

Daisy's Chapel Church History

Daisy's Chapel Missionary Baptist Church is a splinter church from Hallsville Missionary Baptist Church in Hallsville, North Carolina. The people who started our church once belonged to Hallsville MBC, but they branched off and started their own church. Apparently there was a conflict of interest among some of the members; these members decided it would be best to start their own church, so Daisy's Chapel was created around 1921. This was a milestone since we were the first black church inside the city limits of old Beulaville during the period after World War I.

According to the original deed on file at the Duplin County registrar's office, the land for Daisy's Chapel Missionary Baptist Church was purchased March 3, 1919 from Mr. I.J. Sandlin and his wife Lura for seventy five dollars cash. The deed of trust was for the "Colored Missionary Baptist Church". The names of the original trustees on the deed are: Mr. Richard Evans, Mr. Christopher Columbus Chasten, Mr. Willoughby Parker, and Mr. John Chasten. Our church is named for Mr. Christopher Chasten's daughter whose name was Daisy Chasten Dixon. She was married to one of our first deacons, Mr. Wright Dixon.

The original church that was constructed in 1919 burned down and the current structure was built by the members in 1921. The part of the church that was built in 1921 was much smaller. The pulpit area, the choir stand and the dining hall were part of a major renovation that came about in 1966 through the efforts of Trustee Victor Chasten, Deacon Charlie Chasten and Brother John Isaac Cooper. When most of the sanctuary of Beulaville Freewill Baptist Church on Lyman Road was destroyed by fire, the fellowship hall remained. Trustee Victor Chasten knew some of the church officers and asked if they would be willing to sell us that part of the remaining building and he informed the church of the asking price which was dirt cheap by today's standards. Our church building at that time was much smaller and we did not have the luxury of an interior dining room or individual Sunday school rooms for each class. When Daisy's Chapel members purchased that remaining part of Beulaville Freewill Baptist Church it meant the end of having to eat outside with the flies during the summertime. Deacon Charlie Chasten and Bro. John Isaac Cooper took on the overwhelming task of attaching the fellowship hall to the existing church with the help of some of the members. Church members engaged in many fundraising activities including selling plates to raise money to cover the cost of this major renovation. In due time it was completed and the addition more than doubled the floor space of our church.

Not only has our building changed, but so have the ministers who led our flock. The first minister of our church was Rev. Duncan Fryer (1921). He was followed by Rev. W.N. Hardin (1931), Rev. I.S. Grimes (1935), Rev. T. Walker (1939), Rev. S.M. Stokes (1942), Rev. H.D. Manuel (1944), Rev. E.L. Daniels (1951), Rev. Richard Mercer (1982), Rev. C.K. Best (1989) and our current pastor, Rev. Gary Moore (2014-present).

Our first Deacon Board at Daisy's Chapel consisted of the following members: Mr. Hank Parker, Mr. Christopher Chasten, Mr. Frank Cottle, Mr. Richard Evans, Mr. Willoughby Parker, and Mr. Wright Dixon.

Our first Mother Board at Daisy's Chapel consisted of the following members: Mrs. Martha Chasten, Mrs. Hestor Chasten, Mrs. Lula Geigher, Mrs. Lou Anna Parker, Mrs. Lurena Chasten, and Mrs. Carrie Parker.

Our first choir was organized while Rev. Stokes was the pastor back in 1942. The original choir members were: Mrs. Annie Mae Suggs, Mrs. Mary Lee Parker, Mr. Frank Parker, Mr. George Best Williams, Mr. Laura Marie Giegher, Mrs. Easter Wilkins, Mr. Cal Southerland, Mrs. Louise Chasten Dixon, Mrs. Lurena Chasten, Mr. John Suggs and Mr. Matho Parker. The musician for the choir was Mrs. Jeanette Chasten Humphrey.

Our church has been in existence for almost one hundred years and its members have witnessed many changes from within and without. With the continued support of its members and the everlasting hand of God we hope our church will endure for many generations to come.