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A Brief History Of Yemassee Baptist Church

(Gleaned from Information Supplied by Gerald Lyons)

In the 1930's, Christians in the Yemassee community began to express a desire to establish a local Baptist Church. At the time, most Baptists participated in Sunday worship a few miles west of town, at Ridgeville Baptist Church. Led by Mr. and Mrs. A.H. Brant and Mr. and Mrs. B.M. Mixon, a small group of believers in Yemassee began making plans and taking action to see this dream fulfilled. One interesting way this group raised finances was by making quilts. Mrs. Brant made the quilts and sold them to salesmen who stayed at the Brant Hotel. For every salesman who purchased a quilt, she would embroider their name on a patch. Once the project was completed, she had a patchwork quilt with the name of each salesman who helped make this dream of a local church possible. On December 12, 1939, Yemassee Baptist Church held it's first service in the Yemassee High School auditorium. At the service, the quilt was presented to the church's first pastor, Rev. J.W. Middleton. Prior to the service, Sunday School took place in the high school's classrooms. The school would be the meeting place until a church building would be constructed. The charter members of Yemassee Baptist Church were: Mr. & Mrs. A.H. Brant, Miss Kate Brant, Mrs. Robert Carter, Mr. & Mrs. M.V. Connelley, Mr. & Mrs. E.W. Gatch, Mr. Wiley Gatch, Mrs. William Goodling, Mrs. Isla Mixson Guess, Mr. & Mrs. J.B. Herndon, Mr. & Mrs. L.B. Lyons, Sr., Dr. & Mrs. R.E. Mays, Mr. Charlie Mixon, Mr. Robert Mixon, Sr., Mr. Atticus Mixson, Mr. Eugene Mixson, Mr. Frampton Mixson, Miss Nella Mixson, Mrs. Geneve Zahler Rayfield, Mrs. Marie Gatch Stilo, Mrs. D.Z. Taylor, Mr. Eugene Zahler, Miss Jessie Zahler, Miss Margaret Zahler, and Mr. Mixon Zahler.

Soon after, the church elected deacons. The first deacons were Mr. A.H. Brant, Mr. W.C. Knowles, Mr. B.M. Mixon, and Mr. Jake Zahler. Mr. W.C. Knowles was also the first Sunday School director and his wife was the first WMU president. The members of this new congregation had a difficult road ahead of them, but succeeded due to their strong and unchanging faith in God and a willingness to work and sacrifice.

Dr. R.E. Mays donated land for the church to construct a house of worship, and additional pledges were given to help fund this giant task. Ford Motor Company and Cherokee Plantation each contributed \$100, which was quite a lot of money at that time. Construction of the building began in the summer of 1940. Before it could be completed, however, a hurricane blew down the walls, scattering timber over a wide area. This determined group would not be discouraged, and with new enthusiasm, went back to work, under the supervision of their foreman, Mr. A.H. Brant. The structure was completed for little more than \$6,000. The church moved into the building on July 30, 1943.

Rev. Middleton left Yemassee in 1944 and was followed by Rev. O.S. Ulmer, who, like Middleton, served Yemassee, as well as churches in Hickory Grove, and Brunson. Under the leadership of Rev. Ulmer, the church outgrew its facilities and needed more space. Two Sunday School rooms were added in 1948 to meet this need.

The first Sunday evening Training Union was organized in 1948 under the direction of Mrs. R.E. Mays. Mr. Joseph McTeer, who at the time was teaching at Yemassee High School, began a R.A. Chapter for the boys in 1952. By the time Rev. Ulmer left Yemassee, the church was ready for full-time leadership. The church parsonage was constructed in 1953 at a cost of \$12,500. Now having a home for the pastor, the members began the search for their first full-time pastor.

Rev. Francis T. Alewine was called as that man on August 30, 1953. He and his family moved into their new home and the WMU (or Women's Missionary Society, as it was known then) held an Open House in the parsonage on October 11, 1953. That next year, the Sunday Evening Training Union, which had been discontinued, reorganized on April 11, with an enrollment of eighty-two. In 1955, the church adopted the rotating system for its deacons.

***Next month's newsletter will feature the continuation of the History of Yemassee Baptist Church.*

Who am I?

I was born in 1916. I learned to drive when I was 13 in a Model A Ford. I grew up on a farm. We grew all of our food. We had pigs, chickens and cows. We always had fresh milk, eggs and meat.

I graduated from Farmdale High School in 1936. There were 18 in my graduating class, 4 or 5 are still living. I had 7 brothers and 3 sisters. All of them are now deceased. I married in 1939. I have two wonderful daughters. I was a homemaker, but never was fond of cooking! My husband went to be with the Lord in 1967.

"Bo" was my nickname growing up. I still drive, and have always enjoyed yardwork and growing flowers.

I lived in Beaufort for 35 years and have lived in Yemassee for 17 years.

I love my God, my family, and my church. I have many, many wonderful friends. I am the oldest member of YBC.

Deacons Corner

God is at work in our church in many ways. Our pastor and deacons continue to work with the building and grounds committee on renovation of or building a new Sunday School and Fellowship Hall.

Two new proposals will be presented to the church on Sunday, February 24th. By the time this is printed, you will know the results of these motions. One will be to advertise God's love on a billboard in town, and the other to hire a church part-time clerk.

Finally, our outreach committee is working on the details of our GO Team. This is going to be a way to carry God's message to our community. Be in prayer for those plans and pray to find your place in them. In God's love.

Burbage, David, E.F., James and Tom

Sunday School News

Sunday School is a great place to be on Sunday morning. We start with coffee & refreshments in the Fellowship Hall at 9:30 and also offer prayer time in the church. Prayer is so important in the life of our church! Sunday school then starts at 10:00 am.

To see the smiles and anticipation on the children's faces is truly a blessing each week. We have wonderful teachers for the children and the adults. I feel that attending Sunday school prepares our hearts for worship service.

Please plan to attend this Sunday and I promise you will feel the same way as I do! See you Sunday,

Debbie Harmon

A Word From Your Pastor

Greetings in the name of the Lord! I would like to share my favorite verse from God's word. It's found in Nahum, one of the minor prophets, Chapter 1, Verse 7; "The Lord is good! A stronghold in the time of trouble; and He knows them (you and I) who trust in Him." **The Lord is good! All the Time!** Oh, that those living in darkness could know that! And, they can! We can tell them! And, God is a stronghold in the time of trouble! To those who put their trust in Him, He is a mighty fortress! We can run to Him, and find safety!

Psalm 40:1-3 tells us; "I waited patiently for the Lord; He turned to me and heard my cry. (2) He lifted me out of the horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand. (3) He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God. Many will see and believe and will put their trust in the Lord."

Your are a wonderful people, and it is a great honor to serve God and you here at YBC!

Born again to live forever, Bro. Brent

Outreach News

We, the Pastor and outreach teams are so excited about the GO Teams that will begin as soon as we can get information and training for everyone who can participate. Captains for the G & O teams are Mary Ellen and Wanda Page. You will have a choice of joining a team, which would not require an impossible time demand on members. We'll meet on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month (you choose one Thursday a month). Training of team members will be provided for the different avenues of outreach such as writing letters/notes, phone calls, visits, prayer and child care.

March 2nd will be a kick off orientation in the Fellowship Hall immediately following worship service. A light lunch and child care will be provided for this very important, but short meeting. We encourage everyone-Deacons, teachers (of all ages), music leaders, Wednesday night leaders and all members to come learn what this is all about. The Great Commission is for everyone! Outreach is fun!

Debbie Harmon, Gerald Lyons, Mary Ellen Smith & Wanda Page

Children's News

We would like to take this opportunity to let you know our goals and vision for this year's events for our Children's Ministry.

Our goal is to comprise a leadership team of people interested in the Children's Ministry and those who serve in Sunday School, Choir, GA's and RA's, and Children's Church. Our hope is to cast a vision and begin to calendar these events such as: Field Trips, Jacksonville Zoo, Bee City, Camping Trips for Boys, Lock-Ins for Girls, Easter Egg Hunt, Choir, Summer Camps, etc. **We need lots of help and workers, so please join us as a team!**

*Carrie Sauls, Director
Wanda Page, Helper*

Welcome, New Members!

Welcome to our new members that joined in February:

Mary, David & Sarah Banda
Judy Breland
Shoen Fife
Josh Lundy
Chad, Judy, Grayson & Aisley McMeen
Kenneth & Mildred Webber

We are so glad to have you as a part of the YBC family!

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<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tues</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thur</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
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SUNDAY SCHEDULE
 9:30 am Sunday School Coffee & Refreshments
 10:00 am Sunday School
 11:00 am Morning Worship Service

March Birthdays

- 2 - Jamie Crowley
- 3 - Lori Poston
- 5 - Lace Youmans, Jerra Lyons
- 6 - Jake Sauls
- 9 - Maurice (Butch) Alsing
- 12 - Emily Mains
- 26 - Priscilla Lyons
- 28 - Cindy Mixon

Please Note

Children's Church: I am so excited about our Children's Church program! Each Sunday the children are as excited as the workers to learn God's word.

Please understand that this program is for children in the 3rd grade and under. Our learning materials have been prepared for this younger age group of children and your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

These children are such a joy to teach, but **we still need volunteers to help!** Please help us in any way that you can so that we may keep these little blessings full of the Spirit.

Sarah Crowley

Just a Note

The choir will be singing at Tilman Baptist Church Sunday, March 30 at 5:00 pm. Dinner will be after they and other choirs perform.

Choir News

I am so proud of all the choir members and their dedication to the time we spend in practice. It's not always easy, but we have a lot of fun during our time spent learning the music.

Bryan tries so hard to teach and help us understand the music language. We are each learning in different ways, and at different levels, but we are learning!

Our choir has grown from 15 to 22, and we still have room for more! The more voices we have, the easier it will be for God to hear our praises. He has blessed us with so much talent, and when it comes from the heart, the Holy Spirit lets the sweetest sounds be heard.

So come join our choir and lift your voice up to the Lord. It is work, but it is fun!

Joyce Mains

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