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Churchland, North Carolina

1837 - 1987



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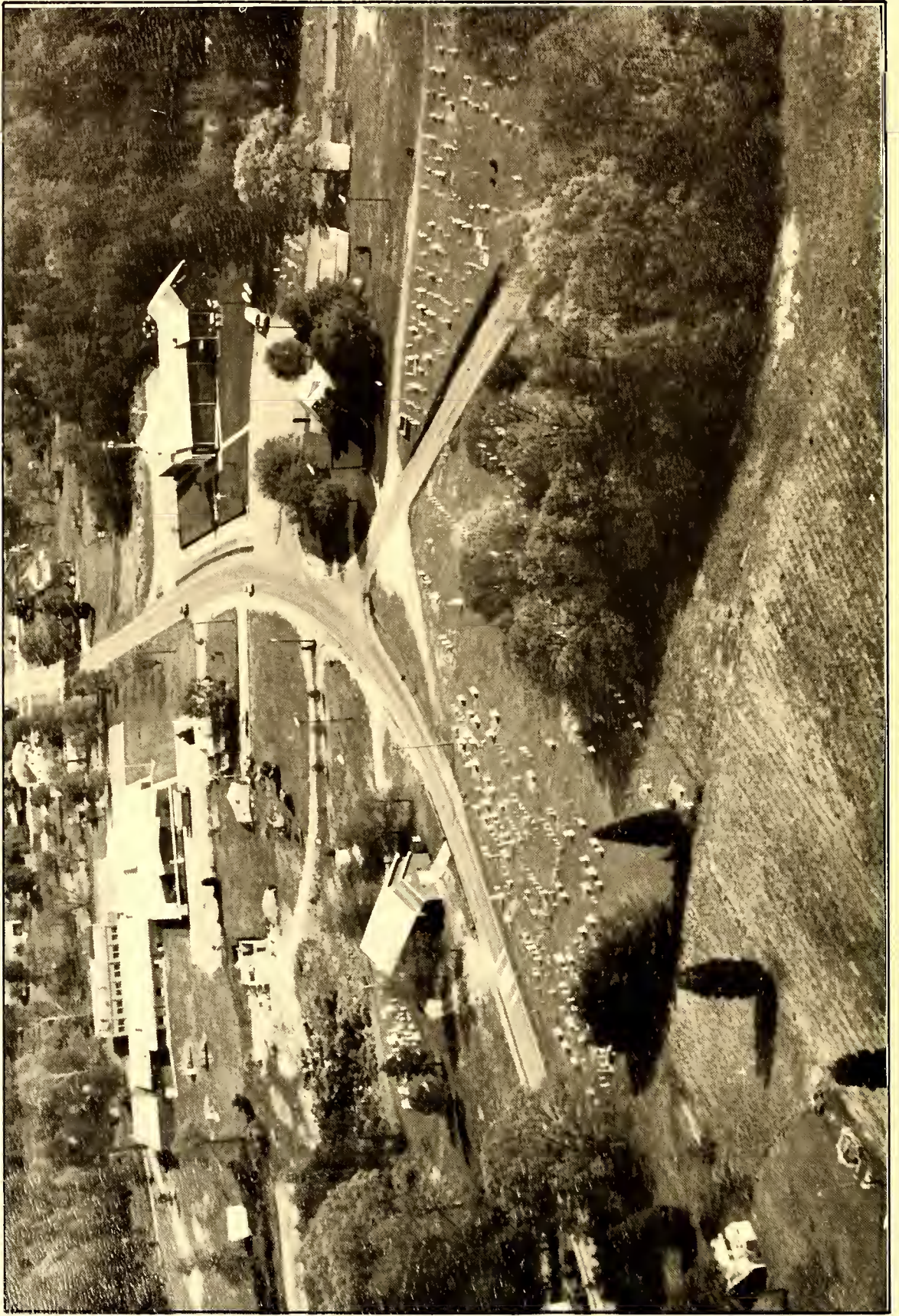
Pine Meeting House



The Old Wooden Church



The New Brick Church



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*Dedicated to the Memory of the
Men and Women of Churchland Baptist Church
who have gone before us - and to those living who continue
writing the history by their words and deeds.*



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Hugh E. Greene

Churchland, North Carolina
May, 1987

FOREWORD

The One Hundred Fiftieth Anniversary Historical Committee's work is almost complete as this booklet goes to press. We close another chapter and look ahead with hope and continuing trust in God.

Though we have labored – often long hours seeking to make this celebration one to remember – it has not been in vain. We have labored together and with a greater appreciation of our church's heritage.

If anything has been said or done to enlighten you, or to cause you to better appreciate your religious heritage, we ask that you credit not man – but God.

As Churchland Baptist Church enters another phase of history we hope our endeavor will inspire and help those who follow us to keep accurate records in the future. We urge you to keep these records in a safe place; that you periodically have them micro-filmed, and the originals professionally laminated and bound.

As May 16-17 approaches, we eagerly await participating in the planned events with family and friends.

As we reflect upon and examine the accomplishments in our past, let each of us pause and thank God for the men and women who preceded us.

For their steadfastness and convictions, their courage to venture, their strong faith in times of trials, their love for God, and their hope for the future – We are eternally grateful.

Like those pioneers of yore – Let us today rise up with renewed faith and look to the future holding the same principles and ideals. They are unfailing!

May 17, 1837! PINE MEETING HOUSE

May 17, 1987! CHURCHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH

One-Hundred-Fifty years since those eleven men and women constituted the body forming our church.

As we, like those before us, have walked this pathway – there have been laughter and tears, successes and failures. For the tears and failures – let men take the blame. For the laughter and successes with grateful hearts we sing –

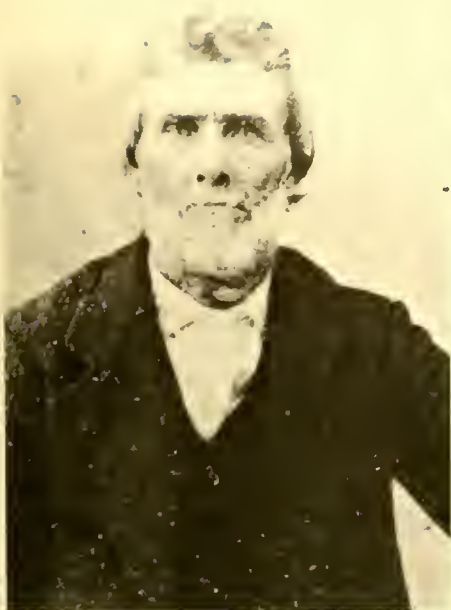
“To God Be The Glory! To God Be The Glory!”

Hugh E. Greene

Our Beginning

This Indenture made the eighth day of November in the year of our Lord, 1803. Between Benjamin Abbott of the county of Rowan and State of North Carolina of the one part and, Robert Bradshaw, Richard Barnes and Benjamin Abbott Trustees of a limited congregation consisting of Christians of the following denominations, viz the Church of England or Lutherans, Presbyterians, Baptists and Methodists known and distinguished by the name of the "Revival congregation" &c. &c. Containing two acres.

Witnesseth that for and in consideration of the sum of five pounds to the said Benjamin Abbott,



John Barnes
Son of Richard Barnes



Richard Barnes' grave

Piney Baptist Church

Following, are some historical sketches of Piney Baptist Church, from the first church records of Piney Church I copy the following from the first page:

"Baptist Church of Christ at Piney N. C. constituted May 17th 1837, by Elders Joseph Pickler and Josiah Wiseman, Pastors of Fork Church and Jersey Church" (respectively)

The following was copied from the Records of Fork Church Davie county, N. C., Sept. 1835 x x x

At the Ann at Piney Meeting house, Davidson co. Met and after divine service proceeded to business. Received three by experience and baptism. E. Nunnally, clerk.
(Pass over other mentions)

May, 1837 The church dismissed by letter the following

- Elisha Nunnally
- Elizabeth Nunnally
- Richard Barnes
- Fanny Barnes
- Nancy Barnes
- Martha Hodgins
- Ferabee Lookingbee
- Wiley Coats
- Thomas Hartley
- Dilpha Hartley

To become a constituted body at the Piney Meeting House, Davidson, Co.

J. Porter clerk,

PRESBYTERY MEETS TO CONSTITUTE THE CHURCH

Having given ourselves to god we do now freely and joyfully give ourselves one to another by the will of god engaging to bear each others burthens and burrows and participate in each other joys th we will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together nor neglect the great duty of prayer for ourselves and for others that we will endeavor to bring in such as may at any time be under our care in the structure and edification of the ch^{urch} we promise to assist according to our severall abilities in defraying the necessary Expenses of the Church and support the gospel of Christ and strive to maintain the worship of god both in publick and private.

We Engage to watch over each other in love and to hold communion together in all the ordinances of the gospel submitting ourselves to the discipline which Christ requires in his Church searching his word and praying for his spirit that we may increase in knowledge and enjoy a blessed manifestation of the mystery of godliness and of the glory of his kingdom continually looking and waiting for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ to whom be glory for ever and ever Amen.

May 27 1737

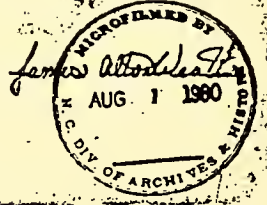
We the presbytery from York and Jersey Churches met according to call at the Piney Meeting House in Surry's County N. Carolina to constitute a Church at said N. House and finding them as we believe orthodox in fact and consenting to live under the government of love we proceeded and constituted them into a gospel Church giving them power to act and transact business according to the gospel Rule given under our hands Joseph Pickens and signed this May 27 1737 Joseph Pickens

PARTIAL LIST OF MALE MEMBERS

Males

Elisha Annally deceased
 Richard Barnes deceased
 Wesley - Coates dismissed by letter
 Thomas Hartley - deceased
 John Hunt - dismissed by letter
 William Annally - dismissed by letter
 Richard Barnes Juner deceased
 Graves (as son of Collier) Deceased

John Barnes
 William H. Spinger
 Henry A. Clement
 Miles Lyell Dismissed by letter
 Henry Beech
 William A. Wood Dismissed by letter
 John E. Wood Dismissed by letter
 William Simpson Excluded
 William Colman Excluded
 Lewis Lamb
 Addison Proctor
 John Wilson Read by letter
 R. F. Wilson do
 John H. Wilson do Excluded
 R. Alexandra Vreder Dismissed by letter
 Charles A. Barnes
 Lewis S. Barnes
 John H. Perkins
 John H. Smart Excluded
 Wesley Grubb
 William A. Wood Dismissed by letter
 Alexandra Sharp
 William J. Clement Deceased - Oct 1882
 David Barnes
 Henry Beck Jr
 G. W. Deadman Deceased
 Samiel Beck



PARTIAL LIST OF FEMALE MEMBERS

Females

X	Sarah Ann G. Barnes	Davis	Deceased	
X	Mary G. Swaingood		Deceased	
X	Harriet Simison	Grubb		0
X	Mary Ann Wood	by letter	Simison	0
X	Margaret J. Clement		Deceased	
X	Mary G. Lomax		Deceased	
X	Sarah E. Frazier		Deceased	1914
X	Alice Barnes		Excluded	
X	Emaline Wadkins		Deceased	
X	Louisa Grubb	by letter	Sept the 25th 1913	
X	Sarah Ann Frazier	Grubb	Deceased	
X	Ene Wood	Dismissed	by letter	
X	Martha O. Thornburg		Wilson	0
X	Mahindy Sprucegood		Dismissed by letter	
X	Maria La. Lamb			0
X	Virginia Thornburg		Barrett	Excluded
X	Elizabeth Barnes			0
X	Sarah Kessler		Barnes	0
X	Mary A. Beek		Excluded	
X	Margie Walter		Dismissed	by letter
X	Bethy Beek			0
X	Sally Farris	Barnes		0
X	Albertine G. Coatt		Deceased	
X	Sarah L. Sinder		Deceased	
X	Sallie G. Simison		Green	0
X	Maggie Clement		Lanning	0
X	Fannie Powers		Barthart	0
X	Susan E. Grubb			0
X	G. W. Kessler		Deceased	
X	Elizabeth Swift		Lomax	0
X	Epta L. Giles		Dismissed	by letter
X	Sarah Leonard		Dismissed	by letter
X	Flora Darr			0
X	Columbia O. Charles			0
X	S. S. Beek		Dismissed	by letter
X	Ellen Simison		Dismissed	by letter
X	Bretons Frazier		Dismissed	by letter
X	Fannie Williams		Dismissed	by letter
X	Cora Frazier			0
X	L. L. V. Simison			0
X	Louisa E. Wagner		Ratts	0

Rules of Church Order

Adopted by Cherry Missionary Baptist Church on the 18th of April 1891 -

Article I. Reception of Members

Sec. I. Every person professing faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, giving evidence of a change of heart, and adopting the views of faith and practice held by this Church as set forth in the foregoing declaration, may, upon baptism, be received into its membership.

Sec. II.

Candidates for Baptism shall be examined before the church; and their admission shall not be retroactive, until the church has ascertained their character and standing.

Sec. III. Members from other churches holding the same faith, may, be received by letters of recommendations and admission from their respective churches.

Sec. IV. Those who have once been members of Baptist Churches, and in consequence of any peculiar circumstances have no regular attendance or communion, may be received, by giving satisfactory evidence of a change of heart, Christian conduct and Scriptural faith.

Repealed Members may be returned to membership upon confession of their errors, and giving evidence of repentance.

Those who shall be received as members in this Church, to whose admission five members reply, etc.

General Rules of Members

I. The duties of members to the church are the

acquisition of Scriptural knowledge; constant progress in spirituality; persistence of eternal prayer; and the control and eradication of every unwholesome habit.

It is the duty of members to honor solemn and true their Pastor; to pray for him frequently and daily; to submit to him in the Scriptural exercise of his official authority; to attend constantly upon his ministrations; to manifest a tender regard for his reputation; and to contribute toward his support in proportion to their ability.

Sec. III. It is the duty of each member to activate and cherish brotherly love for all other members of the church; and to show their love by using all proper means to promote their spiritual benefit and prosperity.

Sec. IV. Toward those who are not connected with the Church; it is the duty of members to be exact in fulfilling obligations and performing promises; and as opportunity and ability may enable to bear around the gospel of Christ to them.

Sec. V. It is the duty of all members coming from other Churches of the same denomination to take letters of dismission should this not be practicable, to furnish names and places of residence within the after leaving the church.

Article VI. Officers of the Church

Sec. I. As often as it may be deemed necessary, the removal of a previous Pastor, the church shall elect every delay in the election of a Pastor shall constitute a good report; provided at least three-fourths of the members present after a fair and open meeting

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shall give consent by their vote to the invitation of the Pastor to preach the Gospel at the Church; to administer the ordinances of the Gospel; to act as moderator when present, in meetings for the transaction of business; and to perform the various other duties incumbent on his office.

Sec II. The church shall elect Deacons by a majority of three-fourths of its members present at a regular conference, occurring at least once a year.

Sec III. It shall be the duty of the Deacons to look after the relief of the poor of the church; to visit the sick; to prepare and distribute the elements of the Lord's Supper; to take general supervision of the temporal interests of the church, and to cooperate with and assist the Pastor in the performance of his duties.

They shall continue in office as long as satisfaction shall be given.

Sec III. There shall be, from three to five Trustees, a Treasurer, Clerk and Sexton. The Trustees may remain in office as long as the church sees it wise to continue them; when they may be elected as their predecessors, to whom all duties of Church property shall be made over. All other officers of the church shall be elected at the regular conference meeting in January of every year.

3. In case of death or resignation, or removal of either of the said officers the Vacancy shall be filled by the electing of another, at the next regular meeting following the one at which such vacancy shall have been announced.

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Sec IV. It shall be the duty of the Deacons to receive all moneys, and pay all orders drawn on moneys of the church.

They shall keep a true and fair book of accounts and annually at the stated meeting for business in January shall lay before the church a statement of the moneys so received and paid, which committee appointed by the church shall examine with the necessary vouchers.

Sec V. The Clerk shall keep a fair record of the proceedings of the church, in their meetings for business; sign all orders on the treasury kept by the church; take charge of all the records; do all the writing of church letters; and keep a register of all the members of the church.

Article IV. Meetings of the Church

Sec I. The regular meetings for business shall be held once a month on Saturday before the Sabbath for regular preaching; unless otherwise ordered by the church.

Sec II. All called meetings shall be ordered by the church, in regular conference, otherwise done at such a meeting, will not be valid. Special meetings may be called by or Clerk on a written request, signed by a male member, and publicly announced in pulpit, on Sunday preceding. Business done on such meetings shall be valid.

Sec III. Ministers and preachers shall receive ground for the transaction of business.

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Sec. IV. The Church shall meet at least on Sunday in every month, for public worship of Almighty God.

Sec. V. The ordinance of The Lord's Supper shall be observed by the Church on Sunday of the regular meetings in May and November of every year.

Article V. Manner of Conducting Business

Sec. I. In the absence of the Pastor, the church may appoint one of her members to act as Moderator in all meetings for the transaction of business.

Sec. II. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to keep order; state and explain propositions.

Sec. III. He shall cause all meetings to be opened by reading the scriptures and prayer, and close by benediction.

Sec. IV. He shall call for the business of the church in the following order
1. Calling the Roll

Reading the minutes of the previous meeting
Then the door of the Church for the reception of members
and letters of dismissions those requesting them
Expenses & business called for
Reports of Committees
New business
& adjournment

7. He shall suffer no second motion to be entertained until the one under consideration has been disposed of except motions to amend, postpone, adjourn or split the

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main questions

Sec. VI. He shall call to order any member who while speaking, introduces any subject foreign to the order of discussion.

Sec. VII. He shall call to order any member who uses dishonourable language, or makes remarks which are adapted to injure the reputation or feelings of any brother.

Sec. VIII. He may speak on any subject under discussion - by inviting a brother to take his place.

Sec. XIV. Every member who wishes shall rise and respectfully address the Moderator.

Sec. X. Every proposition presented for the action of the Church, must be introduced by the motion of a member in writing, if requested and seconded by another.

Sec. XI. No member shall speak more than twice upon the same subject without express consent of the Church.

Sec. XII. Upon any point of order a member appeal from the Moderator to the Church, his shall be final.

Sec. XIII. All questions shall be decided by the majority, except cases mentioned in sections of these rules.

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CHAPTER I.
BRIEF HISTORY OF CHURCHLAND
MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

It cannot be definitely known how early Baptists came to North Carolina. The records show that the first Baptist church organized in the state, was Shiloh in Chowan County, and consisted of 32 charter members. This was in 1727, two hundred and sixty years ago.

There is no record of a Baptist church in Davidson county until 28 years later. The first organized Baptist Church in this immediate section of the state was the Jersey Settlement Baptist church near Linwood. This church was established in 1755; consequently, Jersey was the mother church of several other Baptist churches, including, Fork in Davie County; Lick Creek, Tom's Creek (now extinct), Holloways, and Reeds Cross Roads, in this territory embracing Davidson County.

Just what time preaching was first held in this immediate community is not known. According to G. W. Paschal's HISTORY OF N.C. BAPTISTS on March 20, 1774 Rev. John Gano, who was later to baptize General George Washington, preached at Boone's Ford, which is 4 miles from the present day Churchland church. Fifteen people were converted and baptized that day. Among these were Richard Barnes who was to become the Patriot of the Barnes family in both the Missionary and Primitive Baptist churches.

The records show as early as 1803, one hundred and eighty-four years ago, Benjamin Abbott in consideration of five pounds (\$25.00), made a deed of coveyance to a two-acre tract of land upon which to build a meeting house. This deed was made to a board of trustees, consisting of Robert Bradshaw, Richard Barnes and Benjamin Abbott. The board represented four denominations as follows: Presbyterian, Lutheran, Methodist and Baptist. Known and distinguished by the name of "Revival Congregation", whether some of them worshipped as organized churches we do not know.

The Baptist had no church organized until about thirty years later in this community.

Sometime between May 4 and August 24, 1793 a church was organized by the Baptist, Fork Baptist Church in what is now Davie County, North Carolina. There was a division in the Baptist family afore 1832 and those who insisted on establishing mission boards and Sunday Schools became known as New School or Missionary Baptist.

Those who continued in the old ways were known as Old School or Primitive Baptist.

During 1835, an arm of the church was established at Pine Meeting House. The pastor at Fork, Elder Joseph Pickler, preached here on the same day he held services at Fork Baptist Church.

This arm was granted the privilege to be constituted into a church at the August meeting in 1836. October 21, 22, 23 was set at this time, but for lack of a Presbytery, the ten members of Fork Church did not take their letters for the constitution of Piney Baptist Church until May 1837.

In May, 1837 Fork Baptist Church dismissed by letter the following: Elisha Nunnally, Elizabeth Nunnally, Richard Barnes, Fanny Barnes, Nancy Barnes, Martha Hodgins, Ferabee Lookingbee, Wiley Coat(e)s, Thomas Hartley, and Zilpha Hartley. These ten, along with Isaac, (a man of color) were to become a constituted body at the Pine Meeting House in Davidson County.

On May 17, 1837, Joseph Pickler, Pastor of Fork Baptist Church, and Josiah Wiseman, Pastor of Jersey Baptist Church formed the Presbytery which met according to call at the Pine(y) Meeting House in Davidson County, N.C. to constitute a church. After finding the above group assembled, orthodox in faith, and concerting to live under the government of love, they proceeded and constituted them into a gospel church giving them

power to act and transact business according to the gospel rules.

In a church conference meeting on June 24, 1837 Elder Joseph Pickler was called as supply pastor for the year. He remained as Pastor until the fall of 1839. On July 22, 1837 in a business meeting, following the worship service, the church agreed to join the Liberty Association. They then appointed Elisha Nunnally, Richard Barnes and Thomas Hartley to represent the church in the association.

The records show that from September through December 1839 at the business meetings there was no preacher and nothing was done.

At the January 1840 meeting Josiah Wiseman came and the church made choice of him to attend them for the year. He remained as Pastor until he died in 1845. The church met no more on account of sickness and weakness until the March meeting 1845.

At the June 1846 meeting delegates were appointed to the association. (From available records and Elder Henry Sheets journals, our church seemed to be struggling for survival and at a stand still without a pastor.)

These quotes from Elder Sheets journals and records state, the following:

"1847. Nothing of importance done. No mention made as to who was pastor.

1848. Nothing done. No mention was to pastor.

1849. Nothing done. No mention as to pastor.

August 1849. Did not meet on account of the Association held at Big Creek. September, October, November, December, nothing done for want of a pastor.

1850. No Preacher for most of the year. Nothing done.

1851. Nothing done. There seems to be no record from this date up to 1860."

According to the record, the Baptists continued to worship in the union church building which was erected on the two-acre tract of land mentioned earlier. This is now the old cemetery opposite the Pine Primitive Baptist Church. The building on this tract of land, erected by the Revival Congregation, was 20 feet x 40 feet, built of logs, with a gallery for slaves to occupy during the worship service.

At the September meeting in 1860 Elders J. A. Cornish and Azariah Williams conducted the services. The church was found in order and the way was opened for the reception of members. John Barnes, W. H. Simerson, Henry Clement, Sarah Ann Barnes, and Mary E. Swicegood came forward and joined by experience and baptism. Azariah Williams was moderator at this time.

In April 1861, at the church conference meeting, Robert F. Wilson, Henry A. Clement and William

H. Simerson were appointed Trustees for the Missionary Baptist Meeting House land bought from Henry A. Clement and also Trustees for the land on which the Old Pine Meeting House stood. Henry Clement was the church clerk.

In October and November meetings the records show the pastor came but no one came to hear him so there was no preaching.

At the June meeting 1862 a pastor was called. In July, Aaron Yarborough promised to preach whenever he could. He served the church through 1864.

On Friday before the first Sunday in October 1862 the service was held by Elder William Turner. In the business meeting John Barnes and W. H. Simerson were ordained as deacons for the church.

A Protracted meeting was held in November 1862. There were several converts and Charles Barnes, Lewis Barnes, Alice Barnes, Ellen Beck and Mary Lamb were received for baptism.

Elder Elijah Allison was called as Pastor in August 1871, and was elected again in November 1872. In May 1873 (the records state) he was home very sick.

At the June meeting, 1873, the church called Elder A. Weaver to preach the remainder of the year for (\$5.00) five dollars a month.

When the church met in October 1873 they agreed to call a pastor at the November meeting. Rev. Hezekiah Morton was called as Pastor for the year 1874. At the October 1874 meeting the church extended a unanimous call to Elder H. Morton for the year 1875 and agreed to pay him (\$100) one-hundred dollars "or thereabouts". He continued as pastor until tendering his resignation November 1878. The church accepted it.

At the December 1874 meeting the church appointed as a building committee John Barnes, William H. Simerson and Henry Beck to solicit subscriptions to build a new house. The Church then met in the old Union house.

During the year 1875, thirty-eight years later, the Baptists erected a more adequate house of worship on a separate tract of land donated by John Barnes and Henry Clement, and the name of the church was changed to Piney Baptist Church. The parsonage now stands on this location.

(The late Henry Sheets carried the church in his history of the Association by the name Pine Meeting House until the name was changed to Churchland).

About this time the church took new interest in Sunday Schools and all phases of mission work. A full time Sunday School was started and maintained. At that time most of the few churches that had Sunday School closed them for the

winter. The church was now supporting all mission work fostered by the denomination; this interest lived and bore fruit not only on the mission fields of the world, but also on the local field at home.

Sometime after 1879 Hezekiah Morton again became pastor. In May 1883 he was moderator of the church meetings through December 1883.

In December 1883 the church elected Elder Henry Sheets as pastor. He served as pastor until tendering his resignation in a called conference October 1889, but he remained through December 1889.

During the year 1918, under the leadership of the pastor, Rev. J. T. Gillespie, the church had its first Sunday School training course. "The Sunday School Manual" was studied and immediately following the study, the Sunday School was graded and the church found a great need for additional space for class rooms and more adequate equipment.

At the April meeting in 1919 the church convened in Conference. The matter of erecting a new church building was brought up. Since only a few were present the matter was tabled until Sunday. At this time it was decided to wait awhile in regards to building a new church building.

In a meeting held July 1919, in Church Conference, a motion carried to give the women the full privilege to vote on all questions arising in the church and were expected to do so.

The third Sunday meeting August 1919 was also of great significance. On this date, after preaching by Reverend Gillespie, the church convened in Conference. "The canvassing committee regarding the new church building reported \$3,441.00 subscribed for a new church building. The committee also recommended that the church build a new church building with the amount subscribed, and that it be erected on an adjoining lot donated by sister Mary E. "Mollie" Leonard, and that it contain an auditorium with a seating capacity of 350 and eight Sunday School rooms arranged so that the rooms could be thrown into the main auditorium".

The matter was presented to the church and after prayerful consideration, the church voted to erect a new building consisting of auditorium and eight Sunday School rooms. The temporary canvassing committee composed of Misses Lena Williams, Mamie Greene, Mrs. W. A. Darr, J. Ray Rickard, L. F. Barnes and W. H. Lomax was made a permanent committee.

The following were appointed as the building committee: Brothers C. A. Barnes, S. E. Simerson, O. T. Davis, R. K. Williams, S. G. Hasty and L. E. Rickard.

Mrs. Leonard's grave is in the pine grove beside the plot of Mr. & Mrs. J. C. Brewer.

In the Spring of 1920, soon after the new church was completed, a Baptist Young People's Union was organized and has continued since that time. The name however, was changed in the 1934 meeting in New Bern, N.C. to Baptist Training Union, to include adults. The W.M.S. was organized about the same time has become a strong part of the church program with all auxiliaries. The name of the church was again changed; this time to Churchland Baptist Church.

In April 1920, the church adopted the envelope system for financing the church.

The church had been a part-time church until 1946, at which time a seven-room parsonage was erected and a full time pastor was called. Rev. V. L. Andrews being that pastor.

In the year, 1951, the church, realizing the great need for more space for Sunday School rooms and equipment, approved a plan for a new educational building and started a building fund program. The last Sunday in November 1954, the new building was completed, which consists of more than thirty rooms, pastor's study and many other facilities which provides space for a complete departmentalized Sunday School which the church now has.

*August the 20th 1919
minutes of the Churchland Baptist Church
Building com.
Moved and carried that Rev. J. T. Gillespie be elected chairman and L. E. Rickard be treasurer. Moved and carried that the new church building be a wooden structure one auditorium and 8 Sunday school rooms.
Moved and carried that a committee be appointed to draw up the plans and dimensions and submit them to the body for the approval R. K. Williams, O. T. Davis were appointed. Chairman appointed another meeting Sat. Aug. the 23rd 1919.*

August 20, 1919 minutes of the Churchland Baptist Church Building Committee.

Let Helen for sock	163 75 118
	75
Conrad Helen for Helen 3-13-1920	375 193
	48 75
R. H. Snider 2-28-1920	380 065
	97 65
Mellie Leonard for bond 3-15-1920	381 533
	320 50
R. H. Snider 3-20-1920	426 083
	100 00
Conrad Helen for Helen 4-6-1920	436 083
	2 150
Let Helen for sock 4-6-1920	438 233
	1 50
E. M. Thompson & Son 4-14-1920	438 533
	39 30
B. H. Stegall for money 3-14-1920	442 313
	55 00
B. H. Stegall #1 bond 3-16-1920	447 813
	125 00
B. H. Stegall #2 place 4-15-1920	4603 13
	350 00
J. H. Haver for lamp & wiring 5-10-1920	4753 13
	155 00
J. J. Gillespie for chair	5105 13
	62 50
Ex Bank & Trust Co 6-21-1920	5170 63
	21 00
B. H. Shirley for section 7-17-1920	5191 63
	2 00
B. H. Shirley for light 7-17-1920	5193 63
	5 73
Salisbury Helen & Co for truck	5199 36
	105 70
W. L. Haver hauling	5305 06
	30 00
	5335 06

Some expenditures for building the new addition in 1920.

Sunday school classes	
Old members class 1920	8 100 00
Old members adult class 1920	107 07
Old members class 11-21-1920	20 50
	94 00
	294 07
Old members class 11-21-1920	108 00
	402 07
Senior Philothonia 11-21-1920	25 00
	427 07
Parava Senegradall 11-21-1920	98 00
Senior Philothonia 12-11-1920	85 25 07
	150
	265 7
Baron Senior 12-19-1920	7 00
	53 55 7
Old members class 12-20-1920	10 00
	54 55 7
Baron Senior 12-17-1920	2 00
	547 57
Old members class 12-20-1920	10 00
	55 7 57
Parava Senior class 1-16-1921	150 20
	707 77
Parava class 1-16-1921	60 00
Parava class 1-16-1920	25 00
	792 97
Old members class 1-17-1920	20 00
	75 47 7
Old members class by M. A. Butler 1-23-1921	5 00
	844 77

Contributions to building the new addition in 1920.

June 10, '23

The Dorcas class met as usual this morning. A very interesting lesson was taught by Mrs. Becker. Plans were discussed for some kind of a social. A committee consisting of Mrs. Hannah, Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Davis was appointed to work out more definite plans.

No. on roll 24
 No. present 3
 offering 5.52
 visitors 3
 No. of points 10%

The Dorcas Class
June 10, 1923

"The Faithful Workers"

3

The women of the church organized their class March 17 1935 (had) called it the Faithful Workers. The class, consisting of fourteen members, was divided into two groups, with Miss Sullivan and Mrs. Fitzgerald as captains. Mrs. Luccardi group is to have the first program April 6th.

Mrs. The Grubb was elected as teacher of the class. Mrs. Gray was appointed to care for the room. The personal service committee consists of Mrs. Long, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Green and Mrs. Ann Barney. Membership committee consists of Mrs. E. L. Snider, Mrs. Richard, Mrs. Fitzgerald, and Mrs. Jarry Jones. The social committee consists of Mrs. Bowen, Miss Bullard, and Mrs. Jordan.

Senior Baraca Class

3

Officers for 1920.

Fredy Davis - Pres.
Dora Dought - Vice Pres.
Rev. J. J. Galispie - Teacher.
Archie W. Greene - Agt. Teacher.
Geo. M. Hartley - Sec.
Glenn Barber - Asst. Sec.
Baraca Minutes for May 16th, 1920
Class was called to order by the Pres. Ira Lornat. God in Ridger by Mr. Ed. Richard. business called for and it was announced and carried that we elect new officers. there being no other business the Pres. gave away to the Teacher Mr. Richard

No. on roll 10

Presert 10

Collection \$ 1.43 3rd Sunday

Visitors

Percentage 80%

Dismissed By Archie Greene

Voluntary page in book;
 (Chuck Treanor's account book #1)

Jan - Feb - March - 1933

DATE	DESCRIPTION	DOLLARS	CENTS	DOLLARS	CENTS
Jan 8	right bill 14 W. H. Sonney	1	05		
11	16 Baptist book shop for margin	7	50		
22	pastor	5	00		
Feb 12	pastor	2	50		
16	pastor in full for Jan	3	00		
11	pastor	1	87		
"	pastor in full for Feb	3	00		
"	W. H. Sonney gas & auto building	5	00		
"	Heater paper	1	50		
Mar 5	Scupper Bill to W. H. Sonney	1	47		
12	pastor	1	87		
12	W. H. Sonney gas & auto building	1	25		
22	Electric note book	1	08		
25	other expense for D. S. Sifton	1	50		
26	ope 2 sets of Sonney & Sonney	1	15		
26	pastor by Rev. Ray Offord	1	57		
26	pastor in full for Mar	3	20		
Feb 14	S. S. to orphanage total	17	07		
		3	76		
14	S. S. Board Bapt Board	2	40		
22	orphanage	5	18		
Mar 6	Bapt S. S. Board	2	93		
26	S. S. Bapt Board	2	92		
26	S. S. to orphanage	5	40		
26	S. S. for stamps & money order	5	00		

1935-

- Oct - Nov - December forth quarter

1000	1	Bellevue K. Hartman	6	00	6	00
11	1	Handed toward child	6	00	12	00
7	1	stat mission	3	30	15	30
7	1	Coopy program	6	10	21	40
7	1	Wiggladen Barm	10	00	31	40
7	1	Postage	3	00	34	70
7	1	pastor in full for Oct	3	00	37	70
12	1	pastor in full for Nov	4	98	42	70
13	1	pastor	2	22	45	92
17	1	Right slip for W. H. Sonney	2	47	1	02
22	1	W. H. Sonney	4	51	1	06
22	1	for paper	1	00	1	07
27	1	pastor	2	00	1	27
27	1	pastor in full for Dec	3	00	1	30
29	1	stat mission special	2	40	1	54
29	1	cooperation program	2	50	1	56
29	1	postage	2	70	1	77
18	1	S. S. Board for 1st quarter	2	58	1	99
18	1	S. S. Board for 2nd quarter	2	52	2	01
24	1	pastor	1	80	2	19
27	1	W. H. Sonney thank	5	70	2	70
27	1	postage	2	10	2	71
27	1	pastor in full for Nov	3	00	2	74
27	1	element for fund	2	32	2	76
27	1	pastor in full for Dec	2	17	2	98
27	1	for board of Body	5	00	3	07
22	1	W. H. Sonney light bill	1	04	3	08
22	1	pastor in full for Dec	1	86	3	26
30	1	S. S. for mill. Home	1	47	3	31
30	1	cooperation program	2	50	3	33
30	1	for 1st quarter	2	00	3	35
30	1	for 2nd quarter	5	75	3	41
30	1	for 3rd quarter	6	00	3	47
30	1	pastor in full for Dec	3	00	3	50

CHAPTER II.
October 21, 1956 - Homecoming Day
ANOTHER CHAPTER TO THE HISTORY OF
THE CHURCHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH
(By J. O. Walton)

For the complete history of a church, there should be a record of activities all along the way. Therefore, it seems wise at this time to add a few lines to the other history.

Mr. Lomax, in his history of our church, states that in 1951, the church realized the need for more room and equipment and that a plan was approved and a new educational plant was built and equipped.

When the new plant, referred to above, was started, there was but \$3,000 on hand but the people had a will to work. Solicitations were made in the interest of more ground, materials, labor, etc. The response was generous and surprising. Under the leadership of Brother W. F. Gentry, the actual work was begun. Men, women, money timber and other materials were forthcoming. The three-story building was a big undertaking for the group. There were some who did not think it could be done. There were others who were not willing to admit that it could not until they had first tried. It would be too tedious and time would not permit, to read the account of men, women and children who came for work during the period of construction. But each made his or her own contribution along the way. Memorials were given in the form of furniture, rooms, etc. But there were many who made, and they continue to make, gifts of money, from a few pennies to several dollars. All of this spells progress in any undertaking.

During the construction of the new building, Pastor Gentry felt called to leave Churchland and serve the Walkertown Baptist Church. This he did early in 1953. At the time Brother Gentry left the church had the new building enclosed and the main floor in use. There was a small indebtedness of \$3,000.

In May of 1953, the church secured the services of Pastor J. O. Walton. The work on the new building was resumed in June. The people continued to bring money and to give of their time.

Piece by piece, the work was done. During the work program, the church decided to make a special effort to free itself of the three-thousand dollar debt, mentioned above. On recommendation of the Finance Committee and the Deacons, November 28, 1954 was set as the date; Home-Coming and Debt-Free was our goal. The debt seemed not to be a burden to anyone. Free-will offerings were made into the Building Fund, each in his own way, and when the date arrived, the notes were burned with fitting ceremonies.

The ground floor of this educational building was still to finish, the third floor having been completed prior to the debt-paying ceremony. So, the people continued to bring gifts, volunteer for work, and the entire plant was completed at Easter, 1955, free of debt.

But the people were not through thinking of improvements. There was a general desire among the people to recast the front of the church house. The Building Fund continued to grow, even though there were no definite plans on hand. In the fall of 1955, the church decided to make an effort in the direction of a definite aim. The committee stated that the church would need \$10,000 before it could start on the new project (a new front). Therefore, the church adopted a goal of one-hundred dollars per week in the Building Fund. On the way to the ten-thousand dollars, we have cash on hand in the building fund \$7,200.00, October 21, 1956.

As for the future of Churchland Baptist Church, no one will dare guess. But there are many people who are most anxiously contributing praying and hoping for a beautiful front; a front in keeping with the rest of the church building. However, at the present, there are no definite plans, but there are no definite plans, but there is a general feeling that this work will be done before too long. Only eternity can record and properly evaluate the good that will come out of the efforts put forth in making possible this church history.

CHAPTER III.
October 20, 1957 - Homecoming Day
ANOTHER CHAPTER TO THE HISTORY OF
THE CHURCHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH
(By J. O. Walton)

Churchland Builds Again – At the close of Chapter II in the history of Churchland Baptist Church, it was stated that there were no definite plans for the future, but that there was a very strong desire on the part of many people to see a rebuilt and beautiful sanctuary. Also, it was stated that the building committee recommended that we do not begin building until we had \$10,000 cash in hand. In good faith, the congregation agreed to begin work toward the ten thousand; set as a goal \$100 per Sunday.

Thermometer is Set Up – As we were not building and had nothing to gaze upon, the finance committee decided upon the idea of a large thermometer. This to represent \$10,000 and to be placed in the front of the auditorium. Each Sunday's offering was marked in red, as the mercury rose from Sunday to Sunday. This served a good purpose. The people gave and enjoyed seeing the goal more than reached over a period of time.

Easter, 1957, was suggested as the possible beginning time for the rebuilt and beautiful sanctuary. With this idea in mind we continued to work and worship. As 1956 passed, we saw that we would likely have the desired amount by Easter of 1957. A building committee was appointed and given the permission to investigate; make plans, reports, etc.

Down To Business – The committee had several meetings in the spring of 1957. One plan and another was suggested and given consideration. Finally, on April 7, 1957, at the church, the committee decided upon presenting certain plans to the church. At a meeting in the church office at 9:30 Sunday morning, April 14, 1957, the committee unanimously agreed to put the plan, hereto attached, before the church. This was done at the morning worship hour. After all questions were answered and all minds clear, the people voted unanimously to adopt the suggested plans as a working basis with other things to be worked out as we went along. Ground-breaking service was then set for Sunday, April 21, 1957 (Easter).

In the same service, the church voted to adopt By-Laws and a Constitution which had been prepared and recommended by a committee and the deacons. This was unanimously accepted also. A copy is in the church secretary's book and the cornerstone.

In this same service also, we reached the top of the thermometer – \$10,000 for THE GLORY OF THE LORD GOD.

Needless to say, the above named service was a wonderful service. The very finest spirit prevailed and the people felt a deep sense of gratitude to the Father for His wonderful goodness and leadership.

The Old Front Comes Down – On May 1, 1957, the workmen began dismantling the old auditorium. Some hired help and some free workers united their efforts and soon the belfry and Sunday School rooms were down and out of the way. As the old part was torn away, the new part was constructed. As the bulldozer rooted out the old shrubbery and moved whatever earth was necessary, carpenters laid out the foundation for the new work. In ten days the sub-floor was on the extension. We walked in on the sub-floor the second Sunday in May. Wall up, the first rafter was set up the first day of June. We have pictures of the different stages of the work. Each time any change was noticeable, pictures were taken.

Memorial Windows Adopted – Upon recommendation of the committee, the church adopted the plan of memorial windows. Ten large ones and six small ones. These were priced at \$237 for large ones and \$100 for small ones. In a matter of weeks all the large windows had been taken and all the small ones. There were other items given, such as glasses, doors, etc.

Chimes become a Reality – Many had dreamed of having chimes. But no definite step had been taken in this direction until June 23, 1957. At this time an offering of \$30.00 set the chimes in motion. On June 22, Lee Simerson, an afflicted boy, gave the pastor a bag of money, most of it silver, which he had collected over the years. The first thought was to put the money in the general building fund. But the second thought being a divine revelation as we thought, was to make that the initial offering on the chimes. This was done. When announcement was made of this, others began to make offerings for the chimes. Thus, the chimes became a reality and were played for the first time at 2:25 o'clock p.m., September 10, 1957. When you hear the chimes ringing out for the Glory Of The Lord, bow in spirit and thank Him for so many wonderful things. Most of all, for such a wonderful Saviour.

Where From Here? – The above was all a part of the first plan: to do the outside first; then we would do some more talking, check our money, look at the inside, etc. Then we would make some other plans. July 14, the committee recommended to the church that we continue until the entire inside was completed. To do this, it would be necessary to borrow some money, as we knew to begin with that we had only enough in hand to do the outside. When the matter, plans, etc., were presented to the church that morning of July 14, 1957, the congregation voted to continue until the job was done. We agreed to borrow up to \$10,000. It was the feeling of the committee that we would not need that much, but just to be on the safe side, and take care of the “unknowns”, we set this figure.

Immediately, the inside work began. With hired help and free labor, as work had been before, so it continued. Soon the people were asked by the committee about the same day the windows were installed, September 6, 1957. The bill for the plaster job which was done by Sid Gallimore, was \$915.00. The remaining bill for the windows (to be paid upon completion of installment) was \$1,546.80. The money to pay the plasterers was in the treasury, but the money for the windows came out of the borrowed fund; the first borrowed money to be used. But more was soon to be used, as the goal was to complete the job by Homecoming the 20th of October. (Cash for windows was donated but it was swallowed up in the entire program).

Pastor Walton, on the first day of September, called a Work Day for Saturday, September 7.

On this day a large crowd came. They worked inside and outside the building. By late noon the building was cleaned, furniture arranged, and we were ready to resume worship in the auditorium Sunday, September 8. Thus being out of the auditorium only two Sundays.

When news began to spread that plastering was done and windows installed, people began to come to see. Until late at night, people came and went. It was indeed a happy day for many people.

New Pews – Voted September 8 at the eleven o'clock service. While new pews were left out of the original planning (feeling that we would have to do this later), the fever arose to a high pitch when the people saw the new walls and windows. First one and then another said, “I’ll give a pew”. We then called the deacons, trustees, finance and building committee together at 10:50 on the morning of September 8, 1957, and put the matter before them. They all agreed to recommend to the church that we proceed to get new pews and that we get whatever we could for the old ones. The order has been placed for the new pews and we have a promise of delivery on them to be approximately the second week in December.

On October 20, 1957, the congregation met for worship, Homecoming and Cornerstone laying. Work on the church was complete except for finishing of floors. Floors are to be finished in December when new pews will be installed.

With this, we await a new chapter for Churchland Missionary Baptist Church.

(Indebtedness \$10,000. We expect to pay it off during 1960).



FRONT ROW: left to right: Hazel Snider, Mary Sharpe, Annie Mae Shepherd, Lee Crowell, Kathleen Grubb, Mary Kesler, Margaret Smith, Louise Griggs. 2ND ROW: 1st one unidentified, Peggy Barnhardt, Elaine Kester, Margaret Grubb, Inez Williams, Mary Jane Williams, Dot Albright, LaRae Honeycutt, Lois Walton. BACK ROW: Russ Griggs, Lawrence Grubb, Paul Kesler, Hugh Shepherd, Wilburn Snider, C. J. Everhart, Glenn Swicegood. Circa: Mid 1950's



Lee Simerson

Churchland Baptist Church Ground-breaking day — 10 days before workers began dismantling the old building. Work began May 1, 1957. The old floor was so rotten that we put ¾ plywood in the entrance — for fear someone would fall through. J. O. Walton, pastor, took and preserved these pictures.



CHAPTER IV.
HISTORY OF CHURCHLAND
MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
(By J. O. Walton)

Note: Chapter No. 3 in the history of the church closes with this statement: "On October 20, 1957, the congregation met for worship, Home-coming and the corner-stone laying. Work on the new church auditorium was complete except for the finishing of the floors. Floors are to be finished in December, when new pews will be installed.

"With this, we await a new chapter for Churchland Missionary Baptist Church. Indebtedness \$10,000.00. We expect to pay this off during 1960".

It is a long look from May 17, 1837, when eleven people (one a man of color) organized this body into a Baptist church. But the Lord has been present and at work throughout these decades.

On Sunday, December 22, 1957 the congregation, met for worship, but NOT as usual. For it was the time set apart to dedicate the new and lovely pews for the house of worship.

With a consciousness of His presence the group entered into a service of dedication and consecration – as we felt that we should not offer wood for God's service without offering OURSELVES – the Bible way – also. It was a great day among us; long to be remembered. Each pew had been given by families or individuals, including the chairs under the balcony.

June 9, 1958 we began work on the cement walks which surround the auditorium. This was not such a big job as we had heretofore undertaken, however it was one of much significance. This was done, as was much of the other work, by free labor. (If all labor in the general construction had been paid for, we'd have spent many thousands more).

The payment of the "Ten thousand dollar debt" mentioned above becomes a part of the congregation – Sunday by Sunday.

"The people had a mind to work". And with this in mind the people began to look forward to the retiring of these ten thousand dollar notes.

So, they were paid, and certain dedication and consecration services accompanied, as follows:

- Note No. 1, March 2, 1958
- Note No. 2, May 10, 1958
- Note No. 3, October 26, 1958
- Note No. 4, February 4, 1959
- Note No. 5, April 6, 1959
- Note No. 6, July 23, 1959
- Note No. 7, October 18, 1959
- Note No. 8, January 3, 1960
- Note No. 9, April 17, 1960

Note No. 10, October 16, 1960 (Which is today. Praise the Lord). And in this service we here and NOW declare that there is no financial obligation against us. However, let us feel that we ALWAYS owe a great debt to the Master Who has called us to be His servants.

In chapter one, mention is made of the organization of Sunday School, Training Union (B.Y.P.U. at that time), and W.M.U.

We close chapter four by stating that on the night of September 28, 1960 the church began the organization of a Brotherhood. The Brotherhood is the fourth in the quartette of our Denominational set-up. While only partially organized, we believe the Brotherhood of our church will take its place along with the other three; that the men will take on new life and responsibility. The Brotherhood makes us a "FOUR STAR CHURCH."

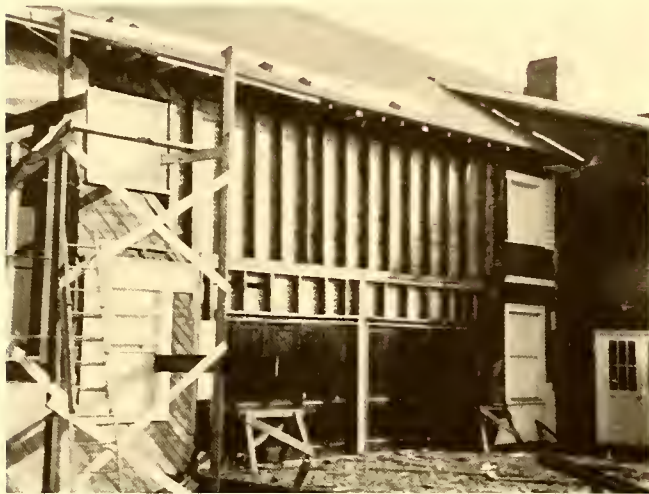
Thus, we await another chapter to our history.



Monday a.m. May 5, 1957 - front of church, after Belfrey was removed and before bulldozer pushed shrubbery out. Three day's work done on re-construction. (Churchland). Many people rejoiced to see this old trap in front come down. It was dangerous to walk on.



Saturday a.m. May 11, 1957 - front of church at noon, just as were finishing the sub floor. Lawrence Grubb (hat on) and pastor J. O. Walton are seen in foreground. Churchland Church. 10 days work done.



Old Sunday School rooms on parsonage side being torn down and new wall built in. During all of the rebuilding, we missed only two services in the old auditorium. But many worked hard and long in order to get ready for Sunday's service — too numerous to move.



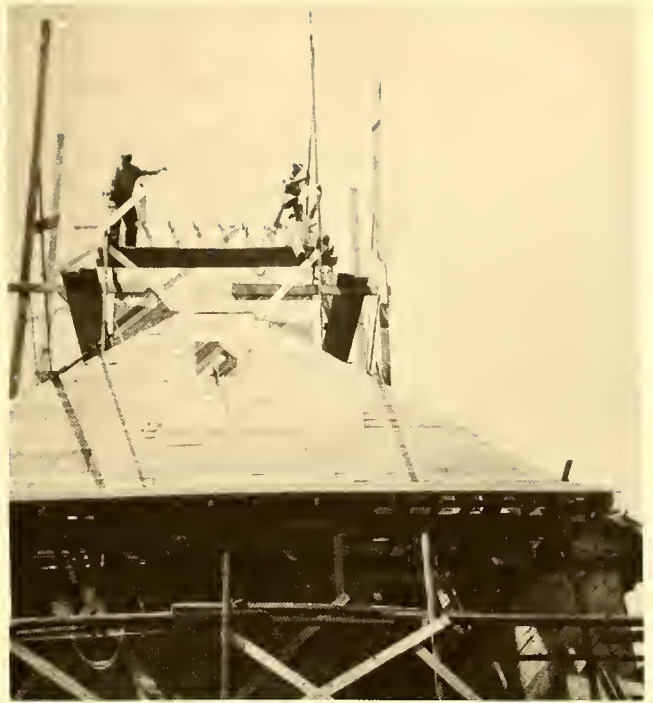
Old roof torn off and new begun.



Churchland Church — July 15, 1957



Beginning the second month's work (June 1, 1957). First rafter is set up; storm sheathing is put on front. Picture taken from Mr. & Mrs. K. W. Greene's yard.



Beginning the steeple. Identified on left Paul Kesler— on right standing — Roger Sharpe. (Sitting — Carey Grubb)



Pastor Walton is on top of steeple. It is about 70 feet high - the cross makes it 80 feet. The cross was put into the top the next morning (June 24, 1957), J. O. Walton, Roger Sharpe & Paul Kesler placed the cross into its place. Roger Sharpe went 4 feet higher than Paul and I, dropping it in. (written by Rev. J. O. Walton, v. G.)



June 15, 1957. The brick work was begun. Swaim Rickard being in charge. The parsonage side of church. Carey Grubb and his men led in the work. MUCH free labor given.

CHAPTER V.
BROTHERHOOD
By Hugh E. Greene

The first mention of organizing a Brotherhood at Churchland Baptist Church was in a deacon's meeting at Rev. J. O. Walton's home on March 5, 1960. There was some discussion concerning organizing and the deacons were requested to think about it.

At the next meeting at Bradford Simerson's April 2, 1960 it was again discussed. The Pastor, Rev. Walton, reported that the women in the WMU were discussing it and asked that a "Family Night" meeting be held once a month on Wednesday night. It was thought that perhaps a Brotherhood could be organized if enough interest was shown in the Family Night movement.

A motion was made by Eugene Snider and seconded by Pat Myers for the Deacons to endorse and recommend to the Church that a Family Night meeting be held on a Wednesday night in the month. The motion carried.

The Deacon's met May 28, 1960 at Wilburn Snider's home. Rev. Walton talked about Family Night with the first meeting to be held at the church on Wednesday night after the 3rd Sunday in June. He urged advertising the meeting. Kirby Greene, Jr. made a motion for the Deacon's to sponsor and advertise the meeting, and for the Pastor to arrange a speaker for the first meeting. Wilburn Snider seconded the motion and the motion carried.

At Sammy Grubb's home on August 6, 1960 the Deacons further discussed organizing and a report was given on the attendance at the last Family Night meeting. No action was taken but talk continued at the next meeting at Willis Albright's home on September 3, 1960.

Finally, after more than six months talk and consideration – on October 1, 1960 in the regular Deacon's meeting at Rev. Walton's home a report on the Brotherhood was given. It was reported as organized on September 28, 1960 with eleven charter members meeting once each month. Hugh Shepherd was nominated as President, Fields Lord, Vice President, and Willis Albright, Secretary. These were to be brought before the church for approval.

On Sunday, October 2, 1960 the church voted to endorse and support the Brotherhood. In quarterly Conference on June 4, 1961 Willis Albright reported 17 members enrolled with nine attending regularly.

On September 8, 1961 the Brotherhood President resigned due to his work schedule and not being able to attend the meetings. Fields Lord

was elected President on October 15, 1961.

In the November 4, 1961 meeting at Siebert Barnes' home, Rev. Walton read a letter informing them of the annual R. A. – Brotherhood Associational meeting and supper to be held at Denton. Several members decided to attend. They were also told of the Brotherhood sponsoring a Little League Baseball team for the next summer.

By December 1, 1961 the enrollment increased to 20 with an average of 10 attending.

In the Church Conference held May 27, 1962 the Brotherhood reported a Little League Baseball Team had been organized.

On June 24, 1962 Druley Troxell was elected President for 1962-1963.

In quarterly Conference, August 31, 1962 they reported an enrollment of 21 with an average of 7 attending.

During the year \$111.70 was contributed to the Lottle Moon Christmas offering, a Little League Team was sponsored, and \$290.64 raised to buy uniforms and equipment. A banquet was also held for the team.

In a December 1962 conference Druley Troxell reported that a hot dog supper was given to the team members and the R. A.'s

Thomas and Howard Company sent a \$60.00 contribution to help buy equipment for the team in 1963.

Paul Kesler was elected President on July 21, 1963 and reported in December 1963 the average attendance for the quarter 5 members, and for December 1963, January and February 1964 an average attendance of 3 members per meeting.

On September 6, 1964 the President reported at the quarterly conference an enrollment of 10 with 6 attending the June meeting, and 6 in July and August.

By March 7, 1965 Henry Barnhardt reported the attendance was small and urged the men of the church to support and attend.

On July 18, 1965 Henry Barnhardt was elected President. He reported in December Conference some gains made in attendance.

In the conference June 5, 1966 they reported that during the quarter a breakfast was held on May 8 with 30 men present. The Brotherhood sponsored the R.A.'s with Mr. & Mrs. D. R. Kesler, Jr. as leaders. The R.A.'s had 15 boys enrolled with 10 attending R.A. Camp.

Lindsay Stafford was elected President July 9, 1967 and again on August 25, 1968.

For June, July, August 1968 there were 11 enrolled with an average of 5 attending. On June 10 he reported that a social was held for the R.A.'s and they participated in the Associational Banquet at Carolina Memorial in Thomasville, N.C.

Family Night meetings were held in December and January. The group participated in a study course on Hawaii with the WMU in February.

A Baptist Men's Day was held on January 26, 1969. The day began with a ham and egg breakfast at the church with a program on the Crusade of the Americas. Rev. Dale Martin delivered the message during the morning worship service which was led by the men of the church. Special music was presented by a men's quartet.

During February the Brotherhood took the R.A.'s to a movie, "Angel in My Pockett." Four Brotherhood members and their families and 5 R.A.'s attended.

On July 27, 1969 Edwin Taylor was elected Brotherhood Director.

Six members of the Brotherhood enjoyed an outing and camp out with the R.A.'s at Harry Crowell's cabin on May 22, 23, 1970.

By September 6, 1970 the membership had fallen to 9 members due to some members moving.

In March 1972 there were 5 members enrolled. The Director reported that in January 1972 the annual ham and egg breakfast was held with 27 attending. Four pastors attended — Rev. J. O. Walton, Rev. Morris Hollifield from Jersey Baptist Church, Rev. Leonard Rollins, Associational Missionary, and Rev. Dale Martin. Frances Kesler, R.A. Director was present.

On June 24, 1973 Kirby Greene, Jr. was elected Brotherhood Director. Under his direction a telephone calling program was set up and a chain reaction took place when one member called a member and that member called someone else until the entire church membership had been called for any special emphasis that was taking place in the life of the church.

On August 20, 1978 Edwain Taylor was elected Director. In December 1978 he stated that the Brotherhood was small in number, and since September there had been 21 in attendance for an average of 7 per meeting. He commented that in the church there were 177 available members and invited them to attend.

In 1978-79 projects were planned to make the meetings more interesting. One project reported was to have available a pantry or cabinet full of canned food that the pastor could use when there were people who needed help. Another project was to purchase tables for the kitchen. Further ideas were buying an activity bus for church use.

During July, August, and September 1982, four children and one adult were taken on a Happy Retreat for retarded children at Camp Caraway in Asheboro, N.C. and again in 1983.

In quarterly conference September 4, 1983 the Director reported it was meeting on Wednesday night after the 3rd Sunday of each month with an average attendance of 6.

In 1984 Ricky Lomax was elected Brotherhood Director and remains so at the present time May 17, 1987.

A picnic shelter was built and paid for by the Brotherhood and men of the church for the church's use.

A pantry is still maintained and stocked for anyone in need.



August 1966
LITTLE LEAGUE CHAMPS

Left to right: Seated in front: Bat Boy, Johnny Walser.
1st row: David Lord, Michael Parks, Johnny Barnhardt,
Rudolph Hartley, Jr., Zeb Clement, Danny Snider, Worth
Greene, Jerry Walser, Benny Dennis, 2nd Row: Coach

Charlie Frank Young, Billy Painter, Donnie Kesler,
Randy Eller, Stanley Grubb, Kenny Greene, Bobby Young,
Steve Davis, Coach: Druley Troxell.

CHAPTER VI.
BUILDING THE FELLOWSHIP HALL
By: Hugh E. Greene

NOTE: (Chapter No. 4 in the history of the church closed with Note No. 10 being burned on October 16, 1960. The church was again debt free, A Brotherhood had been established and the church was now a "FOUR STAR CHURCH.")

On July 17, 1960, in conference the church voted to continue the building fund as usual as the church was out of debt. New carpet for the church would be the next major item considered.

Through the years many improvements were made on the church and parsonage.

On March 2, 1975 the members of the building committee reported that at their regular business meeting on January 13, 1975 they had unanimously voted to go on record as favoring a Memorial Fund be established for future use in building a Church Fellowship Hall.

The deacons approved this. It was presented to the church members and they voted to establish this fund.

A steering committee was formed to study and plan for a fellowship hall and bring a recommendation to the church.

The church calendar called for March 1978 to be designated as Miracle Month.

On January 29, 1978 the Church Council, Deacons and chairman of the Fellowship Hall committee held a meeting to discuss the Fellowship Hall.

They presented the following recommendation to the church: "That we set Sunday morning, March 12, 1978 as a Special Day for the Fellowship Hall committee to present its findings and ideas to the church.

They also recommended that Sunday School be held from 9:45 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.; Worship Service 10:25 - 10:55 a.m. and from 11:00 a.m. to 12 Noon, presentation time by the committee and discussion.

Mrs. Louise Griggs, Taylor Nance, Hugh Shepherd and Paul Kesler were recommended as recorders. This recommendation was made by Paul Kesler and seconded by Wilburn Snider. The church voted and motion carried.

On February 9, 1978 the church voted to accept the Finance Committees' recommendation that the offering goal be \$2,000.00 for Sunday, March 26 and that \$756.83 be kept in the regular fund with the balance going to the Fellowship Hall Fund.

June 18, 1978 the Fellowship Hall Committee recommended to the church at the morning worship service that (1) the church plan to build

a fellowship hall building similar to plan A-1 at an approximate cost of \$100,000 to \$125,000.00. (2) that the church plan to try to begin construction within one to two years. (3) that approximately half the total cost of construction be on hand in cash before construction begins. (4) That the church finance committee assume the task of deciding in what manner to raise the necessary money in harmony with the overall church budget. (5) That due to the annual changing nature of the standing building committee and the nature of the task of building a new structure – including long term coordination between architect, contractor, and church, the committee recommended that the church appoint a five member fellowship hall construction committee to oversee the drawing of plans and actual construction. This committee was to be nominated by the deacons and elected by the church. After discussion it was amended to include two women on this committee of five. All motions were voted on and carried.

On January 29, 1979, the church voted to accept the deacon's recommendations that Seibert Barnes, Phyllis Andrade, Elaine Kester, Henry Barnhardt, and C. J. Everhart be named the Fellowship Hall Construction Committee.

The church voted on March 11, 1979 to accept the Finance committee's recommendation that thirteen (13) people be selected to work with the present finance committee in raising funds for the new fellowship hall, and that the target date for raising this money be June 1980. The project goal was \$47,500.00. This goal was arrived at by taking one-half of the approximate construction cost of the building (\$125,000.00) less the \$15,000 in the fellowship hall fund.

A training program was to be conducted for the members of the fellowship hall committee. To create interest a thermometer or graph was to be displayed at a convenient place so that everyone could be aware of the progress in raising the money.

On July 29, 1979 in a special morning service the fellowship hall committee gave their report and recommendations.

Architects Dan Matthews and John Ramsey presented the suggested plans for the building as had been worked out with the committee. Mr. Matthews was recognized and gave some visual drawings projected on a screen and pointed out the fact that if the building was put in line with the educational building it would not be seen too well

from the front of the church. Then the proposed drawings to put the building in line with the front of the church sanctuary were shown and explained by Mr. Matthews and Mr. Ramsey. Both men helped answer many questions about the proposed building and the fact that a doorway would be put in the Sunday School classroom used by the Dorcas women's class. The approximate cost of the building was to be \$150,000.00.

After the presentation and discussion period the following recommendation was read to the church by Seibert Barnes, chairman of the committee and given to the church clerk: "Recommendation from the fellowship hall committee that the church accept the plan as presented for building the fellowship hall and that this be voted on by the church on August 5, 1979."

On August 5, in a question and answer session a question was asked concerning if the \$150,000 included heating and air conditioning. It was explained that it did.

A standing vote was taken to give the committee the authority to pursue the development of the plans. The vote was 95 in favor and 1 against.

The church voted on December 7, 1980 to accept the recommendation from the Fellowship Hall Steering Committee, Fellowship Hall Building Committee, Fellowship Hall Fund Raising Committee, Church Building Committee, Finance Committee, Deacons and Pastor that Willis Albright, Dot Albright, David Andrade, Phyllis Andrade, Frances Kesler, Nadine Beck, C. J. Everhart, Kirby Greene, Jr., Leona Greene, Elaine Kester, Mrs. John Smith, Odell Snider, Edna Snider, and Edwin Taylor be elected to serve on the new fund raising committee. This committee was to meet with people from other churches to get information on how they were able to raise funds for building. They were also to seek new ways to raise the needed funds to begin the construction of the fellowship hall. On February 15, 1981, the church in conference heard the joint recommendation from the Fellowship Hall Fund Raising Committee that the Fellowship Hall Building Committee be advised to have the architect work up plans for the Fellowship Hall Building and to submit the plans to contractors for bids. The accepted bid would then be brought back to the church by the architect, the Fellowship Hall Building Committee, and the Fellowship Hall Fund Raising Committee for the church's consideration.

There was much discussion on the matter of building now or whether to wait awhile. A vote was taken with a large majority voting in favor of building now and four voted against it.

On October 4, 1981 an announced special conference was held for the purpose of voting on the

recommendations which were presented on September 11, 1981 with the church's intent to be voted on that day.

The recommendation from the Fellowship Hall, Building Committee, and Fund Raising Committee was presented as follows: "After considering the plans and the bids for the Fellowship Hall we recommend that we build a Fellowship Hall at a cost of \$225,480.24 and that the congregation support with gifts as much as possible during the construction period and the Board of Trustees be authorized to borrow from a convenient financing institution or through service of church bonds for the balance needed."

The moderator stated there had been some who wished to have the vote by secret ballot and others by standing vote. The moderator took a vote and the standing vote idea passed by a large majority.

There was much discussion on the advisability of taking such a step to build at this time. After discussion a standing vote was taken and 57 voted in favor to build and 25 against.

Sunday, October 18, 1981 was a special day at Churchland. A Ground-breaking Service was held to begin the New Fellowship Hall Building. The congregation sang the Doxology and the Pastor read Psalm 24 and had the invocation. He then introduced the architects and contractors and led in a statement of the purpose of the ceremony.

There was a responsive scripture reading by the Pastor and congregation. The oldest church member present, Mrs. Clara Lomax, and the youngest member, Carrie Snider, led in the ground breaking ceremony.

The church body then sang "To God Be The Glory" and Paul Kesler gave the benediction.

Realizing the increased work load on the Treasurer brought on by funds for the Fellowship Hall, the church voted on November 29, 1981 to accept the Fellowship Hall Fund Raising Committee's recommendation that Willis Albright be installed as Fellowship Hall Finance Officer with the responsibility of collecting, recording, and writing of checks for the building, and working with the Church Treasurer, Mrs. Elaine Kester.

To help finance the cost of the building special envelopes were used for offerings and gifts that were given. Special books were bought and the names recorded as money was given as memorials to loved ones, and also in honor of others.

The work progressed and on April 18, 1982 the church voted to plant the shrubbery at the Fellowship Hall and save \$1,500.00 off the contract price of the building. This committee consisted of Henry Barnhart, Frank Swicegood, Vernelle Greene and Dot Albright. Others who helped with this project were Kenneth Greene, Bill McBride, Louise Griggs,

Al and Pauline Young, Elaine Kester, Pastor Millwood, Anthony and Jonathan Millwood, Lois Walton, Dot McBride, Willis Albright, David Andrade, Foy Davis and Odell Snider.

On June 20, 1982 the church voted and accepted the Deacon's recommendation that the Fellowship Hall Building Committee make plans to buy tables and chairs to be used in the building when needed.

C. J. Everhart, on July 11, 1982 brought this recommendation from the Fellowship Hall Building Committee: (1) that the church purchase (25) eight foot formica top tables at \$60.00 each plus 3 caddies for storing them at \$75.00 each for a total of \$1,915.00. (2) That the church purchase 200 folding chairs at \$7.50 each and 4 storage caddies at \$75.00 each for a total of \$1,800.00. The total estimated cost of the purchase to be \$3,715.00. The committee also recommended that the cost of the tables and chairs be included in the loan for the building. After much discussion by those favoring and opposing a vote was taken and carried.

Needing more classroom space to hold Sunday School – the church voted February 3, 1985 to accept the Deacon's recommendation that the

Fellowship Hall be used for Sunday School classes.

On March 3, 1985 the church voted to participate in a Love offering of 30 pieces of silver on Easter Sunday to raise money for the Fellowship Hall Fund.

Since its completion it has been used for many functions. At Christmas the pageant is presented and a tree decorated by all members. Numerous wedding receptions have been held; the annual Valentine Sweetheart Banquet given by the Youth of the church, Homecoming dinners and all social functions of the church. On Thursday night Volleyball is played and enjoyed.

Hanging above the huge fireplace is a wooden cross donated by Mrs. Lois Walton as a memorial to her husband, Rev. J. O. Walton, a former pastor.

Willis Albright stated in his Fellowship Hall report ending March 15, 1987 that \$247,166.53 had been paid with a balance of \$36,550.84 still due. If the interest rate of 9.5% continues the indebtedness could be paid in approximately 25 months.

As we pay this indebtedness, we now await a new chapter for Churchland Baptist Church.



GROUND BREAKING
CHURCHLAND FELLOWSHIP HALL
1980

Clara Young Lomax, age 89, holding shovel. Left to right: Tracee Nelson, Ashley Millwood, Janet Kennedy, Junior Davis, Ronda Davis, Anthony Millwood, Eric Taylor, Ben Matthews, Carrie Snider, ?, ?, Jonathan Millwood standing on sidewalk.

CONSTRUCTION OF CHURCHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH FELLOWSHIP HALL



November 8, 1981



April 25, 1982



February 13, 1982



September 19, 1982



March 27, 1982



September 19, 1982 - C. J. Everhart

CHAPTER VII.
HISTORY OF WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION
OF CHURCHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH

Missions and missions giving have always been an important phase of the outreach of Churchland Baptist Church. When the church was established in 1837, teaching the word, and supporting missions was its purpose.

Women were interested in missions and mission giving, and collecting for missions. The earliest known record gives the date of organization of the first Womans Missionary Society as 1920. Mrs. L. E. Rickard was the first president and Mrs. O. T. Davis, Sr. was secretary. The organization began with 12 members. Four women attended the Annual Missions Meeting, they were Mrs. Rickard, Mrs. O. T. Davis, Sr., Mrs. J. N. Penniger, and Mrs. W. A. Beeker. In 1923 Mrs. Beeker became president.

In 1929 nine mission study awards were presented and giving through the Cooperative Program began.

Organization in the fall of 1929 is as follows:
WMS . . . 16 members . . . Mrs. M. C. Hannah . . .
President . . . Sunbeam Band . . . 28 members
. . . Girls Auxiliary . . . 17 members . . . Royal
Ambassadors . . . 13 members.

During the decade of the thirties Presidents were: Mrs. Odell Walser, Mrs. W. A. Hannah, Mrs. Raymond Darr, Mrs. B. F. Duncan and Mrs. Graham Barnes. The first Young Woman's Auxiliary was organized in 1935.

With changes in the community, because of World War II, membership in W.M.U. dropped from a high of 80 to a low of 33.

After the church decided to go to a full time pastorate Rev. and Mrs. V. L. Andrews, Sr. came to live in the new pastorium. Mrs. Andrews began immediately to work with the missions organizations and served as leader.

In the fall of 1948 Mrs. Paul Kesler was elected W.M.U. President, and served until 1962. The interest and enrollment grew from 50 members to 101 in 1950, and by 1952 the enrollment reached 136. This growth reveals the efforts of many leaders, to enlist, educate, and involve more people in missions. During this year and the following one, four circles became a part of the W.M.U. They were neighborhood circles. Women like Mrs. Kirby Greene, Jr. and Mrs. Bessie Lamb were responsible for this outreach. Others such as Mrs. Anthony Gurganus, Mrs. Charlie Barnes and Mrs.

C. J. Everhart worked with the youth. Others helping were Mrs. Thomas Hartley, Mrs. Hugh McBride, Mrs. Hugh Shepherd and Mrs. J. C. Brewer.

The W.M.U. was aware of Missions and was active in the associational and State W.M.U. Mission Offerings were promoted and mission studies were held at least twice each year.

In 1962 Mrs. Hugh McBride became president. She served until the fall of 1967. During these years the W.M.U. experienced growth and outreach. Enrollment was over 100. Mission Study, Stewardship and Mission giving were emphasized.

In 1968 Mrs. Paul Kesler was elected to serve as president, and she served until 1973. During this period some terms for W.M.U. were changed. Circles became groups. The president of W.M.U. changed to Director. A few years later Mission Friends became the new name for Sunbeams. Girls In Action became the new name for Girls Auxiliary. Young Women's Auxiliary became Acteens.

In 1973 Mrs. Jimmy Hilliard was elected W.M.U. Director and served until 1982. During these years the Baptist Young Women was organized. The Missions offering were made churchwide and goals were set to attain.

Mrs. Hilliard, Mrs. R. G. Snider and Mrs. Eugene Cooper led in Weeks of Prayer. Gifts increased.

In 1982 Mrs. C. J. Everhart, Jr. was elected Director and served until the fall of 1985. Under her leadership W.M.U. grew in membership but it also grew in awareness and she helped to enlist and enlighten the church in missions. She lead in planning many special events to emphasize this in church. In 1986 Mrs. Paul Kesler was elected director. With all missions organizations functioning well the interest continues. Mrs. Bill McBride and Miss Linda Beck are working with Mission Friends. They have a membership of 16. Mrs. Paul Millwood, Mrs. Edwin Taylor and Mrs. Harold Burns are working with G.A.'s. Mrs. Jimmy Hilliard is leading Acteens. Mrs. Billy Williams is B.Y.W. President.

Teaching, educating, praying, and giving to missions is and will always be a major reason for our church existing. Thanks, to the many wonderful people, including pastors who have and continue to make this possible as we share the gospel around the world.

W.M.U. REPORT
September 7, 1986

W.M.U. meetings and activities have continued through the summer months.

Mission Friends, led by Mrs. Bill McBride and Miss Linda Beck is continuing to grow. The membership at the beginning of the year was 4 now it is 17. Ask any Mission Friend member about his or her time spent in meetings, and you can tell by their smile and eagerness to share, what it means in their lives. Highlight: Attending Associational Mission Friend's Day Camp. August 9, 1986 at Churchland Baptist Church. Thank you Betty and Linda.

The G.A.'s have 9 enrolled with an average attendance of 6. Mrs. Paul Millwood is Director with Mrs. Edwin Taylor and Mrs. Ann Burns as Leaders. The G.A.'s have made friendship cakes for the shut in's and visited them taking the gifts. Other projects of caring and sharing have been planned. Our thanks to the G.A. Leaders.

The Acteens have 9 enrolled with an average attendance of 4. Mrs. Jimmy Hilliard is the Leader, assisted by Mrs. Ricky Lomax. Ministry to needy families is being stressed and the girls are responding to these needs by sharing. You as parents, are asked to encourage your girls to attend Acteens, and learn about Missions and needs of other people as they learn to care and share. Thank you Acteens Leaders.

Baptist Young Women have 8 enrolled with an

average attendance of 6. Mrs. Karen Williams serves as Baptist Young Women's President. The young women minister to the people living in Churchland Rest Home. Holidays and Birthdays are remembered with visits and gifts.

This summer three Baptist Young Women attended, a Prayer Retreat at Mundo Vista. They were Karen Williams, Karen Allen, and Regina Kesler.

Baptist Women have an enrollment of 15 with an average attendance of 10. Baptist Women have been led by Mrs. Paul Kesler as President, with Mrs. Jimmy Hilliard and Mrs. Louise Cooper as Mission Support Chairman.

Mrs. Kesler and Mrs. Edwin Taylor serve as Mission Action Committee. Meals for bereaved members and families have been served. Sick and shut ins have received special visits and cards. Clothes and other needed items have been given to the needy. Praying, giving, and witnessing have been stressed. Thank you Baptist Women.

Now our heartfelt thanks to Mrs. C. J. Everhart, who served us faithfully and well during this past year, as W.M.U. Director.

And thanks to Rev. Millwood who supported our efforts and outreach for bold missions giving and living.

Respectfully
Mrs. Paul Kesler, W.M.U. Director

CHAPTER VIII. CHURCH HAPPENINGS
FIRST RECORDS - JUNE 24, 1837 - OCTOBER 1882

Church Conference, First Record.

"June Meeting, June 24th 1837.

Met and after Divine service proceeded to business. Fellowship called for and found in peace. Then called on Elder Joseph Pickler to supply us this year and then agreed on the communion seasons viz The 4th Lord's day in April 4th Lord's day in October, Elisha Nunnally clerk.

"July 22nd. Met and after divine worship proceeded to business. Fellowship called for and found in peace. Then proceeded to business. Agreed to join the Liberty Association. Then appointed Elisha Nunnally, Richard Barnes and Thomas Hartley to represent us in the Association."

1838.

"May 20th: Met and after divine service, fellowship called for and obtained. + + + We then called Joseph Pickler to attend us this year. Then dismissed in order."

1839.

"February meeting. Met and after divine worship proceeded to business. A charge laid in against Parable Lookingbee for dancing and other disorderly conduct. Referred to next meeting. Appointed sister Hartley to see her."

"March meeting.

Met and after divine worship proceeded to business. Fellowship called for and obtained. Parable Lookingbee dismissed from the church for her disorderly conduct, such as going to frolics, dancing &c.

The record for Sept, Oct, Nov and December, the same. "Met. No. preachers, nothing done".

1840.

"January Meeting.

Yossiah Wiseman came to see us. We then made choice of him to attend us this year.

1841,
January Meeting. Josiah Wiseman pastor.
Nothing done,

1842
"January Meeting,
"Made choice of Josiah Wiseman for our
pastor this year." & c.

1843.
Nothing done this year worthy of mention.

1844,
"January Meeting,
Called Bro. Wiseman to attend us this
year. Then dismissed in order."

1845:
"September Meeting,
Meet, and our preacher was sick.
Nothing done. Our preacher remained sick until he
died, which was J. Wiseman. Our church met no
more on the account of sickness and weakness until
March Meeting 1845:

1845:
Nothing done during this year worthy of note.

1846.
"June Meeting,
Meet, proceeded to business. All was
well. Then appointed our members (delegates) to the Assoc.:"

1847,
Nothing of importance done. No mention made as to who
was pastor.

1848.
Nothing done. No mention as to pastor.

1849, No mention as to pastor.
~~Nothing done,~~

~~1850,~~
"August Meeting. Did not meet on account of the
association held at Big Creek.
Sept, Oct, Nov, Dec. Nothing done, for want of a
preacher."

1850.

~~No preacher for most of the year. Nothing done.~~

1851.

Nothing done. There seems to be no records from this date up to

1860.

September Meeting.

Service by Elders J. A. Cornish and A. Williams. Proceeded to business. The church found in order the way was opened for reception of members, when John Barnes, W. H. Simeason, Henry Clements and Sarah Ann Barnes and Mary E. Swiggard came forward and joined by experience and baptism.

Azarick Williams, Mod.

1861.

April Meeting. Meet and after divine service, proceeded to business. The church in conference proceeded to appoint brethren Rob. F. Wilson, Henry A. Clements and William H. Simeason Trustees for the Missionary Baptist Meeting House land - the land bought of Bro. H. A. Clements and also Trustees for the land on which the old Pine M. House stands.

Henry A. Clements Ch. Clk.

A. Williams, Mod.

"July Meeting. Messrs. ... came forward and joined by experience."

"October Meeting. Our pastor cum and no one cum and they want no preaching."

"November Meeting. Our pastor cum and no one cum to hire him and they want no preaching."

1862

June meeting 1st Sabbath, x x x x called a pastor then dismissed in order.

July meeting, 1st Sabbath, x x x brother Yarbrough (parson) that promised to preach for us whenever he can.

Friday before the first Sunday in October, met and after divine service by Bro. Turner (Wm) we proceeded to business and brethren Barnes (John) and Simeason (W. H.) were ordained deacons for this church then dismissed in order.

Nov. Meeting, + + + Protracted meeting, several

converts. The following received for baptism, Charles Barnes, Lewis Barnes, Alice Barnes, Ellen Beck and Mary Lamb. These were all baptized.

1871,

August Meeting, + + + called elder Allison (E) to preach for us for the year 1872.

1872,

Jan. Meeting, + + + Wm. Simonsen jr was excluded from the church.

April Meeting, communion on Sabbath,

Nov. Meeting, + + + elected Elder Allison for pastor next year.

Note, Elder Allison served this church this year 1872.

1873,

May Meeting, Pastor at home very sick.

June Meeting, the church called Elder Weaver (A.) to preach the remainder of the year.

July Meeting, Bro Weaver agrees to preach the remainder of this year, for \$5.00 a month.

Oct. Meeting, + + + agreed to call a pastor for 1874 at the Nov. meeting.

Nov. Meeting, + + + called Rev. H. Marton as pastor for next year (1874).

1874,

Oct. Meeting, + + + the church extended a unanimous call to Elder H. Marton for the year 1875 and agreed to pay him \$100 "or churchouts."

Dec. Meeting, At this meeting the church appointed a building committee John Barnes, Wm. Simonsen and Henry Beck to solicit subscriptions to build a new house, (The church then met in the old union house),

May Meeting, The clerk was ordered to write to

Elders J. B. Richardson and F. H. Jordan to come
their services to aid in a protracted meeting to be held
in Oct.

Oct. Meeting, Elder F. M. Jordan preached
and held a meeting of nine days. Thirteen were
added to the church.

Dec. Meeting. + + + Bro. John Barnes tendered his
resignation as deacon. Accepted.
Elder Morton called us pastor for next year. Accepted.

1876.

Jan. Meeting. + + + Alexander Sharpe elected
as deacon.

April Meeting + + + Frances Young excluded
from fellowship for dancing and obstinacy.
Bro. Lewis Barnes was elected clerk.

Nov. Meeting. + + + Bro. Sharpe to visit
Elder Van. Turner to ascertain whether his services as
pastor could be secured for next year.
Calling of pastor to take place at next meeting.

Dec. Meeting. + + disagreeable weather; pastor did not
attend.

1877.

Jan. Meeting. The church called Elder Morton to
the pastorate of the church for this year.

Withdrew fellowship from Henderson Wilson.

Dec. Meeting. + + + Elder Morton accepted the care
of the church for next year. (1878).
Lewis F. Barnes alt

1878.

Nov. Meeting. + + + Elder H. Morton tendered his
resignation as pastor of this church. Accepted.

1879.

Feb. Meeting. Preaching by Eld. Van. Turner.
L. F. Barnes tendered his resignation as clerk of the church.
Accepted. H. H. S. come. tendered his resignation as ~~deacon~~
accepted.

Bro. G. W. Deatman appointed clerk.

July Meeting. Building committee report and
are discharged. The church cost \$908.00.

Nov. Meeting. + + + Allen J. Chairman and W.
H. Grubb were received as candidates for baptism.

1880,

March Meeting. Preaching by Elder Turner,
W. H. Barnes was unanimously elected as clerk.

April Meeting. Bro. Barnes could not be induced to
take the office of clerk and Bro. R. S. Swissgood was
chosen.

Oct. Meeting. Twelve were baptized by
Elder S. A. Conrad. R. S. Swissgood Clerk.

Nov. Meeting. + + + Elder Turner was unanimou-
ly elected for the next year.

Dec. Meeting. + + Bro. Turner agreed to serve us
another year.

1881,

Dec. Meeting. Elder Turner elected to serve
this church for next year.

1882,

Jan. M. - Appointed 5 collectors on pastor's salary.

July M. - The delegates to association, to ascer-
tain whom they can secure as pastor next year.

Sept. M. - Appointed a protracted meeting
in Oct. next. Elders S. A. Conrad and Henry Sheets
invited to conduct the meeting.

Elected Elder H. Marton to serve this church
during 1883.

Oct. M. - Preachers present S. A. Conrad H. Sheets
and G. W. Grubb. The house would not
hold the people, on Friday twenty were
baptized by Conrad and G. W. Grubb. Amount
raised by preachers in meeting \$36.06.

CHAPTER IX. CHURCH HAPPENINGS 1883 - 1987

HEZIKIAH MORTON — 1883

January 1883 — Preaching by Elder H. Morton. Collections for State Missions on Sunday \$1.25. April meeting, Brother R. S. Swicegood tendered his resignation as clerk. To elect a clerk at next meeting.

May — W. C. Grubb was elected as clerk. Collection for State Missions on Sunday \$1.48 W. C. Grubb, clerk.

In August 1883, the association met at the church on Thursday 23rd with Brother S. M. Brown preaching in the new church and S. H. Thompson in the old church at 11 o'clock — Henry Sheets in the old church and Greene Brown in the new church at one o'clock and all went home rejoicing in the love of the good Lord.

October meeting 1883 — The meeting continued until Saturday night. On Sunday, at the river the pastor baptized twelve candidates and afterward read some scripture, gave a short talk and the right hand of fellowship.

HENRY SHEETS

November meeting 1883 — Elected Henry Sheets as Pastor.

In a meeting October 1884 it closed at the river with 17 candidates being baptized.

December 1884 the church voted to pay Rev. Sheets \$100.00 salary for the year.

February meeting 1885 — Doors of the church opened — No one received. Brother H. Sharpe called on the church for the remainder of the money that was due on land and it was paid and the deed received. Collected on Sunday morning \$2.00 for State Missions.

1886

January meeting — appointed Joseph Davis, Joseph Beck, and Andrew Grubb as delegates to the Union meeting to be held at Reeds Cross Roads on Friday before the 5th Sunday in January 1886.

February 1886 — the committee that was appointed to subscribe money for the painting of the church gave a report. W. H. Simerson, Joseph Davis, and John Barnes were appointed as committee to paint the church.

In July a collection for Foreign Missions was taken — \$4.30 received. State Missions offering August was \$3.14.

In November meeting the church called Henry Sheets as pastor for 1887 for half his time at salary of \$200.00. State Mission collection was \$3.27.

January — Church voted to pay Eli Leonard \$20.00 to be sexton for 1887; Joseph Davis collector of pastor's salary for 1886 relieved of duty and W. C. Grubb appointed for 1887.

In March meeting doors of church opened for reception of members. E. W. Lassiter and wife Jane Lassiter were received by letter. M. J. Queen received by letter. Matthew J. Elverson received by experience.

May 1887 — The church voted the Union to convene at Piney on Friday before the 5th Sunday in July 1887. W. C. Grubb, J. H. Feezor, and John Jones appointed delegates to New Friendship Union meeting on Friday before the 5th Sunday. Associational Mission offering on Sunday was \$3.10.

August meeting — The church authorized the delegates to pledge at the Association for the different objects — Baptist Orphanage. The church proposed to invite Brother Mills to come and give us a lecture on the orphanage.

In September a \$10.50 offering was taken for the orphanage.

In October 1887, Rev. Thomas Carrick was paid \$9.00 for his services in the protracted meeting. State Missions offering for the month was \$7.60.

In November 1887 J. H. Feezor, Janie Greene, John Charles, and Joseph Davis were appointed collector for pastor's salary for 1888.

Motion made to call the church roll 4 times a year and if members do not report themselves the church is to appoint a committee to see them.

A collection was taken for Foreign Mission the second Sunday in April amounting to \$5.43.

1888

April meeting 1888 — moved and seconded that the church consider the plan of the graveyard and to report at next meeting. In May, A. C. Sharpe, W. H. Simerson, John Barnes, J. H. Feezor, E. M. Lassiter, John Ward and R. F. Wilson were appointed graveyard committee.

June 1888 — the church appointed J. N. Davis as a trustee on the interest in the Union land which contains two acres. In July, J. M. Greene, S. E. Simerson, and J. H. Feezor appointed as a committee to go to court to determine possession of the corner of the church land that is disputed. In September the church appointed A. W. Sharpe, H. L. Snider, and D. W. Barnes to superintend the closing of the graveyard.

October 1888 Rev. Sheets called as pastor for half time, 2nd and 4th Sundays for \$250.00 a year.

In November 1888 the church selected by unanimous vote W. C. Grubb, L. H. Snider, and E. W. Lassiter as deacons of the church.

In December 1888 in church conference the church withdrew fellowship from Joseph Brewer for joining the Methodist church and Belle Greene for joining the Lutheran Church.

1889

In February the church gave S. E. Williams \$5.00 for his services in the disputed church land.

The 1st Sunday in June a collection was taken for the orphanage at Thomasville in the amount of \$23.50. A collection of \$2.82 was taken for education. In July \$5.50 was collected.

In July, a committee was appointed to investigate which one of the churches would have to pay the cost of running out the disputed church land. In September the committee reported our church would have to pay the cost.

In October a conference was called for the first Sunday in November for the purpose of accepting Rev. Henry Sheets resignation which the church accepted. The church moved and called C. S.

Cashwell as pastor. It was a unanimous vote by stand and agreed to pay him \$125.00 for one-fourth of his time. A committee of three (3) was appointed to confer the action of the church to him. Then the church granted our pastor the 3rd Sunday and Saturday before to attend the Baptist State Convention at Henderson. Note: Apparently Cashwell did not accept the pastorate or served only a couple months.)

Again in conference the church unanimously called Rev. John M. Bennett as pastor for 1890 for half time.

October 19, 1889 in conference a committee recommended that the church have the roll of names of male members called each conference and the females quarterly. When they miss a church meeting he or she shall file his or her excuse for not attending, and if they miss the third meeting the church shall send a committee of two or more and they shall be dealt with according to the discretion of the church. They also recommended that the church proportion on each and every member according to his or her financial standing to the amount that will pay the pastor's salary and sexton's salary. Further recommended that the church have a treasury, that each member pay his proportion to him and treasury pay out the money to the proper places and report each member that fails to pay his or her's at the end of each quarter. E. W. Lassiter, J. H. Feezor and W. C. Grubb were on the committee who drew up these.

1890

In March the roll members called 31 were present — females were not called.

May 1890, fellowship was withdrawn from Franklin Sheets for joining the Lutheran Church. Roby Cross was given a vote to make a speech on education.

Thirty-six answered to roll called in June 1890. The treasurer's report was given and E. W. Lassiter and Sarah E. Smith were appointed along with treasurer to collect pastor's salary.

First Sunday in July \$6.75 collected for Hannah House Cuba. In August a called conference was held to collect the balance of \$10.27 on Missions which was due.

At the February 1891 meeting the church voted to repeal the calling of the roll.

In March, a vote was taken and unanimously carried to dispense with the appointment voted earlier. The moderator called the attention of the church that he had examined the church book and the church had no rules of the deacons. A committee was appointed to draft some rules.

1891

Rev. Bennett was again elected pastor October 1891 at a salary of \$200.00. With preaching one Saturday and two Sundays a month. W. W. Wilson was elected clerk and Curtis Beck as treasurer.

R. K. Williams, John Jones, and Hence Barnes were appointed delegates to the Union Meeting at New Friendship Church.

At the December meeting it was moved and carried that the names of those had and had not paid on pastors salary be read out publicly at the next meeting.

This was deferred until the February meeting 1892.

1892

In this business session the motion carried to not read the names but the amount collected. The committee reported \$194.20 collected with a balance of \$55.80 due. A motion was carried that should one of the committee approach a member in the right spirit and he/she refuse to pay it - it was the collector's duty to report it to the church.

In April 1892 the church elected W. T. Davis as Church Trustee to replace Sandy Sharpe — deceased.

It was moved and carried to have a Centennial Meeting at church the first Sunday in June, the one hundredth year of missions.

At the May meeting Rev. J. M. Bennett and wife Sunie, were unanimously received by letter from Lexington Baptist Church.

Sarah Smith, Henderson Barnes, Wilson Grubb and R. K. Williams were appointed a committee to make up a box and purse for the orphans at Thomasville.

In September 1892 after differences and dis-sention among some of the church members that were not easily resolved, the church voted to appoint a Spiritual Committee to see and help resolve differences that occurred. These were appointed as members: S. G. Beck, R. K. Williams, W. C. Grubb, Henry Smith, and S. H. Barnes.

The church voted in October to have one collection once a month.

In December 1892 business session, the church voted to finish The Academy and appointed J. M. Greene, C. A. Barnes, W. T. Davis, and Sarah Smith as a collecting committee.

1893

The Committee on Pastor's salary reported on collections — John Jones \$33.50, A.W. Sharpe \$36.00, and Lewis Snider \$58.30.

W. W. Wilson elected church clerk by acclamation.

In a business session February 1893, the question of disposing of scrap lumber at The Academy (Piney) arose. Rev. Bennett proposed to place a desk in the Academy for the lumber.

The Spiritual Committee reported sister Alice Clement as joining The Mormons and the church withdrew fellowship from her.

In April, fellowship was withdrawn from Nanie Seaford for joining the Lutheran Church.

At the May meeting Curtis Beck was re-elected as Church Treasurer. A motion carried that the fourth Saturday in May would be to meet at 1 o'clock and clean out the cemetery.

In August Rev. Bennett preached and it was reported that the pledges were all collected. The church had the pleasure and presence of brother Creth from Virginia who was invited and preached to the people in Sunday School Celebration.

Rev. Henry Sheets was invited and sat in conference with the church.

In September — Rev. Bennett was again unanimously re-elected as pastor after which he made remarks expressing his love and work for the church in the future.

At the October meeting the church voted to get glass and stove pipes for the church. A collection of \$2.55 was taken for this purpose. R. K. Williams was appointed to get up the remainder of the money for the glass and pipes.

A committee of arrangements was appointed consisting of Rev. Bennett, W. C. Grubb, and Henderson Barnes.

In November 1893 — Molly Gobble, Mackey Feezor, Katy Barnes, Martha Snider and Luler Davis were appointed as a committee to collect money for foreign missions.

At the January 20, 1894 church conference, the debt on the church house was brought up and discussed.

In February Avery L. Barnes elected church treasurer.

In March the church voted to grant the brethren the pleasure and privilege of organizing a Sunday School at Barnes School House as a branch of the Piney Church Sunday School.

April 1894, W. T. Davis, C. R. Myers, and A. L. Barnes were appointed delegates to the Union Meeting to be held at Liberty Baptist Church on Friday before the 5th Sunday in April. The collection for foreign missions was \$1.82.

The June meeting was rather long as L. F. Barnes read out the names of every delinquent member and each was dealt with. Fourteen delinquent members had fellowship withdrawn from them; two excused for non-attendance, one reported for distilling liquor and fellowship withdrawn, with six to receive visits to determine cause of non-attendance.

At the next meeting, other names were read and committees appointed to visit them.

In July, W. L. Simerson was appointed to see after the digging of the public well.

At the August meeting R. K. Williams reported the sexton was in need of money.

Rev. Bennett offered his resignation to the church for consideration. On motion the treasurer's book was done away with. The clerk resigned and it was agreed to wait until the next meeting.

The church voted to grant the friends the privilege to meet in the church in time of their association.

In a called conference on Sunday the pastor and clerk finished the report to the association and was approved by the church.

The committee on missions reported. Noty Barnes — \$2.60 collected; Bessie Lassiter \$.70, Martha Snider \$2.40, Mollie Gobble \$1.85. The State Mission offering was \$4.50.

In September the church voted on accepting A. L. Barnes's resignation as clerk but would not accept.

One member was excluded for profanity and one for adultery. Also at the September meeting the church decided to have a called conference on the next Tuesday for the purpose of deciding whether the church would swap or sell to Rev. Bennett and W. C. Grubb a house seat on church land 30x40 feet.

At the October meeting it was decided by the church not to sell any of the church land to Rev. J. M. Bennett and W. C. Grubb.

It was further voted not to accept Rev. Bennett's resignation and moved and by acclamation carried to call Rev. Bennett again for 1895.

In December 1894 there were several more excluded from church when names were read out for non-attendance and one for heresy. S. C. Beck was elected church clerk.

1895

At the January meeting eleven women were excluded for non-attendance, one man and one woman were excused, one case postponed to the next meeting, and two women excluded for heresy.

There was a motion that no new members be received without the revelation of an experience of Grace.

In the March meeting one woman was restored and granted a letter of dismissal.

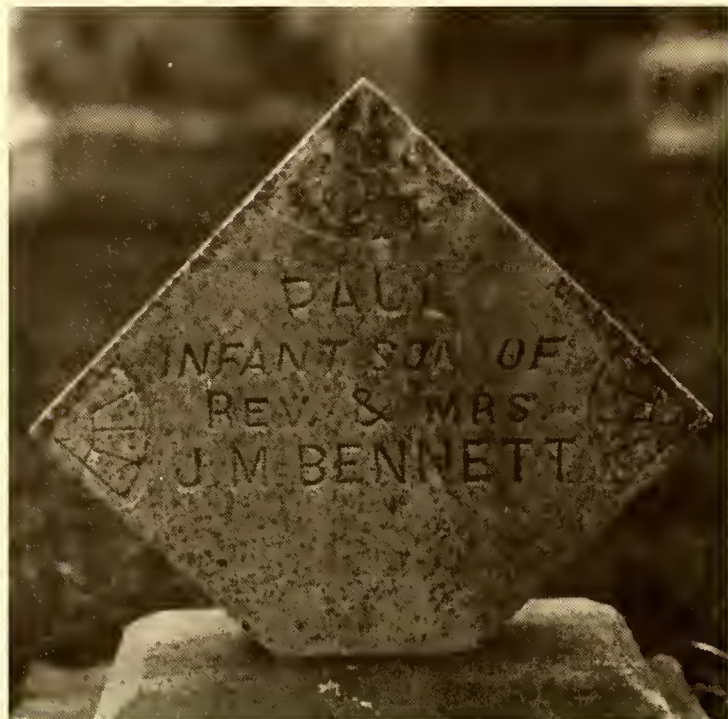
At the August meeting the church took under consideration the school building to try to devise some means to raise the needed money.

At the second Sunday meeting in August, Rev. J. M. Bennett offered an unconditional resignation as pastor to take effect at the end of the year and it was accepted. It was then decided to call a pastor the 3rd Saturday in September.

On the 4th Saturday in August a public collection was taken for the orphans amounting to \$6.38; for the poor \$1.00, and State Missions 70 cents.

Brother Bennett confessed the charge of obscene language and asked the church for forgiveness and the church forgave him.

NOTE: Rev. & Mrs. J. M. Bennett have 2 children buried in Churchland Baptist Church cemetery; Their markers read: "Paul, infant son of Rev. & Mrs. J. M. Bennett"; and "Annie Wooley - daughter of Rev. and Mrs. J. M. Bennett. Died June 16, 1892; Age 3 years, 3 months, 20 days."



In September the church called Rev. Thomas Carrick as pastor for the year 1896 to preach once a month at a salary of \$150.00 a year.

At the 3rd Sunday meeting in 1895 R. K. Williams and S. C. Beck resigned as members of the Spiritual Committee after several months of trying times dealing with exclusions for non-attendance, heresy, drunkenness, open rebellion, and other charges.

In October 1895 it was moved to take pledges to try to raise the indebtedness of the school building and \$51.00 was pledged.

Rev. J. M. Bennett asked for a letter of dismissal for himself and his wife to unite with the church at Reeds and it was granted.

A called conference to be on the next Sunday to try to raise the balance on the school building the amount pledged was \$58.00.

At the November meeting the report of the building committee on the school building reported, nothing done. The church then ordered the Trustees to borrow the money and secure it with church property and pay the debt.

The church called two deacons - W. T. Davis and R. K. Williams.

In December the committee on pastors salary gave their report - C. F. Swicegood collected \$28.28 and J. E. Sharpe \$17.99.



REV. THOMAS CARRICK
(January 1896 - December 1896)

On Sunday at the September 1895 meeting the church unanimously voted to call Rev. Carrick as pastor at a salary of \$150.00 a year, with preaching once a month.

Rev. Carrick began in January as pastor. In unfinished business, the committee on pastor's salary started to report but didn't as Rev. Bennett proposed for the clerk to take \$50 for his claim. It was agreed by the church to raise it until next meeting - there was \$44.75 raised and pledged with \$5.75 still behind.

The 4th Sunday in March was set apart for the ordination of deacons and W. T. Davis and R. K. Williams were ordained.

In February, former pastor Bennett was paid up for the last year.

At the protracted meeting held the fourth Sunday in August with Rev. Jeff Lanning assisting, the following were baptized: Robert Lee Leonard, Mary L. Leonard, Florence Barnes, Pauline Gobble, Mattie L. Grubb, and Thomas Chunn. Sarah Green and Charles F. Grubb were restored.

For his services, Rev. Lanning received \$11.10. The collection for State Missions was \$1.81.

In September, W. D. Green received for membership from Jerusalem Baptist Church.

At the October meeting a call was to Rev. Carrick to be pastor for 1897 but he refused the call.

Then Brother Beeker and Rev. Lanning were nominated. A vote was taken. Rev. Lanning received 19 votes, and Beeker 15 votes. The church then made it unanimous to call Rev. Jeff Lanning at a salary of \$100 a year. J. M. Beck, A. W. Sharpe, D. W. Green were appointed to notify Rev. Lanning of their call to him. This committee reported in November that Rev. Lanning accepted.

The School Building Committee were instructed to consult with the trustees and Brother Myers and pay the interest and as much principle as possible on the school indebtedness and report the next meeting.

Rev. Carrick ended his ministry here at the end of December 1896.

REV. JEFFERSON LANNING
January 1897 - December 1904
1897

In March, the church decided to solicit subscriptions from each member on pastor's salary and give a list to the clerk.

In April, Sisters Etta Barnes, Dora Barnes, Notie Davis, and R. A. Simerson, were appointed to solicit money for the orphanage until the July meeting.

During the August meeting, the following were received by baptism: Jesse Swicegood, John T. Barnes, Robert L. Simerson, William L. Davis, James H. Kesler, Jesse Barnes, Cora B. Kesler, Mary O. Swicegood, Eleanor F. Wilson, Mary E. Simerson, Alie Simerson.

After preaching in September, the church in conference, decided to call the names of the male members every month and when one fails to answer to his name, he must render an excuse and one failing for three times in succession, the church must send a committee to see him and bring excuse to the same. Then the church shall take such steps as they see proper. Also, female members to be called once a year.

In October, S. C. Beck, Church Clerk, resigned and R. K. Williams was appointed to fill this vacancy.

The church voted to let out the school building to the School Committee provided they pay interest on the indebtedness of the house and return the same in good order. In November, it was let out under rules above.

Rev. Lanning again called as pastor in October and promised him \$100.00 as a donation.

In December, the church appointed L. F. Barnes, W. T. Davis, Samuel Simerson, R. K. Williams, and C. A. Barnes, as a committee to proportion the members on the indebtedness of the school building.

At the January 1898 meeting, this committee was instructed to get all the money they could on the school debt.

In June, 1898, the church granted Mr. Adam Grubb, the privilege to teach school in the school building provided he return the same in good condition.

There was a meeting of days protracted from the 4th Sabbath in August in which Rev. Sheets did some very good preaching and Brother Tobe Lomax was restored to the church.

In December, the church voted to meet on December 31st to clear off the yard and put pillars under the school building.

Two dollars and sixty-five cents was collected for Foreign Missions.

At the January meeting, 1899, the church ordered the trustees to take the schoolhouse debt in hand and use their judgment in disposing of the house. If they could not give satisfaction, the matter came back to the church at the next meeting. In April, C. A. Barnes, W. H. Barnes and W. T. Davis were appointed to get up the money and to pay the indebtedness on the school.

In February, it was ordered that the clerk read the Church Covenant and Articles of Faith at the next meeting.

Sister Kesler was excused from paying on the pastor's salary on the agreement that she sweep the church.

In March, W. T. Davis was appointed to get up money and buy glass for the windows.

In March, 1899, a committee was appointed to examine the church roof and report its condition at the April meeting. The committee reported that the house needed a new roof on it. A committee was appointed to take subscriptions for means to cover the house (Church).

In May meeting, 1899, Brother Barnes and Feezor was ordered to report at the next meeting on covering the house (church) and the school house debt. In September, he reported the house covered and with 20¢ on hand.

In June, Mr. Owen gave a short talk on the school subject. In August, the church voted to allow the school trustees to have free school in the Academy.

In July 1899, the church decided to hold a protracted meeting to begin the 4th Sabbath in August with Elder John Summey to help in the meeting.

At this meeting in August - after preaching and exercises by the children speeches were made by Reverends J. M. Bennett and John Summey. It was decided to have services the next week at 1 p.m. and at night.

Rev. Summey remained and did some "able" preaching. As a result, there were 45 professions of religion and at the end of the meeting on Sunday morning, September 3, the pastor had the pleasure of baptizing 25 happy converts in the Yadkin River at Sower's Ferry - there was a large crowd of people gathered to witness the scene. After this the congregation assembled at the church and extended the right hand of fellowship. It was said to be one of the best meetings of the church.

Brother C. A. Barnes reported the school house debt paid with \$12.50 on hand. It was voted that C. A. Barnes take money and get window blinds for the church. In October, the church ordered the blinds to be painted and finished. In May 1900, Mr. Barnes reported the blinds put on and a balance due on the settlement.

1900

In February and April there was no meeting due to inclement weather.

In March, the church voted against holding school entertainment in the church house.

The church decided in May to go forward on Foreign Missions for the year.

At the August meeting, the church decided to hold two meetings a day during the protracted meeting at 2:00 o'clock and at night.

In October, 1900, the church decided to get up the amount asked for by the Association to help complete the Mill's Memorial Building at the

Orphanage. In November R. L. Buie reported the amount collected on the Mill's Memorial Building.

In January 1901 Laura Davis and Daisy Barnes were appointed to collect the pledges for the Orphanage.

1901

In January 1901, the church set apart the 4th Saturday in March to get up the money to buy a communion set. In March the church voted to have the letters P. B. C. engraved on each piece of the communion set.

At the meeting in April Sister Hartley reported a balance of \$1.95 left from buying the communion set. The church gave her a vote of thanks for her faithful work in getting money and buying the set. The church also gave Mrs. Charles Barnes a vote of thanks for a pair of tablecloths for the church.

W. T. Davis reported that the Union would meet at church (Piney), July 1, 1901.

R. K. Williams resigned as church treasurer and O. T. Davis elected to fill the vacancy.

September meeting - the church decided to revise the old church book and members being allowed four months to have their names reentered on the book.

October - Pastor Lanning again unanimously called as pastor for 1902. The Sexton was ordered to put glass in the windows and make his bill of cost to the church.

1902

July, 1902 - Brother C. A. Barnes was appointed to get up money to buy the pastor a horse. Mr. O. T. Davis resigned as treasurer and J. H. Beck was elected to fill the vacancy.

September, C. A. Barnes reported \$20.39 collected towards buying the horse.

In October, Rev. Lanning again called as pastor. The church agreed to give \$125 for his services for the year.

1903

In April the church offered the school building for the Associational School.

In June 1903 in conference, the church granted the citizens of the community the use of the school house as long as they would use it for school purposes. The church also gave (them) the privilege to build to - and repair the school building. W. T. Davis, S. E. Simerson, and W. H. Barnes were appointed as a Building Committee to see what it would cost to build a recess and room to the end of the church building.

In July 1903 - again called Rev. Lanning as pastor.

1904

At the January 1904 meeting, W. T. Davis made some statements that he thought steps ought to be

1908

taken in regard to some of the members that were engaged in the whiskey business. W. T. Davis, H. Barnes and A. W. Sharpe appointed as a committee to investigate the matter.

In April 1904 S. E. Simerson, W. H. Barnes, and J. H. Beck were elected as deacons.

In May 1904 the church took a collection one Sunday (\$2.00) to buy song books.

At the end of 1904 Rev. Jeff Lanning ended his pastorate.

On September 4, 1904, the church unanimously called Rev. S. D. Swaim of South Yadkin Association to take oversight of this church as pastor. The clerk and deacons were instructed to notify him of this action taken.

REV. S. D. SWAIM January 1905 - May 1912?

In January 1905 the church promised to give Rev. Swaim \$150 as compensation for the year. C. A. Barnes was made a collector on the Pastor's salary.

In April 1905 Joseph H. Beck was granted the license to exercise his gift in the ministry of the word by the church. O. T. Davis was also elected as a Deacon.

In July 1905 Thurman Rickard was appointed Sexton with a salary of \$15.00 per year.

The church granted the Anti-Mission (Primitive Baptist) Church the use of the church building during their association.

In September 1905 Herman Barnes was appointed to collect something to help defray school expenses of Bro. J. H. Beck, a ministerial student.

During October 1905 the church unanimously called Rev. Swaim as pastor at \$150.00 per year.

1906

At the April meeting the church granted the school the exclusive use of its grounds on Commencement days.

A motion made and carried to make some disposition of delinquent members' names at the next meeting. During the May and June meetings 21 names were taken off the church roll for this reason.

1907

At the February meeting the church granted Bro. Lee Carrick a license to preach.

During the August meeting the brethren at Beck's School house were granted privilege to receive and baptize members into the fellowship of this church.

At a September meeting following a meeting of days in which Elder Verge Swaim preached, 23 were added to the church by baptism.

In October, Lee Carrick preached and Olin Davis was elected church treasurer.

In January the church agreed to give Rev. Swaim \$200.00 for the year.

The church also agreed to pay the subscription on twenty copies of "Charity and Children" to be used in Sunday School and to be paid for from the monthly collection.

In March, Henderson Barnes, R. K. Williams, and Edwin Rickard were made a hospitality committee.

In April, on motion, the church authorized the Pastor to call a presbytery at the Union meeting to convene with Jersey Church on the Friday before the 5th Sunday in May, consisting of the ordained ministers present to examine Brother J. Lee Carrick with a view to his ordination to do full work of the gospel ministry, and if found to be a fit subject, to proceed to ordain him and set him apart for this work.

The church also adopted the rule to the effect that we grant no letters to persons until their dues are paid, unless the church sitting together deems otherwise.

In May - Brethern John Beck and Gray Sowers were unanimously elected to the office of Deacon.

In June the church heard the report by the committee on fencing the graveyard. A committee composed of R. K. Williams, R. L. Lomax, and Samuel Simerson were appointed to investigate the matter of purchasing land for a graveyard.

In the December meeting the committee on pastor's salary reported that the church was \$90.00 behind in payment and collection. A committee was appointed to confer with a like committee from Smith Grove in regards to the payment of Pastor's salary.

The church decided to allow the Anti-Missionary church to cut a tree in the Union graveyard.

1909

In January, Ed Rickard, Farris Simerson, Henry Lomax were appointed a finance committee for the church.

During the February meeting the committee on land for a graveyard reported that W. H. Barnes had offered to sell the church some land for a graveyard.

1910

In the January meeting Farris Simerson, Pink Barnes and Shirley Lomax were elected as a Finance committee.

In March the church voted to increase the pastor's salary from \$150.00 to \$200.00 and the Sexton's salary from \$18.00 to \$24.00 for the year.

In July Churchland Church and Smith Grove Church together made up money to buy a tent to be used in baptizing. In November the committee reported that after buying the tent, the 92 cents left over was used for lights for the church.

1911

In July, Ray Rickard was elected church treasurer to succeed O. T. Davis.

In November Professor and Mrs. S. G. Hasty were received by letter. Professor Hasty and R. K. Williams were elected delegates to the Baptist State Convention at Winston-Salem, N.C.

1912

May - The church passed a resolution making it a fact that all members shall stand excluded who did not attend church, or contribute something to the upkeep of the church without a good excuse. Within 12 months every member who failed to do it would be notified at the end of every month and dealt with according to the consideration of the church.

NOTE: After the above resolution was adopted, no mention is made of Rev. Swaim preaching in June 1912. In July and on August 12, 1912 he was absent due to illness and B. C. Myers preached. At the same time it was moved and carried that the delegates to the association confer with Rev. J. F. Fletcher in regards to his accepting the pastorate.

REV. J. F. FLETCHER

On September the 8th, 1912 the church unanimously elected Rev. J. F. Fletcher (Fletcher) of Virginia in a church conference. He was made moderator Protém and Bro. R. K. Williams was made Clerk Protém. Rev. Fletcher was to be compensated \$200.00 per year. The pastor set a meeting time to begin his services on the 4th Sunday in October.

Brother A. R. Galimore of Lexington was asked to fill the next regular preaching day.

Bro. L. Edwin Rickard was elected Church Clerk. The meeting was adjourned in order.

R. K. Williams, Church Clerk - Protém.

After preaching by pastor J. F. Fletcher, on October 26, 1912 the church convened in regular conference. The doors of the church were opened for the reception of members but not received. Business was called for. Bro., Rev. J. L. Carrick was granted a letter of dismissal to join at Sandy Creek Branch Baptist Church of Siler City, N.C. The meeting was adjourned in order.

L. Edwin Rickard, Church Clerk

On Thursday, October the 8th, 1912, following a meeting of days the Church convened in a special conference for the purpose of opening the doors of the church for the reception of members.

Sisters Gurtie Williams, Myrtle Grubb and Littia Rickard were received as candidates for baptism which was administered the following morning by pastor Fletcher at Sowers Ferry at 9 o'clock.

The church also granted letters of dismissal to J. R. Rickard and G. R. Swan to join the First Baptist Church of Atlanta, Ga.

Sister Beulah Wilson Power was granted a letter of dismissal to join at First Baptist of New Castle. The meeting was adjourned in order.

L. Edwin Rickard, Church Clerk

At the November 23rd, 1912 preaching service the church convened in regular conference. The doors of the church were opened for the reception of members, but none received. The minutes were read and approved.

At the request of sister Grace Cathell the church granted her to whoever it may concern, to be of good high christian character and of good standing at this church.

The meeting was adjourned in order.

L. Edwin Rickard, Church Clerk

At the December 21, 1912 meeting Rev. Fletcher preached and the church convened in regular conference. The doors of the church were opened for the reception of members but none received.

With regard to a resolution passed by the church that all members who failed to come or contribute something towards the upkeep of the church without a good excuse would be excluded from church fellowship. The church caused the clerk to read out the names of those who failed to comply in public.

The church instructed the clerk to see or write to all the members who failed to comply with the resolution named. The church also made up \$1.06 and gave the clerk to pay postage of writing to those members.

The clerk was further instructed to report at the next meeting of the results obtained from notifying the members. The meeting was adjourned in order.

L. Edwin Rickard, Church Clerk

On January 26, 1913 after preaching by pastor Fletcher the church convened in conference. No minutes were read due to the absence of the clerk. It was moved and carried that Bro. D. W. Green be considered at our next meeting and that Bro. S. E. Simerson and D. W. Green be present. The following were granted letters of dismissal. Sister Ellen Yarbrough, I. E. Lassiter & wife, W. H. Lomax and wife, H. P. Young & wife and daughter Mattie.

Meeting adjourned in order. A collection was taken for Home Missions.

R. K. Williams, Clerk Protém

At the February 21 and 22, 1913 meeting Bro. D. W. Green was restored to full fellowship at this church. Bro. Frank Laning and wife, sister Dora ?, and Bro. D. W. Green were all granted letters of dismissal.

Meeting was adjourned in order. Pastor J. F. Fletcher, moderator. A collection of \$3.58 was taken.

At the June 21 & 22, 1913 meeting the church met in special conference. Bro. J. F. Fletcher tendered his resignation. It was stated that there would be a Union meeting. Adjourned in order.

L. Edwin Rickard, Clerk
R. K. Williams, Protem

REV. JOHN LEE CARRICK
(June 21, 1913 - September 1, 1914)

On June 21, 22nd, 1913 Rev. J. L. Carrick preached. Following the sermon the church convened in conference and unanimously called Rev. Carrick as pastor. After a courtesy speech he accepted and announced he could not be present the next preaching day but would send someone in his place.

In conference September 28, the church decided it needed a new set of lamps, and \$7.50 was collected to buy them. The money was given to the pastor to buy them.

On October 3, a protracted meeting was held. At the close of the meeting 2 people were added to the church.

(November 23, 1913) Mrs. Etta Hastie was voted to charge and solicit money enough to buy one dozen gospel hymn books with notes and two dozen books with reading only. Brother W. H. Lomax was granted a letter of dismission to join at Green Street Baptist Church at High Point, N.C., on December 27, 1913.

January 26, 1914, it was announced that the church was behind \$38.00 on the pastor's salary and that all members see R. K. Williams and Charlie Barnes and pay off this debt at once.

Pastor Carrick called attention to the bad condition of the church yard and the surrounding grounds. Each member was asked to come on the following Friday with his team and help haul rock and beautify the grounds. If not finished to continue on Saturday.

February 21, 22nd a collection of \$1.05 was taken to buy 15 copies of the minutes of the Liberty Association.

R. K. Williams asked permission of the church for Churchland High School and Mount Pleasant High School to hold a public debate here on March 28, 1914.

May 23 and 24, 1914 - Charity Garrett of Salisbury through Brother W. H. Barnes asked for some knowledge of the church as to whether or not she was a member yet or not. She was excluded in 1895. The clerk was authorized to write to her and find out her attitude toward the church, and invite her to visit our church on the next preaching day and let the church know her attitude toward it.

R. K. Williams and Professor Hasty, collectors on pastor's salary, and L. E. Rickard were appointed to collect all of the members names together who had failed to contribute something or to come to church for the past year and report them up at the next meeting.

Then Rev. Carrick, pastor resigned to be affective September 1, 1914 so he could go to the seminary. His resignation was accepted.

In conference Sunday, May 24, five brethren of the church were appointed to confer with Smith Grove brethren in regard to selection as a pastor for both churches.

(Note - The last reference to Rev. Carrick preaching was on July 26 and 27, 1914 in our minutes.

REV. JUNE FRANKLIN CARTER "JUNIE"
(August 28, 1914 - August 26, 1916)

Rev. Carter of Fork Church, Davie County preached on the first Sunday in August 1914 in relation to becoming the pastor.

In the Sunday Conference, June 28, 1914 it was moved and seconded to elect the new pastor by ballot. Rev. Carter received 33 votes and Rev. Hackney received 2 votes. R. K. Williams, Gray Sowers, and Charlie Barnes were appointed to confer with Rev. Carter about accepting the pastorate and to fix his compensation for it.

In July, R. K. Williams reported that Rev. Carter's salary would be \$150.00 for the year.

On August 28, 1914 Rev. Carter preached and held the protracted meeting this week with his Brother Gray Carter as assistant.

There was no preaching on Saturday because of School Rally Day.

The meeting closed on Friday and Lonna Lucas, Amanda Hamilton, Dora Barnes and Ada Hartley joined the church. The baptizing was held on Sunday at Sowers Ferry with the Pastor preaching.

Pledges to the association were taken in the following amounts: State Missions - \$20.00; Home Missions - \$15.00; Foreign Missions - \$20.00; Orphanage - \$30.00; Ministerial Education - \$5.00; Aged Ministers Relief - \$5.00. The value of the church property was listed at \$1,000.00.

It was also reported that the church had finished paying former pastor Carrick's salary.

At the October 24-25 meeting 1914, R. K. Williams read a letter from Lou Hartley to the effect that the church should provide means, some way or other, to secure some nice suitable chairs to take the place of the old shabby bench behind the pulpit. Three chairs were suggested at cost of about \$16.00. Gurthia Williams and Carrie Barnes were appointed a committee to solicit money for this purpose.

In conference January 24, 1915, it was voted to change the Saturday meeting day to a Sunday meeting day. The third Sunday in each month was selected - so the third and fourth Sundays would become regular preaching days.

May 1915 meeting the pastor was excused from preaching in order to attend Wake Forest College's Commencement.

On the fourth Sunday in July 1915 - after preaching Rev. Carter stated in a gleeful way that on the next preaching day no man could have his dinner until \$15.00 was made up to buy three chairs to go behind the pulpit.

Five dollars was also collected and turned over to the pastor to help build a house of worship at Kenebeck, North Carolina.

In August \$13.15 was collected to help buy the pulpit chairs at a cost of \$13.30. The following Sunday the chairs were in place.

It was moved and carried that all members receiving letters of dismission be forced to join another church of same faith within 3 months of issue date unless satisfaction for hesitancy is given us for same.

On the 4th Sunday Rev. Forrest Feezor preached.

At the 3rd Sunday morning's (September 1915) service held at Brother Alf Grubb's bottom - a baptizing was held in the river. In the presence of a large crowd 35 candidates were baptized as a result of the protracted meeting. A. O. Grubb, S. C. Beck, and J. M. McBride were restored to membership. Myrtle Wyatt was absent and not baptized, Clatie Feezor joined at the water and was baptized. Ila Darr was received by letter. After the baptizing the pastor preached and the right hand of fellowship was given to all new members.

At the December 24 meeting Gray Sowers made a motion that the church buy a sanitary communion set. Motion carried.

The clerk, Ed Rickard asked the church to give him the privilege to set out shade or cedar trees in the grove. He was given this privilege of beautifying the church grounds in anyway and at any time he saw fit to do so. The men asked for a special day to do this work and they would help do it.

1916

At the January 23 meeting the church elected Sunday School Officers for the year. R. K. Williams and Edwin Rickard were nominated for Superintendent. Mr. Rickard was elected by acclamation with Mr. Williams as assistant.

Carrie Barnes was nominated and elected Secretary-Treasurer of the Sunday School. She was elected for life unless she changed her name, and if she did, she was to work on just the same under the new name.

In the February 27, 1916 meeting the 1915 finance committee reported the church was still \$66.00 behind on the pastor's salary.

In the March 26, 1916 church conference Rev. Carter tendered his resignation to take effect in September 1916. There was no motion made to accept the resignation, but the church understood he would be going to school. R. K. Williams asked the church to consider Richard Redwine to be the next pastor.

June 25, 1916 the pastor appointed a committee to see every member about getting them to contribute something to the orphanage.

The pastor was absent for the Saturday July 22nd meeting and also on Sunday. Rev. Forrest Feezor was present and preached a sermon appreciated by all present. The usual orphanage offering was taken and \$1.41 was collected.

For the August 26, 1916 conference the pastor was present. The pastor's salary was paid in full. This was his last date of service as pastor.

REV. BENJAMIN C. INGRAM September 1916 - September 1918

On August 26, B. C. Ingram presented himself to the church to be under the watch-care until he received his letter - and was received by the church. (Aug. 26, 1916).

Church voted on January 1918 that the pastor invite a Presbytery to meet at the church the 5th Sunday in March 1918 to examine and ordain Brother Wade Sowers.

In February, Wade Sowers asked that this be postponed.

Motion carried to raise the Pastor's salary from \$150 to \$200.

In March 1918, on W. H. Lomax's motion, E. W. Byerly was granted a license to preach.

In September 1918 Pastor Ingram's resignation was accepted and Rev. J. T. Gillespie was elected Pastor.

REV. JAMES THOMAS GILLESPIE (Elected September 1918 - after April 16, 1921)

Elected pastor in September 1918. In October, December, 1918 and January and February 1919 no meetings held due to outbreak of influenza.

March 1918 a motion carried that there be preaching two Sundays a month on the 1st and 3rd Sundays and Saturday before the 3rd Sunday.

In April the pastor's salary was raised from \$200 to \$350 a year. Also at this meeting the matter of erecting a new church building was brought up, but due to only a few people being present it was tabled until later.

At the July meeting 1919, a motion carried to give the women the full privilege to vote on all questions arising in the church and were expected to do so.

After the 3rd Sunday meeting in August 1919 in conference the canvassing committee in regards to the new church building reported \$3,441.00 secured for the new church building. The committee also recommended that we go into the erection of a new church building with the amount subscribed: that it be erected on an adjoining lot donated by "Miss" Mollie Leonard, and that it contain an auditorium with a seating capacity of 350 and eight Sunday School rooms arranged so that the rooms could be thrown into the main auditorium. The church accepted this recommendation. The temporary canvassing committee comprised of Lena Williams, Mamie Greene, W. A. Darr, J. Ray Rickard, L. F. Barnes and W. H. Lomax were made a permanent committee. Appointed as Building Committee were C. A. Barnes, S. E. Simerson, O. T. Davis, R. K. Williams, S. G. Hasty, and L. E. Rickard.

In July 1920 R. K. Williams, Vann Rickard, and W. H. Barnes made a committee to install a bulletin board for announcing church services.

In April 1920 the church adopted the envelope system for financing the church. The pastor's salary raised from \$350 to \$500. (Note: Sometime between April 16, 1921 and July 24, 1921 Rev. Gillespie resigned as pastor.)

**Supply Pastor: REV. WADE SOWERS
June, July, August 1921**

Brother Wade Sowers preached July 24, 1921, church motion that a supply pastor be called. Brother Wade Sowers unanimously elected supply pastor until a pastor could be secured. Motion carried to have preaching twice a month on Sunday and once on Saturday. (1st and 3rd Sunday and Saturday before the 3rd.)

On August 20, 1921 Brother Wade A. Sowers offered his resignation as supply pastor. This was tabled until the next conference, and he was given the privilege to send someone in his place the 1st Sunday in September 1921.

Note: (On November 20, 1921 Rev. R. E. White preached.) No further mention of a supply pastor or pastor. However, on March 5, 1922 in church conference the motion carried to discuss at the next conference the matter of cooperating with the school in calling a pastor who was also a teacher. A motion carried to invite Dr. R. L. Lemmons of Salisbury to preach for the church on Saturday at 3 p.m. before the 3rd Sunday and again on Sunday at 3 p.m.

**DR. R. L. LEMMONS
(March 18, 1922 - July 1922)**

March 18, 1922 after preaching by Dr. Lemmons the church in conference voted to exchange the

church light plant for stock in the larger plant as the dividends from the stock would give the church light and the church would not have to keep up a plant of its own - provided the church could get \$300 for the old plant.

The trustees of the church were instructed to buy the lot adjoining the church property that W. L. Davis was offering for sale if it could be bought reasonable. If not, to exchange a lot on the northwest side of the old church lot if it was satisfactory with Mr. Davis.

In April 1922 the subject committee reported they had accomplished nothing in regards to getting a pastor. Professor W. A. Young was added to the pulpit committee and the committee was asked to confer with Rev. Lemmons in trying to locate a pastor.

A motion carried for Rev. Lemmons to appoint a committee to work out a financial system for the church. W. A. Young, W. A. Beeker and W. Henry Lomax were appointed to canvas the church membership and ask each member to give pledges for the amount they wanted to contribute to the pastor's salary for a year.

On July 9, 1922 Rev. J. P. Crouch was unanimously elected pastor at a salary of \$600 a year.

Sometime after July 16, 1922 Dr. Lemmons left as our supply pastor.

**REV. JOHN P. CROUCH
(September 1922 - Sept./Oct. 1923 uncertain)**

On September 2, 1922 in conference it was reported that the meeting that ended the first Sunday in September 1922, was very successful as 35 were accepted to the church as a result. Note: (Apparently he resigned sometime before September 23, 1923). On September 23, 1923 after Sunday School the church met in a called conference by W. H. Lomax. On motion a call was extended Rev. J. Bennett for halftime - salary to be fixed. Nothing mentioned in the November meeting as to him ever serving. On November 11, 1923 in conference a motion carried that H. T. Penry be elected as pastor for two Sundays a month, (Saturday before 3rd Sunday at 3:00 p.m. and Sunday at 11:00 a.m.)

**REV. H. T. PENRY
(December 2, 1923 - after September 25, 1925)**

On Saturday, April 19, 1924, Rev. Penry introduced the idea and said there would be a Mother's Day Service on the second Sunday night.

Ed Rickard presented plans for placing pews in the church. The plans were drawn up by a Charlotte Concern at a price of \$1,474.00.

At the Sunday morning service in conference Rev. Penry led the discussion concerning the pews for the church. Henry Lomax reported that one member who could not be present sent word that he or she would give \$500.00 toward buying the pews. Upon a motion by R. K. Williams, and seconded, it was carried immediately that the church buy the pews. Mr. Beeker, W. H. Lomax, Ed Rickard, Zetta Grubb, and Viola Hillard were appointed a committee to canvass and take subscriptions from every member at once and to collect one-fourth of the subscriptions at time of canvass.

On Sunday morning September 20, 1925, in a called conference the question of building the parsonage was discussed. It was moved and carried that the lots bought from Mrs. Fannie Jane Caudell, Mr. E. L. Grubb, and W. L. Davis was appointed a building committee along with the church trustees.

Note: Our church records states that Rev. H. T. Penry was paid back dues of \$68.00 the 5th Sunday in September 1926. Mr. E. R. Metcalf was paid \$25.60 for visits here to preach. On October 10, 1926, Rev. Bradley preached and was paid \$6.93. Rev. Cletus Foster visited and preached on October 17, 1926. For this he was paid \$4.24.

On December 19, 1926, Brother Joe Sharpe of Spencer preached an excellent sermon on the Wise Men of the East seeking the new born Babe of Bethlehem - King of the Jews. A collection of \$1.26 was taken and given to Brother Sharpe for his expenses.

(*See Page 69 for additional church happenings from 1927 - 1930)

REV. ROBERT CLETUS FOSTER (February 6, 1927 - June 3, 1928)

He was elected for "half-time": 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month.

February 27, 1927 - Pastor Foster preached on "Prayer and Common Sense Religion". The offering was \$2.65. A deacon's meeting was held after preaching for the purpose of selecting a finance committee to gather funds for the pastor's salary; however, it was postponed until Saturday night. The following were named to solicit funds: Mary Barnes, Clara Lomax, Mamie Greene, Dora Barnes, and Mr. L. E. Rickard.

On April 3, 1927 - church paid Mr. Howard \$9.00 for the light bill.

June 5, 1927 - Brother Beamer Barnes was received as a candidate for baptism.

The church granted the "Sunday School" its wish in that it set apart the first Sundays in each month's church offering to be paid on parsonage indebtedness until it is paid for.

June 19, 1927 - pastor not paid anything this time - due pastor at present \$44.00. On hand in the treasury \$20.25.

August 21, 1927 - W. H. Lomax and R. K. Williams appointed delegates to the Association at Thomasville, N.C.

In April 1927, the Sunday School qualified for a Standard Sunday School. On June 5, 1927 Rev. Foster asked for a change in the time of preaching hours as he had accepted the pastoral work at Rich Fork Church. Churchland Church then had preaching the 1st Sunday in each month at 3 p.m.

On June 3, 1928, Rev. Foster offered his resignation and the church accepted it.

REV. C. H. "CAP" FOSTER (August 27, 1928 - November 17, 1929)

Churchland Church in conference August 27, 1928 voted to call C. H. Foster as Pastor at a salary of \$750.00 if he made his home at Churchland or \$600.00 and parsonage rent if he lived elsewhere. It was understood he would be present the first Sunday in October at the regular preaching hour.

On July 7, 1929, while Rev. C. H. Foster was pastor the church voted to set aside a plot of land jointly with the Primitive Church as a public burying ground. The committee was to set the price of the ground. On September 8, 1929 the Deacon's were to work out a plan to raise \$300.00 that the church owed the Pastor. November 17, 1929, the church accepted Rev. C. H. Foster's resignation and voted unanimously in favor of Rev. E. L. Bradley.

REV. EARLE LOCA BRADLEY (Called Dec. 8, 1929 - Dec. 25, 1938)

Note: On December 8, 1929 in conference the church voted unanimously to call Rev. Earl Bradley as pastor and to have preaching one morning and one afternoon in each month.

W. H. Lomax, D. R. Kesler, J. L. McBride, and B. R. Berrier were appointed a committee to notify Rev. Bradley of the churches' action. January 12, 1930 is the first reference of Rev. Bradley's first preaching as minister. On January 26, 1930, in church conference Rev. Bradley was elected supply pastor until the church could get a regular pastor and the salary was to be the general collections.

On Mr. R. K. Williams's motion the deacons were appointed a committee to get a price on the parsonage and bring to the church for confirmation. February 2, 1930 - the motion carried to

leave the sale of the parsonage in the committee's hands to sell, pay off the indebtedness, and deposit the balance to the church account.

Voted on February 9, 1930 to have Sunday School at 10:00 o'clock.

On October 26, 1930, the church elected Rev. Earl Bradley as the regular pastor instead of supply. On November 9, 1930, voted to pay him a salary of \$400.00 and on November 23, 1930, to pay him \$50.00 a year house rent.

On November 24, 1934, Rev. Bradley recommended that Sunday School rooms be built in the basement. He appointed the following as building committee: S. A. Allred, Chairman; E. L. Rickard, B. F. Duncan, W. H. Lomax, W. H. Beck, and J. L. McBride to look after the heating plant and have all needed repairs fixed.

Raymond Darr, W. A. Darr, Graham Barnes, Udell McBride, L. E. Rickard, and D. R. Kesler were appointed to fix windows and build a new porch floor at the church.

At the September 7th and 8th 1937 service, Rev. Bradley tendered his formal resignation. The church voted 60 to 3 not to accept it. He remained as pastor and on November 27, 1938 in church conference Rev. Bradley read his resignation to take effect December 25, 1938. On motion, the church voted to accept it. On Christmas Day 1938 he ended his pastorate at Churchland.

REV. NOLAN COY TEAGUE

(Called January 8, 1939 - December 3, 1944)

(Reported in conference) January 8, 1939 - Churchland and Reeds committees had agreed to recommend Rev. N. C. Teague for pastor (of each church) at a salary of \$1,500.00. (Each church to pay \$750.00) Reeds was to furnish a parsonage. The church voted to accept this recommendation.

In the February 5, 1939 church conference the church voted to accept the Deacon's recommendation to have preaching on the first and third Sunday mornings and the second and fourth Sunday nights.

April 2, 1939 (the church in quarterly conference,) the Deacons recommended the church adopt the following budget: Pastor \$750.00; Janitor \$60.00; Fuel and lights \$50.00; Sunday School literature \$150.00; Cooperative Program \$250.00; and Miscellaneous \$105.00. Total \$1,365.00.

On July 2, 1939 the church voted to sponsor a Boy Scout troop which was recommended by the Deacons. September 10, 1939, upon the Deacon's recommendation the church voted to pay 4% of the pastors' salary (\$30.00) a year as a minister's retirement fund. This was to be permanent and

was part of the church budget. On recommendation the church voted to have a religious census and asked Smith Grove and Greer's Chapel churches to cooperate. On January 14, 1940 Pastor Teague reported that from the census 616 people in the community who have no preference or prefer Churchland Church.

December 17, 1939 - in church conference R. K. Williams made a motion to appoint a committee to get together all the history of Churchland Baptist Church. The church voted to accept the motion. The committee appointed R. K. Williams, Chairman, and L. E. Rickard, W. H. Beck, W. H. Lomax, Mrs. J. M. Greene, and Mrs. W. H. Lomax members of the committee. The board recommended \$200.00 to the orphanage for 1940 and the church voted to adopt.

On August 18, 1940 in church conference the church voted to license Gilmer Beck and Conrad Lanning to preach.

Mrs. L. C. Sowers offered to install a bell in the church as a memorial to her daughter - Norine Sowers. At the church conference, October 13, 1940 the church accepted the Deacon's recommendation to accept her offer.

On December 1, 1940 the committee composed of Alvery Kesler, Graham Barnes, W. H. Lomax, S. A. Allred and D. R. Kesler recommended that the church be covered and a belfry be built over the vestibule - also that a special effort be made to raise the money.

On February 2, 1941 this committee reported the church covered, the belfry built and the bell installed. On September 21, 1941 the church service was a dedication service and the subject was "BELLS". At the close of the service Miss Annie Lee Fitzgerald sang "When They Ring Those Golden Bells For You and Me."

A copy of the resolutions of September 21, 1941 were sent to Mrs. Sowers expressing sincere appreciation to her for her donation.

On April 12, 1942 the church in conference voted to elect Mrs. R. M. Griggs and Margaret Hannah, a committee to fix a placard in the vestibule with the names of our members in service.

July 5, 1942, on the Deacon's recommendation, the church voted to buy 1 plot of the East end of Nance Cemetery for \$50.00.

On July 14, 1943 the church voted to grass the yard and build cement walks.

On September 19, 1943 the church adopted a resolution of appreciation for Gilmer J. Beck and Conrad Lanning.

The church voted on October 10, 1943 to send presents to service men overseas.

On April 16, 1944 the church voted to buy (5) \$100 War Bonds and to purchase a Service flag for the men and women in service.

May 14, 1944 the pastor presented the Deacons recommendation that the church call a presbytery to ordain Gilmer Beck into the ministry. The church voted to accept it with the ordination service to be sometime in June 1944.

On September 3, 1944 the church voted to appoint W. H. Lomax, S. A. Allred, W. A. Darr, Graham Barnes, H. L. Greene, H. W. Davis, and W. G. Lanning, a committee to raise money and paint the church. On September 17, 1944 they were given authority to sheet rock and cellotex the auditorium and paint the Sunday School rooms. On November 5, 1944 the church voted, giving the committee the authority to fix Sunday School rooms on the sides of the auditorium with cellotex and sheet rock. Then on December 3, 1944 the church voted and accepted the Deacon's recommendation to trade land with A. C. Kesler.

On December 3, 1944 Rev. N. C. Teague offered his resignation and the church accepted it. He remained through January 1945. (At this time Rev. Teague became pastor at Reeds Baptist Church.)

The church voted on December 10, 1944 to express our appreciation to Reeds church for their cooperation and our prayers for continued success.

On December 10, 1944 Jack Kesler, S. A. Allred and Glenn Barnes were appointed a pulpit committee.

REV. VICTOR LEE ANDREWS, SR.
(called February 4, 1945 - July 11, 1948)

On January 7, 1945 the church voted to call a full time pastor.

On February 4, 1945 the appointed pulpit committee recommended that the church call Rev. V. L. Andrews as the first full time pastor at a salary of \$1,600.00 a year. The church voted to accept this recommendation.

On February 11, 1945 a motion made and carried that Rev. Andrews supply as pastor until he could move here. Service was to be held every Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock and Sunday School at 2 o'clock p.m. His salary was to be \$800.00 until he moved.

A motion also carried to grade a lot between the cemetery and Hannah's Ferry Road. A driveway to be graded alongside the cemetery with the cost to be paid out of the treasury.

In conference, March 4, 1945, on the Deacon's recommendation, the church voted to build a parsonage. On another motion the church voted to

decide which to build as, a memorial or as a parsonage.

On March 11, 1945 the church voted to build a parsonage and when it was completed to dedicate it as a memorial to the men and women in service.

S. A. Allred, Kirby Greene, Sr., Graham Barnes, L. E. Rickard, W. H. Lomax, H. W. Davis, and W. H. Beck were appointed as a building committee.

On April 1, 1945 this committee's recommendation for the parsonage was approved along with the sum of \$3,500.00 to build the parsonage.

On December 30, 1945, Churchland Church, in an afternoon service ordained Gilmer J. Beck into the full ministry. The pastor, V. L. Andrews was assisted by Rev. J. R. Clifford, Pastor of First Baptist Church in Lexington, N.C., S. A. Allred, chairman of Deacons, Rev. N. C. Teague, pastor of Reeds Baptist Church, Rev. C. S. Young, pastor of Sheets Memorial Baptist Church, Lexington, N.C.

In January 1946 the church voted to raise the pastor's salary from \$1,600.00 to \$1,720.80.

June 1946 the church voted to cooperate with other churches in the Liberty Association in calling an Associational Missionary and agreed to pay \$10.00 each month for this.

Note: September 15, 1946 in an afternoon service Edwin Andrews (pastor's son) was ordained to the full ministry. Taking part in the ordination were Rev. J. Roy Clifford, pastor of First Baptist Church, Lexington, N.C.; J. W. Dickens, Rev. Sears, Rev. V. L. Andrews, W. H. Lomax and others.

September 29, 1946, on recommendation from the deacons the church voted to take down the Service flag and put it in a safe place until a permanent place could be procured and the church clerk record the names of service men and women.

On August 3, 1947, in conference, the church voted to give \$15.00 to the committee to start a church library.

In quarterly conference on December 7, 1947 the church adopted these recommendations:

- (1) that a weekly budget be adopted
- (2) that the total amount of the budget be posted in full view of the congregation.
- (3) that the treasurer post each Sunday in plain view the total amount collected each week.
- (4) each quarter the department heads make a written report to the church.
- (5) that the church set apart and ordain Paul Kesler and Wilburn Snider as Deacons.

The church voted to adopt the following weekly budget:

LOCAL EXPENSES:

Pastor's Salary	\$ 40.00
Janitor	5.00
Revivals	4.00
Building Fund	4.00
Incidentals	6.00
Stationary & Printing	3.00
Literature	5.00
Minutes (Church)40
Fuel and Lights	5.00
Insurance	2.00
Flowers75
Convention Expense	1.00
Pastor's Retirement	1.00
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	\$ 76.75

MISSIONS AND BENEVOLENCE

Cooperative Program	6.00
Associational Missionary	2.30
Wake Forest College	10.00
State Missions	1.15
Home Missions	1.15
Foreign Missions	1.15
Orphanage	6.75
Hospital (Baptist)	2.00
World Relief	4.00
American Bible Society50
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	\$ 35.00

Grand total per week of \$113.75

Note: For a night service January 23, 1948 the church ordained Conrad Lanning to preach the full Gospel of Christ. Rev. N. C. Teague preached the ordination sermon. Rev. Mitchell, Devotions; Rev. Oldham led the Prayer of dedication; Rev. Baker presented the Bible; Rev. J. O. Dunn offered the Prayer of Ordination, and Rev. Leek delivered the charge. Then Rev. Conrad Lanning dismissed the congregation with prayer.

In conference on March 7, 1948 the church voted to put a wall in front of the church and to accept the following committee: S. A. Allred, Graham Barnes, Wilburn Snider, Mrs. H. O. Walser, and Margaret Grubb.

On March 28, 1948 a motion made and carried that the church sponsor a Mission in the Horseshoe Neck.

On June 27, 1948 Rev. V. L. Andrews offered his resignation and it was accepted by the church effective July 11, 1948.

In the night service Paul Kesler and Wilburn Snider were ordained as Deacons.

JULY 1948

(Churchland Church was without a pastor at this time)

On July 18, 1948 a motion carried that the

pulpit committee be responsible for each Sunday morning until a pastor was called to serve.

August 3, 1948 the church voted to heat the church by gas at a cost of \$1,300.00. Six-hundred seventy-five dollars was pledged on the heating plant.

Brother Stevens was invited back to preach by the church.

On October 3, 1948 a motion carried that the church take a collection each Sunday whether we had preaching or not.

On October 24, 1948 the pulpit committee recommended Rev. W. F. Gentry as pastor. The church voted to call him as pastor at a salary of \$3,280.00. The chairman then announced that Rev. Fogleman would preach on the 5th Sunday morning.

REV. WALTER F. GENTRY
(Called - October 24, 1948 - March, 1953)

On January 9, 1949, in church conference, the church voted to observe communion the first Sunday morning in each quarter - January, April, July and October.

Motion carried that the church have conference after service each 1st Sunday morning and adopt a church budget of \$6,021.20 for the year 1949.

March 6, 1949, the W.M.U. reported a new circle was organized known as the Lomax Circle and was seeking new members.

On May 1, 1949, S. A. Allred, Graham Barnes, Paul Kesler, and Pastor Gentry were appointed a committee to purchase 24 chairs.

The church also voted that the offering be given by envelopes in Sunday School, and Mrs. Paul Kesler was elected recording secretary.

The church voted to send Rev. Gentry to Southern Baptist Convention held in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

On June 5, 1949, on recommendation by the deacons the church voted to rotate deacons - three new deacons every year and three go off the board.

On July 3, 1949 a committee comprised of S. A. Allred, W. F. Gentry, Graham Barnes, Wilburn Snider, and W. H. Lomax were appointed to make a survey as to the churches' building needs and to report their findings.

August 7, 1949 the church granted the owners of the Davis cemetery the right to grade a driveway to the cemetery at the upper and lower ends.

In a night service, September 11, 1949 Lawrence Grubb, Sidney Simerson, and Harry Crowell were ordained as Deacons. The pastor was assisted by Rev. J. O. Walton who preached the ordination

sermon and Rev. Van Carroll gave the charge to them.

On September 18, 1948 the pastor's salary was raised to \$3,380.00, Local Expenses \$1,450.00 and Denominational Causes \$1,495.00 (total \$6,325.00).

October 2, 1949 in a quarterly conference the church voted to have quarterly meetings on the first Sunday in each quarter to run with the association year instead of with the calendar year, and to have communion on the second Sunday of each quarter.

November 20, 1949 the church voted to have a Christmas program and tree on Saturday before Christmas.

On December 11, 1949 the church voted for the Finance Committee to proceed with plans for raising money for the building fund. They also voted to exchange land with A. C. Kesler.

On January 8, 1950 the church voted to put into effect a building fund.

On March 5, 1950 the church voted to cooperate 100% with the association in regards to ordaining ministers. They also voted to finish the parsonage and paint the woodwork outside and inside where needed.

Pastor Gentry, Wilburn Snider, Lawrence Grubb, Graham Barnes, Cliff Fitzgerald, Jr. and Kenneth Barnes were appointed a committee to study the parking needs of the church and make a report.

In conference on July 2, 1950 the church voted to give the pastor the 5th Sundays off from preaching.

On August 6, 1950 they voted to install a telephone in the parsonage.

On September 10, 1950 the building and finance committee reported on what had been done in regards to building additional rooms for Sunday School and offered a plan which the church adopted.

At the night service M. T. Honeycutt and James Broadway were ordained deacons of the church. The ordination sermon was by Rev. D. P. Brooks; charge to deacons by Rev. Van Carroll and prayer by Rev. Luther Morphis.

On December 10, 1950 the church adopted the resolutions stating that as a Deacon body their desire to cooperate to the fullest extent with the denomination in all matters relating to our denominational program.

January 7, 1951 the church voted to have the financial secretary mail amount of offering to each church member and mail a statement every 6 months.

The church voted to accept the parking com-

mittee's report and raise \$250.00. This was done in cash and pledges.

On November 11, 1951 the church voted to have a church calendar and also a Spring and Fall revival.

They also voted to have a Fellowship hour the first of every month, Training Union at 6:00 p.m. and worship service at 7:00 p.m.

1952

On May 4, 1952 the Deacons recommended that the church borrow \$3,000 and the following committee be appointed to work out the details: S. A. Allred, Chairman, Graham Barnes, M. T. Honeycutt, W. H. Lomax and Pastor Gentry. The following Sunday May 11 the church voted to accept the committee's recommendation and to borrow \$2,000 or \$3,000 from Commercial Bank in Lexington.

Graham Barnes was elected as a church trustee.

On July 20, 1952 - upon recommendation from the Deacons, the church voted to have Dollar Day on July 27 at Sunday's service.

In the morning service September 7, 1952, Kenneth Barnes, Jesse Lee Williams, and M. J. Kester were ordained Deacons for a 4 year period. The church officers for the year 1952-1953 were elected.

On October 5, 1952 the church voted to install doors to the auditorium. The Deacons also presented the idea that families furnish rooms in the new building as a memorial to a family member.

On November 5, 1952 they voted to install a telephone in the pastor's study. The Sunday School report was read and the average attendance in September was 218 and in October 201.

On December 7, 1952 the church voted to raise the janitor's salary from \$25.00 to \$45.00 per month. The treasurer reported \$3,350.00 in the building fund.

On February 1, 1953 at the monthly conference Pastor Gentry announced his resignation effective March 1, 1953. The church accepted it and appointed Paul Kesler, Wilburn Snider, M. T. Honeycutt, Graham Barnes, and as chairman, W. Henry Lomax.

Rev. Gentry guided the church through the building of our Educational Building and giving of himself to service in the pulpit, plus much time and labor on the Educational Building. For this we are greatly appreciative and indebted.

REV. JOHN ODELL WALTON

(called February 15, 1953 - February 25, 1962)

On February 15, 1953 the Pulpit Committee recommended Rev. J. O. Walton as pastor, and church voted unanimously to call him.

April 11, 1953 Deacons recommended that an outside basement entrance and porch to parsonage be added, if practical and that some work be done in the kitchen. Motion carried.

On September 13, 1953 adopted the Church Budget for 1953-1954 amounting to \$7,945.08. Of this total \$1,442.08 was for denominational causes.

In conference, November 1, 1953, the Deacons recommended making the 5th Sunday in November Homecoming Day and to dedicate the Education Building debt free.

November 29, 1953 was Homecoming Day. Dr. Earl Bradley, a former pastor, brought the morning message. Rev. J. O. Walton, pastor read the dedication message. After church was dismissed dinner was served on tables on church grounds. Time was spent in fellowship among members and former members. In the night service, Rev. Conrad Lanning preached.

January 3, 1954, Deacons recommended that the first Monday in February that work be started on the ground floor and that February be designated as ground floor month.

April 4, 1954 Deacons recommended that song-books be purchased by individuals with the name of individual donating placed in the book.

May 2, 1954, the church voted to designate the 5th Sunday in May a special day commemorating a year for pastor and family. Willis Albright, Mrs. John Brewer, Mrs. Graham Barnes, C. A. Smith and W. H. Lomax appointed committee on arrangements for this day.

June 6, 1954 church voted to remove wire around the cemetery. On the following Sunday the church voted to let the Barnes family have full charge of beautifying the corner of the cemetery.

September 3, 1954 Mr. Odell Snider was elected a church trustee.

1955

January 9, 1955 upon a recommendation from the Deacons, the church voted to buy and pay for furniture (\$1,000.00) for the Educational Department by the second Sunday in February.

September 4, 1955, church adopted the parking committee's recommendation and also voted to make the 3rd Sunday in October Annual Homecoming Day. A budget of \$8,332.16 for the year was adopted.

1956

On June 22, 1956 a list of men and women who had served in military service to this date was compiled. June 22, 1956 ordination service held to ordain Pat Myers and Hugh H. Shepherd as Deacons.

December 12, 1956 the church in conference voted to let M. J. Kester check on the 12 year bond which was purchased in 1944 to see if it was still drawing interest, and if not, place it in the Building Fund Savings where it would accumulate interest. The original purpose of the bond was for building purposes.

January 6, 1957, on deacons recommendation the church voted to enlarge the Building Committee now comprised of Cliff Fitzgerald, Chairman, Jessie Williams, Co-Chairman; Paul Kesler, Henry Barnhardt, C. J. Everhart, Hugh Shepherd, and Wilburn Snider.

On April 4, 1957 in its regular monthly conference voted unanimously to adopt the Constitution and By Laws that had been under consideration since March 2, 1957.

The church voted to accept the Building Committee's recommendations that (1) we have a ground-breaking ceremony Easter Sunday, April 21, 1957 and (2) that we begin rebuilding the Auditorium as soon as arrangements can be worked out.

In the regular monthly church conference July 14, 1957 the Building Fund was reported as having \$5,000.00 still in the treasury and all bills paid. The Building Committee recommended that the church borrow enough money to complete the interior of the building. Hugh Shepherd made the motion and was seconded by Odell Snider that the church borrow up to \$10,000 for this purpose. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

August 4, 1957 the Building Committee along with the Deacons, recommended to the church that the plastering work include all the choir loft so it would be in keeping with the auditorium. The church unanimously voted to accept the recommendation. M. J. Kester, Chairman of the Trustees explained that in borrowing the money we would pay 5% interest every 6 months on the money we borrowed, that this loan was an established line of credit, and we could borrow any amount up to \$10,000.

On August 18, 1957 in conference the church voted to adopt the 1957-1958 budget of \$8,982.16 for an average of \$172.73 each Sunday to meet the budget.

The church also voted to set Homecoming Day as the time for the Laying of the Cornerstone.

In a called conference September 8, 1957 the church voted unanimously to accept the Deed of Trust, and the proper authorities sign it in order that the money could be put in a checking account. The money to be borrowed from the Bank of Lexington at 5% interest.

A recommendation from the Building Committee, Finance Committee, and Deacons was brought before the church that the church immediately secure new pews for the auditorium as several members had agreed to give a pew. It was felt that the interior would not exceed the \$10,000 the church agreed to borrow to complete the auditorium. The church voted unanimously to accept the recommendation.

On October 20, 1957 the congregation met for Worship Service, Homecoming, and Cornerstone Laying. The work on the church was complete except for finishing the floors and paneling.

The order of service was as follows:

The chimes played "The Church's One Foundation" while the congregation gathered in front of the church for the laying of the Cornerstone in a spirit of prayer. The scripture was read from I Peter 2:1-12. Rev. J. O. Walton led in the litany of dedication with response of "We lay this Cornerstone" from the congregation after Wilburn Snider, chairman of Building Committee, M. J. Kester, Finance Committee, and Paul Kesler, Deacon laid the Cornerstone.

After the litany, the congregation entered worshipfully into the Sanctuary (auditorium) for the worship service. After an organ prelude the congregation sang the Doxology. After the invocation, the dedication service began by the Choir singing, "Bless This House," and the congregation sang "How Firm A Foundation", there was a prayer and the ushers took up an offering.

Visitors were recognized and a welcome was given to one and all.

M. J. Kester, treasurer gave a brief report.

The chimes were dedicated and played "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross." The choir had special music. Pastor Walton spoke on "Churchland's History and What Mean These Stones."

Rev. W. F. Gentry, former pastor, delivered the morning sermon. A consecration hymn, "At the Cross" was sung and expressions of gratitude for work and workmen, prayers and good will spoken. The service ended with "Bless Be the Tie" and benediction.

While lunch was being placed on the table there was a chimes concert. During and after lunch there was good fellowship.

For the dedication service Mrs. Hilda Lomax placed flowers and urn in church as a memorial

to the late W. H. Lomax.

On this day a letter was written to the future generations by Pastor Walton consisting of Hope, Encouragement, and Inspiration that future generations be better fitted to serve the Lord than were we. This letter was placed along with the Church History and documents beneath the Cornerstone.

December 29, 1957 in a called meeting of the Deacons, Finance, and Building Committees along with Trustees discussed taking out additional insurance on the church. After discussion, C. J. Everhart made motion to take out \$65,000 insurance with Farm Mutual on church property and furnishings. L. E. Greene seconded - motion carried. At the time church had \$50,000, so only \$15,000 additional insurance was needed.

August 3, 1958 church adopted a budget of \$9,132.19 for 1958-1959 for weekly average of \$175.62.

January 11, 1959 church voted to replace the wire from the parsonage to the garage, and to put a light in the parking area.

March 1, 1959, the WMU quarterly report listed 50 members and 4 circles.

March 8, 1959 church voted to buy the literature used by the WMU organizations.

March 15, 1959 voted to accept the Churchland Rest Home as part of our Sunday School.

April 5, 1959 voted to put a new roof on out-building at the parsonage.

September 6, 1959, the Sunday School Superintendent reported that for March, April and May an average attendance of 213; June, July, August an average of 208. The enrollment at end of the year 362 with average attendance of 199.

On October 11, 1959 church voted to buy a piano for the Intermediate Sunday School Department.

1960

May 15, 1960, voted to install opera chairs in the balcony.

July 17, 1960 in conference the church voted to continue the Building Fund as usual now that the church was out of debt. New carpet would be the next big item. On September 4, 1960 the Carpet Committee gave 2 estimates on carpet. The complete church and balcony \$1,750 or \$2,400 better grade carpet. Isles and pulpit \$1,200 or \$1,650. On the 18th the church voted to buy the better carpet and cover the designated areas.

On October 2, 1960 the church voted to endorse and support a Brotherhood which was organized September 22, 1960 with 11 charter members.

December 4, 1960 motion carried that the Christmas treat be given out on Sunday night following the Christmas program until changed.

1961

January 29, 1961 the church voted to buy 25 hymn books for the choir and to purchase the mimeograph machine the church had on trial.

At the quarterly conference March 3, 1961 the WMU President reported 106 members, Lottie Moon Christmas offering \$272.10. The emphasis for the quarter was Home Missions and Annie Armstrong Offering. Also reported visitation, making tray cards for Lexington and Salisbury Hospitals and Rest Home at Churchland, and a YWA banquet given by the Kesler-Lambe Circle.

At the close of the morning worship service February 25, 1962, Rev. J. O. Walton tendered his resignation.

Church Without A Pastor for a few Months Supply — REV. ADALI LUCAS (Called April 22, 1962 - July 22, 1962)

On April 22, 1962, in a called conference, after having the Pulpit Committee recommend that the church vote to call Rev. Adali Lucas as Interim Pastor and to have services on the 5th Sunday.

In a called conference May 20, 1962 after hearing recommendation from Finance Committee and the Deacons, the church voted to replace water lines, re-do the floors, and paint the interior of the parsonage before another pastor moves in the parsonage.

May 27, 1962 the Sunday School Superintendent reported 349 enrolled with an average attendance of 193. The highest attendance was April 22, with 219. A Little League Baseball team was organized.

On recommendation from the Deacons the church voted to return the Memorial Clock to Mrs. Caleb Sharpe.

REV. ANTHONY ZACK GURGANUS (June 24, 1962 - September 26, 1965)

On June 24, 1962 in called conference the church voted to extend the call to Anthony Z. Gurganus to become our pastor.

August 5, 1962 the church voted to change Homecoming date to the 3rd Sunday in September to have its Fall Revival one week before Homecoming, and to buy a desk and chair for the Pastor's study. Harold Barnhardt and the Pastor to secure the furniture most suitable from Rowan Printing Co.

August 12, 1962 church adopted a budget of \$11,067 for the year 1962-1963. The Pastor's salary was \$4,160.

August 19, 1962 church voted to install a new heating system and on September 2, Hugh Shepherd reported the cost to be \$680. with heat ducts upstairs in the parsonage. The church voted to pay for the furnace through the regular church fund. The Brotherhood reported an enrollment of 21. During the year it sponsored the Little League Ball Team, raised \$290.64 which was spent on uniforms and equipment and a banquet for the team, coached by Druley Troxell.

October 7, 1962 in a called conference the church voted to install a Church Council to serve in an Advisory Capacity.

October 14, 1962 voted to buy materials at a cost of \$60 for Bradford Simerson to build a Secretary's desk for the church office.

November 11, 1962 voted to send Rev. Gurganus and his wife as our representatives to the Baptist State Convention.

November 18, 1962 voted to accept the Amendment to Constitution and By-Laws; to install Church Council as presented on Nov. 4.

The December 2, 1962 Sunday School report stated there were 343 enrolled and the highest attendance was 228 on September 16th; the lowest November 25th, with 155 present.

1963

January 6, 1963 the church voted to enter into the Church Achievement Program.

On March 10, 1963 in a called conference, Wilburn Snider explained the greatest needs in the parsonage to be lack of bedroom space. A drawing of the Proposed Plans was explained by the Pastor and Wilburn Snider. Wilburn Snider and Siebert Barnes presented Black Construction Company's bid of \$6,822 plus \$380 for heat, gutters, drains, and light fixtures.

The Building Committee recommended we enter this building and remodeling program on the parsonage and to have half of the finances on hand before letting the Contract. The church voted and accepted the recommendation.

A motion was made by H. L. "Sam" Greene to start a Building Fund emphasis again. Motion seconded and church voted to do so.

March 17, 1963 church voted to accept Finance Committee's recommendation to transfer all over \$1,000 in the General Church Fund into the Building and Maintenance and Improvement Fund at the end of each month. The church also voted to use funds from maintenance and repairs or incidentals to gravel the parking lot.

April 14, 1963 in a night service the church voted to re-roof existing parsonage to match the new addition to parsonage.

The trustees were authorized by the church to borrow the money needed to pay for parsonage addition at the time of completion.

June 2, 1963 church voted to start Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.

August 4, 1963 church voted to install a night light in the parking area.

Church voted to accept the recommendations from Deacons to purchase a safe from the Fitzgerald family, a safe to keep church records and monies in; and that the church send out a newsletter once a month.

September 1, 1963 church voted to send a letter of thanks to the R. Cliff Fitzgerald family for the safe given to the church.

Deacons recommended and church voted to install a Counting Committee to assist the treasurer in counting church monies. Henry Barnhardt, Mrs. Willis Albright, and Paul Kesler were named to serve.

On December 15, 1963 in a called conference by Rev. Gurganus, the Finance Committee recommended that the church purchase the Grubb property to the south of the church property for \$2,500 which included 1.23 acres. They recommended the trustees be authorized to borrow the money, and to immediately send \$100 from building fund to bind the deal. Church voted to do so.

1964

January 19, 1964 in called conference the church voted to accept Building Committees' recommendation and install 6 doors - one at each end of the hall on each floor of the Educational Building.

On February 9, 1964 the Adult Department voted unanimously to re-grade in the Adult Department on the first Sunday of April with classes ranging in ages 25-34; thirty-five through 44 years, 45 through 54 years and ages 55 and up in both the men's and women's classes.

April 12, 1964 church voted to buy liability insurance to cover anyone hurt at church or parking lots, and an additional \$10,000 fire and storm insurance on the parsonage. A motion carried to install semi-private telephone line to church and parsonage.

On May 3, 1964 the Deacons recommended that church present a gift Bible to each member or Sunday School member when they graduate from high school. Church voted and accepted recommendation.

November 8, 1964 an ordination service was held at the church to ordain Mr. Odell Snider as a Deacon of the church.

In a night service December 6, 1964 the church voted to accept the Building Committee's recommendations that the parking lot be below the wall running straight back to the line from the present wall; (2) that rock circle be removed and be used as fill in dirt and replace it with a circle of wooden benches; (3) bushes, except for Crepe Myrtles, be removed - also pines as need be; (4) the walk from church to parking lot be concrete, (5) parking lot be developed on near level from Hwy. 150 as far back and as wide as fill dirt allows.

Church went on record as sponsoring a church library.

1965

January 3, 1965 church voted to pay \$25 to Associational Missions to help send Rev. Leonard Rollins on a preaching mission to South America and Brazil.

On Sunday morning, September 5, 1965, Rev. Gurganus resigned as pastor to accept the pastorate at Calvary Baptist Church in Durham, N.C.

On September 6, 1965 Rev. & Mrs. Gurganus were presented a silver tray as a gift of love for their service to the church.



RIDGECREST — June 1968

Left to right - Gaye Everhart, Jean Kesler, Janie Swicegood, Sandra Alley and Mrs. Elsie Brewer

**REV. GERALD HEWITT (Interim pastor)
(called October 3, 1965 - December 12, 1965)**

On October 3, 1965, the church accepted pulpit committee's recommendation that Rev. Hewitt be our supply pastor. He agreed to come for morning and evening services on Sunday and Wednesday night prayer service. His salary was \$50 per week, plus 10 ¢ per mile for any extra trips he had to make such as weddings or funerals. Because of his full time duties at Baptist Hospital, he would be unable to visit.

November 28, 1965, the pulpit committee reported that Rev. Everette H. Chapman and his wife Mildred, had been invited to meet with the church as a prospect for pastor of the church.

December 5, 1965 - Rev. Leonard Rollins led the worship service. The pulpit committee recommended that Rev. Everette Chapman of Flint Hill Baptist Church, Bedford, Virginia, be called as our next pastor. Motion by Hugh Shepherd to accept - seconded by Thomas Hartley. A unanimous vote was taken to call Rev. Chapman as pastor.

The Sunday School report was given for September, October, November, 1965: Enrollment 349 - Avg. attendance for the quarter 209; High attendance September 19 with 235; Lowest attendance September 5, 162; percentage of enrollment attending 60.3%.

The WMU reported a membership of 98. On September 26, a reception was held in the Fellowship Hall for Pastor Tony and Edith Gurganus.

After some discussion, the church voted to have a manger scene for Christmas.

**REV. EVERETTE H. CHAPMAN
(January 16, 1966 - April 9, 1967)**

On December 5, 1965 the Pulpit Committee recommended Rev. Everette Chapman as our pastor. Rev. Chapman, his wife Mildred, and son Phillip, came from Flint Hill Baptist Church in Virginia.

On December 12, a letter was read from Rev. Chapman stating that he would begin his ministry here on Sunday, January 16, 1966.

June 5, 1966, church voted to buy 6 concrete benches at \$9.00 each for the recreation area.

A letter of thanks sent to Cunningham Brick Company for bricks donated for the walls built.

Voted to observe Youth Week and also to observe a special service honoring Dr. Ben Ingram, a former pastor, celebrating his 50 years in the ministry.

July 10 - church voted to sponsor Girl Scout Troop. September 11, 1966, voted to upgrade the

organ sound system at a cost of \$650.00.

In the morning service March 12, 1967, Pastor Everette Chapman read his letter of resignation to the church as he had accepted the pastorate of Farmville Baptist Church, Farmville, Virginia. He held revival services April 2-9 and baptized 4 at close of his ministry here: Gloria Cooper, Beth Bowen, Floyd Leonard, and Leonard Thomason.



BIBLE SCHOOL - 1966

**REV. CLAY R. BARNES, Interim Pastor
(April 23, 1967 - November 1967)**

On April 23, 1967, the church voted and accepted the Pulpit Committee's recommendation to call Rev. Clay R. Barnes as interim pastor.

During Rev. Barnes' service as interim pastor, the church voted to purchase 16mm projector at a cost of \$125.00; erect a fence around the outside air conditioning units, and bought 6 mattresses for the nursery.

In October 1967 the church voted to relocate the new bulletin board south of the walk rather than where the old one stood.

Church voted to install awnings at the side door and porch at the parsonage at a cost of \$170.00.

**REV. DALE ROSS MARTIN
(called November 5, 1967 - August 25, 1974)**

In a called conference, November 5, 1967, the church voted to call Rev. Dale Martin as pastor at a salary of \$5,200 a year plus benefits. A standing vote was taken and it was unanimous.

On December 3, 1967, the church voted to receive Rev. and Mrs. Dale Martin as members by letter.

On January 7, 1968, church voted to pay our share of 25 cents per member to the Davidson

County Crusade for Christ.

On February 4, 1968, upon a recommendation from the deacons, the church voted to have bulletin printed for the church with a picture of the church on them.

Voted to move the library to the first room on the left in the Jr. Department.

On May 5, the church voted to have a church directory printed and take pictures of church family for directory at no cost to the church or families unless they bought private pictures.

The Sunday School report showed that for December, January, and February, an enrollment of 378 with average attendance of 165. The highest attendance was December 17 with 223 attending and the lowest with 69 on January 14 due to snow.

On July 7, 1968, the church voted in favor of merging with Piedmont Telephone Membership Corporation at Reeds.

Voted to install air condition ducts in choir loft in order to equalize temperature with that in sanctuary.

December 8, 1968 voted to enter the church in the West Davidson Water, Inc., at \$25.00, membership fee, \$10.00 meter deposit, and \$4.50 / month for 2 years.

March 9, 1969 - voted to enlarge the parsonage kitchen at cost of approximately \$5,000 or \$6,000 and allow Cliff Fitzgerald to do the work at his cost.

June 22, 1969, church voted to pay rental on cabins at Baptist Assembly at Fr. Caswell, Southport, N.C. for the group going from our church the 3rd week in August 1969.

November 2, 1969, the church voted to pour concrete walk from parsonage kitchen to garage.

On February 1, 1970, the church voted to accept the deacon's recommendation, that the two-year limit of service of department leadership be removed for the year since this was when departments would be reorganizing.

April 19, 1970, the church voted to allow Rev. Martin to use the \$450 set aside in the church budget for convention expense to go to the Holy Land rather than the Southern Baptist Convention since an anonymous person had stated he would contribute \$500 more to complete the cost.

On August 2, 1970, the church voted on Wilburn Snider's motion that the church officially receive the gift of a gavel made of Olive wood and a New Testament with wooden backs purchased by Rev. Dale Martin and Doris on their trip to the Holy Land as a gift to the church.

December 6, 1970, the church voted to put awnings on the two side doors on the main floor of the educational building at a cost of \$350.00.

To put handrails at front steps of the church and at the steps of the walk to the road at a cost of \$102.00.

On March 7, 1971, the church voted to accept the deacon's recommendation to go on record as favoring the State-Wide Blue Law that came up in the State Legislature.

June 13, 1971, church voted to extend the department leaders time of service from 2 years to four years.

On August 15, 1971, the church voted to cooperate with the Churchland Community Helping Hand endeavor and pastor and deacon's serve on a committee for this.

To join in the endeavor of writing letters of appreciation to the Space Center concerning the reading of the scriptures from the Space Craft Christmas 1968.

September 5, 1971, M. J. Kester reported that he checked with Dothan Reece, Associational Treasurer, and found that the church could not increase the pastor's salary as voted in the 1971-72 church budget until the Wage Freeze was over. The church voted to hold the increase and give to pastor in a lump sum when freeze was over.

June 18, 1972, Rev. Dale Martin presented to the church an autograph of Astronaut James Irvin who walked on the moon that he had obtained at the Southern Baptist Convention in Philadelphia, Pa. on June 8, 1972.

In a called conference February 18, 1973, the church voted and accepted the deacon's and finance committee's recommendation to:

1. Pave parking areas on both sides and in front of church that would not be covered by traffic island.
2. Remove trees from upper parking lot.

On March 11, 1973, the church voted to accept as a gift outside lighting of the church as a memorial by the L. W. Rickard family.

On April 1, 1973, the church voted to elect 3 members to a Memorial Committee to look after memorials which may be given to the church.

On November 4, 1973, the church voted to accept as a gift the installation of carpet in the nursery No. 1 from the Frank Beck family.

June 16, 1974, the church voted to purchase an Allen Electronics Organ for \$16,500 and have it installed; and to keep present organ for other use in the church.

At the close of the morning service July 28, 1974, Pastor Dale Martin presented his resignation to the church.

In a called conference August 4, 1974, the church voted to accept his resignation. It was also voted to have the dedication of the new organ at a night service on August 25 with Rev. Martin in charge of the service.

Rev. Martin requested that his work be terminated on August 25, 1974 in order to move to Johnson City, Tennessee on Monday, August 26, 1974 - his request was honored.

On October 13, 1974, letters were granted to Rev. Martin, Daris, and Darlene to unite with Clark Street Baptist Church in Johnson City, Tennessee.

REVEREND PAUL MILLWOOD
(Called: January 26, 1975 -
Still serving in May 1987)

In church conference January 26, 1975, the church unanimously voted to call Rev. Paul C. Millwood of Grover, N.C., as pastor of our church. At a beginning salary of \$7,800 per year plus benefits and parsonage in which to live.

On March 9, 1975, at the close of the morning service, Rev. and Mrs. Millwood presented themselves for membership by letter from First Baptist Church of Grover, N.C., church voted to accept.

July 13, 1975, the church voted to accept Mr. and Mrs. Don Barnhardt's offer of New Baptist Hymnals as a gift to the church. These hymnals are a memorial to their 16 year old son, Michael who was killed in an automobile accident.

On November 16, 1975 the church voted to build a room in the right of the hall to house the chimes equipment.

The memorial committee recommended and church voted to place the gold bound hymnal presented to the church on October 19, be placed in the trophy case.

Church voted to give 50 of the old hymnals to Cedar Grove Baptist Church in Thomasville, N.C.

On January 18, 1976, the church voted to participate in the E. J. Daniels County Wide Crusade for Christ, the week of May 2-9 and to contribute 30 cents per member (437 members) for a cost of \$131.10 to help defray the cost of the Crusade.

DR. WILLIAM REYNOLDS & GROUP PRESENTATION OF HYMN BOOK

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23, 1975



DR. WILLIAM J. REYNOLDS, third from right, music director of the Southern Baptist Convention Sunday School Board, presented a gold-bound copy of the new Baptist Hymnal to Mrs. Don Barnhardt last Sunday at Churchland Baptist Church. The special presentation was to commemorate the church's purchase of the one millionth copy of the new hymnal. Mr. and Mrs. Barnhardt and daughter Donna gave the song book to the church as a memorial for their son and brother, Mike. Others in the picture are, left to right, Ed Taylor, chairman of Churchland Baptist Church's memorial committee; Donna Barnhardt; Mrs. Barnhardt; Charles Gatwood of Raleigh, associate music director of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention; and the church pastor, Rev. Paul Millwood. (Staff photo by Joyce Weaver)

On July 11, 1976, the church voted to purchase a parcel of land at the back of the church property from the A. C. Kesler family for \$600.00. Letters of appreciation were sent to the family for this and to Beamer Barnes for his professional services donated in completing this transaction.

On February 6, 1977, in a called conference, the deacons recommended a change in services at the church because of the fuel crisis - and effective after the morning service, all evening meetings at the church would be cancelled until the Governor declared the crisis over.

On March 6, 1977, church voted to accept the Finance Committee's recommendation to pay \$1.00 per member, for 385 members toward the purchase of 2.77 acres of land which the Liberty Baptist Association is purchasing between Thomasville and Lexington.

On March 20, 1977, the Deacons and Finance Committee recommended to the church that we apply to participate in the Baptist Youth Corps Program this summer. A college student would be hired to live and work in the church field for 10 weeks to work with the Youth.

On December 11, 1977, church voted to give \$500.00 to the newly organized EMT Organization to help purchase equipment and needed supplies.

On January 8, 1978, Mr. and Mrs. Taylor Nance gave a \$5,000.00 check to be used to air condition the 2nd and 3rd floors of the education building, as a memorial in memory of Annie Frances Nance.

January 22, 1978, the Trustees, Deacons, and Building Committee, jointly recommended that the church put locks on all outside doors and windows due to the pastor receiving a telephone call at 2:05 o'clock a.m. Saturday morning concerning a bomb threat at the church.

On May 7, 1978, church voted to air condition the parsonage at a cost of \$1,200.00.

On May 14, 1978, on the Baptist Youth Corps Worker Steering Committee's recommendation, the church called Tom Carr as the Summer Worker.

On June 4, 1978, upon the Deacon's recommendation, the church voted to adopt a new style church offering envelope system at a cost of approximately \$193.60 per year - consisting of numbered sets for individuals containing Sunday School record system and special envelopes.

On July 2, 1978, the church voted to start a Couple's Class for married couples only in Sunday School with no age limit.

On July 16, 1978, the church voted to sponsor a Brownie and a Junior Girl Scout Troop, and to furnish class rooms for meetings and to give \$25.00 for each troop as a starter treasury.

On November 12, 1978, the church voted that our church join with other churches in the community for a series of Inter-Denominational Joint Community Services. The first is to be a New Year's Eve Watch to ring in the New Year of Christian Cooperation and Fellowship on December 31, 1978.



CHURCHLAND BROWNIE TROOP 242 - March 1979

Front Row - (left to right): Kendra Grubb, Wendy Sadler, Tracy Nelson, Wendy Archer, Lori Weaver. Second Row - (left to right): Mrs. Sharon Hartley, assistant leader; Jana Wagner, Andrea Kennedy, Cissy Kline, ?, Angie Pressley, ?, Terri Ballaugh, ?, Allyson Camp, ?. Third Row - (left to right): Suzanne Simerson, Janet Kennedy, Ashley Millwood, Jessica Weaver, Star Joyce, Sherri Beck, Susan Beck, Angie Morris, Erica Potts, Delores Sinnott, Angie Shrewsberry. Back Row - Connie Simerson, Troop Leader.

December 10, 1978 - church voted to have a Church-Wide Christmas Party in the Fellowship Hall after the youth presents the Outdoor Pageant and treats to be distributed on Sunday morning to the children through Youth, Homebound and others in need.

January 14, 1979 - voted to again participate in Youth Corps Program for the summer.

The church voted to form a Christmas Party and Treat committee consisting of 2 deacons, 2 Baptist women, 2 Brotherhood members, 2 youth, one church member at large, one from church Hostess Committee, one from Church Music program - these to be selected by Nominating Committee and voted on by the church.

On May 6, 1979, the Summer Youth Corps Steering Committee and the church voted to accept Bruce Herrmann as our Summer Youth Corps Worker.

On June 3, 1979, the church voted to honor Rev. Millwood on receiving his Doctorate's Degree from Luther Rice University on May 11, 1979. A reception was held from 3 to 5 p.m. at the church.

On January 20, 1980, the church voted to elect a Social Committee to be responsible for planning monthly social events for church members.

On May 11, 1980, church voted to accept the Youth Steering Committee's recommendation that church call Stan Yancey as Youth Worker.

October 5, 1980, the church voted to form a Sunday School Class for College Age Young Adults.

On May 3, 1981, the church voted to accept the Steering Committee's recommendation that Lisa Carson be the worker for the summer.

On April 18, 1982, the church voted to establish a committee to formulate written guidelines to govern the use of the church buildings, grounds, and holdings. This committee to consist of Chairman of Deacons, Building Committee Chairman, Fellowship Hall Building Committee, W.M.U. Director. This plan was presented and accepted on June 20, 1982.

On June 6, 1982, church voted that the Sunday School Youth Dept. be reorganized. The boys and girls classes to be joined and divided into three groups: Group I - grades 7-8, Group II - grades 9-10, and Group III - grades 11-12.

On July 25, 1982, the church voted to allow the Brotherhood to build a picnic shelter for cookouts, etc.

September 19, 1982 - Homecoming Day - Dr. Craven E. Williams, President of Gardner-Webb College was the 11:00 a.m. speaker. Following the worship service a covered dish luncheon was served in the new Fellowship Hall. This was the first

official function in the new building. At 1:45 p.m. the final service of the day was held consisting of a dedication service and cornerstone laying of the new building. The cornerstone laying was delayed to some future date.

December 5, 1982 - Annie Mae Shepherd, Sunday School Director, reported the average Sunday School attendance for September, October and November was 160. October 31 was High Attendance Day with 175 present. On November 27 the attendance was 197.

A class for retarded children was begun in the Youth Department with 4 members enrolled. Mrs. Betty Rickard is the temporary teacher until a permanent teacher is obtained.

January 16, 1983 - Rev. Paul Millwood called the church in conference. Ed Taylor, chairman of the Deacons presented the Deacon's recommendation that the church again participate in the Summer Youth Worker Program. The church voted to participate in this program.

The following people were to serve as a Steering Committee for this program: Elaine Kester, Bennie Shoaf, Charles "Bubba" Beck, Cecile Nelson, and Johnny Ferguson.

The Annie Armstrong offering goal of \$500.00 was set and voted on - motion carried.

In the February 13, 1983 church conference the church voted to accept and approve the following resolution:

"Resolve that the church authorize the Board of Trustees of our church to borrow from any lending institution a sum of money not to exceed \$98,500.00 for the payment of the debts resulting from a new addition to our church building; that the Trustees shall have the authority to sign a note or notes and a deed of trust to secure the same and at such rate of interest, as in their opinion, is most favorable to the church, and to further secure the said indebtedness may acquire insurance from some reliable insurance company therefore, and may do any and all things necessary or required to accomplish the borrowing and securing of the said sum. Said motion was made by Hugh Shepherd in favor of said resolution and seconded by Willis Albright and said resolution was passed by vote of the church on the 13th day of February, 1983."

June 5, 1983 - (In Church Conference.)

The average attendance for the quarter - March, April, and May 1983 was 181. Two high attendance Sundays with a goal of 200 was approved. On April 3, there were 202 present and April 10th 200 were present.

In a special called conference June 26, 1983 the church voted to accept the motion from the Finance, Deacons, and Building Committees' that a

smoke alarm system be installed in the church at a cost of \$2,439.60 and the Fellowship Hall at a cost of \$393.00 - total cost will be \$2,832.60.

In the quarterly conference September 4, 1983 the church voted on a Deacon's proposal presented by Hugh Shepherd that the church as a body vote on a resolution opposing a Nuclear Waste Disposal site in Davidson County. Motion carried.

The church voted on September 11, 1983 to install 2 additional smoke detectors on the third floor of the Educational Building at a cost of \$206.00. On another motion the church voted to install a sidewalk from the back entrance of the Fellowship Hall to the entrance of the Education Building at an approximate cost of \$166.40, when the money is available.

On November 6, 1983 the church voted to have a new Church Directory made as the last one was made in 1976.

The church voted on December 11, 1983 to raise the Pastor's salary by \$20.00 a week, to apply for a summer youth worker, and budget \$30.00 per week for the worker.

The Steering Committee for the Youth Worker were named: Bubba Beck, Elaine Kester, Cecile Nelson, Benny Shoaf, and Kevin Wright.

Henry Barnhardt, Chairman of the Building Committee, made a motion on behalf of the Committee that we insulate the overhead and walls of the sanctuary at a cost of \$1,517.60. Work to be done by the Kinney Insulation Company of Lexington, N.C. After much discussion the motion carried.

Church voted in 1984 to have stained glass windows covered by protective covers at a cost of \$4,950.00 when the money was available.

Homecoming was held Sunday, September 16, 1984 with Dr. Michael C. Blackwell as speaker. Dinner in Fellowship Hall following the service.

On September 24, 1984, the church voted 38 in favor (and 8 no's) to plant 100 Crepe Myrtle Trees around the church cemetery. This was a gift from Edward and Frances Greene from the Catherine Ann Greene Foundation.

On September 30, 1984, Rev. James H. Camp was guest director for our Sunday School enlargement campaign, with a community survey being held from 2-4 p.m.

December 2, 1984, the deacons recommended that the nominating committee be called on to find someone to fill the vacancy position of trustee, which was held by Mr. Odell Snider - motion carried.

January 13, 1985, the deacons recommended that the church purchase a piano for the fellowship

hall for the price of \$1,000. Motion carried.

The nominating committee recommended Benny Shoaf as the new trustee. Motion carried.

The church voted to support our Associational Missionary, Leonard Rollins, in his mission preaching project to Togo, West Africa, with a contribution of \$50.00 and our prayers.

On January 13, 1985, the church voted and approved a request to organize a Hospitality Committee to welcome newcomers to the community and the church.

On March 3, 1985, the church voted to send Kenneth and Elaine Barnes as messengers to The Southern Baptist Convention held in Texas.

On March 17, 1985, in a special conference, the church voted to accept the Deacon's recommendation that the church license Leila Shepherd Stennett, into the Gospel Ministry.

During this quarter, the Finance and Building Committees, along with the deacons, met and discussed re-roofing the church. Bids were obtained. In April, the church was re-roofed. The roof is being paid for from the church treasury and the giving of the church congregation.

June 30, 1985, the Finance Committee, Deacons, Church Council and the Building Committee recommended that the church have siding installed on the wood part of the sanctuary instead of painting at a cost of \$4,331.00. Motion carried.

Sunday, November 11, 1985, after the morning worship service, the church held a dedication service for the American Holly Tree given as a memorial to Rev. J. O. Walton. The tree was given by his daughter and son-in-law JoAnne and Charlie Dickinson, and grandsons, Peri, John, and Ted Eaton.

On December 1, 1985, the church voted to sponsor a Boy Scout Troop under the leadership of Ronald Hartley.

The church also voted to send the church's condolences to the widow of Rev. R. C. Foster, a former pastor of Churchland Baptist Church.

On February 2, 1986, the church voted to accept Margaret, L. V., and Beulah Grubb's offer to set up a \$10,000 trust fund for the church. The interest of which is to be used as the church sees fit.

On March 2, 1986, the family of Mr. and Mrs. William A. "Bill" Hannah gave a funeral pall to the church as a memorial to their parents. It will be stored in the church along with the pall given by Mrs. Doris Davis earlier.

In special church conference on April 27, 1986, Rev. Millwood recognized the chairman of the

deacons. Benny Shoaf, for the following purpose Leila Shepherd Stennett was called by Crystal Hill Baptist Church to be their pastor on February 1, 1986. The deacons recommended that the church ordain her into the Gospel ministry. The motion carried. On May 18, 1986, at 4:00 p.m., Churchland Baptist Church ordained her into the gospel ministry. The service was held in the sanctuary followed by a covered dish meal.

Conclusion:

Among Rev. Millwood's many accomplishments to date (May 17, 1987) has been guiding the church in the construction of a new Fellowship Hall Building.

On June 8, 1986 the Deacons recommended to the church that a One-Hundred-Fiftieth Anniversary Celebration of the church's founding be held in May 1987. This motion carried. The church also voted to send Vernelle Greene to Camp Caraway in Asheboro, North Carolina on June 26, 27, 1986 as a representative of the church to the Baptist Historical Society program with the church paying the expenses.

The following were elected by the church on August 3, 1986 to serve as a Historical Committee

to plan and prepare this Susquicentennial Celebration:

Thomas Hartley, Benny Shoaf, Hugh Greene, Henry Barnhardt, Paul Kesler, Seibert Barnes, Pauline Young, Sue Hilliard, Vernelle Greene and Hugh Shepherd, co-chairpersons.

In September the committee began meeting monthly to plan and prepare. Ideas were shared, plans made, as various members assumed duties and began their work.

The church history was to be brought up to date and events in the life of the church prepared.

For the celebration among the events planned were: a walking tour of the historical grounds and cemeteries, games of yesteryear for children, demonstrations of days gone by, a barbeque supper, Drama of Church History, recognition of former pastors, display of artifacts, Rev. Leila Stennett, speaker on Saturday; Rev. Walter F. Gentry for the Sunday service, and conclude with the burying of a time capsule to be opened at the church's 200th Anniversary Celebration in the year 2037.

We now finalize our plans and look forward to May 16-17, 1987.

CHAPTER IX. — CHURCH HAPPENINGS
(1927 - 1930)

On September 18, 1927, Rev. R. C. Foster, pastor preached on "Forgetting the things that are behind, and pressing on toward the mark of the high calling of Christ Jesus."

The 10 day protracted meeting began. Otis Rickard was elected Treasurer of the Sunday School. Collectors reported on the amount they had collected on Pastor's salary: Mary Barnes, \$6.00; Clara Lomax, \$2.00; L. E. Rickard, \$4.00. At this time the Pastor's salary is overdue in the amount of \$133.50.

The protracted meeting closed with 41 additions to the church: 2 by letter, 2 restored, and 37 by baptism.

On October 2, 1927 the Sunday following the protracted meeting at 3 o'clock at Hannah's Ferry, Pastor Foster baptized 35 of the candidates. At the 7:30 preaching service the right hand of fellowship was given.

The Sunday night parsonage offering amounted to \$9.31.

On October 9, 1927, the church voted that a new list of names be made out and given to the Finance Committee and to add Miss Frances Davis to the committee.

The Deacons met at the church at 4 o'clock with

the Finance Committee. Present were the Pastor, R. K. Williams, Chairman; Charlie Leonard, W. H. Lomax, L. E. Rickard, and Mrs. Helen Sowers.

Brothers Hence Beck and S. A. Allred were recommended to the church as new Deacons. The first Sunday in November was set apart as church census canvass for the township. By request the pastor was given permission to buy a new church roll book.

November 6, 1927 - after preaching by Pastor R. C. Foster the right hand of fellowship was given to Brother S. A. Allred and wife; Sidney Simerson; and Mrs. Eddie Potts.

After preaching on November 20, 1927 the church convened in conference for the purpose of electing five new deacons. The old deacons recommended were E. L. Grubb, John McBride, Leo Barnes, and Hence Beck.

The church elected as deaconess or women helpers - Sisters Mary Barnes, Clara Lomax, and Helen Sowers. (Owed Pastor at present \$147.50. Paid Pastor \$45.00; due \$102.50.)

December 18, 1927 - Rev. R. C. Foster preached on "Talents" with a good sized audience present. The Sunday School decided to have a Christmas program on next Saturday night.

The Sunday School Superintendent appointed a nominating committee to select a new set of officers for Sunday School and recommend them to the church later for approval.

On January 1, 1928, Henry Beeker was elected Sexton (caretaker) at a salary of \$2.00 a month - but not to furnish the wood.

February 19, 1928 - this was a cold day and about 150 were present at church. The total in the treasury - \$3.05. Paid the pastor nothing but due him \$60.35.

March 4, 1928 - Brother C. L. Walton and wife were granted a letter of dismissal to join at Richmond, Virginia.

The Sunday School offering for the parsonage was \$3.43 and paid to W. Henry Lomax, treasurer of the parsonage fund.

April 1, 1928 - Rev. Lemons preached on "Christ, the Head of the Church." The church voted to have a Sunrise Service for Easter on April 7th. (NOTE: Entry following states - "Easter morning was a bright and sunny one. The service was a great one - about 30 being present with the service led by the pastor.")

April 15, 1928 - Greer's Chapel (Methodist Church) Sunday School invited our (Sunday) School down on the 5th Sunday to celebrate with them.

The Union meeting on the 5th Sunday in this month at Reeds. We are invited to go and sit with them.

The church voted to cooperate with Reeds and Rich Fork in bearing its part of the expense of sending our pastor to the Baptist World Alliance which meets in Toronto, Canada in June.

Sunday, May 6, 1928 - the school sermon at the school house was by Hubert Poteat of Wake Forest College.

Mission offering - \$3.00; paid Mr. Howard for lights in full to date - \$9.00.

Sunday, May 20, 1928 - preaching by Rev. Wall of Lexington. The men's adult class of St. Luke's Church at Tyro visited our Sunday School today - there being 11 visitors.

June 3, 1928 - this was a rainy day, but there were about 75 people present. The church voted to have the revival on the 4th Sunday in August with the pastor securing the help of Brother Alexander of Thomasville, N.C., if possible.

Our pastor offered his resignation to take effect within 3 months in order to go to the seminary.

Pastor Foster announced that Brother Lemmons of the Seminary would be at Reeds next Sunday to preach and it would be nice for us to visit and hear him preach - with the object in mind to secure

his services as our pastor. The balance due our pastor to date is \$84.93.

June 1928 (3rd Sunday). Preaching by Rev. R. C. Foster, pastor. The church was called in special conference for the purpose of calling a new pastor. Brother Lemmon of Louisville was unanimously elected.

We owe our pastor \$109.93 plus \$10.00 for pastor's expense to the convention at Chattanooga, Tennessee. We also owe \$20.00 for Brother Lemmon's trip from Louisville to hear him preach, making in all owed - \$133.93.

Holy Communion was observed today.

For the evening service Hence Beck, S. A. Allred, and John McBride were ordained as Deacons. The Deacon body of Reeds Baptist Church met with us. Brother Alexander of First Church of Thomasville preached a sermon on "Indifference", while Brother Hayes of Lexington First Church delivered the charge to the deacons on clean living in the church and our duties to the church.

July 1, 1928, Rev. Foster preached on "God First Loved Us". There was quite a number of people present. The singing choir of the First Baptist Church of Spencer, N.C. was present and brought some beautiful singing.

Rev. Foster reported that the newly elected Pastor, Rev. Lemmons had accepted the pastorate here and at Reeds and he would move here about the first of August and be ready to work with us.

At present the total in the treasury is \$1.34.

July 15, 1928 - preaching was by Rev. Wall of Shelby, N.C. due to our pastor being at Reeds.

In church conference the church voted for the secretary of the Deacons to sign the eight notes for the church . . . there being 36 notes in all to cover a time course of 36 months along with the name of the church clerk, W. Hence Beck.

By permission from Brother Lloyd Simerson the business of the cemetery was deferred until the following Sunday.

The Township Bible School Convention will meet next Sunday at Greer's Chapel on highway number 10.

The County Convention will meet next Thursday night, Friday and Friday night at Southmont.

We owe our pastor at present \$163.00.

August 5, 1928 - in a called conference the treasurer reported that the church financially was up with its expenses, except for \$163.00.

Rev. R. C. Foster, pastor, reported that Brother M. L. Lemmons had asked him to notify the church of his withdrawal as a prospective pastor and to grant him a release as our next pastor. This was granted immediately.

In a called conference the Deacons decided to notify Reeds of our situation and to confer with their brethren about selecting a new pastor.

August 26, 1928 was Homecoming Day with a picnic dinner on the grounds.

The Deacons met in a special conference and decided to recommend Rev. C. H. Foster of Kentucky to the church as our pastor.

The protracted meeting begins and is to last through September 1, 1928.

Rev. John Parrot preached and quite a number of people were present.

Upon the recommendation from the Deacons the church elected Rev. C. H. Foster as pastor at a salary of \$600.00 a year and free use of the parsonage, or the rents there from - which he prefers. The house rents for \$12.00 a month.

Rev. M. O. Alexander of Thomasville held the protracted meeting. The Deacons met with him regarding paying off the church debt of \$164.94.

A love offering of \$57.71 was taken and given to Rev. Alexander in appreciation for his work. During the protracted meeting there were no professions or additions to the church.

The church gave and paid off its indebtedness of \$164.94.

October 7, 1928 - preaching by pastor, Rev. C. H. Foster. his first service at our church. After a few preliminary remarks he read from the 3rd chapter of Acts. His theme being "Peter and John healing the cripple man at the Temple gate."

Mr. S. A. Allred was paid \$21.20 for lights for the church and parsonage; also for installing of a meter in the church.

November 4, 1928 - the church offering for Home Missions was \$11.47; church expense \$14.67; light bill for September \$1.00. Total in the treasury \$17.12.

November 18, 1928 - Rev. C. H. Foster preached from the 12th chapter of Romans. The church paid the pastor \$62.50; Henry Beeker, janitor - \$3.50; window glass and putty 55 cents.

January 20, 1929 - preaching by Rev. C. H. Foster. His theme was from Nehemiah - "Praying For Power". As this was a pretty day many people were present.

February 2, 1929 - not many people present due to many being sick. At the night service fifty or more were present. No new members were received or letters requested.

On March 31, 1929 the Union meeting of the Association and B.Y.P.U. was held with the house filled and overflowing.

The morning offering amounted to \$20.37. Walter Durham was paid \$12.00 for missions.

May 5, 1929 - Rev. Foster preached. The church, on a recommendation from the Deacons, declared for the success of meetings by the pastor and other speakers to begin the first Sunday in July - also another one to follow after the meeting at Reeds.

The preaching at the night service by the pastor was a strong plea for courage to stand for the right (what was right).

May 20, 1929 - after preaching, Rev. Foster announced that a teacher training class and choir practice would be on Wednesday night at 8 o'clock.

Pastor paid in full to date - \$70.61.

June 16, 1929 - the following was paid out for expenses: Missions - \$2.00; church expense - \$7.57; offering for Miss Elizabeth Smith for B.Y.P.U. expense \$1.52.

July 7, 1929 - Rev. Foster announced that there would be preaching at night at 8 o'clock for the next two weeks. J. L. McBride was nominated and elected trustee of the church.

It was moved and carried that the trustees of our church cooperate with the trustees of the Primitive Baptist Church in the creation of a public cemetery at the West end of the present Missionary Baptist Church.

July 22, 1929 - it was moved and carried that the church have a box supper at the parsonage next Saturday night for the purpose of paying for the piano. Over one hundred song books were also bought and Miss Louise Barnes was asked to send for them at once to have them for the protracted meeting.

August 4, 1929 - Rev. Foster preached one, "Paul, a Debtor." He announced that the protracted meeting would begin on August 11th with Rev. Earle Bradley assisting him.

Mr. Henry Lonix reported that the piano was paid for and now belonged to the church.

Brothers' Hence Beck, O. T. Davis, and Otis Rickard were appointed to see that a light be erected on a pole in the yard. Graham Shoaf, Sidney Simerson, Wade Davis, and Raymond Darr were appointed to take up the collection.

August 11, 1929 - the protracted meeting began on Sunday night at 8 o'clock and went through the following Sunday. During the weekdays, Monday through Friday, services were held at 3 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. There were 10 additions to the church by experience and 3 by letter. The Sunday night preaching and 3 p.m. Monday preaching resulted in 28 additions to the church - 2 by letter and 26 by baptism on Sunday, August 26, 1929 at Jo Sink's Meadow Pond.

September 2, 1929 - Rev. R. C. Foster preached instead of Pastor C. H. Foster. The pastor announced that the Deacons would meet Monday night at 7:30 to discuss the church finances. At this meeting, which was September 4th, Henry Lomax was elected chairman and L. E. Rickard was elected Pro-Tem.

L. E. Rickard made known the matter for calling this conference. R. K. Williams made a motion that the pastor receive from this time on just the church collection taken up and no set salary. This motion was withdrawn. L. E. Rickard made a motion that our pastor receive all money received for that purpose. R. K. Williams made a motion that a committee be appointed to raise all of the churches deficit.

On September 15, 1929 the Deacons again met at Mr. Williams' home to plan to pay off the old deficit of \$339.49.

October 6, 1929 - "A good number present and quite a lot of visitors present for preaching." The church offering for pastor was \$7.71.

November 17, 1929 - preaching was by Rev. Turner of Fork Church as our pastor is exchanging pulpits with him today.

November 24, 1929 - preaching was by Rev. Earle Bradley of Oakdale. He brought along the choir and their singing was enjoyed by all present. A free will offering of \$17.70 was given to him. The church also undertook to raise \$350.00 of overdue church expenses. Two hundred dollars was pledged for this.

December 1, 1929 - "Preaching by Brother Littleton of Maryland who preached a mighty good sermon." Paid Ira Sharpe \$5.00 on expenses for Mr. Littleton to preach. Paid Pastor C. H. Foster \$28.22 back salary and \$8.30 of church offering - total \$36.62. He is now paid in full for his services.

December 21, 1929 - Rev. C. H. Foster's pastorate terminated with us on this date.

December 22, 1929 - Rev. Earle Bradley preached at 3 p.m. with 75 or more people present. He stated he would be back on the 3rd Sunday in January. An offering was taken for him amounting to \$8.99.

January 1, 1930 - the church paid on a \$200.00 note to Lexington Bank - \$40.00 on principal and \$100.00 interest on \$160.00 for 30 days.

January 26, 1930 - the church in conference voted to elect Rev. Bradley as Supply Pastor until we see fit to do otherwise.

The church voted to set apart a committee to sell the parsonage composed of W. H. Lomax, J. L. McBride, and Hence Beck with the amendment that before making final arrangements on settlement the committee report back to the church for its confirmation.

Rev. Earle Bradley's salary is to be the general collection taken at each preaching service for that purpose.

On February 9, 1930 the offering was \$22.39. The Bible School voted to continue Sunday School at 10 o'clock.

May 11, 1930 - preaching was by Rev. Teague of Wilkesboro, N.C., as a prospective pastor. For this he was paid \$10.00.

June 1, 1930 - preaching was by Mr. R. O. Wall of Lexington - looking forward to the pastorate here.

June 10, 1930 - preaching was by Mr. Long of Spencer, N.C. - Rev. Bradley's substitute. There weren't many people present for this.

June 22, 1930 - preaching by Rev. Justice of Asheville, N.C. - Rev. Bradley not being present.

July 6, 1930 - preaching by Rev. Ronald Wall. His text was "You Must Be Born Again."

October 26, 1930 - Rev. Bradley was re-elected pastor at \$500.00 a year.

On November 9, 1930 Rev. Earle Bradley accepted the pastorate of the church at \$400.00 a year. On November 23, 1930 the salary was changed to \$450.00 beginning November 1, 1930.



HISTORICAL COMMITTEE – MAY 3, 1987

Front Row: left to right - Pauline Lomax, Vernelle Greene, Sue Hilliard. Second Row: left to right - Paul Kesler, Hugh Greene, Henry Barnhardt, Seibert Barnes. Third Row: - left to right - Benny Shoaf, Thomas Hartley, Hugh Shepherd.

*Henry T. Barnhardt
Vernelle S. Greene
Sue Hilliard
Hugh E. Greene
Paul R. Kesler
Thomas Hartley*

*Hugh H. Shepherd
Pauline L. Young
W. Richard Barnes
Benny Shoaf
Paul C. Millwood, Pastor*

The Historical Committee would like to express our appreciation to all who helped prepare for the church's 150th Anniversary Celebration.

To each member and friend who gave support, prayers, and encouragement - we sincerely thank you.

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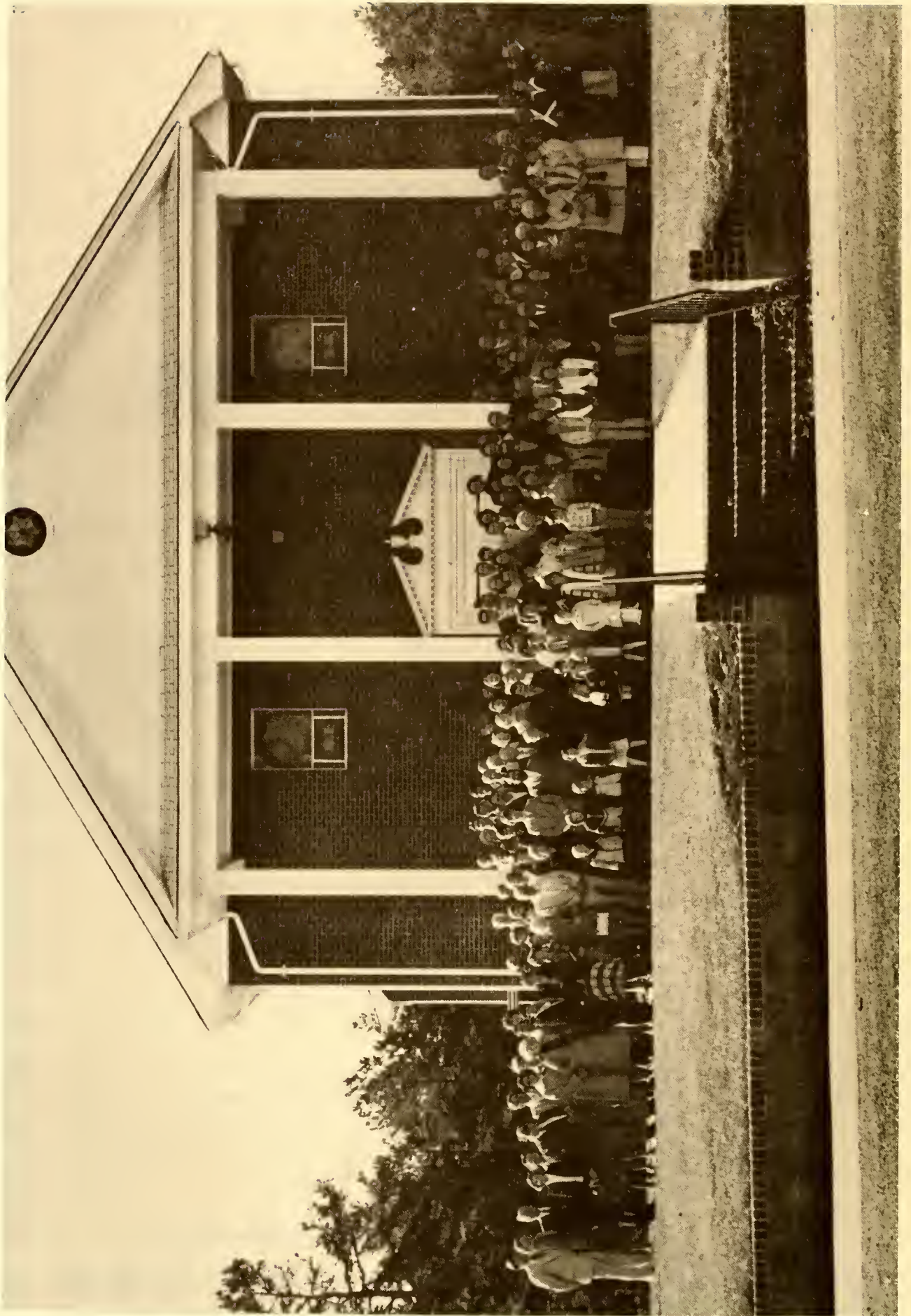
Ruth Swicegood - for your help with editing our 150th Anniversary Flyer - our sincere thanks.

To all guests who traveled from near and far to help us celebrate - accept our heartfelt thanks. We especially thank Helen Nunnally Davis and Jonathan Abbott for their special effort to be with us. We are indebted to all family members and relatives of our former pastors.

For others we may not have known about - we thank you for your contribution and assistance in planning this celebration.

It has been a joint effort of many people cooperating in a spirit of love.

As we now await May 16-17, 1987 with anticipation and joy, may it truly be one that will bring happiness to all as we meet with family and friends - and one that will honor God, our Creator.



CHURCHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH - November 30, 1980



Sunday School Director: Annie Mae Shepherd; Brotherhood Director: Ricky Lomax; W.M.U. Director: Muriel Everhart.



Secretary: Karen McBride Williams; Assistant Secretary: Barbara Bostian; Treasurer: Elaine Kester; Recording Secretary: Loretta Parks.



DEACONS

Left to right: Paul Kesler, Ricky Lomax, Seibert Barnes, Bubba Beck, Odell Snider, Bill McBride, Benny Shoaf, Harvey Snider, Dr. Gilmer Beck, "Bob" Nelson, C. J. Everhart.



TRUSTEES

Right to left: Paul Kesler, Hugh Shepherd, Odell Snider.



CHOIR

Front row - left to right: Peggy Barnhardt, Sandra Alley, Debbie Lomax, Betty Rickard, Kathleen Grubb, Janice Mullineaux, Gloria McBride, Russ Griggs. Middle row: Lea Tetter, Barbara Bostian, Louise Griggs, Pauline Young, Vernelle Greene, Lois Walton, Dot Albright, Jean Young, Regina Kesler. Back Row: Barry Davis, Calvin Mullineaux, Willis Albright, Al Young, Jesse McBride, Paul Kesler, Ed Taylor.

CHAPTER X THE CHURCHLAND YOUTH

The Churchland Youth Department has been very active the past several years.

A puppet ministry was started in 1981 with Cecile Nelson, director and interested Youth Department members and leaders participating. The group performed for various churches, civic groups, National Library Week at the public library, and Santa Claus parties for various local companies.

Under the direction of John Ferguson and J. H. Ferguson, Inc., the group built three prize-winning floats for the Christmas parades in Salisbury and Lexington.

When a scale model replica of the space shuttle "Challenger" was built by the group for the Christmas parades there was a surge of pride in America. The puppets wore space helmets and waved American flags. After the crash of the Challenger in January, 1986 the group received a letter from NASA, thanking us for our project.

The puppet ministry, "The Rainbow Players," got its name from the first puppet show performed. The "Rainbow Promise" included animals, birds and muppet-type puppets in a Bible story about Noah's Ark.

As the Rainbow Players progressed, original material either done live or taped was used. The original group consisted of about 25 youth and 5 adult leaders who acted as stage hands.

The sound equipment for the group was bought and paid for by various fund raisers. A bus used for traveling to different places was donated to the church by John and Betty Ferguson. The group, primarily self-supporting, performed all over the area for five years.

The annual Valentine Banquet was begun in 1984 and is hosted by the youth. All sweethearts, couples, and widows are invited to come, bring a wrapped gift and share in the meal and fun for all.

This banquet is one of many fund raisers the group has to make money for Caswell Youth Conference held at the North Carolina Baptist Assembly at Southport, N.C. each summer.

The youth have sold donuts, washed cars, had bake sales, sold Christmas pins, chicken and dumpling dinners, chicken stews, potato and salad bar dinners in order to raise money for different events.

One especially well received event for the senior citizens is their annual Valentine Sweetheart party. The Bible game is the favorite of all attending.

As the church received Summer Youth Workers, the youth have helped on the weekly movie trips, Backyard Bible Club and generally anywhere they could.

Summer workers have been Tom Carr, Bruce Herrmann, Stan Yancy, Lisa Carson, Becky Evans, Beth Tyner, Tami Nelson, Angela Combs.

Youth week is in early March. Some of the youth serving as pastor for youth weeks are Leigha Stiffel, Teresa Nelson, Barry Davis, Kevin Wright, Ann Barnhardt, Tami Nelson and Dale Griggs.

Many of the young people are active in Church Training, serving as study leaders and enlistment chairmen. Mary Kesler serves as Youth Leader for Church Training.

The director of the Youth Department for 22 years is Betty Rickard with Sue Hilliard as assistant director. Cecile Nelson and Debbie Lomax are teachers with Bob Nelson and Bill McBride as assistants.

The Youth choir is lead by Barry Davis and Regina Kesler.

Every Easter for the past several years an egg hunt has been held for the nursery II through Children II Departments.

Class officers selected for this year are: Sue Hilliard's Class: Lisa Beck, President; Max Leihenseder, Vice-President; Larry Shaver, Secretary; Renee Allen, Assistant Secretary.

Debbie Lomax's class: Ashley Millwood, Vice-President; Susie Beck, Secretary; Barbara Snider and Rhonda Davis.

Cecile Nelson's class: Brian Holt, President; Jr. Davis, Vice-President; Sheri Beck, Secretary; Tracee Nelson, Assistant Secretary.

SUMMER YOUTH WORKERS
Churchland Baptist Church
(June - August)

1. 1978
TOM CARR
 1886 N. Akin Drive., N.E.
 Atlanta, Georgia 30345

2. 1979
BRUCE HERRMANN
 1900 West Road
 Kinston, N.C. 28501

3. 1980
STAN YANCEY
 6021 Robertson Road
 Weldon, N.C. 27591

4. 1981
LISA CARSON ALLISON (RICK)
 Route 5, Box 291
 Richmond, Virginia 23231

5. 1982
BECKY EVANS GLASS (DAVID)
 P. O. Box 68
 Jackson, N.C. 27845

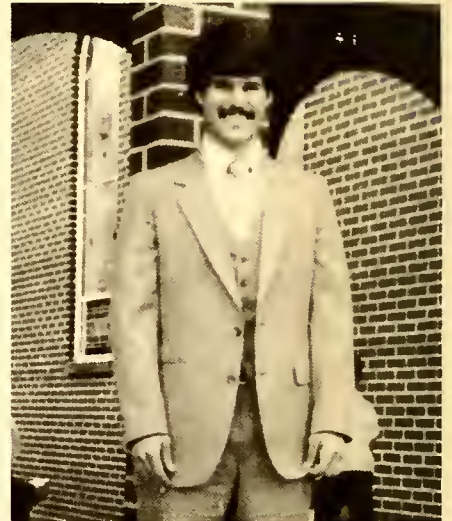
6. 1984
BETH TYNER
 2124 Hillock Drive
 Raleigh, N.C. 23231

7. 1985
TAMI NELSON ROTHROCK (DAVID)
 Thomasville, N.C.

8. 1987
ANGELA COMBS
 P. O. Box 224
 Gardner-Webb College
 Boiling Springs, N.C. 28017



TOM CARR



BRUCE HERRMANN



STAN YANCEY



LISA CARSON ALLISON (RICKI)



ANGELA COMBS



YOUTH DEPARTMENT



RAINBOW PLAYERS



*CHURCHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH
RAINBOW PLAYERS*



CHALLENGER



*FLOAT
CHRISTMAS AT GRANNY'S*



*RAINBOW PLAYERS
WITH CLOWNS*

CHAPTER XI. – CHURCH CLERKS

(R) - Designates resigned

CLERK	ELECTED	SERVED TO
1. Elisha Nunnally (From this time until 1861 there seems to be no records stating who was clerk . . . or no records were kept.)	June 24, 1837	?
2. Henry A. Clement (No reference to another clerk until April 1876.)	April 1861	?
3. Lewis Barnes	April 1876	(R) February 1879
4. G. W. Deadmon	1879	March 1880
5. R. S. Swicegood	March 1880	(R) April 1883
6. W. C. Grubb	May 1883	(R) July 1891
7. W. W. Wilson	September 1891	(R) October 1893
8. A. L. Barnes (After resignation of A. L. Barnes the church again elected W. C. Barnes, but he would not accept.)	Served November 1893 'til elected February 17, 1894	(R) September 1894
9. S. C. Beck (Pro-Tem)	October 1894; and elected December 1894	(R) October 1897
10. R. K. Williams	October 1897	(R) January 1908
11. A. K. Williams	January 1908	(R) December 1909
12. W. H. Lomax *	January 1910	? 1912
13. A. R. Williams (Pro-Tem)	July 1912	
14. Clayton Reid (Pro-Tem)	August 1912	
15. R. K. Williams (Pro-Tem)	September 1912	
16. L. Edwin Rickard	September 8, 1912	September 1916
17. W. H. Lomax (Pro-Tem)	October 1916	
18. C. S. Beck (Pro-Tem)	November 1916	
19. E. W. Byerly (Pro-Tem)	November 1917	?
20. W. Henry Lomax	January 1918	(R) June 1922
21. W. A. Beeker	June 1922	? 1923
22. S. R. Simerson	September 23, 1923	After May 1924
23. A. C. Kesler	? 1924	?
24. W. Hence Beck	Sometime prior to 1928	(R) 1956
25. A. Wilburn Snider	1956	September 1962
26. Paul Kesler	1962	August 1982
27. Taylor Nance	September 1, 1982	(R) November 1982
28. Robert R. "Bob" Nelson	December 5, 1982	September 1984
29. Debra "Debbie" Lomax	September 1984	—

LIBERTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION MEETINGS HELD AT
CHURCHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH

- 1839 — Pine Meeting House
Preacher: Eli Carroll
Moderator: Eli Carroll
Clerk: Peter Owen
- 1871 — Pine Meeting House
Preacher: W. M. Wingate
Moderator: William Turner
Clerk: J. H. Owen
- 1883 — Pine Meeting House
Preacher: O. F. Gregory
Moderator: H. W. Reinhart
Clerk: Henry Sheets
- 1891 — Pine Meeting House
Preacher: J. K. Fant
Moderator: James Smith
Clerk: Henry Sheets
- 1904 — Pine Meeting House
Preacher: George P. Harrill
Moderator: James Smith
Clerk: Henry Sheets
- 1921 — (September 6 & 7) Churchland Baptist Church
Preacher: M. L. Kesler
Moderator: R. S. Green
Clerk: Archibald Johnson
- 1937 — (September 7 & 8) Churchland Baptist Church
Preacher: W. K. McGee
Moderator: R. D. Covington
Clerk: Sam J. Smith
- 1952 — (September 23) Churchland Baptist Church
Preacher: W. C. Reed
Moderator: Sam J. Smith
Clerk: W. Henry Lomax

CHAPTER XII. PASTORS AND DATES OF SERVICE

PASTOR	BEGAN	END OF SERVICE
1. Elder Joseph Pickler (The records for September, October, November and December state that there was no preacher and nothing done.)	Called June 24, 1837	Prior to September 1839
2. Elder Josiah Wiseman (We were without a pastor until 1851. There seems to be no record until September 1860. Elder Calton W. Bessent was called according to Sam J. Smith's writings in Liberty Baptist Association minutes in 1961.)	January 1840	Prior to September 1845 (was sick and died prior to this date.)
3. Elder Calton W. Bessent (Apparently preached here part time while serving Fork as Pastor. Dates of service unknown. Fork Baptist Church licensed him to preach in May 1847 and in April 1852 ordained him to the ministry. He preached at Fork in November 1852 and March 1853. In May 1853 Fork Baptist Church called him as pastor and he accepted. He remained as pastor through August 1866. Fork Baptist Church is located on Hwy. 64 West a few miles into Davie County.) (In September 1860 Elder John A. Cornish and Azariah Williams held services.)		
4. Elder Azariah Williams	Prior to September 1860	Prior to 1862
5. Aaron Yarborough	Called June 1862	? 1864
6. Elder Elijah Allison	Called August 1871	May 1873 (very sick)
7. Elder A. Weaver (NOTE: As Elder Allison was at home very sick the church called Elder Weaver to preach for the remainder of the year for \$5.00 a month.)	Called June 1873	December 1873
8. Rev. Hezekiah Morton	Called November 1873 for 1874	December 1878
9. Elder William Turner	January 1879	December 1882
10. Hezekiah Morton (2nd time)	Elected September 1882 for year 1883	December 1883
11. Elder Henry Sheets	Elected November 1883 and began January 1884	(R) August 1895 Remained thru Dec. 1889
12. Rev. John Monroe Bennett	Called October 1889 Began January 1890	(R) August 1895 Remained thru Dec. 1895
13. Rev. Thomas Carrick	Called September 1895 Began January 1896	(R) December 1896
14. Rev. <u>Jefferson</u> A. Lanning	Called October 1896 Began January 1897	December 1904
15. Rev. Solomon Davis Swaim (His son G. P. Swaim of Lexington, N.C. said he became very ill and died in Lexington, N.C., August 14, 1912.) NOTE: (In July and August Rev. B. C. Myers preached in Rev. Swaim's absence. On August 24, 1912 the delegates to the Association were asked to confer with Rev. J. F. Fletcher concerning accepting the Pastorate.)	Called September 1904 Began January 1905	May 1912 (?)
16. Rev. James Floyd Fletcher	Began September 8, 1912	May 24, 1913
17. Rev. John Lee Carrick (Resigned in order to go to the seminary.)	June 1913	(R) May 24, 1914 Effective September 1, 1914
18. Rev. June Franklin Carter (Resigned effective September 1, 1916 as he planned to go to the seminary.)	Called June 28, 1914 Began August 28, 1914	(R) March 26, 1916 Ended August 26, 1916

PASTOR	BEGAN	END OF SERVICE
19. Rev. Ben C. Ingram	September 1916	September 1918
20. Rev. James Thomas Gillespie	Elected September 1918	After April 16, 1921
21. Wade Sowers (Interim)	June, July 1921	August 20, 1921
<p>NOTE: (On July 24, 1921 Brother Wade Sowers was unanimously elected supply pastor until a pastor could be secured. Preaching was to be twice a month on Sunday and once on Saturday. On August 20, 1921 he offered his resignation and the church gave him the privilege to send someone in his place the 1st Sunday in September 1921.)</p> <p>(The Liberty Baptist Association minutes for September 6 & 7, 1921 states that Churchland is without a pastor, with Rev. J. T. Gillespie having resigned to enter the seminary. It further urged the executive committee to cooperate with the Association in securing a suitable pastor for this important church.)</p>		
22. Rev. R. E. White	November 20, 1921 Preached	?
<p>(No further mention of an interim pastor or pastor. However, on March 5, 1922 in Conference, the church voted to discuss at the next conference cooperating with the school in calling a pastor who was also a teacher. Motion carried to invite Dr. R. L. Lemmons of Salisbury to preach for the church on Saturday at 3:00 p.m. before the 3rd Sunday and again on Sunday at 3:00 p.m.</p>		
23. Dr. R. L. Lemmons (Interim)	March 1922	After July 16, 1922
24. Rev. John P. Crouch	Elected July 9, 1922	?
<p>(On July 9, 1922 the church unanimously elected Rev. John P. Crouch as pastor at a salary of \$600.00 a year. The Liberty Baptist Association minutes for September 4, 5, 1923 states Churchland is without a pastor. [Churchland Baptist Church minutes missing from September 2, 1922 until September 23, 1923.] September, October, November 1923 without a pastor.</p>		
25. Rev. H. T. Penry	Called November 11, 1923 Began December 2, 1923	After September 25, 1925
<p>NOTE: Liberty Baptist Association minutes September 7, 8, 1926 lists Churchland without a pastor. The church paid Rev. H. T. Penry \$68.00 in back pay the 5th Sunday in September, 1926. Various pastors supplied the church during this time. Mr. E. R. Metcalf was paid \$25.60 to preach; October 10, 1926 Rev. Bradley preached and was paid \$6.93; Rev. Cletus Foster was paid \$4.24 on October 17, 1926; Brother Joe Sharpe preached December 19, 1926. A collection of \$1.26 was given to him for his expenses.</p>		
26. Rev. Robert Cletus Foster	Elected February 6, 1927 and began	(R) June 3, 1928
27. Rev. C. H. Foster	Called August 27, 1928	(R) November 17, 1929
28. Rev. Earl Loca Bradley	Called December 8, 1929 Began January 1930	(R) December 25, 1938
29. Rev. Nolan Coy Teague	Called January 8, 1939	(R) December 3, 1944
30. Rev. Victor Lee Andrews, Sr.	Called February 4, 1945	(R) June 27, 1948 Effective July 11, 1948
31. Rev. Walter F. Gentry	Called October 24, 1948	(R) February 1, 1953 Effective March 1, 1953
32. Rev. John Odell Walton	Called February 15, 1953	(R) February 25, 1962
33. Rev. Adali Lucas (Interim)	Called April 22, 1962	July 22, 1962
34. Rev. Anthony Zack Gurganus	Called June 24, 1962	September 26, 1965
35. Rev. Gerald Hewitt (Interim)	Called October 3, 1965	December 12, 1965
36. Rev. Everette H. Chapman	Called December 5, 1965 Began January 16, 1966	(R) March 12, 1967 Effective April 9, 1967
37. Rev. Clay Barnes (Interim)	Called April 23, 1967	November 1967
38. Rev. Dale Ross Martin	Called November 5, 1967	August 25, 1974
39. Rev. Thomas C. Williams (Interim)	Began September 1974	January 1975
40. Dr. Paul C. Millwood	Called January 26, 1975	Now serving

CHAPTER XIII.
BRIEF BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES OF PASTORS

ELDER JOSEPH PICKLER
(June 1837 – 1839)

Elder Joseph Pickler was born about 1775 and died May 24, 1840. According to legend he was a typical Dutchman, low and corpulent and of a dark complexion. Like many others of his day he was not a total abstainer from strong drink, but with this exception he was universally respected in his day.

He served at Pine Meeting House while also serving at Fork Baptist Church until his death. While attending the Baptist State Convention in 1835 at Union Camp Grounds in Davie County he heard the great John Kerr preach. He wept like a child and made a full public confession of his lack of christian living, especially his dissipation. He begged the brethren and sisters to forgive his life before them and pray earnestly that he might be able to counteract all the evil his dissipated life may have caused. Lifting up his hands he promised that he would do all in his power to overcome the evil influences that had gone from his failure to uphold the banner of the cross, and prayed earnestly that the Lord would spare him many years in which to work for Him.

His last years were said to be his best as he threw his whole soul into the advocacy of missions and preached with unwanted liberty.

It is said his outstanding work included the establishing of an Arm at Pine Meeting House in 1835 and the Constitution of the church here in 1837.

JOSIAH WISEMAN
(Pastor: 1840 - 1845)

Elder Josiah Wiseman was born in 1782.

At Jersey Baptist Church in 1830, Josiah Wiseman told the church that he felt the urge to "exercise his gift." The church authorized the clerk to give Brother Josiah Wiseman a letter to preach the gospel as they felt he was divinely called to the work, to exercise his gift when and where he feels it his duty.

When the Liberty Association was organized September 24, 1832, Josiah Wiseman was a representative from Jersey Baptist Church.

The church after carefully discussing the matter of ordaining Josiah Wiseman for several months, on February 16, 1833 he was examined at length and on Sunday, February 17, 1833 he was ordained at Jersey Baptist Church.

In 1833 he was appointed a messenger to the Yadkin Association, and the Baptist State Convention requested his services that year as missionary. Later Jersey Church called him to serve as pastor in 1833. He served there until his death on October 18, 1845 – except for 2 years. (Apparently serving there and Churchland).

In 1837 the people at Jersey decided that Elder Josiah Wiseman "ought to receive for his services as pastor the ensuing year the sum of one hundred dollars." This is the first record of any specific amount of money paid to a pastor.

Josiah was ill in 1837, and the church debated whether to "employ" him for another year. This continued until early spring of 1838 when the church decided to secure the services of Eli Carroll or Paul Phifer.

In 1843 Jersey completed a new brick church. At the close of the camp meeting which was held on the church grounds Elder Josiah Wiseman preached for the first time in the new building. The church was paying him an annual salary of \$100.00 each year.

On May 17, 1837 Elder Joseph Pickler, Pastor of Fork Baptist Church and Elder Josiah Wiseman, Pastor of Jersey Baptist formed the presbytery that constituted Pine Meeting House – later to become Churchland Baptist Church.

Elder Josiah served as Pastor of Pine Meeting House from January 1840 until his death in 1845.

The text he preached from more than any other was, "In my Father's house are many mansions." This is on his tombstone at Jersey Baptist Church.

REV. CALTON W. BESSENT

Rev. Calton W. Bessent was born November 5, 1814 in what was at that time Rowan County, N.C. He was the son of William W. and Margaret Nail Bessent.

His education was limited owing to school facilities of the time, but his determination helped him to acquire broad information.

About 1842 he married Rebecca Click. They had 2 sons, each serving in General Robert E. Lee's Army. Daniel was killed in the war and Thomas became a successful business man after the war.

While quite young he made a study of the Bible as a source of guidance and then joined a Baptist Church.

He entered the ministry soon after his marriage and became the leading preacher in the Yadkin Association. He served churches in Davie, Davidson, Rowan, Stanly, Yadkin and other counties.

In 1854 he became pastor at Fork Baptist Church and was pastor there until September 1866.

NOTE: The dates of his service at Churchland Baptist Church are not known at this time. The probability being that he served some during the time he was pastor at Fork Church between 1854 to 1860; or sometime after Josiah Wiseman.

His sermons were not characterized by the graces of diction, or eloquence, or oratory of the schools, but they had enthusiasm and were earnest. He was described as a good man, a good neighbor, a good citizen, and a great preacher.

Rev. C. W. Bessent died May 10, 1877 at age 63. In his long ministry he baptized many people, some of whom became men of influence in the state; among them was Rev. F. H. Jones whose ministerial life was a blessing to churches in Central and Piedmont, North Carolina.



Rev. Aaron Yarborough

ELDER AZARIAH WILLIAMS

(Picture not available)

Elder Azariah Williams was born in Davidson County (Old Rowan) July 9, 1806. His mother, Mary Williams died December 30, 1845. On December 24, 1844 he married Catherine Allen and they had ten children. His wife died May 10, 1865.

So far as can be learned he never did any pastoral work outside of Davidson County. On November 9, 1839 he became a member of Reeds X Roads Church, and held services as pastor December 7, 1839 until a Pastor could be secured. He was ordained October 13, 1844.

During the Civil War (1860-1864) he was made President of the Bible Society of the Liberty Association whose object was to secure and send Bibles to the soldiers in the Army.

He preached the introductory sermon of Liberty Association at Big Creek in 1849 using John 14:27 as his text, and served as Clerk of the Association twenty-two years, up to the time of his death on November 7, 1865.

On June 2, 1838, members of Jersey Church who lived near Reeds' Meeting House decided they should have a fully constituted church. Among those 39 dismissed to organize Reeds X Roads Church was Azariah Williams.

REV. AARON YARBOROUGH

1813 – 1897

Aaron Yarborough was born in Rowan County (now Davidson), October 5, 1813 to Thomas and Jemima Merrill Yarborough and was the great-grandson of Captain Benjamin Merrill.

In 1833 Aaron and his bride-to-be, Elizabeth Womack were converted at Jersey Baptist Church. They were married February 4, 1834. From their marriage there were 13 children.

In March 1843 he was a deacon at Reeds X Roads Baptist Church.

In July 1853 he was licensed to preach and was ordained to the ministry by Reeds X Roads Baptist in June 1862. From 1862 through 1864 he was Pastor at Pine Meeting House. He was known as a gentle, kind, and loving man who truly lived his religion. Rev. Yarborough died December 30, 1897 at age 85 and on July 18, 1895 Elizabeth died. They are buried in Reeds Baptist Church cemetery.

Jersey Baptist had several meetings in 1833 in which many were converted – among them was Aaron Yarborough and Elizabeth Womack.



Rev. Elijah Allison

REV. ELIJAH ALLISON

Rev. Elijah Allison (and his twin brother, Elisha) were born January 28, 1839 in what is now Transylvania County.

Rev. Allison joined Little River Baptist Church at age 14. He was licensed in 1857, ordained in 1860; and was considered a leading preacher and evangelist in his day.

On March 1, 1859 he married Elizabeth Jane Wilson who was born August 8, 1842. They had seven children. Rev. Allison served as pastor here from January 1872 until May 1873. At this time he was reported to be at home very sick, unable to preach and Elder Weaver served the remainder of the year.

He died in January 1923, and is buried at Oak Grove Cemetery in Brevard, N.C.

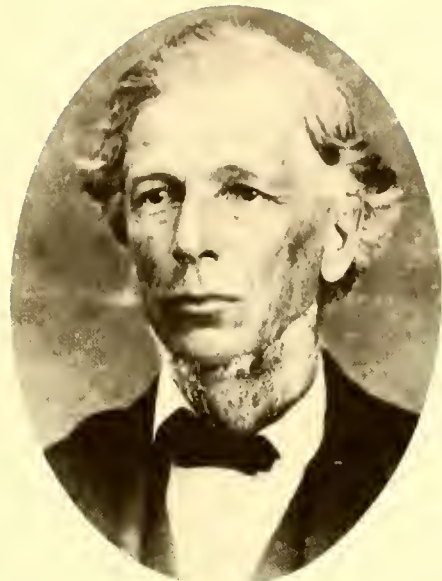
A. (AMOS)? WEAVER

NOTE: At this time little is known about Elder A. Weaver. In May 1873 the church called him to preach for the remainder of the year for \$5.00 a month while the Pastor was sick.

Fork Baptist Church History lists an Elder Amos Weaver preaching there in September 1849. This could be the same one as he also served Jersey Baptist Church as pastor.

REV. HEZIKIAH MORTON

[Do not have a biographical sketch of him, nor is there a picture available.]



Elder William Turner

ELDER WILLIAM TURNER

William Turner was born in Rowan County, N.C. (now Davidson county) on June 23, 1816.

He was baptized by Elder Josiah Wiseman in 1834 and in 1839 began to preach. In 1844 he was ordained as a minister.

On April 23, 1851 he married Nancy Laugenour and they had a son and a daughter.

He had little educational training, but carefully studied and read good authors and acquired a fluent style. He was said to be timid and suffered anxiety in his early years when called on to preach. Later, Rev. Henry Sheets related how Rev. Turner often melted congregations to tears with his sermons. His services were in demand and he often traveled long distances to preach funerals, to help in meetings and do missionary work.

He served many churches during his career and was pastor at Jersey Baptist Church for thirty years. He was chosen Moderator of Liberty Baptist Association for many years in succession.

He kept a diary in which he made entries of visits made and sermons preached. About one thousand persons were baptized and numerous marriages performed.

During the last nine years of his life, he was so afflicted that he had to sit on a high stool to deliver his messages. He often said he wanted to die in the harness. His wish was granted. On April 6, 1889, he preached at New Friendship, where he had been a pastor for 33 years. On the way home he fell in the arms of his wife and died - (heart attack) and is buried in the church cemetery.

License and Ordinations.

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License granted September 1873
Saturday before the 4th Lord's day in Sept. 1873 - was Sept 27th
Old almanac.

State of North Carolina }
Davidson county }
By the Baptist Church of Christ at Old Tom's Creek meeting house, in conference assembled on Saturday before the 4th Lords day in September 1873, after mature deliberation ordered that our esteemed brother Henry Sheets be and is hereby authorized to preach the Gospel of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ; wherever he may feel that the Lord in his providence may call him.

Signed by order of the church.
A. P. Stokes, Moderator.
Jesse Steed Secy. Pro Tem.

Ordination.

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To all whom it may concern,

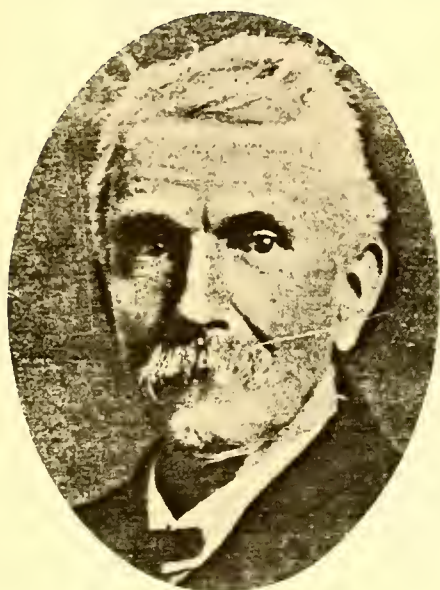
Ordained September 23rd, 1877.
Ordained on Sunday

These are to certify that the bearer hereof Henry Sheets was at the call of the Baptist Church at Tom's Creek, solemnly set apart this day by the imposition of hands and ordained by us to the gospel ministry at large in the Lord's Vineyard, wherever Divine Providence may direct his course; and to administer the special as well as the more common ordinances of the Gospel on every proper occasion. And we do hereby recommend him to the affectionate regard, confidence and respect of all Christian people, but more especially of those who pertain to the Baptist Denomination.

Given under our hand this 23rd day of September in the year of our Lord 1877.

Salem N.C.
 Aug. 31. 1876

Mr. G. F. Smith Junr. or Sen.
 Dear brethren. Please have pub-
 lished next Sunday, at Jersey,
 that I will preach at Jersey,
 on the fifth Sunday in October
 at eleven o'clock; (if the Lord will)
 by general sermon of brother Charles
 Smith's wife. I will write to
 him soon. Love to all.
 Yours as ever, Wm. Turner.



Elder Henry Sheets

ELDER HENRY SHEETS

Elder Henry Sheets was born December 15, 1843 in Randolph County, N.C. but was reared in Davidson County after the age of 5 or 6 years. He married Martha Ann Garner on September 14, 1865.

In the fall of 1868 he was converted and was baptized into the fellowship of Tom's Creek Church that same fall by Elder A. P. Stoker. He began preaching in 1873 was ordained into the ministry September 23, 1877. In January 1877 he began his pastoral work. Most of his ministry of fifty years was spent in the Liberty Association. He served as clerk of the Association for 36 years and was moderator for five years.

His greatest single piece of work was his writing a history of the Liberty Association, which was published in 1906.

In his writings in the NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST NEWSPAPER January 18, 1905 he wrote about baptizing sick people. He relates, "In December 1882, I baptized seven persons where the ice was just two inches thick. Not one of them ever took cold."

During his ministry he served 30 churches in 6 different counties. At one time or another he was pastor of nearly every church in the Liberty Association, some which he helped establish.

It is written that as a pastor and preacher he was a devout and faithful student of the Bible, a true and fearless preacher of it in the pulpit, and a strong defender of the tenets and doctrines of his own people. In his pastoral relations he was wise, tender and earnest, a friend and brother of every one of his churches, and was greatly loved by hundreds to whom he had ministered.

Rev. Sheets died September 30, 1917 and is buried in Lexington City Cemetery, Lexington, N.C. beside his wife and mother-in-law.



Rev. John Monroe Bennett

REV. JOHN MONROE BENNETT (Pastor October 1889 to December 1895)

Rev. John M. Bennett was born November 28, 1856 near Ellerbe, North Carolina to Garner Bennett and Martha Covington Bennett.

Prior to entering Wake Forest College, he traveled extensively in Europe and is said to have spoken six languages. He was a student at Wake Forest College 1880 - 1882.

On December 27, 1882 he and Annie Amelia Wooley were married at the Calvin Wooley home between Troy and Mt. Gilead. They were the parents of one son and three daughters.

He was not only a preacher but also an educator, interested in seeing that young people had places and opportunities of learning.

He organized the First Baptist Church of Albemarle with five other people and preached there two years.

He also taught history and English at the Professor Eddins Academy. After this he moved to a full time pastorate in Lexington, N.C.

Other churches in Davidson County where he ministered were Reeds and Churchland (Pine Meeting House). While at Reeds he organized Reeds

Collegiate Institute, getting his teachers from Wake Forest College. He also served Fork Baptist Church in Davie County.

It is said that Churchland was perhaps the best loved of all the churches he served. While here he organized a boarding school and was later the head of the first public school of Churchland. Mrs. Bennett taught music at Churchland. Rev. & Mrs. Bennett have two children buried in Churchland Baptist Church cemetery; Paul an infant and Annie Wooley Bennett who died June 16, 1892 aged 3 years, 3 months, 20 days.

Rev. Bennett retired in 1926 due to poor health and moved to Ellerbe and then to Canton, N.C. He died June 26, 1931 while on a visit to his son's home, Rev. Preston, S. W. Bennett. He is buried at Canton, North Carolina.



REV. THOMAS CARRICK
(Pastor: January 1896 - December 1896)

Rev. Thomas Carrick, son of John A. and Lucy Nooe Carrick, was born near High Rock, North Carolina, April 11, 1850.

He received his education at Abbott's Creek Academy, Wake Forest College (1871-1875), and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary (1875-1877). He married Mary Bain January 28, 1880 and they had 3 sons and one daughter.

In 1873 Rev. Carrick preached the introductory sermon at Lick Creek church using Psalm 84:11 as his text. He also served as clerk of Liberty Association for four years.

He was ordained by Lick Creek Baptist Church April 29, 1877. In 1887 he became pastor of First Baptist Church in Lexington, N.C., where he was pastor for ten years. While there he gave some

time to various Davidson County churches (including Pine Meeting House).

On the third Sunday in October 1904 Rev. Carrick preached the dedication sermon at Sandy Creek Baptist Church in Randolph County.

He founded the Main Street Baptist Church in High Point, and also served Green Street Baptist Church in High Point, N.C. He was a charter member of the Board of Trustees of the Baptist Orphanage and attended forty-eight of its annual sessions.

In 1924, at age 74, with forty-seven years in the active pastorate, he retired in High Point and preached occasionally in his last ten years.

He died in High Point, North Carolina May 22, 1935.



Rev. Jefferson A. Lanning

REV. JEFFERSON A. LANNING

Rev. Jeff Lanning was born in 1861. He was known as a real missionary and was never satisfied to settle down in a thriving pastorate, which he often had the opportunity of doing.

He was ordained by Reeds X Roads Baptist Church March 31, 1895.

His life's work was establishing new Baptist churches, and then moving on to another needy field. For years he preached and labored up and down the Yadkin and Catawba Rivers. A great part of his best work was done in the Liberty Association and some in Yadkin Association.

Rev. Lanning and his wife, Phobe had three daughters and one son. Many of his descendants are now living in the Denton area.

He and Rev. Henry Sheets sat as a Presbytery when Gravel Hill Church in Randolph County was constituted on November 21, 1901.

On February 18, 1928 he died at his home after a two or three year illness of strokes and paralysis.

He is buried at Giles Chapel in Randolph County, North Carolina.



Rev. Solomon Davis Swaim

REV. SOLOMON DAVIS SWAIM (Pastor: January 1905 - May 1912)

Rev. S. D. Swaim was born February 15, 1859 in Wilkes County, North Carolina. At the age of 15 he was converted and baptized.

In 1889 he graduated from Wake Forest College with an AB degree and was ordained as a minister in Boonville, N.C. December 1889. He immediately entered his work as a teacher and preacher in New Hanover, Davie and Davidson counties in North Carolina.

The Liberty Baptist Association Minutes of 1912 describe him as "A builder - first of churches and then of church houses." His pastorate in the association was marked by splendid houses of worship and a quickened zeal on the part of the memberships for all various departments of the work of the churches.

He had a great grip on the people of all classes in this section and was universally esteemed and respected.

Three marriages, that we found record of, were performed by Rev. Swaim while he was pastor at Piney Church. Robert Herman Barnes, son of W. Henderson and Sarah Kesler Barnes, and Mary Elizabeth Jones were married December 24, 1905 at the home of William Thales Davis. Witnesses were Olin Thales Davis and Ellen Hartley. Jesse B. Beck and Jennie Young were married at her father's home on a snowy March 31, 1907. Also Olin Thales Davis and Sarah Louise Barnes were married at her home in Davidson County, N.C. on December 25, 1906 with H. L. Koontz, O. G. Beck and W. A. Darr as witnesses.

While serving as pastor he was stricken with a deadly disease and served until May 1912. He died in Lexington, North Carolina August 14, 1912.



Rev. James Floyd Fletcher

REV. JAMES FLOYD FLETCHER
(Pastor September 8, 1912 - May 24, 1913)

James Floyd Fletcher was born November 11, 1858, the son of John and Barbara Johnston Fletcher.

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At the age of fourteen he left home and served an apprenticeship as a printer. He returned home after two years and attended school near Jefferson, in Ashe County, N.C. At the age of seventeen he taught school. It was while teaching that he began the work in the ministry. He was licensed to preach on April 8, 1876 at Bethel Church in Ashe County. On April 30, 1876 he preached his first sermon from John 3:14-15.

He was ordained to the ministry at Bethel Church on December 10, 1876, one month after his 18th birthday.

On December 26, 1876 he married Louisa Barker and they were married 47 years. They had twelve children - one who still lives in Lexington, N.C. - Mrs. J. P. Bingham.

He was pastor of Baptist churches for more than sixty years and served under missions boards of North Carolina and Virginia for more than forty years.

He was the author of HISTORY OF ASHE, N.C. AND GRAYSON, VA. BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, 1935.

On September 8, 1945 at the age of 88 he addressed the Alleghany Association.

His last years were spent in the mountains he loved and there he was buried in 1945.

REV. JOHN LEE CARRICK
(Pastor: June 21, 1913 - September 1, 1914)

(Picture Not Available)

John Lee Carrick, son of Christopher Columbus and Nancy Elizabeth Thayer Carrick, was born July 27, 1886.

He received his early education in Davidson County, North Carolina where he graduated from Churchland High School in 1909.

He then entered Wake Forest College and received his BA degree in 1913. From 1908-1914 he served churches in Rowan and Chatham Counties before entering Crozier Theological Seminary, Chester, Pennsylvania. He graduated with a BD degree and also graduated from the University of Pennsylvania with a MA degree. He served as pastor of Jersey church, Trading Ford Baptist and others during the years of 1907-1914. Afterwards, he served churches in Virginia before returning to North Carolina.

On June 12, 1917 he married Myrtle League.

In 1935, he was granted an honorary DD degree from Chowan College in recognition of his service to both churches and the college Board of Trustees. In 1937 he was elected President of Chowan College, and served until the end of 1940-41 school year.

In 1941 he returned to the church field where he served as pastor of churches in Hertford and Gates counties before returning to Rives Chapel Baptist Church in Chatham county, N.C., where he had begun his ministry.

After his retirement in 1953 he lived in Siler City, North Carolina. He died February 3, 1972 and is buried in Oakwood Cemetery in Siler City. There were no immediate survivors.



Rev. June Franklin Carter

REV. JUNE FRANKLIN CARTER

(Pastor August 28, 1914 - August 26, 1916)

Rev. June "Junie" Carter, son of George and Ellen Garwood Carter was born September 2, 1885.

He graduated from Churchland High School April 21, 1911 and later from Wake Forest College and Southern Baptist Seminary with AB and TH.B. degrees.

On May 13, 1913 he requested of Fork Baptist Church to be ordained. After being examined by a presbytery of Elders S. H. Hall, Walter E. Wilson, and Charles Utley - he was ordained the 3rd Sunday in June 1913. Rev. Carter pronounced the benediction and the church presented him a Bible.

He married Ursie D. Vinson in Ahoskie, N.C. December 1, 1922 and they were the parents of a daughter, Amy June Carter.

Besides preaching the gospel, he taught in high school two years, and also served as Associational Clerk.

DR. BENJAMIN CLAYTON INGRAM

Graduated from Wake Forest College - 1916.

September 1916 - May 1919 with Churchland High School. September 1916 - May 1918 - Taught English and History. September 1918 - May 1919 - Took over as superintendent of High School following resignation of Mr. S. G. Hasty.

It was during the first of these two years that Dr. Ingram preached at Churchland Baptist Church. From September 1916 until September 1918 Dr. Ingram pastored the church part-time. Preaching was one week-end a month - on Saturday afternoon and again on Sunday morning. During this time,

Dr. Ingram also pastored on the same schedule, one week-end a month, at Reeds Crossroads, Smithland and Fork Baptist Church in Davie County. He resigned from the pastorate of Churchland Church when he became superintendent of the High School.



Dr. Benjamin Clayton Ingram

While at Churchland, Dr. Ingram lived in the boys' dormitory at Churchland High School and, besides his teaching duties, also coached athletics.

Most importantly, it was at Churchland Baptist Church, the third Sunday afternoon in October 1916 that Dr. Ingram was ordained. The presiding minister at the ordination service was the pastor of the First Baptist Church of Lexington.

After leaving Churchland High School, Dr. Ingram spent the next two years as superintendent of the High School at Thomasville Orphanage. From there he went to the Southern Baptist Seminary at Louisville, KY and remained there until he received his doctorate.

He then held pastorates in Mississippi for a few years.

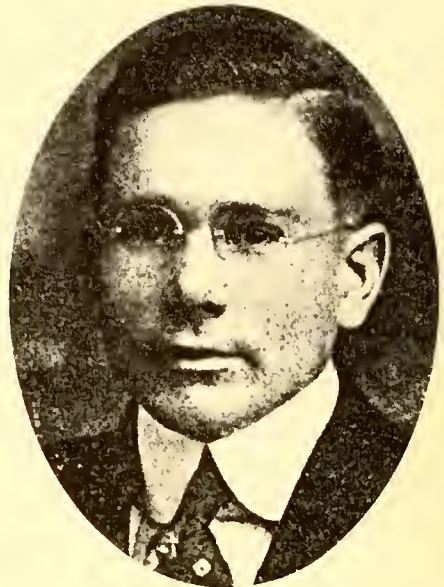
He taught for ten years at Tift College, Forsyth, Georgia.

From Tift College, Dr. Ingram went to Coker College, Hartsville, SC where he remained for the rest of his career, some twenty years. At Coker College, as at Tift College, Dr. Ingram was professor of Religion.

Dr. Ingram is now 94. He and his wife, the former Thelma Reynolds of Hillsboro, NC, now live at Bethea Baptist Home, a retirement community in Darlington, SC 29532. The Ingrams have two daughters, Clara Ingram Gandy (Mrs. Howard L.) of Hartsville, SC and Thelma Ingram Richardson (Mrs. John) of Bethesda, Maryland, and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.



Rev. James Thomas Gillespie



Dr. Wade Andrew Sowers

REV. JAMES THOMAS GILLESPIE

(Pastor: September 1918 -after April 16, 1921)

Rev. J. T. Gillespie was born in North Carolina April 18, 1893 to William and Letitia Goode Gillespie.

He graduated from Wake Forest College with an AB degree and was a graduate student and teaching fellow from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1925 with a TH.M. degree.

He was ordained into the ministry in December 1916. On December 23, 1918 he married Janie Green of Philadelphia, Pa. and they were the parents of nine children.

From 1925 - 1929 he was head of the Department of Christianity and Greek, Oklahoma Baptist University; served as pastor of First Baptist Church, Fayetteville, Arkansas, Moderator of Washington County Baptist Association in 1930, and at one time taught at Gardner-Webb College.

He was involved in rural missions work at the Home Missions Board from 1950-1953 and 1955-1959. He retired from the board as director of its rural church program.

In later years he made his home in Fayetteville, Arkansas. He died April 27, 1981 in Middleton, Ohio of a heart attack.

DR. WADE ANDREW SOWERS

(Interim Pastor: June, July, August 1921)

Dr. Wade A. Sowers was born in Davidson County in 1900 to Luther Columbus and Fannie F. Long Sowers. At age 18 he graduated from Churchland High School on May 2, 1918. While in high school he was Commencement Debater; Triangular Debater; and President of the Demosthenean Literary Society in 1918.

In 1924 he married Lena Maye Beck of Davidson County. Their only child, Phillip, was born October 18, 1925 when Wade was assistant principal of Mineral Springs High School.

Prior to his degree in education he was ordained into the ministry at First Baptist Church, Lexington, North Carolina. He graduated from the Medical College of Virginia in 1931 with a D.D.S. degree in Dentistry and began his practice in Lexington, North Carolina.

In 1962 he moved back to his homeplace on Boones Cave Road in Churchland, North Carolina several months after his wife's death.

Dr. Sowers retired in July 1980 and lives on Boones Cave Road.

DR. R. L. LEMMONS

(Interim Pastor: March 1922 - after July 16, 1922)

(No biographical sketch or photograph)



Rev. John P. Crouch

REV. JOHN P. CROUCH
(September 1922 - September/October 1923?)
(uncertain as records are missing)

Rev. Crouch was born in Taylorsville, N.C. November 4, 1893. He was a graduate of Wake Forest College and Southern Baptist Seminary in Louisville. In 1923 he was a member of the faculty at Churchland High School in the Latin and Math Department while serving as pastor at Churchland Baptist Church.

He was ordained by the First Baptist Church, Hickory, North Carolina in 1921. He also served Baptist churches in Indiana, Kentucky, Texas and Oklahoma. In 1943 he returned to North Carolina and served churches in Valdese and Kannapolis, N.C.

He organized Faith Missionary Baptist Church in Nebo, N.C. June 18, 1950. This was his last pastorate.

Rev. Crouch, age 65, died January 21, 1959 in the Baptist Hospital, Winston-Salem, N.C. At the time of his death he was survived by his second wife, Plennie and a daughter, Mrs. John D. Davis. His sister, Mrs. R. B. Sheets of Lexington, N.C. and a brother Rev. W. Perry Crouch, Asheville, N.C. are also survivors.

He is buried in Oakwood Cemetery, Hickory, N.C.



Rev. H. T. Penry

REV. H. T. PENRY
(Pastor: Dec. 2, 1923 - after Sept. 25, 1925)

Rev. H. T. Penry was licensed to preach November 9, 1918 and was ordained in October 1919. His father was James B. Penry from Farmington, N.C. (Mother's name not known at time of this writing).

He was pastor of Jersey Baptist Church 1919 - 1920; Center Hill 1925; Stoners Grove 1930, 1934; Holloways Baptist Church for more than 12 years. He also was pastor of churches in Farmington and Eaton.

In 1927 the Association met at Thomasville and Rev. Penry was preacher for the session.

In point of continuous service within Liberty Association he was the senior pastor. The One Hundredth and Fourth annual session of the Liberty Baptist Association was held September 8 and 9, 1936 with Reeds Baptist Church. Rev. Penry was scheduled to hold the 1:30 p.m. Praise and Worship Service, but was unable to be there and the devotions were conducted by Rev. E. C. Roach, Pastor of Reeds Baptist Church.

Rev. Penry died in March 1937 at age 54. The services were held at Stoner's Grove Baptist Church. At the time of his death he was survived by his father, his wife, and four children: John, Charles, H. T. Penry, Jr., Virginia, and an adopted son, Robert.

The minutes of the Liberty Association, which met with Churchland Baptist Church, September 7 and 8, 1937 were dedicated to the memory of Rev. Penry, who at the time of his death was senior pastor in the Association.



Rev. Robert Cletus Foster

REV. ROBERT CLETUS FOSTER
(Pastor: February 6, 1927 - August 31, 1928)

Rev. R. C. Foster was born in Mocksville, N.C., Davie County, on June 2, 1902 to Robert I. and Sarah Garwood Foster. He had five brothers and sisters.

He was converted in 1914 at age 12 and baptized at Fork Baptist Church. In 1922 he was ordained into the ministry at Fork Baptist Church.

He attended Churchland High School and graduated in 1922. From 1922 through 1926 he attended Wake Forest College graduating with an A.B. degree. In 1929 he entered Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky and graduated in 1931 with a Th.B. degree. In 1936-37 he attended Union Seminary in New York; and Yale University in 1952. He received an honorary LLD degree from Atlanta Law School, and D.D. degree from Campbell College.

From 1926-1927 he was principal at Fair Grove School in Davidson County, N.C.

In 1931 he married Leona Welborn from Thomasville, N.C. They had two sons, Robert Welborn born in 1934, and David Leon born in 1938.

He served over 55 years as a minister and retired June 1, 1967 from New Friendship Baptist Church – his last pastorate.

He served on many boards of the North Carolina Baptist Convention and Southern Baptist Convention. In 1968-1969 he served as Chaplain for SHAPE, the military organization for NATO and for the Baptist Foreign Mission Board.

He and his wife built their retirement home in Fairgrove Forest, Thomasville, N.C. where his wife still lives.

REV. C. H. "CAP" FOSTER
(Pastor: October 7, 1928 - December 21, 1929)
(See Page 107 for biographical sketch)



Rev. Earle Loca Bradley

REV. EARLE LOCA BRADLEY
(Pastor: January 1, 1930 - December 25, 1938)

Rev. E. L. Bradley was born in Asheville, North Carolina, September 23, 1902, the son of Maggie Dalton and Franklin Ellis Bradley.

He was ordained as a minister in the West End Baptist Church of Asheville in 1921. From 1921-1925 he held pastorates in the Buncombe Association. From 1926-1938 he was pastor in the Rowan Association, serving Oakdale, Corinth, Smith Grove, and Churchland Baptist Churches. From 1938-1945 he was pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, Wilmington, North Carolina

His unselfish service, sincere convictions, and loyalty to his church and denomination earned him the love, respect, and honor of his people.

On August 1, 1925 he married Frances E. Lingerfeldt. They had two children, Earle, Jr., and Helen Bradley (Gurganus).

He attended the public schools of Asheville and Mars Hill High School, graduating from Mars Hill Jr. College in 1928 and Wake Forest College in 1930. He also did graduate work at Duke Divinity School.

In 1945 he left a pastorate in Wilmington, North Carolina to serve the Baptists of North Carolina through the Baptist State Convention as Field Secretary.

In 1954 he was elected Secretary of Stewardship Promotion for the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina. In 1959 he served as Director of the Division of Stewardship Promotion and Editorial Services. The Cooperative World Missions Program was a vital part of his life.

On October 5, 1962 he died at Rex Hospital, Raleigh, North Carolina of a heart attack and is buried in Montlawn Cemetery, Raleigh, North Carolina.



Rev. Nolan Coy Teague

REV. NOLAN COY TEAGUE

(Pastor: January 8, 1939 - January 1945)

Rev. N. C. Teague was born June 29, 1899 in Chatham County, near Siler City, North Carolina to William Claud and Mary Jean Teague.

He graduated from Siler City High School; Duke University – A.B. degree; and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky – Th.M. degree. He was ordained into the gospel ministry at Temple Baptist Church, Durham, North Carolina on May 24, 1924.

On September 8, 1924 he married Vera Moselle Breeze, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Breeze of Durham, North Carolina. They have three children, Ruth, William Nolan, and Joseph Ned.

Rev. Teague was an active participant in the Southern Baptist Convention, the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina and in every association where he served. In addition to his pastoral ministry, were many revivals, service to the General Board of the Baptist State Convention; Clerk in the Alleghany Association and preaching the Annual Sermon there; served as moderator two years each in the Liberty Association, Rowan, and Elkin Associations.

Since entering the ministry in 1924, Rev. Teague spent 41 years of continuous pastoral ministry to churches in North Western North Carolina. The following churches are the ones he served as pastor: Spartus, Liberty, and Chestnut Grove Churches in Alleghany County. Wilkesboro, Roaring River, Cub Creek, and Traphill Churches in Wilkes County; Southside Baptist Church in Winston-Salem; Calvary Baptist in Rowan County and Pleasant Hill in Elkin.

From 1939 to 1944 he served as pastor of Churchland Baptist and Reeds Baptist Churches. On February 1, 1945 he became full time pastor at Reeds Baptist Church where he had served part time since 1939.

Under his leadership new parsonages were built and paid for in three of the churches he pastored.

An interesting incident in his ministry occurred during the Depression – while serving as pastor at Southside Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, North Carolina. He had to forfeit \$267.53 in salary. In 1975 the Southside congregation learned of the salary default when kitchen cupboards were being cleaned. During an “Honor Teague Day” at the church in 1975 the congregation took up a love offering for the former pastor which totaled \$655.00.

He retired September 16, 1965 and moved to Moravian Falls, North Carolina to a home they built there. After retirement he continued holding revivals and interim pastorates from three to six months at numerous churches.

Rev. Teague’s wife, Moselle, died on January 6, 1977. He presently lives in the Hayes Retirement Home in Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

REV. VICTOR LEE ANDREWS, SR.

(Pastor: February 1945 - July 11, 1948)

Victor Lee Andrews, Sr. was born in Chatham County, North Carolina, October 25, 1883. After his call to preach he was ordained in Bear Creek Baptist Church, near his home.

He completed his education at Buie’s Creek Academy (now Campbell College), Wake Forest College – A.B. degree, and The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, Kentucky with a Master of Theology degree.

While at the seminary, Rev. Andrews married Marian Windar Rudy of Madisonville, Kentucky. Before her early death, two children were born to their marriage: a daughter who died in infancy and a son Edwin Rudy. A second marriage was to Clara Webb of Georgia. They had two sons –

Victor Lee, Jr. of Mocksville, N.C., and James Emil Andrews of Charlotte, North Carolina. Both sons are dentists.



Rev. Victor Lee Andrews, Sr.

Except for pastoral work done while he was in the seminary, all of Rev. Andrews ministerial career was spent in North Carolina. He pastored Southern Baptist churches in Norwood, and Jacksonville before joining the staff at Pineland College, Salemburg, N.C. He then pastored the Ramseur — Franklinville field of churches in Randolph County, and the Jerusalem-Turrentine field in Davie County.

On February 4, 1945 Churchland Baptist Church voted to call Rev. Andrews as pastor at a salary of \$600.00 a year. The church further voted on February 11, that he be supply pastor until he could move here for service. He was to hold services every Sunday afternoon at 3:00 p.m. and Sunday School at 2:00 p.m.

He became Churchland Baptist Church's first full time pastor and was the first pastor to live in the new parsonage that was completed in 1946 as a memorial to the men and women who served in the Armed Services.

While at Churchland, Rev. Andrews presented a report on "The American Bible Society" at the Liberty Baptist Association held at Wallburg Baptist Church, September 30 and October 1, 1947.

On September 15, 1946, at Churchland Baptist Church, he delivered the ordination message and assisted in ordaining his oldest son, Edwin, to the gospel ministry.

He retired after his tenure with the North Newton Baptist Church in Newton, N.C., but continued living in Newton until his death on March 9, 1958. He is buried in Mocksville, North Carolina. Mrs. Andrews later moved to Mocksville, where she died in 1974.



Rev. Walter F. Gentry

REV. WALTER F. GENTRY
(October 24, 1948 - March 1, 1953)

Rev. Walter F. Gentry was born April 22, 1914 in Roxboro, North Carolina. He grew up in the Mill Creek Community and church. He joined his home church, Mill Creek Baptist, in 1926 and was baptized by Rev. N. J. Todd. The church licensed him to preach in July 1933. In August 1937, the church ordained him into the gospel ministry.

He graduated from Wake Forest University and the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Texas.

In August, 1937, he married Odelia Perkins and they have three children.

During his active ministry, he served in five pastorates: Belhaven, from 1940-1941, Momeyer from 1941-1948, Churchland Baptist 1948-1953, Walkertown Baptist 1953-1956, and Antioch from 1956-1979, at which time, he retired. Antioch was the second largest rural church in the Southern Baptist Association.

By 1951, the Sunday School at Churchland Baptist had outgrown its facilities. The church approved a plan for a new educational building Note: (See Rev. Walton's History, "Another Chapter II, etc.")

In his retirement years he has served as interim pastor of eight different churches in Person County.

He and his wife reside at 1030 Broad Road, Roxboro, North Carolina. Rev. Gentry stated in a letter to Rev. Paul Millwood March 1987, that he and his wife were enjoying their retirement years.



Rev. John Odell Walton

REV. JOHN ODELL WALTON: A LIFE

On December 18, 1899, William Rome Walton and his wife, Dora Belle Mize, hitched mules and horses to seven wagons, loaded with all their possessions, their children, and themselves, and left the Horse-Shoe Neck section of the Boone's Cave area of Davidson County. They crossed the Yadkin at the, then, new, now defunct, bridge (toll 25 ¢ per wagon) and settled on "Brandy Hill" (near Trading Ford) in Rowan County. On February 11, 1900, within less than eight weeks of the move, John Odell Walton was born - their fifth child.

There the Waltons, as their families had for generations, farmed, and John Walton followed his father to the fields from the time he could walk alone. He stopped school after completing the sixth grade to work full time - still farming - with no break till he was twenty-one, except for five months in 1919 at the Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore where he had a crippled hip mended. In 1921 he quit the farm for work in town - Salisbury, Spencer, Lexington, N.C. - till in May of 1923 he heard Dr. J. C. Leonard preach at the First Reformed Church in Lexington and felt the call that finally gave direction to his life. As he described it, Dr. Leonard "preached as though he were speaking to me, and to me only". And, when the service was finished," I rushed to my room on East Center Street in Lexington. But I was not to sleep a minute . . . I rolled and tumbled all night long - and it was long. But as with Jacob of old, when daybreak came, it was settled. I had made as complete a surrender to the whole and total work of the Master as I possibly could with the night that I had". He was twenty-three, had had only a

sixth grade education, had very little money, and parents whose own resources were barely sufficient for themselves.

Still, with eighty dollars (his life savings and a gift from his home church - Trading Ford Baptist) he entered Campbell College at Buies Creek in September of 1923 to complete his secondary schooling. He spent four years at Campbell College, four years at Wake Forest College, three years at the Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky, and in 1934, eleven years after he had heard the call, he returned to North Carolina - with eighty dollars.

In September of 1927, just before he entered Wake Forest College, John Walton had led an evangelistic singing meeting at New Hope Church in Turkey, Sampson County, N.C. There he met the church organist, Annie Lois King. In June of 1931 within days of his graduation from Wake Forest the two were married on the campus of the college.

In 1934 the Waltons, returned from Kentucky, moved to Bertie County where they took up their duties serving four churches near Windsor-Greens Cross, Cape Harts, Ross and Elm Grove ("their duties" is the right phrase, for the work of a minister, like that of a farmer, engages the whole family). In Bertie County their first two children, Joe Rodwell (who died at birth) and JoAnne, were born. In 1938 they were called to Southside church in Wilmington where their third child, Robert, was born and where John Walton in the interstices of his pastoral care learned the joys of ocean fishing. Between 1947 and 1952 he was chaplain at the Mills Home - the North Carolina Baptist Orphanage - where he perfected his storytelling techniques, entertaining children with his renditions of Uncle Remus Tales. Then, in 1953, after a second stay (this time of one year) at his old churches in Bertie County, John Walton accepted an invitation to serve the Churchland Baptist Church. It was an invitation that would have been difficult for him to refuse. "So near," as he wrote, "my childhood home." William, his father, had been born, and was the fifth generation of his family to live, in Rowan County, but had been raised and married in Davidson County. Dora Belle Mize, his mother, and her ancestors - Sniders, Essicks, Garners, Workmans, Winklers - were Davidson County people. And John Walton always displayed a certain wistfulness about not having been from the same county. As he wrote: "If my parents had stayed in Boone's Cave seven weeks longer, I'd have been born there instead of at Brandy Hill." And "I had heard my parents talk of the life and people at Churchland till I felt like I knew

them." So, "we moved to Churchland . . . And we are still here! What wonderful friendships we've formed."

The next nine years were vigorous ones for John Walton. His church paid off one church debt, finished its educational building, replaced the old auditorium with a new one, and paid off the entire debt for that as well. In his spare time John Walton also built, with the help of friends, his retirement home and moved in "debt free, Easter, 1962". It was his home until his death in 1978. It is still Mrs. Walton's home.

Though the last sixteen years of his life were spent in retirement, they were not idle years. He supplied for other ministers frequently, led revivals, taught school, gardened (always successfully), and helped in raising four grandchildren (his success with children was always amazing), and these despite the toll of increasing ill-health. By 1977 he had been hospitalized thirty-three times in his life and had endured eighteen surgical operations - but, as he wrote in that year, "still going strong". However; he was not "still going strong" a year later. He died in the fall of 1978.

If life is an attempt to complete a circle, John Walton came nearer to completing it than most people are able to do. Though he gave up farming in 1921, he never ceased to view himself as a country man and worked outdoors and in the earth whenever possible, even in his old age. He seemed to be reliving for pleasure what he, in his early years, and his family, from the time they first came to North Carolina in the eighteenth century, had been doing from necessity. He left this area of the state in 1923 but returned permanently in 1953 - and of his last years he wrote: "I have been privileged to spend a good long period of my life-span right in the place where I came so near to being born." He was buried in the cemetery of Churchland Baptist Church. Across the road, in the Primitive Baptist Churchyard is the grave of his great-great grandfather.

Written by Dr. Richard "Rick" Eaton
- April, 1987



Rev. Anthony Zack Gurganus

REV. ANTHONY ZACK GURGANUS
(Pastor: Called June 24, 1962-Sept. 5, 1965)

Rev. Anthony "Tony" Gurganus was born and reared in Onslow County in Eastern North Carolina. He graduated from high school in Jacksonville, N.C. and from Wake Forest College in 1953. In 1957 he graduated from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary.

In 1955 he married Edith King, from Sneeds Ferry, North Carolina. They are the parents of one daughter, LeAnne Gurganus (Moore) and one granddaughter, Chardon Louisa Moore. LeAnne is married to Glen Woodson Moore of Turkey, N.C.

Rev. Gurganus pastored his home church, Tar Landing Baptist Church near Jacksonville, North Carolina from 1952 - 1962; Churchland Baptist Church 1962 - 1965; Calvary Baptist Church in Durham, N.C. from 1965 - 1969. From 1969 to the present time, May 1987, he is pastor of First Baptist Church, Mount Olive, N.C.

REV. EVERETTE H. CHAPMAN
(Pastor: January 16, 1966 - April 9, 1967)

Rev. Everette Chapman is the son of Rev. & Mrs. C. E. Chapman of Spartanburg, South Carolina.

He received his B.A. degree from Furman University, Greenville, S.C.; graduated from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, and did additional studies at North Carolina Baptist Hospital in Clinical Pastoral Education; Institute of Church Management, Atlanta, Georgia; and Institute on Ministry to the Downtown Church Program Training Center, Nashville, Tennessee.



MINISTERIAL STUDENTS AND VOLUNTEER BAND

Third Row - third from left: John Odell Walton while at Campbell College - 1925.

He was licensed by the Boiling Springs Baptist Church in 1961, and was ordained by that church in 1963. He, his father, and a brother-in-law.



Rev. Everette H. Chapman

Rev. Chapman has served as: Vice-moderator, Strawberry Baptist Association; Camp Pastor of Young Camp; Pace setter in Church Evangelism; Children of American Revolution Citation for outstanding work with youth; state pastor-advisor, Baptist Student Union; and Athletic Chaplain at Gardner-Webb College and also Wafford College.

The churches he has served have been: Flint Hill Baptist Church, Bedford, Virginia; Churchland Baptist Church, Churchland, N.C.; Farmville Baptist Church, Farmville, Virginia; First Baptist Church, Gaffney, South Carolina and Wingate Baptist Church, Wingate, North Carolina.

Rev. Chapman served as Assistant Chaplain of the Pastoral Care and Counseling Center, Rutherfordton, N.C.

During his short pastorate at Churchland 68 new members were received, of whom 48 were baptized. The average Sunday School attendance was about 245 with High Attendance Sunday of 301.

He is married to the former Virginia Lea Greene from Boone.

Fairfield Mountains Chapel will install him as their full time pastor in July 1987. In addition he is a consultant to Tanner Companies on a part-time basis. He now is in the process of writing a book on Industrial Chaplaincy.



Rev. Clay Roosevelt Barnes

REV. CLAY ROOSEVELT BARNES
(Interim Pastor: April 23, 1967 - November 1967)

Rev. Clay R. Barnes was born April 1, 1901 in Alexander County, North Carolina. He was educated at Mars Hill College and Wake Forest College.

He held his first pastorate at Elizabeth Baptist Church, Charlotte, North Carolina, followed by pastorates at Emmanuel Baptist Church in Asheville, N.C.; East Hickory Baptist, Hickory, N.C.; Forks of Ivy Baptist in Mars Hill, and Oakdale Baptist in Spencer, N.C.

In 1955, Rev. Barnes became the Associational Missionary for the Carolina and Transylvania Baptist Associations and served in this position until his retirement on May 1, 1966.

During his retirement he has served as Interim Pastor at First Baptist Church in China Grove, N.C.; Calvary Baptist Church, Lexington, N.C.; and Churchland Baptist Church in Churchland, N.C.

Rev. Barnes and his wife, Cleo Brown Barnes have three daughters — Mrs. Richard Rhodes, Lexington, N.C.; Mrs. Alfred Carter, Granite Quarry, N.C.; and Mrs. Ethan Allen Gearhart, Allentown, Pennsylvania. Rev. and Mrs. Barnes have six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Rev. and Mrs. Barnes presently reside at 103 Dana Drive, Salisbury, North Carolina.



Rev. Dale Ross Martin

REV. DALE ROSS MARTIN

Rev. Dale Martin was born September 16, 1935. A native of Limestone, Tennessee he graduated from Jonesboro Tennessee High School. He received his B.A. degree in 1959 from Carson Newman College, Jefferson City, Tennessee, with a major in Bible and Religious Education. In 1964 he graduated from the Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N.C., with a Master of Divinity degree.

Dale became a christian at age 9 and was ordained to the ministry on April 29, 1956.

During his school years he worked for five years, part-time as a salesman for the J.C. Penney Company. He also taught school in 1960 and 1961 in Washington County, Tennessee. While a senior in college Rev. Martin became pastor of Oak Dale Baptist Church in Afton, Tennessee. While teaching school he was also pastor of New Lebanon Church in Greenville, Tennessee.

Dale has been pastor of the following church's since that time.

1961-1963 – McDuffie Memorial Church, Chapel Hill, N.C.

1963-1967 – Mount Moriah Calvert Baptist Church, Brevard, N.C.

1967-1974 – Churchland Baptist Church, Churchland, N.C.

1974-1980 – Clark Street Baptist Church, Johnson City, Tennessee.

1980-Present – Calvary Baptist Church, Reidsville, N.C.

He has served as Vice-Moderator and Training Union Director of the Transylvania Association, Brevard, N.C. He also served three years as Clerk

of the Liberty Baptist Association, Lexington, N.C. Recently he served as Moderator of the Dan Valley Association.

Rev. Martin is married to the former Doris Boy. She is a graduate of East Tennessee State University with a degree in Elementary Education and is a fourth grade teacher in Rockingham County, North Carolina school system.

Rev. and Mrs. Martin have one daughter, Darlene, a graduate of Campbell University, who is married to Rev. Paul A. Lane of Raleigh, North Carolina. They are both students at Southeastern Theological Seminary and will graduate in December 1987 and May 1988, respectively.



Rev. Thomas Clinton Williams, Jr.

REV. THOMAS CLINTON WILLIAMS, JR. (Interim Pastor: September 1974-January 1975)

Rev. T. C. Williams, Jr. was born in Burlington, N.C. October 24, 1922 to Thomas Clinton and Mary O. Thompson Williams. He has a brother Charles B. Williams.

He received his education at Maple Avenue Elementary School; Burlington High School; Campbell College, A.A. degree; Wake Forest University, B.A. degree, and Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky, B.D. degree.

In 1943 he was ordained in First Baptist Church, Burlington, North Carolina.

On August 18, 1946 he married Elnor Dare McPherson. Their children are Sarah Elizabeth, born May 22, 1951, and Virginia Dare "Ginger" born on December 1, 1955. Rev. and Mrs. Williams have three grandchildren – Matthew Vick, Laura Hill, and Thomas C. York.

Rev. Williams pastoral services are:

Associate Pastor – Florida Street Baptist Church, Greensboro, 1947-1948.

First Baptist Church, Yanceyville, 1951-1958.

First Baptist Church, La Grange, 1958-1964.

Stoner's Grove Baptist, Southmont, N.C., 1964-1967.

Interim Pastor – St. Andrews Church, 3 years.

Interim Pastor – Churchland Baptist – September 1974 - January 1975.

In 1967 he began a teaching career. He taught at Davis-Townsend School 1967-1975; and Tyro Jr. High 1975 - 1987 - where he plans to retire at the end of the school year.

Rev. Williams has been active in many organizations; American Red Cross, Easter Seal Society, Boy Scouts for 16 years, North Carolina Association of Educators.

For nine years he was Camp Director at Camp Daniel Boone in Lexington, N.C. For eleven years he has been active in the Rotary, Kiwanis, and Lions Clubs.

In his church work he has served as Chairman – Associational Missions' Committee in two different Associations; Associational Treasurer.

Presently he is a member of the First Baptist Church, Lexington, North Carolina and is teacher of the Philpot Men's Class.



Rev. Paul Cecil Millwood

REV. PAUL CECIL MILLWOOD

(March 3, 1975 - Presently Serving - May 17, 1987)

Rev. Paul C. Millwood was born May 27, 1934 to Henry Cecil and Claudia Ash Millwood in Gainesville, Georgia.

He graduated from Lyman Hull High School, Gainesville, Georgia in 1953; received the BBA degree from the University of Georgia, the Master of Divinity degree from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, a one year Internship with the school of Pastoral Care, North Carolina Baptist Hospital, and the Doctor of Ministry Degree from Luther Rice Seminary, Jacksonville, Florida. Prior to entering the pastoral ministry he served in the United States Army Airborne, and was employed by the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company, Gainesville, Georgia.

On May 30, 1957 he married Patricia Jane Nash of Jefferson, Georgia. They have three children: Ashley Patricia, 15, a freshman at West Davidson High School, Anthony Steven, 11, sixth grade

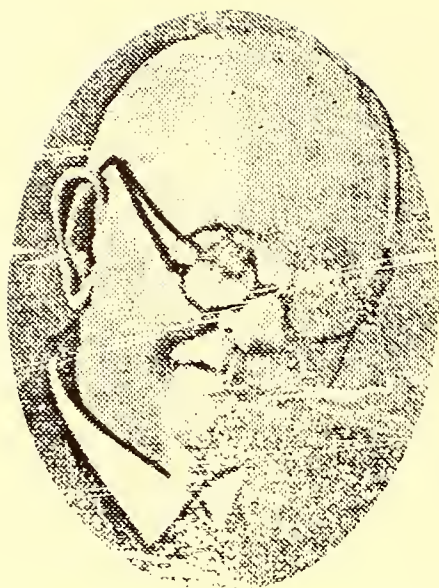
student at Tyro Jr. High School, and Jonathan Paul, 8, a third grader at Churchland Elementary School.

He was licensed to preach in 1967 by his home church, Montgomery Memorial Baptist, Gainesville, Georgia, and was ordained by the same church in 1968.

He has served as Interim Pastor at Colfax Baptist Church of Colfax, North Carolina and also Oakdale Baptist Church, Spencer, North Carolina.

Since March 3, 1975 he has been pastor of Churchland Baptist Church, in Churchland, North Carolina.

Rev. Millwood's favorite Bible passage is: "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight." Proverbs 3:5-6. (New American Standard Bible).



Rev. Sidney Francis Conrad

REV. SIDNEY FRANCIS CONRAD

Rev. S. F. Conrad was born in Yadkin county, N.C. September 24, 1846 to John Joseph and Elizabeth Conrad.

As a young boy he received his education at East Bend, Salem, N.C. Boys School before the Civil War, Madison (N.C.) High Schools and Bethania. He later graduated from Wake Forest College and the Baptist Theological Seminary at Greenville, South Carolina.

His mother led him to Christ on his twenty-first birthday, and soon afterwards he entered the ministry and preached the gospel more than sixty years.

On May 10, 1874 he was ordained into the ministry at Enon Baptist Church, in Yadkin County, North Carolina.

He was married in March 1877 at Greensboro, N.C. to Isabella Hinton Buchanan (his second wife). She was the daughter of William Buchanan.

He spent much time working and writing against the liquor traffic, and was one of the State's (N.C.) most ardent prohibitionists. He served pastorates in several Baptist churches before moving to Charlotte, North Carolina about 1900. He served the First Baptist Church, Greensboro, N.C., Lexington, Brown Memorial and Waughtown, Winston-Salem, Louisville, Walnut Cove, Ruffin, Farmington, Mocksville, and Salisbury, N.C.

He was widely known for his lectures on Palestine and the Holy Land which he had visited. He was a man of deep convictions, a pastor's true friend and helper, and always ready to do his part in all good work.

For 12 years he was Clerk of the Mecklenburg and Cabarrus County Association, wrote a tract on "Baptism - Who Is Right About It", was field editor for North Carolina Baptist under John Oates nearly 7 years.

(In a letter dated September 26, 1925 to Mr. J. F. Alderman, Chairman of the Historical Commission, Baptist State Convention of North Carolina - Rev. Conrad states: "I have been in ministerial work 54 years, have built 14 churches, been pastor of 26 and have helped to build about 200 other churches.")

Rev. Conrad died August 11, 1932 at his home in Charlotte, N.C. His funeral was held in the Ninth Avenue Baptist Church, Charlotte, N.C. where he had been a member for many years. Rev. Conrad was buried in his Civil War Officer's Uniform in the family plot in Winston-Salem, N.C.

(No reference in our church minutes as being a regular pastor - only as having preached some sermons. However; he was listed as a pastor by Mr. Henry Lomax in his history of November 28, 1954.)

Church minutes recorded by Elder Henry Sheets from Piney Baptist's original minutes (now lost or misplaced) gives Elder S. F. Conrad being invited along with Elder Henry Sheets to conduct a protracted meeting in October 1882.

From 1893-1896 he was pastor of Fork Baptist Church.

ELDER BENJAMIN LANIER

(Dates of service unknown - probably between 1845-1860, according to pastors and service dates known.)

Elder Benjamin Lanier was born in Rowan County, N.C. (now Davidson) July 25, 1807 to William Lanier, Sr. and Elizabeth Christina Garner Lanier.

At age 21 he married Anna Stuart and they were the parents of ten children. She died in November 1880.

In March 1831 he was converted and licensed to preach. Two years later (1833) he was ordained in the gospel ministry.

He was baptized in the fellowship of Tom's Creek by Elder Jesse Sewel. From evidence taken from the records, he began his pastorate with Tom's Creek Church about 1833 and served without a break in service until 1864. He served the church again in 1875-76.

Elder Lanier went to school only a short time. It has been said that six months would include all his education.

He was a faithful pastor of several churches in Randolph, Montgomery, Stanley and Davidson counties. He preached only in country churches and they always felt safe under his leadership. He was sought after as a minister for funerals and people of other churches often called upon him in preference to their own pastor.

He was moderator of the Liberty Association for 17 years where his brethren always delighted in honoring him. Rev. Lanier helped organize the Association, and it was under his ministry that Rev. Henry Sheets was converted.

He was an ordained minister for more than 60 years serving many churches in Davidson and adjoining counties, two in Stanley county for over 20 years, and his home church, Tom's Creek for over 30 years. Rev. Lanier was engaged regularly in the ministry up to 1880 when poor health forced him to retire from the work which he loved so much.

He died August 5, 1893 at age 86.

REV. JOHN A. CORNISH
(If pastor - dates unknown)

There is very little information found on Rev. J. A. Cornish. Reeds Baptist Church gave him as being licensed in August 1856 and ordained in June 1862. (Henry Sheets' History of Liberty Baptist Association, page 96 gives ordination date as December 1862.) He had been a member of Reeds X Roads Church.

In the Concise History of Fork Baptist Church he preached at the December meeting in 1864 and in September 1866 was called as Pastor. In 1867 he was on the presbytery to constitute Jerusalem Baptist Church.

In 1868 he and his wife asked for and received letters of dismissal from Reeds Baptist Church.

The Liberty Baptist Association Minutes lists him as pastor of Lick Creek, Holloways, Marion, and Muddy Creek in 1866 and in 1867-68 as being pastor at Lick Creek, Holloways and Muddy Creek. After 1869 he was not listed in the Liberty Baptist Association Minutes, nor the Yadkin Association Minutes, nor the State Convention Annual. The Baptist Historical Committee's Staff could trace no further.

Churchland Baptist Church minutes only lists him once as preaching in September 1860 along with Azariah Williams.

REV. CAPTAIN HOLT FOSTER

Captain Holt Foster, son of Robert and Sarah Foster was born September 17, 1887 in Davie County, N.C. (near Fork Church). When he was about 20 years old he left home and spent some time with uncles in Missouri and Tennessee.

He entered Bethel College in Kentucky. After his graduation there, he entered Southern Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky, where he received the Th.B. degree in 1924. During that time he had pastored churches in Indiana and Kentucky.

On May 28, 1927 he married Loreen Brewer of Spencer, Indiana. They had one son, Robert, who is now a professor in the University of North Alabama. He is also an ordained minister.

C. H. Foster held pastorates in Kentucky, North Carolina, Western Colorado and Eastern Colorado. Because of failing eyesight he retired at age 67.

He and his wife moved from Kentucky to Florida. Since he was still in excellent health he became custodian of an elementary school, a position he held for 10 years. In that position he was privileged to be a counselor to teachers and children. He retired there at age 77.

He lived 15 more years, spending much of his time walking. Talking to people along the way was a pleasure to him as well as being active in the church.

They moved to Charleston, S.C. where he died at age 92 on June 6, 1979. He is buried in Fork Church Cemetery.

By Loreen Brewer - May 1987

CHAPTER XIV. —
 PASTORS ORDAINED BY CHURCHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH



Rev. Gilmer J. Beck

*Dec. 30, 1945 -
 Churchland Church in an afternoon
 session ordained Gilmer J. Beck
 into the full ministry. The pastor
 V. L. Andrews assisted by Rev. J. R. Clifford.
 Pastor 17th Church, Lexington.
 S. G. Allied Chair Board of Deacons
 Rev. N. C. Teague pastor Reeds Church
 & C. S. Young pastor Sheto Memorial
 Church Lexington N. C. W. H. ...*

REV. GILMER J. BECK

Rev. Gilmer Beck was born in Rowan County December 4, 1914 to William Henderson and Bertha V. Hilliard Beck.

He graduated from Churchland High School in 1933, received his B.A. degree from Wake Forest College and attended Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky, then transferred to Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary at Wake Forest where he received the Master of Divinity degree.

On May 19, 1945 he married Nadine Lenora Farabee. After marriage they joined Churchland Baptist Church where Gilmer was reared.

They served 5 months in the Stanley Baptist Association, later moving to the Eastern Association in Duplin County serving as Director of Missions.

In 1949 he became pastor of Cary Baptist Church, Henderson, N.C. In February 1953 he served as Director of Missions to the Beulah Association.

He served as pastor to Popular Grove Baptist Church in Concord, N.C.; Pleasant Grove Baptist Church in Creedmore.

In 1968 he left North Carolina to serve the Nelson-Hitesburg Churches in Nelson, Virginia. He served there until December 1979 when he retired due to poor health.

Rev. and Mrs. Beck are members of Churchland Baptist Church. He is a deacon, Sunday School teacher and also does pulpit supply. Mrs. Beck is active in all phases of church work.



Rev. Edwin R. Andrews

*Sept. 15, 1946
 In an afternoon session
 Edward Andrews was ordained
 to the full ministry. This
 taking part were J. Roy Clifford,
 J. W. Dickson, Rev. Sec. W. H.
 Johnson & J. L. Andrews & others.
 S. G. Allied Chair W.H.B. clerk*

REV. EDWIN R. ANDREWS

Rev. Edwin R. Andrews, a member of Ramseur Baptist Church was licensed to preach the gospel. This was done by order of Ramseur Baptist Church, September 1, 1940.

Rev. V. L. Andrews, Sr., pastor and W. Lawton Burgess, clerk.

In September 1946 Rev. Edwin R. Andrews was ordained a minister of the Baptist denomination at

Churchland Baptist Church. Six churches of the Liberty Baptist Association were represented at the services along with seven ministers and four official laymen. The services were witnessed by a large number of people with Rev. J. Roy Clifford of First Baptist Church in Lexington, N.C. presiding.

The report of the examining council was read by Rev. J. S. Dickens, Jr. Scripture was read by W. H. Lomax. Rev. V. W. Sears presented the Bible and the charge to the candidate was given by Rev. J. L. Hart, with the message given by Rev. Victor L. Andrews, Sr. The prayer of ordination

was by Rev. Charles L. Leek. Benediction was pronounced by the newly ordained minister.

Rev. Andrews is a son of Rev. and Mrs. Victor L. Andrews, Sr. a former pastor of Churchland Baptist Church, both now deceased.

Baptist Missionary to China, Rev. A. R. Gallimore was a member of the board of examiners.

At this writing, Rev. Edwin Andrews is professor of religion at McDowell Technical College, Marion, North Carolina.



Rev. Jewel C. Lanning

REV. JEWEL C. LANNING

Jan. 23, 1948

*In a night service the church
Ordained Counsel Lanning to
Preach the full Gospel of Christ
Rev. R. Q. Fague preached the ordination
sermon. Rev. Mitchell Devotional
Rev. Oldham led prayer of dedication
Rev. Baker presented Bible. Rev.
Dunn offered prayer of ordination
Rev. Leek delivered the charge
Then Counsel Lanning the
Audience with a word of prayer*

Rev. Lanning was born October 7, 1918, in Davidson County, North Carolina to W. G. "Cap" and Titia Lanning. He is married to the former Juanita Self of Greensboro, N.C. and they have one son Timothy.

He attended and graduated from Mars Hill Baptist College, Mars Hill, N.C.; Furman Uni-

versity, Greenville, S.C. (B.A. degree); Southwestern Baptist Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, (B.D. degree); Luther Rice Seminary, Jacksonville, Florida, (Th.D. degree). Also attended and graduated from the School of Pastoral Care, Baptist Hospital, Winston-Salem, North Carolina and is listed in the 1975-76 "Who's Who In Religion" In America.

Rev. Lanning has pastored churches in Maryland, North Carolina and was pastor of the Central Baptist Church, Roanoke, Virginia.

He has served in the capacity of Superintendent of Training in Western Maryland Baptist Association; Chairman of the Associational Ordination Committee, Stewardship Chairman and Chairman of the Roanoke Valley Baptist Associational Annual Session Program. He also served on the State Missions Committee while in Maryland, as well as, time, place, and preacher committee in the same state.

He retired October 31, 1983 and resides in Roanoke, Virginia.



LEILA SHEPHERD STENNETT

The special church conference of April 27, 1986 was called to order by moderator, Rev. Paul Millwood, who recognized Benny Shoaf for the Deacons. Leila Shepherd Stennett was called by Crystal Hill Baptist Church to be their pastor February 1, 1986. Churchland Baptist received a request dated February 16, 1986 that her home church ordain her into the gospel ministry. The Deacons recommend that the church ordain Leila Shepherd Stennett into the gospel ministry.

On Sunday, May 18, 1986 at 4:00 p.m. Churchland Baptist Church ordained Leila Shepherd Stennett to the gospel ministry. The service was held in the sanctuary with a covered dish meal following the ordination service.

Born January 29, 1959 Leila Shepherd Stennett is the second of four children of Annie Mae and Hugh Shepherd. She attended Churchland Elementary School and West Davidson High School where she graduated with the class of 1977.

Leila attended the University of North Carolina, Greensboro and graduated with honors in May 1981 with a B.S. Degree in Home Economics. She was married to Paul D. Stennett on July 26, 1981 and she and her husband spent the next three years at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N.C. where they both graduated in May 1984.

At Churchland Baptist Church, her home church, she was active in Sunday School, Training Union, Girls Auxiliary, YWA and Bible School. She accepted Christ and was baptized August 18, 1968. In college she was active in the Baptist Student Union serving as UNC-G president one year and State-wide president another year. She was a Baptist summer youth worker in 1979 and 1980.

Leila was licensed to the gospel ministry by her home church March 17, 1985 and was ordained May 18, 1986. She has served as pastor of Crystal Hill Baptist Church, Crystal Hill, Virginia since February 1, 1986. Her husband is pastor of Clover Baptist Church, Clover, Virginia.

Certificate of License

THIS IS TO CERTIFY

Leila S. Stennett

who has given evidence that God has called her into

THE GOSPEL MINISTRY

was licensed to preach the Gospel as she may have opportunity, and to exercise her gifts in the work of the Ministry

by Churchland Baptist Church Church

at Lexington, North Carolina

on the 17th day of March, 1985

Debra C. Lomax Clerk

Paul C. Millwood Pastor

Certificate of Ordination

Leila Shepherd Stennett

Was Solemnly And Publicly Set

Apart And Ordained To The Work Of

THE GOSPEL MINISTRY

By Authority And Order

Of The Churchland Baptist Church

At Lexington, North Carolina

On The 18th Day Of May, 1986

Debra C. Lomax
CHURCH CLERK

Benny D. Shoaf
CHAIRMAN OF DEACONS
Paul C. Millwood
PASTOR

CHAPTER XV. THE CHURCH AND EDUCATION

PINE INSTITUTE

The earliest reference to schools and education as found in the church minutes was in a May meeting in 1890 when the church granted Roby Cross "a vote to make a speech" on education.

Sometime after this the church became interested in building an academy and supporting education.

Rev. J. M. Bennett's interest in education led to the establishing of Pine Institute which was located near the present Churchland Baptist Church parsonage.

In a business session, December 1892, with Rev. J. M. Bennett as pastor, the church voted to finish the academy and James Monroe Greene, Charles A. Barnes, William Thales Davis, and Sara Smith were appointed as a collecting committee to secure funds.

In a February 1893 conference the question of disposing of scrap lumber at the academy arose. Rev. Bennett proposed to put a desk in the academy for the lumber. (Apparently the school had been built.)

By January 20, 1894 the indebtedness on the school was a concern. In conference this was discussed.

In August the church took under consideration the schools indebtedness and tried to devise some way to raise the money.

In October 1895 the church voted to take pledges to try to raise the indebtedness of the school and \$51 was pledged. A special conference was called but only a total of \$58 was pledged.

The Building Committee reported at the November meeting in 1895 that nothing further had been done. The church then ordered the trustees to borrow the money and secure it with church property and to pay this debt.

In December 1895, Rev. Bennett ended his ministry and Rev. Thomas Carrick became pastor. The school that was begun under Rev. Bennett's leadership was complete, but not debt free.

In November 1896, the School Building Committee was instructed to consult with the trustees and Brother Myers and to pay the interest and as much as possible on the principal on the school's indebtedness and to report at the next meeting.

The committee reported in December that nothing had been done. This was continued until the next meeting. The School Committee was asked to pay as much of the interest on the indebtedness out of the school funds and to get as much as possible besides.

By October 1897, the problem of paying the indebtedness had improved very little. The church voted to let out the school building to the School Committee provided they pay the interest on the indebtedness on the school house and to return it in good order. The building was "let out" under these conditions.

In December 1897, the church appointed L. F. Barnes, W. T. Davis, Samuel Simerson, R. K. Williams, and C. A. Barnes to proportion the members on the indebtedness of the school building.

Rev. Jefferson Lanning was pastor in January 1898 with the indebtedness still not paid.

At the January meeting the committee was instructed to get all the money they could on the school debt.

In June 1898, the church granted Mr. Adam Grubb the privilege to teach school in the school building provided he return it in good order.

After the meeting in December 1898, the church voted and appointed Saturday, December 31, 1898 as the time to meet to clear off the yard and to put pillars under the school building.

At the January meeting in 1899 the church ordered the trustees "to take the school house debt in hand" and to use their judgment in disposing of the house. If they could not give satisfaction to this, the matter was to come back to the church at the next meeting.

In April 1899, C. A. Barnes, W. H. Barnes, and W. T. Davis were appointed to get up money and pay the indebtedness on the school house.

In May, Mr. Barnes and Mr. J. H. Feezor were ordered to report on the indebtedness.

In August, the church voted to allow the school trustees to have free school in the academy.

Mr. C. A. Barnes in the September 1899 meeting, reported the school house debt was paid with

\$12.70 on hand. It voted for Mr. Barnes to take the money and buy window blinds for the church.

Following this report, the church again elected Rev. Lanning as pastor for 1900.

In March 1900, the church voted against holding school entertainment in the church house.

(No further mention was made of the school in the church minutes until 1903.)

This school later burned and in 1903 Churchland High School was organized with 2 teachers in a one-room school building.

In 1903, the church offered the school building for the Associational School.

In June 1903, Rev. Jefferson Lanning was still the pastor. In a church conference the church granted the citizens of the community the use of the school house as long as they would use it for school purposes.

The church also gave the privilege to build to and repair the school building.

The School Committee comprised of J. M. Bennett, W. T. Davis, and S. F. Barnes drafted the following resolutions concerning the school property of Pine Institute:

Olin Thales Davis, born March 12, 1884, received his education at Piney School, which was built as part of Piney Baptist Church and was located near the present Churchland Baptist Church parsonage. This school had only 8 grades, and when he was in the 8th grade, the school burned. He helped raise money to rebuild the school, but never had the opportunity to complete his education. He did encourage others to get an education.

When the first Consolidated Churchland High School was built, he and his brother, Lester contributed some lumber, and others in the community made bricks by hand.

He served on the Churchland School Board for many years and was on the Davidson County Board of Education from August 1921 - January 1931, serving as Chairman 1927-1931.

Resolutions concerning the
School Property of Pine Institute
It is Resolved
1st That the property belonging to
Pine Institute such as land
& house & all other property
belonging thereto whatever shall
be owned & controlled by the Miss-
ionary Baptist Church Namely
Pine Meeting House
2nd That the school shall in no
part be sectarian
3rd That all white persons shall
share equally in all the
benefits of the school whatever
4th That all titles to the school
property shall be made to the
Trustees of Pine Missionary
Baptist Church
5th That these resolutions shall
be recorded on the church book
J. M. Bennett W. T. Davis S. F. Barnes
(Committee)

EDUCATION AND CONSOLIDATION

Mr. Adam Young was interested in the establishing of the consolidated school in Davidson County and this part of North Carolina where he spent his entire life.

The first two-teacher public school in Davidson County was built at Churchland, then known as Piney.

In the 1890's when the committee was building the modest two-story wooden frame building near the place where Churchland School now stands, there was a great deal of protest over the extravagance of Mr. Young and the committee for hiring two full-time teachers.

This school replaced the one-room Grubb's School as well as taking in part of Piney Grove School.

This protest did not last long. The school burned one windy March day, but the people had seen the importance of an education. The people were not satisfied until a new school was built. This time, instead of two rooms, it had four – with a teacher for each one. The new institution took the name of Churchland and Rev. J. M. Bennett was one of the early teachers. He later served as principal and his wife assisted with teaching and music.

In 1911 the Board of Trustees of Churchland High School were: Rev. S. D. Swaim, J. M. Williams, A. A. Young, R. K. Williams, O. T. Davis, J. S. Koonts, L. D. Wilson, L. F. Snider, S. R. "Bob" Easter, J. M. Greene, J. S. Snider, W. S. Davis and S. C. Beck.

The officers and instructors were: R. K. Williams - Chairman of Trustees; S. G. Hasty, B.A., Wake Forest College, Principal; R. C. Harris, Grammar Grades, Primary Grades; and Miss Garnette Williams (Normal College Institute) Music.

The Schedule for the Sessions 1911-1912:

August 14	– Beginning of Fall Term
December 2	– Entertainment by Athenian Society
December 22	– Public Debate by Demosthenean Society
December 22	– Close of Fall Term
January 1	– Beginning of Spring Term
April 23-26	– Closing Exercises of School



Rev. J. M. Bennett was pastor at Denton Baptist Church 1906 and was living at Churchland at the time. Picture made about 1910.

CHURCHLAND SCHOOL COMMITTEE

No. 1 James Monroe Greene; No. 2. Mock Koontz; No. 3. Rev. J. M. Bennett (13th preacher at Churchland Baptist Church); No. 4. Rufe Williams; No. 5. Olin Davis; No. 6. Lester Davis. The one not visible is Bob Easter.

CHURCHLAND SCHOOL HISTORY

In 1865 the boundaries of Boone Township were established on the western side of Davidson County. The township was named for the noted woodsman Daniel Boone, whose home here later became a state park. Within these boundaries Churchland Community is now located. Churchland is so named for the many churches located nearby.

The church met the need for christian education, in that Rev. J. M. Bennett, who was a resident of the community, called a community meeting to discuss what could be done about better educational advantages for the young people of the community. The results of this meeting, which was held in 1903, was that Churchland High School was organized. S. G. Hasty, a young Wake Forest College graduate, was elected the school's first principal and he continued to head the school for fifteen years. Under the leadership of Mr. Hasty, the school became a large boarding school, partly maintained by the state. But through the cooperation of the church and school, many young people of the community, as well as many from adjoining counties, were provided a christian education in many professions. A large number of boys from Churchland went out to preach the gospel. Several of our North Carolina pastors got their education here. Among these was Dr. Forrest Feezor.

For fifteen years Professor S. G. Hasty had pupils striving successfully for high goals. The curriculum included basic skills, music, and business courses.

The General Assembly of 1907 enacted a law providing for a system of public high schools in North Carolina. Churchland consolidated the first high school in Davidson County. It was soon en-

rolling students from neighboring communities in Davidson as well as other counties in the state. Some students boarded in private homes while others lived in dormitories on the campus.

In 1914 the educational program was growing so strong that the state offered a grant of \$2500 for construction of a new school building. Residents of Davidson County came up with \$1500. The \$4000 spent for construction of a new school was almost unheard of in that day.

Churchland was placed on the accredited list of high schools during 1919. This entitled anyone graduating from the institution to a first grade teacher's certificate without examination.

The high school building was erected in 1920. In 1922 one of the first and finest teacher training academies in the state was started at Churchland.

Davidson County began transporting students on public school buses that year. The first two buses were assigned to Churchland. They were numbered consecutively, and Number 1 is still a Churchland bus while bus Number 2 has been reassigned to West Davidson High School.

A remodeling program began in the early 1950's. To keep the school up to standard a new gym was erected in 1951. A new cafeteria and primary building was completed in 1967.

A major change in organization saw our high school consolidate with Reeds and Tyro in 1957 at the West Davidson site. In 1974 the state kindergarten class was begun at Churchland. The next step of reorganization was initiated in 1975. Churchland now serves kindergarten through the fifth grades. The present enrollment is 461 students with a school district population of 3039.



1906 GRADUATING CLASS OF CHURCHLAND HIGH SCHOOL, CHURCHLAND, N.C.

The Churchland School building shown was the 2nd building. It was located between the present Churchland Baptist Church parsonage and Bill McBride's home.

Row 1: Rob Leonard, Ira Beck, Gray McBride, Tom Leonard, Clarence Jones, Lloyd Davis.

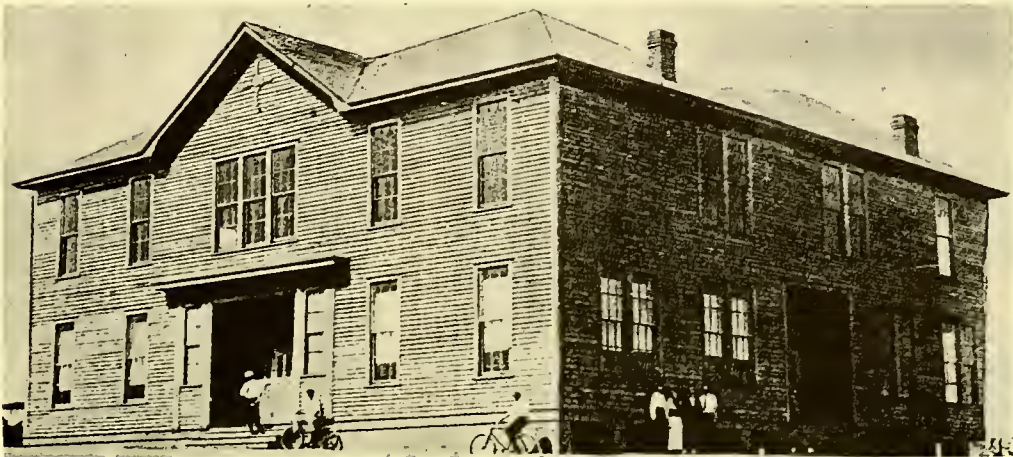
Row 2: William Henderson Beck, Mary Lou Lomax, Rose Lanning, ? Leonard, Girla Barnes, Mattie? Bennett, Addie Koonz, Mary Jones.

Row 3: David Williams, Edna Grubb, Minnie Hulin, Iva Jones, Cynthia Beck, Minnie Jones, Edna Barnes, Carrie Barnes, Mae Kennerly, Beulah Grubb, Florence Rowe (long hair), ? Beeker, Mae? Bennett, Adam Darr.

Row 4: Professor H. G. Hasty, George Beck, Luther Barnes, Grace Rickard, Grover Barnes, Lou Barnes, Arther Williams, Jesse Burton Beck, ? Hartley, Cleve Leonard, Etta Cole (teacher), Olin T. Davis, Sr., Lillian Bennett, Hercules Koonz, Ellen Hartley, Herman Barnes, Essie or Viola Leonard, Peter Lee Feezoe.



FRONT VIEW OF BOYS' DORMITORY



CHURCHLAND HIGH SCHOOL



CHURCHLAND HIGH SCHOOL — CIRCA 1910



CHURCHLAND SCHOOL AND STUDENTS — CIRCA 1910-1912



WOMEN'S SCHOOL GROUP

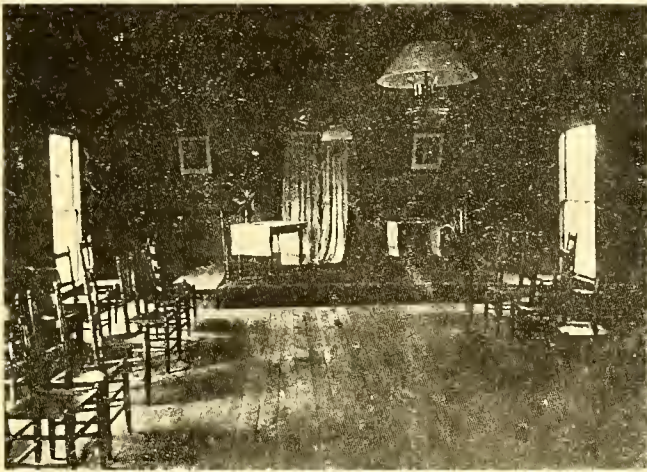


*MR. AND MRS. "BOB" EASTER
Donor of Land for Churchland School*



CHURCHLAND SCHOOL

Fourth Row — Professor S. G. Hasty, June Carter on the end of fourth row: Vergie Beck, Etta Beck.



DEMOSTHENEAN LITERARY SOCIETY HALL



ATHENIAN LITERARY SOCIETY HALL

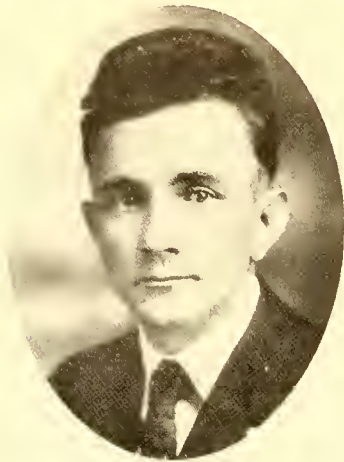


SECTION OF READING ROOM



CHURCHLAND HIGH SCHOOL

1. Early School (burned) 2. High School 1920's 3. Boy's Dormitory



W. A. Young
Principal



Charles A. Sheffield
Assistant Principal

Faculty

WILLIAM A. YOUNG, A.B., PRINCIPAL
(Wake Forest College, Columbia University)

CHARLES A. SHEFFIELD, B.S., ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL
(N. C. State College)
Vocational Agriculture

MISS MABEL CHAPMAN, A.B., LADY PRINCIPAL
(Winthrop College, Columbia University)
Home Economics

MISS FLORENCE HOLTON, A.B.
(Trinity College, Columbia University)
Teacher Training

MISS ANNIE RUTH COOPER, L.I.
(Florida State College for Women)
French, Public School Music, Piano.

MISS BESSIE DUNLAP, A.B.
(Winthrop College, Columbia University)
Mathematics, History

MISS OLGA RUSH, A.B.
(Winthrop College)
English, Science

JOHN P. CROUCH, A.B.
(Wake Forest College)
Latin, Mathematics

MISS MADGE BLACKLEY, DIPLOMA
(Teachers College, Greenville)
Fifth Grade, Sixth Grade

MISS ETHEL STANFIELD, DIPLOMA
(Teachers College, Greenville)
Fourth Grade

MISS BESSIE HODGIN
(North Carolina College for Women)
Third Grade

MISS FANNIE GRANT, DIPLOMA
(Teachers College, Greenville)
Second Grade

MISS ETHEL SPRINKLE
(Salem College)
First Grade



Principal's Home



CHURCHLAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



CHURCHLAND HIGH SCHOOL



CHURCHLAND HIGH SCHOOL 1935-36 (8th Grade)

Front row - left to right: Fannie Greene, D. W. Wilson, Wilma Davis, Ethel Hannah (deceased), Pinky Williams, Gracie Sowers, Mae Barrier, Louise Sowers, Gene Queen.

Second row - left to right: Warron Grubb, Virginia Simmerson, Virginia Hanes, Violet Young, Mildred Koontz, Hilda Barber, Hattie Greene, Donald Lomax, Hollis Wilson.

Third Row - left to right: Hoyle Barnes, Homer Lee Coats, Leroy Smith, Wilbur Macon, principal and Ben Lomax. (Not pictured - Wayne Grubb.)



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- Page No. 13 – Par. 4, line 4 should be conveyance
- Page No. 13 – Col. B, line 7 “afore” should be before
- Page No. 14 – Col. A, Par. 7, was should be as
- Page No. 30 – Col. A, Par. 5, line 2 “Angel . . . pockett, should read Pocket
- Page No. 30 – Col. B, Par. 2, line 1 - Edwain should read Edwin
- Page No. 31 – Col. A, Par. 4, line 5 - be should be - being established
- Page No. 44 – Col. A, Par. 4, line 3 - should read \$2.82
- Page No. 45 – Col. A, Par. 10, line 4 - should read “clean off”
- Page No. 47 – Col. B, Par. 1 - should read James H. Kesler
- Page No. 49 – Col. A, Par. 1 - should read “investigate the matter”
- Page No. 49 – Col. B, Par. 12, line 2 - should read delinquent - not dilinquent
- Page No. 50 – Col. A, Par. 7, line 2 - should read adjourned - not ajourned
- Page No. 50 – Col. B, Par. 12, line 3 - should read Frank Lanning
- Page No. 60 – Col. B, Par. 12, line 7 - should read aisle not isle
- Page No. 64 – Col. A, Par. 9, line 2 - should read Ft. Caswell
- Page No. 64 – Col. B, Par. 11, line 3 - should read L. E. Rickard
- Page No. 65 – Col. B, Par. 4, line 3 - be placed should be deleted
- Page No. 73 – Identification of Historical Committee - should be Pauline Lomax Young
- Page No. 83 – Line 2 - should read seems - not seemes
- Page No. 89 – Col. B, Par. 4, line 8 - should read often - not ofter
- Page No. 92 – Col. B, Par. 2, line 4 - comma should not be after Preston
- Page No.103 – Col. A, Par. 1, line 3 - should read: He, his father, and a brother-in-law are ministers of the gospel.
- Page No.104 – Col. B, Par. 1 - should read Daris Boy - not Doris
- Page No.117 – Row 4, line 3 - last word should read Feezor - not Feezoe



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