Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church Cemetery

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Old Original Mt. Pisgah Primitive Baptist Church

Early History

The Mt. Pisgah Primitive Baptist Church is located in Bulloch County, Georgia. It was organized on November 21, 1883. There were only 5 people present at the time of the organization. Brother Howard and Sister Martha Kirkland, Brother Cain Parrish, Elder Aaron Munlin and a white Brother, Elder J. L. Smith, who acted as clerk during the organizational. These few met on Thursday, before the 4th Sunday in November and constituted the church (Mt. Pisgah). The door of the church was open to accept members. On came – Brother Andy Donaldson. They chose Elder Aaron Munlin to be their pastor. These few began doing work for the master in their own way and God blessed them.

Elder Aaron Munlin served as pastor 18 years. He was a great man, sold as a slave, the founder of Sister, Bank Creek Primitive Baptist Church and Moderator of the Mt. Pleasant Association. He departed from this life April 11, 1911. The 2nd pastor was Elder Washington Hodges. He served 20 years. The 3rd pastor was Elder Hershel Smith who served 12 years.

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We call on everyone to prepare observances for the 400th Anniversary of the arrival in 1619 at Point Comfort, Virginia of the first Africans to be sold into bondage.

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Cemetery Tours will be conducted the third Saturday of each month. Old Bethel Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery (Statesboro) will be toured on March 16, 2019.
SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

Greetings ........................................ Dr. Alvin Jackson
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Invocation ........................................ Elder Rufus Love
Old Original Mt. Pisgah Primitive Baptist Church

Music .................................................. Mr. Earl Donaldson

Church History .................................... Dr. Alvin Jackson

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Procession to the Cemetery

Remembrances of West Africa - passing of the prison bar relic from the Slave Dungeons of Ghana

Remembrance of the Ancestors - Calling Their Names

Music .................................................. Mr. Earl Donaldson

Benediction .......................... Rev. John Thomas McPhatter
Little Bethel Missionary Baptist Church

Thank You! TO THE WILLOW HILL CEMETERY COMMITTEE

Mr. Earl Donaldson Mr. Khalil Maycock
Mr. Regan Donaldson Ms. Maria Olivas
Ms. Lakia Hillard Mr. Anthony Simmons
Dr. Alvin Jackson Mrs. Joyce Simmons

Mt. Pisgah Cemetery Clean-Up
Mrs. Bertha Pryor and Mrs. Valerie McCray

FORMERLY ENSLAVED BURIALS

1. Ishom Best (1849-1919)
2. Andrew Donaldson (1812-1897)
3. Clorie Donaldson (1820-1912)
4. Agnes Parrish Donaldson (1851-1912)
5. George Donaldson (1858-1936)
6. Isabel Lanier Donaldson (1859-1902)
7. Lucy Donaldson (1830-)
8. Handy Donaldson (1851-1936)
9. Randall Hall (1861-1933)
10. Louisa Harvey (1857-1934)
11. Gracie Munlin Hodges (1850-1926)
12. Prior Johnson (1819-1899)
13. Nicy Johnson (1830-1903)
15. Howard Kirkland (1840-1905)
16. Edmund Kirkland (1848-1918)
17. Mary Riggs Kirkland (1861-1937)
18. Martha Kirkland (1840-)
19. Hannah Parrish Lanier (1835-)
20. Eliza Little (1837-1902)
22. Anthony McCray (1836-1900)
23. Isaac Newburn (1835-1909)
24. Jennie Newburn (1833-1905)
25. Samuel Parrish (1842-1901)
26. Moses Parrish (1843-1932)
27. Andy Parrish (1848-1932)
28. Hulda Kirkland McCray Parrish (1852-1922)
29. Isabel Donaldson Parrish (1852-1932)
30. Mariah Donaldson Parrish (1853-1940)
31. Cain Parrish, Jr. (1854-1933)
32. Cain Parrish, Sr. (1810-)
33. Georgia Ann Riggs Parrish (1859-1938)
34. Harriet Parrish Riggs (1850-192_)
35. Isabell Parrish (1810-)
36. Mary Donaldson Parrish (1847-)
37. Sam Riggs (1848-1929)