

Historical Minutes of Salem Baptist Church Please Do Not Touch

Rearred in the New Lexington Community, Rev.
Samuel W Clements pastored Salem Baptist Church
and was moderator of the Fayette Baptist Association.
He also baptised and ordained his nephew, J. L.
Clements. Some of Rev. Samuel W. Clements'
grandchildren continue to reside in New Lexington and
are members of Salem Church: T. W. Clements,
Barbara Clements Watson, Nancy Clements Miklic,
J. O. Clements, and Maudiean Dockery Hood.

Rev. J. L. Clements and wife Thelma, Bro. Lucius
Clements served as pastor of Salem Baptist Church in
several different times, as well as 15 other churches in
the Fayette and Tuscaloosa Association. Bro. Lucius
also served as moderator of the Fayette Baptist
Association.

James Columbus Hood was a faithful member of Salem Baptist Church. He walked to church every Sunday. He was a deacon for 28 years, song leader, taught Sunday School and even preached when the preacher was unable to be there.

He was married to Lou Quinn Hood. They had six children: Sam, Bruce, Vina, Grover, Virgil and Bill. All the children except Bruce and Sam were members of Salem until their death.



James Columbus Hood
1866-1934

Dedication Service

In September 1953 dedication services for Salem Baptist Church were held to celebrate the new church building with "Dinner on the Ground".

Serving as pastor was Rev. J.L. Clements.

**Notice our present pastor, Joe Jones sitting on the front row, far right.*

November 27, 1982

Mr. & Mrs. J.L. Clements celebrated over 55 years of Pastoral work. He was honored here at Salem Church.

Church Building Fundraiser

Church members held a womanless wedding in the summer of 1953. The presentation was so popular and enjoyed that it became a demand to be carried to other communities besides Etteca. The cast had to put on 2 performances the first night.

Wedding Anniversary

Mr & Mrs Bill Hood celebrated: 50th, 60th, and 65th at Salem.

Salem Baptist Church 1853-1953

The church was torn down and the present building was constructed. It was said that the Bell in the Steeple was sold for scrap iron. How foolish!

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Mrs. Audrey Espey Hood (Bill)

Born October 12, 1912

86 years old

Mrs. Audrey is presently the oldest Salem Church member. She has been a member for 71 years and has served the church in a great capacity and in many areas from secretary to teaching positions. In the early days of the church when money for the pastor was scarce, it was up to Mrs. Audrey to take up a collection of canned goods, milk, butter and anything else that the congregation could give to supplement the pastor. At that time, she was the only lady that could drive that had a car. One of the ladies that Mrs. Audrey would visit always gave 2 dozen jars of canned fruit for the pastor. Mrs. Audrey said that times were hard but people were close and gave of what they had.

*October 16, 1938
Baptismal Service for
Imogene Bui*

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Baptismal Service for
Imogene Bigham, 11
years old. Probably at
Tierce's Pond
W.E. Hatley-Pastor*

Bro. Lucius Clements was the architect and head carpenter for Salem Baptist Church that was built in 1953. His brother, J. Hawkins Clements along with the community labored to construct the beautiful church. Bro. J.L. Clements also built churches at Berry, Bankston, and Camp Ground and possible other sites. Bro Wilton Hood stated that there was no building fund when they began construction on Salem Church and that the note was paid in full in 2 years.

Bro. Ed Vaughn officiated the ceremony.

September 20, 1986

Blinda Clements and Ron Kirkland

Wedding at Salem Church

They had to dam up the creek to make
it deep enough for the baptism.

Location is at Boone Creek
Baptismal Service in the 1920's

Baptismal Service-1939
32 were baptized in John Tierce's fish pond.
Some participants were:

Oreta Hood Bigham
Dorothy Kuykendal
Ethel Dockery
Gene Dockery Shirley
Alfred Shirley
Jake Gilstrap
Victor Bigham
Bill Hood
J.D. Hood
Lucille Watkins
Erdeale Watkins
James Davis

