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Salem
B a p t i s t C h u r c h
Established 1824

Bicentennial Celebration

Oct. 16, 1824-Oct. 13, 2024

**200 Years of Faith, Ministry
and Service**

Salem Baptist Church

1824-2024

Salem Baptist Church was constituted on October 16, 1824. The original church and cemetery were located two miles south of the present-day church, along the Byler Road, on land donated by Isaac Cannon. The original church was a modest, 22-foot by 26-foot log structure. In September 1854, members of the church bought Lot 17 from the Boys Academy in New Lexington. They modified an existing wooden structure on the site, later adding a steeple, for use as the new church site. In 1923, Salem joined the Fayette Baptist Association. It is the oldest church in the organization.

The current brick sanctuary was constructed in 1953. That same year, the church established the adjacent cemetery, replacing the original cemetery now known as Boone Cemetery, which continues to be used by the community. A fellowship hall was added in 2011.

On October 13, 2024, Salem Baptist Church celebrated 200 years of service to the community.

