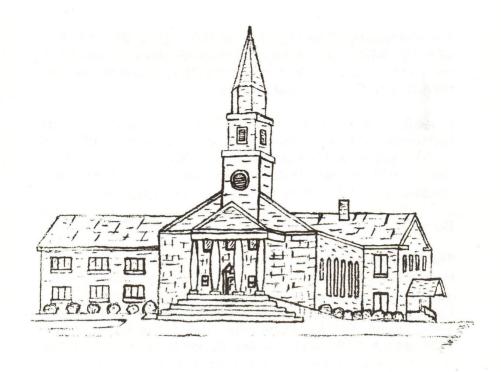
Archer Lodge is my Home



WHITE OAK BAPTIST CHURCH HISTORY

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.

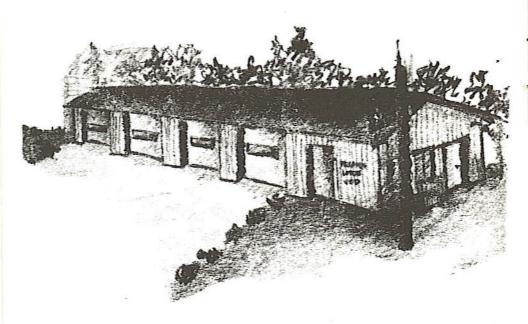
The first pastor listed for Archer Lodge Baptist Church was L. B. Horton, 1860. He was followed in 1862 by John F. Ellington and in 1879 by Worley Creech, during whose pastorate White Oak Baptist Church was established. In 1901, A. A. Pippin became pastor and remained until 1919. Rev. Pippin returned in 1925 and remained until 1936 when A. D. Parrish came. Rev. Parrish remained at White Oak until 1959 when James F. Pulley became pastor. Rev. Pulley was followed by Guy F. Futral, Jr., in 1961. Rev. Futral resigned in 1965, and in 1966 John B. Ray became pastor. Rev. Ray left White Oak in 1971, and in 1972 C. W. Driver came to White Oak. Rev. Driver resigned in 1976 and Irvin W. Adcock became our pastor.

WHITE OAK BAPTIST CHURCH

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Scheduled 1983 Dates

The Lord's Supper	1st Sunday in Quarter
Church Business Conference	2nd Sunday Night in Quarter
Church Council and	
Finance Committee	Last Tuesday in Quarter
Deacon's Meeting	1st Sunday in Month
Sunday School	Each Sunday at 10:00 a.m.
Worship	Each Sunday at 11:00 a.m.
Children's Sermon	1st and 3rd Sundays during worship.
Mission Friends (Ages 3-5)	during worship.
E. T. (Evening Training) (Classes for all ages)	2nd and 4th Sundays 5:00 p.m 6:30 p.m.
Prayer Meeting	Each Wednesday.
Adult Choir	Each Wednesday (following Prayer Meeting).
R.A.'s (Boys 7-11)	
G.A.'s (Girls 6-12)	1st and 3rd Wednesdays.
Baptist Men's Breakfast 2n	d Sunday in Month - 8:00 a.m.
Baptist Women	2nd Monday in Month.
Seniors-in-Action (60 up)	Once a month.
S.S. Officers and Teachers	Once a quarter.
Standing Committees	Once a quarter or monthly if possible.



ARCHER LODGE

Volunteer Fire Department (Meets 1st and 3rd Monday)

The Archer Lodge Fire Department was chartered in 1958. During 1960, Fire Station #1 was constructed. It contained a meeting room and two bays and a bathroom. During the early years, door-to-door solicitations for contributions of money, tobacco and trees for lumber were necessary for survival.

During 1979, plans were made to construct Fire Station #2. The building contains 4,400 sq. ft. of space. The inside of the building was completed by members of the Department.

The fire station has a meeting room, kitchen, two bathrooms, and four bay areas. Landscaping was done by community members. On July 19, 1981, a gathering of Johnston County political leaders, community residents and neighboring fire departments were on hand to dedicate this new building. Entertainment was provided by Little Miss Archer Lodge, Young Miss Archer Lodge, and the Archer Lodge Cloggers. Refreshments were served by ladies of the community.

Jimmie D. Barnes is in his 19th year as Department Chief. Other officers of the 35 active member department are: Assistant Chiefs: Larry Harding, Jeff Barnes, Clyde Castleberry; Secretary-Treasurer, Don Turner; Chaplain and Training Officer, Glenn Moore; Benevolence Fund, Cecil Jones.

The Archer Lodge Fire Department is on a tax base which is collected by the County. This gives them their operating expenses. In a case like the woods fire of 1982, funds were raised by having a barbecue dinner to help with the extra expense.

The two meetings the department holds each month are on Monday night: One is for business and the other is for training.

Each year, two fire schools are held through Johnston Tech and the Insurance Commission. Each fireman is required to have a minimum of 36 hours training a year.

The Johnston County Fireman's Association holds a "fun day" competition. This is held annually and the departments throughout the County participate. In 1982, the Archer Lodge Department came in 2nd in this County Event.



ARCHER LODGE

Community History

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

Another historic site is the Wall's Log Cabin. This log cabin is over 100 years old. There are presently around 150 families in the community of Archer Lodge.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

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 just some of the "goings on" in Archer Lodge:

Archer Lodge starts the year off right with a Community Breakfast held at the Archer Lodge Volunteer Fire Department #2 on January 1st. Usually, it's held around 9:00 a.m., with everyone bringing a breakfast dish — sausage biscuits, ham and eggs, orange juice, bacon, mmmmmmmmm — anyway, you can smell the food miles away. What a way to start the new year!

In the winter months, we usually repair things that need repairing, have small "get-togethers", and work on spring and summer programs. One BIG activity is our softball season. We have great games and tournaments. We have teams from Cary; Raleigh; Wendell; Clayton; Smithfield - from all over - enter into the league — both male and female. These games are held every night except Wednesday and Sunday. (Tournaments will be held all weekend.) Trophies are awarded to teams that finish the season 1st and 2nd place.

A super concession stand with "Volunteer" helpers are waiting to serve you Archer Lodge's finest — HOTDOGS!!! (Families volunteer for one week of concession stand duties.) We also have a P.A. system with a scorekeeper's box to announce all the games (we do try to be professional about this) and certified umpires are also available for each game. Besides an adult league, there is T-Ball (5-8 years), Boy's Little League (9-12 years), and girl's softball (9-14 years).

There is a small fee for each member of the team. This fee covers: Insurance, hat and shirt. T-Ball teams will always play at the Archer Lodge field. Boy's Little League and Girl's Softball Teams will play at home and away.

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 with the "Archer Lodge Road Race" with trophies awarded to winners. There are always lots of "walkers" which is great and, because of the advertising, plenty of runners come from surrounding towns. Any age can enter. During the day, there are just lots of activities at the recreation center: Bingo: cake walks: games for the vounger children; pony rides; horseshoe tournaments (with a trophy awarded to the winner); an old-timer's softball game, and much more. The concession stand is open and sells lots of snacks. At the picnic shelter, there is always a good-tasting Bar-B-Que Chicken with the fixings. "Family Fun Day" is also the day to vote for your choice of Mayor, Yes, that's right, Archer Lodge has its own Mayor. The voting booth is under the careful eyes of usually two people. These two people answer questions about almost anything and make sure that the voting procedures are strictly followed. Anyone (age makes no difference — as long as you can sign your name) can vote — but only once. The votes are tabulated by the two brave souls who must then keep the "winner" a secret until the evening show. Speaking of the evening show . . . vou must attend! Archer Lodge has some very talented people (?) who do their best to put on a fantastic show. Fireworks end all the evening's festivities!

During the month of July, we have a "Little Miss" (K-3 grade) and "Young Miss" (4-6 grade) Archer Lodge contest. This is always a heavily attended pageant as grandparents and parents alike ohhhhh and ahhhhh. The winners of the pageant ride in parades and preside at various functions in the community.

Still another BIG function is the "Archer Lodge Community Auction", held in early October. The main items auctioned off are crafts: Crossstitching, candlewicking; needlepoint; woodwork; tole painting; quilts, etc., with plenty of baked goods and produce. Community volunteers work on these crafts, and proceeds go toward the community. The community uses funds from this and other functions to pay electric bills and purchase equipment for the park.

Recently, the community purchased a "neon" sign that is presently in front of the firehouse. Anyone can rent this sign for a small fee of \$3.00 a day. There is a reservation calendar for this, and a reservation calendar for the meeting room at the firehouse. All you have to do is put your name on the date(s) you want.

Another way some of these "monies" are spent is paying for the entertainment we have at BIG functions (bands, etc.). These monies are put to good use, and if you go to the community meetings (held every 3rd Thursday, 7:30 p.m. at the firehouse), you will know exactly how much is spent and where. Everyone has a say-so in such matters, so plan to attend these meetings and get active!!!

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 building this). Our programs, pageants, etc., are mostly held here. The fencing around the park and amphitheater was added in 1982, and again funds from community programs and activities went toward the purchase of this. So you see, all money is spent with care.

Our park is open all year round, with restrooms (closed during winter). There is a tennis and basketball court available all year at no cost. You can enjoy these courts and keep an eye on your children while they play at the park.

The "grounds" are taken care of by volunteers. One lucky person is in charge of the committee and gets a team of volunteers to work according to a set schedule . . . Everyone does their part. Grass cutting, raking, picking up trash, etc., are the things done by the "grounds" committee of volunteers.

Archer Lodge has received many awards in the past few years. The community has won first place (twice) in the "Keep Johnston County Beautiful" contest. We also won second place in this same contest. We also entered the "Keep North Carolina Beautiful" contest and

won first and third places. These awards are on display at the fire-house.

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 get their money and time worth.

What are our future plans? The main item is an exercise trail. This will be at the recreation park. It will be in the shape of a cluster and, as far as we know, the only one like it in Johnston County. We may not be the biggest community, but we will be the fittest!!!

A community newsletter is another project that is now under way. These newsletters will be printed three times a year, with one person on each road elected to distribute them to the neighbors on that road.

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! As you will come to realize, there is more than enough to do.

Take this brochure. It has been compiled by your Welcome Wagon Committee. Read it and keep it as a reminder of our up-coming community events.

As a newcomer, we hope you will feel the motivation to get involved.

It is with sincere appreciation to everyone who gave us bits of information for our brochure.

Brenda Davis Zoe Underwood Carolyn Pace, Chairperson Pete Barnes and Kim L. Stokes, Artwork Mary Lou Barnes, Mayor

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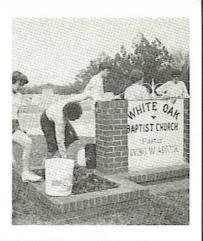
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