

## WORSHIP SERVICE AND REVIVALS

### 1936

Rev. George Griffin was invited to hold the annual revival in August 1936.

### 1944

Went from one service per month to two services per month under the leadership of Rev. K. E. Bryant. (7/1/44)

### 1949

First service in the new church: The new Pittsboro Baptist Church, was formally opened on Sunday, March 13, 1949. "Around 400 church members and invitees heard addresses by Dr. I. G. Greer of Chapel Hill, the Rev. K. E. Bryant, pastor, and other church leaders. (3/13/49) *Biblical Recorder* article noted that during the first six weeks in the new church, membership increased by 45. (See Appendix C, Article 2)

Rev. Bryant stated that the deacons of Mt. Olive Baptist Church had met with the deacons of the Pittsboro Church to discuss a change in church services. It was brought out that a change in services would give to each church one service every Sunday. The proposed change at the Pittsboro Church would be night services each first and third Sunday instead of second and fourth Sunday night services. Motion was made, second and passed that this change be made.

### 1953

Recommendation brought by the Board of Deacons that full time services be started, beginning the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in January, 1953. Vote taken with 61 favoring the recommendation and 27 against it.

### 1958

After a spring revival, the "visible results" were listed as 17 Baptisms/professions of faith and nine letters/statements of faith. The pastor wrote, "We feel, however, that much of the result was not visible, but will become so in the days that lie ahead."

Evening worships services were to begin. 10/5/58.

### 1959

The morning service was broadcast over WNCA, Siler City.

PBC was part of the Simultaneous Evangelistic Crusade of 1959, March 22-29<sup>th</sup>, along with twenty-one other churches in our association who had meetings at the same time. Preparations for the revival included days of visitations; neighborhood prayer meetings; people in charge of pews to have them filled; and community-wide publicity. The pastor stated there were 160 people who needed "to be brought into this church!" The Rev. R. Knolan Benfield, pastor of Morganton's First Baptist Church was the revival guest speaker.

July 26 evening service included eight baptisms and a couple who transferred by letter.

Revival in October - Dr. J. Glenn Blackburn, minister of Wake Forest Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, was guest speaker for a week of services. The emphasis of the week was on deepening the spiritual life of the Christian. Dr. Blackburn's sermons: *Religion in My Home; Religion in my Business; Religion in My Social Life; Religion in My Church Life.*

**1960**

March -Rev. Howard G. Dawkins of First Baptist Church, Kinston spoke in a series of services. "We need a revival. There are many lost people in our community who need to be brought to Christ," the Pittsboro Baptist pastor stated. Preparations included neighborhood prayer meetings, deacon visitations of the church members, "soul-winning visitation," and the "Pack-a-Pew Plan," which was a challenge for selected members to fill church pews.

**1961**

World Day of Prayer observed Friday, February 17.

Deacons School, led by Dr. Earl Bradley of State Convention, Feb. 23-24. Churches in our area and association were invited to attend. This school was not just for deacons or potential deacons but for the entire church. All members need to know what to expect of their deacons.

**1962**

Community Prayer Services held prior to Spring Revival, April 2-4  
Dr. R.W. Kicklighter of Elizabeth City led the revival, April 8-13.

**1963**

Neighborhood Prayer Meetings held, March 20-22, for Spring Revival.  
Dr. Eugene Owens of Southeastern Seminary, led the revival beginning March 24.

**1964**

Cottage Prayer Meetings, April 15-17 for revival.  
James O. Mattox, pastor at First Baptist Church, Red Springs, was the guest pastor for revival, April 19-24.

**1965**

Baptist Witness Week Special Week of Services, Feb 7-11  
Speakers: Dr. Perry Crouch, General Secretary of the Baptist State Convention; Dr. Marse Grant, editor of *The Biblical Recorder*; Dr. Carlyle Campbell, President of Meredith College, Rev. Ernest Upchurch, Head, State Church Development BSC, Dr. David Mein, President, Baptist Seminary, Recife, Brazil. Each presenter told the work of the Baptist "denomination in witnessing for Christ in various areas of our present day society."

May 16 – Song Service, evening worship hour, consisted of requested hymns from the congregation

Revival August 8-13, Guest minister: former PBC pastor, Rev. R.F. Smith, Jr.  
Cottage Prayer services were held August, 4,5,6 in advance, The homes where the prayer services were held were divided by location: north, south, east and west. One service was held in the sanctuary.

Once a month a layman or young person delivered the message at the evening worship service.

**1967**

Layman's Revival, led by Randy Roper

**1968**

Crusade of Americas Rally held at Goldston Baptist Church with all churches invited to attend. This was in preparation for a simultaneous revival to be held in North and South America the following spring.

**1969**

The church participated in the "Crusade of Americas" revival for all churches throughout North, Central and South America, April 27- May 2

Nov. 16: Church voted (90 for, 29 against) to rescind action of Feb. 3, 1963 thereby allowing all who come to worship in an orderly manner to be seated.

**1971**

Evening worship service resumed 2/28

**1973**

Many people were blessed during the Billy Graham Central Carolina Crusade held in Raleigh in September, with many from PBC and the community going one or more nights. PBC took a bus full several nights to the event: Monday-53, Wednesday-42, Thursday-38, for a total of 133 for the week. There were over 20 inquirers from PBC during the Graham Crusade. Six girls and one boy invited Christ into their heart and life.

**1974**

"Days of Renewal" was the title for the revival held March 17-20, presented by Rev. Darden Battle, Wytheville, VA. A Prayer Service was held each Wednesday, Jan.- Mar., in preparation for the Revival. The week prior to the service was a 24 hour prayer vigil, 30 minute segments. Women asked to not sign up for the 8p.m.-8a.m. time. There was a Deacon Breakfast on Sunday to start the revival in addition to a youth night supper and a covered dish supper at the end of the revival. Fifteen people were trained to be counselors. Several individuals in the church were challenged to "Pack a Pew" to fill with family, friends, and prospects for the week of the revival. The average attendance was 194.

One Sunday evening, the congregation held an Experimental Worship Service, where they sat in a circle in the fellowship hall, sang, prayed, gave testimonies, and asked for prayer requests.

October 25-27, the church held a layman's weekend revival – stressing evangelism and witnessing. It was designed so laymen can speak to laymen about the reality of Christ in their daily lives. There were many months of preparation and prayer prior to the week-end.

Note: in later years this became known as Lay Renewal,

**1981**

October 1-4, 1981: The church participated along with other churches of the Sandy Creek Association in a World Mission Conference. The series brought in missionaries from around the world to give information and inspiration concerning Baptist Mission Work.

**1986**

PBC became a part of the Southeastern Preacher Training Program which provided a student preacher as the guest speaker for some of the Sunday evening worship services.

April- PBC joined all Southern Baptist Churches across the nation as they reached out in simultaneous revivals throughout America using the theme, "Good News America: God Loves You." Rev. Larry McClure, guest minister. PBC revival was April 6-11<sup>th</sup>

**1987**

Easter Sunday, April 19, sunrise service and breakfast

May 15-17-The first Lay Renewal was held which was most successful with many recommitments to Christ. (note- similar concept event held in 1974. Maybe at this point the name had formally changed to Lay Renewal)

Revival with Dr. Burke Holland of the State Baptist Convention - Sept. 13-16.

**1988**

Rev. Val Chadwick of Pleasant Hill Baptist led the revival Sept. 11-14.

**1989**

September 10-13 - Revival with Dr. Chris Cannon. Prayer services prior to revival were held September 4-8.

September 17, 1989: our church shared the dreams we had for spiritual growth.

Jane Nooe remarked (10/1/89) to consider cancelling the Sunday evening worship service due to lack of attendance. Motion passed that Sunday evening services be held at 6:30p.m during the months of eastern standard time.

**1990**

October 14-18 Revival - Rev. Thomas Hupp from Kitty Hawk preached the revival "Round the Clock Time," was scheduled. Prayer services held Oct. 12-13, 1990.

**1991**

Pre-revival prayer services were held April 22- 24 in the Chapel and fellowship hall.

Revival, "Victory in Christ," was held April 28-May 1 with Rev. Mark Meadows, pastor of Hunt Springs Baptist Church, Sanford, as speaker.

Chatham/Lee Area Wide Crusade was held October 6-11 at Chatham Central High School, with a kick off held on September 9. PBC members served as counselors and in the choir.

**1992**

Apr. 5-8, Revival with Dr. Wayne Brown of Myrtle Beach with prayer meetings April 1-3.

**1993**

March 28-31- Revival with Rev. Steve Clark, pastor of Hickory Mountain Baptist Church

**1994**

April 24-27- Revival with Rev. Perry Hardison, pastor of Mount Olive Baptist Church; prayer services were held April 20 & 23.

**1996**

Contemporary music was introduced to PBC with the arrival of Tim Ames as part-time Minister of Music. .

**2000**

PBC started having 2 Sunday morning worship services beginning March 5. The first one began at 8:30a.m. and was relaxed and contemporary, hoping to reach a segment of the population not reached by regular services. The second service began at 11:00a.m. and was a more traditional service.

No more Sunday evening worship services beginning January 16 except for special cases and needs.

**2003**

Church approved to have one blended service, traditional and contemporary rather than two services the 8:30a.m. contemporary service and the 11:00a.m. traditional service.

**2005**

Worship was held in the fellowship hall for about four weeks during the sanctuary renovation.

*Please note: - not every revival service has been documented. For a number of years there was a revival in the spring and fall.*