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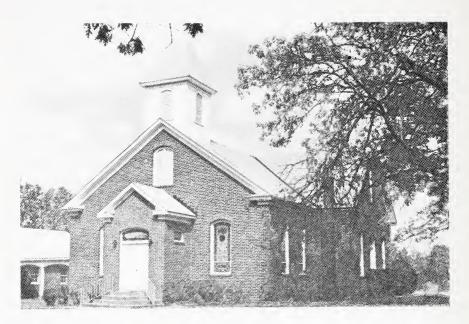
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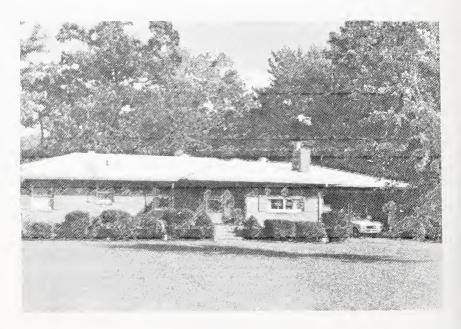
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History of Eno Presbyterian Church

Toward the close of the seventeenth century Scotland was the scene of endless commotions, arising from continued attempts to suppress conscientious convictions of truth and liberty. Many of the Scotch, who were almost exclusively Presbyterians, fled first to Holland and then to Ireland. After remaining in Ireland a number of years they were driven to another country to seek religious liberty, and they came directly from Ireland to this country. They were called "Scotch-Irish."

Although they were unlearned, they were as unbending as iron in their religious sentiments. These Scotch people, ever zealous for freedom of body, mind and spirit found the old regime in their homeland encroaching upon these cherished principles. To America they came that they might work out their own salvation with fear and trembling in the sight of God; but without fear of any man.

About 1738 or 1739 these people settled along the Cape Fear, Black, Tar, Haw, Little, Flat and Eno Rivers. They at once built "meeting houses" and services were held by members of the community. Many years passed before they had settled ministers and organized churches.

On the Eno such a place of worship was built, and down through the years the descendants of those sturdy pioneers have worshipped, and still worship the God of their fathers, in the church that bears the name of the river on the banks of which the first Eno Presbyterian Church was built.

The religious needs of all the scattered Presbyterian settlements in North Carolina were met, in a measure, by missionaries sent from Philadelphia and New Jersey, where there were already large and rapidly growing Scotch-Irish populations.

Doubtless one of these missionaries, and the first Presbyterian minister to preach in the state of North Carolina, was William Robinson. He spent a part of the winter of 1742-43 in the Presbyterian colonies in this vicinity. As a missionary in Virginia Mr. Robinson had been remarkably successful, but the results of his labors in North Carolina were not so encouraging. The settlements in Duplin and New Hanover counties were the oldest in the state, and it is assumed that Mr. Robinson visited these as well as the settlements in Orange and Granville counties.

While we are unable to trace in detail the work of the first missionary, due to the fact that no complete records were made, there is no such uncertainty attached to the movements of the next missionary, Hugh McAden, who was sent on an extended missionary tour through Virginia and North Carolina as a young licentiate in 1755 by Newcastle Presbytery. Happily we have a full and interesting journal, which has been preserved almost in its entirety, and which is the most valuable document that has come down to us from early days. This journal faithfully records the activities of young McAden, and miorms us that he travelled on horseback and preached as he went. He followed a route from the Potomac through the valley of Virginia, across the Blue Ridge, the Dan River, and on July 29, 1755, he entered North Carolina.

On the second Sabbath of August, 1755, Mr. McAden preached to the Eno congregation. While here he lodged at the house of John Anderson, whose descendants still live in this community, one of them, Mrs. T.E. Allison, is a member of Eno church. Of the Eno settlement Mr. McAden says, "They are a set of pretty regular Presbyterians."

Unless the church was already organized, it is altogether probable that it was organized as a result of McAden's visit, for at the beginning of the next year the Eno settlement applied to Hanover Presbytery for supplies.

However, no supplies came until the year 1765, at which time they applied to Hanover for Rev. Henry Patillo. Eno, Little River and Hawfields united in this call and Mr. Patillo came. He was the first settled pastor of these three churches—mother churches of others surrounding them—namely, New Hope, Fairfield, Cross Roads, and others. The first elders of Eno church were Thomas Clark, John Tinnin, Carns Tinnin. At a meeting of Presbytery at Hico on October 2, 1755, the call to Mr. Patillo was presented. He had been a student under Davis in Hanover, and was licensed by the Presbytery of Hanover in 1757.

While pastor of Eno, Little River and Hawfields churches Mr. Patillo assisted in organizing Orange Presbytery. According to Foote's "Sketches of North Carolina" our county of Orange was set off from the county of Bladen in the year 1751.

At a meeting of Hanover Presbytery held at Buffalo, in Rowan County (now Guilford) March 8, 1770, six ministers united in a petition asking to be set off as a presbytery by the name of Orange, giving us their reason for their choice of a name—"where two of our ministers reside." The following May the Synod granted the petition and constituted Rev. Hugh McAden, Rev. Henry Patillo, Rev. James Criswell, Rev. David Caldwell, Rev. Joseph Alexander, Rev. Hezekiah Balch, and Rev. H.J. Balch a Presbytery by the name of Orange, requiring them to meet at Hawfields Church, then in Orange County. Mr. Patillo was appointed to preach the opening sermon.

We may be sure that many members of Eno Church were in the congregation which assembled in that log church, situated about four miles east of the present Hawfields Church, that September morning to hear their pastor's sermon. Then, and for many years following, the meeting of Presbytery was a great event, and was attended by all the people of the surrounding country.

Mr. Patillo left here in 1774 and died in 1801.

Sam W. Hughes owns a large leather-bound New Testament. which was printed in 1736. An inscription states that it was a present from a Mr. Lewis of Granville County to Henry Patillo.

The second pastor. Rev. John DeBow, from the Presbytery of New Brunswick, began to preach to these congregations as licentiate about the year 1775, and was ordained in 1778. His remains were interred in the graveyard that surrounds the Hawfields meeting house. Under his ministry there was a revival of religion, and a goodly number were added to the church. His death took place in 1785, in the month of September, when he was only 38 years old. Tradition says that he was a chaplain in the Revolution, and died of disease contracted in camp.

The next regular minister who remained with these congregations for a time was Jacob Lake, a brother-in-law of Mr. DeBow. During his ministry the congregation of Cross Roads was organized. This congregation was organized from parts of the Hawfields, Eno and Stoney Creek memberships. Mr. Lake left this congregation about the year 1790.

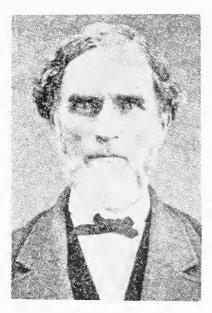
Hawfields and Cross Roads were then united in a pastorate, as were Little River and Eno. These two churches, last named, are grouped together at the present time, although for at least two short periods they have been in different groups.

In 1794 Rev. James Bowman became pastor of Eno and Little River. In the great revival of 1802, and onward, he gathered a large number into these two churches.

In 1802, also, the first camp meeting ever held in the South was held at Hawfields. We are told in Foote's "Sketches" that multitudes, some from great distances, assembled and camped for three or four days with their wagons, getting the necessary supplies as best they could.

So great was the blessing received that the custom was extensively practiced by other churches for years. Such camp meetings were held at Eno at the communion season, and sometimes lasted for more than a week. Long rows of camps or arbors were constructed, and Alex Anderson built a log cabin near the church for use upon these occasions.

As pastor of this church, Mr. Bowman, doubtless, had the privilege of baptizing a baby boy who later became a strong preacher and a power for God in Orange Presbytery; for, in 1810 Anderson G. Hughes was born near Eno. He



Rev. Archibald Currie Pastor 1846-1866 1895-1896



Rev. James L. Currie Pastor 1876-1889

was received into the membership of this church October 26, 1828. "He was a man of prayer, and as he grew older his earnestness became more marked. He was in the habit of secret prayer from early childhood, and would often go out into the wheat fields to pray."

Mr. Hughes became pastor of Hawfields and Cross Roads and served them faithfully for thirty years. He died in the pulpit of Cross Roads church in 1873 while preaching from the text: "Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, He will give it to you." At the time of his death a writer said, "Rev. A.G. Hughes has probably won more souls to Christ than any other minister in Orange Presbytery. His record is indeed on high; but it is well for the church to preserve the memory of such a good man as her precious legacy."

Mr. Bowman's ministry closed in 1815. His successor was Rev. Samuel Paisley, who commenced his labors here in 1816. In 1821 the congregation was blessed with a revival that brought many into the church. In 1822 the Session Minutes contain a copy of "The Articles of Faith and Covenant" of Eno Church. In this year the report to Presbytery states that the number of communicants was "59 white and 11 black." Mr. Paisley evidently represented Orange Presbytery in the meeting of the General Assembly in 1830. Mrs. A.A. Ellis. a descendant of Mrs. Paisley's family, had a letter in her possession which was written by Mr. Paisley while in Philadelphia. In this letter Mr. Paisley speaks of several other ministers being there, and we infer that it was a meeting of a church court. The letter was addressed to Mrs. Nellie Paisley, Orange County, Cedar Grove Postoffice, North Carolina, and reads as follows:

Philadelphia, May 19th, 1830.

Dear Wife and Daughter:

I arrived at this place yesterday evening a little before sunset after a pleasant journey. I left Petersburg Friday morning and landed at Baltimore Saturday at half-past one o'clock. Remained there until Tuesday morning and arrived at Philadelphia the same evening. From Petersburg to City Point I rode in the stage. Cost from that place to Baltimore \$9.25, and from Baltimore to this place \$4.00. I have seen many curiosities. I have visited the asylum where the deaf and dumb are taught.

While at Baltimore I visited the railroad. It is nearly finished--12 miles. One horse can draw more than 100 persons at the rate of nine miles an hour, with ease.

On Sunday afternoon I heard Mr. Breckenridge. In the afternoon I heard Mr. Nevens, and at night I preached. I am now in Dr. E.S. Ely's study.

I hope you are all doing well. If I do not go to New York I probably will be at home in about three weeks. I shall tell you more if Providence should bring us to meet again.

I am still yours most affectionately,

Samuel Paisley

Mr. Paisley moved from here to Moore County in 1834. He is buried in the Old Eno cemetery.

The same year that Mr. Paisley left here Fairfield Church was organized.

From 1834 until 1846, when Foote's "Sketches of North Carolina" were written, Rev. James Phillips of the University faculty, Elijah Graves, afterwards a missionary, Daniel G. Doak, Thomas Lynch, John Paisley, who died here, and Rev. Mr. Campbell, each served the congregation of Eno for a short time.

In 1846 Rev. Archibald Currie became pastor of the church and served here for twenty years. His successor was Rev. Thomas U. Faucette, who remained in this field until 1872. For the next two years Rev. James H. Fitzgerald was pastor.

In 1876 Rev. James L. Currie became pastor. He had been in this congregation as a boy, being the son of Rev. Archibald Currie. He was the father of Prof. Archibald Currie, who was a member of the faculty of Davidson College.

During his ministry in 1878 a new church was built. It was dedicated in April, 1879. This was the third church building. The first building was a log church at the east end of the cemetery on a little knoll. The second church was a frame building. The location of the pulpit of this church is marked by the graves of Alexander and Susan Anderson. The same year that the third church was dedicated Orange Presbytery met here. Rev. D.I. Craig preached the opening sermon at this meeting.

In 1889 Rev. W.F. Wilhelm succeeded Mr. Currie as pastor. This place must have become rather inaccessible by this time. At any rate, interest in the services waned, and on the fourth Sunday in March, 1893, Mr. Wilhelm said, "Something must be done, something has to be done, or the church will die."

As we, of this generation, look back across the space of 62 years it appears

that in the providence of God, the very best something was done; for on the next Saturday a forest fire burned the church to the ground. Being only fourteen years in existence, the destruction of this building must have been received as a tremendous loss to the congregation and the community at this time. Yet it does seem best that the church was moved to the present site at Cedar Grove. The communion table and pulpit Bible were saved from the ravages of the fire, and are still used in the present Eno Church.

A few months later the pastor died in the Manse in Hillsboro, after an illness of eight weeks with typhoid fever. He is buried near the front door of the Hillsboro church. Mrs. Wilhelm subsequently went to her relatives in Texas, and lost her life in the Galveston flood.

In 1897, Eno, Little River and Fairfield united in calling Rev. H.S. Bradshaw. He became the pastor, and continued for three years. During his pastorate the first unit of the present church building was erected on a site bought from A.T. Finley in the village of Cedar Grove. The first person to be buried in the cemetery at this new site was Robert W. Anderson, who was buried January 30, 1898. The first Session meeting was held in the church November 26, 1899. The Building Committee was composed of W.H. Anderson, B.C. Patton and John P. Hughes.

From 1901 through 1905 Rev. J.W. Goodman was pastor.

During the next five years Rev. M.C. Arrowood, who came from the Burlington Church, was pastor. He organized the Efland and North Eno churches.

In 1910 Rev. W.S. Wilhelm became pastor and continued as such until ill health forced him to resign. He died in the State Sanatorium in 1927.

In 1921 a young man, who had been reared in Alamance Church—Rev. C.D. Whiteley—became pastor and continued until the early part of 1926. Mr. Whiteley was a strong preacher and the church was blessed with a period of growth and development during his ministry. A number of young men who became officers and leaders united with the church during the pastorate of Mr. Whiteley. The Woman's Auxiliary, now called Women of the church, was organized at the Manse March 22, 1925. Mr. Whiteley presided over the meeting.

During this period an addition was built to the church and the building was so completely remodelled that it almost amounted to a new church. A comfortable manse was also built at Cedar Grove by the Eno-Fairfield churches, and Mr. Whiteley was the first pastor who lived in it. Before the manse was built at Cedar Grove the pastors had lived at Caldwell, near the Little River Church.

On the fourth Sunday of May 1926 Rev. J.W. Mann, a son of Hawfields Church, preached at Eno as stated supply. In October of that year he was ordained and installed as pastor. Mr. Mann was a consecrated minister and a faithful pastor.

Forty-eight members were added during his pastorate. Mr. Mann was ably assisted in his work by his wife, the former Esther Covington of Hawfields, who was a graduate of Assembly's Training School. She was active in all phases of church work and did much to promote the growth of the Women's organization. Mr. Mann left in April 1941 to accept a call from Third Creek. He died suddenly in 1951 at Black River.

Three times during Mr. Mann's ministry Eno was represented the General Assembly; twice by the pastor, and once by Elder R.D. Hughes.

So far as we know, the first Daily Vacation Bible School in Orange County was held at Eno Church in 1927, the Cedar Grove Methodist Church cooperating with us.

In May 1933, forty years after the fire, a homecoming day was celebrated at Old Eno, two miles from Cedar Grove. The members of Eno, assisted by Public Works Administration employees, made a road and cleared off the cemetery and churchyard. After morning service a lunch was served and Mrs. Ellis' "History of Eno Church" was read by T.C. Ellis. The congregation sat on slabs from a nearby saw mill. These were placed on the rocks of the old foundation. Since that day there has been no service there, and the place has been more and more neglected, due in part to its inaccessibility. It is to be hoped that some time a road may be built, and this sacred, historic spot may be restored and cared for as it deserves.

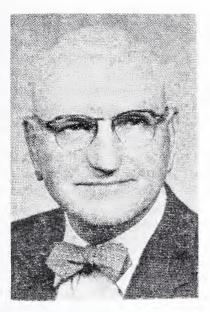
For some time after Mr. Mann left in 1941 our pulpit was usually filled by Rev. Jonas Barclay, a retired minister then living in Pittsboro.

In 1942 Rev. J.S. Cook came to us from Leaksville-Spray. Mr. Cook was instrumental in securing Miss Florence Root as a Bible teacher for our community school and several nearby schools. Miss Root was a missionary refugee from Korea and was a gifted and inspiring teacher. She returned to Korea as soon as it was permissible.

The Manse was improved by the addition of a bathroom and running water.

Mr. Cook was also chief promoter in the erection of our Fellowship Building. T.C. Ellis offered \$1,000 for the project, if the church would first raise \$1,000. The young people raised \$700, the Women of the church held two bazaars and served suppers to several civic groups, and there were gifts, large and small, from members and from friends. When the final cost far exceeded the original estimate, T.C. Ellis came to the rescue with an additional generous contribution which completed the payment. The new building was dedicated after Mr. Cook left us, with a service conducted by Rev. K.M. Misenheimer, on the fourth Sunday of November, 1952.

Twenty-five members were received during Mr. Cook's pastorate. Mr. Cook



Dr. C. D. Whiteley Pastor 1921-1926



Rev. J. W. Mann Pastor 1926-1941 accepted a call to Harmony in 1949.

From 1949 until June 1951 our pulpit was filled by various supplies—mainly Rev. Taylor Reveley and Rev. Norman V. Gibbs, both of whom were graduate students at Duke University.

Rev. K.M. Misenheimer was called to Eno, Little River and Fairfield after his graduation from the Seminary in June 1951. Before his arrival the manse was improved with hardwood floors, inside painting, an electric range, water heater and refrigerator. Since that time outside painting has been done.

The Ellis family gave us a beautiful Hammond organ which has added much to the enjoyment of all services.

Central heating has been installed in the church, making it much more comfortable.

A history of this church would not be complete without some mention of the faithful men who have served as officers throughout the 200 years of her existence. Some early records of Orange Presbytery were destroyed by the British, with the libraries of Dr. David Caldwell and Rev. Henry Patillo. The records of Eno, from its beginning to 1822 are missing, and it is supposed that they may have been burned in the home of Dr. John Witherspoon, State Clerk, near Hillsborough.

The following are the Ruling Elders, according to our records: Thomas Clark, John Tinnin, Carns Tinnin, James Clark, David Faucett, Jesse Clark, William Clark, Thomas Armstrong, Alexander Anderson, Joseph D. Hughes, John McDade, Joseph Smith, Thomas Bain, William Brown, Thomas Wilkinson, Samuel W. Hughes, founder of Cedar Grove Academy, later called Hughes Academy, and located near the old church, David Dickey, Thomas Harvey Hughes, N.D. Bain, W. Henry Anderson, John D. Bain, W. Rice Hughes, elected shortly before his death, and B.C. Patton, who also was the head of an Academy at Cedar Grove. In 1893, or earlier, John P. Hughes and Robert W. Anderson were elected. Mr. Hughes was a faithful officer of Eno for more than 30 years. In 1902 Joel F. Anderson and Robert Harvey Hughes were elected Elders. In 1921 Dr. C.M. Hughes, the "beloved physician" of all this section of Orange County, became an Elder. In 1923 John P. Dark was elected and in 1924 Tim E. Allison was installed. All of these men, having served their generation, have passed to their reward.

Our record of Deacons is also not complete, but we know that the following men have served as Deacons: (Some of these are now Elders) Robert W. Anderson, J.P. Forrest, John Knox Hughes, John Henry Hughes, James C. Lindsay, John H. Tolar, who served in the triple capacity of the only Deacon, Treasurer and Sunday School Superintendent for about 20 years, W.B. Allison,

W.G. Jeffreys, transferred to Mebane, R.Y. Vaughn, J.W. Tolar, R.D. Hughes, S.W. Hughes. Robert D. Hughes served as Treasurer for about 30 years.

Before the old church was burned a Sunday School was conducted for some time by Dr. W.R. Hughes. When the church was rebuilt at Cedar Grove, J.H. Tolar became Superintendent, assisted by Miss Annie L. Hughes, Principal of the Cedar Grove Academy. Since Mr. Tolar's death there have been several superintendents, among these are J.W. Tolar, Coy Long and C.B. Pope Jr.

While this old church has never been strong in numbers, she has given of her life blood to help build up other churches.

(The above history was updated in 1955.)

The years 1955 - 1980 have been good years for Eno Presbyterian Church. While some members have been lost by death or by transfer to other churches, approximately this same number have been gained by transfer and profession of faith. The number holds at around one hundred.

For a number of years Eno was a member of a cluster of four churches: Eno, Efland, Fairfield and Bethlehem. This cluster was dissolved in 1975, and replaced by a "Cooperative" of seven Presbyterian Churches in Orange County: Bethlehem, Eno, Efland, Fairfield, Hillsborough, Little River and New Hope. These churches work together in many ways, especially with the youth.

Through the years the ministry of the church to its youth has been an important part of Eno church's witness. Realizing that without the nurturing of the young people the church would be dead in a few generations, the members of Eno church have provided activities of both a spiritual and recreational nature over the years.

In the years past when there was a large number of young people in the congregation the church had a youth choir and a youth group led to a great extent by the young people themselves. As the number of youth has diminished, Eno has joined with other Presbyterian churches in the area to provide a joint ministry. This has meant that more varied and ambitious activities could be attempted than could have been done otherwise. The young people also have contact with the ministers and young people from other churches, and this has been an asset in terms of the spiritual growth of the youth. This cooperative arrangement has been particularly beneficial at the times when Eno was without a minister, since the cooperative youth activities have continued.

Some of the activities during the last few years have included: retreats to Presbyterian Point, recreational events such as a ski trip to Sugar Mountain and a canoe trip down the Neuse River, a camping trip to Wrightsville Beach. a day trip to Carowinds Park, several overnight campouts in Bethlehem Church in coordination with an evening of swimming and sports at Elon College. a trip to the N.C. State Fair, and occasional excursions to see a movie and enjoy pizza together. Even when recreation has been emphasized, there is still a focus upon Christian fellowship and often some religious theme is explored during the activity.

Vacation Church School each summer has been another strongly emphasized activity at Eno. The Bible School, which is held at Camp New Hope, not only attracts the children from the congregation, but also draws other young people in the community who have no other church affiliation.

Eno and Fairfield are served by the same minister, and they cooperate in several ways, one of which is "The Birthday Party" by the women of the two churches.

Eno and the Cedar Grove United Methodist Church work together to observe "The World Day of Prayer." Eno joins with other churches in the community for the Easter Sunrise Service, the Thanksgiving program and the Christmas program.

In 1961 a new manse was built, and the old manse sold. In 1964, with the help of the Schley Grange, the Old Eno Cemetery was cleaned and restored. A bronze plaque was placed on a boulder at the site of the early church which was established in 1755. A Historical Highway Marker, calling attention to Old Eno, was placed by the North Carolina Department of Archives and History. When the project was completed, an appropriate ceremony was held at the site of the marker. Dr. Harold Dudley, Executive Secretary of the Synod at that time, was present for this occasion. Many distinguished Presbyterians were buried in this cemetery.

In 1961 the Fellowship Hall was brick veneered and the sanctuary renovated. Twelve memorial stained-glass windows were installed, memorial pews were placed in the sanctuary and later new carpeting and pew cushions were provided.

In 1979 the Fellowship Hall was completely remodeled. The walls were insulated and panelled, new wiring and plumbing were installed, a central heating system was added, and the kitchen and bathrooms were redone. The most impressive part of the project was the spirit of cooperation displayed by the church members. The men of the church gutted the old facilities and did the insulation and panelling themselves. The women helped with the planning and cleaning and decorated the facilities with attractive carpeting and draperies.

In 1970, a class of fine young people and their teacher undertook a successful

project of obtaining a piano for the sanctuary. During the last 25 years, several substantial memorial gifts have been made to Eno.

The Women of the Church have two circles, which meet monthly. The Bible study in the "Work Book" is used for the programs. They are active in the "White Cross" work, and the "Last Coin Fellowship." Also, they do good work with the ill and shut-ins. The two circles meet jointly four times a year.

Among the blessings coming to Eno was the life, service, and inspiration of the loved Directors of Christian Education, Miss Frances Pritchett and Mrs. Carolyn Brown.

Pastors of Eno Presbyterian Church

| Missionaries, including | |
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| William Robinson and | |
| Hugh McAden | 1755-1765 |
| Rev. Henry Patillo | 1765-1774 |
| Rev. John DeBow | 1777-1783 |
| Rev. Jacob Lake | 1786-1794 |
| Rev. James H. Bowman | 1795-1815 |
| Rev. Samuel Paisley | 1816-1834 |
| Rev. Daniel G. Doak | 1835-1837 |
| Rev. Elijah Graves | 1837-1838 |
| Rev. Thomas Lynch | 1839-1841 |
| Rev. Archibald Currie | 1846-1866 |
| Rev. Thomas U. Faucette | 1867-1872 |
| Rev. James H. Fitzgerald | 1873-1875 |
| Rev. James L. Currie | 1876-1889 |
| Rev. W.F. Wilhelm | 1889-1893 |
| Rev. Archibald Currie | 1895-1896 |
| Rev. H.S. Bradshaw | 1897-1900 |
| Rev. J.W. Goodman | 1901-1905 |
| Rev. M.C. Arrowood | 1905-1910 |
| Rev. W.S. Wilhelm | 1910-1920 |
| Rev. C.D. Whiteley | 1921-1926 |
| Rev. J.W. Mann | 1926-1941 |
| Rev. J.S Cook | 1942-1949 |
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Services at Hughes Academy 3rd bldg. dedicated 1879 3rd bldg. burned 1893

| Rev. K.M. Misenheimer | 1951-1955 |
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| Rev. W. Clark Porter III | 1957-1967 |
| Rev. Galen Elliott | 1969-1971 |
| Rev. James T. Donnell | 1972-1977 |
| Rev. Robert Leonard Ellis | 1978- |

Known Interim and Stated Supply Ministers:

Rev. J.W. Goodman Jr. Rev. Edward Agsten Rev. James P. Sample Rev. Galen Elliott Rev. Randy Wellford

The present pastor of Eno and Fairfield churches is Rev. Robert L. Ellis. Mr. Ellis is a native of Asheboro, North Carolina, and came to Orange County after serving as a missionary of our denomination to Japan for five years. Mr. Ellis is a graduate of the University of Alabama and Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary. He serves as half-time pastor of these two churches while pursuing a graduate degree in Public Health at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill.

| ELDERS | YEAR ELECTED | |
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| Thomas Clark | Unknown | |
| John Tinnin | Unknown | |
| Carns Tinnin | Unknown | |
| Joseph Smith | Unknown | |
| David Faucett | Unknown | |
| William Clark | Unknown | |
| Thomas Bain | Unknown | |
| William Brown | Unknown | |
| Thomas Armstrong | Unknown | |
| Alexander Anderson | Unknown | |
| James Clark | 1795 | |
| John McDade | 1825 | |
| Joseph D. Hughes | 1825 | Clerk of Session 1826 |

| James W. Clark | 1834 |
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| Thomas Wilkinson | 1839 |
| Samuel W. Hughes | 1845 |
| David Dickey | 1847 |
| Thomas Harvey Hughes | 1851 |
| John Bain | 1865 |
| Wm. Henry Anderson | 1873 |
| Nathaniel D. Bain | 1873 |
| Dr. W. R. Hughes | 1881 |
| B. C. Patton | 1885 |
| Robert W. Anderson | 1873 |
| John P. Hughes | 1893 |
| Joe F. Anderson | 1902 |
| Robert H. Hughes | 1902 |
| C. A. McDade | 1908 |
| Dr. C. M. Hughes | 1921 |
| John P. Dark | 1923 |
| Tim E. Allison | 1925 |
| Sam W. Hughes | 1928 |
| C. S. McDade | 1928 |
| Robert D. Hughes Sr. | 1939 |
| Thomas C. Ellis | 1939 |
| J. W. Tolar | 1948 |
| G. A. Munn | 1948 |
| Robert Young Vaughn | 1951 |
| C. Bunn Pope Jr. | 1951 |
| William Lee Finley | 1965 |
| Robert Walden Isley Sr. | 1965 |
| Burch C. Compton | 1965 |
| Robert D. Hughes Jr. | 1965 |
| Wilfred Lockhart Phelps | 1965 |
| John Howard Pope | 1965 |
| Donald Warren Pope | 1977 |
| Mrs. Sallie Mae Oliver Ligon | 1977 |
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| Clerk of Session 1843 |
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Clerk of Session 1932

Clerk of Session 1966

Clerk of Session 1977

No early record of Deacons. On October 4, 1873, according to minutes of Session, "there were no Deacons," and an election was held November 1873.

YEAR ORDAINED

| Robert W. Anderson | 1873 |
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| J. P. Forrest | 1873 |
| John Knox Hughes | 1881 |
| John Henry Hughes | 1881 |
| James C. Lindsay | 1881 |
| John H. Tolar | 1900 |
| Dr. C. M. Hughes | 1908 |
| Wm. B. Allison | 1908 |
| T. L. Oliver | 1925 |
| P.G.Allison | 1925 |
| J. L. Roberts | 1925 |
| W.G.Jeffreys | 1925 |
| Robert D. Hughes | 1925 |
| Sam W. Hughes | 1926 |
| Robert Young Vaughn | 1926 |
| J. W. Tolar | 1939 |
| Robert E. Hughes | 1939 |
| Coy Long | 1948 |
| C. Bunn Pope Jr. | 1948 |
| Burch Compton, Treasurer | 1951 |
| Edward Lee Long | 1953 |
| T. Howard McKee | 1953 |
| Thomas H. Pope | 1953 |
| Jule Allen | 1953 |
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Treasurer for 20 years

Treasurer 1925-1952

Deacons serving the past 25 years:

Mrs. Sallie Pearl Allen AllisonRobert Earl Hughes Jr.Malcolm Graham AllisonEdward L. LongPercy Graham AllisonThomas Howard McKeeWallace BolandDonald Warren Pope, treasurerWilliam Lee FinleyThomas Henry Pope Sr., treasurerTerry Fuqua, treasurerJeffrey Lee RobertsRobert Earl Hughes Sr.William P. Roberts

Superintendents of Eno Sunday School during 25 years have been:

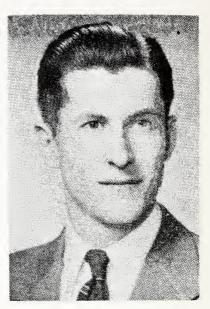
| Monroe Allen | William Lee Finley |
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| Coy Wilbur Long | William P. Roberts |
| Malcolm Graham Allison | Robert D. Hughes Jr. |
| Wilfred Lockhart Phelps | John Howard Pope |

Trustees of the church at the present time are William Lee Finley, Howard McKee, Charlie Bunn Pope.

Presidents of the Women of the Church during 25 years are as follows : Mrs. Sallie Pearl Allen Allison Mrs. Agnes Compton Allen Mrs. Margaret Hughes Roberts Mrs. Lillie May Aycock Isley Mrs. Kathleen Wilson McKee Mrs. Mary Frances Hawkins Pope Mrs. Sue Walters Pope Miss Martha Marie Wells Mrs. Lois Wilkinson Hughes

Eno Church has a fine heritage. May she ever hold high and pass on the untarnished torch of dedication to God's glory handed her by her founders.





Rev. J. S. Cook Pastor 1942-1949

Rev. Kay M. Misenheimer Pastor 1951-1955



Rev. Robert L. Ellis Pastor 1978-

