



**THE HISTORY  
OF  
GOODVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH**



## A New Beginning

During a business meeting at Diamond Hill Baptist Church on Saturday, May 14, 1921, a proposal to create a new church was voted on and passed unanimously. This situation **was not** due to a rift in the congregation, but rather a practical solution to a real problem. Church members living near Goodview Station had a very long walk to attend services made even more difficult in bad weather. Land was donated by Mr. & Mrs. W. A. Maxey and Mr. & Mrs. H. M. Creasy. Thus, a new church came to be.



## Charter Members

According to church records,  
*“The following members made known their desire to unite with  
the new church.”*

Mr. S. R. Overstreet	Mr. J. M. Hannabass
Mrs. S. R. Overstreet	Miss Ruth Hannabass
Mrs. Nora Simmons	Mrs. H. M. Creasy
Mrs. Irene Wright	Mr. C. R. Dickerson
Mr. J. S. Saunders	Mrs. C. R. Dickerson
Mrs. J. S. Saunders	Mrs. Fannie Cromer
Miss Myrtle Saunders	Mrs. May O. Hurt
Mr. Joe E. Saunders	Miss Vivian Hurt
Mr. J. A. Meador	Mrs. Charlie Craighead
Mrs. J. A. Meador	Mr. Charlie Craighead
Mrs. Irma Meador	Mrs. William Dickerson
Mr. J. L. Holdron	Miss Lena Dickerson
Miss Mattie D. Holdron	Mr. Frank Meador
Miss Loleta Holdron	Mr. C. C. Meador
Miss Mary M. Holdron	Mr. J. M. Jones
Miss Hattie Creasy	Mrs. Belle Jones

## Shepherds of the Flock

Even though Goodview Baptist Church has been blessed to have only two senior pastors in the last 63 years, many other men of God have led the congregation.

- ▶ Reverend S. B. Moses oversaw the construction of the original church building in 1922. He resigned June 15, 1924, but came back for three months in 1925. He was once again called in July 1926. Reverend Moses fell ill in April 1927 and died January 17, 1928.
- ▶ Reverend P. H. Chelf was called as a supply pastor in June 1924. He resigned in May 1925.
- ▶ Reverend Robert E. Lee Chadwick served from October 1925 to June 1926.
- ▶ Reverend O. H. Burnett served as a supply preacher in May 1928.
- ▶ Reverend Luther C. Coffman was called in October 1928 and served until December 1938.
- ▶ Reverend F. T. Holland served from March 1939 until April 1940.
- ▶ Reverend Jesse V. Ashwell was called in June 1940.
- ▶ Reverend Joseph B. Salmons, known as “Doby” served from 1950 to February 1953.
- ▶ Reverend Elwood McQuaid served from April 12, 1953 to August 30, 1954.
- ▶ Reverend Charlie Jones was called in August 1954.
- ▶ Reverend Robert Lafon came to Goodview Baptist Church in 1959. He died in January 1985 in the church basement.
- ▶ Reverend Joey Phillips was called the summer of 1985 and continues to lead the flock.
- ▶ Bob Chittum was appointed as a part time Associate Pastor in 1990.
- ▶ Pastor Christopher Walker began his ministry as the Youth Pastor in November, 1998 and now serves as Associate Pastor.

# **Training the Next Generation to Share the Gospel**

Youth Pastors Daniel Shoaf, Josh Farmer, and Brandon Willis used their energy and creativity to teach important Biblical lessons to younger church members.

Others considering a form of ministry or the mission field were encouraged and given the opportunity to receive practical experience. These included Craig Janney, Courtney Chappellear Blevins, Caleb Brown, and Quintin Ayers. Keith and Carole St. Clair were called to be missionaries to Jamaica in 2000. Ryan Chambers planned to serve on the mission field, but tragically died in an automobile accident before being able to fulfill that calling.

In 2021, Nicole Sensenig began serving as Children's Director and Aaron Archual was commissioned as a missionary to Japan.



## **The Strawberry Baptist Association**

From 1933 until 1962, Goodview Baptist Church belonged to the Strawberry Baptist Association. This organization of Southern Baptist Churches originated in 1776 at Strawberry Baptist Church in Pittsylvania County, Virginia. Originally called the "Upper District Association", it was renamed "The Strawberry Association" because of the founding church. Fellowship and spiritual growth were encouraged among the member churches. There were mission, education, and stewardship programs and activities with other churches in the association. Elected delegates attended meetings and missionaries were supported with association dues.

## From the Ground Up

**1922**—Goodview Baptist Church was dedicated on June 20<sup>th</sup>.



*Goodview Baptist Church as it was originally.  
Courtesy Ruby McLain Grady.*

**1924**—Sunday School classes began with Charlie R. Dickerson serving as Superintendent.

It was decided that a \$3.00 donation from Mrs. Connelly would not be accepted by the church “*because it would leave an evil influence to use it.*” The money had originally been collected to pay musicians at a local dance.

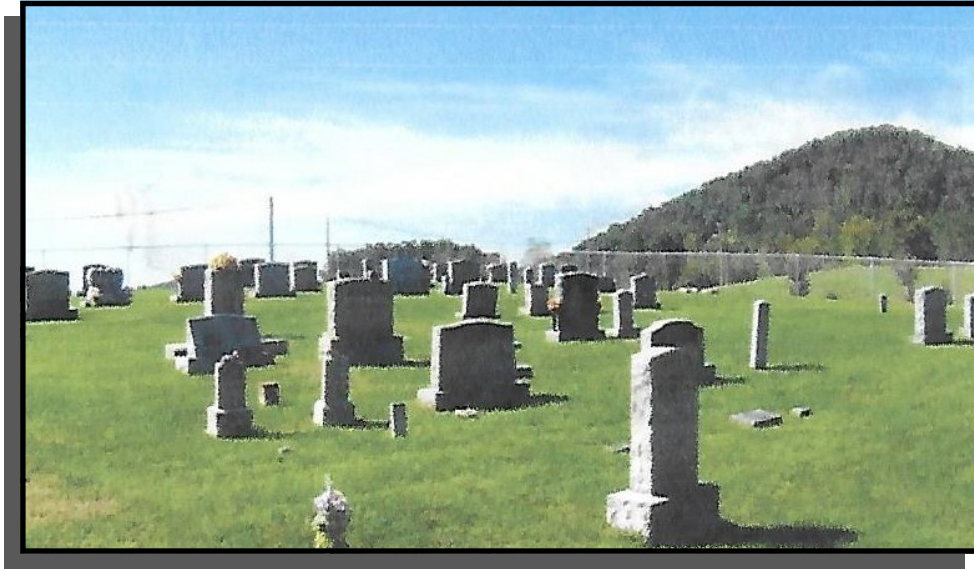
—From Business Meeting Minutes

**1932**—All the Bibles in the church were stolen in May and had to be replaced.

**1933**—First church Christmas program presented.

**1936**—The first Homecoming Day was held on the second Sunday in July.

- 1937**—A note in the minutes states that there were sixty male members and sixty-nine female members at that time.  
—A committee was created to manage the church cemetery.



- 1945**—Electricity was installed in the church building.

- 1950**—The church building was first insured with a \$3,000.00 policy.  
—A furnace was installed in the church.

- 1952**—Mrs. Dora Meador's house would be rented for use as a parsonage. Reverend and Mrs. Doby Salmons would be living there.





**1954**—The new parsonage was built beside the church. Rev. Elwood McQuaid's father came to help with the construction.



**1955**—The new parsonage was dedicated in July.

**1956**—Voted to have Vacation Bible School.

**1958**—Created a designated church nursery.  
—Planned to hold a “Tent Meeting Revival” July 12-27.

**1961**—A “Note Burning” of the parsonage loan was held at Homecoming on August 27<sup>th</sup>.

**1962**—The Sunday School building was dedicated.  
—Goodview Baptist Church ended its membership with the Strawberry Baptist Association.

**1966**—The Chamblissburg Fire Department came and filled the baptismal pool.

**1972**—The Ground Breaking service for the new church building was held on April 2<sup>nd</sup>. The only remaining charter members J. M. “Tut” Jones and Irma Meador took part with Rev. Robert Lafon.



- April 3<sup>rd</sup>, demolition of the original church began.
- Services were held in the remaining Sunday School building.
- New pews were ordered for the new sanctuary.

**1974**—Gary Janney and Sarah Morgan were the first couple to be married in the new sanctuary on September 6<sup>th</sup>.

**1975**—The new sanctuary was dedicated on June 1<sup>st</sup>.



**1976**—Brick siding was added to the Sunday School building.

**1981**—Marvin Young gave the church approximately three acres at the back of the Sunday School building.

**1985**—Joey Phillips was ordained on July 6<sup>th</sup> after being voted in as Pastor on May 19<sup>th</sup>.  
—A Homecoming / Note Burning Service was held on July 1st.

**1997**—The Homecoming service celebrated the church's 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

1998—The ground breaking ceremony for the Family Life Center was held on August 23<sup>rd</sup>.



*Lorine Morris, Sis Carner, Irene Morgan, Kathleen Thomasson  
Sarah Janney, Susan Collins, and Leroy Collins*



*Doris Thomasson and her son, Jimmy Thomasson*

2002—The 80<sup>th</sup>. Anniversary and Family Life Center Dedication was held on June 9<sup>th</sup>.



*Joey Phillips, Clark Brown, Bob Rood, Chris Walker, Leroy Collins  
David Fowler, Elbert Harmon, Earl Bishop, Mike Hawley, Tony Price  
Jerry Dillon, Jim Lyle, Gary Janney, Paul Sutherland, Perry Forbes*

2006—Note Burning Service for the Family Life Center



*Earl Bishop, Paul Sutherland, burning note  
Joey Phillips, Mike Hawley, Jim Lyle, Carl Higginbotham  
Billy Duvall, Bob Rood, Tony Price, Gary Janney*

- 2020**—Broadcasts of the morning service on the internet had to begin sooner than planned due to the COVID-19 Pandemic Lockdown.
- In-person services resumed in June in addition to online showings.



*Pastor Joey Phillips*

- 2021**—Church services and activities were held throughout the year with COVID protocols still in place.
- In December, the church presented its first outdoor drama for Christmas entitled “Journey to Bethlehem.”
- 2022**—Goodview Baptist Church celebrated its 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

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