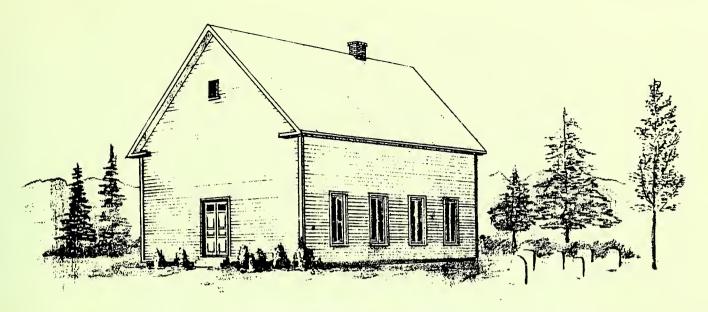
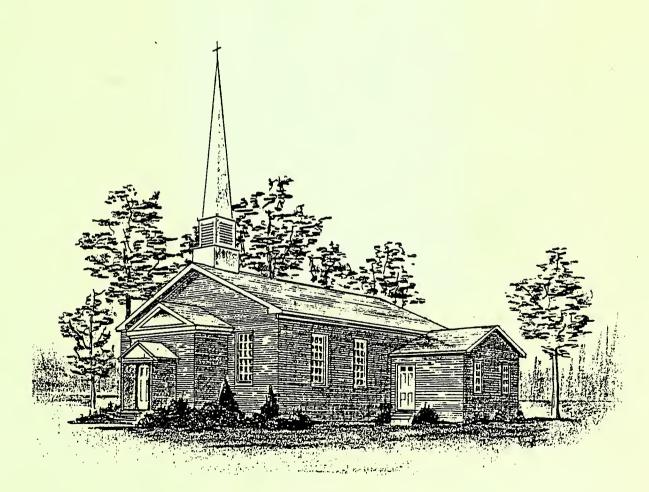


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JOE LOG BAPTIST CHURCH 1869



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HISTORY OF BAPTIST CHAPEL

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A LEGEND OF THE DOGWOOD TREE

When Christ was on earth, the dogwood tree grew to a towering size with a lovely hue. It's branches were strong and interwoven and for Christ's cross, it's timbers were chosen.

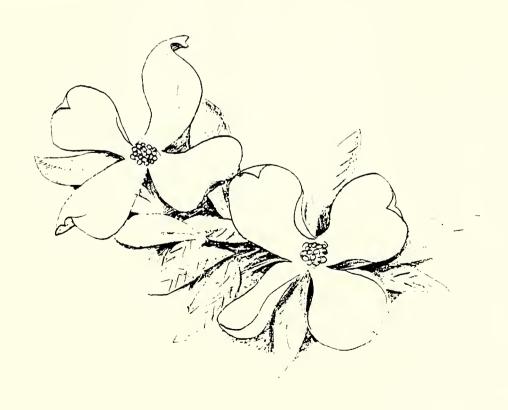
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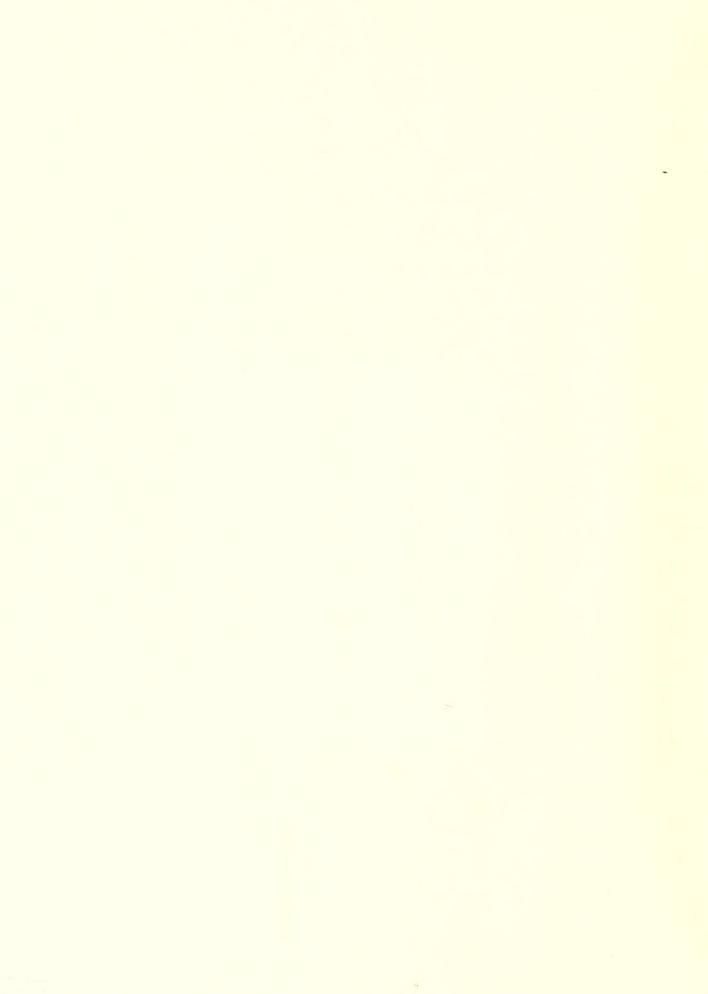
Not ever again shall the dogwood grow to be large enough for such a tree, and so slender and twisted it shall always be with cross shaped blossoms for all to see.

The petals shall have blood stains marked in brown, and in the blossoms center, a thorny crown.

All who see it will think of me nailed to a cross from a dogwood tree,

Protected and cherished, this tree shall be a reflection to all of my agony.





Members of the church and friends of the community who contributed to the history of Joe Log and Baptist Chapel Church:

Ann Howard Carlyle
Malcolm Dickens
Helen Howard Holt
Connie Howard
Mary Lee Smith Mackey
Mary Lassiter Smith
Hubert Womack

Our appreciation goes especially to Ann Carlyle who spent so much time gathering data and other information from many people in the community. She has taken snapshots to nelp bring this history up to date: to Francis Chester for the sketches of Joe Log Church in the beginning and Baptist Chapel Church as it is today: and to Dianne Chester and Emma Clegg for the typing of this history.



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

This historical book on Baptist Chapel Church is just a brief summary of information and facts that have been collected and put together so that we might reflect upon our "Roots"as a church and a body of believers. With one hundred and seventeen years of history, there is no way we could know or reflect all that has gone on during that many years. It would be wonderful if we had a video tape that had recorded all the information over the years; but that was not possible, so we hope that what we have in this book will be helpful and inspirational to our younger members in the future.

We owe a tremendous gratitude to the original men and women for their hard work and determination to get Baptist Chapel Church on it's feet. The early years were during hard times when nothing came easy, but these founding men and women had a strong love for their God. and they endured by the great faith in their Lord Jesus Christ. they were spirited men and women who claimed God's promises.

Today. Baptist Chapel Church is financially secure, the physical sturcture of the church is sound, because we continue to be blessed by God. However, when our Lord returns. He will not take the finances nor the building; He will return for His people.

For this reason, my prayer is that in the future years, this body of believers will put the majority of emphasis upon the soundness of our spirituality as a church, for we are the church.



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

As we look back at the history of Baptist Chapel Church, we should never forget that it was built by the spirit of christian love ,and if it is to prosper and continue to prosper, it will require that we show that same spirit.

In Christ Jesus

Reverend George T. Stallings Jr.



STALLINGS, GEORGE & CARLA JEFFREY, KIMBERLY





In the beginning was-----Joe Log Baptist Church:

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 Baptistery 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 expulsed 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 expulsed from the church. Women were expulsed 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 Fmma 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 18751955; 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.



Mr. George Dickens

Mrs. May Dickens

Mr. Murph Dickens

Mr. William (Will) Dickens

Mr. Arch Kelly

Mr. Bill Kelly

Mr. Jim Kelly

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Mr. Jim Pittman

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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 hundered 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.



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Between the years 1919 and 1986, the pianists at Baptist Chapel were: Duayne Bennett, Stephanie Brown, Virginia "Jenny" Boggs Crissman, Lora "Sweet" Dickens, May Thomas Dickens, Denise Howard, Clara Howard Kelly, Linda Howard Patterson, Margaurite Thomas, and Ilene Smith Womack. Stephanie Brown is our present pianist. All of these ladies gladly donated their time and talent in the service of the church. Only once did a pianist have to be hired. These were Nancy Bradley and Pamela Womack. Our organist is Wendy Womack Thompson. Walle Howard Weafhels.

The adult choir was organized in 1976. Previously, members attending church services were asked to come up and sit in the choir loft to form the choir. The song leader still led the singing and the whole congregation joined in. After a formal choir was formed, choir practice was held during the week, with a special song sung by the choir during each service. The choir enters the choir loft from the back of the church. After their special song is sung, the members take their seat in the congregation. The first choir directors were as follows: Clara Black Howard, Agnes Griffin McNeil, Vivian Currin McRae and Peggy Moss Womack. Clara Howard is our present director with Vivian McRae serving as assistant.

In 1976, Peggy Moss Womack organized the first youth choir. The ages ranged from 10 to 18 years. Choir practice was held once a week, beginning in the fall and continuing through spring. A special music program was presented by them once a month. The choir group belonged to Youth Rally, which was affiliated with Little liver Baptist Association. Two delegates were appointed and attended meetings all through the year. They were also involved with, and attended, many



other activities; Spring Banquet, Haunted House, Sweet Heart Social, State Fair, White Lake outings, Carowinds, Super Citizens Banquet and Christmas parades. They went on night camping trips to the river, and had "Lock-Ins" in the fellowship hall, bake sales and sold candles and assorted cards. As a community project, the young people of the choir, under the supervision of Peggy, picked up trash along the road from Baptist Chapel to Broadway. They also visited the sick and elderly shut-ins.

In 1975, the youth choir won second prize in the Sanford Christmas parade. For this they received \$50.00. The theme of the float was "The Night The Animals Talked". In 1977 the choir presented a musical entitled, "They All Sang Jesus". This musical was received so well by all who saw and heard it, they were invited to several area churches to present it, including Roxboro Baptist, Moore Union Christian, and Hickory Mountain Baptist Church. Another musical in 1979, entitled "It's Cool In The Furnace" was also very popular and was enjoyed by all who heard and saw it.

Peggy had the support of many members of the church who served as chaperones and furnished transportation. Their one desire was to own their own bus. Although many members of the church did not see the need and did not support it, the young people were determined. With God's help, and many fund raising events, they raised enough money to purchase a school bus. Homer "Skip" Kelly painted the bus and made some changes on the inside. Peggy said that this was one of the greatest things the youth choir experienced during the time she was director. As you see, she really kept them busy and interested in the work of the church.



Feeling that the children in the age group under 10 years were not being involved enough in church activities, it was suggested that a choir for that age group be organized. In 1974, the Cherub Choir was organized by Mary Smith with any child under 10 years of age participating. Mary's assistants were Clara Howard and Ann Howard Carlyle. Practice was held every Saturday afternoon. The pianist was Denise Howard. Some of the directors of the Cherub Choir were as follows: Clara Howard, Ann Carlyle, Jerri Cain, Dianne Chester, Rhonda Kelly, Delores Patterson and Barbara Jean Dickens.

Between the years 1970 to 1972, new Sunday school rooms, rest rooms, water fountains, and the office were added. The desk in the office was given by Lois Parson, Eddie Parson and Jerry Lynn Parson in memory of their husband and father, respectively, Ed Parson.

During the same period, the stained glass windows in the sanctuary were added. By the year 1975, the present fellowship hall was added and brick siding put on the sanctuary. Telephones were also installed.

The first homecoming was held in the fellowship hall in September of 1976. That same day, members gathered in the sanctuary for the afternoon song service and burned the note on the new addition to the church to signify that the fellowship hall and brick siding was paid for. The note was paid off one year after the money was borrowed.

Before the fellowship hall was built, dinners for homecoming were held outside on a long table between two large oak trees.

In 1977, the minister, Mr. Clyde Johnson resigned from the church leaving Baptist Chapel without a minister. Several members left the church at this time and went to Broadway Baptist. In 1978, Peverend J. R. Estes was called to be the pastor. He worked on his



doctorate while he was pastor and received his degree during that time. Dr. Estes resigned in 1979, forming his own church in Broadway, only a few miles from Baptist Chapel. Again several members of the church left with the minister to form a new church. The parking lot of the church was paved during the time Dr. Estes was pastor.

Reverend George Stallings served in the church as layman for several weeks before accepting the call as pastor of the church. Previously, Baptist Chapel and two other churches, Broadway Baptist and Swanns Station Baptist, had joint ownership in the church parsonage, since all three churches were in the same field. In 1978. Baptist Chapel sold her share to the other churches and bought a house in Edgewater Estates located in Broadway.

In 1982, Baptist Chapel had their first Harvest Sale. This went over quite well with all the members contributing their time and crafts. Tickets were sold on a quilt made by Elnora Howard and quilted by the women of the church. Many articles were auctioned off at the end of the day with all the money going toward the building fund. With God's help andthe help of the members of the church and people in the community, Baptist Chapel was out of debt.

In 1985, the deacons began having a deacons' breakfast every second Sunday of the month. These meetings served not only as a time of fellowship, with each other, but as a time of prayer for any person with a problem or sickness, as well as the discussion and prayer for any personal problem that any member had.

In 1986 the present storage building was added. The members have also started a needy fund. There is room in the Fellowship Hall to store canned food and a special offering is taken up the first Sunday in each month for that purpose.



In 1984, Rose Thomas and Clara Howard formed the first Sword Drill team. The members of each team are listed as follows: Youth group led by Rose Thomas - Robert Howard, Stephanie Brown, Martin Howard, Carla Howard, Paula Smith, Donna McRae, Tommy Howard. Since there was an age limit for the team, several of the young people were dropped from this group. These included Stephanie Brown, Robert Howard and Carla Howard. However, Robert Howard, Stephanie Brown and Carla Howard helped out with the Children's group led by Clara Howard. These members included: Julie Howard, Amy Dickens, Amber Dickens and Tara Carlyle.

Two members of the team passed the church drill and participated in the associational drill. From there they went on to the State drill which was held in Asheboro. These were Julie Howard and Tara Carlyle. They both won a certificate with a seal on it for winning the church drill, the associational drill, and the State drill. This was quite an accomplishment and the church was very proud of these girls, especially since this was their first experience.

Baptist Chapel belongs to The Little River Association, which is now called Southern Baptist. Looking back over the years, one can see that Baptist Chapel has had her "ups and downs", but by the grace of God, and many loyal members, she remains an active and thriving church today.



In August of 1928, Baptist Chapel Church was struck by lightning and burned. The building and all church records were lost. After the church was destroyed, the members started holding services in members' homes and at Concord Methodist Church, located one mile up the road from Baptist Chapel. Reverend J. E. Ascue was pastor during this time. The men in the community donated and cut the timber and helped to build the church back. Between the years 1929 and 1939, the church had been rebuilt in its present location. Church services were again being held twice a month for preaching, with Sunday school every Sunday. Since Mr. Ascue had several more churches in his field, services for Baptist Chapel were held in the afternoon.

Church officers were: John T. Thomas, Jordan (Thad) Thomas, Alexander (Alex) Smith, and James Robert Howard. These men were also teachers and deacons. Mr. James Robert Howard ("cousin Bob") was treasurer until his death in 1942. Frank Hinnant was nominated church clerk and served for a short while. Mr. Roland Howard, son of J.R. Howard, was elected treasurer and served until 1976. Homer (Skip) Kelly, grandson of James Robert Howard was elected treasurer in 1977 and served until 1980. Mr. Howard Griffin, another grandson was elected treasurer in 1981. Mr. Griffin still holds the position today. Many years later, after the first officers were elected and had served well, the members decided to appoint an assistant to the treasurer. Mary Sue Brown, John Mackey, and Ronnie Currin served in that capacity. Mr. Currin still holds the position today.

As the years passed and the church grew in membership, more officers were needed. Our present deacons who are now serving are: Tillman Howard, Edward Howard, Chris McRae, Rick Baylor, Joe Hinnant, Franklin Womack and Bill Smith.



Events, Activities and Improvements from the 1800's to 1986

- 1913 1940.... People who wished to join the church were baptised in ponds and creeks. Fall Creek and Kelly Mill Hole were popular streams used for this. In the mid-forties, area churches who had a baptistery invited the ministers of Baptist Chapel to use their facilities for this purpose.
- 1913 1942.... Many business meetings were held by the pastors and deacons, such as electing new officers, setting the budget of the church, and paying the pledges they had made in order to pay for the parsonage in Broadway.
- 1936.... The first Bible School was formed in 1936. This was held in the mornings. In later years, it was held in the afternoons. Today, it is held at night because of the workers in Bible School hold public jobs.
- 1947.... The pulpit chairs, table and stand were given by the children of Everette and Claudie Thomas in their memory.
- 1960.... Ed Parsons formed the first Baptist Training Union(BTU).
- 1968.... The first church custodian was hired. The position was held by Poland Howard. This position is now held by Elnora and Stanley Howard.
- 1971..... The Youth Choir was organized by Peggy Momack.
- 1969 1972.... Stained glass windows were added in the sanctuary.

 Two Sunday School rooms were added; office and rest rooms were also added.
- In August of 1973 the members voted to remodel the sanctuary. The cost was around \$15,000. Enough money was raised by the members without having to borrow any.



- 1974.... The Cherub Choir was formed by Mary Smith. This Choir consisted of children from three to nine years of age.
- 1975.... The Fellowship Hall was built with brick siding added to the rest of the church.
- 1976.... Telephones were installed in the office and the Fellowship Hall. In September of 1976, the first Homecoming was held in the Fellowship Hall. After the dinner was over, before the song service, a "note burning" was held signifying that the building was paid for.
- 1978.... The organ was donated by the children of Alex and Lela Smith in their memory. The parking lot was also paved.
- 1983.... Harvest Sales were held in order to add money to the building fund. Recognition was given to each person with a birthday, a penny for each year being added to the general fund.
- 1984.... The Cemetery Fund was started, the floor in the sanctuary was replaced and new carpet installed. New hymnals were placed in the church in memory of, and in honor of, loved ones. A vestibule was added to the front of the church.
- 1985.... The Deacons' breakfasts were started.
- 1986.... The Needy Fund was established. This fund is used for any deserving person, whether or not they were members of the church. A new utility building was added. The cross in the choir loft was made by Wade Johnson, and given in memory of Frank Stewart by his family.



Deacons From 1918 to 1986

Rick Baylor

Deas Dickens

Johnny Gene Dickens

Malcolm Dickens

Randy Dickens

Carl Elkins

Howard Griffin

Mack Griffin

Frank Hinnant

Joe Hinnant

Bobby Howard

Edward Howard

James Robert Howard

Stanley Howard

Tillman Howard

A. A. Kelly

Homer (Skip) Kelly

Gattis (Junior) Kelly

Ray McNeil

Chris McRae

A. L. Smith

William (Bill) Smith

Fred Spivey

Henry Stewart

Arch Thomas

John D. Thomas

J. T. Thomas

Selby Thomas

Thaddeas Thomas

Franklin Womack



Members that have held positions for 10 years or longer:

Mary Sue Brown

Ann Carlyle

Deas Dickens

Malcolm Dickens

Mack Griffin

Frank Hinnant

Clara Howard

Edward Howard

Elnora Howard

Stanley Howard

Tillman Howard

Thelma Kelly

Brenda Smith

Selby Thomas

Peggy Moss Womack

Members holding positions 25 to 50 years:

Mamie Buchanan

Fannie Griffin

Helen Holt

Bobby Howard

James Robert Howard

Roland Howard

Stella Howard

Alex Smith

John T. Thomas

Thaddeus Thomas

Franklin Womack



Bobby Howard held the position of honorary deacon until his death this year.

Bobby held the office as deacon for 42 years.

At one time, the church treasurer also did all the secretarial work.

That office is now divided into church secretary and church treasurer. Our past secretaries are listed below:

Grace Howard Boggs
Jerri Kelly Cain
Ann Howard Carlyle
Eula Belle Dickens
Helen Howard Holt
Judy Lane Howard

The secretaries serving in 1986 are: Brenda Dickens Smith and Mattie Belle Stewart. Assistants are Barbara Jean Dickens and Franklin Womack.

Baptist Chapel once had only five Sunday school classes. They were:

Beginners, Primary, Junior, Intermediate, and the Adult class. The Sunday school teachers were dedicated Christians serving for many years. Helen Howard Holt taught the Primary class for 50 years; Mamie Howard Buchanan taught the Juniors for 25 years; Fannie Howard Griffin taught the Intermediate class for 50 years; Grace Howard Boggs taught the Beginner class until she married and moved her membership to another church. The Adult class was taught by Alex Smith for 50 years. Mr. "Alex" was also Sunday school superintendent and song leader. He held an office in the church until he was unable to attend because of poor health. Mr. Selby Thomas taught the Adult class after the death of Mr. "Alex". Selby held the position until 1985. The present teachers and their classes are listed below. The Young Married Class was formed by Mrs. Stella Howard. She taught the class until she was unable to attend due to declining health.



BAPTIST CHAPEL CHURCH OFFICERS AND TEACHERS 1985 - 1986

Sunday School Director

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Adult I

Assistants

Assistant

Adult II
Assistant

Young Teens (Girls & Boys, ages 13 to 18)

Assistants

Juniors (ages 9 to 12)

Assistant

Primary Assistant

Beginners Assistant

Nursery

Assistants

Church Clerk & Treasurer Assistant

Financial Secretary

Custodian Assistant Franklin Womack

Bill Smith

Tillman Howard

Joe Hinnant, Larry Simpson

Thelma Kelly

Betty Johnson

Rick Baylor

Alvin Dickens, Sue Kelly

Vivian McRae

Donna Howard

Mary Sue Brown

Donna Baylor

Carla Howard

Mildred Hinnant

Ruby Dickens

Janet Hunter, Bobbie Simpson

Howard Griffin

Ronnie Currin

Brenda Smith

Elnora Howard

Stanley Howard



BAPTIST CHAPEL CHURCH

OFFICERS AND TEACHERS

1985 - 1986

(cont.)

VBS Director Vivian McRae
Assistant Bobbie Simpson

Trustees Bobby Howard

Chris McRae

Franklin Womack

Ushers Chairman - Edward Howard

Assistants Jason Howard

Robert Howard Shawn Hunter

Chris McRae Craig McRae

Nominating Committee Chairman - Rick Baylor

Bonnie Currin Janet Hunter Peggy Womack

Church Pianist Stephanie Brown

Assistant Vivian McRae

Church Organist Wendy Thompson

Sunday School Secretary Brenda Smith

Assistants Barbara Dickens

Mattie Belle Stewart

Franklin Womack

Sunday School Chorister Franklin Womack

Assistant Bill Smith



BAPTIST CHAPEL CHURCH OFFICERS AND TEACHERS

1985 - 1986 (cont.)

Music Director Clara Howard
Assistant Vivian McRae

Junior Choir & Cherub Choir Director Barbara Dickens

Youth Directors (ages 13 to 18) Donna Baylor

Rick Baylor Wendy Thompson

Budget & Finance Committee Barbara Dickens

Howard Griffin Edward Howard Chris McRae Bill Smith

Building & Grounds Chairman - Mary Lee Mackey

Edward Howard Junior Hunter

Pulpit Committee Chairman - Franklin Womack

Chris McRae Vivian McRae Brenda Smith

Benevolence Committee Deacon Board

Flower Committee Deacon Board



BAPTIST CHAPEL CHURCH OFFICERS AND TEACHERS 1985 - 1986

(cont.)

Christmas Program Jerri Cain

Dianne Chester Francis Chester Janet Hunter

Music Committee Music Director

Youth Choir Director Sunday School Chorister

Church Pianist

Organist

Junior & Cherub Choir Directors

Homecoming Committee Edward Howard

Elnora Howard Stanley Howard Mary Lee Mackey

Fund Raising Committee Alvin Dickens

Junior Dickens Tony Dickens Sammy McNeil

Chef Committee Junior Hunter

Chris McRae

Sword Drill Director Rose Thomas



ADULT CHOIR MEMBERS FROM PAST TO PRESENT

Janet Driggers Hunter

Faye Dickens Banton

Donna Baylor Thelma Kelly

Rick Baylor Agnes McNeil

Mary Sue Brown Beulah Thomas McNeil

Ann Howard Carlyle Ray McNeil

Bonnie Currin Vivian McRae

Mamie Dickens Mary Lee Mackey

Howard Griffin Beulah Smith

Mack Griffin Bill Smith

Frank Hinnant Brenda Smith

Clara Howard Hazel Smith

Elnora Howard Fred Spivey

Judy K. Howard Mattie Belle Stewart

Judy L. Howard Rena Thomas

Robert Howard Ruby Thomas

Stanley Howard Selby Thomas

Tillman Howard Franklin Womack

Wilma (Dot) Howard Peggy Womack



In memory of the members of Baptist Chapel Church:

Beulah Dickens	Edd Parsons
Damon Dickens	
Elsie Dickens	Alexander Smith
Jarvis Dickens	Ennis Smith
Mamie Dickens	Lela Smith
May Dickens	Lou Smith
Perry Dickens	
Rufus Dickens	Doug Stewart
Sammy Dickens	Emory Stewart
Vonie Dickens	James Stewart
Frank Hinnant	Mollie Stewart
ridik illilidit	Vastie Stewart
Lamon Holt	
Robert Holt	Allie Thomas
Sally Holt	Arch Thomas
Bobby Howard	Dewey Thomas
James Howard	Dora Thomas
John Howard	Erwin Thomas
Judy Howard	Gordon Thomas
Roland Howard	Grant Thomas
Stella Howard	James Thomas
	John T. Thomas
Clara Kelly	John Thomas
Ira Kelly	Johnny Thomas
Roland Kelly	Jordon Thomas
Wilbur Kelly	Levi Thomas
	Mallie Thomas
Ellen King	Mattie Thomas
Frank King	Nead Thomas
Virginia Lett	Prentice Thomas
virginia Locc	Rena Thomas
John Mackey	Ronie Thomas



In memory of the members of Baptist Chapel Church (cont.):

Glenn Wilson

Agnes Womack

Arch Womack

Emory Womack

James Robert Womack

Layton Womack

Lester Womack

Sidney Womack





THE FIRST WEDDING HELD IN BAPTIST CHAPEL WAS PERFORMED BY MR C.E. RUFFIN. THE BRIDE WAS GENNY LOU WOMACK, THE GROOM WAS DAN DAWKINS . THE CEREMONY WAS HELD ON CHRISTMAS DAY, DECEMBER 25,1955.













PICTURES FROM THE FIRST SUNDAY SCHOOL PAMPHLET USED

IN THE PRIMARY CLASS





HELEN HOWARD HOLT AND HER SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

ON A PICNIC____ 1950

READING FROM LEFT TO RIGHT__ BEULAH LEE DICKENS SMITH

JUDY DICKENS MARTIN AGNES GRIFFIN MCNEILL JOE HINNANT

JENNY LOU WOMACK DAWKINS BOBBIE DICKENS MCNEILL

TILLMAN HOWARD AND STANLEY HOWARD.





MAMIE HOWARD AND HER SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS ON A PICNIC--- 1955

READING FROM LEFT TO RIGHT_---FRONT ROW--MAMIE
FRANKLIN WOMACK HOWARD GRIFFIN DAMON DICKENS
JOHN WESLEY WOMACK AND WILBER KELLY

BACK ROW---ELMA THOMAS NELLIE HOWARD WEATHERS
LAVURNE HOWARD SEAGROVES AND GRACE HOWARD BOGGS.





Phyllis Thomas (right) missionary to Chile, talks about her life in the country with an old friend, JoAnn Thomas, who introduced her at Tuesday night's meeting. Phyllis did her practice teaching at Broadway School with JoAnn.

In Chile Thomas' main missonary assignment involves working with youth from ages 12 through 16 in six different churches.

She teaches two Sunday School classes and is in charge of a children's club. In working with the youngsters, she helps them prepare devotions for church, teaches them the foundations of the *Bible*, shows them how to use puppets to present Biblical stories and to demonstrate various morals. The club meets in the mornings and afternoons during the week, and participants go to schools, orphanages and other places to present the puppet programs.

She also meets with a women's group and pointed out that all the women love to go to church, especially since it is the "only social function."

In her interactions with the people she calls upon her knowledge of Spanish which she learned in Costa Rica in preparation for her missionary work.

Thomas started out as a teacher after graduating from Campbell University in 1966. She did her practice teaching at Broadway School with fifth grade teacher JoAnn Thomas, who introduced her at Tuesday night's meeting.

She taught fifth grade at Jonesboro School two years and then joined the Foreign Mission Board for a two-year stint as a "journeyman" in Guadeloupeir in the French West Indies. She had taken French in high school and college and said she adapted easily to the different language.

In 1970 she went to Southeastern Seminary at Wake

Forest and received a master's degree in religous education and two years later took the position of director of education and youth at Grove Park Baptist Church in Burlington. She stayed there for four years before going to Costa Rica.

She went to Costa Rica to learn the language after taking a four-month orientation program at Calloway Gardens, Ga. After returning from Costa Rica, she left in 1978 for Chile and stayed there for three years and then came to Harnett County for a year in 1981-1982.

In Chile Thomas is provided with a house and car by the Foreign Mission Board, which is financed by donations from various individuals and groups in the United States, including several in the Central Carolina area.

The Mission Board is an agency of the Southern Baptist Convention and gets a lot of support from various churches, including Antioch Baptist Church near Mamers, where Thomas is a member.

She told the homemakers: "I am a product of your giving. The Lord calls but you send me."

The Chilean people have "total religious freedom" and Thomas is sharing her understanding of Christianity with them.

She is enjoying her four-month vacation but she looks forward to returning to Chile and continuing to help the people learn about religion.

Thomas doesn't mind the lack of luxuries in this foreign country. "One's happiness is not found in surroundings but by living and doing God's will," she said.



Missionary Phyllis Thomas

discusses life in Chile

Harnett County native Phyllis Thomas has spent six years in "the driest desert in the world" in Chile — Atacama — and is taking a break to spend time with family and friends. She is living with her parents, Emily and Neill B. Thomas on Route 3, Lillington until she returns to Chile in March.

During this time she is speaking to church and community groups, including some which have supported her missionary work in Chile. On Tuesday night she presented a program for the Broadway Extension Homemakers Club at Broadway Community Building.

Thomas said Chile is called the string bean country since it is narrow and long. It is 220 miles wide and 2,000 miles long.

Where she lives, in the town Antofagasta, there is no record of rainfall. She said water is piped in 200 miles from Bolivia.

. Chile is divided into 12 different regions and the climate varies from north to south. In the southern part, the weather is cold, whereas the climate in the north is "very pleasant."

Thomas said the school year runs differently there and classes are conducted from March to November and then they have summer vacation.

"Christmas is a hot, hot time and is celebrated by taking a picnic lunch to the beach," she said.

In the north the "temperature never gets to freezing" and the coldest months are June, July and August. Thomas said she never wears heavy clothes but is sometimes chilled by the cold sea breeze.

Thomas told the extension homemakers and their husbands: "Let's go to Chile by way of slides" and presented scenes depicting the way of life in the country.

She showed how most houses are made from cinder blocks and then covered with cement and rarely have vegetation in the yards. "Chile doesn't have much greenery but the desert has a beauty all its own."

She noted that sometimes one can see a full moon and the sun at opposite ends of the horizon.

The houses are simple and contain little wood since termites are a major concern there. There are many "Johnny-house-type bathrooms"

The people prefer apartments and even the houses are usually connected with each other. Marriage makes few changes in the newlyweds' lifestyle since in the typical family, "no one moves out, the couple moves in and everyone lives together."

She said the Chileans seem to like the crowded situation and she has seen as many as nine beds in one room — three in stacks of three.

This intimate family setting is good for the elderly since their children and descendents take care of them, she said.

Despite the lack of space, the houses are "extremely clean."

There is no welfare system and the government hires people who need jobs. "If you want to eat, you work," she said.

There are 11 million people in the small country and 200,000 in the town where she lives.

The average family has about nine people, and all

births are free of charge. The government also provides free powdered milk to pregnant women and to childrer from birth to six-years old.

There is also "social medicine," and if people are willing to wait in the long lines, they can get their medicine free.

The country is ruled by a military dictatorship and there is little violence and a low crime rate, she said.

There are no grasslands for cattle, but there are grazing lands for sheep in some areas — and goats car be seen eating what they find, she said.

Chile has the "largest open pit copper mine in the world" and has a lot of the stone called green onyx according to Thomas. It is well-known for its "deer water harbor fishing" in the Pacific Ocean, she said.

While the ocean is nearby, usable water is scarce. In fact, it is rationed to the point that Thomas gets only two soup-size cans of water daily for washing and rinsing herself.

This is not as bad as it seems since the people go swimming almost every day and use their bath water just to rinse off the salt, she noted.

But they get more water for the preparation of the food, which is trucked in daily. There are plenty of fresh fruits and vegetables, but canned and frozen goods are rare.

She said the women cook from scratch daily because there are few refrigerators for preserving food. The elementary schools have two shifts of students, some in the morning and some in the afternoon, and they are closed for lunch since there are no cafeterias.

Thus, a mother rarely works outside the home due to the demands of food preparation.

Thomas said breakfast is light, usually a sandwich made from a hard bread similar to a hamburger bun with cheese, and the evening meal may be the same or just bread, butter and jelly.

But the big meal of the day is lunch and has several courses. First they eat a salad topped with mayonnaise and a lemon wedge — or they may have soup (which is made from fish head if fish is the main entree). This meal features a protein — often fried fish or baked chicken — and rice and potatoes. Dessert is a fruit or mixed fruit.

She said Chile is famous for its grapes and apples.

The school grading system is unique, and students are not separated according to age but ability. The students take entrance exams and go into whatever grade they qualify for, she pointed out.

Thomes said the high school is comparable to a college here and students are required to take two foreign languages and physical education yearly.

"The students are very competitive," and this may be due partly to the rule that they can only take the SAT twice for college.

On the college level "the educational system is very, very excellent," she said.

The main form of transportation is the bus, and students can use them for a reduced fee.

There are few cars and phones but most Chileans own TVs and cassette recorders. They prefer TVs to refrigerators, she said.



Baptist Chapel Churc Shows Improvements Completed Recently

Baptist Chapel church, located bout five miles from Broadway, was dedicated Sunday. Services were held in the morning and afternoon, with dinner served at

mid-day on the grounds.

Services are continuing at the church through Friday of this week, with Rev. Walter Page of Fuquay Springs, speaker at the afternoon service Sunday, in charge, beginning each evening at 7:30 o'clock.

The message at the morning service Sunday was brought by Dr. Harvey E. Gibson, member of the staff of the General Board of the State Baptist convention.

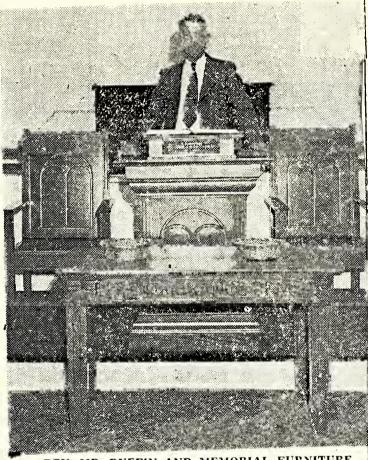
Noticeable at the church were the new light oak pulpit, table and chairs, pictured on this page, which were given as a memorial for their mother by the family of E. C. Thomas.

A plaque on the memorial pulpit carries the inscription, "In memory of Carrie Smith Thomas.

1881-1947."

Rev. C. E. Ruffin, pastor of the church, who is also pastor of the Broadway Baptist church, is shown at the new pulpit in the picture. Rev. Mr. Ruffin took part in both services conducted at the church Sunday.

Although the church has been built for several years, recent addition of two Sunday school rooms was made and a series of interior improvements were completed. Because the interior had never been completed, the chuich



REV. MR. RUFFIN AND MEMORIAL FURNITURE

Had not been dedicated previous-

First Church Burned

The first Baptist Chapel church was constructed during the pas-orate of Rev. T. Sloan Guy of Broadway. When this church, which was located at Pleasant Ridge, was struck by lightning and burned in 1928, Dr. John E. Ayscue, now professor of history and government at Campbell coilege, was pastor.
Following the loss of their

house of worship, the congregation met in the auditorium of the Concord Methodist church and began plans for the erection of

a new building.

Building of the church dedicated on Sunday began on the first Sunday in April. 1929, and the structure was sufficiently com-pleted for use in August, 1929, when the first service in it was held.

At that time Rev. C. R. Johnson conducted a revival meeting and eight persons, were receiver for membership by Baptism.

Pastors

The following pastors have served the church: Rev. T. Sloan Guy, Rev. L. L. Hudson (deceased), Rev. A. C. Baxley (deceased) ed), Rev. Frank Hare; Rev. H. M. Stroup, now pastor of the Franklin Heights Baptist church, Kannapolis; Rev. John Lambert, now pastor First Bapist church, Mount Olive; Dr. John E. Ayscue, Rev. Waldo Early, now at Roseboro, and the present pastor, Rev. C. E. Ruffin.

Charter members of the church were: Mr. and Mrs. Arch Kelly, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Pittman, Mr and Mrs. J. R. Howard, Mr. and Mrs. John T. Thomas; Mr and Mrs. E. C. Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. Will Dickens and Mrs. N. A.

Smith.

The church, never large number of members, had the never-failing support of the late! John R. Howard who served as Sunday School superintendent and clerk through the years, and the present superintendent, Deacon Alex Smith.

Rowland Howard is the church treasurer and Frank Hinnant church clerk. The deacons are

Alex Smith and Johnnie Thomas. At Sunday's dedication services, the choir was composed of members of the Broadway, Holly Springs and Baptist Chapel churches. Several selections were rendered by the Matthews quartet of Sanford. A special musical selection was "The Stranger of Galilee," sung by Mrs. William H. Darden, accompanied by Mrs. J. M. Burgess at the piano. Both are resicents of Broadway.



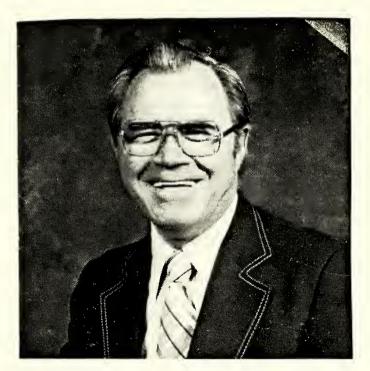


IN 1968 MR. ALEXANDER (ALEX) SMITH WAS HONORED FOR HAVING SERVED ON THE BOARD OF DEACONS FOR 50 YEARS. SHOWN ABOVE IS MR. SELBY THOMAS PRESENTING MR ALEX WITH A PLAQUE COMMEMORATING THE EVENT.





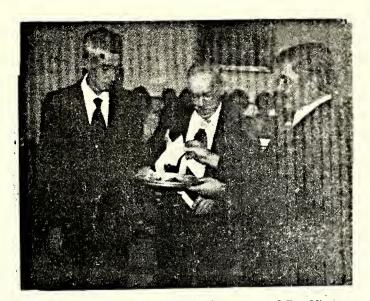
REVEREND . C.E. RUFFIN 1942--1956



REVEREND CLYDE JOHNSON

1966---1977





Deas Dickens (ieft), Bobby Howard (center) and Franklin Womack, trustees of Baptist Chapel Church on Rt. 10, Sanford, participate in a note-burning ceremony, signifying the end of payments on the church fellowship building.



Fannie Griffin, left, and Helen Holt hold the plaques given to them by Henry Simpson (center) Baptist Associational Missionary from Lillington, in ceremonies recently at the Baptist Chapei Church, for 50 years of service as Sunday School teachers. Both women live on Rt. 10, Sanford.



PARSONAGE













THE BODY OF THE CHURCH



COMMUNION TABLE





STEPHANIE BROWN PIANIST



WENDY WOMACK THOMPSON ORGANIST





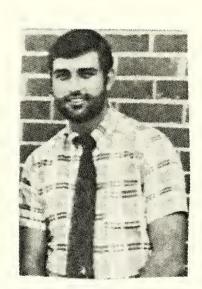
BRENDA SMITH (SUNDAY SCHOOL SECRETARY) BILL SMITH (SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSISTANT DIRECTOR)



(MATTIE BELLE STEWART SUNDAY SCHOOL SECRETARY)



HOWARD GRIFFIN (CHURCH CLERK AND TREASURER)



RONNIE CURRIN (ASSISTANT CLERK AND TREASURER)





PEGGY AND FRANKLIN
WOMACK
PEGGY ORGANIZED THE FIRST
YOUTH CHOIR



FRANKLIN WOMACK SUNDAY SCHOOL DIRECTOR



ELNORA HOWARD

ELNORA AND ROLAND SERVED AS THE FIRST CUSTODIANS UNTIL HIS DEATH. ELNORA AND STAN HOWARD STILL HOLD THAT POSITION. ROLAND SERVED AS TREASURER FOR APPROXIMATELY 35 YEARS.



ROLAND HOWARD

BAPTIST CHAPEL YOUTH CHOIR



TARA CARLYLE ALLISON DICKENS AMY DICKENS

JULIE HOWARD DACHIA HUNTER MARTIN HOWARD

DONNA MCRAE STEPHANIE BROWN (PIANIST) RICK BAYLOR

RICK BAYLOR DIRECTS THE CHOIR





MARY SUE BROWN
DIRECTOR OF CHERUB CHOIR



READING FROM LEFT TO RIGHT:

JERMAIH CURRIN DANA KENNEDY CRYSTAL GILLIS CASEY KENNEDY
CHRISTY CURRIN AMY DICKENS MARY SUE BROWN STEPHANIE BROWN
BRAD CARLYLE ALLISON DICKENS AMBER DICKENS





ADULT CHOIR DIRECTOR AND HER ASSISTANT CLARA HOWARD VIVIAN MCRAE



MEMBERS OF ADULT CHOIR

BONNIE CURRIN CLARA HOWARD WILMA HOWARD ELNORA HOWARD MARY LEE MACKEY BILL SMITH BRENDA SMITH TILLMAN HOWARD PEGGY WOMACK HOWARD GRIFFIN MARY SUE BROWN STEPHANIE BROWN FRANKLIN WOMACK JANET HUNTER RICK BAYLOR DONNA BAYLOR



OLDEST AND YOUNGEST MEMBERS



MR. MALCOM DICKENS 96 years



MRS EVA WOMACK 86 years



BOBBI LYNN McNEILL

BORN SEPTEMBER 1986

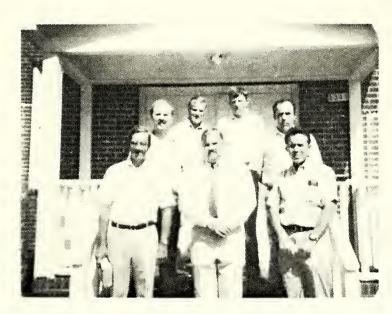


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ELMER HUNTER JR. CHRIS MCRAE
JASON HOWARD EDWARD HOWARD SHAWN HUNTER ROBERT HOWARD CRAIG McRAE(not pictured)

DEACONS



TILLMAN HOWARD JOE HINNANT BILL SMITH RICK BAYLOR FRANKLIN WOMACK EDWARD HOW CHRIS Mc RAE

EDWARD HOWARD





TARA CARLYLE JULIE HOWARD WINNERS OF BIBLE SWORD DRILL



MEMBERS OF YOUTH GROUP
TARA CARLYLE JULIE HOWARD DACIO HUNTER
DONNA MCRAE DONNA BAYLOR(DIRECTOR) EMILY POKEMIRE(DIRECTOR)
BENNY POKEMIRE WENDY THOMPSON(DIRECTOR) CARLA HOWARD
MARTIN HOWARD STEPHANIE BROWN CRAIG MCRAE SHAWN HUNTER
TOMMY HOWARD RICK BAYLOR(DIRECTOR)



PICTURES OF THE FLOAT ENTERED IN THE CHRISTMAS PARADE DN 1979 AND IN 1981.







CHERUB CHOIR

AT THE ZOO---6-24-1978

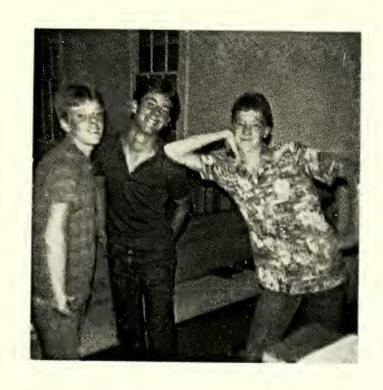


HELPERS AT THE YOUTH
GROUP BANQUET-LOIS PARSONS
MYRNA ESTES
CARLYLE
PEGGY WOMACK
WILMA (DOT)HOWARD





READING FROM LEFT TO
RIGHT---MARTIN HOWARD
ROBERT HOWARD AND TOMMY
HOWARD



REVEREND GEORGE

STALLINGS AT PIZZA TIME

THEATRE IN RALEIGH





CHERUB CHOIR'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

READING FROM LEFT TO RIGHT--

CASEY KENNEDY CRYSTAL THOMPSON
KELLY PATTERSON DANELLE THOMAS
BRADLEY CARLYLE JEREMY CURRIN
DIRECTOR: VIVIAN MCRAE



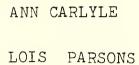
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JEREMY CURRIN JULIE HOWARD
TARA CARLYLE



BRENT PATTERSON DANA KELLY(MARY)
BRADLEY CARLYLE DANELLE THOMAS
JEREMY CURRIN(JOSEPH) KELLY
PATTERSON CASEY KENNEDY









REGGIE THOMAS





SUE KELLY MELBA McNEILL



MARY SUE BROWN FRANKIE SUE KENNEDY CLARA HOWARD





THE HAUNTED HOUSE
HALLOWEEN 1981

SUE KELLY---PLAYING
WITH SNAKES???



TONY KENNEDY
KENT GILLIS
SAMMY McNEILL



MELBA McNEILL
SUE KELLY





ANN CARLYLE LOIS PARSONS



FRANKIE SUE KELLY





PICTURES OF THE FLOAT THAT WAS IN THE CHRISTMAS PARADE
IN 1981. THIS FLOAT WON FIRST PLACE. THE PICTURES ARE OF THE
SAME FLOAT TAKEN FROM DIFFERENT ANGLES.











