



FIRST CLASS MAIL

## Salem Baptist Church



First church on Old Jamestown Road

### *Salem Baptist Church has deep, deep roots in Old Jamestown.*

When Protestant settlers began coming to the Old Jamestown area in 1798, the Louisiana Territory was under control of Spain, which was very intolerant of religions other than Catholic. The French often administered the land for the Spanish and were much more tolerant. Methodist Rev. John Clark who is buried in Cold Water Cemetery was the first Protestant Minister to come west of the Mississippi. When a Cold Water resident requested that Rev. Clark be allowed to conduct worship services in their home, he was told, "Don't put a steeple with a bell on your house, don't ring a bell, don't allow the preacher to baptize anyone, and as long as you remain a good Catholic (knowing that the resident was Baptist) your meetings will not be disturbed."

Once the U.S. took control after the Louisiana Purchase, the first Baptist Society of Cold Water was formed March 10, 1809, at the home of William Patterson. It was known as the Baptist Church, Cold Water, Missouri Territory.

In 1832, the original members built a log building on the northern edge of Cold Water Cemetery. This church was shared by the Baptists and Methodists. Years later, the building was destroyed by fire. In 1841, after two Baptist factions

## *An OJA View from Ellen's Desk*

Our seasons are changing and we are looking to a holiday season and year end that is more like what we experienced before the pandemic hit. We long for a return of our lives to a time in our past before Covid. And yet we should be looking forward not backward. We cannot move forward in the rear-view mirror. I ask that you consider some things that we in OJA see in our future.

We have been involved in the next steps to help shape what is ahead for Jamestown Mall. Individual OJA Board members continue to make major commitments in time to support the evaluation of next steps. We would like to see the work move faster and we have voiced our concerns with the progress to date. We are hopeful that we will see the demolition move forward soon so that we are not faced with the unsightly structures that are there today. You can follow the status on our webpage.

We are not planning a Fall General Meeting this year to take on a different initiative. We hope to engage with our community in a new event. We are working jointly with the Spanish Lake Community Association to sponsor a Senior Resource Fair at the Saint Louis WildCare Park. It is planned for Saturday, November 5 from 9:00 am until 11:00 am. We invite you to join us for this event. We believe it offers our community a unique opportunity to make contact with helpful resources geared to our seniors. We think that this event will help us better reach a large and active segment of our OJA community. Please save the date and update your calendars.

We are beginning work on our Spring General Meeting and we will be publishing our plans early next year. We hope that you will stay informed about our plans. We invite you to use our enhanced social media to stay informed. OJA has invested much time and energy to upgrade our social media and we welcome you to take a closer look and give us feedback.

We continue to be engaged where we can with our new neighbors to the east – the Saint Louis Zoo WildCare Park in Spanish Lake. We are excited to welcome this unique neighbor to our community as they build a first-class attraction here in North County. As we have opportunities to engage with the Saint Louis Zoo WildCare Park we will keep you informed. We wish that the opening day were just around the corner... but we know that we will be proud of the work being done when it opens for visitors.

I close this update with a message about your civic duties as the election is now just around the corner. It is important that you exercise your right and make your voice heard. PLEASE VOTE on NOV 8<sup>th</sup>!!

*Ellen M. Lutzow, President  
Old Jamestown Association*



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## Mark Your Calendars!!

### SENIORS RESOURCE FAIR

at the

**Saint Louis Zoo WildCare Park**

12385 Larimore Road  
Spanish Lake, Missouri

**Saturday, November 5, 2022**

**9 am to 11 am**

*Light refreshments and prizes!*

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that had split over slavery reconciled, the name of the church was changed to Salem Baptist Church of Cold Water. *Salem* means peace.

In 1851 a building was erected at New Halls Ferry and Patterson Road. The Methodists, Presbyterians and Baptists shared this building as a cooperative project called Cold Water Union Church. This building still stands and is now owned by the Fraternal Order of Eagles.

In 1860 a Rev. Martin came once a month for German services. With forming of Sunday School and the extra service for German worship, the timing of the meetings became a problem.

In 1885 members of Salem and the Methodist church began using the James School, later named the Brown School, on Old Jamestown Road near Carrico. This worked well until the 1900s.

In 1911 a new church was constructed across Old Jamestown Road from Brown School. Two rooms were added in the back in 1948.

In 1953 the Brown School building was sold at public auction because the school had become part of the new Hazelwood School District. Salem Baptist Church purchased the building and it was used for educational space. The playground was used for recreational activities of the various church groups. In 1956, the Brown School building was remodeled into a livable parsonage and the pastor moved in.

In 1959 the new church, which included the auditorium, nursery, and other rooms, was dedicated. In 1970, bonds were issued to erect the present educational building.

by Peggy Kruse

*With thanks to Pastor Tim Scott for lending us photos, which will also be used in the Old Jamestown "Images of America" book, and sharing narratives of Salem Baptist's history written by former pastor David Bunch (1957), June Weideman in the January 1963 Florissant Valley Historical Society Quarterly, and Ralph Wehmer (1997).*

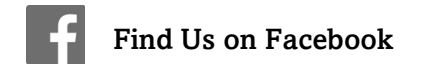
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Sanders Patterson (1825-1906) Son of Elisha Patterson and Lucy Hubbard Patterson, with gravestone of Rev. John Clark.



### HISTORY BRIEF

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Old Hall's Ferry was once a military express road leading to a ferry crossing the Missouri River to Walnut Landing in St. Charles and, following an old Indian trail, continuing to Portage des Sioux. The ferry was at this location from early times and called either James Ferry or Spring Ferry. (The old ferry was a flatboat operated by a horse on a treadmill which supplied the power to turn the paddlewheel which propelled the ferry across the river. This arrangement was later replaced by a windlass again turned by a horse which pulled the ferry across the river by a cable.)

According to records at the County Surveyor's office in Clayton, (New) Hall's Ferry is designated as Road #1. The road was surveyed in 1815 following Indian trails from St. Louis west to James Ferry on the property of Mrs. Sarah James.

Mrs. James sold her farm to Phenias James (the speculator that attempted to start a community called

Jamestown) for \$1,000. After the road was surveyed, he sold it to Rufus Easton in 1816 for \$3,000. With the purchase of the property by Edward Hall in 1836, the road to the ferry became known as Hall's Ferry.

The petition for Hall's Ferry Road states "that the only road which leads from the ferry to St. Louis was laid out by United States soldiers more for the purpose of an express road from Portage des Sioux to headquarters and it is difficult to use even on horseback."

At a later date, accorded to yellowed documents, a section of the road was planked from the river to a point where Old Hall's Ferry intersects with New Hall's Ferry. One court order sets out that "the boards that are now at Bremen (Settled primarily by German immigrants in the 1840's, Bremen had its own Post Office from 1850-1856. Incorporated into the City of St. Louis in 1856, Bremen is now part of the Hyde Park neighborhood.) are to be laid as far as they will go at \$15 .00 a mile and the agreed price per lineal foot." Another court order among the files provides for fencing the road on either side, with rails provided by the county, from the Cold Water Creek to the Lewis Hume property. A map drawn in 1852 presenting planned plank roads showed New Hall's Ferry with a note that Old Hall's Ferry was an "old road not wanted when the new road is finished." (Maps from the 1900's show Old Hall's Ferry ending just past Vail.)

*Information from History of Old Roads, Pioneers & Early Communities St. Louis County-c. 1934*