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New Liberty Baptist Church, County Road 944, Glen, Mississippi 38846

The New Liberty Baptist Church was organized in the Holloway Community, located in northwest Tishomingo County near the Alcorn County line, in 1911. J. T. and Alice Hall had recently moved to the area and desired a church of their faith in the community. J. T. and Alice Hall, three of their adult children, and three other couples organized the church. The church's 11 charter members, namely Mr. and Mrs. Walter Marlar, J. T. and Alice Hall, Garvin A. Hall, Mollie Hall, Pearly Hall, L. E. and A.R. Frost, and George and Ella Marlar. Church records indicate that these individuals moved their letters from the Burnsville Baptist Church on September 2, 1911.

For several years, the church met in the Holloway School, a two-room building, and borrowed the Chapel Hill Methodist Church sanctuary for revival services. Around 1922, a church building was constructed on property donated by Mr. Charlie Benick. A large amount of the lumber was donated by Mr. Tom Coke, who owned a sawmill in the community. In a letter received from Tindle L. Nix, who was 8 years old at this time, he stated that he remembered the following: "They decided to have a revival at Chapel Hill Methodist Church but they didn't like the pastor of Chapel Hill for some reason, and didn't want him to carry on the revival. The Baptists got mad and went to building New Liberty Baptist Church. They couldn't get it completed before the revival. They just had to stack it up out of the way but they had a glorious revival."

According to elderly members, the building was a large one-room structure that held three rows of benches. It had two front doors, about four windows on each side, and a drop siding exterior. As time progressed, the main road was moved, and the church was no longer in a central location.

Records show where a revival meeting was held in August 1927 with 26 souls saved. Rev. Roland was pastor during this time.

From another church record, the following was obtained: "During the meeting which began January 1, 1939, and ended January 10, 1939, there were 36 conversions and 54 people joined the church in all. Rev. Otis Perry who delivered the sermons received \$35.31 for his work, and Rev. Spencer also received \$10.00." Mrs. G. A. Hall has been heard discussing this meeting. Mrs.

Hall said “the weather was so bad that people could hardly get to the church, but large crowds came anyway.” She also said that “the power of the Holy Spirit was so greatly felt during the services that when the invitations would be given, people would just flock down the aisles.” Other things seem to have come from the revival. On January 9, 1939, while in conference, the church voted to move to a more suitable location. When the move began, it was accomplished in one year without debt. Mrs. Lou Thompson, a member of the Chapel Hill Methodist Church, donated the land. A portion of the building materials was utilized from the old building. The first services were held in the new building on June 7, 1942.

The first Sunday School was organized January 8, 1939, with 108 members and \$3.29 collected in the offering on the first day. In January 1942, the church adopted the Every Member Family Plan to put The Baptist Record in homes of resident church members. On August 23, 1942, a motion was made and carried to have full-time church services with the exception of the fourth Sunday which was Chapel Hill’s day of preaching service. In 1947-1948, Sunday School rooms were added. In 1949, the church had a cotton crop with members coming together to work and harvest it. According to records, the church cleared \$219.16. The church was lit in its earlier years by Kerosene lamps, carbide lights, Aladdin lamps, and finally electricity was obtained in 1949. In 1955-1956, a basement was added to the church for Sunday School space. In 1962, the basement was extended, and in 1966, this extension was partitioned off for Sunday School rooms. In 1956, the interior of the church was remodeled; Rev. A. D. Wilson contributed a large amount of money toward this effort. Hardwood floors were installed and walls were refinished. In 1964, new church pews and a pulpit were purchased. These replaced the theater seats which had heartily disliked. In July 1966, the church entered the Annuity Board Program. In October 1966, the church entered the church development ministry and conducted a religious survey in the community. In October 1969, a new roof was placed on the building, and in October 1974, the church sanctuary was carpeted.



In September 1977, the church voted to put \$500 in a building fund and set aside the first Sunday of each month to hold a special offering for a building fund. The building fund offering was continued until October 31, 1983, when \$37,779.09 had been accumulated. The church awarded a contract on October 2, 1983, to start a new building and finish its outside structure. Bobby and Pat Kennedy donated additional land. The groundbreaking was held on October 9, 1983, with 56 members and 14 visitors present. The building’s exterior was completed in February 1984. On April 1, 1984, Larry and Linda Pittman loaned the church \$15,000 to use to complete the building. The sanctuary was completed in June 1985, and the first service was held June 16. The dedicatory service was held June 23, 1985. The basement Sunday School rooms were completed

in February 1986. The church then paid for a water line extension going under the railroad to the church, and water was turned on April 23, 1986. In 76 years of existence, the church has had 11 pastors and 1 assistant pastor. Rev. Perry, who retired from the pastorate in 1965, served the church a total of 39 years. During the last few years of his pastorate, he was assisted by Rev. Horace Credille. While Rev. Bray was pastor, the church doubled the size of its fellowship hall. These early pastors are as follows:

Date	Pastor
1911	C. A. DeLoach
1913	W. L. Norman
1915	C. C. Perry
1919	A. L. Spencer
1920	C. C. Perry
1926	M. C. Roland
1930	C. C. Perry
1932	J. E. Bowland
1933	A. L. Spencer
1940	C. C. Perry
1958	Horace Credille (Assistant)
1965	Jimmy Bryant
1968	Eddie Hamilton
1971	Talmadge White
1978	Raybon Richardson
1982	T. E. Nethery
1988	Lathon Bray
1993 to present	Edwin Kennedy

The church's membership in December 2005 was 235.

Note: The above history of the New Liberty Baptist Church, obtained from church records and older members of the church and community, was prepared by Emogene Laird Cummings and Betty Hall Adams for the church's 75th Anniversary in June 1986. More information was obtained from Betty Hall Adams in January 2006. Betty Hall Adams is a current member and daughter of Garvin Hall, one of the church's charter members.