

Hillside Baptist Church
Fountain Inn, South Carolina

August 2003

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Celebrates 100 years of History

in God's service



FOREWARD

The following history has been compiled from previous history editions, church records, church family records, and personal interviews with long time members. Our church is very grateful to those who have kept church records, recorded previous history and helped with compiling this updated history with special appreciation to the following:

Claude Woods	Verina Tollison
Ella Melton	Rev. Eric Davis
Rev. C. W. Davenport	Janet Craigo
Henry F. Weathers, Sr.	Rev. W. Eddie Howard, Jr.
Louise Woods	Annie Mae Pressley
Bertha Nelson (also known as "Miss. Bible School" due to many years in that position)	

I have attempted to be as accurate as possible in this edition of the history of Hillside Baptist Church. However, if there are any errors or omissions of anyone, I sincerely apologize, and ask that all corrections be submitted to the church in written form which can be used to make revisions in the next edition of church history.

Barry M. Weathers

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Praise God! for He has truly blessed our community by planting and growing Hillside Baptist Church for 100 years. He has sustained the Hillside Church family despite our human weaknesses, mistakes and failures. Praise God that He has helped us to overcome our struggles, conflicts and disappointments to be a living social body which works together to witness for our Savior, Jesus Christ and to worship and bring glory to God the Father. Praise God that He provided people with the foresight and the determination to start a church and, Praise God, He provided later generations committed to keeping the church in God's service.

By looking back over the past 100 years we can better appreciate both God's blessings and the people who helped make the church what it is today.

100 years ago it was a whole different world than that in which we live in today. The United States had just become the largest and most competitive industrial nation in the world. But the local area consisted entirely of farms with as many crop fields as the rolling hills would allow. Land was either in cropland, pastures or woodland and houses were usually a half-mile or more apart. Of course, all the roads were dirt, because automobiles were just becoming available to the public. So people traveled by walking or by the use of live horse power. There was no electricity which also meant no television, computers, refrigeration, radios, nor any of the other modern conveniences that we take for granted. Everyday life was much harder because most residents were farmers or woodmen, and because of the lack of machines, these professions required "back-breaking" hard work. Due to the demanding lifestyles they had to live and the lack of modern medical technology, the average lifespan was only 47 years in 1900. Despite these adversities our forefathers strove together to create a new church.

Even before 1900, residents of the area felt the need to gather together to worship, pray, learn from God's word and enjoy the fellowship of other Christians. Hugh Ballard held cottage prayer meetings in homes throughout the community. These groups of Christians then decided to organize a Sunday School under the direction of J. Louis Stoddard who served as the first superintendent.

They erected a brush arbor, which consisted of a wood frame built on top of posts with branches laid across the top to provide a shade for summer services. It was also used by politicians to deliver their campaign speeches. The arbor was built in front of the location of the first church building. There are also records of Sunday School meetings in an old one room school house located farther down the hill toward Peden road.

Seeing the need for a more weatherproof place of worship, the group made plans for a more permanent structure. Jeff D. McKittrick donated one acre of land. J. T. Woods and others known as the "begging committee" scoured the surrounding area requesting donations from merchants, businessmen and friends to be used to establish the church. A three-way committee was elected to represent each denomination involved in the project: Presbyterian – Jeff D. McKittrick (chairman); Baptist – John J. Tollison; Methodist – James T. Woods. In August 1902, construction was begun and completed of the first church known as Hillside Union Church because each denomination would have use of the building one Sunday in turn. voluntary labor cut the timber, hauled it to the sawmill and back to the site and erected our first church building. Some of those who labored included:

Jeff D. McKittrick	James M. Peden	Lee Mears
John J. Tollison	Dr. H.B. Stewart	Wister Stewart
James T. Woods	J. Louis Stoddard	Tom Kellet
W.H.L. Thompson	Louis Curry	Joe Kellet
John B. Holcombe	John Adair	Jim Smith
Bob Hand	Will Adair	Wyatt V. Tollison
Jim Robertson		

Foreman: Mr. Simpson (J.D. McKittrick's brother-in-law)

Nannie McKittrick and Addie Thompson raised money to buy two large reflecting oil lamps for the church by collecting hens from people throughout the area and selling them for 25 cents each. Those who didn't have hens to donate, donated money or whatever they could towards this effort. This first church sanctuary was a simple structure, entirely handmade of wood including the shingles on the roof. It was located approximately 150 feet from our present sanctuary, in the direction of the cemetery. During the year of 1902, the Baptist church began organizing and on August 16, 1903, after a series of protracted, or revival, meetings conducted by Reverends

September 6, 2003

To: Barry Weathers

Re: Hillside Church history

On page 5 of the history book:

Rev. D.D. Richardson
Rev. Mayfield Richardson

are BROTHERS to Dr. L.L. Richardson

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Per Mary West Nelson
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A.E. Howard and James Machin, Hillside Baptist Church was duly constituted. The following people officiated in the ceremony:

Dr. Z.T. Cody (Moderator) – Pastor of First Baptist Church of Greenville and later editor of the Baptist Courier.

Rev. A.E. Howard – Student at Furman University

Rev. J.E. Freeman – Pastor of Fork Shoals Baptist Church

R.L. Howard – Clerk and Deacon of Fork Shoals Baptist Church

A.M. Rodgers – Deacon of Fork Shoals Baptist Church

W.P. Rodgers – Deacon of Fork Shoals Baptist Church

Austin Knight – Deacon of Beulah Baptist Church

Hugh Mahon – Deacon of Rabun Creek Baptist Church

On that day, Dr. Cody presented the Articles of Faith, the Church Covenant and 12 rules which the congregation voted to adopt. The church began with 15 charter members:

John J. Tollison	Lizzie Tollison	Mamie Tollison
Alice Tollison	C.W. Davenport	Cassander Holcombe
Wyatt Tollison	W.H.L. Thompson	W.H.(Bill) Thompson
Lyddia Tollison	Matilda Thompson	Margaret Thompson
Tom T. Tollison	Addie Thomspson	James B. Thompson

The newly formed church voted to call Rev. A.E. Howard as their first pastor. Others which preached before and after the church was organized included: Rev. Hinderlite and Rev. Huff of the Presbyterians, Rev. Brunson of the Methodists, J. Louis Stoddard, a laymen Sunday School Superintendent and member of the Presbyterian group. The church also elected it's first officers as follows: Deacons – John J. Tollison, W.V. Tollison, Tom T. Tollison, W.H.L. Tollison; Church Clerk – C.W. Davenport (1903-1909); Sunday School Superintendent – John J. Tollison; Secretary and Treasurer – James B. Thompson; Organist – Maggie Thompson.

In the years that followed, Rev. D.D. Richardson and his brother Rev. Mayfield Richardson were pastors of the church from the latter part of 1903 through part of 1905. They were the sons of Dr. L.L. Richardson of Simpsonville. Rev. J.M. Allen was pastor from 1906 through 1909. Rev. L. Earl Kirby served as pastor for 9 months in 1910 and Rev. Harry H. Haydock served 3 months between 1910-1911. C.W. Davenport became the first person ordained into the gospel ministry by Hillside Baptist Church in 1910. Since there are some gaps in the dates of recorded pastors during this period, it is

probable that Rev. Davenport and others helped to fill the position of preacher when it was needed. Rev. Ernest G. Ross followed in 1912 and 40 new converts were added to the membership that year. In the summer of 1912, new wood shingles were put on the church due to the efforts of Rev. Ross, J.T. Woods, Wyatt Tollison and John Holcombe. Rev. Ross stayed until 1914 when Rev. James P. Coleman took over as pastor until 1915 when reportedly he was found drowned in the Reedy River after he had been missing for several days. For a variety of reasons these first pastors didn't remain at Hillside for very long periods. But that changed after Rev. Walter A. Baldwin preached his first sermon at Hillside on October 10, 1915. The church voted to call him as pastor in 1916 after he had been ordained at Rabun Creek Baptist Church earlier the same year. Rev. Baldwin faithfully served our church for the next 36 years. He resigned November 21, 1952 and preached his last sermon as pastor on December 21, 1952. Rev. Baldwin spent the remainder of his service at Henderson Baptist church near Hickory Tavern, where he retired on his 86th birthday on November 9, 1958. He lived to be 94 years old.

Also in 1916, John Claude Woods was elected as church organist. He would play for services, community singings, people in their homes and the singing schools. The influence of John Claude Woods, who was one of the forty who joined in 1912, can clearly be seen in our music history. He played regularly for at least 17 years and occasionally after that. His son, George Woods, was elected to the position after Claude Woods resigned and he remained the church organist and/or pianist for more than 30 years. He also played after that mostly depending on his health, for many of us can remember in the 1980's that even when he could hardly walk because of leg problems, he would still play for the church when needed. George's son, John E. Woods, was elected assistant pianist on May 27, 1956 at the age of 14 and he continued in that position for several years. Claude Woods played and helped teach in 10 day singing schools conducted from 1916 into the 1930's. The teachers in these schools were William B. Compton, Willard B. Wilkie, Clyde Weathers, and Tom Childers. Clyde Weathers wrote 3 original songs that were published in revival hymnals used in the southeast. These singing schools also led to the forming of a quartet that sang on the radio at Watson's Station near Laurens. It's members were Tip Smith, George Woods, Dean Woods, and J.C. Weathers.

Occasionally the church choir would also sing on the radio. The legacy began by Claude Woods and the singing teachers has been carried on as descendants such as Jessie Tollison, Clifford Smith, Bill Woods, Henry F. Weathers, Sr. and Barry Weathers have been song leaders/music directors during much of the century. Others such as James A. Beaman, Sherill Allen and Rev. Eric Davis have also helped in these positions. Most of our early records of church history are also due to the records of Claude Woods. His services to the church and to gospel music are greatly appreciated.

Two years after Claude Woods became the organist and Rev. Baldwin became the pastor, in 1918, the church purchased ¼ acre of land from J.D. McKittrick to be used as a cemetery. In that same year, the first person to be laid to rest was James Marvin Tollison, an 18 day old infant son of Marvin and Carrie Tollison. The church purchased an additional 2 acres in 1930 from the McKittrick estate for additional cemetery space.

In one of the last months of 1928, Sunday School Superintendent Wyatt Tollison came before the congregation and expressed that he thought the church should build a larger sanctuary. In response, the church began planning and on February 7, 1929, Mrs. Ida Virginia Smith donated one acre of land to be used for the building. Members and friends of the church donated timber, equipment and hard labor to build the new sanctuary. A portable sawmill owned by Wyatt Tollison was brought on site and the timber was hauled in and cut to fit. The labor was mostly volunteers. Some of those that donated timber and/or time included:

Millege Melton	Ed Garrett	Bordie Tollison
Rob Thompson	Marvin Tollison	John Adair
Walt Thompson	Clyde Weathers	Erskine Woods
Andrew (Bub) Thompson		Jim Smith
Clifford Smith	Claude Woods	Crawford Tumblin
Grover Smith	Frank Tollison	Wyatt Tollison
Other men and women of the community		

By August 17, 1930, the new building was ready to be dedicated with Rev. W. A. Baldwin presiding and the Rev. Warren of Charleston as the visiting speaker. This building is basically our present sanctuary, with some renovations. Part of this old church building was used by Millege Melton to build a barn and finish his house. During the late 1930's, J.Q. Tollison built the first enclosed baptistery

and the church also added two changing rooms at the back of the sanctuary. Before then, people were baptized in the Reedy River or in a pool supplied by spring water located below the church on property located at the corner of McKittrick Bridge Road and Peden Road. This baptistery was replaced in 1970 with one bought from Standing Springs Baptist Church and installed by George Woods and Bill Griffin. The church paid \$40.00 for it and it is the same one we use today.

Another important development in the thirties was when the new Holly Grove School House was built in 1938, by the Works Project Administration, across the road from the church. The old two-story Holly Grove Schoolhouse was condemned by the county as a fire hazard because students might not be able to get out in time. Many members of our church attended these schools. The last year of school in the newer building was 1951-1952 with Fannie Stewart and Ethel Kerns serving as the teachers. These events presented the church with a great opportunity and they acted upon it. On August 23, 1953, the congregation voted to purchase the school house and 2 acres of land from the School District of Greenville County. The church used the building which became known as the "Old Schoolhouse" for a fellowship hall and Sunday School classes. By 1940, the first two Sunday School rooms were built on the east side of the church and two more were added later as the church continued to grow. These rooms now serve as offices and part of our nursery.

Electricity reached Hillside in 1940 and the first electric lights were installed by J.Q. Tollison. Oil lamps had been used for 38 years. The church was still heating with a big potbelly stove which required committed members to come ahead of time to build up the fire for services. Tom and Leila Stoner were one couple who was dedicated to this job for several years. The stoves burned wood and/or coal and during the summer the stove and the long stove pipe were usually removed and burlap bags were used to stuff into the hole in the roof. This practice led to an amusing event in which Ellen Tollison, who was wearing one of her treasured "church going" hats, was sitting underneath the spot one Sunday when the bags fell. Mrs. Tollison and her hat were completely covered in soot. When it was clear that she was okay, everyone thought it hilarious, including her. This story has been retold for many years. These types of stoves were used for 60 years and were replaced with electric heat in 1962.

The first seats in the sanctuary were not pews but were benches handmade by the members. Used factory-made pews in very good condition were purchased in July 1949 from Ware Shoals First Baptist Church for a price of \$610.00. These were used until the summer of 1975 when the church installed our present pews.

After Rev. Baldwin retired in 1952, Rev. Carl Bishop was called as pastor in 1953 and served until 1958. Rev. Roy Julian followed as pastor from 1958 through 1961. During the "fifties" the church continued to make improvements as they could afford. They installed pulpit curtains in 1951, bought the "old schoolhouse" in 1953, changed the front doors to a double door in 1956 and remodeled the Sunday School rooms during this period. Rest rooms were added to the church in 1960, after 58 years of having "outhouses". Some of our present members remember that there was one behind the church for ladies and one down the hill for men. The old baptism changing rooms were remodeled with fixtures and plumbing installed by Henry F. Weathers, Sr. and Furman Lee Weathers. The septic system was "hand-dug" and formed by Bruce Masters and others.

Rev. T.R. (Bob) Jones became pastor in 1962 and served until 1971. On August 19, 1962 the church voted to obtain bids to build on the front of the Sanctuary. The ladies of the church began fund-raising by serving a chicken supper and \$69.00 was given toward the project. The bid of \$550.00 submitted by Alton Chandler was accepted by the church on September 23, 1962. George Woods was one of his crew. The addition consisted of a vestibule, or chamber, between the inner and outer doors, and a small room on each side with windows on the front. These small rooms were used for Sunday School rooms for several years and now serve as our food pantry and choir storage rooms. A special conference was called on July 3, 1966 in which B. F. Anderson read the building fund report and Henry F. Weathers, Sr. reviewed plans and costs for a parsonage. A bid for \$11,500.00 was submitted and accepted. The parsonage was built by Jayrue Sims and his sons, Frank and Curtis, and on November 12, 1966 Rev. Bob Jones and family became the first residents of the church parsonage.

A new Baldwin piano was purchased in December 1969 for \$900.00 and is still in service today. In 1970, a Hammond organ was given to the church by W. B. (Dub) Harrison in memory of his wife Debra Harrison who had died in 1964. The organ was used in

services until replaced in September 8, 2002 by a Yamaha electronic keyboard.

In the years of 1972-1983 the church was pastured by Rev. James M. Fuller. His wife, Lucille, also served as church pianist during much of this period and helped with adult and youth choirs. They were very "giving" to the church. The azaleas which greatly beautify our church, especially in the spring, were brought from the Fuller's Greenville residence and replanted under Mrs. Fuller's supervision. Also, during this time, the carport on the parsonage was remodeled and enclosed into a living room and closet area. The Fullers donated generously toward this project. Several members including George Woods provided the required labor. Rev. Fuller was a man of great Christian character who set the example for many of us today.

After Rev. Fuller retired, the church called Rev. Joe Borgkvist, Jr. as pastor in 1983 and he served through August 1985. For many years the ladies Sunday School class had been donating \$1.00 each, every Sunday morning to raise money for a porch on the front of the church. On March 17, 1985, Leon Cooley brought a motion from the deacons to have a front porch built by Snipes Construction for a price of \$12,600.00 and the church voted in favor of the motion. Bill Woods was a crew leader for Snipes Construction on this project. The new porch was dedicated on August 18, 1985, Homecoming Day, with Rev. Borgkvist and former pastors, Rev. Julian, Rev. Jones, and Rev. Fuller leading the service. By October 1984 the Sunday School attendance had grown to 102, partially due to the "outgoing" friendly personality of Rev. Borgkvist. He was one who "never met a stranger". Rev. Borgkvist expressed to the deacons and the church in early 1985 the need for more Sunday School space and on August 5, 1985, a new building committee was formed and approved by the church consisting of:

Barry Weathers (Chairman)	Louise Woods
Carole Cooley	Dewitt Pressley
Grace Masters	Henry Beaman
Kay Mantoath	

The committee and Rev. Borgkvist met together several times to discuss options and finances. They also met with Dan Page, Greenville Associational Missionary, and Rev. Ron Palmer, Baptist Convention representative, to determine what resources were available through these institutions. The committee concluded at this

time that the church could not afford to build without additional assistance.

Rev. Eric Davis became pastor in late 1985 and served until 1993. His wife, Janet, served as church pianist during this period. Rev. Davis and Janet were both very musically talented and used their talents to build a stronger music ministry. Rev. Davis also saw the need for additional space and asked the building committee to begin meeting again to find a solution which the church could afford. After considering several options and shared ideas, the committee determined that the church could build the space needed if the members would agree to use their talents and work where ever possible to reduce the labor cost of the new building. However, the committee and deacons thought the addition should be on the east side of the church and the church did not own enough property in that area. This problem was resolved when Leonard and Daisy Smith donated .29 acres on the east side of the church.

The committee decided on a design with the input of members, Rev. Burton Davis, architects, and draftsmen. The building plans were presented and accepted by the church on April 13, 1986. Dan Weathers took the plans and drafted them to meet the existing building codes on a half-cost basis. On March 1, 1987, a motion was presented by Dewitt Pressley on behalf of the deacons, finance committee, and building committee that the church begin construction of a two-story building with Sunday School rooms upstairs and a Fellowship hall below. Younts Builders was approved as the contractor to put the building "in the dry" and the members agreed to help complete the building. construction was delayed six months due to revisions in building codes that were adopted by Greenville County during this period. The plans were revised and the grading and excavation began November 5, 1987. As the bulldozer pushed the trees down, church members cut and split the logs into firewood and hauled it to anyone in the community who needed it. In December 1987 the project faced another obstacle, the presence of a large rock formation where approximately $\frac{1}{4}$ of the building was to be built. The rock was too close to the existing structure for blasting, so it ended up being mostly hand work especially near the old building's foundation. The men of the church worked as much as possible for the next four months to remove the rock with jackhammers, picks, shovels, front end loaders, and backhoes. Construction progressed even though other problems had to be overcome. Once the building was "in the

was "in the dry", most all of the members and some nonmembers worked together to complete the structure including the electrical system, heating/cooling system, final grading, septic system, rough plumbing, sheet rock installation, door installations, bathroom vanity installations, floor coverings, and painting. Rev. Davis, who led in several phases of construction, devoted many long hours of labor as did many others. Others donated extra funds to assure that the project would be completed. The following is a partial list of those who helped on the construction:

Rev. Eric Davis	Barry Weathers	Henry Beaman
Henry F. Weathers, Sr.	Bill Woods	Steve Green
Lewis Woods	Leon Cooley	Dewitt Pressley
Perry Greene	Larry Pressley	Robbie Craigo
David Greene	Todd Cragio	Leonard Smith
Roger Wimpey	Sherrill Allen	Edward Wimpey
Jim Boyce	Ronnie Boyce	Bryson Stoddard
Floyd Morton	Dan Collins	Neil Morton
Jim Tollison	Glen Tollison	Bill Rodgers
Hugh Badger	Dr. Leonard Farrell	George Woods
Ladies of the church	Josh Craigo	Youth of the church
Roper Brothers Construction (donation of grading)		
Dewitt & Jennie Pressley (financial assistance)		

The new building was dedicated into service on August 19, 1990. The church was challenged financially to make the mortgage payments on the building but members gave sacrificially and the church body began to grow. God rewarded this faithfulness by enabling the church to "burn the mortgage" during ceremonies of June 11, 1995. This was made possible by Sam & Inez Tollison who left their estate to the church, it paid the mortgage and more. The ceremony was led by Rev. W. Eddie Howard, Jr. and Rev. Eric Davis. There were other accomplishments during this period including Rev. Eric Davis installing a sound system for the sanctuary at no cost to the church through a private donation.

The pulpit we have today was expanded and the 'short walls' for the instruments and the choir were built in late 1993. The remodeling project was completed by volunteers led by Bill Woods with labor provided by the building committee and others.

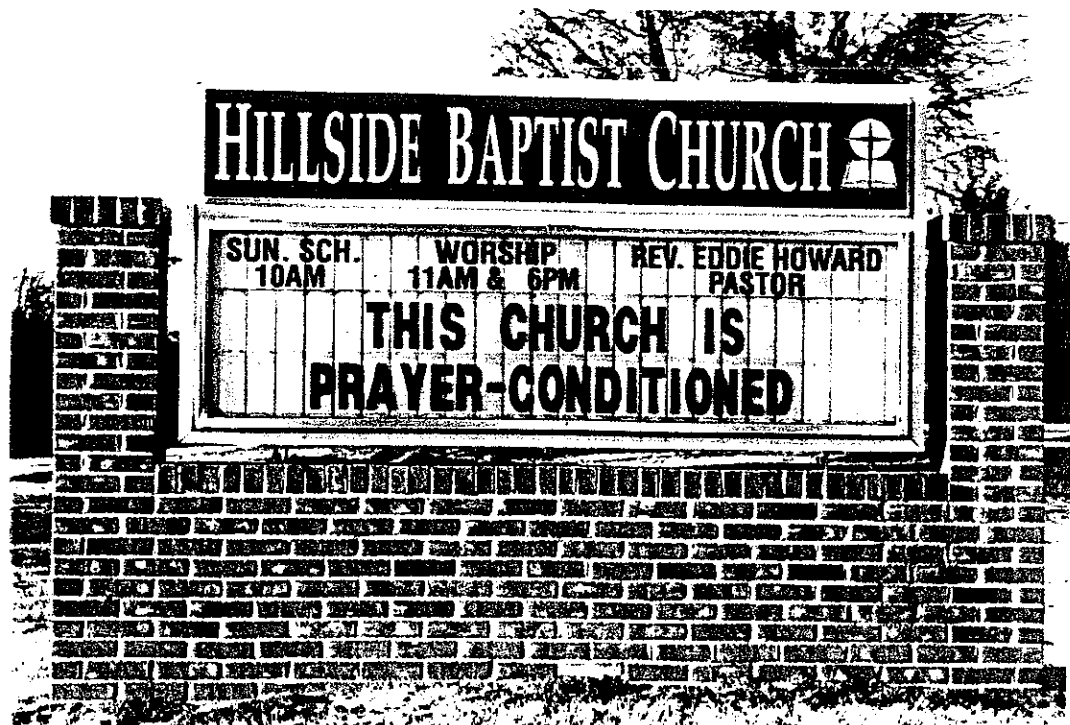
Rev. Carlos Watson served as interim pastor between Rev. Davis and Rev. Howard. He and his wife, Margie, were very well liked and

respected by the members. They had genuine concern for people and the church. Rev. Watson gave positive guidance during the period and was instrumental in the church adopting a policy and procedure program.

Rev. W. Eddie Howard, Jr. became the pastor at Hillside April 4, 1994 and is still the pastor as of this writing. Clarice Howard, his wife, serves as church pianist/organist and is also director of children's choir. Our music program is greatly strengthened by her talents. In 1995 the church decided to place a new church sign by the road. The foundation and brick frame was built by Scott Masters and Bill Woods and a lighted sign was placed within. Worship and Sunday School attendance have continued to grow since Rev. Howard became pastor due to his efforts and the efforts of others. The church soon found itself in need of more classroom space and after a year and a half of planning, exploring options, and receiving bids on construction, the church voted to install partitions in the fellowship hall in 1999. The partitions now provide four extra classrooms. The building committee had considered remodeling the "Holly Grove Schoolhouse" but found it to be very expensive to bring the building up to current building code requirements. These costs and the fact that those who attended Sunday School in this building would have to cross the road in all types of weather conditions, made the building committee and the deacons decide to sell the "Old Schoolhouse" and have it removed. The congregation voted by majority vote on March 26, 2000 to follow the recommendations of these committees. Ralph Craigo bought the structure by submitting the highest sealed bid and the "Old schoolhouse" was moved on May 3, 2001 to a location approximately ¼ mile below the church on Hillside Church road. Many members had the dream of a steeple on the church for many years and it was finally realized on October 21, 2001 when the church voted to have one added to the church. It was installed a few days afterward by a contractor with the assistance of our building committee led by Jody Bailey. The "Old schoolhouse" bell was placed in the steeple and made operational by Ken Bailey, Jody Bailey, Wayne Rosado, and others.

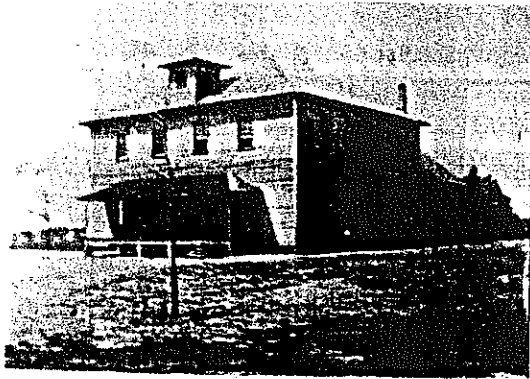
We have continued to make improvements to our church as God leads us. As mentioned earlier, we replaced the organ with an electronic keyboard in September, 2002. Later that year in December, we purchased a new sound system and it was installed by many building committee members under the direction of Ken Bailey.

Although much of the history which is recorded is centered around the church building and it's improvements, we definitely must realize that the most important part of the church in the last 100 years is the people and how the church has affected their lives. The church has served as a place to learn about God's word and His love for us, and as a place for God to save lost souls for a century. Peoples lives are closely intertwined with the church through new beginnings such as baby dedications, weddings, and through darker chapters of life such as sickness and funerals. But the church is even more, it is a living body of believers which share their joy and sorrows with one another. It is a society that celebrates life's accomplishments with you and provides hope and encouragement during life's struggles and disappointments. It is an extended family to help teach our children God's plan for mankind and the benefits of living a Christian life. Committed people have been used by God this century to build and sustain our church family. Many people who are not listed in this history have given sacrificially of themselves to do God's work. Their efforts have had far reaching effects on people's lives. All parts of the body have provided important contributions toward the existence of our church, from the preachers, back to the fire builders, the dinner cooks, music leaders, singers, Sunday School teachers, Deacons, etc. Anyone who has helped in any way over the years can share and take pride in the celebration of 100 years. Thanks be to God that we have a loving Christian family at Hillside Baptist Church. We earnestly pray that God will continue to breathe life into this Christian body.

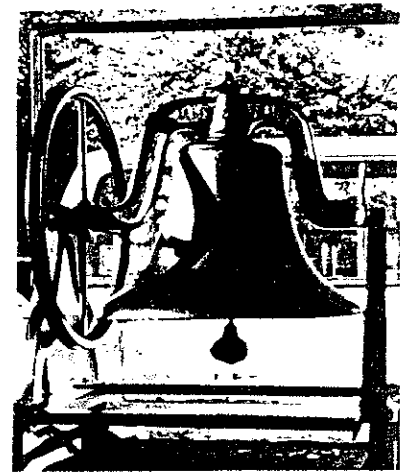
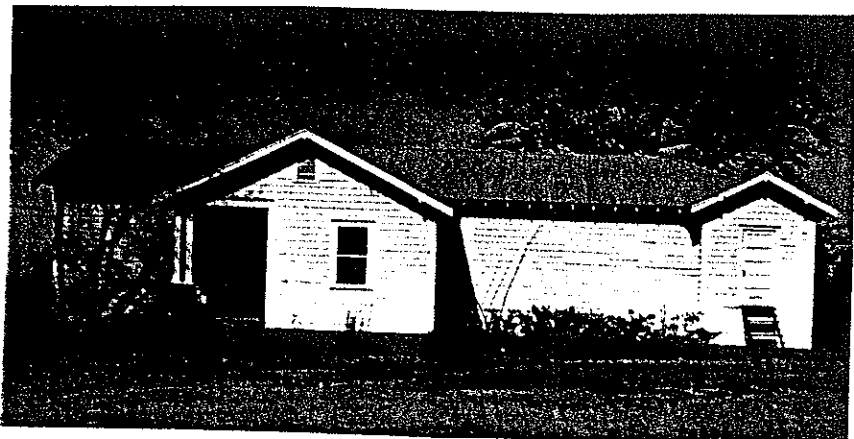


Pastors of Hillside Baptist Church

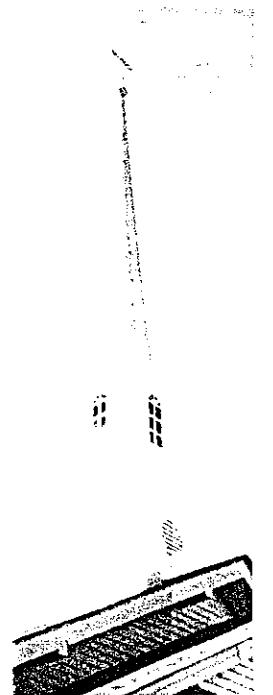
Rev. A. E. Howard	1903
Rev. D. D. Richardson	1904
Rev. Mayfield Richardson	1905
Rev. J. M. Allen	1906-1909
Rev. Earl Kirby (9 months)	1910
Rev. H. Haydock (3 months)	1910-1911
Rev. E. G. Ross	1912-1913
Rev. James P. Coleman	1914-1915
Rev. Walter A. Baldwin	1916-1952
Rev. Carl Bishop	1953-1958
Rev. Roy Julian	1958-1961
Rev. T. R. (Bob) Jones	1962-1971
Rev. James M. Fuller	1972-1983
Rev. Joe Borgkvist, Jr.	1983-1985
Rev. Eric Davis	1985-1993
Rev. Carlos Watson (interim)	1993-1994
Rev. W. Eddie Howard, Jr.	1994-

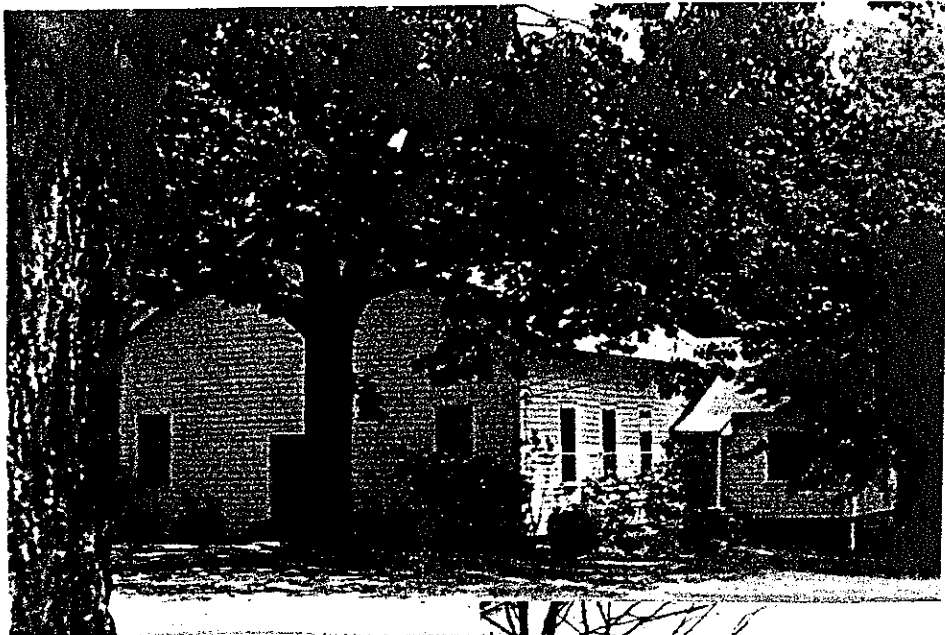


"Holly Grove"
School thru the
years in the
Hillside community



The bell from the
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steeple of the church

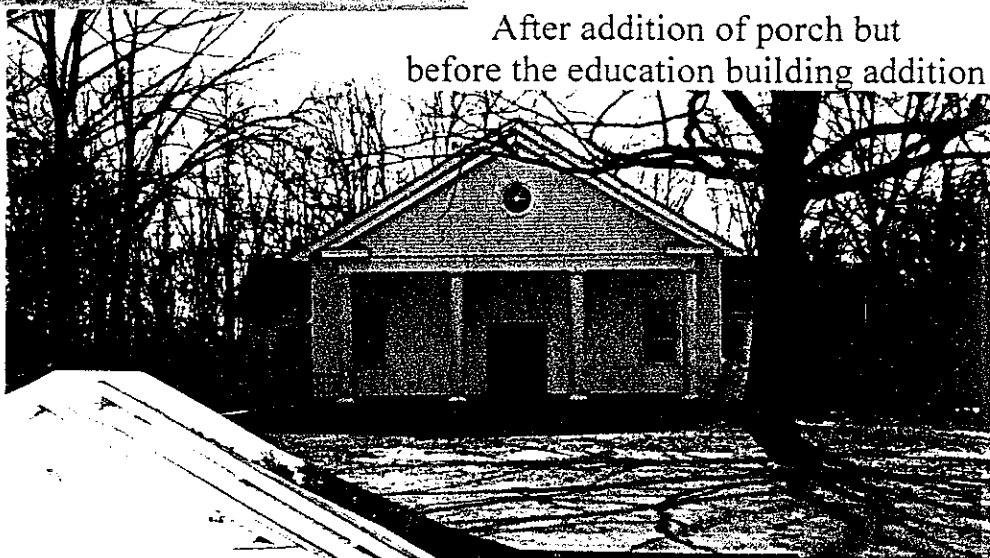




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Thru the ages

Before the addition of the porch

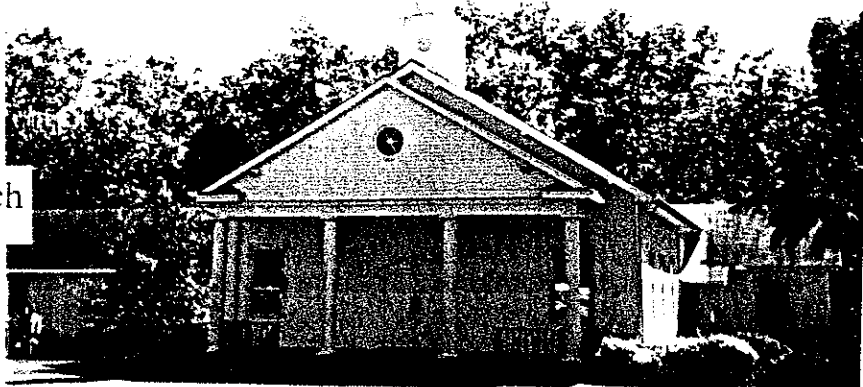


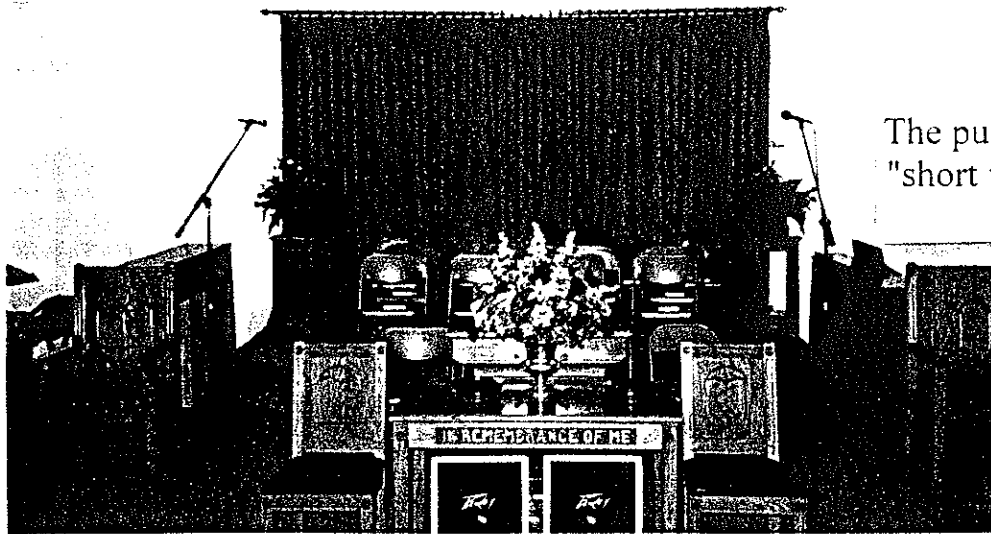
After addition of porch but before the education building addition



Before the steeple

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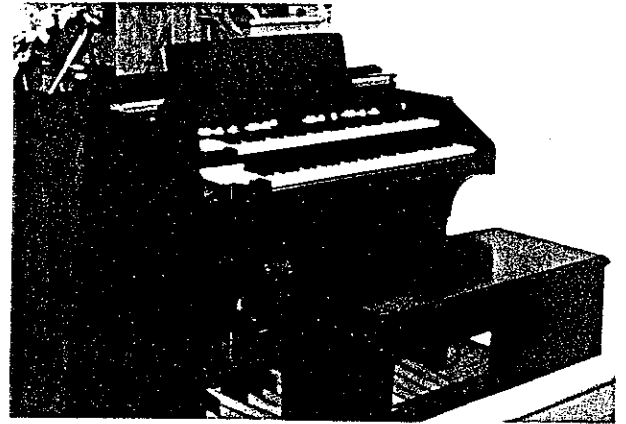
The pulpit and instruments before the "short walls" was built and expanded in 1993



Deacon Body 2002-2003

left to right front row: Steven Neves & Mendel Mantooth
 2nd row: Larry Pressley & Wayne Rosado
 3rd row: Perry Greene & Ken Bailey
 not shown: David Greene

The 1949 Hammond organ that was given to the church by Mr. W.B. Harrison in 1970 in memory of his wife, Debra



Rev. A. E. Howard
 1st Pastor 1903



Rev. W. Eddie Howard, Jr.