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Kings Mountain, North Carolina



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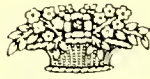
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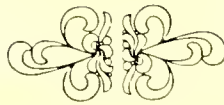
KINGS MOUNTAIN, NORTH CAROLINA



One-Hundredth Anniversary

"O give thanks unto the Lord; call upon his name: make
known His deeds among His people."

— *Psalm 95:1*



APRIL the EIGHTH
NINETEEN HUNDRED and FIFTY-FOUR

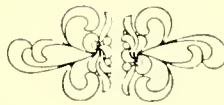


Josephine E. Weir

To Mrs. Josephine E. Weir, a truly remarkable woman whose many gifts to the church include the authorship of this history, we humbly dedicate this book.



The following nineteen pages is a reproduction of the brochure for the Dedication Service for the present building on December 5, 1937.

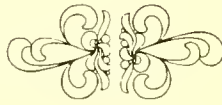


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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

KINGS MOUNTAIN, NORTH CAROLINA



Services of Dedication



"I have surely built thee an house to dwell in,
A settled place for thee to abide in forever."

—1 Kings 8:13



DECEMBER *the* FIFTH
NINETEEN HUNDRED *and* THIRTY-SEVEN



*In Memory of
Charles Eugene Neisler, Senior*

Elder in this church for 37 years and Sunday School Superintendent for 34 years. As a tribute to his Christian character, his outstanding leadership, and his loyal devotion to the Church, this Education Building is dedicated.

(Inscription on Memorial Plaque)



Mrs. Charles Eugene Neisler, Senior

By her donation of the lot and by her whole hearted enthusiasm and support, led the way to the building of the new church.



The New Church

The new First Presbyterian Church in Kings Mountain, N. C., is an example of the English Gothic style of architecture, setting forth the careful use and colorful combination of brick, tile, wood and glass in what can be considered a modern design. It shows in a very interesting manner how attractive and colorful a brick church can be.

The Architects, Wenner and Fink, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, with the association of Mr. E. M. Conover, the director of the Interdenominational Bureau of Architecture, have designed this church to fulfill the needs of the modern church program and of the modern community. The Gothic style was chosen as it is typical of Christian architecture, having its origin and having developed in the Christian Church itself.

Within the walls we find the church auditorium and sanctuary proper following the traditional lines of the Christian Church. The chancel and church both have the basic arrangement and design which has been characteristic of the church from the earliest days. The great chancel window portrays scenes from the Life of Christ, portrayed in Medallions, and the glass is done in the manner of the best Twelfth Century Glass.

In the doors at the main entrance the Seal of the Presbyterian Church in the United States is placed. The features of the seal are rich in Scriptural symbolism. The motto: "Lux lucet in tenebris" meaning, "The light shineth in the darkness," gives the mission of the Church, that it should spread abroad that light from heaven which is the life of men.



REV. P. D. PATRICK

Pastor



Elders

MR. H. L. RAMSEUR
MR. J. T. DAVIDSON
MR. GEORGE CANSLER

MR. J. B. THOMASSON
MR. J. H. THOMSON
MR. R. H. WEBB

MR. C. E. NEISLER, JR.

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MR. C. P. GOFORTH
MR. J. F. ALLISON
MR. P. M. NEISLER
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MR. ARTHUR HAY
MR. C. F. THOMASSON

MR. CARL DAVIDSON
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J. B. THOMASSON

Chairman of the Building Committee



Building Committee—Executive

March 15, 1936

J. B. THOMASSON

P. M. NEISLER

J. H. THOMSON



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ORDER OF DEDICATORY SERVICES

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5, 1937

Ten O'clock

Laying of Corner Stone



HYMN—"The Church's One Foundation"

SCRIPTURE—I. Chronicles 29:10-18 *by the Pastor*

APOSTLES' CREED *In Unison*

LAYING OF CORNER STONE *by Executive Committee of the Building Committee—Mr. J. B. Thomasson, Mr. P. M. Neisler, Mr. J. H. Thomson.*

PRAYER *Rev. W. L. Lingle, D.D., President of Davidson College*

ADDRESS *Rev. Fred J. Hay, Pastor 1st Presbyterian Church, Dillon, S. C.*

HYMN—"Light up the World for Jesus"

BENEDICTION



Eleven O'clock

Morning Worship and Church Dedication



ORGAN PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP *Choir*

SOLO—"Open the Gates of the Temple" *Mr. George H. Emery*

DOXOLOGY

INVOCATION *Rev. R. J. McIlwaine, Monroe, N. C.*

RESPONSE *Choir*

HYMN—"All Things are Thine"

GREETINGS FROM THE MOTHER CHURCH—LONG CREEK

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH *Rev. Coyte Hunter*

GREETINGS FROM KINGS MOUNTAIN PRESBYTERY *Rev. J. K. Hall, D.D.*

Pastor of Goshen Presbyterian Church, Belmont, N. C.

SCRIPTURE—

Old Testament—Dedication of the Temple—I. Kings

8:22-53 *Rev. Fred J. Hay*

New Testament—Jesus Dedicates Himself in Temple—

Luke 4:14-21 *Rev. J. E. Berryhill, Charlotte, N. C.*

PRAYER *Rev. J. E. Berryhill*

HYMN—"We Cannot Build Alone"

OFFERING

ANTHEM *Choir*

SERMON *Rev. W. L. Lingle, D.D., President of Davidson College*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND BENEDICTION *by the Pastor*

DISMISSAL HYMN *Choir*

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Four O'clock

Service of Music



ORGAN AND CHIMES—*Musicians: Miss Virginia Parsons, Mrs. Harold Hunnicutt, Mrs. Joseph I. Maust of Richmond, Va.*

SCRIPTURE AND PRAYER *Rev. R. J. McIlwaine*



Seven-thirty O'clock

Evening Worship and Dedicatory Service of Educational Building
Service in the Fellowship Hall



DOXOLOGY

INVOCATION

Rev. J. E. Berryhill

HYMN—"Day Is Dying in the West"

SCRIPTURE

Rev. R. J. McIlwaine

SOLO

Mr. Joseph I. Maust, Richmond, Va.

HISTORY OF 1ST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF
KING'S MOUNTAIN

Rev. J. K. Hall, D.D.

HYMN—"Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken"

DEDICATORY ADDRESS OF THE NEISLER MEMORIAL
EDUCATION BUILDING

Rev. Fred J. Hay

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

by the Pastor

HYMN—"I Love Thy Kingdom Lord"

BENEDICTION

DISMISSAL HYMN

Choir





The Old Church

The second building of the Presbyterian Church of Kings Mountain, planned and built by Mr. H. L. Ramseur, was dedicated July 3, 1906, by the Reverend J. M. Forbis.

"What is the old church? 'Tis a book
On which we backward sadly look;
Not willing quite to see it close,
The laugh, the tear, the shine, the shade,
All 'twixt the covers gently laid;
No uncut leaves; no page unscanned;
Close it and lay it in God's hand."



History



On Saturday, April 5, 1884, under the guidance of the Reverends Cook, Leeper, J. J. Kennedy, and Elder J. I. Holland the following eighteen men and women presented certificates of membership from Presbyterian churches elsewhere and were organized into a Presbyterian church: W. I. Stowe, Mrs. W. I. Stowe, Thomas G. Stowe, Dr. T. J. Walker, Mrs. M. E. Houser, Dr. T. T. Hay, Miss Ella Hay, Miss Rosetta Hay, Louis G. Hay, Mrs. Louis G. Hay, Richard T. Cansler, Mrs. Richard T. Cansler, Mrs. A. P. Ashbury, Miss M. M. Ashbury, Mrs. Carrie Black, Mrs. M. J. Delinger, Miss Addie Smith, Miss Sallie E. Ashbury. Two elders, W. I. Stowe and Dr. T. T. Hay, and two deacons, Richard T. Cansler and Louis G. Hay were elected, ordained and installed. The name chosen for the organization was "The Presbyterian Church of Kings Mountain". The first pastor, Reverend E. P. Davis, who served from 1884-1887, was engaged to preach one Sunday each month.

For the first three years the young church held occasional services in the A. R. P. and Methodist churches. On April 3, 1887, the congregation had the joy of worshipping for the first time in their own church home, a frame structure located on the southwest corner of King Street and Railroad Avenue, the dedicatory sermon being preached by the Reverend E. P. Davis.

On July 10, 1887, a Sunday school was organized with Elder W. I. Stowe as superintendent and with a membership of twenty.

During the first sixteen years of its history, the church made small progress due chiefly to the shortness of the service of the ministers and the frequency of the vacancies that followed. From 1884-1888 the Kings Mountain Church was served for one Sabbath each month by the pastor of the Shelby church. The second pastor, Reverend E. E. Erwin, served from April to December 1888.

From 1889-1906 it was grouped with Long Creek, Shiloh (Grover), and Hepzibah, with the pastor to preach one Sunday each month. In 1897 these four churches secured a manse in Kings Mountain on South Railroad Avenue, after which date the pastor resided in Kings Mountain. During this period the church was served by Reverend E. A. Sample (1889-1892), student W. L. Walker (three months in 1893), Reverend J. K. Hall (1893-1894), Reverend R. J. McIlwaine (1896-1898), Reverend J. R. Millard (1899-1902), and Reverend J. M. Forbis (1903-1908).

In 1906 the Kings Mountain church decided to have half of the pastor's time. Long Creek and Bessemer City, with Kings Mountain, constituted the new group. The Reverend Mr. Forbis was succeeded by Reverend S. S. Oliver (1910-1912), Reverend R. A. Miller (1913-1914), Reverend C. L. Bragaw (1914-1915), Reverend J. E. Berryhill (1916-1918).

The congregation had long felt the need of a larger church with more adequate provision for a Sunday School. On July 3, 1906, a new building, which had been erected on the northwest corner of Piedmont and Mountain Streets, was dedicated by the pastor, Reverend J. M. Forbis.

During the first thirty-six years the church was blessed with godly, efficient men who served as elders and deacons. Those elected as elders were W. I. Stowe, Dr. W. T. Hay, H. P. Allison, J. W. Brown, C. E. Neisler, C. J. McCombs, H. L. Ramseur, Robert Barber, C. I. Hunter, J. T. Davidson, J. T. Ware. Those elected as deacons were R. T. Cansler, L. G. Hay, C. E. Falls, C. P. Goforth, J. T. Allison, G. V. Patterson, J. T. Welch, J. B. Thomasson, H. B. Stowe and P. M. Neisler.

By 1919 the church membership had increased from fifty-one in 1900 to ninety-four. At this date the church took a very decided forward step in calling Reverend Fred J. Hay as full time pastor. Two years before this date the house used as the pastor's residence was sold, and the equity falling to the Kings Mountain church was invested in a house and lot on the corner of King and Carpenter Streets, which served as a manse until 1936.

Upon the resignation of the Reverend Fred Hay in 1922, the church extended a call to the Reverend I. S. McElroy, D.D. Dr. McElroy accepted the call and served the church from 1923-1931, when he was called to his reward. During his pastorate the church membership increased and the Sunday School grew so large that the church in 1926 rented an adjoining cottage to serve as an annex.

Having been without a pastor from January-July the church extended a call to the Reverend Richard C. Wilson, Jr., who accepted it and began his ministry in August, 1931. During his pastorate the way was prepared for the making of definite plans to construct a new building. The congregation was saddened a second time by the loss of a pastor by death in 1934.

During the past seventeen years the church has found herself continually blessed by the same type of able, God-fearing elders and deacons as those under whose guidance she grew prior to 1920. Since that date the following elders have been chosen: J. C. Mason, C. E. Neisler, Jr., George Cansler, J. H. Thomson, J. B. Thomasson, H. B. Stowe, and R. H. Webb. The following deacons have been elected: E. W. Barnes, C. E. Mason, D. S. Rhyne, J. H. Thomson, C. F. Thomasson, C. W. Davidson, J. A. Neisler, J. W. Ramseur, C. F. Stowe, H. H. Houston, F. G. Rogers, Arthur Hay, Luther Cansler, H. R. Neisler and Paul Mauney.

This church has been honored in sending out one of her best sons as a minister, B. F. Ormand, Jr., graduated from the Union Theological Seminary in May, 1937, and was ordained on October 10, 1937, in Lost City, West Virginia.

Having been without a pastor from October-April, the church extended a call to the Reverend P. D. Patrick, who accepted the charge and began his pastorate in May, 1935.

In 1936 Mrs. C. E. Neisler presented the church with the beautiful lot on the corner of King and Gaston Streets for the erection of a new church. As the lot included an attractive house to be used as a home for the pastor, the officers disposed of the former manse.

The congregation elected the various committees needed for a building program, approved the plans submitted by Wenner and Fink, and began work on August 16, 1936. After experiencing the joy of whole hearted cooperation in building God's House, the congregation worshipped for the last time in the old church October 31, 1937, with Reverend J. M. Forbis preaching the sermon, and moved to the new location November 7, 1937.

After a week of revival services and thanksgiving for the blessings God had bestowed upon her, the church, composed of a membership of 301, dedicated the church building at the morning service, December 5, 1937, and the Neisler Memorial Educational Building at the evening service.

Sunday School

On July 3, 1887, three months after the congregation had moved into a building of their own, the session decided that a Sunday School should be organized the following Sunday. This resolution was executed July 10. Mr. W. I. Stowe was elected superintendent of the school of twenty members and served in that capacity until January 8, 1897. Mr. C. E. Neisler, who was elected as his successor, served faithfully for thirty-four years. Soon after Mr. Neisler's election, Mr. C. P. Goforth was elected secretary, which office he filled for eighteen years. At the end of that time Mr. John Ramseur was chosen to fill the office and Mr. Goforth became assistant superintendent, in which capacity he is serving today. Mr. C. F. Thomasson became superintendent in 1932 and Mr. Luther Cansler became secretary and treasurer in 1936.

The years have seen a steady growth of the Sunday School from twenty members and one teacher in 1887 to 309 members and eighteen teachers in 1937. By 1926 the session was forced to rent a cottage near the church to use as a Sunday School annex. Some time after that, two classes met in the Town Hall for several years. For several months before the completion of the new church, the Ladies' class met in the home of a member of the class.

At present time there are eight departments: Nursery, Beginners, Primary, Juniors, Intermediates, Young People, Adult and the Home Department.

It has long been the custom for all contributions made on the first Sunday of each month to be sent to the Barium Springs Orphanage. The School has contributed generously to the Equipment Fund for the new church as well as doing her bit toward the spreading of the Kingdom through Home and Foreign Missions.

The Woman's Auxiliary

The women of this church were first organized in 1893 as "The Ladies Society of Kings Mountain Presbyterian Church" with Mrs. J. M. Brown as president. The object was the raising of funds to advance Christ's Kingdom.

In 1906 when a new church was built, "The Ladies Aid Society", as it was then called, furnished the organ, carpet, pulpit furniture, collection plates, silver communion service, table and linen.

In 1912 the society joined the Presbyterial and became "Ladies Missionary and Aid Society". Cause secretaries were appointed and part of funds were given to benevolent causes of the church. Interest was begun in the Presbyterial Orphanage at Barium Springs. Each year since, an orphan has been clothed and offerings made at Thanksgiving. Canned goods and quilts also have been sent.

The organization became "The Woman's Auxiliary" in 1916. Circles were formed. Classes were held for Bible study and Mission study. Each year white cross supplies have been sent to hospitals in missionary fields.

Since 1922 annual Birthday Parties have been held and offerings sent to special missionary objects.

When the membership of the church felt a new building was urgent, a consecrated, faithful member of the Auxiliary—Mrs. C. E. Neisler—gave the beautiful lot on which to erect the building. After planning and praying for a new church, the Auxiliary has equipped the kitchen. Individual members have worked tirelessly on committees and helped materially with donations and memorial gifts.

May we continue to go forward in Christ.

Young People of the Church

In the year 1920, when Mr. Fred J. Hay was pastor of our Church, four students from Davidson College came over and assisted in organizing what was then called the "Christian Endeavor", and has since been changed to the "Young People of the Church". Mrs. H. B. Stowe was the Leader, Advisor, and everything else it takes to keep Young People interested in worthwhile things. She was always known as a friend of the Young People and served faithfully until she moved away several years ago.

Mr. Carl Davidson was the first president, and there was an enrollment of about twelve members. Miss Annie Laura Summitt is president now and the enrollment is twenty-five. The Young People are going forward now under the capable leadership of Mrs. W. B. Thomson. Educational and instructional programs are carried out in the meetings, and we have been called on at times by the Pastor to have charge of Prayer Meeting services, which we gladly did.

Each summer at least two delegates have attended the Summer Conference in Davidson representing the Young People. One member from the Young People's organization is now in the ministry, B. F. Ormand, Jr. Several members of the Young People's organization are serving as Sunday School teachers, and in any other way that we can be of service.

With our new Church building and equipment we hope that we will be able to accomplish even greater things in the Young People's work.

Boy Scouts of America Troop No. 1

The Boy Scout movement in the church is about fourteen years old, having been organized during the pastorate of Rev. Fred J. Hay. Each succeeding minister has shown much interest in the welfare of the Troop; therefore we feel that much of the success we have had and the standing this troop now has in the community can be traced to efforts of our ministers.

Troop No. 1 is the oldest troop in the city and is sponsored by the Men's Bible Class. Its troop committee is Mr. Chas. F. Thomasson, Chairman, Mr. J. H. Thomson, Rev. P. D. Patrick, Mr. O. W. Myers, Mr. G. C. Barber and Mr. Arthur Hay. This committee is representative of the entire church and never fails to come to the rescue of the troop when their backing or presence is needed.

For the past ten years the troop has been under the leadership of Mr. Carl Davidson, Scoutmaster. Mr. Jack Ormand, one of the Eagle Scouts, has rendered valuable service to the troop as assistant Scoutmaster, and now Mr. Harry Page has stepped in as assistant Scoutmaster to bolster up the leadership of the troop; therefore we have every reason to believe the future has much in store for our boys.

Over one hundred boys have received Scout training in our troop. Eleven of this number have reached the Eagle Rank; others are rapidly advancing toward this same goal.

Our membership, at the present, numbers twenty-six boys with four on the waiting list, impatient because they are not quite twelve years old.

Of the four National awards for heroism that have been given to boys of the Piedmont Council, two have come to our troop. Also for heroism three boys have the Council award. It appears, from the records, that the training these boys have received has been well applied and that our motto "Be Prepared" has been ever before the troop as a whole and may it always be, together with the Scout oath and Scout laws, a guide to every boy who enters our troop to greater things in the future.

The Church Choir

The Choir is one of the most important departments of the (work of the) Church. This Church has always had a volunteer choir and organist with many loyal members whose faithfulness and cooperation have rendered a great service through the years.

The present vested choir has determined with renewed interest and zeal to add more to the worship service of the Church than ever before.



First Presbyterian Church Roll

October 27, 1937



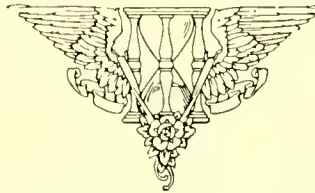
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Allison, Sara
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Arnette, John C.
Arnette, Elizabeth
Barber, George C.
Barber, Mrs. George C.
Barber, Rhea
Barber, Harold
Barber, Banks
Barber, Mrs. Banks
Barber, William
Barber, Mrs. William
Barber, Winifred
Barber, Virginia Arlene
Barber, Sara G.
Barrett, Mrs. Theodore
Beatty, Mrs. J. G.—N.R.
Belk, H. Y.
Belk, Mrs. H. Y.
Belk, Geneva
Belk, George
Benson, E. V.—N.R.
Benson, Mrs. E. V.—N.R.
Benson, W. E.—N.R.
Benson, Lois Wilson—N.R.
Bentley, Minnie Emma
Bernhardt, Mrs. A. T.—N.R.
Birch, William—N.R.
Blackmer, H. S.
Blackmer, Mrs. H. S.
Blanton, C. D.
Blanton, Mrs. C. D.
Blackwell, Mrs. Ernest—N.R.
Boozer, Fred—N.R.
Boozer, Mrs. Fred—N.R.
Burrage, Mrs. Nettie Jenkins—N.R.
Campbell, E. L.
Campbell, Charles B., Jr.
Campbell, Colleen
Campbell, Eddie Gordon
Cansler, George
Cansler, Luther
Cansler, Grady
Cansler, Anthony—N.R.
Christenbury, Edward S.—N.R.
Christenbury, Mrs. Edward S.—N.R.
Clinton, Carl Creedmore
Coley, Mrs. William C.—N.R.
Cook, Mrs. George A.—N.R.
Curley, Mrs. Patrick—N.R.
Davis, Mrs. George
Davidson, John T.
Davidson, Mrs. John T.
Davidson, Carl
Davidson, Mrs. Carl
Davidson, Hubert
Davidson, Mrs. Hubert
Dorsett, Charles—N.R.
Dorsett, Mrs. Charles—N.R.
Dunn, Mrs. Paul R.
Dunn, Margaret Marie
Dunn, James Franklin
Earwood, W. L.
Earwood, Mrs. W. L.
Evans, Mrs. J. F.—N.R.
Ellerbe, C. M.
Ellerbe, Mrs. E. B.
Falls, Shipp
Falls, Mrs. Shipp
Falls, Gilbert
Falls, Zoe
Falls, Cicero
Falls, Mrs. Coman
Fields, William Earle—N.R.
Fields, Mrs. William Earle—N.R.
Finley, E. E.—N.R.
Finley, Farman—N.R.
Frazier, Mrs. George
Fulkerson, W. J.
Fulkerson, Mrs. W. J.
Gamble, J. N.
Gamble, Mrs. J. N.
Gamble, Charles J.
Gantt, R. C.
Gault, C. J.
Gillespie, Booth—N.R.
Gillespie, Mrs. Booth—N.R.
Godfrey, Howard Rowland
Goforth, Ormand
Goforth, C. P.
Goforth, Mrs. C. P.
Goforth, Plato
Goforth, Mrs. Hall
Goforth, Mrs. R. D.
Goforth, Frances
Goforth, Eugene
Goforth, H. A.
Goforth, Mrs. H. A.
Hardin, Mrs. C. D.
Harrill, Mrs. E. A.
Harrill, Thornton
Harrill, Saralee
Hay, Arthur
Hay, Mrs. Arthur
Hay, Helen
Hendricks, Leon H.
Hood, Mrs. J. S.
Hope, Ruth
Hord, Kiser—N.R.
Houser, Mrs. D. H.
Houser, Curtis
Houser, Mrs. Curtis
Houser, James
Houser, Mrs. James

Houser, Lloyd—N.R.
Houston, H. H.
Houston, Mrs. H. H.
Houston, Humes
Houston, Hopkins
Houston, Johnnie
Howard, Mrs. A. A.—N.R.
Hullender, Mrs. J. A.
Hunnicut, Harold
Hunnicut, Mrs. Harold
Jackson, Howard
Jackson, Howard B.
Jackson, Mrs. Howard B.
Jackson, T. W.
Jackson, Mrs. T. W.
Jenkins, Mrs. Alice B.
Jenkins, Floyd
Jenkins, Mrs. Floyd
Jenkins, Miss Musette
Jenkins, Catherine Jeanette
Jenkins, E. L.
Jenkins, Mrs. E. L.
Jones, Henry
Jones, Mrs. Henry
Jones, Vestal—N.R.
La Grone, T. E.—N.R.
La Grone, Mrs. T. E.—N.R.
Lail, Mrs. Martha
Layton, Mrs. James
Librand, Mr. Amie
Ligon, Mary Frances
Ligon, Susie Clyde
Lindsay, Mrs. Clyde
Lockman, R. D.
Loftin, W. E.
Loftin, Mrs. W. E.
Lowry, Mrs. S. A.
Lynch, H. E.
Lynch, Mrs. H. E.
McGuinn, Mrs. A. L.—N.R.
McCarter, Grady
McCarter, Mrs. Grady
McCorkle, Homaselle—N.R.
Martin, Fred—N.R.
Martin, Mrs. Fred—N.R.
Martin, Thomas J.
Martin, Thelma Etta
Mauney, Paul
Mauney, Mrs. Paul
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Medlin, Mary Roberts
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Metcalf, Alvoid
Metcalf, Parthenia
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Miller, Mrs. R. D.
Miller, George—N.R.
Mimms, Mrs. Florence
Moore, A. L.—N.R.
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Murray, E. S.—N.R.
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Myers, Earl
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 Weaver, Mrs. Vestus—N.R.
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 Williams, Annie Mae—N.R.
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<i>Memorial</i>	<i>In Memory of</i>	<i>Given by</i>
Three Chancel Windows	Charles Eugene Neisler, Sr. Rev. Isaac Stuart McElroy, D.D. Rev. Richard C. Wilson	Mrs. C. E. Neisler
Two Side Windows	Myrtle Baker Neisler	C. E. Neisler, Jr.
Two Side Windows	Hugh Neisler	The Neisler Family
Two Side Windows	Hugh Parks Allison and Kate Dixon Allison	The Grandchildren
One Side Window	Robert Barber	Sons and Daughters
One Side Window	Wallace Thompson Jackson	The Family
One Side Window	Susan Ormand Ramseur and John White Ramseur	H. E. Ramseur and Family
Two Side Windows	Oliver Green Falls, Sr. Oliver Green Falls, Jr.	Mrs. Katie Falls Frazier
One Side Window	Mrs. Helen Hay	Arthur Hay
One Side Window	James William Brown and Margaret Blair Brown	Mrs. Håyne Blackmer
One Side Window	Martha Isabelle Ware	Miss Carlyle Ware and Miss Jette Plonk
One Window	Mrs. Anzie Fadonia Jenkins	The Children
One Window	Leonard Lawrence Parrish	The Parrish Family
One Window		Sunbeams Society
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Special Gifts

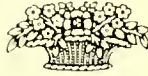
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Chimes	Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Neisler
Corner Stone	Mrs. Artie Suber

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KINGS MOUNTAIN, NORTH CAROLINA



Faces From the Past

“Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.”

Matthew 5:16



APRIL the EIGHTH
NINETEEN HUNDRED and FIFTY-FOUR



Helen Hay

Mrs. Hay was one of the true pioneers of the church during its very first years. She joined when it was weak and struggling and lived to see it grow strong and vigorous. Both her son, Arthur, and granddaughter, Helen, were lifelong members of the church.



Hugh Parks Allison

Despite the fact that he was paralyzed from the waist down and could only get about on crutches, Mr. Allison served as Elder and Clerk of the Session for many years around the turn of this century. This most active member rarely missed a church function or service.



Harvey Lee Ramseur

Mr. Ramseur was not only an Elder in the church for most of his adult life, he used his splendid talents to design and build the old church sanctuary which stood on the corner of Mountain Street and Piedmont Avenue (the year was 1906).



John C. Mason, Sr.

A man of great loyalty and devotion, Mr. Mason became an Elder in the church during the early nineteen-twenties and was among those who helped lead our congregation through one of its most prosperous periods.



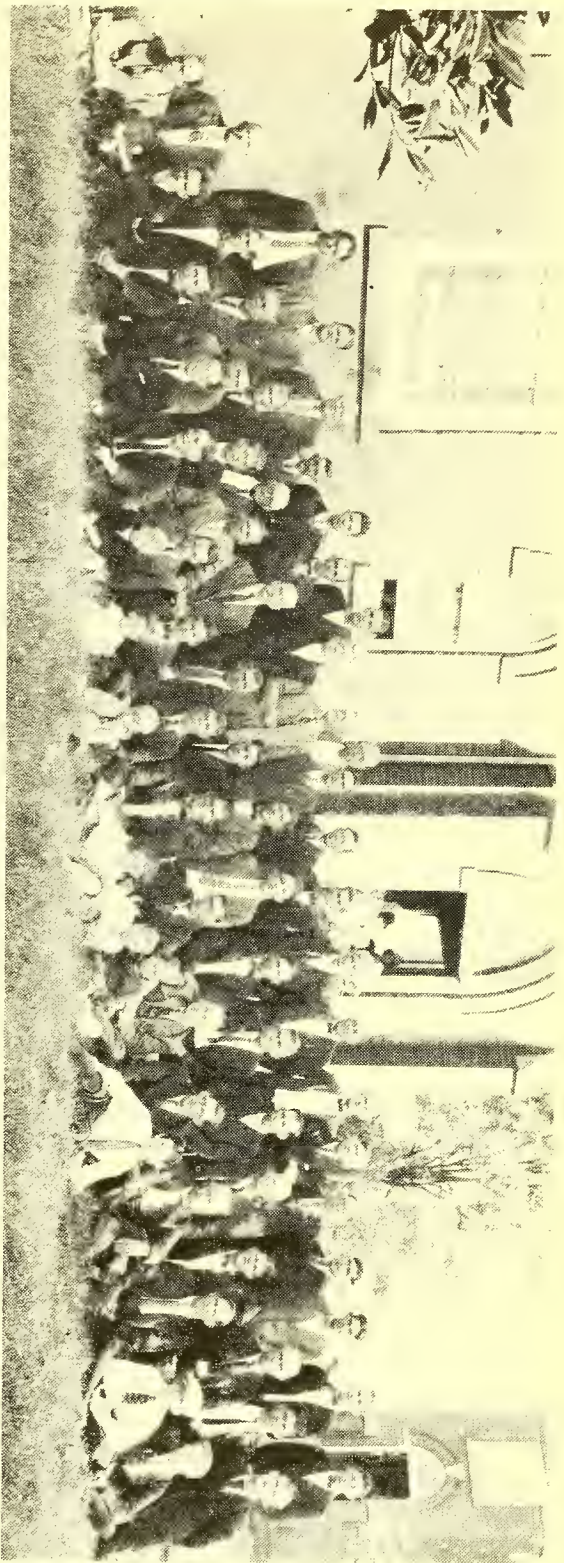
Charles F. Thomasson

Throughout the life of our church we have been blessed with many strong and faithful members like Charles Thomasson. Mr. Thomasson not only served the church for many years as a Deacon, he was Sunday School Superintendent from 1931 to 1944.



Kathryn M. Neisler

Mrs. Neisler has spent her entire life as a member of the church. She grew up in it as a young girl and later served as Choir Director for over thirty years until her retirement in 1948.



1924 Men's Bible Class

Back Standing (Left to Right)—Walter Ormand, Hugh Neisler, Charles Stowe, John Davidson, Robert Jenkins, Ship Falls, John Mason, Dr. McElroy, C.E. Neisler, Sr., W.T. Jackson, Arthur Hay, B.F. Ormand, Lee Ramsaur, Robert Barber, George Cansler, J.C. Mason, Charles Thomasson, Joe Thomson, John Ramsaur, Plato Goforth, Charles Mason and Harley McIntosh; **Middle Kneeling (Left to Right)**—Bill Hord, Hugh Ware, Beverly Patterson, Otis Falls, Con Oates, Henry Summitt, Mike Plonk, Capt. Fields, Jim Allison, I.C. Parsons, Clarence Jolly, George Barber, Wade Short, Austin Lybrand, A.B. Nelson, Dan Rhyme, R.A. Scott, Joe Neisler, E.L. Campbell, Watt Gladden, and James O'Farrel; **Front Row Seated (Left to Right)**—Hayne Blackmer, Paul Mauney, Grady King, Stewart McElroy, C.F. Neisler, Jr., Carl Davidson, Curtis Houser, Tom Roberts, Wash Layton, Con McGinnis, Hugh Stowe, P.M. Neisler, Sr., Bob Goforth and Clarence Goforth.

Rev. J.K. Hall Gives Reflection of Kings Mountain Church

(The following article appeared in The Shelby Daily Star on January 26, 1938)

The Kings Mountain Presbyterian Church was organized by a commission of Mecklenburg on April 5, 1884. Grover Cleveland had just been elected President of the United States for the first time. Victoria was still Queen of England. The textile industry in the Piedmont Carolinas was still in its infancy. A few visionaries were dreaming of the horseless carriage. Roads were of the red variety and in winter were knee-deep in mud. Travel was slow and difficult. The Civil War was only 19 years in the past and the country had yet to recover from the utter financial prostration caused by the frightful civil strife. The organizers of the Kings Mountain Presbyterian Church had not escaped. They, like all others, were poor but full of faith and courage. Their faith and courage is seen in that 18 men and women undertook to organize and support a church in those trying times. Such faith and courage should never be forgotten.

NAMES OF ORGANIZERS

The names of these courageous men and women are as follows: W.I. Stowe, Mrs. W.I. Stowe, Thomas Stowe, Dr. T.J. Walker, Mrs. M.E. Houser, Dr. T.T. Hay, Miss Ella Hay, Miss Rosetta Hay, Louis Hay, Mrs. Louis Hay, Richard T. Cansler, Mrs. Richard T. Cansler, Mrs. A.P. Asbury, Miss M.M. Asbury, Mrs. Carrie Black, Mrs. M.J. Dellinger, Miss Addie Smith, Miss E. Asbury.

Nineteen Elders and 25 Deacons have served the church. Time limits forbid even the inclusion of all their names. They have always been, and still are a fine body of men, faithfully performing the important duties devolving upon them. I shall say nothing of the living; their lives and deep speak for themselves. However, I wish to say a word about two who have gone home. I wish to speak of Mr. H.P. Allison for his pluck and faithfulness of his church. Paralyzed from his waist down, he sought no pity nor asked any favor. He refused to let his handicap keep him from doing a full man's work in the world. He was Clerk of the Session and regular in his attendance upon all services of the sanctuary. After 43 years I can still see him as he entered the old frame church made possible by the marvelous skill he had acquired in use of crutches. You have already guessed the second name. If I were to ask you what one individual, preacher, officer, or private member has done the most for the advancement of the church, all would say Mr. Charles E. Neisler. Mr. Neisler was essence of simplicity and modesty. I remember very well the speech he made at the dedication of the Lutheran Sunday School Building: "This should not be your goal but the starting point of greater things for Christ." He put his heart, his money, his prayers, and his splendid talents in building up this church.

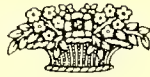
And what shall I say of the great body of private members? They get little credit yet among them are unsung heroes. A general can not gain victories without soldiers in the ranks. A church can not go far without a body of faithful members.

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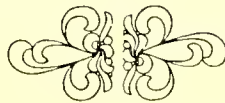
KINGS MOUNTAIN, NORTH CAROLINA



Our Next Fifty Years

“And the hand of the Lord was with them: and a great number
believed and turned unto the Lord.”

Acts 11:21



APRIL the EIGHTH
NINETEEN HUNDRED and EIGHTY-FOUR



Reverend Paul D. Patrick

Minister of the First Presbyterian Church of
Kings Mountain from nineteen thirty-seven to
nineteen fifty-eight.

The Patrick Ministry

1937-1958

Once in the new building, the congregation, under the dedicated leadership of the Reverend P.D. Patrick, began an era of expansion.

They joined with other denominations in observing days of special services, intensive Bible Study under leaders such as Miss Janet Robinson; World Day of Prayer; supplied leadership in the united effort to add Bible to the school curriculum (a service continued through 1977 and resumed in 1982), in holding Temperance meetings and later in successfully opposing for several years the sale of beer and wine in the town.

For a time, the Session granted the use of the old church building to the Boy Scouts, Troop No. 1, under Scoutmaster Carl Davidson, who had received the Beaver Award from the Council of Boy Scouts. The property was then rented for commercial use and the income placed in a fund for a Scout building. In 1947, the lot and building were sold to Kings Mountain Furniture Company for \$12,150.00 and the money placed in a Building Fund.

Presbytery met in the church April 12-15, 1938, and enjoyed the hospitality of the Woman's Auxiliary.

The young people were active in the church in many ways. After a supervisor of Religious Education for Kings Mountain Presbytery graded the Sunday School and added a number of teachers, Miss Marion Murphy (now Mrs. Luther Cansler) for a year assisted with the Sunday School and the two weeks of Daily Vacation Bible School for a salary of \$75.00 a month.

In 1938, the Fellowship Department made palm crosses to pin on the worshippers on Palm Sunday, a joyous service that has continued to the present. Over the years the members have made crosses for Dixon Church, Trinity Episcopal Church and the local hospital.

The following year the group, aided by two of the Elders, presented the church with a mimeograph machine, making possible the publishing of the weekly church **Bulletin**, which the Session recommended be used only as a church calendar.

The Session appointed an Executive Committee on Religious Education; the church sent two youths to the Presbyterian Conference each year and three to the Leadership Conference at Red Springs.

The organization of Girl Scouts in 1948 under the sponsorship of the Woman's Bible Class provided needed activity for girls.

The payment of \$1,750.00 toward purchasing a campsite at Bear Wallow for the youth of the Presbytery resulted in a large number of local young people, chaperoned by dedicated adult members, benefitting from the training and pleasure offered.

Benevolent gifts doubled the amount given in 1938.

From 1940-49, the following ministerial students helped with church activities during the three summer months: Ned Iverson, Charles Bixler, Betty Patrick, Jack Bogie, Albert Wells and Wade Anderson.



Carl Davidson

Few members have been as active and dedicated to the church as Carl Davidson was. The list of his services is long and varied: he served many years as a Deacon, was the first president of our Young People, and was tireless in his efforts as Scoutmaster of Boy Scout Troop No. 1, the first troop organized in Kings Mountain. The church was deeply saddened by his tragic death in 1945.

After Dr. Patrick had surveyed the Dixon School Community to determine the interest in a weekly community service, the church began holding Sunday afternoon services at the school.

On April 13, 1941, at Dixon School with Dr. Patrick and Elders C.E. Neisler, Jr. and J.H. Thomson officiating, the first convert was received into full communion in the First Presbyterian Church of Kings Mountain. Additional people joined; the group started a building fund to which the sponsoring church contributed. In December, 1943, they purchased an acre of land near the Dixon School on which to erect a church. In 1951, they purchased additional footage.

On January 6, 1944, the Kings Mountain Church dismissed twenty-seven members to organize an outpost: Dixon Presbyterian Church. On December 4, 1949, the church was dedicated; on June 24, 1950, the congregation held the first service.

At intervals Dr. Patrick conducted services at the Margrace Mill Clubhouse. As interest increased, in 1945, the Session asked Miss Sara Little, Representative of Synod's Extension work, to survey the Margrace and the Park Yarn Mill Villages to determine the interest in establishing a Sunday School. In 1945, fifty people attended the first service of a Sunday School conducted with teachers and musicians from the First Church of Kings Mountain. When the Sunday School closed a few years later, the church hired a city bus to transport people to services in the town.

In November, 1941, the Session appointed O.C. O'Farrell, P.G. Padgett and Hayne Blackmer as a Soldiers' Service Committee to aid the young men in the congregation called to serve in World War II.

Three members: Grady Cansler, James G. Darracott, Jr., and James C. Nickels III gave their lives for their country.

Ensign James C. Nickels III, a Naval Air Force fighter pilot, while stationed at Quanseet Point, Rhode Island, was killed in a mid-air collision over Marion, Massachusetts, on May 13, 1946, his birthday. Each year since the tragedy, his friend and fellow pilot, Ensign Grady E. Jensen of Scarsdale, New York, has recognized the anniversary of James's death by placing memorial flowers in this church on the Sunday nearest May 13.

Cicero Falls was taken prisoner by the Germans in North Africa on February 14, 1943, and held until the Russians liberated the captives in 1944. He then found his way to the camp for returning prisoners of war located near Marseilles, France.

In 1943, the Session voted to place in the care of the Clerk of the Session the Student Loan Fund. Later it was given to the Pastor to dispense, his decision being subject to the approval of the donor.

On January 12, 1947, a fire in the second floor of the church did much damage. The same day the Session appointed a committee to direct the repairing of the church: Deacon Paul Mauney, Chairman; Elders J.H. Thomson and W.L. Ramseur; Deacon H.R. Neisler; Mrs. Ida Neisler and Mrs. Marie Myers, Woman's Auxiliary; E.A. Harrill, congregation.

On January 19, the congregation worshipped in the Woman's Club, thereafter in the Central School for Sunday School and church, and the Young People met in



Joe Thomson

"Mr. Joe" (as he was affectionately called) served as Elder and Clerk of The Session for an amazing span of forty-two years. In addition, he devoted a good deal of his time to the Barium Springs Orphanage, where he served as a member of the Board of Regents for many years.

private homes until April, when repairs were completed. A debt of \$2,694.14, not covered by insurance, was due to buying a more expensive carpet than the original one.

The congregation adopted the rotary system for Deacons.

In August, 1948, James Moss requested the Session to present his name before Presbytery as a candidate for the ministry.

After many years of inspiring, dedicated service, Mrs. P.M. Neisler tendered her resignation as choir director.

In October, the Session applied for the admission of Phillip and Charles Greene to Barium Springs Orphanage, which in 1946, had elected J.H. Thomson to the Board of Regents.

During the years, outstanding religious leaders, as Dr. Darby Fulton, Dr. Pressley Morgan and the Reverend J.M. Allerdyce held special services annually.

The various causes of the church and the religious projects of the community received support.

In 1949, Dr. Patrick was elected Moderator of the One Hundred and Thirty-Sixth Stated Session of the Synod of North Carolina.

On November 6, 1962, he was the first recipient of the Distinguished Alumnus Award given by Columbia Theological Seminary; and on May 31, 1964, Davidson College, his Alma Mater, which for thirty-three years he had served as Trustee, conferred upon him the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity.

On June 12, 1949, the congregation voted to build a new manse and a Scout-Recreation Building with separate committees: Manse - C.E. Neisler, Jr., church treasurer P.M. Neisler, Paul Mauney and Mrs. Charlene Padgett; Scout-Recreation Building - P.M. Neisler, H.E. Page, E.A. Harrill, J.B. Thomasson, W.L. Ramseur, W.B. Thomson, M.B. Moss and Mrs. Nell Thomson.

On January 15, 1950, the congregation approved the plans and miniature models of both buildings, as well as the estimated cost of \$25,000.00 for the manse and \$20,000.00 for the Scout-Recreation Building, and appointed the Board of Deacons as Finance Committee to raise the balance of the funds needed.

In 1952, friends donated a piano to the Recreation Building, which has been used by many groups: Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and Young People for regular meetings and for social gatherings, including folk dancing, by various adult groups for study and play.

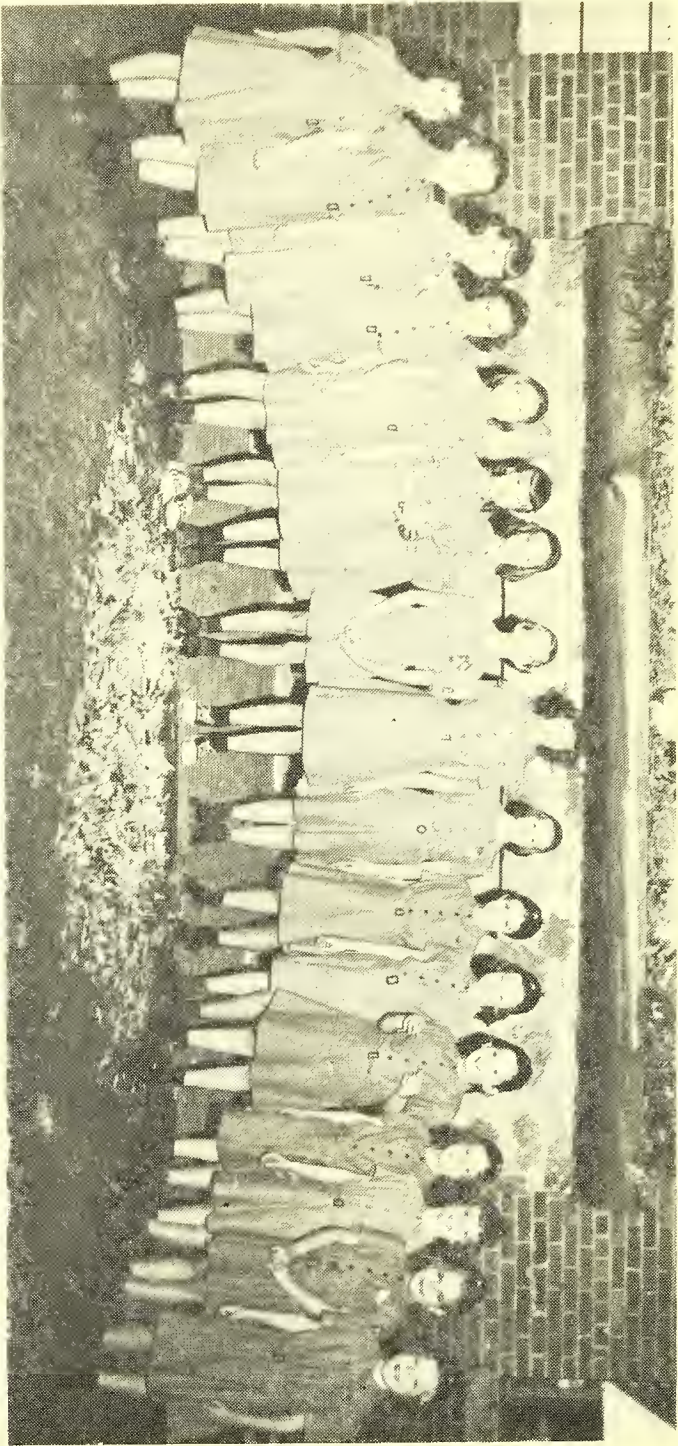
The Scouting program continued. A Cub Scout Troop was formed; Harold Richard Hunnicutt, Jr. received the God and Country Award in 1952; Noel Webster received it in 1958; Larry Patrick in 1964.

The Fellowship Hall has been used by many civic clubs, by Men of the Presbytery in 1953 and, in 1951, was designated a possible shelter for civilians in case of an emergency.

In 1952, the Catawba Nursery landscaped the church property and installed a new drainage system.

The same year the Religious Education Committee introduced the rotary plan for Sunday School officers and teachers.

The congregation assumed one-third of the salaries of the Reverend and Mrs.



Brownie Scout Troop No. 32 - 1951

Left to Right: Kay Cansier, Jane Hambricht, Margaret Jackson, Marion Plonk, Mary Lillian Lewis, Penny Cansler, Kathy Hoyle, Marlene Weir, Georganna Moss, Martha Houser, Nancy Hovis, Joyce Plonk, Sue Hunnicutt, Gail Morrison, Jane Houser, Susie Davis, Laura Page. The Scout Leader was Mrs. Grace Page and her Assistant was Mrs. Nell Cranford.

Tommy Brown, missionaries to Korea, and in 1954 increased the amount to one-half.

In 1952, the Session appointed R.H. Webb a representative to the County Commission for Mission Workers and elected Miss Cornelia Dick to succeed Miss Lillian Barber, who had served in 1950-51 as Religious Education Director.

Beginning March 29, 1953, the morning service was broadcast at regular intervals over WKMT Radio's Service to the Community Plan. From 1962-1981, when the service ended, the church assumed the full cost of the broadcasts.

From 1951-52, the church contributed the quota of \$3,000.00 to the Presbyterian Negro Work Campaign and two years later spent \$100.00 from the county fund for Negro churches.

In July, 1953, the Session increased the salary of organist Franklin Pethel in order to have him assume some of the duties of the Director of Religious Education.

Since his resignation in 1954, the following have served in the combined capacity: Thomas Eanes, 1955; Carolyn Robinson, 1956; Mrs. Julia Lee Ribett Rogers, 1957-58; Shirley Falls, 1958 - . The last selection is still bringing melody and joy to the entire congregation as Shirley Falls Austin.

The officers helped make arrangements for four Waters children of the congregation to enter Barium Springs Orphanage.

In 1954, the Reverend James Moss was approved both by the local Session and the Board of World Missions for service in foreign fields. He and Mrs. Moss were stationed in Ceres, Goca, Brazil, where he was Pastor of the Wiuana Evangelistic Field.

He preached the Gospel and taught health until, in 1963, they returned to the United States to serve pastorates in the Carolinas.

In August, 1955, Mrs. S.A. Lowry entered the Presbyterian Home for the Aged at High Point, where she spent happy years.

The two adult Bible Classes welcomed Dr. Lawrence Bottoms, a dedicated Negro preacher, as a guest speaker on the second Sunday in April.

Dr. Patrick at times exchanged pulpits with other ministers and held evangelistic services in other churches. As chairman of Synod's Executive Committee, he was influential in establishing three new churches and in inspiring fourteen others to erect new buildings, manses or Educational Buildings.

In 1956, the church cooperated in making a religious census of the town, approved the Consolidated Presbyterian College Campaign, made needed repairs in the kitchen and painted the room prior to the meeting of Presbytery in the church in November.

The Session voted to discontinue Sunday night services.

Grieved and shocked by the death of Ranny Arnette on May 19, 1956, in Korea, in a collision between the jeep he was driving and one driven by another soldier, the officers approved the request of the Young People to establish a Scholarship Fund in his memory and appointed a committee chaired by C.A. Neisler to administer it.

This was combined with a second Scholarship Fund established in 1960 in memory of James Frank Cranford, Jr., aged 17, killed June 1, in a car wreck on the

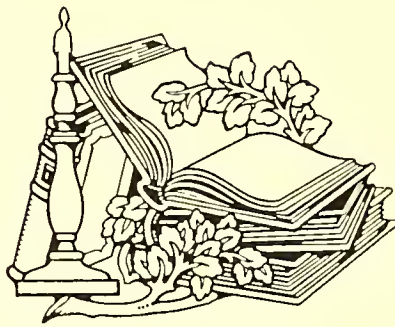
night of the High School Commencement.

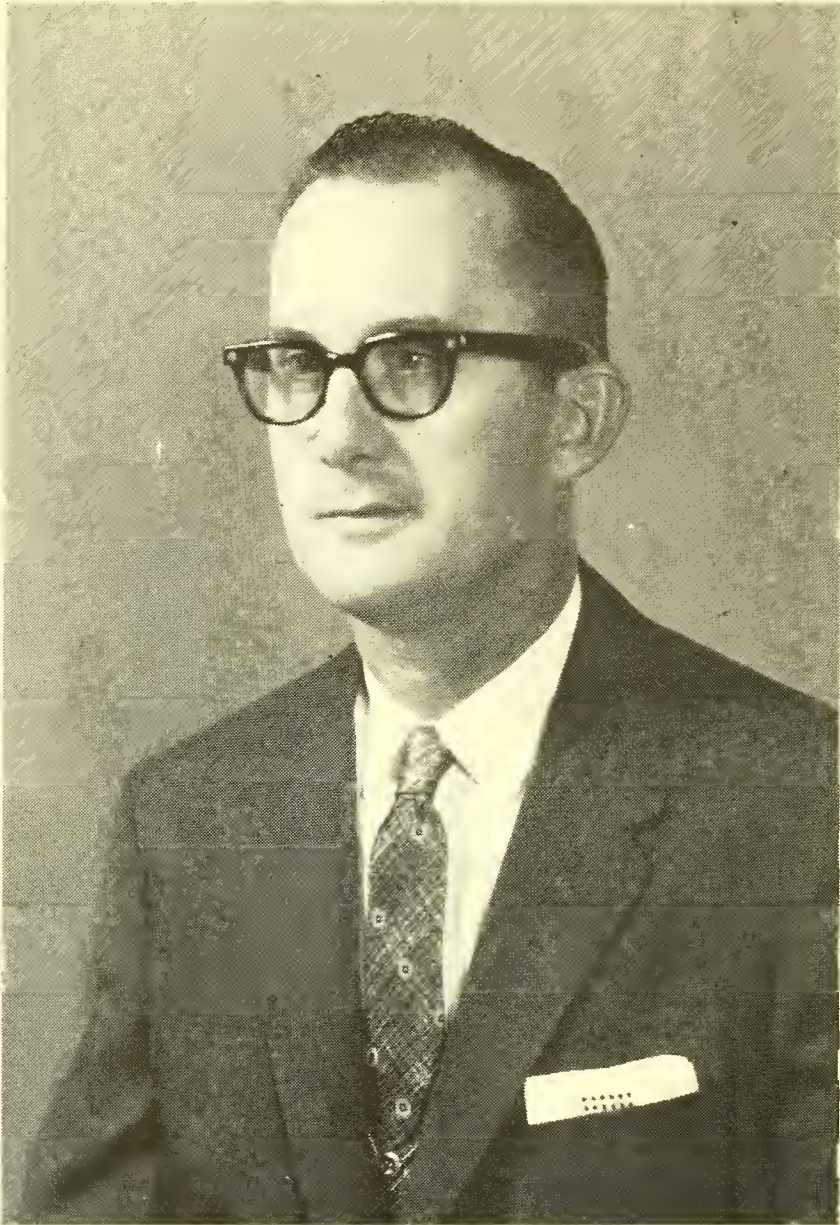
Seven young people borrowed money from the *Ranny Arnette-Jimmy Cranford Scholarship Fund* for college expenses, two of whom later earned doctorate degrees. In 1979, the Session changed the *Scholarship* to a *Grant* to be given annually to one or more young people.

In 1957, the Session, by agreeing to pay personally any deficit, made possible the placing of the *Presbyterian Survey* in every home. In November, 1974, the vote was rescinded in favor of sending the publication to church officers only.

Beginning March 1, 1958, the congregation contributed over a period of three years, \$1,000.00 to rebuilding the church at Chapel Hill, destroyed by fire.

On June 18, 1958, Dr. Patrick, after twenty-three years of service, resigned to begin work with Columbia Theological Seminary on September 1 and requested a congregational meeting June 29 to take action on his decision.





Dr. Paul K. Ausley

Minister of the First Presbyterian Church of Kings Mountain from nineteen fifty-eight to nineteen seventy-four.

The Ausley Ministry 1958-1974

Elected July 6, 1958, as a Pastor Nominating Committee were P.G. Padgett, Mrs. W.T. (Josephine) Weir, Mrs. W.A. (Christine) Ramseur, H.R. Neisler and C.A. Neisler.

The Session appointed both Elder P.G. Padgett moderator *pro tem* and a committee to plan Prayer Meeting Services. They designated a Pulpit Supply Committee and secured a worker to help with the Pioneers and with publishing the *Bulletin*.

On September 28, the congregation voted unanimously to call Dr. Paul K. Ausley to serve this church and set November 30, 1958, as the date for his installation.

Dr. Ausley conducted the first Christmas candlelight communion service at 11:00 p.m. December 24. Originally planned especially for the young people, this service has become a worship experience for the entire church.

The congregation air-conditioned the entire building in 1959.

To reach the church goal of \$10,000.00 for benevolences, the members adopted a thirteen weeks tithing program.

Alcoholics Anonymous received permission to use the Fellowship Hall for the weekly Friday night meetings.

The Session and Diaconate approved the sending of quarterly statements by the church treasurer, assisted by the church secretary, to every member who had made a pledge.

During the period of tension caused by the civil rights movement, the Session, in 1960, instructed the ushers to refuse admission to any NAACP delegation that appeared at our Sunday service with the intent of disrupting our worship. In 1964, the Elders instructed the ushers to seat in the front pews of the church any such delegations. No such group sought entrance.

The District Stewardship Rally met in the church September 27, 1960.

Since 1958 the church has participated in the support of St. Andrews Presbyterian College, Union Theological Seminary, Queens, Davidson and other causes endorsed by Presbytery; in the local Ministerial Association's assistance to the needy program; in the "K 73" crusade and in supplying partial support to six missionary couples.

Mrs. Cal Fisher directed the work of the Young People in 1962-1965; ministerial student Chalmers Hope served during the summer of 1965; William Alexander, Bible teacher in the public schools succeeded him; Paul Rollins accepted the work for the summer of 1969.

The church instituted the giving of a *Holy Bible* to each member of the Sunday School upon his graduation from high school.

Serving Kings Mountain Presbytery by supplying leadership in several different categories gave the church satisfaction.



Batie Meek Ormand and Dr. Ausley
Batie Meek Ormand's 101st Birthday

Elder Luther Cansler served as Central Treasurer 1963-1965, during which year the Presbytery office was located in this building, and Mrs. J.D. (Arlene) Barrett kept the records. The desk provided them by Presbytery is in use today in the office of the Sunday School Superintendent.

From 1964-1970 Mrs. Paul (Lillian) Mauney served as Trustee of the Presbyterian Home for the Aged in High Point.

After serving a term as Synodical Historian, Mrs. C.D. (Libby) Blanton, Jr. became president of the Women of the Presbytery in 1966.

Elder P.G. Padgett moderated the 165th Stated meeting of Presbytery in 1964, and in 1965 Dr. Paul K. Ausley moderated the 170th Stated meeting.

Dr. Ausley served as president of the Kings Mountain Ministerial Association in 1960, chairman of Cleveland County Committee on Human Relations in 1965, represented Presbytery at the General Assembly in 1966, served on the General Assembly in 1966, served on the Board of Advisors of the trustees of St. Andrews College in 1967 and became chairman of the Commission on the Minister and His Work in the Presbytery.

Jon Stoterau, a marine fighting in Vietnam, was wounded in both arms, but recovered after a leave at home and was assigned to the post in Hawaii to complete his term of enlistment.

The death of Azariah Mitchem, the loyal custodian who had received a pin and many bars for perfect Sunday School attendance at this church, saddened the members in 1965.

The Women of the Church sent in succession to the International Church Conference for Black Women held in Winston-Salem three members of Good Hope Presbyterian Church, making it possible for each to receive a certificate of training. In 1967 they contributed **\$20.00** to pay the registration fee for a woman from another locality as no local person wished to attend the conference.

In the 70's the ladies established at Compact School a clothes closet with emphasis on children's wear.

After serving fourteen years as Boy Scout Troop leader, H.R. McKelvie resigned in 1972, bringing to an end that activity in the church.

The Girl Scout troops continued in the Brownie, Junior and Cadette divisions. In 1960 Mrs. H.E. (Grace) Page and Mrs. J.F. (Nell) Cranford received pins for ten years of continued services as Brownie Scout Leaders.

A joyous event on March 18, 1969, was the celebration of the hundredth birthday of *Elder Emeritus* Batie Meek Ormand, who held a remarkable record of twenty-three years of perfect attendance at Sunday School, twenty-three years of service as Elder, twenty-seven years of perfect attendance at Kiwanis Club - all attained after his retirement. Dignitaries from the Southern Railway, United States and North Carolina Senators and Congressmen of the Democratic Party and representatives from the Masonic Lodge joined the family and the congregation at the covered dish luncheon following the service.

The congregation gave the church four handsome engraved brass collection plates in his honor.

At the first meeting of the Presbytery of Concord, January 11, 1972, Elder H.L.

Campbell represented the church. The Session, on January 14, 1973, recommended Edith Hambright to the care and supervision of the committee on Candidates for the Ministry.

After studying at Boston and Harvard Universities she interned as counsellor in a hospital near Boston. Currently she is a therapist at United Health Center, State of Georgia.

On November 4, 1973, after serving as Clerk of the Session for 42½ years, Elder J.H. Thomson, for reasons of health, asked the Session to replace him.

Elder R.H. Webb, his successor, continued in office until the church adopted the rotary system for Elders in 1974.

At a congregational meeting on December 30, 1973, Dr. Ausley tendered his resignation, effective June 30, 1974, because of health problems.

Two weeks later the congregation elected the following Pastor Nominating Committee: Paul Mauney, chairman; H.P. Neisler, vice-chairman; Mrs. H.H. (Diane) Harper, Jr., secretary; W.R. Grissom, Mrs. C.A. (Mary) Neisler and Douglas J. Sincox.

The Session, on June 9, elected Elder P.G. Padgett moderator *pro tem* and appointed a Pulpit Supply Committee which secured the service of Reverend Stuart Ritchie as Interim Pastor for three months.

On June 2, 1974 the congregation voted unanimously to call the Reverend Gary L. Bryant as Pastor of the church, effective September, 1974.



Church Secretaries

The Church has been fortunate in having had two dedicated and faithful secretaries from 1958-1984.

Mrs. Lawson Brown served from September 3, 1958 until June 10, 1959.

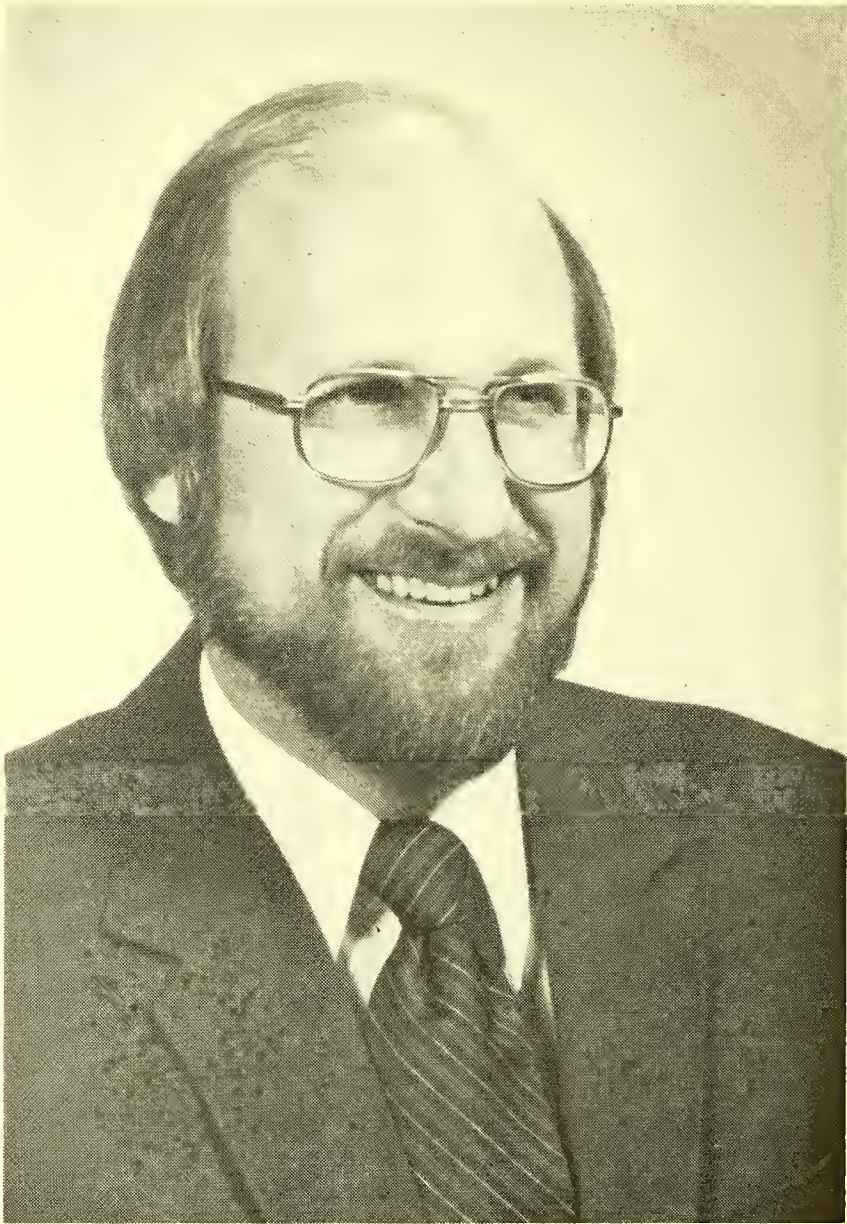
During the interim time we were without a fulltime secretary, two young Church members filled this office, Miss Derise Weir, daughter of Mary and Sam Weir, and Polly Page, daughter of Grace and Harry Page.

On September 8, 1959, Arlene S. Barrett was employed and has served in an efficient manner through all of these years. Not only does she do themyriads of paper work of the Church, but also does the financial records.



Arlene S. Barrett

Church Secretary from 1959 until present.



Rev. Gary L. Bryant

Minister of the First Presbyterian Church of
Kings Mountain from nineteen seventy-four to
nineteen eighty-two.

The Bryant Ministry

1974-1983

Gary, as he was affectionately known to everyone, preached his first sermon on September 15, 1974, and was installed November 3. On that date his daughter, Elizabeth Ladd, was baptized by his father, the Reverend A.H. Bryant.

To implement the rotation system in the Session, the Elders drew lots to determine which four would compose the classes of 1974, '75 and '76 respectively.

The Women of the church provided two volunteers each Sunday to aid the Nursery adviser, Mrs. B.W. (Clara) Rhea, who has served continuously from 1973, except March-December, 1979, when Mrs. Lynn Hayes assumed the responsibility.

The addition of the attractive Tommy Grissom Memorial Crib Nursery in 1980 provided a greatly needed facility.

On October 20, 1974, the congregation elected Mrs. G.R. (Jean) Barber the first woman Elder; the following Sunday the congregation elected Mrs. B.F. (Jeanne) Maner as the first woman Deacon. In January, 1981, the Session chose Mrs. Barber the first Woman Clerk of the Session.

In 1975 the church published a pictorial church directory in black and white; in 1979 a second such publication was issued in color.

Each Sessional Committee was enlarged by the addition of representatives from the Women of the Church and Youth, a plan continued until 1979, when each committee consisted of two Elders and two Deacons. In 1980 the Session reduced the number of standing committees to three: Property and Grounds, Stewardship, and Christian Education, these to include half of the active officers. Using the other officers, the Session appointed Task Forces.

The kitchen committee, since 1966, has sponsored and served many types of meals at social gatherings; the Men of the Church have served Thanksgiving breakfast to the congregation and on each Sunday preceding Christmas, the Men's Bible Class has entertained the Ladies' Bible Class with eggnog and coffee, followed by a joint class session.

In 1975 the minister enriched the Easter season with the unforgettable Tenebrae Service on Good Friday.

The youth of the church raised money for summer camp and the following year held a second car wash and later served a breakfast for a charge, to raise funds to furnish a lounge in the Recreation Building.

From 1975-1981 the youth choir presented a musical in the Fellowship Hall as the worship service for the congregation. In 1980-1981 the musicals were followed by "Pig Pickings" prepared by older youth and young men of the church.

Other significant events in this period were: the Pastor moved his office from the manse to the church, established the order of responsibility of the church staff; provided job descriptions for the two secretaries, the choir director, nursery supervisor and outside custodian; increased and allotted vacations and arranged to send the secretaries (soon the work was combined under one) and the choir director



Dr. Phillip G. Padgett

Dr. Padgett will always be remembered as one of the church's most enthusiastic members, a man who always went out of his way to make a visitor feel welcome. He faithfully served the church for over twenty-five years as an Elder and was also very active in the Kings Mountain Presbytery, which he was Moderator of in 1964.

to workshops at Montreat; changed the taking of the collection to follow the sermon as a response to the message; led a study of *Proposed Book of Confessions* each Tuesday evening; held a training session for officers' visitation, after which he appointed each month a visitation committee composed of an Elder and a Deacon; placed in the church office a file for each standing committee, introduced the use of a Friendship Register and offered a course in *Presbyterian Heritage*.

The community Thanksgiving Service was held in the church November 20.

In December the first Decemberfest, with a sharing tree decorated with warm clothes for children at Grandfather Home, was enjoyed in the Recreation Building; the lighting of the candles in the Advent Wreath by various families became a part of the December worship services; a tree decorated with exquisite chrismons made by the Women of the church was placed in the chapel.

The Reverend Bryant attended the workshop of continuing Education each year, was Minister in charge of the Youth of the Presbytery of Concord at the World Missions Conference in Montreat from 1975-1977; chairman of the Helping Hand Fund of the local Ministerial Association for six years. He, with the assistance of J.A. Cheshire, Jr., a member of the A.R.P. Church created the Food Bank in 1975 and brought about the present efficient organization with a paid helper to issue supplies and keep records. He made a Ministerial Association Directory; expanded the cooperation of the Presbyterian, Central United Methodist, St. Matthews and Resurrection Lutheran Churches beyond the Daily Vacation Bible School to include the Kings Mountain League Executive Council which sponsors church sport teams, *Fun Day* held each spring and various trips for the Youth.

The church officers bought a group activities accident policy to cover church athletic teams and other related activities.

On December 22, 1975, a committee composed of F.J. Sincox, chairman, Mrs. P.G. (Charlene) Padgett, Mrs. J.A. (Marlene) Neisler, Jr., G.L. Hatch and B.F. Maner, welcomed a refugee Laotian family, Khamphone Sonvichit, his wife and adopted son Sompheth under the sponsorship of the church. The congregation supplied all their needs, including job placement and, a few months later, a downpayment on a house and lot.

Two relatives joined them; many fellow countrymen came to Kings Mountain under Khamphone's sponsorship and received limited help and guidance from this church. For nine months in 1979-1980, in the Recreation Building, Khamphone taught a Sunday School Class in Laotian, and for several years, under the auspices of Cleveland Technical College, taught English to his fellow countrymen.

In May, 1978, Mr. and Mrs. Sonvichit and Sompheth received the Sacrament of Baptism.

Our new citizens have used this church frequently. The Laotians in the Carolinas celebrated the Laotian New Year in the Fellowship Hall in 1979.

Two couples, Hiehskeo Sinnorai and Bouavanh Hirnpaphak on November 29, 1980, and Commey Pengsanat and Thoughtkam Oulay on November 29, 1982, were married in the sanctuary. Following the christian service both couples held the



Shirley E. Austin

Since 1958, the church has been blessed by the inspired choir direction of Mrs. Shirley Falls Austin. She has now served under three different pastors and has done so much to make the choir a beautiful part of our worship service.

Laotian ceremony in the Fellowship Hall and entertained Laotian and American guests at a wedding feast.

Mrs. George (Jennie) Hatch began publishing the *Scroll*, a monthly church newsletter in 1976. This was later published monthly by other members and is now under the knowledgeable guidance of Mr. Randy Patterson.

The plan of electing a Clerk of the Session for one year, that person being eligible for re-election, was adopted by the Elders.

To celebrate the Country's Bi-Centennial on July 4, 1976, the church held a special service, using old hymns, psalms and scripture as were used two hundred years ago and a regular communion service, followed by a covered dish luncheon. Between service and lunch the congregation lined up across the block of East King Street in front of the church, holding hands and singing patriotic songs in conjunction with other congregations who were placed so as to make a continuous chain of singers until a signal ended the project.

A highlight of 1976 was the purchase of a second hand school bus to be converted into an activities bus. It was in constant use by the church and groups in the community, for which no charge was made, until 1979, when it was sold.

From 1977-1981, the church participated in the Ministerial Intern Program of Union Theological Seminary. Chosen each year by the Pastor and a committee representing the church groups, David H. Smith, Pamela Lee Daniel, David Lee and Stephen A. Hundley (accompanied by his wife Elaine) contributed in innumerable ways to the work and worship of the church.

Beginning in 1976, the Christian Nurture Committee canvassed the congregation on interest in certain courses that lasted several weeks. Among these were Group Guitar lessons, Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation, Art, Auto Mechanics, Home Health Care and Problems in Living. Money Management, which was taught by Cleveland Technical College. Bible study classes for adults and youth were taught by the Pastor.

A revision of the church roll in 1977 showed the adult membership to be 259.

Added to the list of memorials and gifts, often anonymous, over the years were: a new organ, cushions for the pews and for the chairs in the Ladies Bible classroom; brass candelabra, vases and urn; a silver chalice; outside lights for the walkways, a Bible for the pulpit; new church and United States flags for the chapel; a church pall; new hymnals; an IBM typewriter and shrubs for the grounds, and a handmade communion table.

From 1977-1981 the church ranked second in the Presbytery in per capita giving to benevolences, in 1982 the rank was third.

In 1973 a gift from the Nell Cranford Estate was earmarked for the Church Library Fund.

The Elders established an audit committee composed of the church treasurer, two Elders and two Deacons who are serving on the Budget and Stewardship Committee, and, in 1979, adopted a unified budget.

Mr. Shipp Falls celebrated his ninety-first birthday on April 6, 1977, with a party given between Sunday School and Church by the Women of the Church. In his

honor the Men of the Church placed in the Men's Bible classroom a lectern bearing an engraved marker.

The Pastor participated in the Pulpit Exchange Plan of the Ministerial Association.

Members benefitted by hearing reports from Missionaries on furlough; Dr. and Mrs. K.H. McGill, Dr. and Mrs. Robert Goethe, Mrs. Peggy Rambo. Dr. Mattie Hart also presented a program on her work. Special services led by Dr. Ludwig Dewitz and Dr. J.W. Ormand, Professors of Biblical Exposition at Columbia Theological Seminary, prepared the congregation for the Lenten Season.

In observance of the Fortieth Anniversary of the church building, on December 4, 1979, the congregation used a *Bulletin* bearing a colored reproduction of the Seal of PCUS on the front and an interpretation of the seal on the back. An insert was a mimeographed booklet recording treasured memories of the construction period.

The November issue of the *Scroll* carried a statement of the anniversary and an explanation of the medallions in the stained glass window over the altar.

Following a theft from the church of two guitars, stereos, and cash, totaling \$790.00, all equipment was placed in a room with a deadbolt lock on the door and all office doors were locked at night.

The church received in 1979 a bequest of approximately \$80,000.00 from the Estate of Mrs. Mary Allison Williams, a former member who had grown up in the church. In January, 1981, the Session donated to Covenant Village, Inc. \$20,000.00 from this gift as a recognition of the donor's desire for the construction of a home for the elderly.

Using the remainder of the bequest, the Task Force for the '80's, chaired by Elder B.F. Maner, and the Property and Grounds Committee, chaired by Elder Jeanne Maner, enlarged and implemented plans previously made by the Long Range Planning Committee chaired by Elder F.J. Sincox and the Property and Grounds Committee, chaired by Deacon J.A. Cheshire III. The project resulted in renovating the three buildings and in remodeling the church. This change included the rearrangement and utilization of office space as dictated by energy saving equipment.

A new structure of the Youth Fellowship was adopted in 1980: Senior Fellowship (Grades 9-12); Pioneer Fellowship (Grades 7-9), Junior Fellowship (Grade 4-6).



Hall Goforth

For forty-four straight years Mr. Goforth has never missed a Sunday without attending a Sunday School class (an amazing string of over 2,376 Sundays and still going strong).

Because of the energy crisis in 1980, the Session directed all possible activities to be held in the Recreation building, except for Sunday morning and also offered transportation to selected activities and encouraged neighborhood car pooling.

A Landscape Committee, co-chaired by Deacons G.S. Neisler and Jerry F. Ledford, received approval as a sub-committee of the Property and Grounds Committee, with the stipulation that all expenses be paid by donations.

On April 5, 1981, the Reverend Bryant held a special service commemorating the admission of baptized children to participation in the Sacrament of Communion.

The same month the Pastor led the congregation in a Portrait Dedications Service, at which many members of the families of the six full-time Pastors who had served the church, were guests of honor.

On May 3, the Reverend Bryant tendered his resignation, effective June 17, so that he could accept the call to Paw Creek Presbyterian Church in Mecklenburg County, effective July 5.





Rev. Eric M. Faust

Current Minister of the First Presbyterian
Church of Kings Mountain, N.C.

The Faust Ministry

1982 -

On May 17, the Pastor appointed Elder Josephine Weir Moderator pro-tem of the Session; the Elders appointed B.F. Maner and Mrs. Charlene Padgett as the Pulpit Supply Committee and also adopted a plan for choosing a Pastor Nominating Committee.

With Elder J.V. Smith presiding at the service, Dr. Paul Ausley moderated the congregational meeting on June 14 to elect such a group. Chosen were Elder J.T. McGinnis, Jr., Deacon W.R. Grissom; Women of the Church Mrs. Fran Sincos; Youth L.S. Neisler; congregation at large, Mrs. Betty Ballard. Elder McGinnis had been designated by the Session convenor to assemble the committee.

The Presbytery of Concord appointed Reverend Graham Wood, Pastor of Dixon Presbyterian church, to serve as Moderator of the Session. Under the able leadership of Ministerial student Steve Hundley, the church continued its worship and work program during the summer. Members rejoiced in the inspiration and aid supplied by visiting ministers. Vance Polley, ministerial student at Princeton Theological Seminary, began on June 1, 1982, a meaningful three-months ministry.

On July 4, with the Reverend James M. Gregory moderating, the congregation voted unanimously to call the Reverend Eric Milton Faust to serve as Pastor.

The Reverend Faust preached his first sermon on August 15, 1982; on October 17 he was installed as Pastor.

On January 16, 1983, the Session voted to adopt a Goal Setting Project to identify the major direction of the church and to design the needed work committees.

The group set April 8, 1984, as the official date for the Centennial Anniversary Celebration of the church because the actual date April 5, falls on a week day. They appointed the following Centennial Planning Committee: Mrs. G.R. (Jean) Barber chairman, Mrs. F.M. (Hazel) Fryer, H.C. Jones, Mrs. C.A. (Mary) Neisler, D.C. Neisler and Mrs. W.T. (Josephine) Weir.

Upon the resignation of Mrs. Barber on May 15, the Session appointed Mrs. Weir and Mrs. Marilyn Neisler co-chairmen.

To plan appropriate activities for the Centennial, the chairmen appointed heads of committees who immediately implemented projects. Two handsome display cabinets were built for the church; a colored pictorial directory was published; a handsome brass bell cast at Paccard Bell Foundries in Amecy, France, was placed in the bell-tower and dedicated September 25, 1983. The inscription on the beautiful memorial reads:

*In loving memory of
Paul Mauney Neisler, Jr.
1922-1983
Presented to*

*First Presbyterian Church
Kings Mountain, N.C.
100th Anniversary
1884-1984*

The congregation adopted the procedure of electing a nominating committee to direct the choice of Elders and Deacons.

A fifteen passenger van delivered in October instantly supplied a partial solution to the transportation problem for youth and adults taking part in church activities and made possible short trips of groups for pleasure.

At 7:00 p.m. on the Sunday evening in November the First Presbyterian churches of Kings Mountain, Cherryville and Bessemer City joined for a rotating schedule of worship bringing closer fellowship between Long Creek and the three churches that claim her as their origin.

Worship services with prayer, music, devotionals and meaningful beauty continued through the Christmas season of the hundredth year of the local church.



First Presbyterian Church Roll

March 1, 1984

Adams, Dr. Charles H.	Clemmer, Ray Franklin
Adams, Mrs. Charles H.	Clemmer, Thomas Glenn
Adams, Mary Louise	Clemmer, John Carroll
Adams, Charles H., Jr.	Cook, Louis E.
Arnette, Mrs. J.C.	Cook, Mrs. Louis E.
Austin, Darrell L.	Crosby, Christopher S.
Austin, Mrs. Darrell L.	Crosby, Mrs. Vernon P.
Austin, Darrell L., Jr.	Condrey, Sonya
Austin, Amy Elizabeth	Davis, D. Kenneth
Ballard, Charles E.	Davis, Mrs. D. Kenneth
Ballard, Mrs. Charles E.	Davis, Kenneth Franklin
Ballard, D. Michael	Dellinger, William G.
Ballard, Mrs. D. Michael	Dellinger, Mrs. William G.
Ballard, D. Michael, Jr.	Dellinger, David Larry
Ballew, W. Charles	Dixon, Fred L.
Ballew, Mrs. W. Charles	Dixon, Mrs. Fred L.
Barber, Mrs. G. Rhea	Dixon, Fred A.
Barrett, J.D.	Dixon, Mrs. Fred A.
Barrett, Mrs. J.D.	Eskridge, Dr. Jerry L.
Blanton, Mrs. C. Don	Eskridge, Mrs. Jerry L.
Blanton, Charles D.	Eskridge, Elizabeth Lynn
Blanton, Mrs. Charles D.	Falls, Coman F., Jr.
Blanton, Mary Elizabeth	Faust, Eric M.
Brewer, Mrs. W.F.	Faust, Mrs. Eric M.
Brittain, Mrs. Sarah Faye	Faust, Andrew
Broadwater, Howard M.	Faust, Bethan
Broadwater, Mrs. Howard M.	Falls, Cicero
Brutko, Mrs. Malcolm N.	Falls, Mrs. Cicero
Bumgardner, Robert L.	Falls, Mrs. Zoe Inez
Bumgardner, Mrs. Robert L.	Fryer, Mrs. Hazel H.
Butler, Mrs. Randy G.	Fulton, Carl G.
Bingham, James Scott	Fulton, Mrs. Carl G.
Brakefield, Mrs. Marian R.	Gillespie, Mrs. Booth W.
Cansler, Anthony	Goforth, Ben T.
Carson, Mrs. Paul	Goforth, Mrs. Ben T.
Chanthapheang, Manh	Goforth, Mrs. H.A.
Chanthapheang, Mrs. Manh	Goforth, Hall
Chanthapheang, Khammoungkhone	Goforth, Mrs. Hall
Chanthapheang, Chanthanome	Gossett, Todd Wofford
Chanthapheang, Sengsongfa	Gossett, Ashley DeAnn
Chanthapheang, Hongkeo	Grigg, Alfred F., Jr.
Chanthapheang, Hongthong	Grigg, Mrs. Alfred F., Jr.
Chanthapheang, Hongkham	Grissom, William R.
Cheshire, Mrs. Gail	Grissom, Mrs. William R.
Cheshire, Grady Patterson	Grissom, Sondra Lynn
Clemmer, Henry Ray	Guy, Edgar T.
Clemmer, Mrs. Henry Ray	Guy, Mrs. Edgar T.
Clemmer, Laura Frances	Hambright, Myers T.

Hambright, Mrs. Myers T.
Hambright, Myers T., Jr.
Hamrick, Edwin R.
Hamrick, Mrs. Edwin R.
Hamrick, Jennifer Lynn
Hamrick, Fred G.
Hamrick, Mrs. Fred G.
Harper, R. Ragan, Jr.
Harper, Mrs. R. Ragan, Jr.
Harper, Cynthia Caroline
Harper, Katherine Anne
Harrison, W.E.
Harrison, Mrs. W.E.
Hawkins, Ronald J.
Hawkins, Mrs. Ronald J.
Hayes, B. Manley, Jr.
Hilton, A. Beekman
Hilton, Mrs. A. Beekman
Himpaphanh, Houmphanh
Houser, Lloyd R.
Houser, Martha F.
Houston, S. Humes
Houston, Mrs. S. Humes
Hoyle, Mrs. Frank
Hunnicut, Mrs. Harold
Jackson, Howard B.
Jackson, Mrs. Howard B.
Jenkins, Mrs. E.L.
Keller, Mrs. Eva C.
King, Jerry L.
King, Mrs. Jerry L.
Knox, Jacob R.
Lewis, Mrs. Carol J.
Ledford, Jerry F.
Ledford, Mrs. Jerry F.
Lewis, Mrs. O.P.
Logan, Hugh A., III
Logan, Mrs. Hugh A., Jr.
Logan, John David
Lovell, Mrs. Lawrence
Maner, B.F.
Maner, Mrs. B.F.
Maner, Frank Garrett
Maner, Robert Sommers
Maner, Sarah Elizabeth
Martin, Thomas J.
Mauney, Mrs. Edgar D.
Mauney, Paul
Mauney, Mrs. Paul
McDaniel, F. Atwood
McDaniel, Mrs. F. Atwood
Mercer, Col. James

Mercer, Mrs. James
McGinnis, J.T., Jr.
McGinnis, Mrs. J.T., Jr.
McGinnis, Mrs. Tracy
McKelvie, Henry R.
McSwain, Mrs. Eugene
Morris, F.O.
Morris, Mrs. F.O.
Moss, Charles H.
Moss, Mrs. Charles H.
Moss, Mrs. George
Murphrey, Edgar O., Jr.
Murphrey, Mrs. Edgar O., Jr.
Nance, Bill
Nance, Mrs. Bill
Nance, Debra S.
Nance, Paula L.
Nation, Jerry B.
Nation, Mrs. Jerry B.
Nation, Lisa Jo
Neisler, C. Andrew
Neisler, Mrs. C. Andrew
Neisler, Charles A.
Neisler, Mrs. Charles A.
Neisler, Lee S.
Neisler, G. Scott
Neisler, Mrs. G. Scott
Neisler, Mrs. C.E., Jr.
Neisler, Henry P.
Neisler, Mrs. Henry P.
Neisler, W. Hayne
Neisler, David C.
Neisler, H. Parks, Jr.
Neisler, Joseph A., Jr.
Neisler, Mrs. Joseph A., Jr.
Neisler, Melissa Marlene
Neisler, Theresa Angelett
Neisler, Mrs. P.M., Sr.
Nickels, Nancy
Osborne, Mrs. Robert B.
Osborne, Mrs. W.F.
Padgett, Mrs. Philip G.
Page, Harry E.
Page, Mrs. Harry E.
Patrick, H. Lawrence
Patrick, Mrs. H. Lawrence
Patrick, Barbara M.
Patterson, Randy C.
Patterson, Mrs. Randy C.
Plonk, James Harold
Powers, Michael S.
Powers, Mrs. DeAnn

Powers, Lisa
Pursley, Mrs. J.H.
Putnam, Gerald E.
Putnam, Mrs. Gerald E.
Queen, John E.
Queen, Mrs. John E.
Ramseur, Mrs. W.L.
Reynolds, Warren
Rhea, Bobby W.
Rhea, Mrs. Bobby W.
Rhea, Barbara A.
Rhea, David S.
Rhea, Mrs. Grady
Rhea, Joe Dixon
Rhea, Joe Dixon, Jr.
Roberts, Thomas W.
Robinson, Dr. Sam L.
Robinson, Mrs. Sam L.
Robinson, Jeffrey L.
Rollins, Mrs. James
Rollins, Paul C.
Roof, David A.
Roof, Mrs. David A.
Sanders, William L.
Sanders, Mrs. William L.
Sanders, William Mark
Sanders, Donna L.
Scism, Thurman P.
Scism, Mrs. Thurman P.
Shaw, Mrs. Sarah C.
Shaw, Mrs. W.F.
Sincox, Mrs. Frances B.

Sinnorai, Mrs. Viengkeo
Smith, James Vic
Smith, Mrs. James Vic
Smith, Todd
Smith, Maurice
Snow, R. Maynard
Snow, Mrs. R. Maynard
Snow, Jerry
Sonvichit, Khamphone
Sonvichit, Mrs. Khamphone
Sourisak, Mrs. Chansouka
Sourisak, Chanthavong
Southwell, Robert O.
Southwell, Mrs. Robert O.
Southwell, Stephen S.
Stoterau, Harlin E.
Stoterau, Mrs. Harlin E.
Stowe, Mrs. Logan P.
Thomasson, George B.
Thomasson, Mrs. George B.
Travis, Marene B.
VanAntwerp, Robert H.
Webb, R. Halbert
Weir, Sam S.
Weir, Mrs. Sam S.
Weir, Mrs. W.T.
Whetstine, Clyde O.
Williams, Mrs. Hugh O.
Wilson, Mrs. Pete H.
Wilson, Mrs. Seth D.
Winn, Mrs. John Emmett



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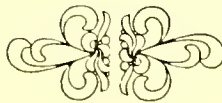
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH
KINGS MOUNTAIN, NORTH CAROLINA



Historical Facts

“Give thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the Lord.”

Colossians 1:12



APRIL the EIGHTH
NINETEEN HUNDRED and EIGHTY-FOUR

These are the twelve ministers who served the First Presbyterian Church, Kings Mountain, North Carolina, part-time from 1884-1914.

Reverend E.P. Davis (1884-1887)

Reverend Erasmus Ervin (1888-1889)

Reverend E.A. Sample (1889-1892)

Student W.L. Walker (1893)

Reverend J.K. Hall (1893-1894)

Reverend R.J. McIlwaine (1895-1898)

Reverend J.R. Millard (1899-1902)

Reverend J.M. Forbis (1903-1908)

Reverend S.S. Oliver (1909-1912)

Reverend R.A. Miller (1913-1914)

Reverend C.L. Bragaw (1914-1915)

Reverend J.E. Berryhill (1916-1918)

The Reverend Edward P. Davis

Born in Rutherfordton, July 12, 1861; Married Mary Agnes Lowry, Calhoun Mills, South Carolina, December 29, 1880; Davidson College 1869-73, BA, DD; teacher 1873-4; Columbia Theological Seminary 1874-7; licensed 1877, Mecklenburg Presbytery; ordained 1877, South Carolina Presbytery; pastor Hopewell and Willington Churches, Calhoun Mills, South Carolina, 1877-83; pastor Shelby, Kings Mountain and Shiloh Presbyterian Churches, 1883-7; pastor First Presbyterian Church, Winston-Salem, North Carolina, 1888-92; pastor First Presbyterian Church, Montgomery, Alabama, 1892-00; pastor Opelika and Auburn, Alabama, 1900-5; pastor Second Presbyterian Church, Greenville, South Carolina, 1905-25; stated clerk, Enoree Presbytery, 1926-(honorably retired, 1933-) 1937; died Greenville, South Carolina, July 1, 1937; DD Southwestern Presbyterian University, Clarksville, Tennessee. Stated clerk, East Alabama Presbytery, 1899-04.

The Reverend Erasmus Ervin

Born in Clarendon County, South Carolina, March 10, 1847; Married (1) Liliias Blair McPhail, August 12, 1875, (2) Mary A. Guthrie, June 13, 1878; the Citadel, The Military College of South Carolina, Charleston; Confederate States Army; Davidson College, B.A., 1872; Columbia Theological Seminary, South Carolina (now Decatur, Georgia) 1872; Union Theological Seminary of Virginia, Richmond (formerly located at Hampden-Sydney), 1872-4; licensed spring, 1874, Harmony Presbytery; ordained evangelist, fall, 1872, Mecklenburg Presbytery; stated supply, Rutherfordton and Little Britain, North Carolina, 1875-6, stated supply, Salem Church, West Lexington Presbytery, 1876 — (stated supply, Union, 1876; stated supply, Union, 1876; stated supply, Walnut Hill, 1879- —) - 1881; stated supply, Washington Kentucky, 1881-3; stated supply, Paint Lick, Kentucky, 1889-8; stated supply, Shelby, Kings Mountain, Grover, and Rutherfordton, North Carolina, 1888-9; pastor, Demopolis and Faunsdale, Alabama, 1889-90; pastor Pisgah, West Lexington Presbytery 1890-6; stated supply, N.C. Ferniak Springs, Florida, and other points, 1896-05; pastor Williamsburg and Union, stated supply, Central, South Carolina, 1905-11; pastor McClellanville, South Carolina, 1912-6, inform 1916-18; died there, May 13, 1918.

The Reverend E.A. Sample

Born in Mecklenburg County, North Carolina; Baltimore Dental College, Maryland, DDS, 1869; Columbia Theological Seminary, South Carolina (now Decatur, Georgia), 1884; licensed March, ordained August, 1885, Mecklenburg Presbytery; pastor Franklin and Morrison Churches, Mecklenburg Presbytery, 1885-9; Pastor Song Creek, Hephzibah, Kings Mountain churches, Mecklenburg, Presbytery-1889-92; pastor Hendersonville and Mills River, North Carolina, group, 1892-6; home missionary, Hendersonville and Franklin, Asheville Presbytery, 1897-03; without charge, Hendersonville, 1904-13; stated supply, Archer, Florida and group, 1914-16; died Hendersonville, North Carolina, September 7, 1917; stated clerk, Asheville Presbytery, 1897-02, 04.

The Reverend William L. Walker

Born in Charlotte, North Carolina, November 25, 1869; Married Mrs. Clara Bigham McDuffie, Pontotoc, Mississippi, July 29, 1914; Davidson College, BA, 1892; Columbia Theological Seminary, 1892-3; Princeton Theological Seminary, New Jersey, 1893-95; licensed May, 1895, Mecklenburg Presbytery; ordained October 31, 1895, Enoree Presbytery; pastor Third Church, Greenville, South Carolina 1895-98; pastor Piedmont, 1898-1900; in Baptist Church, 1901-26; pastor Ouitman, Georgia, 1901-2; pastor Vineville church, Macon 1903-5; pastor First Church, Rome, 1913-17; pastor First Church Danville, Kentucky, 1918-24; pastor First Church, Elyria, Ohio, 1924-6; died Charlotte, North Carolina, July 13, 1926.

The Reverend Joseph K. Hall

Born Belmont, North Carolina, January 1, 1865; married Mary Elizabeth Witherspoon, Lancaster, South Carolina, January 8, 1902; Davidson College, B.A.; 1887, D.D., 1937; principal, Mooresville Academy, North Carolina, 1887-8, Union Theological Seminary of Virginia, Richmond (formerly located at Hampden-Sydney), 1888-91; licensed July 1891, Mecklenburg Presbytery, July, 1891; ordained, February, 1892, East Hanover Presbytery; stated supply and pastor Ashland, Virginia and stated supply, Samuel Davies, 1891-3; pastor, Bethesda Church, Guthriesville, South Carolina 1894-09; principal Westminster School for Boys, Rutherford, North Carolina, 1909-11; pastor Lillington, North Carolina and group, 1911-17; pastor Lumber Bridge and group, 1917-21; stated supply, Goshen Church, Kings Mountain Presbytery, 1922-40; honorably retired, Belmont, 1940-9; died there, January 2, 1949; stated clerk, Fayetteville Presbytery 1913-17.

The Reverend Robert J. McIlwaine

Born, Waxhaw, North Carolina, March 16, 1860; married Della Shields, Carthage, North Carolina, June 28, 1898; high school, Hopewell, North Carolina; student, Union Theological Seminary of Virginia, Richmond (formerly located at Hampden-Sydney), 1892-94; licensed May 10, 1894, ordained June 27, 1895, Mecklenburg Prebytery; pastor Long Creek and Shiloh churches and stated supply, Kings Mountain group, 1898-01; pastor Pea River church and group, East Alabama Presbytery, 1901-7; ill health, occasional home missionary work, residence, Montreat, North Carolina, 1908-10; evangelist, Union County, Mecklenburg Presbytery, 1910-(also evangelist, Anson County, 20)-33; honorably retired, Monroe, 1933-34; died there, December 15, 1944.

The Reverend Joseph R. Millard

Born in Bluff City, Tennessee, January 24, 1856; married Annie Lee Elliott, Chester, South Carolina, 1888; farmer and clerk; student King College; Southwestern Presbyterian University, Clarksville, Tennessee, Divinity School, 1886; Union Theological Seminary of Virginia, Richmond (formerly located at Hampden-Sydney) 1886-7; Columbia Training School, 1887-8; licensed May 5,

1888, Holston Presbytery; ordained October 1888, Charleston Presbytery; pastor Richland and Fort Moultrie, South Carolina, 1888-9; pastor Tirgah, stated supply Waxhaw and Beulah churches, Bethel Presbytery, 1889-91; pastor Fishing Creek and Richburg, South Carolina 1891-6; stated supply, Fishing Creek-Oakland group, 1896-8; pastor Kings Mountain and Long Creek churches, Kings Mountain Presbytery, 1899-(stated supply, Bessemer City, North Carolina 1900-)02; pastor Salem, Lebanon, and Union churches, Bethel Presbytery, 1903-11; pastor Chesterfield, Ruby and White Oak Churches, Pee Dee Presbytery, 1911-25; residence, Ruby, South Carolina 1925-(honorably retired, 1927-36; died February 20, 1936.

The Reverend James M. Forbis

Born in Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, November 22, 1868, married Minnie Eddins Jones, Shelby, North Carolina, January 16, 1900; Rutherfordton College, BA; Union Theological Seminary of Virginia, Richmond (formerly located at Hampden-Sydney) 1894-7; licensed April 14, ordained December 10, 1897; St. Johns Presbytery; pastor Plant City, Florida, 1897-03; pastor Kings Mountain, North Carolina and group, 1903-9; pastor Parkton, Rockfish and Hope Mills, Fayetteville Presbytery, 1909; pastor Rockingham, North Carolina, 1909-12; pastor Bethune and Pinetree churches, (South Carolina), 1912-26; stated supply, Andrews, South Carolina, 1926-9; p. Great Falls, South Carolina and group, 1929-41; died March 12, 1941.

The Reverend Samuel S. Oliver

Born in Madison, North Carolina, August 26, 1866; married Mamie Ellen Pepper, Danbury, North Carolina, May 11, 1898; Davidson College, 2 years; Union Theological Seminary of Virginia, Richmond (formerly located in Hampden-Sydney); licensed May 25, ordained May 26, 1898; Orange Presbytery; evangelist, Stokes County, North Carolina, 1898-9; pastor Broadway, Virginia 1900-2; pastor Petersburg, West Virginia 1902-5; p. Franklin Ruddle and Upper Tract, 1905-9; stated supply Pittsboro, Haywood and St. Andrews, North Carolina, 1908-9; pastor Kings Mountain, Long Creek and Bessemer City, 1909-12; pastor Academy, Forest, Virginia, 1912-6; pastor High Bridge, Buchanan, Mt. Carmel, 1916-8; stated supply Lincastle 1918-(Mtn. Union Galatia, Glenn Wilton, 1918-22)-23; Roanoke, 1925; stated supply, Mebrose, 1926; stated clerk, Roan Presbytery, 1929-(stated supply, Vinton, 1929-35)-36; died December 8, 1936, stated clerk Montgomery Presbytery, 1927-36.

The Reverend Robert A. Miller

Born in York County, South Carolina, March 18, 1848; married (1) Ella Brown, Whitehill, North Carolina. (2) Isla Parks, Mecklenburg County, North Carolina; Davidson College, 1871, BA; Columbia Theological Seminary, South Carolina (now Decatur, Georgia), 1874; licensed 1874 Bethel Presbytery; ordained, 1875, Wilmington Presbytery; pastor Mt. Williams and Richland churches, Wilmington

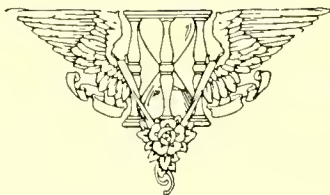
Presbytery, 1874-7; pastor Monroe and Wadesboro churches, Mecklenburg Presbytery, 1877-83; pastor Hopewell church, Mecklenburg Presbytery 1883-90; pastor, Lowell, North Carolina and group 1890-14; (including Kings Mountain, 1913-4); evangelist Rock Hill, South Carolina, 1915-16; died there June 1, 1916.

The Reverend Charles L. Bragaw

Born, Lafayette, Alabama, November 25, 1875; Alabama Polytechnic Institute, Auburn, Alabama (now Auburn University); Columbia Theological Seminary, 1904-5; Louisville (Kentucky) Presbyterian Theological Seminary; licensed April, 1906, Kanawha Presbytery; assistant pastor, First (USA) church, Washington, District of Columbia, 1906-7; ordained, October, 1907, Maryland (USA) Presbytery; pastor Palmyra, Nebraska, 1908-9; in Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, 1909-16; stated supply, Lillington, North Carolina and group, 1909; pastor Barbecue group, Fayetteville Presbytery, 1909-4; pastor, Kings Mountain, North Carolina and group, 1914; infirm; died Cliff, New Mexico, March 8, 1916.

The Reverend Joseph E. Berryhill

Born in Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, April 22, 1860; Married Mary Alice Malloy, Parkton, North Carolina, December 30, 1915; Southwestern Presbyterian University, Clarksville, Tennessee (now Southwestern College of Mississippi Valley (Presbyterian), Memphis, Tennessee) 1896-9, BA; also Divinity School, 1899-01, BD; licensed January 19, ordained September 1902, Western District Presbytery; pastor, Gibson County, Tennessee and group, 1902-5; stated supply, Clarksdale and Tunica, Mississippi, 1905; stated supply, Hendersonville and Madison, Tennessee and group, 1906; stated supply, Searcy, Arkansas, 1906-7; pastor Paw Creek and Cook's Memorial Presbyterian churches, Mecklenburg Presbytery, 1907-13; stated supply, Parkton, North Carolina and group, 1913-5; pastor Kings Mountain, North Carolina and group 1916-9; pastor Clover, South Carolina, 1919-22; stated supply, Union Presbyterian Church, Lowell, North Carolina, 1922-30; pastor, Dallas, 1930-33; stated supply, Newell Presbyterian Church, 1933-5; without charge, Charlotte, North Carolina, 1936; died there December 10, 1937.



*Full Time Pastors Of The
First Presbyterian Church
Kings Mountain
North Carolina*

1. The Reverend Fred J. Hay, D.D.
1919-1922
2. The Reverend Issac S. McElroy, D.D.
1923-1931
3. The Reverend Richard C. Wilson, Jr.
1931-1934
4. The Reverend Paul D. Patrick, D.D.
May 1935 - September, 1958
5. The Reverend Paul K. Ausley, Th. D., D.D.
November, 1958 - June, 1974
6. The Reverend Gary L. Bryant
September, 1974 - June, 1981
7. The Reverend Eric M. Faust
August 15, 1982 -



Reverend Fred J. Hay

*Minister of the First Presbyterian Church
of Kings Mountain, North Carolina from 1919
to 1922.*

Born in Liberty Hill, South Carolina, September 4, 1892; married Mildred Johnston, October 16, 1919; Davidson College, 1910-14, B.A.; Columbia Theological Seminary, 1916-19, B.D.; Princeton Theological Seminary, 1922-23, ThM.; King College, 1973, D.D.; licensed May, 1919, Bethel Presbytery, South Carolina; ordained August, 1919, by Kings Mountain Presbytery, North Carolina; pastor First Presbyterian Church, Kings Mountain, 1919-22; pastor Dillon Presbyterian Church, Dillon, South Carolina, 1923-1972; died August 6, 1973.



Reverend Issac Stuart McElroy

*Minister of the First Presbyterian Church
of Kings Mountain, North Carolina from 1923
to 1931.*

Born in Lebanon, Kentucky, April 30, 1853; married Annie Lee, November 16, 1879; Danville Military Academy 1875, B.A.; teacher and law student, 1876; Union Theological Seminary, Virginia, 1877-78; Central University, Danville, Kentucky, D.D., 1894; licensed April, 1876 by Transylvania Presbytery; ordained September, 1878 by Missouri Presbytery; stated supply pastor Keytesville and Perryville, Brunswick, Missouri, 1878-1880; pastor Stanford and Perryville, Kentucky, 1880-84; pastor Mt. Sterling, Kentucky, 1884-90; financial agent Synod of Kentucky for Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Kentucky, 1890-93; pastor Maxwell Street Church, Lexington, Kentucky, 1894-1902; Secretary Executive Committee, Ministerial Relief 1902-04; pastor First Church, Columbus, Georgia 1905-23; pastor First Church Kings Mountain, North Carolina, 1923-31; died January 10, 1931. Author "Some Pioneer Preachers of the Piedmont," "History of Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary" and various pamphlets.



Reverend Richard C. Wilson

*Minister of the First Presbyterian Church
of Kings Mountain, North Carolina from
1932-1934.*

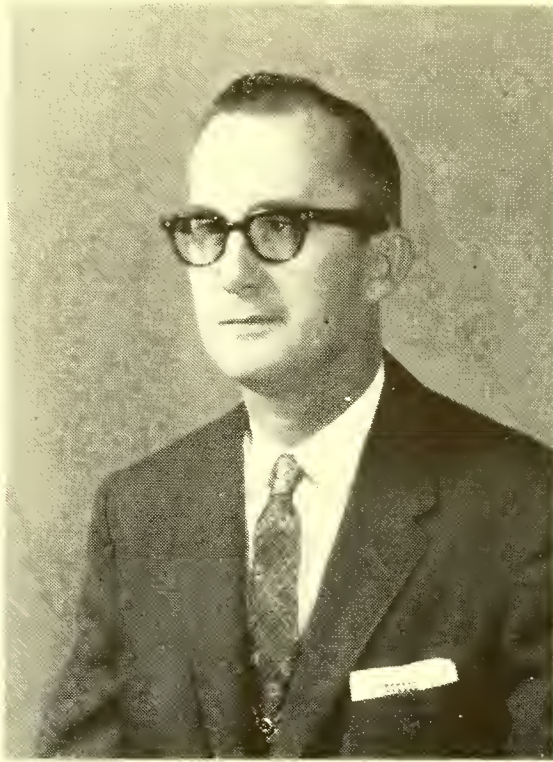
Born Macon, Georgia, September 22, 1886; married Bertha Hanscomb, 1915 (died February 19, 1928) (2) Sophy Hughes, April 1929, insurance agent; student Mercer University; Davidson College, 1906-10, B.S.; Union Theological Seminary, Virginia, 1910-13, B.D.; licensed May 1913, by Macon Presbytery; ordained May 1914 by Mississippi Presbytery, pastor Booneville Presbyterian Church 1914-18; pastor Sparta Presbyterian Church, Georgia 1918-20; pastor Olivet Church McConellsville, South Carolina 1920-25; pastor Presbyterian Church, Cartersville, Georgia 1925-31; pastor First Presbyterian Church, Kings Mountain, North Carolina 1932-34; died October 1, 1934.



Reverend Paul D. Patrick

*Minister of the First Presbyterian Church
of Kings Mountain, North Carolina from 1935
to 1958.*

Born Sharon, South Carolina December 7, 1892; married Blanche Jeager, 1919; Davidson College 1912-15; Columbia Theological Seminary, 1915-18, B.D.; Moderator of Synod of North Carolina, 1949; Davidson College Trustee 1931-64, first recipient of Distinguished Alumnus Award, 1962, and D.D., 1964; licensed April 1918 by Enroe Presbytery, South Carolina; ordained by Cherokee Presbytery, South Carolina, October 1918; pastor Alpine Church and group, Cherokee Presbytery, 1918-21; pastor Effingham and Hopewell Presbyterian Churches, South Carolina, 1926-28; Superintendent Home Missions Pee Dee and Harmony Presbyteries, South Carolina, 1937 - (Charleston Presbytery, 1930 -) 1935; pastor First Presbyterian Church, Kings Mountain, North Carolina, 1935-58; Vice-President in charge of Development, Columbia Theological Seminary, Georgia, 1958-65; stated supply pastor with several churches in Louisiana, North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia January 1, 1965-66; died April 21, 1966.



Reverend Paul K. Ausley

*Minister of the First Presbyterian Church
of Kings Mountain, North Carolina from 1958
to 1974.*

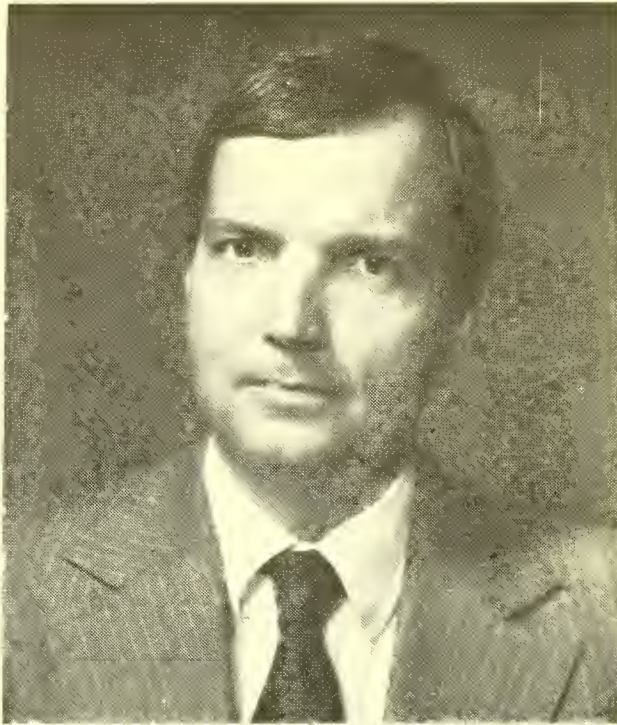
Born in Greensboro, North Carolina July 15, 1915; married Helen Bowen April 24, 1946; Florida State College 1938-42; B.S.; student Hartford Theological Seminary 1942-43; Duke University Divinity School, North Carolina, 1943-45; B.D.; post-graduate work Duke University 1944-45; Columbia University, New York 1947; American University, Washington, D.C. 1948; Th.D.; Moderator Kings Mountain Presbytery, 1965; licensed April 18, 1944 by Granville Presbytery and ordained March 26, 1945; stated supply pastor, Roxboro, North Carolina, 1944-45; pastor Cann Memorial Church, Elizabeth City, North Carolina 1945-58; pastor First Presbyterian Church, Kings Mountain 1958-74.



Reverend Gary L. Bryant

*Minister of the First Presbyterian Church
of Kings Mountain, North Carolina from 1974
to 1982.*

Born Clifty, West Virginia, September 7, 1945; married
Gail Ladd 1967; King College Bristol, Tennessee 1963-67;
A.B.; Teacher Swords Creek, Virginia 1967-68; Columbia
Theological Seminary, Decatur, Georgia 1968-71,
M.Div.; Associate pastor, First Lumberton, North
Carolina, 1970-74; Pastor First Presbyterian Church,
Kings Mountain, North Carolina 1974-1981.



Reverend Eric M. Faust

Minister of the First Presbyterian Church of Kings Mountain, North Carolina from 1982 until present.

Born College Park, Maryland, August 26, 1940; Married Linda Margaret Miller August 22, 1964; North Carolina State University 1959-63, 13.5.; Union Theological Seminary, Richmond Virginia 1963-66, B.D.; McCormick Theological Seminary, Chicago, Illinois 1979-present (D. Min. work). Moderator Presbytery of Newfoundland 1967-68; ordained July, 1966; installed St. Aidan's Presbyterian Church, St. John's, Newfoundland August, 1966 and served 1966-November, 1968; pastor Warfordsburg Presbyterian Church, Pennsylvania and Mt. Olivet Presbyterian Church in Hancock, Maryland November, 1968-June, 1972; pastor Covenant Presbyterian Church, Concord, North Carolina June, 1972-July, 1974; pastor Walhalla Presbyterian Church, Walhalla, South Carolina August, 1974-July 1982; pastor First Presbyterian Church, Kings Mountain, North Carolina August, 1982 - present.

The following is a collection
of Folklore the Church has
gathered over its One-Hundred
Year History.



Communion Bread

Whence comes the bread the congregation uses in the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper?

The following letter filed in an old minute book of the Session answers the question for the First Presbyterian Church of Kings Mountain.

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Kings Mountain, North Carolina
April 4, 1964

My mother, Mrs. C.E. Neisler, Sr., made the unleavened bread that was used by the First Presbyterian Church in Kings Mountain, North Carolina, for communion as far back as I can remember, which would be before 1900. I remember this very vividly because all the Neisler children were in a hurry to get home after the communion service so they could eat the left over communion bread.

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Mrs. C.E. Neisler, Sr.,'s Recipe for Unleavened Bread for Communion

*2 cups flour
1½ sticks creamery butter
2 tablespoons sugar
1 tablespoon salt*

Mix with 3 tablespoons ice water. Make into two balls of dough. Sometimes it is difficult to mix properly. If it gets too thin, put in refrigerator to cool until mixture can be handled properly.

Roll out balls as pie dough (1/6" to 1/8" thick). Put into two baking pans and serrate dough into strips about 1/2" wide. Bake slowly in moderate oven.

Strips are usually broken into 1/2" squares. A few pieces are left in strips so they can be used by the Minister during the service.

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This recipe probably came from Aunt Sue (Mrs. H.L. Ramseur), who came to Kings Mountain from the Long Creek Community.

My sister Margaret (Mrs. H.R. Hunnicutt), who now makes the bread for our Church, gave me this recipe.

Sincerely yours,
C.E. Neisler

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This service to the congregation was assumed about 1967 by Mrs. Neisler's granddaughter-in-law Marilyn (Mrs. Henry P. Neisler), who uses the same recipe.

Communion Wine

Probably few of us realize that over the years two members of the church have obtained licenses to make the wine used in Communion Services and have stored it until it was used.

About 1937 Mr. B.M. Ormand harvested his own grapes for the beverage and continued to produce the vintage until about 1968 when the task became too arduous for him.

Mr. H.E. Page obtained a license and accepted the equipment given him by his predecessor, but found it necessary to purchase grapes from other sources.

The equipment was an old grape crusher, dated in the late 1890's, consisting of a hopper with two metal rollers to crush the fruit when the maker turned by hand the long wooden handle, a screw lard press to use after the grapes had fermented three or four days. At this stage, the producer added sugar, a delicate process, because the amount of sugar determines the sweetness of the wine.

To hold the juice Mr. Ormand used a ten gallon wooden keg with a corn cob stopper into which he installed a tube to allow the gasses to escape. He placed the other end of the tube in a vessel of water to prevent air getting back to the wine. When fermentation was completed, the wine maker sealed the keg with a cork stopper covered with parafin wax.

Mr. Page uses a five gallon glass jar instead of the wooden keg and siphons off the wine once it is ready for use. He prefers the glass container because it does not absorb the liquid as did the wooden keg.

The church used approximately two gallons of wine a year.

The Pastoral Stole

The colors of the Pastor's stole and the collars on the choir robes have a definite significance and are worn on certain dates.

Green, used regularly, except for the designated seasons listed below, signifies the Eternity of God.

White signifies the purity of God's Righteousness and the glory of God. It is used on Easter and the forty-nine days afterwards, on Trinity Sunday and on Christmas through Epiphany.

Purple or Lavender, during Lent, the seven weeks before Easter, purple signifies the Passion color, the suffering of Jesus.

During Advent, the four Sundays before Christmas, it signifies the Royal color, Jesus the King, the Lord is come.

Red, on Pentecost red represents the power of the Holy Spirit, the coming of the Spirit.

On Good Friday it represents the week of Jesus's sufferings and crucifixion.

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If the stole bears decorations, the dominant solid color is the one considered.

Each choir robe has two reversible collars. The wearer displays the appropriate color as the occasion requires.

Significant Firsts

- 1887 - Sunday School was organized with 20 members
- 1893 - "Ladies Society" organized
- 1923 - Boy Scout Troop No. 1 organized
- 1937 - B.F. Ormand, Jr. candidate for ministry
- 1937 - Snowguards on roof first in this section of N.C.
- 1937 - Church seals in front door first made in stained glass
- 1944 - Outpost: Dixon Presbyterian Church
- 1948 - Girl Scout Troops organized
- 1948 - Rotation system for Deacons
- 1950 - New manse and recreation building
- 1952 - Partial support of a missionary
- 1952 - Catawba Nursery landscaped property
- 1954 - James Moss candidate for missionary
- 1959 - Air-conditioning in entire church
- 1972 - Member of Presbytery of Concord
- 1973 - Edith Hambright candidate for ministry
- 1974 - Rotation system for Elders
- 1974 - Woman Elder: Mrs. Jean Barber
- 1974 - Woman Deacon: Mrs. Jeanne Maner
- 1974 - Church sports
- 1975 - Sponsored Laotian family
- 1976 - Purchased bus
- 1977 - Ministerial Intern student
- 1980 - Renovated the 3 buildings
- 1981 - Woman Clerk of the Session: Mrs. Jean Barber
- 1981 - Admission of baptized children to communion

James L. Moss Reports Seven Years On The Mission Field

"Dot and I were married in the Unity Presbyterian Church of Denver, N.C. by her father, the Rev. R.T. Baker, on June 1, 1956. In less than three months we sailed for Brazil. Most of those three months were spent in Montreat at the "Out-going Missionaries Institute" — and then the World Missions Conference which closed with the Commissioning Service.

"In September of 1956 we arrived in Campinas, Sao Paulo — where for a year we were in language school. It was in Campinas on July 31, 1957 that our first child, Mark, was born.

"After language school we moved up-country to Ceres, Goias. It was here that we lived most of the time we were in Brazil. I was pastor of the Uruana Evangelistic Field. We lived in Ceres because there was a doctor there, and communications and transportation (after a fashion). We were seven hundred miles from the nearest paved road and measured distance not only miles but by the number of hours it usually took you to get there. During the rainy season, travel was hopeless.

"We were in Brazil when in 1959 the Brazilian Presbyterian Church celebrated its centennial. We were there when the Federal Capital was moved from Rio do Janeiro to Brasilia and that new capital was inaugurated. We were there when President Eisenhower visited Brazil, the first American president to visit Brazil since Woodrow Wilson.

"These were exciting times, but the most memorable for me were those times when in distant and out of the way places I had the opportunity to preach the gospel to men and women who had never heard it before, or had heard it only a couple of times. I remember baptizing over twenty converts, all adults, at one preaching service that was held in the corral of a big ranch. The horse trough used to water the animals served as a baptismal font.

"We came home in January of 1963. Since then I have served pastorates in North and South Carolina. In January of 1975 I became the first pastor of a congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America — a group of one hundred and twelve people meeting and worshipping in an old hotel building in Abbeville, S.C. Today (June 28, 1980) our congregation numbers over one hundred and seventy — one of our young ladies is missionary in Mexico — and we have been in our new building since the last week of April, 1978."

Historical Facts

The First Presbyterian Church of Kings Mountain was organized Saturday, April 3, 1884, with eighteen members.

For the first three years the group held occasional services in the A.R.P. and Methodist churches.

On April 3, 1887, the congregation moved into a frame structure located on the southeast corner of King Street and Railroad Avenue.

On July 3, 1906, the group moved into a new, larger brick building erected on the northwest corner of Piedmont Avenue and Mountain Street.

The church dedicated on December 5, 1937, the present beautiful building located on the corner of King and Gaston Streets.

The approximately 1 ¼ acre lot on which the three church buildings stand was owned by seven different people before Mrs. C.E. Neisler bought it and presented it to the congregation in 1936: 1881-1903 W.A. and J.S. Mauney; 1903-1913 L.H. Long, Sr.; 1913-1917 L.H. Long, Jr.; 1917-1919 J.R. Davis; 1919-1927 Mr. and Mrs. H.C. Dwelle; 1927-1932 E.A. Smith; 1932-1936 J.A. Neisler.

The section of the lot on which the sanctuary now stands was, during the early 1900's, a cornfield enclosed in a wire fence. The producer of the crop, Mr. George Logan, generously urged the neighbors to share his corn. Mrs. Sue Moss remembers being sent by her mother across the unpaved street to gather fresh roasting ears for a meal.

Mr. and Mrs. Dwelle remodeled the small house standing thereon and beautified the entire area. He developed the lawn, set the pine oaks, some of which still stand, and planted many shrubs which have been removed. Mrs. Dwelle often said they were beautifying the property in the hope that it might some day become the location of the Presbyterian Church.

The deed to the lot states that the real estate is "for the use and benefit of the said congregation, and for the support and teaching and propagation therein of the doctrines and polity contained in the Confession of Faith and Government of the Presbyterian Church in the United States". Furthermore, the deed "is subject to the right of Arthur Hay, his heirs, and assigns to the use of a driveway ten feet in width running from Gaston Street; adjoining his lot on the south side 162 feet to the rear of west end of his lot".

The provision for a driveway had been contained in every deed to the lot, beginning with L.H. Long, Sr.

Reminiscence, 1937

We built a church, a joyous experience for the congregation.

Members contributed their talents, time, expertise, and money so generously that borrowing funds was never necessary. When the work was completed the building was paid for, and was dedicated at the first service.

Mr. R. Grier Plong used his mules and drag pan from his farm to dig the foundation.

In laying the foundation, the Building Committee doubled the requirement of brick and cement to give greater strength (increased from 3½ inches to 7 inches).

The lovely rosehued, sanded bricks were made in Tennessee and shipped by rail.

Mr. J.B. Thomasson and Mr. C.E. Neisler, Jr. personally supervised the construction of the building. The latter laid the stones in the arch over the steps leading to the altar, a labor of love carried on in an exceedingly hot area.

Believing a bricklayer's statement, that a penny placed behind the first brick laid in a church gives good luck, young Paul and Lawrence Patrick each placed a penny behind the first brick. The brick is at the rear of the building under the rest room area.

An accident with a happy ending occurred when Mr. Wright Falls, a bricklayer, fell from the tower he was building to the floor, landing on top of his assistant and knocking him flat. Mr. Falls got up exclaiming, "If this hadn't been a church, I'd a'been killed". The assistant missed work for two days.

Mr. Beverly Patterson brought from the gold mine a 1" x 2½" rock, containing gold particles, to be placed in the mantle in the Ladies' Bible Classroom. It is the very dark one on the left side about five inches from the fireplace opening.

The snowguards placed on the roof were the first ones used in this section of North Carolina.

Completion of the structure was delayed briefly by the late delivery of the stained glass window. The glass cutter, the aged last member of Smith Brothers in Philadelphia, had entered it in a stained glass show in Paris, where it was awarded first place. Re-shipment of the masterpiece across the Atlantic required more time than the artist had anticipated.

This beautiful stained glass chancel window in three sections was designed for this church by a young artist from Hungary. He and Mrs. C.E. Neisler planned the story depicted in the window. The same designer planned the lovely memorial side windows.

The glass in the chancel window varies in thickness from ¼" to 1-3/8" to give the brilliance desired in the various colors. The thickest pieces are those used in the sheep.

The side windows and complement the altar decoration in colors and general design.

The brightest colors are different as the sun moves. In the morning, the glorious reds and greens predominate; in the afternoon, the blues and yellows are outstanding.

Mrs. P.D. Patrick, the wife of the pastor at the time of the construction, recently shared with us the events leading to the replicas of the "Seal of the Presbyterian Church in the United States" placed in the front doors of the building.

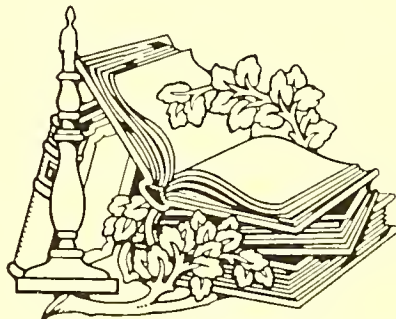
"While the architects were in Kings Mountain, they saw the church seal in Mr. Patrick's study, inquired about it, and asked to borrow it. When the stained glass windows (for the sanctuary) were delivered, there was included a gift to the church from the designers; the little seals in the front doors. So far as we could determine, they are the first made of stained glass."

When the cornerstone was finally laid, and the building dedicated, on December 5, 1937, the contents of the old church cornerstone were moved to the new location.

Only four pastors have served the church since the construction of this building - Dr. P.D. Patrick, Dr. Paul K. Ausley, Gary L. Bryant, and Eric M. Faust, who is presently serving. But many, many laymen and women have served faithfully and well in the continued work of this church. If we were to list all the contributions of time, talents, and resources that have been given over the years, the list would extend far beyond the walls of this building.

We are grateful for all those who have contributed to the church that has been built there. As we praise those who built this building we are aware that the church is much more than brick and mortar, and no matter how well it was put together in the beginning, it would not be what it is today without the widow's mites and the wealthy's alms that have poured in over the years. The spirit of loving dedication that caused this building to be built has not dimmed as we have sought to turn a building into a church. May that same spirit continue to lead us into other times than this one.

By God's grace we have been provided a place. May He, through us, make it His Church.



Thanks

Frank Welch, author of the letter of appreciation of Khamphone and this church, was employed by International Voluntary Services in Laos. The two men were neighbors in Luang Prabang and knew each other well. They constantly exchanged information that enabled them to avoid places where one might easily get killed, and each was able to aid the other in getting out of Thailand safely.

Frank is the son of Mrs. Nina Putnam (Welch) Nebel, a Kings Mountain native now living in Charlotte.

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Aolo, Indonesia
29 December, 1975

Dear Rev. Bryant,

This must be the tenth time I've tried to start this letter. The problem, I think, is that English doesn't have quite the right words to describe how I feel towards you and your congregation. In the Eastern languages I've learned, there was a word exactly opposite in meaning to "sin"; and there were words to describe hearts that were living testimony to that "opposite-to-sin" idea.

Anyhow, that concept is about the best idea I can find to thank you.

If there were more people like you folks around, there wouldn't be wars like that in Laos; and such totally **good** people as Khamphone wouldn't be bereft of all the places and things they've loved.

I'm sure he won't talk about it, but he alone saved thousands of lives by risking his own life. He was on the ground with the ordinary people when the push-button bombers brought their packages of "Gifts from the American people". And his thanks for it is exile.

In his new life, the one single thing Khamphone can't do without is love, and lots of it. And that is the one thing I can't send him. (Try conducting a romance, if you don't believe me - I, for one, lost the girl I loved by being too far away!) While I understand the material sacrifices you and your people are making, the one thing I want to thank you for the most is the love which you are right there to give!

Honestly, I didn't think such outpourings of all that is good in people ever really happened, except maybe in the **Reader's Digest**. Your response makes me a little ashamed of my chronic "people-is-no-damned-good" attitude. But, then, if you have been there with Khamphone and me, you too might have a harder time believing that people can do anything humane, even with Divine help.

I'm amused that the first thing Sompheth wanted was a "Pepsi". He was addicted to them in Laos, too. Khamphone used to send him down to the corner store with money to buy himself a Pepsi so as to see if he could count out his change. Poor kid. Pepsis are about the only thing he'll find common to Laos and America".

Again, I wish there were better words in English than just "Thank you" for the wonderful thing you're doing. But, on the other hand, you will get a better kind of thanks just by being with Khamphone. With just material help, he'd be a good man. With your love as well, I think he'll be exemplary!

Love, Peace,
Frank Welch

A Presbyterian Ghost?

Although our church enjoys a rich and full history, many may be surprised to learn that The First Presbyterian Church of Kings Mountain has its own ghost story. The legend goes as follows:

Major Jones, originally from somewhere above Cherryville, N.C., was one of the early settlers of Kings Mountain. He was a large man and later became one of the first policemen in our town. He was married and had two sons, Vestal and Henry. Vestal left Kings Mountain soon after he finished school. Henry lived here all his life and was a conductor of the Southern Railroad. The family attended The First Presbyterian Church.

H.T. (Tom) Fulton, Sr., was the local undertaker. Miles Boyd, a teenage boy at the time, worked for Mr. Fulton, drove the hearse and looked after the horses for him. He often helped Mr. Fulton drive the hearse to the church and cemetery on the day of a funeral.

It was well known around Kings Mountain that Major Jones had said that when he died he wanted to be buried at his old church where was somewhere near Cherryville. When the Major finally passed away, however, his wife decided it would be too much trouble and expense to carry the body to his old home church and thus decided to bury the old Major in Kings Mountain. The funeral was to be held in the First Presbyterian Church, where was then on the northwest corner of Mountain Street and Piedmont Avenue.

When they put the body in the hearse and started from Major Jones' home to the church for the funeral service, the left rear wheel locked and would not turn at all. The hearse had to slide all the way to the church, a distance of several blocks. This was completely unexpected, for the wheel had given no trouble at all before the hearse left Major Jones' house. When the hearse arrived at the church, the body was taken out and put inside the church to lie in state for awhile before the funeral service. Immediately after the body was taken off the wagon, Mr. Fulton and Miles Boyd drove it down the street to a nearby blacksmith shop which was located where the law offices of Cloninger and Neisler stand now. Upon arriving at the blacksmith shop Mr. Fulton and the blacksmith jacked up the axle, took off the wheel and found to their amazement absolutely nothing wrong. The axle was greased thoroughly and the wheel put back on the hearse so it could be driven back to the church. After the funeral service the body was placed back in the hearse and was driven to the Kings Mountain cemetery about three or four blocks away. When the hearse started off with the body back inside, the wheel immediately locked again and did not turn all the way to the cemetery.

After Major Jones was buried, Miles Boyd and Mr. Fulton took the wagon back to the Fulton home and again took the wheel off. Just as before, absolutely nothing could be found wrong. The hearse used a number of years after this and there was never any more trouble with the wheel.

The legend is that the ghost of the old Major had held the wheel of the hearse because he did not want to be buried in Kings Mountain. Mr. Tom Fulton, Sr. liked to tell this story when he went on overnight hunting trips, a habit which no doubt caused some anxious moments for his hunting companions.



Cicero Falls

Prisoner of War from
February 14, 1943 to May, 1945.

Corporal Cicero Falls Taken Prisoner of War

Many of our church members served their country in war and endured untold hardships.

The experience of Corporal Cicero Falls is an example of the price paid for our freedom.

Corporal Cicero Falls, 1st Field Artillery Observation Battalion, was one of the 4,000 men taken prisoner by the Germans in Tunisia, North Africa, on Sunday, February 14, 1943, at 3:00 p.m. They were not surprised, for, knowing the enemy was circling them, they had called in vain for an air strike. The Germans, who had planes, came in and strafed the U.S. forces until they surrendered.

The captors marched the prisoners in 100-120 degree temperatures, without food or water, across the desert toward the Mediterranean Sea until midnight. From there by air to Naples, Italy, where they were marched through the streets as prisoners.

After a few days, the Germans loaded the soldiers on horse and cattle cars, each made to hold about fifteen animals, to move them through the Brenner Pass to Austria for a short stay, then marched them across Europe in small groups. During these months the prisoners lived almost entirely on Irish potatoes and rutabaga turnips, not tasting bread until they reached Germany in 1944. They marched almost continually to a destination about twenty miles from Berlin.

While the prisoners stayed in a fenced-in compound guarded by old German men, Clarence King obtained through the black market, materials to make a crystal radio set and was successful in tuning into the Allied Headquarters.

On Saturday night the listeners heard General Eisenhower broadcasting a message to the prisoners to remain calm, to stay where they were, to expect to be liberated about 6:00 a.m. Sunday. The men were jubilant; the German guards disappeared; the Russians roared in at the appointed time, smashing the fence. This freed the prisoners, but the liberators directed them to stay in a group.

Cicero and his buddy, Fred Miller from Oregon, decided to slip out and went to Nuremberg, walking, riding a bicycle on a fairly well paved road for a time. For a short time they drove a car the Russians had stolen. The two were in the midst of several skirmishes but could not take part because they had no weapons. They stopped briefly to rest and saw coming down the road a car with **U.S.** emblazoned on the front. On flagging it down they saw a man and a woman, both from the Associated Press, on their way to Berlin to witness its fall. The reporters shared cigarettes and some chocolates, wrote down the soldiers' names and addresses and wired them to the U.S.

The message in a newspaper was picked up in Charlotte by a cousin who called Kings Mountain to notify the Falls family of Cicero's whereabouts.

The Americans also told Cicero and Fred about a conference to be held by American and Russian officers on the Russian side of the Elbe River and advised them to contact some of the personnel with the officers. Once at the place of

meeting the friends separated temporarily. The conference ended.

Cicero was permitted to lie in the foot of a jeep that was carrying a general, a major, a captain and the sergeant driver. The passengers put their feet on him for secrecy while they crossed a long bridge across the Elbe River to Nuremberg. The general sent both Cicero and Fred in an airplane to La Heure, France, from whence they made their way to a camp for returning prisoners of war. There the refugees found tents set up to serve them, each with a special food: steak, ice cream, anything the hungry men could want. Officers urged them to eat to rebuild their strength and to add weight to their emaciated bodies. Cicero had lost forty pounds.

At the end of two or three weeks, the men from the prison camp near Berlin came in U.S. trucks. At the end of thirty days those in charge outfitted all the men in new army clothes, put them aboard a "liberty" ship to return to Statton Island, New York, and then to Ft. Bragg, North Carolina.

Having enjoyed a thirty day leave, Cicero reported to Miami Beach, where he was when Japan surrendered. He returned to Ft. Bragg and was discharged August 19, 1945.



Elders

The following Elders were elected between 1940 and 1965:

B.M. Ormand	R.H. Goforth
W.L. Ramseur	R.W. Arrowood
O.C. O'Farrell	H.E. Page
R.G. Plonk	Luther Cansler
P.G. Padgett	P.H. Wilson
S.S. Weir, Jr.	H.L. Campbell
C.D. Blanton	R.H. Webb

Since the adoption of the rotary system in 1974, the following have served as Elders, some being chosen for more than one term:

Mrs. G.R. (Jean) Barber	C.H. Adams
H.C. Jones	F.J. Sincos
B.F. Maner	G.B. Thomasson
H.P. Neisler	C.D. Blanton, Jr.
R.R. Harper, Jr.	Mrs. P.G. (Charlene) Padgett
Mrs. Paul (Lillian) Mauney	D.A. Roof
C.A. Neisler	J.V. Smith
P.G. Padgett	Mrs. B.F. (Jeanne) Maner
J.T. McGinnis, Jr.	Mrs. J.C. (Virginia) Arnette
R.O. Southwell	Mrs. H.P. (Marilyn) Neisler
Mrs. W.T. (Josephine) Weir	W.R. Grissom
Paul Mauney	C.E. Ballard

ELDERS EMERITUS

W.L. Ramseur	R.H. Webb
B.M. Ormand	S.S. Weir, Jr.
J.H. Thomson	P.G. Padgett

R.H. Goforth

R. Halbert Webb, who served as an Elder for over forty-five years, is the only living Elder who was present at the 1937 Dedication Service.

Deacons

The following were elected Deacon between 1945 and 1948.

C.D. Blanton	H.N. Davidson
R.H. Goforth	H.E. Page
E.A. Harrill	S.S. Weir, Jr.

Since the adoption of the rotary system in 1948, the following have been elected Deacon, many serving several terms:

W.J. Fulkerson	A.C. Ramsey
H.R. Hunnicutt	M.B. Thorburn
P.G. Padgett	H.I. Campbell
W.B. Thomson	C.A. Neisler
P.M. Neisler	R.H. Goforth
G.W. Moss	G.B. Thomasson
M.B. Moss	F.L. Lovell
O.W. Myers	J.C. Arnette
Luther Cansler	H.P. Neisler
Paul Mauney	R.T. Goforth
J.H. Page	T.I. Kestler
H.R. Neisler	B.F. Maner
H.N. Davidson	C.D. Blanton, Jr.
H.E. Page	R.H. Goforth, Jr.
J.A. Houser	F.L. Brown
J.A. Neisler	B.M. Hayes, Jr.
J.W. Webster	H.L. Patrick
E.A. Harrill	R.S. Lennon
B.W. Gillespie	I.D. Spearman
W.B. Grimes	J.A. Cheshire III
C.H. Falls	H.B. Jackson
C.A. Adams	D.A. Roof
F.J. Sincox	G.I. Hatch
D.L. Austin	C.A. Neisler, Jr.
C.F. Ballard	Mrs. P.G. (Charlene) Padgett
R.W. Moss	J.F. Eskridge
W.R. Grissom	Mrs. J.A. (Marlene) Neisler
W.C. Ballew	Mrs. H.P. (Marilyn) Neisler
R.R. Harper, Jr.	J.F. Ledford
R.O. Southwell	G.S. Neisler
J.A. Neisler, Jr.	Miss Martha Houser
P.M. Neisler, Jr.	I.E. Cook
T.P. Scism	F.L. Dixon, Jr.
D.K. Davis	J.L. King
Mrs. B.F. (Jeanne) Maner	D.M. Ballard

Deacons (Cont.)

R.W. Gossett	R.C. Patterson
J.T. McGinnis, Jr.	Mrs. Jane C. King
D.M. Ballard	C.O. Whetstine
G.P. Cheshire	R.S. Maner
J.V. Smith	

Superintendents of the Sunday School

W.I. Stowe	1887-1897
C.E. Neisler	1897-1931
C.F. Thomasson	1931-1944
C.W. Davidson	1944-1945
H.E. Page	1945-1959
S.S. Weir, Jr.	1959-1961
C.A. Neisler	1961-1963
G.B. Thomasson	1963-1965
H.P. Neisler	1965-1967
D.L. Austin	1967-1969
B.F. Maner	1969-1971
R.H. Goforth	1971-1973
W.R. Grissom	1973-

Organists

The following have served as Organists since 1937:

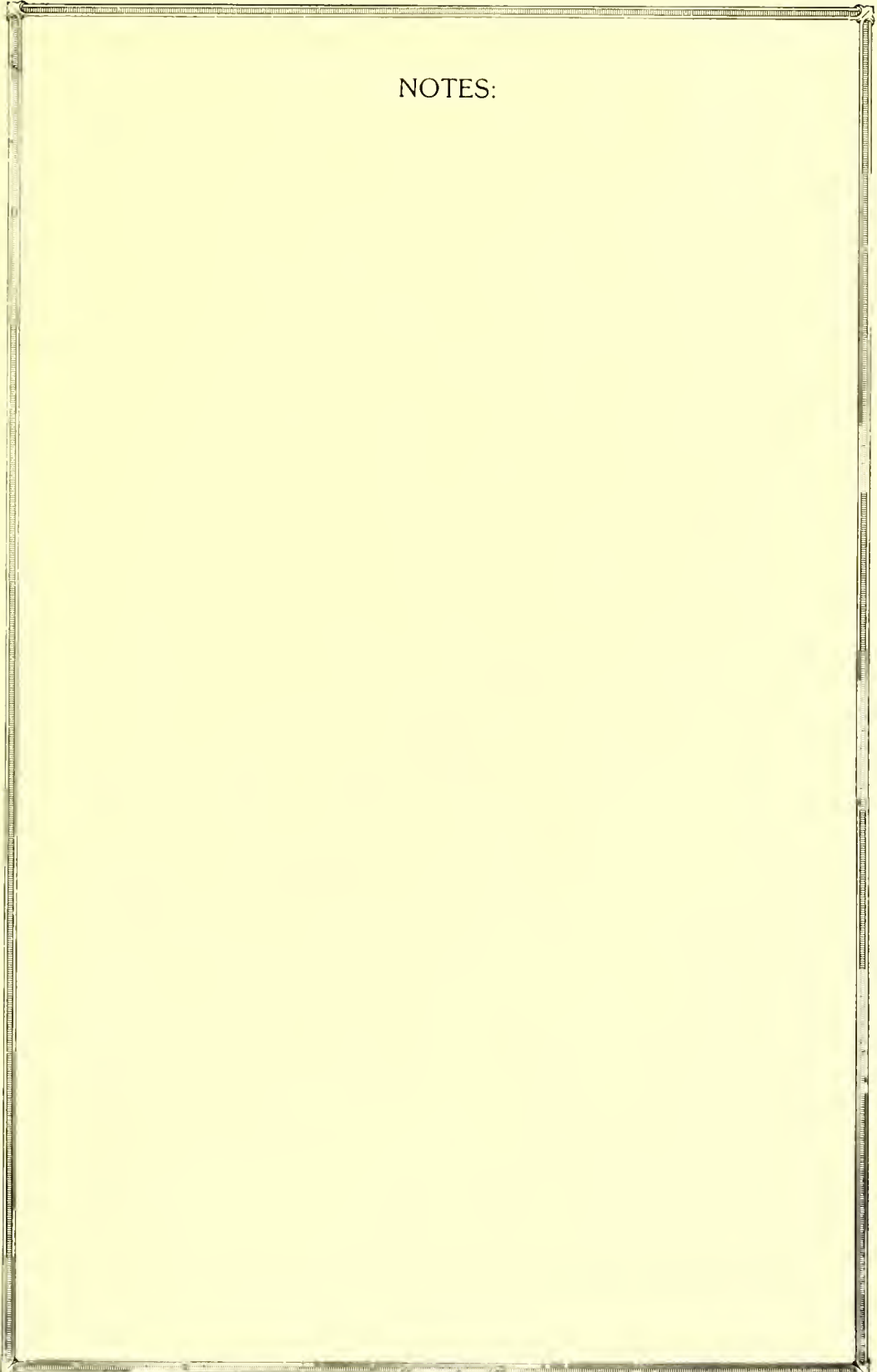
Mrs. Margaret Neisler Hunnicutt	J. Franklin Pethel
Mrs. Virginia Parsons Rosenthal	Mrs. Rebecca Beam Chamberlain
Mrs. Grace Withers Templeton	Thomas Eanes
Mrs. Jean T. Barber	Mrs. Julia Lee Ribet Rogers
Mrs. Betty Patrick Merritt	Mrs. Shirley Falls Austin

*In Loving Memory
Of*

George Grady Cansler
James Gideon Darracott
James Calvin Nickels, III

Who Made The Supreme
Sacrifice
World War, II

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