

Historical Connections

In 1866, a small group of freed African Americans left the balcony of the Deep Run Baptist Church to establish their own place for worship. That group met on the land of Mr. & Mrs. Leroy Vandervall where they worshipped under a bush arbor and later in the Vandervall smokehouse.

Mr. & Mrs. Vandervall donated land and logs to build the first sanctuary. Out of hew logs, Mr. Frederick Morse, Sr., erected the sanctuary. The letters "Quioccasin" were found carved on a tree on an old Indian trail near the Vandervall home and it was selected as the name of the church. Later the same name was officially selected for the road in front of the church. In 1867, the congregation with their minister, Reverend Royal Smith, held their first worship service in the new sanctuary.

In 1872, the congregation purchased an acre of land and in 1929 another acre was purchased. These two acres of land comprise the current site on which the second church sanctuary was built.

On the first Sunday in February 1952, the church building was destroyed by fire and services were held in the old Quioccasin Elementary School at the corner of Pemberton & Quioccasin Roads. In June 1952, the first worship service was held in the basement of the present church building. And, on Easter Sunday morning in 1954, the congregation held its worship service in the main sanctuary. The present church building was erected by Mr. George Gee of the Arlington Construction Company.

In 2004, the congregation, under the pastoral leadership of Reverend Dr. Andrew M. Mosley, Jr., erected a multiple purpose building that seats 400 people for banquet events and includes a full size basketball court. This multi-purpose building serves as a tool for ministry.

Quioccasin Baptist Church has been served by eight dynamic, strong and influential pastors' since its beginning. Following Reverend Royal Smith (the first pastor) were Rev. Warrenton Banks, Reverend O. C. Perkins, Dr. George Ambrose, Jr., Reverend Dr. Grady W. Powell, Sr., Reverend Murphy H. Peterson, Sr., Reverend Joe B. Fleming, and Dr. Andrew M. Mosley, Jr. In addition to these eight dynamic pastors, between Reverend Fleming and Dr. Mosley, the church was led by its administrative assistant, Reverend P. Frances Watson. Following Pastor Mosley's retirement after 32 years of Pastoral leadership, Quioccasin is currently led by Interim Pastor Reverend Dr. Earl Leslie Bledsoe.

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Quioccasin Baptist Church Sesquicentennial Anniversary Gala 1866 - 2016



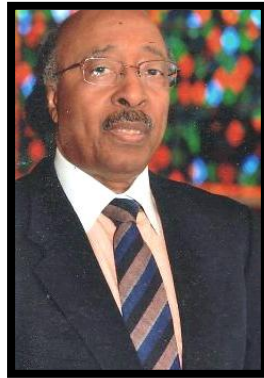
**Saturday, June 4, 2016
5:00 PM - New Fellowship Hall**



**“For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting;
his truth endureth to all generations.”
Psalm 100:5**

Quioccasin Baptist Church

PRAISE GOD FOR
ONE HUNDRED
AND FIFTY
YEARS!



This is a time to stand with Quioccasin Baptist Church in thanking and praising God for 150 years of ministries and missions. To help us with this task of thanking and praising God, I consulted Strong's Concordance for some Biblical references to 150 years and it revealed three Old Testament texts. First, Genesis 8:3 suggests that Quioccasin can thank and praise God for blessing this faith community to sail over floods of challenges and opportunities to serve and to offer a saving word. Secondly, 1 Kings 10:29 may imply that Quioccasin can thank and praise God for granting her the ability to wrangle non-Revelation horses of resistance to missions for both local and national range. Finally, 1 Chronicles 8:40 can propose that Quioccasin can thank and praise God for all of her sons and daughters that have joined and surrender as the archers that have shot their arrows of commitments and obligations to meet every enemy that would prevent evangelism, worship, study and Christian witness.

In conclusion, we thank and praise God for 150 years of service. We pray that God will continue to equip us with wisdom and knowledge for all the years yet to come.

Reverend Dr. Earl Leslie Bledsoe
Interim Pastor

Reverend Dr. Grady W. Powell, Sr.

- Organized the initial Board of Christian Education
- The church purchased land from Deacon William and Lottie Lewis to build the parsonage
- Install the first church telephone

Reverend Murphy H. Peterson, Sr.

- Published comprehensive building expansion plans for new sanctuary, Christian education study rooms, tennis court, basketball court, and swimming pool
- Organized first church annual homecoming

Reverend Joe B. Fleming

- First Director of Christian Education, Reverend P. Frances Watson
- A strong tithing and missions focus
- Established the Choral Ensemble

Reverend Dr. Andrew M. Mosley, Jr.

- Major emphasis on worshipping the Lord and love thy neighbor
- Started the 8:00 a.m. Sunday worship service
- Ordained over a dozen ministers
- Led the design and erection of the New Fellowship
- Erected the elevated ramp access to the church

UPCOMING EVENTS:

July 16, 2016 - Anniversary Seniors Tea

October 23, 2016 - 150th Church Anniversary Musical Concert

November 18, 2016 - Anniversary Family Night Symposium

November 20, 2016 - 150th Church Anniversary Sunday

Decorations by THERESA'S DECORATIONS

Pastoral Milestones

Reverend Royal Smith

- In 1865, Reverend Smith led a group of blacks out of Deep Run Baptist Church to the property of Vandervall to worship - Records indicate that 53 names were removed from the Deep Run Baptist Church role

Reverend Warren E. Banks

- The church purchased property from Edmond King to establish cemetery

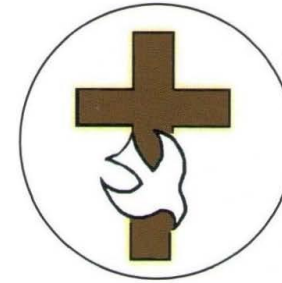
Reverend Ozie C. Perkins

- Ordained Reverend Edward Johnson during his pastoral leadership
- In 1951, presented the design for the erection of the first church on the current site

Reverend George Ambrose, Jr.

- Held first worship service in the main sanctuary of the church
- Licensed Reverend Arthur Woodson
- The baptism pool was moved from the outside front area of the church to the location behind the pulpit
- The first piano and organ were purchased

Quioccasin Baptist Church Pastors



1st Pastor
Rev. Royal Smith
1866-1912



2nd Pastor
Rev. Warren E. Banks
1913-1926



3rd Pastor
Rev. Ozie C. Perkins
1927-1952



4th Pastor
Rev. George Ambrose, Jr.
1952-1956



5th Pastor
Rev. Grady W. Powell
1956-1963



6th Pastor
Rev. Murphy Peterson
1963-1969



8th Pastor
Rev. Dr. Andrew M. Mosley, Jr.
1983-2015



7th Pastor
Rev. Joe B. Fleming
1969-1982

Quioccasin Baptist Church
SESQUICENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY GALA
1866 - 2016

Order of Service

<i>Prelude</i>	Brothers Debo Dabney & Glenroy Bailey, Musicians
<i>Call to Anniversary Fellowship</i>	Reverend Clara M. Owens <i>Associate Minister</i>
<i>Scripture</i>	Reverend Kenneth Brown <i>Minister of Stewardship</i>
<i>Prayer</i>	Reverend Frank Lomax, Jr. <i>Associate Minister</i>
<i>The Occasion</i>	Deacon George R. Willcox <i>Chairman, 150th Church Anniversary</i>
<i>Musical Melodies</i>	Brothers Dabney & Bailey, Musicians
<i>Blessing of the Meal</i>	Ahaziah Williams

Dinner Fellowship

<i>The Early Years of the Church: A Historical Perspective</i>	Sister Dorothy Carter
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Reflections

Reverend Dr. Grady W. Powell, Sr.
Former Pastor
Pastor Emeritus, Gillfield Baptist Church, Petersburg, Virginia

Music

Brothers Dabney & Bailey, Musicians

Reflections

Reverend Murphy H. Peterson, Jr.
Son of Former Pastor

Music

Brothers Dabney & Bailey, Musicians

Reflections

Reverend Joe B. Fleming
Former Pastor
Pastor, Third Baptist Church Portsmouth, Virginia

Music

Reverend Clara M. Owens
Associate Minister

Reflections

Reverend Dr. Andrew M. Mosley, Jr.
Former Pastor

Music

Brothers Dabney & Bailey, Musicians

Reflections

Reverend Dr. Earl Leslie Bledsoe
Interim Pastor

Anniversary Gala Toast 🍷

Deacon Vaughn Dennis

Expression of Gratitude

Chairman, Deacon's Ministry

Music

Brothers Dabney & Bailey, Musicians

Benediction

Reverend Clara M. Owens
Associate Minister

“CANDY TABLE IS NOW OPEN”