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Baptist Chapel Church, as we know it today, was started around the year 1869, over 117 years ago. It was at that time called Joe Log Church. Due to the location of the county lines, the church was located in Moore County. No one knows why the name Joe Log was selected. There are several people living today who remember the church as it was then, although they did not attend church there. They attended school in the same building - after the members of the church moved to the present location.

The three people who remember it most clearly are Mr. Hubert Womack, Mr. Connie Howard, and Mr. Malcolm Dickens. Of these three people, we talked with, "Mr. Malcolm", as he is affectionately called, remembers it best. All three agree that the church was named Joe Log Baptist Church. Also that the church was begun by Mr. Elder C. Churchill. Mr. Churchill was a member of Muddy Spring Church, now known as Juniper Springs; thus the saying that Juniper Springs was the mother of Baptist Chapel.

Although Moore Union Christian Church was only a short distance from the location selected for Joe Log Church, travel then, to say the least, was slow and the denomination was Christian instead of Baptist, so began the formation of a new church. You would have been considered fortunate to have a horse and buggy to travel by. Many people walked for miles to attend the church of their choice, so the formation of Joe Log Church made a house of worship more accessible to the surrounding community.

The information presented here from 1896 to 1913 is based purely on what Mr. Malcolm, Mr. Womack, and Mr. Howard remember. We also



have gathered information from Elnora Howard, who remembers how the church looked. Apparently no records of any kind were kept on the activities of the church.

The sketch presented here was done by Francis Chester who attends Baptist Chapel Church. The sketch, although it is imaginary since there are no pictures available, depicts very well what the church must have looked like. The building consisted of one large room with rough hewn log benches. The sanctuary of the church also served as the Sunday school rooms. Heat in the winter was provided by a wood stove. The members cut and hauled the wood for heating and kept a plentiful supply on hand.

There is no accurate list of members of the church. The ones listed here were given to us by Mr. Malcolm Dickens and members of his family. Nodie Womack, Addie Burns Lett and May Dickens played the organ for the congregation to sing. There was no formal choir. Mr. Will Dickens led the singing. It was not known how often a month church was held, but it is assumed that the minister had several churches in his field and he had to divide his time between them. Because of the difficulty in traveling, no Wednesday night services were held. When your Sunday for church rolled around, it was considered to be a very important day and services were well attended.

Mr. Spence Burns, lay person attending Moore Union Church, filled the pulpit at Joe Log when Reverend Archie Campbell, the minister from Campbell College was not present. Mr. Campbell filled several pulpits at that time and the journey from Campbell College was quite a distance to come by horse and buggy. These men were dedicated to their God and to their church. No member was paid for their time



spent in performing their duties in the church. The minister received no set salary. Collection was taken up on the Sunday preaching was held. This amount was sufficient for all the weddings he performed, funerals he held, and visiting the sick and many other services he performed. The minister was "pounded" ever so often during the year. This meant that the church community gave a pound of meat, vegetables, potatoes, flour, and even clothing that the family could use. Anything the members had was shared with their minister.

Hymn books were few, and there were no trained voices, so the congregation was the choir. There was no Baptistry to use when a person joined the church. The nearest creek or river was used for this purpose. After you made a public confession of the Christian faith and was baptized, you were expected to follow the by-laws laid down by the church leaders. If you did not live up to these promises you were expelled from the church. If someone reported that a member had been drunk, in a brawl, using excessive profanity, or missing too many services, the member was called before the church leaders to give an explanation. If the explanation was not accepted you were expelled from the church. Women were expelled for adultery. Legend is that some members were turned out for trading horses on Sunday. Perhaps their interpretation of the Bible is considered outmoded in these modern times, but if you valued your church and wanted to worship your God there, you obeyed the rules made by the members from their interpretation of the Bible.

Joe Log Cemetery is still in the original place. According to Emma Burns, the land for the church and cemetery was given by Jim and Sally Pittman. Following is a list of the members and their families



who were buried there. Infant child of W. J. and M. L. Kelly 1920; Martha Dickens 1822-1918; Sallie Pittman 1853-1950; Louis Fred Measamer 1914-1971; Adath Kelly 1903-1926; William J. Kelly 1875-1955; Mary Black Kelly 1885-1962; Ruth Mamie Kelly Sloan 1904-1959; N. F. Smith 1854-1926; Adelaide D. Smith 1861-1917; Lassie Gilchrist 1897-1979; Charlie Gilchrist 1893-1979; five infant children of Lassie and Charlie Gilchrist. The upkeep of the cemetery today is questionable.

In 1913, perhaps because of an increase in membership, the members decided to build a new church. James R. Howard gave the land for this, and Baptist Chapel was built. Today we can only speculate as to why the name of Joe Log was dropped. The old building was left to be used as a one room elementary school. There are many people in the community today who remember attending school there. The building was later torn down and the lumber used for other purposes. This left only the cemetery as a reminder of the church that was once there.





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Mrs. May Dickens  
Mr. Murph Dickens  
Mr. William (Will) Dickens  
Mr. Arch Kelly  
Mr. Bill Kelly  
Mr. Jim Kelly  
Mr. Tom Kelly  
Mr. Jim Pittman  
Mrs. Sallie Pittman  
Mrs. Adelaide Smith  
Mr. Nath Smith  
Mrs. Dora Kelly Thomas  
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Fifty seven years ago the church we know as Baptist Chapel was formed by the former members of Joe Log Church. Since Elder C. Churchill was formerly a member of Juniper Springs Baptist Church, and was instrumental in forming Joe Log Church. Juniper Springs is known as the mother of Baptist Chapel. Other men helping to form the church were; John T. Thomas, Thadeus (Fad) Thomas, Alexander (Alex) L. Smith, and James Robert (cousin Bob) Howard. According to Mr. Connie Howard, these men cut and hauled the logs to the mill where they were sawed into the lumber needed with which to build the church. The lumber was donated and the work on the church was done by members of the community. Mr. Connie Howard who gave us this information, and lives at a rest home here in Sanford, remembers how dedicated these men were. The first minister of the church was the Reverend T. Sloan Guy.

The following pages consist of the minutes of the church taken by James Robert Howard. It is interesting to note that even almost one hundred years ago, some people realized just how important it was to keep an account of the day to day happenings in the church. We are very fortunate to have these minutes. Even though some of the words are barely legible, you will be able to read enough to get the gist of what went on in the church from Sunday to Sunday.



Baptist Church  
meeting regular conference  
to transact the following  
business, Baptist Church  
Associational letter was  
filed read and approved by the  
members of Baptist Church  
Church also the same  
~~officers~~ officers of 1943  
were <sup>nominally</sup> appointed to serve  
for 1944, as there was no  
other business, there ~~was~~  
was motion to adjourn  
conference.

This the 17<sup>th</sup> of Oct. 1943.

Rev. C. E. Ruffin Mod.  
Frank Winant C. C.





Baptist Chapel Church meeting  
regular conference on the 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Sun. in Oct. to transact the  
following business, Baptist  
Chapel's association letter was  
first read and approved by  
the members of Baptist Chapel  
Church, also the same  
officers were elected for 1943  
as they had in 1942, as there  
was no other business conference  
was adjourned.

This the 15<sup>th</sup> of Oct. 1942

C. E. Phipps mod.  
Frank Stewart C. C.



Baptist Church - Church Met  
in regular conference on the  
1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Aug. to transact the  
following business. Mr & Mrs  
C. Karlene Gilchrist requested that  
they secure their church letter  
to join West End Baptist. Their  
request was granted to join any  
other church of the same faith  
and order. As their business the  
other business conference  
adjourned.

This the 5<sup>th</sup> of Aug 1942

C. E. Puffin Wood  
Francis Stewart C.S.



1<sup>st</sup> Sun, May

Baptist Chapel met in regular  
conference on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday  
in May in the house at the  
following business it was moved  
that ~~W. H. Frank~~ Frank Stewart be  
nominated for church clerk  
1<sup>st</sup> & was unanimously elected  
church clerk for the <sup>year</sup> 1943  
Also ~~W. H. Frank~~ Frank Stewart  
was nominated church treasurer  
& was unanimously elected church  
treasurer for the year 1943,  
as there was no other  
business, there was a move  
to adjourn conference  
which the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of May 1943

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Basis: to have met in conference  
 on the 1st Sunday in May  
 into transact the following business was done  
 that Bro Frank H. Bennett be  
 nominated church clerk & was  
 elected church clerk for the year 1942  
 + Bro Roland Howard was nominated  
 for church & was elected for  
 the year 1942 as there was  
 no other business there was a  
 move to a future conference  
 this the 3rd day of May 1942

Rufus M. Od  
 Frank H. Bennett & C





Nineteen hundred and forty one

Pastor Salary	\$ 140.00
Incidental	5.00
S. S. Literature	25.46
Charts	1.00
Minutes	2.00
Other objects	7.00
Total for Church work	50.46
Cooperative Program	17.11
Schools and College	11.29
Orphanage	9.00
Hospital	5.00
Aged Ministers relief	3.00
Hundred thousand Club	8.00
Total for all Denominations since 53.46	
Grand total of all Church and its organization	\$ 233.86

Pastor W. D. Parker  
T. P. Hamid Sec. and Treas.



Nineteen hundred and forty

Postal \$120.55

Ministerial Help 19.43

Sunday Literature \$22.50

for Minutes \$2.00

Total \$164.48

W.D. Cooky Postal

F.R. Howard Sec. and Treas.



Nineteen hundred and thirty nine a  
Removal Program was Completed and paid  
in full

Building Repairs - - - - -	\$196.21
Pastor Salary - - - - -	\$130.00
For Pianos - - - - -	\$ 80.00
Ministerial Help - - - - -	\$ 15.00
Incidental - - - - -	\$ 20.00
S.S. Literature - - - - -	\$ 16.00
For music - - - - -	\$ 1.50
Total	<u>473.71</u>

W. D. Early Pastor

J. R. Howard Sec & Treas



1930

Rev John C. Aycock Pastor  
Pastor Salary \$150.00  
Held one week revival Rev C R Johnson  
Helped paid to C R Johnson 42.00  
To Baptist Hospital \$3.00 to Cooperative  
Program \$16.00 for butchery + repairs 150.00

1931

Rev John C. Aycock Pastor Salary \$100.00  
To Mills Home \$6.00  
To Baptist Hospital 3.00  
To Cooperative Program \$12.00  
for ministers Help Rev Watton Page  
\$36.00

Rev John C. Aycock served church  
from the year 1926 to year ending 1935.  
Rev John W. Lambert was called to  
serve as pastor in June 1935 and  
began his work on July the first  
Sunday 1936 Resigned Aug 1937

Rev Wards early began his Pastoral  
Services etc. 1937 Resigned  
Jan. 1942.





1928 August Baptist Chapel Church  
 was struck by lightning and burned  
 down Pastor John C. Ayers and the  
 members met at Concord Methodist  
 Church on 5th following and plans  
 laid out to build pldges and  
 donations were taken. After the work began  
 to raise the timber sawed. Feb 1929

1929 The building of the church began on the  
 first Sunday in Apr. 1929 we held our  
 first service in new church  
 Aug. 1929 Rev. C. R. Johnson held revival  
 meeting for one week rec'd eight by  
 baptism and great manifestation of the  
 Holy Spirit through the community great  
 revival in church work.

Cost Building	1250.00
Pastor Salary	150.00
Minister Help Rev. C. R. Johnson	52.00
Stations	-
State mission	2.00
S. S. Expenses	12.00
Co-operative Program	15.00
	<u>\$178.00</u>



1926

# Church Expenses for the year 1926

Rev. John E. Rydell Pastor	150 00
Co-operative Conventions Pledge	50 00
Baptist Asphyrage	25 00
minis funds	3 00
S.S. Expenses	9 00
Recd. Members by Baptism	2
" " " " " " " "	1
Dismissed by letter	4

J. R. Howard, @ @

1927



1920

Baptist Chapel met in regular Conference  
and the following business transacted  
Bro. H. H. Stroup tendered his resignation  
as Pastor to finish his course at theological  
Seminary Resignation was accepted.

And J. H. [unclear] was appointed  
as Pulpit Committee to secure a Pastor  
for the church. [unclear] made to Bro  
Stroup in full to date \$87.00

~~Paid to Baptist Hospital \$3.00~~

Ang. Bro. C. R. Johnson of Hillsboro  
was secured to hold revival meeting  
beginning on the 3rd Sunday, great  
manifestation of the Holy Spirit.

Few additions by Baptism  
120 by Restoration One by Letter

Free will offering to Bro. Johnson \$35.00

Paid to Baptist orphanage 20.00

Incidental 27.00

S. S. Expenses 10.00

Mount funds 3.00

Baptist Hospital 8.41

Co-operative Conventions Pledge 43.00



1924

Baptist Chapel met in regular conference  
by first Sunday in Apr. 1924 and the following  
business transacted. A. B. Kelly was returned and  
granted letters to join with the Broadway church

Aug 1924 paid Rev Roy Morris for ministerial help 26 00





1924

A. W. Shupe Pastor

See Submitted by letter via Pitman  
and wife Fannie Pitman

Thank offering for overhauled 27.26

Collection for Owen Thomas (over) 9.00

J. R. Howard cc

At Regular meeting Feb 1924 in conference  
charges were brought against Ernie Smith  
for violating the volstead act. and other  
minor charges, and was excluded from

the fellowship of Baptist Chapel Church  
on the motion that Baptist Chapel buy  
paint and oil and have applied on  
the parsonage at Broadway was  
unanimously carried and funds were  
raised to pay for same

one hundred lbs of paint - \$14.00

five - gal. oil

for sent

2.07  
11.00  
8.57  
19.64

A. W. Shupe Treasurer

J. R. Howard cc



1923

A. W. Hooper Pastor

1.50.01

Recd by letter Jan 1923 J. S. Babynoff  
paid \$75.00 fund April 30.

2.50.01

Wm. Bennett by letter of J. Dickert

Recd by Baptism 16.

Recd by statement 2

Recd by return 2

Total in church 21

for 75.00 out 14.36 160.86

for expense Nov. Thanks offering 270.0

for expense October 17.00

for ministerial help Fredy Thomas 20.65

for S.S. Expense 28.85

275.36

month funds 2.00

278.36

A. W. Hooper Moderator

J. P. Howard C. C.



1922

Rev. A. M. Hroupe Pastor

Recd. by Baptism - Bell Hall

Set. divided A. B. Kelly

Said Pastor 150.00

Said Thomsville Exfranchise 3192

Said W. W. 13.85

Said Stock in Portonage at Broadway 577

J. G. Thomas 1975.00

J. R. Howard 30.00

J. A. Thomas 7820

Walter S. Thomas 1900

A. L. Smith 3125

35645

J. R. Howard & Co



1929

For Thomsville or phorage 93 21

Oct 1921	For	1015
	Posta Salary H M Group	150 00
	Building + repairs Roofing point	50 00
	Smily school expenses	2 00
	minutes fund	1 00
	state mission	5 00
	Home mission	5 00
	Foreign mission	5 00
	ministers relief	5 00

J P Howard C C  
A M Group Pastor

On July the 31st 1923

At a special meeting at Baptist  
Chapel Church Bro Fredy Thomas  
of Juniper Springs Baptist church  
was ordained for the ministry

The Presberty consisting of Rev  
Frank Hale of Jonesboro N C

Rev & C Lee of Sanford N C

Rev H M Group of Broadway N C

Rev McCall of Duke

Aug the 5-1923

J P Howard C C





























































































































































































































































