

The Samaria Beacon... "A Light on a Hill"

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Birthdays

October	01	Linwood Smith
October	02	Chuck Harris
October	09	Margaret Jones
October	10	Laura Pendergraft
October	14	Masyn Pittman
October	14	Carolyn Baker
October	22	Jimmy Privette
October	24	Maggie Whitaker
October	27	Glenda Stephens

If you are not listed please contact the church office 919 231-8035.

Samaria Services

Please plan to join us for Sunday School at 9:45 am.

Sunday Morning Worship service at 11:00 am with all other services live streamed.

Join us on Wednesday nights with meal at 5:30pm, and Bible Study in fellowship hall from 6:30-7:30pm. We will also have kids club at 6:30-7:30pm.

Deacon Meetings 2025

**Oct 05
12:15 pm**

**Nov 18
12:15 pm**

**Dec 07
12:15 pm**



Tuesday, October 21 at 9am

Triple S Breakfast at

McLean's Ole Time Cafe

Homebound Members

Maria Sanchez — birthday May 30

Betty Brodie — birthday August 04

Shirley Edwards—birthday June 05

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Ministry Concerns

All Homebound members	Healing/Strength
Carolyn Baker	Healing/Strength
Ann Cobb	Healing/Strength
Jerry Hawkins	Healing/Strength
Steve & Hannah Hicks	Healing/Strength
Terry Hobbs	Healing/Strength
Monica Joseph	Healing/Strength
Cherry Parker	Healing/Strength
Eddie Pegram	Healing/Strength
Sharon Schwager	Healing/Strength
Family of Debbie Sherrill	Sympathy
Tim Stevens	Healing/Strength
Debbie Strickland	Healing/Strength
James/Maggie Whitaker	Healing/Strength
Michelle Williams	Healing/Strength

Pastor's Corner **October 2025**

Dear Samaria Family,

For 147 years, God has richly blessed Samaria Baptist Church. Since 1878, Samaria has been a beacon for the Gospel of Jesus Christ in Raleigh. As we celebrate Homecoming on Sunday, it is an ideal time to reflect briefly on the early days of Samaria. We are grateful to Mrs. Margaret Honeycutt, editor, and compiler of *A Light On A Hill*, which details Samaria's history.

On August 29, 1877, property from the estate of Benton and Burchette Williams was donated to Samaria. The deed was signed by Cicero and Elizabeth Williams, W.R. and Virginia Perry, N.B. and Sarah Williams, John and Sarah Williamson, and M.N. and Mary Riggan. Originally, the new church met in a one room detached kitchen of the Williams' home. This building is still standing at Historic Oak View County Park, near Samaria on Poole Road.

In 1878, the first church building was constructed of logs. The church membership was thirty-five. Later a second building was built measuring 40 feet by 60 feet. The present building was dedicated in 1930. Pews from the old church were retained and used in the new sanctuary. Church services were held every second and fourth Sunday. Indoor plumbing was installed in 1950. The stained-glass windows were installed in 1961.

The year 1878 was an amazing year. President Rutherford B. Hayes and First Lady Lucy Hayes did not serve alcohol in the White House. Interestingly, Lucy Hayes was the first president's wife to have a college degree. Thomas Edison patented the phonograph, and the first telephone exchange started. The average yearly salary was around \$1,200. Women were paid less than men. Estimates for food prices were: one pound of sugar sold for 7 cents, one pound of butter sold for 15 cents, and one pound of coffee sold for 12 cents. Often land sold for \$5 an acre. A four-room house sold for less than \$1,000. These prices help us to relate to the lives of our early church members at Samaria.

Through the decades, Samaria has witnessed major historical events. From world wars, economic depressions, hurricanes, cultural upheavals, a revolution in transportation, space exploration, technological innovations, and pandemics. However, Samaria's commitment to the truth of the Bible has remained steadfast. As we look to the future, may we continue to be a beacon for the Gospel as a Great Commission church. In Revelation 10:11, the Apostle John was instructed, "You must prophesy about many peoples and nations and languages and kings."

Please invite friends and family to join us on Sunday as we celebrate Homecoming.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Danny

Check out our Website **Samariabaptist.org**

Please use the Samaria Baptist Church website www.samariabaptist.org to monitor church events and to find a copy of the bulletin for each Sunday morning service.

Online giving is also available on the website. We are also on You Tube on Sunday at 11:00 am.

Deacon of Week in October

October 05— Brantley Peoples

October 12— Janice Barlow

October 19— Gilbert Barbosa

October 26— Sally Stallings

Homecoming October 12

Worship at 11:00am with lunch afterwards. Church is supplying the meat. Bring a dish to share. Please plan to join us!

