

Our Saviour

Dallas

Our Saviour Church is located in Gaston County about one mile south of Dallas on Highway 321.

Services began on March 3, 1957 and were conducted by the Rev. W.G. Cobb in the County Agricultural Center. During the summer, the church was served by a Seminarian, Everett Price.

On October 6, 1957 the church was organized by Rev. Cobb. This was the first Lutheran Church organized in 40 years in Gaston County. The charter membership comprised one hundred and ten baptized members.

A parsonage was soon built and in April 1958, the Rev. John L. Morgan assumed work as the first full time pastor. The parsonage was dedicated in June 1958. On September 14, 1958 a ground breaking for the Church and Educational Building was held.

During the following months, much progress was made on the building and various activities included making draperies for the Educational building, by the women of the church, Vacation Church School and an Evangelism Mission.

August 2, 1958 the Educational Building was used for Sunday Church School. The Worship service was held in the nave although incomplete. For months work continued. The Day of Dedication and Cornerstone lying was a celebration on August 7, 1960.

Additional improvements have been added over the years. An Allen Organ was purchased and the building air-conditioned in 1969. A much needed Activity Building was dedicated in May, 1976.

The first pictorial directory was compiled in 1976. In 1978, the quilting group quilted a quilt for the North Carolina Lutheran Church Women. The quilt had 210 8-inch squares representing each congregation in the Synod and centered with the LCW dove square. This quilt was presented to Dr. and Mrs. George Whittecar at the unit convention. In 1982 the Christian Education Committee invited the congregation to a SOUP SUPPER as the first event in celebrating the 25th anniversary of the church. October 6, 1982 celebrated 25 years of an organized congregation. Worshipping and witnessing and working for our Lord and Saviour. Bishop Michael C.D. McDaniel preached on October 10, 1982 and enjoyed a luncheon and fellowship.

In October, 1983 a Wicks pipe organ was installed and chimes were added in 1984. In 1985 a new Dossal was presented and in 1986 siding was installed on the church and parsonage where wood was formally used.

Into the future this institution advances and trusting in God to show the way for its members to accept the demands of a more dedicated church.

List of Pastors

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| Rev. W.G. Cobb | 2/57-6/57 |
| Mr. Everett Price (student) | 6/57-9/57 |
| Rev. W.G. Cobb | 10/57-4/58 |
| Rev. John L. Morgan | 4/58-10/67 |
| Rev. Donald R. Deal | 10/61-2/71 |

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| Rev. Carroll Robinson (vice-pastor) | 2/71-5/72 |
| Rev. Carroll Robinson | 5/72 – 6/74 |
| Rev. Edwin McKinley | 10/74 -4/75 |
| Rev. John Woodard | 7/75 9/78 |
| Rev. Robert Edsell | 12/78 – 11/80 |
| Rev. Robert F. Shelby, Jr. (interium) | 11/80 – 6/82 |
| Rev. Carl M. Haynes | 6/82 – 5/92 |
| Rev. Timothy L Landers | 12/92 – 7/94 |
| Rev. Mark E Wilhelm | 6/96 – 8/99 |
| Rev. William E Harper Jr | 6/2000 – 5/2005 |
| Rev. William G L Fisher | 5/2007 - |