

# ARCHER LODGE

A Great Place To Call Home





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## Community History

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Archer Lodge got its name from John Archer who was a Master Mason. The Masonic Lodge was one of the oldest in the state. It was located beside Charles Barnes store.

Archer Lodge had a wooden three-room school house. It is said that the boys had to trim the pencils because there were no pencil sharpeners in the school. A new brick building was built in the late 20's, with Mr. Sam Liles as the first Principal. This building consisted of 12 rooms plus an auditorium and was located beside the church.

Another historic site is the Wall's Log Cabin. This log cabin is over 100 years old and is located on Buffalo Road.



Archer Lodge School  
1924 - 1974

# Community Activities

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There is a three-letter word for this community...FUN! There is so much to get involved in, not just adults, but everyone. Let's take a look at some of the "goings on" in Archer Lodge.

Archer Lodge starts the year off right with a Community Breakfast held at the Archer Lodge Fire Station #2 on January 1st. Usually, it's held around 8:30 a.m. with everyone bringing a breakfast dish — sausage biscuits, ham and eggs, bacon, muffins, orange juice, coffee, mmmmmmmmm — anyway, you can smell the food for miles. What a way to start the new year by having breakfast with your neighbors!

The community cooks hotdogs on Saturday's to help raise money for the many different activities that take place throughout the year. These hotdogs are sold by "VOLUNTEERS" who are willing to give a small donation of their time to help their community. Hotdogs are sold from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Please sign up to sell hotdogs and make a greatly appreciated contribution to your community. Hotdogs are sold at the fire house except during the ball season. Then they are sold at the concession stand at the ball field.

In the winter months, we work on items that need repairing at the park and playground. We have scheduled clean-up days to prepare our park and ball field for the spring and summer activities. Watch for posted dates on these clean up days and come out to help make Archer Lodge a beautiful and clean place to play and live.

One BIG activity is our T-Ball/T-Shirt League. We have teams for kids from 5 years old through age 10. The games are played on Tuesday and Thursday nights. There is a registration fee for each member interested in playing which covers the cost of shirts, hats and trophies. We have a super concession stand with "Volunteer" helpers eager to serve you Archer Lodge's finest — HOT-DOGS!

Prior to the July 4th activities, we have a "Tiny Miss" (K-2nd grade) and "Little Miss" (3rd-5th grade) Archer Lodge Pageant. This pageant is held for girls living in the Archer Lodge Fire District. This is a heavily attended pageant, especially by grandparents, parents, aunts, uncles and friends who like to show



their support. The winners ride in the parade on July 4th and preside at various functions in the community.

Another BIG activity is the 4th of July "Family Fun Day." It's just what the name implies—good old-fashioned family fun. The morning starts off around 8:00 a.m. with a "Road Race" with trophies awarded to the winners. There are always lots of "walkers" too, any age can enter. There is a registration fee which entitles you to a family fun day T-shirt for taking part in the road race. There is a parade held at 10:00 a.m. which is great fun for everyone, decorate your own entry and be a part of the parade. During the day, there are lots of activities: bingo, cake walks, homemade ice cream, games for the children, horseshoe tournaments (with a trophy awarded to the winner), softball games, etc. The mayor election is held throughout the day, with all of the votes being counted and the winner announced at the talent show. The talent show is held around 7:00 p.m. before the fireworks—and there are some very talented people in our community! The day is ended with the best fireworks display show around and our volunteer fire department makes sure this event is safe and fun for all. Take part in a great family fun day to be had by everyone who attends.

Still another BIG function is the Archer Lodge Community Auction, held on the first Saturday in October around 1:00 p.m. The main items auctioned off are crafts, cross-stitching, woodwork, sketches, wreaths, jams and jellies, and produce. There are also chicken plates, brunswick stew, hotdogs, and desserts for sale at lunch time prior to the auction.

There is a community meeting held on the 4th Monday night of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the fire station. All of the planning for the annual events are done at these meetings. Please get involved in your community. Everyone is invited to attend. The Archer Lodge Community Center cannot survive without active participants.

If you have been to the park, you have noticed the Amphitheater. This was added to the community in 1982 (funds from annual events went toward the construction of this). Our programs such as the pageant and the talent show are held here. The park also has an exercise trail which is located beside the basketball/tennis court. There are instructions on how to use each piece of equipment and how to obtain fitness. Feel free to use this exercise trail at your



convenience. The basketball and tennis courts are open all year round. You can enjoy these courts and keep an eye on your children while they play at the park.

The community also has an active Boy Scout troop. Troop 421 was first started in the spring of 1991. The troop/pack began with an original number of seven boys. Today, two of the initial boys are still members of Troop/Pack 421 and are Boy Scouts striving towards the most honorable position in scouts, an Eagle Scout. Now, Troop/Pack 421 consists of a total of 22 scouts, ranging from boys of the ages of 5-18. Scouts is a great way to encourage your son to become an outstanding citizen of a vastly growing community. Scouts is an opportunity for boys of all ages to become members of an organization striving to better their community through service. All new members are welcomed warmly to Troop/Pack 421. Meetings are held on Tuesday and Thursday nights. For additional information, contact Larry Mills at 553-1024; Jamie Duckwork at 550-0343; or Craig Norris at 553-5629. Troop/Pack 421 looks forward to seeing you!

Archer Lodge has received much advertisement from radio and newspapers. We try to get all our BIG events advertised in various ways. The community has a certain standard to live up to and we, as a community, always strive for the best we can do. People know that when they come to an Archer Lodge event, they are going to have a great time.

We, as a community, WELCOME you and sincerely hope that your lives here will be long and happy. Archer Lodge has a lot to offer — you just have to jump in and get involved. Use this brochure as a reminder of the events that take place in your community and we hope to see you there.



White Oak Church  
Built 1910

## WHITE OAK BAPTIST CHURCH HISTORY

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White Oak Baptist Church, prior to 1883, was called Archer Lodge Baptist Church. The Archer Lodge Baptist Church was recorded September 20, 1859. At that time, once a month services were held in the Masonic Lodge Building. In 1859, Archer Lodge had 43 members and continued with membership ranging from 36 members to 56 members in 1882.

In 1883, a church building was constructed on the church site, and the name was changed from Archer Lodge Baptist Church to White Oak Baptist Church because of the white oak trees growing on the church lot. There was an increase from 56 members to 80 members when White Oak Baptist Church was established and a Sunday School was established for the first time. The membership of the church, from 1883 until 1909, varied from 42 to 107. White Oak was one of 30 churches whose representatives met on November 27, 1903, in Selma for the purpose of organizing the Johnston County Baptist Association.

In 1910, a more modern church building was constructed on the building site. The membership grew: 186 in 1910; 203 in 1920; 339 in 1930; 403 in 1940. The present brick building was begun in 1944. During 1959, the new church building was dedicated, pews were donated for the new sanctuary, and the church steeple was erected. In 1962, the parsonage was built on land

donated by Mrs. Jean Barnes Moore, and the Guy Futral family were the first occupants.

The first pastor listed for the Archer Lodge Baptist Church was L. B. Horton, 1860. He was followed in 1862 by John F. Ellington and in 1879 by Worley Creech, during whose pastorate White Oak Baptist Church was established. Listed below are the pastors that have served at White Oak since that time:

A. A. Pippin	1901-1919	C. W. Driver	1972-1976
	1925-1936	Irvin W. Adcock	1976-1983
A. D. Parrish	1936-1959	Merle T. Martin	1983-1984
James F. Pulley	1959-1961	Mark Barbour	1985-1986
Guy Futral	1961-1965	Jody Griffin	1988-1992
John B. Ray	1966-1971	John Mark Batchelor	1993-

## Schedule of Services and Activities

The Lord's Supper .....	1st Sunday in Quarter
Church Business Conference .....	2nd Sunday Night in Quarter
Church Council & Finance Committee.....	2nd Tuesday in Month
Deacon's Meeting.....	1st Tuesday in Month
Sunday School.....	Sunday's at 9:45 a.m.
Worship.....	Sunday's at 11:00 a.m.
Children's Sermon.....	Sunday's at 11:15 a.m.
Mission Friends .....	Alternate Wednesday's at 7:00 p.m.
Pre-School Choir.....	Alternate Wednesday's at 7:00 p.m.
Small Groups.....	Sunday Evenings
Rockin' Christian Children's Choir.....	Wednesday's 7:00 p.m.
R. A.'s (Boys 6-12) .....	Wednesday's 7:30 p.m.
G. A.'s (Girls 6-12) .....	Wednesday's 7:30 p.m.
Adult Choir.....	Wednesday's 8:00 p.m.
Baptist Men's Breakfast .....	2nd Sunday in Month at 8:00 a.m.
Baptist Women .....	2nd Monday in Month 7:30 p.m.
Golden Agers (Sr. Adults).....	4th Thursday in Month at Noon
Standing Committees .....	Once a Quarter or Monthly



# **ARCHER LODGE FIRE DEPARTMENT**

## **Meets 1st and 3rd Monday**

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The Archer Lodge Fire Department was chartered in 1958. In 1960, land was purchased from Charles and Lona Rea Barnes and Station 1 was constructed. Steady growth in the community necessitated the construction of Station 2 in 1979. The land was purchased from Alta Hinton. The Department's response from 1958 to 1995 was primarily to fire calls and auto accidents. In March of 1996, the Department began assisting Clayton and Wendell Rescue with the establishment of a First Responder Program. The Department will answer approximately 150 fire and rescue calls this year.

The Archer Lodge Fire Department operates with funds provided by a fire tax, fund raisers, Johnston County and donations from the community.

New members are required to complete approximately 150 hours of training before being placed on active duty. The Department averages approximately 1750 man-hours of training annually.

Each year the Department holds a Fire Safety Education Day for the children. It is generally in late spring. The kids get to ride on the fire trucks, go through the Fire Safety House, enjoy Sparky the Fire Dog and Smokey the Bear.

The fire station is used by many of the organizations and individuals in the community — Scouts, community functions, voting location for Wilder's township, parties, showers, receptions, family reunions, etc. There is a charge associated with the non-community related events to help recoup expenses. Please call Debra Gordon at 553-3862 to check on the availability and cost.

The Department is currently promoting the establishment of a water district in order to lower homeowner's insurance rates. If you have any questions regarding fire protection or the water district issue, please call Chief Jeff Barnes at 553-5763.

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**Archer Lodge Community Meetings are the 4th Monday night of each month at the Archer Lodge Fire Deptment. Please join us.**

Thank you to everyone who placed an advertisement at the back of this brochure. Please consider using the resources that are offered to you right here within your own community.

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This covered bridged was located on what is now Covered Bridge Road between Clayton and Archer Lodge. The Illustration was rendered from a photograph taken in 1932.

