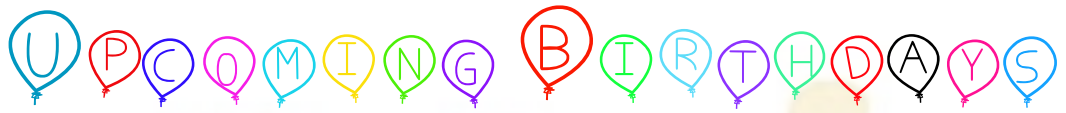
Born December 7, 2021



Vacation Bible School 2019 Offering Update!

Way back in 2019, our kids raised money at VBS for an updated playground to be built at the Nazaret School in the Dominican Republic. We recently received word that it has been shipped and installed at the school and the kids are loving it! Thank you for giving to support missions around the world!





February

Scott Barnes 2-4

Morgan B. Moore 2-8

Dottie Williams 2-8

Henry Lambert 2-10

Gregg Bennett 2-12

Rayvon Best 2-12

David Dunn 2-15

Suzanne Johnson 2-15

Jessica Johnson 2-16

Todd Johnson 2-16

Anita Tart 2-16

Matt Zapp 2-16

Samuel Zapp 2-18

Ken Tart 2-20

Will Massengill 2-20

Connie Barnes 2-21

Beth Rogers 2-21

Angeline Cardinale 2-22

Hampton Whittington 2-25

Abbie Lambert 2-26

W.C. Adams 2-27

Jackson Powers 2-27

March

Amy Hardison 3-1

Isaac Zapp 3-2

D. H. Johnson 3-3

Mary Peyton Johnson 3-3

Lindsay Tart Royal 3-3

Brittany Miller 3-5

Elizabeth Hernandez 3-7

Susan Bowman 3-8

Will Raybon 3-8

Lynn Williams 3-11

Bobbie Hall 3-14

Mike Denning 3-16

Carol Horvat 3-16

Maricela Padilla 3-19

Dellon Pope 3-20

Luke Zapp 3-20

Billy Byrd, Jr. 3-21

Jack Whittington 3-22

Johnny Whittington 3-22

Millie Johnson 3-23

Corey Hood 3-28

Hannah Lancaster 3-28

Tony Barnes 3-29

Gayle Newman 3-29

Jessica Lambert 3-30

Austin Pope 3-30

Gail Adams 3-31

Don Johnson 3-31

April

Ken McGee 4-2

Emolyn Zapp 4-2

Ron Barefoot 4-4

Mary Michael Britt 4-4

Amber Hernandez 4-6

Alan Johnson 4-6

Janie Medlin 4-6

Michael Hoyle 4-7

Dillon Underwood 4-11

Ryan Jackson 4-12

Neil Byrd 4-16

Doug Oglesby 4-18

Jason Hall - 4-18

Thomas McQuade 4-18

Robert McQuade 4-19

Emery Miller, Jr. 4-19

Blake Johnson 4-20

Brenda Oglesby 4-22

Amanda Spears 4-22

Ellington Royal 4-25

Logan King 4-27

Laurie Stephenson 4-28

Will Whittington 4-29

Bella Zapp 4-30

Welcome to Our Newest Staff Member!



Ben Wright

Ministry Intern

Ben's primary ministry focus will be with youth and children during his time with us.

Ben is a Campbell University student who is from a small town north of Charlotte. He is studying Christian Studies and Theatre with a performance concentration.

Before coming to BBC, he has worked with youth and children at his church back home at Connect Christian Church in Concord, NC and helped plan event and services in high school as a member of the leadership program at his church.

He is excited about every opportunity he is given and loves hanging out with friends, traveling, and learning.

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Connections Newsletter Print Schedule:

February

May

October

Facing Change Trusting Christ in the Journey

BBC CHILDREN

KIDSPARK

Games, Missions, & Crafts
Sundays, 6-7

Discipleship Retreat



BBC Children's Ministry
Friday, June 17th - Saturday, June 18th

UNIDIVERSITY Youth Camp

REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

June 26 - July 1 2022
Maryville College Maryville, TN

VALENTINE'S DAY

LOVE
COOKIES

SUNDAY, FEB. 13TH @ 1:00
BBC CHILDREN

Sundays @ 6 PM

YOUTH GROUP

BBC YOUTH

HANG
TIME

Thursdays
3:30 - 5:00



JANUARY

Sunday, 1/9 - Church-Wide Game Night
Sunday, 1/16 - Church-Wide Racial Reconciliation Movie Event
Monday, 1/17 - MLK Day of Service

FEBRUARY

Sunday, 2/6 - KidSpark Returns!
Sunday, 2/13 - Valentine's Day Cookies
Sunday, 2/13 - Superbowl Party & Chili Cook Off

MARCH

Wednesday, 3/2 - Ash Wednesday
Sunday, 3/6 - Remembrance Gardens
Friday, 3/11 - Sunday, 3/13 - Church-Wide Retreat @ Caswell
Sunday, 3/13 - NO KIDSPARK (Church-Wide Retreat)

APRIL

Saturday, 4/9 - Easter Egg Hunt
Sunday, 4/10 - NO KIDSPARK (Spring Break)
Sunday, 4/17 - NO KIDSPARK (Easter)

MAY

Sunday, 5/8 - NO KIDSPARK (Mother's Day)
Sunday, 5/15 - LAST Sunday Night
Sunday, 5/15 - 5th Grade Celebration
Sunday, 5/22 - Family Fun Day

SUMMER

*Full summer calendar will be published in May

6/17 - 6/18 - BBC Kids' Discipleship Retreat
7/17 - 7/21 - VBS



JANUARY

Sunday, 1/9 - Church-Wide Game Night
Friday, 1/14 - Ice Skating
Monday, 1/17 - MLK Day of Service
Sunday, 1/30 - Church-Wide Racial Reconciliation Movie Event

FEBRUARY

Friday, 2/4 - Saturday, 2/5 - Winter Retreat @ BBC
Sunday, 2/6 - Regular Sunday Nights Start Back
Sunday, 2/13 - Superbowl Party & Chili Cook Off

MARCH

Wednesday, 3/2 - Ash Wednesday
Sunday, 3/6 - Sunday Night Meal
Friday, 3/11 - Sunday, 3/13 - Church-Wide Retreat @ Caswell

APRIL

Sunday, 4/3 - Easter Egg Fundraiser
Sunday, 4/10 - NO YOUTH (Spring Break)
Sunday, 4/17 - NO YOUTH (Easter)

MAY

Sunday, 5/1 - Youth Sunday
Sunday, 5/1 - JR/SR Night
Sunday, 5/15 - LAST Sunday Night
Sunday, 5/22 - Graduate Sunday
Sunday, 5/22 - Family Fun Day

SUMMER

*Full summer calendar will be published in May

6/27 - 7/1 - Unidiversity Youth Camp
7/17 - 7/21 - VBS



SUPERBOWL

PARTY & CHILI COOKOFF



FEBRUARY 13
6 PM

FEBRUARY 20, 2022

BABY DEDICATION SERVICES

ASH
WEDNESDAY

MARCH 2, 2022

From ashes	You have come
To ashes	You will return

Children's Ministry

EASTER EGG HUNT

April 9





Palms Sunday

April 10, 2022

Holy Week.

APRIL 11-15, 2021

Maundy Thursday Service

April 14, 2021 | 7PM



APRIL 17, 2022

EASTER SUNDAY

YOUTH SUNDAY & LUNCHEON FUNDRAISER


MAY 1, 2022




YOUTH GROUP JUNIOR & SENIOR NIGHT

MAY 1, 2022

5TH GRADE CELEBRATION NIGHT



May 15, 2022

CHURCH-WIDE SPIRITUAL FORMATION

RETREAT

MARCH 11-13 | FORT CASWELL
OAK ISLAND, NC

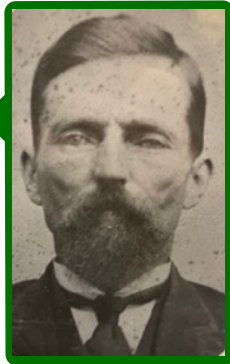


Benson Baptist... The Road to 135.

1886: Two young ministers, with the help of local resident Mrs. M.E. Hall, plant a new missionary Baptist church in the new community of Benson, NC.

February 27, 1887: Julia F. Gibbs, Delia A. Gibbs, Mrs. M.E. Hall, and her daughters Sarah and Sarah were baptized in the first-ever baptism service held in a creek nearby where the church met.

January 24, 1887: Rev. J.L. Ennis and Elders J.M. Holleman, Allen Betts, J.L. Ennis and A.M. Campbell organize the first Baptist Church in Benson at the Rising Sun School House. They hold a worship service that day with five new members joining (*including N.H. Gibbs, pictured right*). The church was named 'Bethany Baptist' and Rev. J.L. Ennis was named its first pastor. The first business meeting of the church was held February 26, 1887.



September 10, 1887: The church gathered in conference and voted to change the name from 'Bethany Baptist' to 'Benson Baptist' to reflect the growing community around them. This was the first business meeting held after the church moved from the Rising Sun School to a location in the town limits of Benson.

1887-88: The first building is built on land located in the town of Benson, about 400 yards north of where our current campus now stands.

July 1892: Revival is held in the second building and 19 new members are welcoming into the life of the church.

June 5, 1888: The first building is destroyed in a violent wind storm.

1903: Benson Baptist withdrew from the Little River Baptist Association of churches to help establish the a new local association of partner churches. During this time, the church only gathered for worship on one Sunday a month.

November 29, 1891: The second church building is built on land donated by the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad at the corner of West Church and Wall Streets (where the current campus now stands). It was a one-room frame building.

1906: The church moves to gathering twice a month on the second and fourth Sundays.

1913: The second church building is relocated about 200 yards north of our current site and was redesigned as a residence. It is still utilized as such to this day.





May 1951: The Parsonage is moved to N Wall Street and a new Parsonage is built on the existing lot. This is the Parsonage used today.

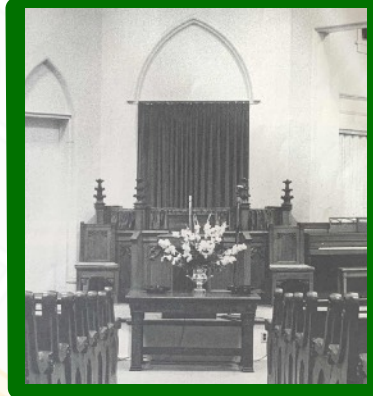
May 2, 1951: The church purchased the property immediately next to the Sanctuary owned Mrs. J.H. Rose and utilized it as 'The Annex.' The Annex housed Sunday school classes and more.

April 15, 1951: 48 people are baptized as part of a revival led by Rev. Thurman Stone.

1956: The Sanctuary is renovated to including carpeting the floors, increasing the seating capacity to 150, and installing an air-conditioning system.

1943: The church returns to full-time worship and activities following the Great Depression.

January 29, 1938: The stock market crashes and financial stability with it. The church votes to return to half time gatherings.



February 28, 1960: The new Education Wing is dedicated on the site of the former Annex building allowing for the expansion of Sunday School and other ministries. It also included a full kitchen and Fellowship Hall space.

1920: The church moves to weekly worship and preaching every Sunday.

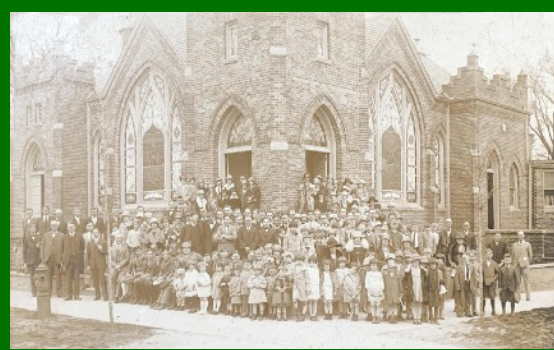
1928: The church purchases a home and lot for the Parsonage. The current Parsonage is on this same lot.



1918: The new sanctuary building's side Sunday school rooms are utilized as a temporary infirmary for men during the influenza epidemic. One man — Crosby Smith — died in the church's infirmary from the flu that year.

1916: The new sanctuary building, the one that is still utilized to this day, is dedicated.

November 1914: The first brick for a new sanctuary building is placed by Rev. J.M. Duncan with financing by Mr. Alonzo Parrish and others.



1966: The basement of the Sanctuary building is renovated to include a new assembly room and smaller Sunday School classes.

1967: A new Kindergarten is started. This would stay in place until 1975 when the Public School System added Kindergarten.

1975: At the stopping of the Kindergarten, the preschool program continues with spaces for three and four year old children to come three days a week.

1987: Both the town of Benson, and Benson Baptist Church celebrate their centennial. A special luncheon and service are held.

December 31, 1980: The Parsonage is gutted by fire and renovations to its current state are completed.

1989: Narcotics Anonymous begins meeting in the building. They continue to meet twice a week at Benson Baptist to this day.

1998: The property behind the Parsonage garage was purchased, as well as the property behind the Education Wing.

November 19, 2006: A dedication service is held for the new Fellowship Hall building, and to mark renovations completed in the current buildings including the addition of a conference room, parlor, staff offices, and elevator.

September 13, 2009: A new Contemporary service is added to the Sunday morning schedule with coffee and fellowship at 8:30 AM and worship in the Fellowship Hall at 9 AM every Sunday. The traditional service still met at 11 AM in the Sanctuary.

February 2020: The church begins virtually streaming our worship services for homebound members and others.

March 15, 2020: The Diaconate votes to temporarily postpone worship services in light of the new COVID-19 virus. The church would gather virtually for one service for the next four months, with in-person and virtual options available in July 2020. The two services not returning until March 28, 2021.

January 24, 2022: Benson Baptist enters its 135th year.



Even as we examine these deep roots, the question of “what's next?” should always be at the forefront of our hearts and minds. Our God is a God of “new wine in new wineskins” — a God who is making all things new. This newness includes the road ahead for Benson Baptist as a community of faith. What will our path look like moving forward? This question is only answered as we remember our deep roots, but always cast a forward vision — together.

Pastors of the Benson Baptist Church: 1887-Present

J.L. Ennis
(1887)



Archibald
Neill
Campbell
(1893-96)



J.J. Adams
(1900)



J.M. Suttle
(1900-06)

Allen Betts
(1888-89)

J.M.
Holleman
(1890-93)

Dr. James
Archibald
Campbell
(1896-99)

Thomas Butler
Justice, Jr.
(1909-10)



George
W. Rollins
(1917-19)



J.E. Kirk
(1927-29)



D. Frank
Putnam
(1907-09)

John M.
Duncan
(1912-16)

Oscar A.
Keller, Sr.
(1923-26)

A.L. Benton
(1926-27)

A.L. Brown
(1929-34)

Forrest L.
Young
(1934-43)



Ernest Y.
Averett
(1943-45)



Thurman B.
Stone
(1945-51)



H. Otis
Lanning
(1952-60)



Harold L.
Alexander
(1960-61)



Dr. Gaylord
L. Lehman
(1962-66)



Dr. Allen
Laymon
(1966-67)



Dr. Harold
M. Mitchell
(1968-72)



Donald M.
Price
(1972-94)



Dr. L. Kendell
Cameron, Jr.
(1998-2003)



Craig
Richardson
(2004-2005)



Dr. Michael
Edwards
(2006-2011)



Dr. Paul
Burgess
(2013-2017)



Dr. Lawrence
B. Powers
(2020-Present)

Recent Interim Pastors: Rev. Larry Glover-Worthington, Dr. Lynn Buzzard, Dr. Charles Royal, Dr. Andrew Wakefield

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From the BBC Archives:

Friday May 27, 1966

7:45 PM

Deacons present: Robert Warren, Edward Dixon, Otis Porter, Jesse T. Morgan, W.C. Adams, W.A. Barbour and Hiram Rose.

Pulpit Committee members present: Dr. C.W. Sanders and Charles Turlington.

Opening prayer by W.A. Barbour .

Motion was made by W.A. Barbour and seconded by Otis Porter to install carpeting in the parsonage living and dining rooms and the hall. Rose and Company submitted a price for this work, which was accepted by the Board.

Motion was made by Hiram Rose, and seconded by W.A. Barbour to put drapes to the windows in the living and dining rooms of the parsonage.

At this point of our meeting Rev. and Mrs. Allen Layman met with us. For some this was our first meeting and we had a little get-acquainted session. All present were given the opportunity to ask any questions they might have. The Laymans then left our meeting.

Following the recommendation of the pulpit committee, Hiram Rose made a motion which was seconded by W.C. Adams that Chairman Robert Warren proceed further toward securing Rev. Layman for our pastor. The motion stated that he be offered a salary as stipulated in the current church budget. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Dr. C.W. Sanders and seconded by Dr. W.C. Adams that this group present go on record for having a social hour for the possible new pastor in preference to a trial sermon.

Motion was made by Hiram Rose and seconded by Charles Turlington to pay the moving expenses of the Layman family to Benson in the event he accepts our call to come as pastor.

Closing prayer by Dr. C.W. Sanders.

Edward Dixon
Edward Dixon, Sec'y.
Board of Deacons



March 7th, 1968

8:15 PM

Board of Deacons met.

Present: C.T. Turlington, J.T. Morgan, Jesse Snipes, W.A. Barbour, Marshall Woodall, Dr. W.C. Adams, Dr. C.W. Sanders and Lavalie Levinson.

Opening prayer by W.A. Barbour.

Dr. C.W. Sanders made a motion, seconded by Lavalie Levinson, that the deacons jointly with the pulpit committee recommend to the church to call Rev. Harold Mitchell as our pastor. Motion carried.

Motion made by Lavalie Levinson, seconded by

W.A. Barbour that we sheetrock and paint the inside of the parsonage and take care of minor repairs as recommended by the chairman of the building committee,

also to put plywood and carpet on the back bedroom.

All work included to cost approximate \$ 1,000.00

Motion carried.

Closing prayer by Jesse Snipes.

R.B. Whittington
R.B. Whittington, Secy.



In honor of their joining us for Founders Day on February 13, here are the Deacon's Minutes from the meetings where the Deacons voted to move forward with Rev. Allen Laymon and Rev. Harold Mitchell as our pastors in 1966 and 1968.



The BBC Preschool Choir in 1985!

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