



Daisy Chapel Missionary Baptist Church

According to the original deed on file at the Duplin County registrar's office, the land for Daisy Chapel Missionary Baptist Church was purchased on March 3, 1919. The deed of trust was for the "Colored Missionary Baptist Church". The names of the trustees on the deed are Mr. Richard Evans, Mr. Christopher Columbus Chasten, Mr. Willoughby Parker, and Mr. John Casten.

The 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. When Daisy Chapel's 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.

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 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 church has been in existence for over 100 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.