

EBENEZER BAPTIST

The roots of Ebenezer Baptist Church extend back to Long Creek and Good Hope Presbyterian churches (white) and Washington Baptist. Good Hope was constructed on the present site of Ebenezer's cemetery. When the church decided to move to a new location in Kings Mountain, the Blacks wanted to purchase the property but were not allowed to do so because the white congregation did not want to sell to Blacks. However, a white man whose last name was Arrowood, bought the land from the Presbytery and later sold it to the Blacks at Ebenezer.

The first structure was a brush arbor, erected in 1883. Records stated that Sallie Wray was the main planner for the new church, along with Rev. Summie Johnson who spearheaded the building project, Noah and Hannah Roberts, Frank and Sidney Wray, Jennie Ray Ramseur, Susie Thompson, Emmaline Johnson, Tom Hamrick, Nelson and Maggie Roberts, and Wesley Mauney.

The first regular pastor of Ebenezer was Rev. Benjamin Roberts who donated his services for the first year. Others who served as pastors were Reverends Andy Johnson, Franklin Ponder, Conley Henry, S.E.J. Miller, Wallace Shuford, A. Burke, G.W. Austin, W.W. Price, D.J. Avery, R.J. Davidson, Mackalee Davidson, W.M. Heard, Cornelius Gingles, Dwight Costner, W.M. Murray, R.D. Lucas, Dennis Wilson and Ernest Simon, the present pastor.

In 1938 a beautiful stone edifice was completed. The stones were gathered from the farms of Clarence Corry, Clarence and Rufus Plonk, and Clarence Roberts. Construction of the present church began in September, 1987. It seats nearly 500 persons. The stone structure continues to be used as classrooms.

FamilyReunion

Roberts Borders Mauney Howell Briggs and Related Families
