

**United Christian Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church Inc,
4054 Salem Road
Oxford, North Carolina 27565**

"If the folk scatter it would be bad. We need to meet the needs of the people."

After soulful thought and meditation a group of concerned members of our Mother Church, "Antioch Baptist of Oxford, NC," decided that we needed to venture out and begin anew. It was felt if we did not, the folk would scatter and we would not have a designated place to worship.

During the months of November and December 1998, some extensive planning was done to formulate our plans to start the new church. The United Christian Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church was born on November 15, 1998, at 4pm at the home of Deacon and Mrs. Andrew J. McGhee II. It was agreed that we would start worship service on January 1, 1999, beginning with church school at 10 a.m. Deacon Andrew J. McGhee II was elected chairman of the committee to find a place to worship. At the December 5, 1998 meeting, Deacon Andrew J. McGhee had found a place to worship namely, Betts and Son Funeral Home in Oxford, North Carolina. Reverend Ezekiel K. Best III agree to serve as the pastor of United Christian Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church, and that we would have worship service every Sunday except fifth Sunday.

In the ensuing months, we have taken up the awesome task of "being a ministering church." Our church calendar looks like that of any other congregation. We have regular prayer and praise services, rehearsal of the choirs, missionary meetings, deacon, trustee, and finance committee meetings, training sessions, music workshops, leadership development and church growth seminars, church fellowship and gatherings. United Christian Fellowship members have attended General Baptist State Music Conferences and Conventions.

Our first worship service on January 1, 1999 was a very meaningful service. Everyone eagerly waited for that "first service." It was a day of a lot of hugs, tears, and enjoyment. Reverend Best's sermon was "UNITED," the scripture was John 17:18-21. Approximately sixty-five people attended the first worship service, after which we dined at Western Sizzlin in Henderson, North Carolina, enjoying a good meal and pleasant time of laughter, smiles and cheers. It was an experience that we felt as a church family that day, which we will always reminisce.

With a determination to worship under their own vine and fig tree, the members of this church at the outset established a building fund. The Building Fund offering became an established Sunday reminder of the future home. To further the vision, Mrs. Ernestine Kinton and her grandsons Jonathan and Jason Kinton, donated acreage on Salem Road as the church's new home site.

Working toward permanency and prior to breaking ground, United Christian Fellowship officially incorporated in June 2005.

The church selected Vance Construction to build the permanent home. Many mini meetings were held. With the membership and the builder concerning the selection of bricks, carpet etc. United Christian Fellowship at 4054 Salem Road was dedicated November 2006.

We thank Almighty God for this opportunity to gather as a "Church Family" to serve him and we ask his continued guidance upon us. Our daily prayer is that we continue to uphold the Christian banner, walking in faith, and that we will never forget our name UNITED CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP and the meaning it has.

Pastoral Leadership history of United Christian Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church:

Rev. Ezekiel K. Best III
Pastor - 1999 - 2002

Rev. Brandon Smith
Pastor - 2002 -2010

Rev. Larry Peebles
Interim Pastor – 2010 – 2011

Rev. Ezekiel K. Best III
Pastor – 2011 – 2012

Rev. Jeanette A. Paschall
Visiting Associate Preacher - November 2011 - Sept. 2012
Interim Pastor - September 2012 - January 2013
Installed as Senior Pastor - March 31, 2013 to present

