

Mrs. McCurdy -

HISTORY OF THE WOMANS MISSIONARY SOCIETY

According to all records available the first Womens Missionary Society of Stone Mountain Baptist Church was organized in March 1894. First meeting held on March 18th. ~~Constitution drawn up.~~ As a particular interest, we give this Constitution, word for word, because with very few changes it stands as the same to the present day.

The Constitution is as follows:

- 1: This shall be called the Womens Missionary Society of Stone Mountain Baptist Church.
- 2: Its object shall be, by prayer, contributions, and the spread of information, to aid the Home, Foreign, and Sunday School Boards of the Southern Baptist Convention in giving the Gospel to the destitute in our own, and heathen lands.
- 3: Anyone may become a member by attending the meetings, when possible, - praying for the Cause of Missions, and contributing five (5) cents a month, or as she may be able.
- 4: The officers shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary and a Treasurer, who, together shall constitute a Standing Committee on business connected with the Society.
- 5: All money raised by this Society shall be reported and paid quarterly by the Treasurer to the Central Committee located at _____ who will forward the same as divided by the Society.
- 6: The Constitution may be altered or amended by a two-thirds majority of the members present at any Annual Meeting.

Previous to the organization of the Womens Missionary Society a group of women had worked in the Church as a Ladies Aid Society. Feeling the need for expansion, the field of Missions supplied a well rounded Church Life. Under the guidance of Mrs. H.H. Mattox, the first President, records show that the Society was active in every phase of the work. The causes studied and contributed to then are: Orphans Home, Sick and Needy, Frontier Work, Foreign, ~~and~~ Home and State Missions - these are the same that we are working for today.

The Charter Members, according to the records are as follows:

Mrs. W. E. Mattox	Mrs. J. T. Hamilton
Mrs. O. R. Wells	Mrs. H. P. King
Mrs. J. W. McCruggie	Mrs. E. M. Wells
Mrs. J. C. Founde	Mrs. E. M. Wells
Mrs. John Caldwell	Mrs. A. J. Goldsmith
Mrs. O. E. Torry	Mrs. Dollie Camp

Younger girls joining later were: Misses:

Sallie Wells	Gussie Wells
Louise Goldsmith	Janie Maddox
Irene Goldsmith	Josie Teat
Mattie Brown	Jimmie Wilkie
Gertrude Maddox	

An Honorary Membership consisted of:

Bro. O. R. Wells	Mr. Pat Cheselin
Mr. J. B. McCurdy	Mr. Geo. Kimbrill
Mr. A. S. Beck	

These Brothers contributed monthly to Mission thru the Society. It is interesting to note, in looking over old minutes, that our beloved Brother O. R. Wells, was often present at the meetings, encouraging every good Cause that would help the Church.

It is fitting to mention here a few facts about the first President, Mrs. Mattox. She served as President from 1894 to 1899, giving freely of her time and money, working always side by side with members, bravely and cheerfully taking up any Cause, no matter how great or small. Her life was full of good works and prayers, being a Christian example for all who knew her. Her lasting influence is seen in the fact that from her family there has been an active member of the Womens Mission Society every year from then up to the present time.

The names of the President who have served the Society from 1894 to present time are given, with the exception of years 1901 to 1916. No records are available for this period:

Mrs. W. E. Mattox	1894-98
Mrs. Julia Fields	1899-1900
Mrs. Daisy Osborne	1916
Mrs. E. A. Graham	1917-1918
Mrs. F. S. McCurdy	1919-20-21
Mrs. Henry Founde	1921-1922
Mrs. J. H. Cowart	1922-1923
Mrs. E. G. Walton	1923-1924-1925
Mrs. Albert Miller	1926-1927
Mrs. E. G. Walton	1928
Mrs. Dave Wagner	1929

Mrs. E.A. Sexton	1930
Mrs. H.A. Waldrop	1931
Mrs. W.S. McCurdy	1932-1933
Mrs. W.F. Humphreys	1934
Mrs. W.S. McCurdy	1935
Mrs. S.S. Perkins	1936-1937

Outstanding in long terms of service are:

Mrs. Mattox	—	who served	5	years
Mrs. D.G. Walton	—	"	4	"
Mrs. W.S. McCurdy	—	"	6	"

In 1924 under the leadership of Mrs. Walton the Society was divided into three (3) Circles; Namely:

- Ayers Circle
- Young Matrons Circle
- Business Womens Circle.

Also at this time all the Auxiliaries were organized with capable leaders, thus making our Organization a Full Graded Womens Missionary Society. *Union*

The work continues in this same manner up to the present.

The records from 1894 thru 1937 are rich in deeds of unselfish love and devotion. A spirit of Christian Fellowship has existed all the years that makes beautiful history - Loyalty has been notably outstanding. No task has been too great, the women bravely working for every cause that Christians need to support, giving freely of their time and money.

The years move swiftly and many have departed this earth. Forever enshrined in the hearts of those who knew and loved them best, and emblazoned on the Scrolls of Time for their unselfish lives are those Members who have answered the last roll call. Today we dedicate this window in memory of those faithful ones:

Mrs. E.E. Mattox
 Mrs. Julian Fields
 Mrs. Claude Mackin
 Mrs. Dollie Camp
 Mrs. W.T. McCurdy
 Mrs. Henry Pounds
 Mrs. Nette Hardeman
 Mrs. Harry Stratton.

Mrs. Wiley Wells Mrs. L.A. Scruggs
 Mrs. M.A. Guess Mrs. John McCurdy
 Mrs. Dollie McCurdy Mrs. Jennie Caldwell
 Miss Gertrude Maddox Mrs. Lou King
 Mrs. Euron Mrs. W.L. Dutton
 Mrs. A.G. Goldenmith Mrs. Susie K Holley
 Mrs. E.C. Langford Mrs. W.G. Miller

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 Womens Missionary Society
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St. Mt. Tabernacle Plans Anniversary

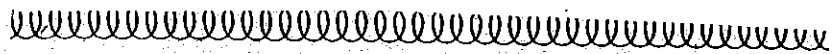
Stone Mountain Baptist Tabernacle will celebrate its 86th anniversary/homecoming on Sunday, Sept. 3.

Dr. Bob Jones III, president of Bob Jones University in Greenville, S.C., will be one of the guest preachers for that day. He will speak at the Sunday evening service at 6 p.m.

Dr. Jones has been a friend of Stone Mountain Baptist Tabernacle since he spoke at the groundbreaking ceremonies for the church in 1970. In 1971 he became the third president of the University founded by his late grandfather in 1927.

Other speakers for the 86th anniversary/homecoming will include Dr. James Deuink, former asso-

ciate pastor and principal of Stone Mountain Christian School, at 9:45 a.m.; and the present pastor of the church, Patsor R.C. King, at 11 a.m.



STONE MOUNTAIN BAPTIST TABERNACLE
86th ANNIVERSARY
Sunday, September 3, 1989

9:45 - Sunday School
 Speaker: Dr. James Deuink

11:00 Service
 Speaker: Dr. R.C. King

12 Noon - Dinner on the grounds
 (Food provided)

6:00 Service
 Speaker: Dr. Bob Jones III

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Stone Mt. First Baptist

to area refugees

This is part of an occasional series featuring Dekalb County places of worship.

- **Name:** First Baptist Church of Stone Mountain
- **Address:** 5301 Mimosa Drive, across from the Old Rock Gym in the city of Stone Mountain
- **Phone:** 770-469-6121

➤ **Web site:**
StoneMountain
FirstBaptist.com

➤ **Affiliation:** Georgia Baptist Association, Southern Baptist Association, Stone Mountain Baptist Association

➤ **Number of members:**
About 550

➤ **Services:**
Sundays: 9:45 a.m. Sunday school; 11 a.m. morning worship; 6 p.m. evening worship

Wednesdays: 7 p.m. prayer meeting

➤ **Church staff:** The Rev. Dan Parker, pastor; Brian Singleton, minister to students; Le Gibson, minister of music

The Rev. Dan Parker has been pastor for 13 years. He and his wife, Jean, have four children, two of whom are ordained ministers. He has served in metro Atlanta, including Shyama and Woodstock, since graduation from seminary. Parker taught at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary in Decatur until his retirement in June 2004.

Originally called Rock Mountain Church, the church was founded in 1839 and celebrated its 165th anniversary last year. The church has burned and been rebuilt three times. The granite cornerstone records three of these constructions and two of the fires. The last fire was in 1964.

The city of Stone Mountain has a diverse population as a relocation site for the International Rescue Committee. Parker estimates his congregation comprises at least 13 nationalities. The congregation has welcomed and assisted refugees from Bosnia, Kosovo and the Sudan.

IRC provides minimum household items, and church members have helped provide furniture. In past years, a welcome basket was presented to each new arrival. Georgia



RENEE HANNANS HENRY / Staff
The Rev. Dan Parker is pastor of First Baptist Church of Stone Mountain, which celebrated its 165th anniversary last year.

Mutual Assistance Association Consortium assists school-age refugees with an after-school tutoring program held in a building on the church campus.

The church purchased two additional properties as possible relocation sites to enlarge the church.

When the congregation decided to remain at the original location, an 11-acre site purchased for \$500,000 about a mile from the original location was rented to an African-American church called the Living Bread Baptist and, subsequently, decided over to Living Bread. A church remains on that site.

Stone Mountain First Baptist also owns a site in the city of Stone Mountain on which it built a pavilion. The church has used that site for outreach since the 1996 Olympic Games in Atlanta.

The property is used for a communitywide Easter egg hunt each spring, picnics and gospel music on the Fourth of July, and a large fall festival at Halloween that is open and free for everyone in the community.

The merchants in Stone Mountain Village and the city of Stone Mountain also use this property for a free community concert by the Dekalb Symphony Orchestra each May.

➤ **Special programs and ministries:** Bible scouts, children's church and vacation Bible school are a few of the activities for children.

Stone Mountain First Baptist also started Stone Mountain Ministries. One of its main projects is the Easter sunrise service atop Stone Mountain.