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# Yemassee Baptist

We are a local church striving to be used mightily of God to helping others discover the way to forgiveness, peace, purpose and eternal life.

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## A Brief History Of Yemassee Baptist Church

*(Gleaned from Information Supplied by Gerald Lyons)*

Rev. Bev Kennedy, Jr. arrived in Yemassee as pastor on April 17, 1974. Not long after he arrived, the church installed stained glass windows, remodeled the church building, installed a new baptismal pool and placed the beautiful stained glass windows above it. The younger men of the congregation moved the roof of the educational building, as Ad Mixson worked to get roofing materials for the project. The outside of the church building was not the only area of work. Levy Daniels was chosen to remodel the sanctuary. The ceilings were lowered, new lighting fixtures were installed, the back of the sanctuary was carpeted and new cushions were placed in the pews. Some of the men of the church worked to keep costs low, as the ladies provided food for the workers. On December 16, 1979, the church celebrated it's 40th anniversary, led in worship by Rev. Alewine. The following year Rev. Kennedy preached his last sermon as pastor in Yemassee.

Rev. Elton Marsh became pastor of Yemassee Baptist Church on June 14, 1981. While he served the church, a copy machine was purchased to replace the ink machine. Rev. Marsh left on Christmas Day of 1983 to become a chaplain in the Navy. He was succeeded by Rev. Guy Boggs, who served the church from August 8, 1984 to August 14, 1988.

On that day, Rev. Tony Howell was called as pastor. In November of 1989, efforts began to expand the Fellowship Hall. All of the materials and labor were provided at no cost to the church. New carpet was also installed in the Fellowship Hall with funds raised from the 50th anniversary cookbook sales. It was for that 50th anniversary celebration, that a church history was compiled by Mrs. Leonora T. Powell, the church historian. Rev. Howell was followed by Rev. Lamar King. Rev. King was called as pastor in 1992. Despite serious health concerns, he served the church faithfully for four years.

From 1996 to 1998 Yemassee Baptist Church was blessed to have two godly men serve as interims. Dr. Bob Cuttino and Rev. Davis Saunders wasted very little time in showing the people of Yemassee of the love of Christ. They led the church to refocus its efforts on expressing unconditional love to each member of the community. Also during this time, the parsonage was remodeled. Many men and women spent countless hours working to provide a beautiful home for its next pastor, who was called to service on Mother's Day.

On June 14, 1998, Rev. Chad Rowland preached his first sermon as pastor of this church. During his time as pastor, the church installed two new air-conditioning units in the sanctuary, built a handicap ramp in the front of the church, and paved the parking area. The church was also blessed to witness the baptism of 16 people during his time of service. In September of 2000, Rev. Rowland preached his last sermon as pastor in Yemassee.

Yemassee Baptist Church was blessed to have a loving, scholarly man of God, Dr. Richard Johnson, as interim pastor for nine months. During that time the church replaced the windows in the worship building and in the parsonage.

On June 10, 2001, Rev. John Roland preached his first sermon as pastor of this church. During his time as pastor, the church developed a prayer ministry, recognized Burbage Lyons for faithfully serving the church for thirty years as music director, and landscaped the church campus with beautiful plants donated by deacon Gary Baker.

## Who am I?

I'm a few months away from being 88 years old. I still work 30 hours per week. I ride my Harley to work, bungee jump and sky-dive! Whoa! I'm getting a little carried away! I don't ride my Harley to work, but I do drive myself to work. (Golf cart) I don't bungee jump or sky-dive, but I do still work!

I have lived in Yemassee for 65 years. I've belonged to YBC since its founding. I have 3 children, 7 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren. I lost my husband several years ago.

I graduated from Yemassee High School in 1938. I used to love to play golf and swim. I have never liked to cook! I was a lifeguard at the pool in Varnville for three years. I worked for Dr. Mays for four years.

I have worked in 7 different mayor's administrations. I first went to work for 50 cents an hour.

I remember the ladies of the church baking and selling cakes to help build our first church building. I love my church and seldom miss services.

I'm still in relatively good health, and look forward to many more years of serving the Lord!

## A Word From Your Pastor

This touching story of a little boy has been told frequently. He was a poor orphan, with no obvious hope for better things. A friend of his foster parent took him to Sunday School and church, and the little lad responded to the love he was shown there. He became a Christian, and a part of the church.

One day a skeptical adult challenged his Christianity. "Where is your God? If He's so wonderful, why doesn't He take better care of you?" The little boy answered with insight and feeling. "I'm sure my Heavenly Father has told someone to do that for Him, and I guess that person has forgotten."

God through us, is reaching out to people in need! God wants to wrap His loving arms around a bruised and hurting world! And He wants to do it through you and I! Does that bruised and hurting world, that mass of lost humanity say; "I'm sure God has told someone to reach out to us in love, and share Christ with us... And I guess those people have forgotten."

What does God want us to share with those people? How about the words of this beautiful hymn? "No one ever cared for them like Jesus, There's no other friend so kind as He; No one else could take the sin and darkness from them; Oh, how much He cares for them."

Has God asked you to do that? Have you forgotten? "If you can bring one moment of happiness into the life of a child, YOU ARE A CO-WORKER WITH GOD!"

*May God bless you and keep you, Bro. Brent*

## Children's News

**A trip to the Jacksonville Zoo is planned for May 31st!**

Chaperones are needed and 1st - 6th graders are welcomed to come along for a day of fun. Please see Carey or Mrs. Wanda if you would like to help out.

Our GA's and RA's are gearing up for summer camp. It will be an exciting time for everyone involved and a chance to see our children grow even more spiritually! See Mary Ellen Smith or Mr. Goodwin for information.

Be on the lookout for details on our upcoming RA campout, GA lock-in and a trip to Bee City! We will let you know the dates and information as they become available.

## At A Glance

We would like to welcome the following New Members for the month of April!

Thomas Hagan (Baptism)

Ryan Hagan (Baptism)

Lynn Crowley (Baptism)

Last month's average offering per Sunday was \$1,736.14 and the average Sunday School attendance was a fantastic 96. We hope to increase our attendance even more with our Outreach Ministry going forth into the community and drawing people into the Lord's house!

# May 2008

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tues</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thur</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>	
			EXERCISE CLASS 8:30 AM  CHILDREN, YOUTH & ADULT BIBLE STUDY 6:00 PM	<b>1</b>  <b>GO OUTREACH 'G' TEAM</b> 6:30 PM	<b>2</b>  EXERCISE CLASS 8:30 AM	<b>3</b>	
<b>4</b>  BIBLE STUDY 10:00 AM  MORNING WORSHIP 11:00 AM	<b>5</b>  EXERCISE CLASS 8:30 AM	<b>6</b>  EXERCISE CLASS* 8:30 AM  CHOIR PRACTICE 7:00 PM	<b>7</b>  EXERCISE CLASS 8:30 AM  CHILDREN, YOUTH & ADULT BIBLE STUDY 6:00 PM	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>  EXERCISE CLASS 8:30 AM	<b>10</b>	
<b>11</b>  BIBLE STUDY 10:00 AM  MORNING WORSHIP 11:00 AM	<b>12</b>  EXERCISE CLASS 8:30 AM	<b>13</b>  EXERCISE CLASS* 8:30 AM  CHOIR PRACTICE 7:00 PM	<b>14</b>  <b>FELLOWSHIP SUPPER</b> 7:00 PM	<b>15</b>  <b>GO OUTREACH 'O' TEAM</b> 6:30 PM	<b>16</b>  EXERCISE CLASS 8:30 AM	<b>17</b>	
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## May Birthdays

2 - Denise Crowley, Alex Grossie  
5 - Amanda Simmons  
6 - Katherine Clifton  
11 - Stephen Baty, Amy Youmans, David Moore  
15 - Marie Sinsel  
16 - Jobeth Woods  
19 - Patsy Mathis, Big Richie Hagan  
21 - Jennifer Love  
22 - Jamie Floyd, Mary Ellen Smith  
26 - Matt Baker, Nikki McNaughton  
28 - Renee Holsclaw

## Youth News

I am excited to announce that we have begun plans for camp this summer! Our summer youth intern will be Samantha Parker. She is attending Anderson University and will be working with the Savannah River Association as well.

Please be in prayer for our youth. What a difference you can make in their lives! God has worked in the lives of the youth and they have been very attentive to God's word.

Our hamburger fund-raiser will be June 7th; the annual Barbecue June 28th; and a \$75 deposit for camp was due April 30th.

*In Christ's Name, Lori*

## Sunday School News

Sunday School is really doing great! The 3rd Sunday in April we had 115 in attendance! I was told that this was an all time high.

As I have said many times, God is really working in our church. Our Sunday School is a part of outreach, and our GO team starts on Thursday night. So, why don't you come and jump on the team. If you can not come, please be in prayer for us. If each one of us would invite at least one person we could improve our attendance dramatically!

All of us need to be a member of God's team, so do what you can and you will never lose on His team!

*See you at Sunday School, Debbie*

## We Need Your Help!

We at YBC are calling out to everyone for their help and participation. This is not the usual plea for help...we need some serious spiritual help! **Please, be in prayer for our children that ride the bus each week to church on Wednesday and Sunday.** These children are truly special, and could really use the power of prayer to lift them up. So we ask that you add them to your prayer list and keep them on it so that we may continue to serve them and help them all ways possible.

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