

THE HISTORY OF SNOW HILL BAPTIST CHURCH

1800 - current

A short time before 1880, the people who lived in the Boxwood Community would travel to New Hope Baptist Church to worship God. Because of the long distance and poor transportation, the people in Boxwood decided to have church in a small school nearby, known as the Robertson School.

In 1880, Tom Duffy, a white man gave an acre of land for a church to be built in the Boxwood area. R. M. Isabel, also white man, who lived near by cut the timber from the land on halves. J. R. Isabel hauled the lumber to the site to build the church. The two men helped Rev. Henry Williams and others living in the area build the church. A short time later Deacon Joe Jones gave an acre of land for a church to be moved to its present site in the community, making it more convenient for all members to attend.

During the time the church was under construction, a big snowstorm came. The site for the church was set upon a small hill, and at the time it was suggested that the church be named Snow Hill.

Since the existence of this church, there have been many outstanding pastors. The Rev. Henry Williams was the first pastor and organizer. He was followed in the order of succession by the Reverends: Charlie Wilson, John Adkins; under his leadership the church was moved to the present site; Charlie Wilson (who was a former pastor); Chris Taylor, Armster Long, A Moore, John Crowe, Harge Edwards, W. M. Warren, E.D. Lathon, J. R. Jackson, John Madison. R. Horton, G. Shepherd, L. C. Johnson, C. H. Crowe, R. C. Christian, Harvel Davis, S. Cooper, J.W. Scott, Horce Williams, Bobby Williams, J.Q. Brown and Bobby Morgan.

Members of the church who were called to ministry Reverends: M. Robertson Sr., L. Robertson, H Miles, Occie Reese, R. Jones, J. Robertson, M. Robertson Jr., J. Harris, W. Smith, T. C. Jones, T. Hollin and H. A. Robertson.

Ordained deacons were: Jessie Robertson Sr.; who was also instrumental in organizing the church; Jessie Robertson Jr., R. Jones, H. Conict, T. Sayles, B. C.

Jones, J. Jones, M. Robertson, W. E. Edwards, A. Walker, R. Jones, W. H. Ford, W. A. Edwards, I. T. Jones, J. H. Hardman, Dam Miles, Willie H. Bryant, Harvey Rayson, Lloyd White Jr., Kay W. Ford and Arthur Smith.

The present building is the third building on this site, which was built under the leadership of Rev. C. H. Crowe. The first building was built under the leadership of Rev. J. Adkins and the second building was built under the leadership of Rev. Lathan.

We are thankful for the forefathers of this church who made it possible by their dedication and hard work for us to worship here today. One hundred forty-three years. It was through their tireless spiritual efforts to establish a church in our community that made Snow Hill Baptist Church a reality today.