

**1908 - 2003**  
95 YEARS OF MAKING AN  
IMPACT FOR CHRIST  
***A Historical Summary of  
Glenwood Baptist Church***  
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*MINUTES OF THE ORGANIZATION OF GLENWOOD CHURCH*

On October the 25th, 1908, a meeting was held here for the purpose of organizing the Glenwood Baptist Church. The following ministers were present: Dr. T.M. Bailey, Rev. D.W. Hiott, Rev. D.I. Spearman, Rev. F.R. McLanahan.

Dr. Bailey presided and R.C. Hurts acted as secretary. The following composed the presbytery: D.W. Hiott, Laban Mauldin, George Griffin, D.B. Cobb, J.N. Howard, W.F. Evatt, R.C. Burts, E.H. Barton, J.M. Jameson, EX. Hamilton, D.I. Spearman, A.H. McGee, C.E. Harris, H.R. Galloway, B.F. Galloway, Arthur Jones, W.A. Julian, W.L. Kennemore, F.R. McLanahan, Sam Edens, T.M. Bailey.

After the organization of the presbytery the following presented themselves- for membership: Lizzie Hopkins (Porter), Lilly Stansell (Hogan), B.B. Hopkins, Maud Stewart (Edens), B.C. McClure, Ola Golden, A.C. Brookshire Hattie Golightly, Bessie Former, Elisle Jones, T.J. Johnson, D.B. Baynard, Mattison Spearman, Fannie Baynard, Martin Ellenburg, R. Perry Walker, F.B. Christopher, Gussie Walker, Sam Hornsby, J.B. Hood, John Rice, Lois Simmons, George Cobb, Addie Simmons, Delia Edens, E. Chandlers Taylor, Stella Edens (Christopher), J.P. Golightly, Lilly Burdenshow, Bessie Davis (Mullinax), Mattie Smith (Snead), F.C. Powell, Velma Smith (McAdams), Curry McClure

Next in order was the reading of articles of faith by Dr. Bailey. These were adopted by the members by a unanimous vote. The church covenant was then read and adopted. The members were then recognized by the presbytery as a regularly-organized church, after which Dr. Bailey declared them duly organized in gospel order.

The hand of church fellowship was extended the new members by the presbytery. A motion was made and unanimously carried that the name "Glenwood Baptist Church" be adopted.

In conclusion, Dr. Bailey, in a very earnest and feeling way, made a few brief remarks to the members of the new church by way of instruction to them in the beginning of this work as church. Several others also made short talks. After the announcement that Rev. D.W. Hoitt would continue as their pastor for the remainder of the year at least, a collection of \$3.20 was taken and the meeting adjourned.

T.M. Bailey, Moderator  
R.C. Burts, Secretary

The original church building stood where the former Mayfair Mills Plant was located on Hagood Street. The still standing, two-story brick veneer educational building, added later, was converted to offices by the mill when the church relocated. Glenwood Baptist Church, along with the Glenwood Methodist and Glenwood Wesleyan Churches, was a landmark in the Glenwood Mill community. The mill village of Glenwood was a unit of stability separate unto itself for many years. Its life revolved around the mill and included the neat rows of one- and two-family houses on the streets laid out orderly in front of the mill. When new streets and houses were constructed to the Northwest of the mill, the area was called "chocolate hill" because the houses were painted brown. In addition to the houses of the mill village, there were the company store, a barber shop, a bandstand, and the Glenwood Mill baseball team. This was the Glenwood community in the early 1900's, as Glenwood Baptist Church provided the spiritual focus and direction for hundreds of residents - young and old alike.

On July 29, 1909, Glenwood Baptist Church became a member of the Piedmont Baptist Association. The church's delegates were A.C. Brookshire, Martin Ellenburg, J.P. Golightly, and C.R. Stewart. Relatives of some, if not all, of these men still reside in the Glenwood community. By this time, the church had grown to eighty-four members. Part of the increase in the early years may be attributed to GOD's use of the Rev. W.M. Walker, who served as an evangelist for the Association, and, as such, conducted revival services in four churches: Calumet, Glenwood, Second Church of Easley, and Second Church of Liberty. Through the years pastors and members of the church have contributed greatly to GOD's work through the PBA. In addition to consistent and generous financial support, several pastors have served as Associational Moderator and others, along with members, have served on numerous committees. In 1926, 1971, and 1993, the annual associational meetings were hosted by Glenwood.

During its first five decades, GOD faithfully used HIS church at Glenwood for growing HIS kingdom and, thus, by the time the Rev. Charles Boling was called as pastor on February 24, 1957, it was "bustin' at the seams." In the years preceding, the church had tried unsuccessfully to obtain a legal deed for the property on which its buildings stood. The buildings had been lovingly remodeled and cared for, but a more permanent solution to the good problem of growth was necessary. Therefore, in 1962 the church purchased seven acres of property on Saco Lowell Road. In 1963, the architectural firm of Walker and Farmer was employed to draw plans in conjunction with the architectural department of the Baptist Sunday School Board for a new church campus. On August 29, 1965, the church voted to begin a \$175,000 Building Program. The contracts for the pastorium and the church buildings were awarded, and, in November 1965, the Boling's occupied the new pastorium. In August 1966, the church dedicated and occupied its new worship center and educational building.

In April 1980, the Rev. Ken Lawson, whose compilation of Glenwood Baptist Church's first seventy-five years of history was used as the primary source in the preceding paragraphs, led the church in the construction of a new Family Life Center. The Family Life Center remains a vital part of the growth and health of the Glenwood Baptist Church family. Containing a gymnasium, kitchen, and dining area, it provides the place for the intimate fellowship necessary for strengthening the ties that bind GOD's children together. In 1998, the Rev. Terry Fowler led the church in a renovation project of the exteriors of the worship center and educational building. Additionally that year, a new prayer room was constructed and the \$24,000.00 debt incurred in 1997 due to the replacement of the heating and air conditioning systems was paid off.

The beginning years of the twenty-first century have brought a tremendous outpouring of GOD's love and blessings to Glenwood Baptist Church. Since January 1, 2001, GOD has added seventy-five new members to HIS church at Glenwood, including the celebration of nineteen baptisms! The addition of these new members has impacted the church's statistical records in many ways. Among those being a thirty-five percent increase in average Sunday School attendance and a thirty percent increase in annual budget. True to its missions-minded roots, the church family has sought out ways to expand the Kingdom of GOD through generous stewardship of the resources of its Master. In addition to consistently exceeding seasonal missions offering goals, the monthly budget amounts for both the PBA and the United Christian Ministries have been increased. Additionally, monthly support for the Hope Women's Center and the Pickens County Free Medical Clinic has been added to the budget. Church members also have sought out opportunities to serve these local missions ministries personally through the annual Walk-with-the-Docs event and by doing volunteer work at the clinic.

The commitment to GOD-honoring stewardship by Glenwood's members has opened the windows of heaven and allowed the church family to receive many blessings in regard to its facilities. Some long prayed for goals as well as some unexpected needs have all been met through GOD's abundant supply of grace. In 2001, the walkway cover between the educational building and the family life center was replaced, the church van loan was paid off, and the year-long project of remodeling the pastorium was completed. In 2002, construction of a new activities field was begun, new choir robes were purchased, new appliances for the FLC were donated, a new church sign was installed, and new pew Bibles were donated. In 2003, a flag pole and flag were donated to complement the new church sign, new' hymnals were donated, the roof on the worship center and educational building was replaced thanks to the generosity of a family in the church, a new bathroom was constructed in the lobby of the worship center, and great strides were made toward the completion of the activities field project. In all of these accomplishments GOD was glorified and HIS church at Glenwood was strengthened and further unified.

The recent period of blessing also has brought transition in the organizational structure of Glenwood Baptist Church. The Worship Leader staff position was redefined and the growth in choir participation has allowed for many opportunities of musical blessings. Along with the annual Easter and Christmas musical presentations, the Glenwood Sanctuary Choir has started a new tradition of participating in the annual Easley Fourth of July community celebration. And in 2002, the Glenwood Kingdom's Kids Choir was established. Two-thousand-two also brought the establishment of the church's outreach ministry - *G.R.O.!* - Glenwood Reaching Out!; a youth service ministry - Glenwood *Y.E.S.!* - Youth Eagerly Serving!; the return to Missions-focused classes for children on Wednesday evenings through Mission Friends, Girls in Action, the "Cliff Satterwhite Chapter" of Royal Ambassadors; and the formation of a Baptist Men on Mission ministry. In January 2003, the new staff position of Student Minister was added at Glenwood. Along with the missions focus of the children's classes at Glenwood, the youth ministry is also missions-minded as evidenced by the July 2003 youth-led mission to Charleston, SC. Glenwood's senior adults also have become much more active as a group through monthly activities and trips, and in 2003 organized themselves under the name *A.C.C.T.S. Group* - Accepting CHRIST'S Call to Serve.

The Apostle Paul wrote in **ROMANS 11:36**, "*For from HIM and through HIM and to HIM are all things. To HIM be the glory forever. Amen.*" As Glenwood Baptist Church celebrates ninety-five years of GOD's faithfulness, this verse of scripture provides an appropriate perspective. For it is "**from HIM**" that all of the blessings of the past reflected upon this year have come. It is "**through HIM**" that the present finds the church family strong and unified. And, it is "**to HIM**" that Glenwood Baptist Church continues to commit its future. HE has glorified HIMSELF in many ways by using the ministry of Glenwood for the past ninety five years. But, it is HIS future for HIS church at Glenwood that gives its members the greatest cause to praise HIM. "**To HIM be the glory forever!**"

#### **PASTORS OF GLENWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH**

1908 D.W. Hiott, 1909 W.M. Walker, 1910-11 W.A. Christopher, 1912 B. Frank Murphee, 1913-14 D.W. Hiott, 1915-17 T.E. Durham, 1918-19, 1920 T.A. Drake, H.E. Hill, 1921 H.H. Mace., 1922-23, W.L. Spinks, 1924-27 R.G. Joiner, 1928 D.P. Montgomery, 1929-1930 J.C. Owens, 1931-1941 J.S. Graham, 1942-43 H.E. Rogers, 1944-46 R.H. Black., 1947-50 T.E. Belcher, 1951-56, Fred Tumblin, 1957-68 Charles W. Boling, 1969-75 Jarvis Brock, 1976-78, Jack Ward, 1979-83 Kenneth D. Lawson, 1984-85 Tommy Y. Neal, 1986-88 Charles W. Boling, 1989\_93 James R Nalls, 1995\_99 Terry L Fowler, 2000-Present Dale McCoig

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