



As we celebrate 175 years of loving service, let us rejoice in the knowledge of things past and present so that we may continue to respond to the call of our Savior, Jesus Christ, in the years to come.

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"...I am doing a work in your days that you would not believe if told."

Habakkuk 1:5



Red Lane Baptist Church Pastors

John Wooldridge	1796-1846
Joseph Jenkins	1846-1848
Church was without a pastor	1849
A.A. Baldwin	1850-1851
Church was without a pastor	1852
Joseph G. Woodfin	1853-1854
A.A. Baldwin	1855-1857
John T. Watkins	1857-1869
Luther W. Moore	1870
No record of pastor	1871-1874
R.W. Cridlin	1875-1877
J.H. Baldrige	1878
Adoniram Judson Reamy	1878-1881
Manley L. Wood	1882-1883
David M. Ramsey	1884
Church was without a pastor	1885
F.R. Underwood	1886
Dr. David B. Winfree	1886-1888
Robert H. Winfree	1889-1894
James W. Reynolds	1894-1928
Edward W. Eanes	1929-1930
John R. Stiff	1930-1931
Curtis P. Cleveland	1932-1933
John R. Stiff	1934-1938
H.D. Anderson	1938-1956
J. Robert Gallier	1957-1959
John G. Garrett	1959-1966
John H. Willis	1966-1968
M. Grady Pennington	1969
Boyd E. Godby	1970-1971
J. Herman Adams	1972-1985
James A. Wood	1986-1999
Malcolm Hutton (Interim pastor)	2000-2002
David Slayton	2002-2008
Dr. Michael Curry (Interim pastor)	2008-2010
Bill Gohmert	2010-2014
Dr. David Clippard (Interim pastor)	2014-2015
Dr. James Taylor	2015-present

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9TH
 4:00PM

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10TH
 10:30AM



A History of Red Lane

1846 - 2021 : 175 YEARS

Red Lane Baptist Church was first an "arm" of Powhatan Church (Old Powhatan) and its earliest mention was in 1796 as the Red Lane meeting house. During this time, a pastor would rotate between a group or field of three or four churches to conduct weekly Sunday meetings.

In 1846, the church organized and became known as Red Lane Baptist Church from the historic Red Lane Plantation (location of the meeting house). The Reverend Joseph Jenkins was the first pastor at Red Lane with a membership of 31 people. By 1851, the church membership had increased to 135 members. A second church building was erected in 1886 with a pulpit area being added in 1908.

In 1892, the church membership grew to 157 people. Just 15 years later, in 1907, seven Red Lane members and sixteen others planted May Memorial Baptist Church.

The longest pastorate in the history of the church was that of James W. Reynolds from 1894 to 1928. In 1929, when Edward W. Eanes became pastor, the field of churches consisted of Red Lane, Old Powhatan, Fine Creek and May Memorial. Rev. H.D.

Anderson was the last pastor to serve all four churches (from 1938-1956). From 1957 to 1966, Old Powhatan and Red Lane became one field pastored by Robert Gallier and followed by

John Garrett. the two churches then separated in 1966 and become individual churches.



The first Sunday School began in 1895 with 6 officers, teachers and 30 students. Over the years, additional construction was completed and two additional classrooms



were added in 1949 increasing the total to four classrooms. Five more classrooms were added in 1954. A new educational building was constructed in 1964 and provided even more Sunday School space.

The dedication of the newly built brick church was held on June 9, 1974, under the leadership of Rev. J. Herman Adams. Just ten years later this building was destroyed by fire. The congregation met at Huguenot Academy and help to rebuild came from churches and individuals far and wide in the rebuilding of the church.

On June 16, 1985, the new sanctuary was dedicated again under Rev. Adams who retired in 1985 after serving since 1972. James Wood came to serve as pastor in 1986. He led the congregation for 13 years until his retirement in 1999. During his ministry at Red Lane a Boy Scout troop was sponsored by the church, the Pennies from Heaven ministry was begun as well as holding the first Harvest Festival which still continues.

Between 2002-2008, David Slayton served as the pastor. As membership grew, the worship service expanded to include a contemporary and traditional service. It was during this time that Red Lane began mission projects in Norfolk, Venezuela and



Peru. Other ministries started included feeding the homeless in Richmond, prison visitation, special needs, drama, and English as a Second Language.

In September 2010, Bill Gohmert came as pastor at Red Lane. During his years of service, the church ministries included reaching out to the Powhatan community through Vacation Bible School, Good News Club, Youth Project Reach Powhatan, summer children's programs, soccer camp, Beaumont ministry, and Women On Mission (WMU). All the while, Red Lane continued its focus with the homeless ministry in Richmond and mission trips to Peru and India. Rev. Gohmert left the church in 2014 and returned to his home state of Texas.

In October 2015, Dr. James Taylor was called as pastor of Red Lane Baptist Church. In his time here, the mission of taking the Gospel to all the world has continued through international mission trips (Spain, India, Uganda and Sweden), support of new churches throughout Virginia, and a continued focus on mission work within and around the local community (Homeless Ministry, Women's Ministry, Good News Club, Sport's Camp).



Throughout 2020-2021, the Lord has blessed Red Lane's faithfulness in preaching His word and gathering as the body of Christ. Construction of a new administration building was finished April 2021 and the renovation of the main building (worship center and classrooms) to be completed early 2022.