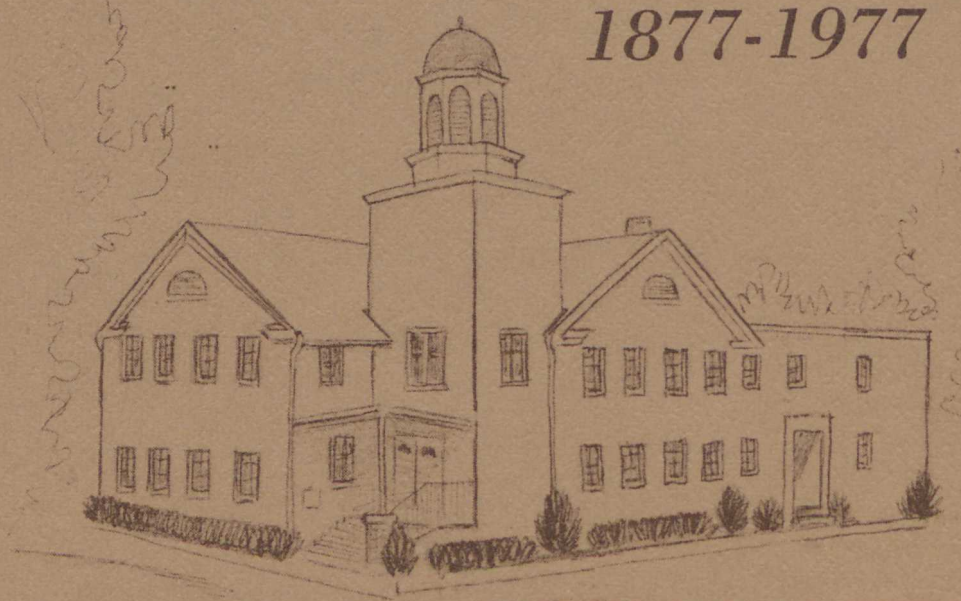




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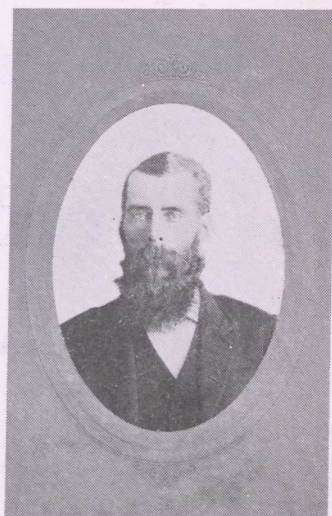
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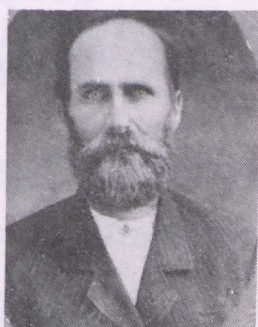
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Mr. John C. Whitmire was a member. Feb. 16, 1841 — Dec. 22, 1909



Mrs. John C. Whitmire was a charter member. May 30, 1842 — Oct. 22, 1925

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of
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in
Observance
of the
Church's
One-Hundredth Anniversary
take pleasure in
announcing
the following program
May 1, 1977*



Rev. E. Allison, Pastor
Aug. 1892—1896



Rev. F. M. Jordan, Pastor
Jan. 1889—1890



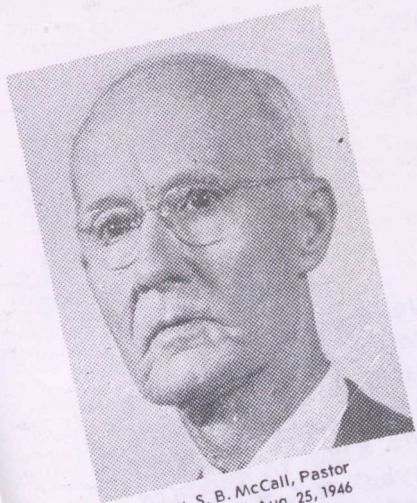
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Mar. 1, 1936—Dec. 1, 1940



Rev. W. H. Whitlock, Pastor
March 1941—Aug. 1943



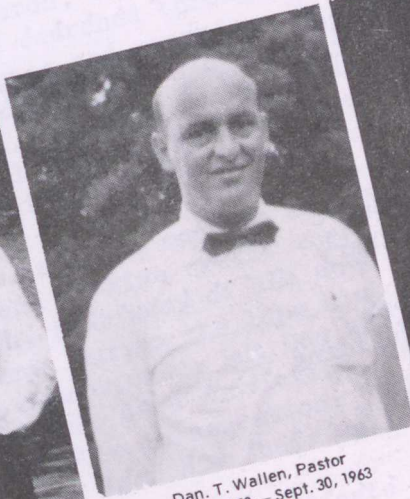
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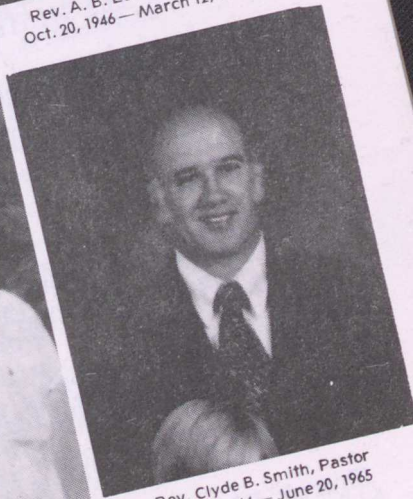
Rev. A. B. Ledford, Pastor
Oct. 20, 1946 — March 12, 1950



Rev. C. W. Rogers, Pastor
Sept. 6, 1953 — May 25, 1958



Dan. T. Wallen, Pastor
June 22, 1958 — Sept. 30, 1963



Rev. Clyde B. Smith, Pastor
Jan. 19, 1964 — June 20, 1965



Rev. James Parham, Pastor
Sept. 15, 1965 — Dec. 31, 1971



Rev. B. E. Moody, Pastor
April 1, 1972 — Dec. 18, 1974

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DEDICATION

This booklet has been compiled and written in order that you might have it during our One-Hundredth Anniversary Celebration, May 1, 1977. We have gathered from all known available sources as much of the entire history of this church, both good and bad, as was possible. We have searched through all available Associational minutes and records. We have visited libraries and read old copies of The Biblical Recorder and other records. We have talked with older people who remember well much that we have recorded, and some of it has happened within our own lifetime.

We have tried to mention as many names as reasonably possible and to give credit where credit is due. We know, though, that many of the most loyal and most faithful members, during the long history of our church have remained unmentioned; but God knows their worthy contribution, their deep conviction, their strong courage, their noble consecration. Many of them are already receiving from Him their well deserved rewards.

Therefore, we would dedicate this booklet to all members of this great church who, down through the years, have labored long and well, and who have given a rightful part of their time, their talent, and their tithe to their Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, through this, His church. We would dedicate this to all the leaders and the followers, the rich and the poor, the living and the dead, the young and the old, the named and the unnamed. Our constant prayer is that, in the future years, the preacher in the pulpit and the people in the pew may be and may do far more than any of us, both past and present, ever dreamed or ever hoped was even possible.

CHERRYFIELD BAPTIST CHURCH AND ITS MINISTRIES

The Cherryfield Baptist Church, through its mission and educational organizations seeks to develop Christian personality. Our aim is to foster in each person a consciousness of God as a reality in human experience, and to have a sense of personal relationship to Him; to lead each person to understand and appreciate the personality, life and teachings of Jesus Christ; to lead each individual to build a life philosophy on the basis of a Christian interpretation of life.

The Holy Bible is the center of our curriculum and by the aid of the Holy Spirit we believe that all can come to know its message.

If you are hungry for this message, for friendship, and for Christian fellowship, we invite you, with the sincerest concern, to visit Cherryfield Baptist.

B. C. Durham, Pastor

100TH ANNIVERSARY PROGRAM

Cherryfield Baptist Church, Brevard, N. C.

Sunday Morning - May 1, 1977

Sunday School - 9:45 o'clock - Mike Whitmire, Director

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE - 11:00 o'clock

Announcements of the Week Mike Whitmire
Prelude - "Come Holy Spirit". Bach
*Doxology
Call To Worship (Chairman of the Deacons) Fred Tinsley
Leader: "God is Spirit, and those who worship Him
must worship in Spirit and truth."
Congregation: "This is the day which the Lord has
made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.
I was glad when they said to me, "Let
us go to the house of the Lord."
Invocation Fred Tinsley
Three Fold Amen Choir
*Hymn - "All Hail The Power of Jesus Name" . . .No. 132
Recognition of Special Guest and Visitors . . . Pastor
Scripture Reading (W.M.U. Director) . . . Azile Durham
A Playlet, giving a brief history of our Church from
1877 until 1977 (Historian) . Ruby Matthews
Anthem - "So Near to God Am I" Eville
Morning Prayer (Brotherhood Director)Ed Wilson
Presentation of Historical Booklets.Jane Cabe
*Hymn - "The Church's One Foundation".No. 380
Offertory Prayer
Worship With Tithes and Offerings
Introduction of SpeakerPastor
Anthem - "O Divine Redeemer".Gound
SermonRev. Ray Justice
Pastor Trinity Baptist Church, Whiteville, N.C.
Ordained by this Church, October 31, 1965
*Closing Hymn - "The Solid Rock". No. 283
Benediction and ThanksBill Klepps
Postlude - "Praise Ye The Father". Gound

*The Congregation will please stand.

WORDS OF APPRECIATION:

In another section of this booklet, we said that we had tried to mention as many names as reasonably possible and to give credit where credit is due. We know, though, that many who have been of greatest help in getting pieces of old records together and furnishing information have not been mentioned.

We, the pastor and members of the Cherryfield Baptist Church, join together in expressing our greatest appreciation to Mrs. Ruby W. Matthews for her most loyal and most faithful service in gathering information and compiling the long history of our church. We also join together in expressing our greatest appreciation to Mrs. Jane Cabe for her most loyal and faithful service in arranging and typing the history for this booklet. To Miss Carol Coltrane, we express our sincere appreciation for the design and sketches for the cover of this booklet.

We are grateful for your worthy contribution and will forever cherish this memorial booklet.



REV. B. C. DURHAM

DEDICATORY SERVICES
Sunday, January 13, 1963

ELEVEN O'CLOCK

Prelude Mrs. Dan Wallen
Call to Worship The Choir
Doxology Choir and Congregation
Invocation Pastor
Hymn of Consecration No. 406 "The Church's One
Foundation"

Scripture Reading - Ephesians 4:1-16
Rev. Ernest Upchurch, Sec. Church Development Dept.
Welcome and Announcements Pastor
The Service of Dedication Pastor and Congregation

PASTOR: This is the day which the Lord hath made;
we will rejoice and be glad in it. Psalm 118:24

CONGREGATION: The Lord hath done great things for us,
whereof we are glad. Psalm 126:3

PASTOR: Bless the Lord, O my Soul: and all that is
within me bless his holy name. Psalm 103:1

CONGREGATION: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget
not all his benefits. Psalm 103:2

PASTOR: Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth
rejoice; and let men say among nations, the Lord
reigneth. I Chron. 16:31

CONGREGATION: Let the people praise thee, O God;
Let all the people praise thee. Psalm 67:3

PASTOR: Believing that the hand of God has led us
in the planning and construction of our new
Educational Building, let the people unite in
offering it unto Him for His worship and glory.
To the glory of God the Father, to the honor
of Jesus Christ, his only begotten Son, our
Saviour, and to the praise of the Holy Spirit,
our comforter and guide.

CONGREGATION: We dedicate this house of worship.

PASTOR: In grateful remembrance of all who have loved,
and served this church; with hearts tender for
those who have joined the Church Triumphant.

CONGREGATION: We dedicate this house of worship.

PASTOR: For worship in prayer and praise;
For the preaching of the Word;
For the salvation of the Lost;
For the observance of the holy Ordinances;
For the advancement of believers in Knowledge,
holiness and comfort:

CONGREGATION: We dedicate this house of worship.

PASTOR: For comfort to those who mourn;
For strength to those who are weak;
For help to those who are tempted:

CONGREGATION: We dedicate this house of worship.

PASTOR: For the protection of the family;
For the purity and guidance of childhood;
For the suppression of evil in all forms;
For the coming of God's Kingdom on earth:

CONGREGATION: We dedicate this house of worship.

PASTOR: That this may be for all people a House of
Prayer, that men may be conscious that God is in
this place, that it may be to them none other than
the House of God and the Gate of Heaven.

CONGREGATION: We dedicate this house of worship.

Prayer of Dedication Rev. Ernest Upchurch
Hymn of Dedication No. 56 I Am Thine O Lord
Solo "His Hand In Mine" Pastor
Offertory Prayer..Mr. Gene Matthews, Chairman Deacons
The Offering of the Tithe
"Lead On, Lead On" The Choir
Dedication Sermon Dr. Douglas Branch,
Executive Sec. State Baptist Convention
Hymn of Invitation No. 254 Have Thine Own Way
BenedictionMr. Raleigh Waldrop,
Chairman Building Committee
Postlude - "Blest Be The Tie"The Choir

OFFICERS AND TEACHERS
CHERRYFIELD BAPTIST CHURCH

1976-1977

CHURCH OFFICERS:

Moderator	Fred Tinsley
Vice Moderator	Bill Klepps
Clerk	Mrs. Gene Matthews
Assistant Clerk	Jane Cabe
Treasurer	Gene Matthews
Asst. Treas.	Mr. & Mrs. Jimmy Whitmire
Recording Secretary	Mrs. Bill Klepps
Asst. Rec. Sec.	Mr. Bill Klepps
Music Director	Mrs. Fred Tinsley
Asst. Music Dir.	Mr. Hubert Batson
Organist	Steve Owen
Pianist	Mrs. Hubert Batson
Audio Visual Director	Mr. Thermon Tucker
Librarian	Mrs. Ed Wilson
Asst. Librarian	Miss Anna Saunders

SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFICERS:

Director	Mike Whitmire
Asst. Director	Mrs. Verlin Dills
Secretary	Shirley Ashworth
Asst. Secretary	Marie Whitmire
V. B. S. Director	Mr. Hubert Batson
Asst. VBS Director	Mrs. Gene Matthews
Extension Leader	Mr. B. B. Cantrell
Adults Away	Mrs. Jimmy Whitmire
Adult Dept. Director	Mr. Hubert Batson
Lydia Class Teacher	Miss Helen Wilkerson
Asst. Lydia Class	Mrs. J. L. Gillespie
Ruth Class Teacher	Mrs. Verlin Dills
Ruth Class Asst.	Mrs. Leona Barton
Mary and Martha Class	
Teacher	Mrs. B. C. Durham
Asst. Mary and Martha	Mrs. Margaret Howell

SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFICERS (continued)

Hugh Lambert Class Teacher	Ules Bryson
Asst. Hugh Lambert Class	Richard Lambert
Adult Men I Teacher	Charles Zeigler
Young Adult (18-29) Teacher	Mrs. Ed Wilson
Young Adult Asst.	Russell Zeigler
Youth Department Director	Mrs. Lucy Bryson
Youth A Teacher	Ed Wilson
Youth B Teacher	Jackie Whitmire
Youth Assistant Teacher	Jane Cabe
Children's Department Director	Linda Whitmire
Grades 4-6 Teacher	Mrs. Bill Klepps
Asst. Grades 4-6 Teacher	Mrs. Mattie Ray
Grades 1-3 Teacher	Mrs. Avery Whitmire
Asst. Grades 1-3 Teacher	Mrs. Lionel McCall
Preschool Department Director	Mrs. William Tolley
Older - 4-5 Teacher	Mrs. Frank Whitmire
Assistant Older Preschool	Mrs. Fred Ashe
Younger - 1-3 Teacher	Miss Ann Wilson
Asst. Younger Teacher	Mrs. Margaret Pope
Bed Babies	Mrs. Reba Owen
	Mrs. Bill Owen

CHURCH TRAINING:

Director	Jane Cabe
Secretary	Marie Whitmire
Pianists	Marie Whitmire
	Dianne McCall
	Anna Saunders
Adult Department Director	Mike Whitmire
Youth Department Director	Ed Wilson
Group I	Mrs. Thermon Tucker
Group II	Mr. & Mrs. Ed Wilson
Group III	Mrs. Mike Whitmire
Preschool Department Director	Mrs. Frank Whitmire
Asst. Preschool Directors	Mrs. Fred Ashe
	Mrs. Margaret Pope

W.M.U.:

W. M. U. Director
W. M. U. President
Acteen Leader
G. A. Leader
Mission Friends Leader

Mrs. B. C. Durham
Mrs. Clarence Summey
Mrs. James Saunders
Miss Ann Wilson
Mrs. Marie Whitmire

Brotherhood Director
R. A. Director
Crusade Counselor - Grades
 1-3
Crusade Counselor - Grades
 4-6
Pioneer Counselor

Ed Wilson
J. C. Brown
Mr. & Mrs. Hubert Batson
J. C. Brown
Russell Zeigler

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:

V. B. S. Director
Assistant Director
Adult Department Director
Youth Department Director
Children Department Director
Pre-School Dept. Director
Secretary

Mr. Hubert Batson
Mrs. Ruby Matthews
Russell Zeigler
Jane Cabe
Mrs. B. C. Durham
Mrs. Hubert Batson
Shirley Ashworth

I
THE PERIOD OF BEGINNING

The Civil War was over, and the soldiers had returned to their homes. Many returned to find their houses burned, their livestock gone and their families struggling to "dig out" an existence in the valleys and on the hillsides. These returning men took up the duties as head of their families. Their tasks were many. A man would have to be carpenter, blacksmith, cabinet maker, cobbler, and farmer. The members of his family were also busy with numerous tasks.

But even though tasks seemed never-ending, there was a desire for things spiritual and for the assembling of themselves together for the worship of God. Houses of worship were often miles away and means of transportation were slow.

This was the situation faced by the people in the Cherryfield-Calvert area of Transylvania County in the late 1870's. On Sunday, May 6, 1877, at 4:00 o'clock in the afternoon, a group of seventeen people met and constituted the Mt. Moriah Baptist Church. Rev. G. W. Brooks acted as moderator. He read the thirteenth chapter of First Corinthians and commented on the last verse, "And now abideth faith, hope, and charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity." Then Rev. Brooks read the Covenant and Articles of Faith. These were adopted and prayer was led by Rev. Brooks.

The following were charter members: Rev. & Mrs. G. W. Brooks from Greenville, S.C. (Rev. Brooks had served as pastor of the recently organized Brevard Baptist Church - March 27, 1869 until the fall of 1875). Deacon and Mrs. Richard Whitmire and four of their children from Cathey's Creek Baptist Church. Their children were W.A. (Bill) Whitmire, Mrs. Sallie W. Orr, Mrs. Nancy W. Robertson, and Mrs. Susan W. Glazener. Mrs. Mahalia Whitmire (a daughter-in-law of Richard Whitmire). Deacon William Leander Lyon, his wife (Mrs. Elizabeth Nicholson Lyon)

and four children, (Deacon James Lyon, Mrs. Ann L. Lynch, Mrs. Mattie L. Batson, and Mrs. Sally L. Batson) all of Cathey's Creek Baptist Church and Mrs. John C. Whitmire of East Fork Baptist Church. G. H. Moore was also a charter member and was made the first clerk. Richard Whitmire was chosen deacon after which the church adjourned to meet on the first Sunday in each month.

The first Sunday in June, the church met and called Rev. G. W. Brooks as pastor. Rev. Brooks accepted the call and served until May, 1887. (His was the longest pastorate of any of the thirty pastors who served this church during the first one-hundred years).

On May 12, 1878, W. L. Lyon was made a deacon by vote of the church. He was elected church clerk in March, 1879 and served in this capacity until March, 1883 when the church elected Dr. Whit Brooks as clerk.

During Rev. Brooks' pastorate, a sanctuary was built on land given by Richard Whitmire. This was a frame building approximately forty feet long and thirty feet wide. Much of the lumber for the building came from logs on the property donated by Richard Whitmire for the church and cemetery. (This has been a burial ground since Dec. 6, 1876 - prior to formal organization of the church, May 6, 1877).

J. W. Glazener, a Sunday School Superintendent in the early years of the church, says that Richard Whitmire and W. L. Lyon were faithful members whose services are worthy of mentioning in the building of the church and its spiritual growth. They, along with others, charter members and new members, were faithful in all departments of the church work and the young church had a good influence in the community.

Not only was this church's influence felt in the local community, but early records of the Transylvania Baptist Association, which was organized in 1881, show that the church participated in the Association by sending delegates to the annual meetings and its members served on committees, held offices, and supported

the mission and educational causes. Mt. Moriah was the third church to host the Associational meeting (1883). Their reports show that by 1889, the young church's membership had grown to eighty-three, and the Sunday School reported seventy-five "scholars".

The first Sunday in May, 1887, the church elected Rev. S. C. Owen of Buncombe County as pastor. He served the church until February, 1888. At this time, the church again called Rev. G. W. Brooks who served until 1889.

Rev. F. M. Jordan was elected the church's third pastor the first Sunday in January, 1889 and served for one year. Rev. Jordan and his family moved to the community where Rev. and Mrs. Jordan lived the rest of their lives. Although Rev. Jordan did not serve the church long as pastor, his work in revival meetings and preaching at intervals did much for the spiritual up-building of the church. Rev. Jordan was considered one of the ablest pioneer preachers of his day.

Rev. T. C. Plemmons was elected pastor in 1890 and served until August, 1892. On the thirteenth day of the same month, the church called Rev. Elijah Allison as pastor. Rev. Allison, a long-time resident of Transylvania County, served as pastor four years - until Sept. 1896. It is recorded that he baptized five thousand, five hundred twenty-three persons and married scores of others. While he was pastor of Mt. Moriah, many people were added to the church; and according to the Associational minutes the church, in nineteen years, had grown from seventeen members to one-hundred fifty-two members.

Mt. Moriah was host church for the Annual Association meeting October 17-20, 1895. Rev. E. Allison, who was pastor of the host church served as moderator. At this time, messengers and visiting representatives of State and Western North Carolina area organizations spent the nights with church members and the ladies furnished dinner for three days.

November 14, 1896, Rev. T. C. Holtzclaw was elected pastor and served one year. The second Sunday in Nov., 1897, Rev. I. T. Newton was elected pastor. Rev. Newton

served the church for seven years until Nov., 1904.

These years of "The Beginning Period" were characterized by much discipling of the "wayward saints". The minutes are full of accounts of certain members being summoned before the church to answer for such charges as the use of intoxicating beverages, profane language, and immoral conduct. A committee was appointed to see these erring members. If they repented and acknowledged their error to the church in conference, they were restored. Members who failed to show a penitent spirit were excluded from the church. This is one reason that the number of church members, reported year to year, fluctuated so much.

The "Beginning Years" also tell us of some solid foundations laid by the church. The importance of prayer-with meetings each Wednesday night when weather permitted. Revival meetings were stressed with a two weeks or more revival each August. Regular business meetings - usually held after the Saturday preaching service. The teaching of the Bible was emphasized with the establishment of Sunday Schools, and although during the early years, the Sunday School only met during warm weather, the seed was planted and led to abundant harvest. Financial support of Associational missions goes back to 1886, the oldest Associational minutes available. Ministerial educational support began in 1886 and Foreign missions support is recorded in 1892.

II
THE PERIOD OF STRUGGLE

Rev. I. T. Newton, who was pastor until Nov., 1904, served well, and the young church entered its second twenty-five year period with a Sunday School which met during warm weather. The pastor was paid \$113.65 during 1903, and there were one-hundred twenty-seven members reported in the Associational minutes. Rev. F. M. Jordan and William Aiken were sent as delegates to the Associational meeting which was held with Oak Grove Baptist Church Oct. 15-18, 1903. In Nov., 1904, Rev. S. C. Owen of Canton was again elected pastor and served until Nov., 1908. During his pastorate, he preached two times each month and his salary was less than \$100 per year.

In May, 1908, the church had a two weeks revival meeting. Rev. Asher Allison and Rev. Isaac Henderson were the preachers. There were twenty-four additions to the church - twenty by baptism, three by letter, and one by restoration. A collection was taken at the close of the meeting for the two young preachers. The amount received was \$22.

Excerpt from minutes: "Sunday morning, June 14, 1908, the church met at the "water" and baptized the following: Norman Whitmire, Glad Whitmire, Jake Gillespie, Louie Gillespie, Leander Gillespie, Wiley Glazener, George Morgan, John Davis, Bertha Batson, Beatras Batson, Ila Gillespie, Exie Aiken, Annie Jordan, Alice Davis, Nora Bowen, Emma Searcy, Ruth Brooks, Ellen McCall, and Selenia Galloway. The following Sunday, Ben Cunningham was baptized, making a total of twenty. These assembled at the church and heard a sermon by Pastor, S. C. Owen. Paid on pastor's support: \$7, S. C. Owen, Moderator, W. P. Hogsed, Church Clerk".

Missions were stressed during this period and on Aug. 9, 1908, Mt. Moriah Church, in conference, adopted a resolution to contribute to Foreign missions. They also agreed to pay all contributions through the church treasurer.

- . The third quarter of 1908 the Mission offering went to Foreign missions.
- . The fourth quarter 1908 the Baptist Orphanage.
- . The first quarter 1909 to Home missions. A goal of \$10 was set for each quarter.

Nov. 8, 1908, Pastor S. C. Owen was asked to serve another year but declined. On Jan. 9, 1909, Rev. T. C. Holtzclaw was elected pastor. He served as pastor until Dec., 1910. During this time, an organ was purchased for the church for \$55 and fourteen members were added to the church.

The minutes for this period also show evidence of a struggle to keep a pure membership. Often charges were brought against members, and at one time, a committee from three other churches was called to help settle a dispute between members.

On Jan. 14, 1911, Rev. J. K. Henderson was elected to serve as pastor until Sept. 1, 1911. During his ministry, J. W. Glazener was elected Sunday School Superintendent (April 16, 1911). A committee was appointed to consult and recommend officers and teachers for the year. Mr. Glazener told the church he would not be superintendent unless the church had Sunday School twelve months a year instead of just during the summer. Mr. Glazener served as Sunday School Superintendent for many years.

The Sunday School grew under his capable leadership. The following excerpt from the clerk's minutes is of interest: "Sunday, Aug. 27, 1911, the church was called together for the purpose of electing a teacher for the advanced class of the Sunday School according to the new method of putting the Sunday School under the control of the church. Miss Julia Owen was elected teacher to fill Mrs. J. M. Zachary's place who resigned Aug. 19. J. W. Glazener, Moderator, R. L. Hogsed, Church Clerk".

On Oct. 1, 1911, Rev. W. H. Davis of Hendersonville was elected pastor. His was the shortest pastorate in the history of the church - only two months and three days.

During this period, Misses Mary and Victoria Galloway gave their large farm in the Calvert area to the Baptist Orphanage. They were life-long residents of the Calvert community and members of Mt. Moriah Church. Their parents were Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Galloway.

Rev. T. C. Holtzclaw followed Rev. Davis as pastor having been elected early Feb., 1912. He resigned July 14, 1912. He was followed by Rev. Mark Osborne who was elected Sunday, July 28, 1912 and served until Sept. 1, 1913.

The next pastor was Rev. J. N. Lee who was elected Sunday, Sept. 21, 1913. A committee was appointed to see how much money could be raised for the pastor's support.

During Rev. J. N. Lee's pastorate, a Deacon, G. H. Moore, died and the church, in conference, March 7, 1914, appointed a committee composed of R. L. Hogsed, J. W. Glazener, and Henry Gillespie to write Mr. Moore's obituary and send a copy to The Biblical Recorder, one to the local newspaper, and to put a copy in the church minute book.

During Rev. Lee's pastorate he received a salary of \$200. The record shows that the membership grew and the church prospered. The Associational minutes show Mt. Moriah Church had the first Ladies Aid Society in the association. Mrs. J. N. Lee is said to have been instrumental in its organization in 1914. (See Associational Minutes for that year, Page 28).

Even with these accomplishments, the church struggled along. Pastors served short terms, usually being elected for one year. Beginning in January, 1909 until October, 1914, a period of less than six years, the church had six pastors.

On Sunday, Oct. 11, 1914, Rev. J. R. Liner, of Blantyre was elected pastor for a year. He was later elected two times for a year each, thus serving as pastor through Oct. 14, 1917. The time of preaching was changed from the first Saturday and Sunday to the second Saturday and Sunday of each month. The church grew under his leadership, thirty-seven being baptized and eleven received by letter during the three years he served as pastor. However, no Ladies missions work was reported

during these years.

Rev. T. C. King of Hendersonville was elected pastor Sunday, Oct. 14, 1917, and preached his last sermon as pastor Sunday, Dec. 19, 1920. He began his service in the midst of World War I. Several of the members served in the war. Rev. King accepted the pastorate on two conditions: That the church cooperate with the pastor, and the church adopt a plan whereby members pay pastor, missions, and all other objects supported by the church. A committee of four was appointed to work with the deacons to see absentees, non-supporters, and those not living right and report back to the church.

Other items mentioned in church minutes during Rev. King's ministry:

- . Member charged with profanity.
- . Member excluded for contempt of church.
- . Revival meeting by Dr. J. C. Owen with eighteen added to church membership.
- . Ordination of five deacons (E. G. Whitmire, J. F. Morgan, T. P. Galloway, Jr., Mack Moffitt, and Leander Gillespie).
- . Committee of five men and four ladies appointed to raise money to build a parsonage - and act as a building committee.
- . R. L. Hogsed resigned as church clerk and treasurer, Aug. 31, 1918.
- . Preaching first and third Saturday and Sunday each month.
- . Prayer meeting each Wednesday night.
- . Pastor elected indefinite time.
- . Leander Gillespie elected church clerk and treasurer Feb. 2, 1919.
- . Total mission offering for year \$50.
- . Pastor King attended Southern Baptist Convention May, 1919 in Atlanta, Georgia.
- . Members met and discussed building a church before a parsonage June 22, 1919.
- . Seventy-Five Million Campaign discussed and church cooperated giving \$214.20 in 1920.
- . Sunday morning, May 1, 1920, a meeting called after regular service to discuss plans for building a new church.

- . Mass meeting held at Mt. Moriah Sunday June 6, 1920 for purpose of forming plans for building a new church. Moved and seconded that an \$8,000 house be built. It was passed that house be built by contract if building committee approved the contractor. If not, a foreman be appointed to build by day labor not to exceed the above amount. Afterwards a committee consisting of A. H. Gillespie, Victor Adair, and R. L. Hogsed was appointed.
- . Church, in conference, Sept. 5, 1920, told building committee (1) to go ahead and get prints for church building; (2) get a foreman, use old church lumber and go ahead and build; (3) three more added to building committee: E. G. Whitmire, J. F. Hayes and J. F. Morgan. (E. G. Whitmire elected treasurer of building committee); (4) R. L. Hogsed appointed building foreman; (5) Mr. Hogsed resigned; (6) The committee bought timber and had the framing sawed for the church.
- . Brevard and Mt. Moriah churches reported W.M.U.s in Association minutes 1920.

The church was without a pastor Dec. 19, 1920, until March, 1921. Rev. A. I. Justice, J. C. Pipes, J. E. Dupree and Z. I. Henderson served as supply during this time.

The fourth Sunday in February, 1921 Rev. J. E. Dupree was elected pastor. Rev. Dupree accepted the call and agreed to move into the community and preach the second and fourth Sundays. The church promised to pay the pastor \$600 a year. He preached his first sermon as pastor March 12, 1921. After a revival twelve were added to the church.

On Oct. 23, 1920, members met at 4:00 p.m. and decided to build a church right away. After the evening service, it was decided not to ask for the supplement for the pastor's salary.

Due to some trouble pertaining to discipline of two or three members, Rev. Dupree offered his resignation on Dec. 12, 1921, to take effect March 1, 1922.

In Jan., 1922, the church, in conference unanimously elected Rev. Dupree pastor for another year. More trouble arose and Rev. Dupree again offered his resignation April 8, 1922.

Turbulent times continued through 1922 resulting in a division of the church. The original faction decided to build a church. Trustees were elected: J. C. Whitmire, J. L. Gillespie and J. L. Whitmire.

Other committees: A Location committee composed of J. F. Hayes, A. H. Gillespie and M. C. Whitmire, and a Finance committee composed of J. C. Whitmire, J. L. Whitmire and J. F. Morgan were selected.

The Transylvania Baptist Association met Oct. 11-13, 1922, with the Pisgah Forest Baptist Church. Both factions presented letters and sent delegates to the meeting. A committee was appointed to investigate the problem. Following their study they concluded that the reorganized church is the continuation of the original Mt. Moriah church and therefore recommended that the letter from this faction be received and their messengers enrolled as duly accredited members of this body. The vote was taken by standing, nineteen voted in the affirmative and fourteen in the negative.

Pastor Dupree resigned in Dec., 1922 and Rev. W. T. Truitt was elected pastor in March, 1923. He served the church as pastor until Jan., 1925.

"Sunday, May 13, 1923, the church convened in conference. A deed for land on which to build a new church was presented by J. C. Whitmire. The deed was accepted without a dissenting vote. W. T. Truitt, Moderator; J. L. Gillespie, Church Clerk."

There followed six months of work by members, who worked long hours after their regular jobs on the construction of the new building. Not only did Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Whitmire give the land for the new church building, they worked many hours on the construction of the building.

To their untiring work and efforts we owe a deep debt of gratitude. They were generous with their money, time, and influence in assembling materials, boarding the building foreman and plasterers and encouraging their sons, Briscoe and Howard, and others in working on the building. Others who gave of their time are too numerous to mention. A few of these are: J. L. Waldrop, A. H. Gillespie and sons, J. L. and Eugee; Lynch Moore, J. L. and Frank Whitmire, Carl Searcy, Homer Israel, Eli Huggins, Ed Lance's sons. Pastor Truitt's sons, M. A. Waldrop and sons, and Vann Waldrop.

The cobblestone for the foundation was hauled from nearby creeks. The sand was hauled by horse-drawn wagons and a Ford truck from East Fork and nearby streams.

A. H. Gillespie donated the poplar logs from which the weather boarding was sawed. These logs were brought to Calvert depot by wagon and loaded on gondolas and shipped by rail to Miller and Summey's sawmill and dry kiln near the depot at Brevard.

Some of the framing and other materials were bought from local sawmills. The wood laths for plastering and the hardwood flooring were bought from Carr Lumber Company of Pisgah Forest and hauled by truck. The folding doors and opera chairs were shipped to the depot nearby.

Among the paid workmen were: Pat McGuire of Penrose, building foreman; M. A. Gillespie and son for lathing; Dewey Moore, Lee Johnson and C. R. Sharp carpenters; Jule Lance foundation rockwork; Grovan Galloway brick flues; Wade and Fred Kemp plastering.

The spruce pines for the lovely hedge were found in the surrounding hills and set out by interested members. A member (Frank McCall) gave two large balsam trees from his yard which may be seen in early pictures of the church.

Soon after the roof was on, services were held in the new building. Pastor Truitt preached each second and fourth Sunday. Church membership was one hundred eleven, Sunday School was each Sunday Morning with J.L. Whitmire, Superintendent - the enrollment was ninety-five. J. L. Waldrop was B.Y.P.U President. Mrs. J.L. Gillespie was W.M.U. President, enrollment was twenty-four as shown by their record book. This book also contains duplicate copies of money given that year - 1923, by W.M.U. to the Seventy-Five Million Campaign - \$57 on February 28; \$5 on May 31; \$2.40 on August 31; and \$45.90 on November 30. A Sunbeam Band was organized that year with Ida Whitmire and Mrs. Eli Huggins as Leaders. Tithing was stressed by the W.M.U. The pastor's salary that year was \$975, total local expenditure - \$15,133, Missions offerings - \$139.65.

There was a spirit of cooperation in the church which led to the dedication of the church building on Sunday morning, Nov. 11, 1923. Those taking part on the program were: Pastor W. T. Truitt, N. L. Ponder, Professor R. L. Moore, President of Mars Hill College, Rev. J. R. Owen, Pastor of Mars Hill Baptist Church, Rev. E. G. Ledford, Rev. A. I. Justice, Rev. J. E. Dupree, and Rev. Wallace Hartsell.

On Sunday, February 8, 1925, Rev. W. H. Nicholson was elected pastor, the church being in conference with E. C. Allison as moderator. During his pastorate, a number of people joined the church. On Sunday June 20, 1925, nine candidates were received for baptism and four by letter and in August eight were received for baptism and one was restored. Rev. Nicholson resigned in October and the church was without a pastor until March, 1926. In Associational minutes for 1926, Mt. Moriah at Cherryfield had a B.Y.P.U. with thirty-two members, a W.M.S. and an R. A. and Sunbeam with a total enrollment of fifty-two.

Rev. J. S. Stanberry was elected pastor March, 1926, and served until March, 1928. On Dec. 4, 1927, the church appointed a committee to determine a budget and to carry on an every-member canvass, thus closing the period of struggle.

III
THE PERIOD OF GREAT REVIVAL AND COOPERATION

To begin this period, Rev. W. S. Price of Brevard was elected pastor July 1, 1928. He conducted a two weeks revival beginning the first Sunday in July. At the close of the revival, five candidates were received for baptism.

The following excerpt of church minutes is interesting: "Mt. Moriah Baptist Church, Cherryfield, N. C., Oct., 31, 1928. A presbytery was called by Mt. Moriah Church, Cherryfield, to examine Brother W. S. Price, Jr., for the gospel ministry. Rev. W. H. Hartsell, Pastor of Brevard Baptist Church was elected chairman, Rev. W. W. Marr, Pastor of Enon Baptist Church, was elected clerk. The examination being satisfactory to the presbytry, W. W. Marr gave the charge to the church; Rev. E. R. Pendleton gave the charge to the candidate; Rev. W. H. Hartsell presented the Bible and Rev. J. F. Scott, Pastor of Carr's Hill Church, led the ordination prayer. E. R. Pendleton, J. F. Scott, W. H. Hartsell, Chairman, W. W. Marr, Clerk."

This was the time of the depression and churches as well as families were going through difficult times financially.

Worship services were held on first and third Sundays. Sunday School and B.Y.P.U. were held each Sunday with W.M.U. organizations meeting monthly. The Lord's Supper was observed quarterly.

Rev. Price was faithful to his work as pastor and continued his work until August 17, 1930.

Sunday, August 24, 1930, church met in conference with E. C. Allison elected moderator. Rev. B. N. Rogers of Candler was elected pastor. Rev. Rogers agreed to preach each first Sunday morning and each third Sunday night. It was voted that the Sunday School Superintendent act as moderator in the absence of the pastor. It was

also voted to have monthly business meetings at which time the treasurer would report to the church.

Rev. Tom Cogburn assisted Pastor Rogers in a revival meeting in July, 1930 resulting in thirteen uniting with the church, eleven by baptism, one by letter, and one by statement.

Sunday night Aug. 2, 1931, the following messengers were appointed to the Associational meeting: Lloyd Cantrell, A. H. Gillespie, S. P. Collins, Miss Ruth Whitmire, and Miss Susie Jordan.

The Clerk, Mrs. J. L. Gillespie, reported that the pastor filled his appointment or sent a substitute regularly during the remainder of the year - 1931, and recorded that his record was one of faithfulness and the church was gaining ground. She also commented on the fine Christian fellowship existing between members and pastor.

A series of meetings began Aug. 7, 1932, and continued for two weeks and three days. There were forty-one received into the church - nine by letter, five restored, and twenty-seven by baptism. Baptism was administered by Pastor Rogers Sunday afternoon, Aug. 28, 1932 in a stream near E. C. Allison's. This revival has been referred to as "The Great Revival". Rev. B. N. Rogers was a large man and a very forceful speaker. He continued preaching one Sunday morning and one Sunday night each month during 1932, 1933, 1934, and 1935. Jan. 12, 1936, he resigned to accept full-time pastorate of Woodfin Baptist Church, Asheville, N.C.

Sunday morning March 1, 1936, church was called into conference to elect a pastor. The deacons recommended Rev. M. L. Lewis of Henderson County. Rev. Lewis was elected by a unanimous vote for an indefinite time. Rev. Lewis accepted the call for half-time; preaching one sermon each Sunday.

Times were still hard and money was scarce, and even though the church had made much progress and much good had been accomplished, there was a definite need for more personal day-by-day-pastoral leadership. Most of the former pastors had lived away from the field and had preached only two or four sermons each month - often arriving at the church between the Sunday School and Worship hour and leaving after lunch provided by a faithful member in his home. This left little or no time for personal contacts with individual members and less time for meeting with heads of organizations and committees to plan the work of the church.

On Sunday, March 8, 1936, Rev. Lewis called a meeting of the Sunday School and Training Union officers to plan their work. Sunday, March 15, the Lord's Acre Plan was introduced by Rev. Lewis who presented Rev. Bumont Clark who explained this work in more detail using pictures to explain the work. The following Sunday, the church accepted the Lord's Acre Plan and a committee was appointed to plan this work. Those on the committee were: Miss Susie Jordan, E. C. Allison and J. L. Whitmire. The church participated in this plan several years. There was a spirit of cooperation as members planned both individual and group projects. Cultivating crops and harvesting took on new meaning as members did the work as "Unto The Lord". The proceeds were used for much needed improvements - one of the first being the installation of a central heating system in the church.

Pastor Lewis had many abilities and another was that of putting the church on a regular system of giving a definite percentage of undesignated gifts to the Co-operative Program and other objects. (See report of deacons to church in conference Sunday night May 3, 1936).

An early report (July 26, 1936) showed that there were sixty individual Lord's Acre projects by members.

In August of the same year, we secured the services of a Sunday School worker, Miss Hazel Martin, of Raleigh who conducted a week-long Sunday School conference helping us with planning and carrying on better work. This resulted in a committee meeting to present all church officers to be elected annually. A revival followed and thirteen were added to the church - eleven by baptism and two on promise of letter.

Rev. Lewis stressed each phase of church work and the organizations grew - reporting each month to the church in conference. The B.T.U. in Oct., 1938 reported an enrollment of seventy-four and an average attendance of sixty-two. Several unions received the Standard award and study courses were well attended. The Sunday School grew and the W.M.U. reported a linen shower given to the hospital.

The first Vacation Bible School in our church was held in 1939 with an enrollment of forty-eight and an average attendance of forty. At that time, Miss Helen Owen was Sunday School Superintendent.

Pastors are important persons and we appreciate them, but sometimes we fail to mention the pastor's fine wife. Mrs. Lewis was a sincere, quiet lady always supporting the church with her presence and visiting with her husband. Pastor Lewis submitted his resignation Dec. 1, 1940, to take effect Dec. 31, 1940.

In March, 1941 Rev. W. H. Whitlock was elected pastor for an indefinite time. He was to serve one-half time and was to receive sixty-five percent of undesignated offerings as Rev. Lewis had.

August 2, 1942, a revival meeting began. There were seven additions to the church by baptism.

In church business meeting Feb. 7, 1943, the deacons recommended that the church roll be revised. They further recommended that the church conduct an every-member canvass. The church also decided to write to all our church members in the Armed Forces.

Rev. Whitlock offered his resignation Aug. 1, 1943, to take effect in three months. The church accepted his resignation and a pulpit committee was named.

Rev. Whitlock was succeeded by Rev. S. B. McCall of Henderson County. Rev. McCall was elected full-time pastor in Nov., 1943. The Clerk, Frank Whitmire, summed up his first year as pastor with this notation: "In this year of service, the church has been very successful in all of its organizations. Brother McCall has given the church full-time service.

Within the year, the church has observed the Lord's Supper twice, had one revival and study courses for Sunday School and Training Union. The pastor has also started a movement to raise money to cover the church building.

Within the year, there have been added to the church two members by letter and three by restoration. Letters have been granted to four members who moved away. The church sends Sunday School literature to the boys in the Armed Forces".

Rev. McCall continued his service to the church until the last Sunday in Aug. 1946 when he resigned.

On Sunday, Oct. 20, 1946, Rev. A. B. Ledford of Clay County preached at both morning and evening worship services. After the evening worship hour, the church was called into conference and Rev. Ledford was elected pastor. The church helped Rev. Ledford move his family into the neighborhood, and he assumed his duties as pastor - half time.

Rev. Ledford was in the hospital several weeks during January and February, 1947. Rev. F. B. Clark, Associational Missionary, preached for him part of this time.

April 4, 1947, a committee was elected to contact the members and try to find out if the membership wanted to build a parsonage and to see if money could be raised for this project. This project did not really get going until ten years later.

In July, 1947, a revival meeting was held. Four were received for baptism and were baptized July 27. Revivals followed in September and October during which time eight were received for baptism and four by letter.

Jan. 9, 1948, Mr. and Mrs. Verlin Dills were received on promise of letter. Revivals followed in July and September of same year. There were six additions by baptism. Dr. J. C. Owen, former missionary to China and a native Transylvanian, preached for the revival in September.

The church, in conference, June, 1949, voted to issue a license to preach the gospel to Troy Whitlock.

That year, there were fourteen B.T.U.s. in Transylvania County. The B.T.U. published a newsletter called "Voice of the B.T.U." Mt. Moriah Cherryfield was the honor union with a grade of eighty-two for the first quarter.

On July 10, 1949, the church met in conference and extended to Mr. F. B. Clark, Associational Missionary, a vote of confidence for his work in the Association, and pledged its support for his work in the coming year, and requested that this be included in the letter to the Association.

It might be added here that this church has always cooperated with the Transylvania Association since it was organized in 1881 by sending messengers and reports to the annual meetings; supporting it financially, and hosting the Associational meetings.

Pastor Ledford offered his resignation Dec. 11, 1949 to take effect in ninety days. At the close of the evening service, it was reported that the Trustees of the church were: J. L. Gillespie, J. C. Whitmire and J.L. Whitmire. There were two recommendations: (1) That an offering for Wake Forest College be taken after each observance of the Lord's Supper; (2) That an offering be taken at the morning and evening worship services.

Rev. Ledford preached his last sermon as pastor March 12, 1950. A standing vote of appreciation was given Mr. Ledford and his family for their work in the church and community.

Sunday morning, April 23, 1950, the church voted to send Rev. F. B. Clark who was a member, as its representative to the called meeting of the Baptist State Convention in Charlotte. The church went on record as being opposed to receiving government aid and authorized Rev. Clark to vote accordingly.

The church had voted in Feb. 1950 to begin the rotating of deacons - whereby a deacon would serve three years then have a rest period of at least one year before he could be elected an active deacon for another three-year period. On Wednesday evening, July 5, 1950, the church met in conference for the purpose of examining Hugh Lambert, Gene Matthews and Troy Whitlock for deacons. Former pastor, S. B. McCall was moderator and Frank Whitmire, secretary, On the following Wednesday evening, these three men were the first deacons to be ordained under the new system. Rev. S.B. McCall from Cedar Mountain acted as moderator. Visitors were L.B. Vaughn and Gaston Whitmire from Mt. Moriah Calvert, Ward Breedlove and Walter Blythe from Cathey's Creek. Deacons present were: Charlie Whitmire, Avery Whitmire, Frank Whitmire, Leander Gillespie and Vann Waldrop.

Rev. L. J. Rogers of Haywood County and a brother of a former pastor, Rev. Bale N. Rogers, was elected pastor, Sunday morning, Oct. 22, 1950. Sunday morning, December 9, 1950, Rev. Rogers accepted the pastorate and preached his first sermon as pastor. The church voted to have preaching on the second and fourth Sundays of each month.

During a revival which began April 1, 1951, with Rev. Ben Cooke preaching, the church was greatly blessed and uplifted. There were two additions to the church: Robert Gillespie by letter and Tom Wilkerson by statement.

In business meeting, April 22, 1951, the church voted to accept the offer of \$65 educational fund given

by the W.M.S. to be sent to the Fruitland Preacher's School. This is just one example of the church's support of worthy causes sponsored by the Baptist State Convention.

The church, in conference Aug. 26, 1951 voted to pay \$50 by October 1 to the new seminary at Wake Forest, and in conference Saturday night Sept. 8, 1951, voted to subscribe to Home Life magazine for each resident family for a period of three months. So far as records are available, this practice has been continued until the present. Associational minutes show that Mt. Moriah Cherryfield was the only church in the Association to have the state paper in its budget in 1948.

In business meeting, Oct. 13, 1951, as in years past, reports were made by committees and organizations. The W.M.S. reported that all organizations had observed the Season of Prayer for State Missions. The church also voted to pay for school lunches of a needy family for a month. This was continued another month.

June 8, 1952, the deacons recommended that the church pay the expenses of three G. A. girls to Fruitland Baptist Assembly for G. A. week. Recommendation adopted by church. (This has become a practice to pay at least part of the expenses to G. A. and R. A. camps).

In conference, March 22, 1953, the church voted to buy a new piano and pulpit furniture for the church. A committee was appointed to see about these purchases.

Vacation Bible School was in session the first two weeks in June, 1953. Seven girls and boys accepted Christ as Saviour during Bible School. The church has a continuous record of V.B.S. since 1939 with the exception of 1948. The lowest enrollment was in 1946 with thirty enrolled and the highest enrollment was one hundred seventy in 1975. Mrs. Verlin Dills holds the outstanding record of fifteen years as V.B.S. director.

Rev. L. J. Rogers announced on June 28, 1953, that he would preach his farewell sermon on July 12, 1953. During Pastor Rogers' pastorate, thirty were received into the membership of the church, eighteen by baptism and twelve

by letter.

Through the years, since the early years of the church, it was customary for a nominating committee to be elected by the church. This committee suggested people for all the officers, teachers and committees of the church. This committee reported to the church in conference; opportunity to nominate people from the floor was given, and officers were elected. These were elected before the end of the Associational year so they could be reported on the church letter at the Associational meeting.

Another custom of long standing was the sending of packages of good used clothing by the W.M.S. for overseas relief. Mrs. J. L. Gillespie packed many of these boxes. She often shared with the church letters of acknowledgment of receipt of these packages, telling how pleased people were to receive the clothing. For the past several years, packages were sent to Miami, Florida to Missionary, Mrs. Negrin, for Cuban refugees and migrant workers.

The period of great revival and cooperation came to a close with more than one hundred and fifty being baptized during these years and over seventy-five being received by letter, statement, etc. The second period had a total of thirteen pastors. This period had seven pastors showing progress in longer pastorates which perhaps resulted in increased progress.

IV
THE PERIOD OF EXPANSION AND GROWTH

The Associational year began with a revival July 6-17, 1953. Rev. Carl W. Rogers was the preacher. Bill Owen joined the church on profession of faith. The church was without a pastor so a pulpit committee was elected. Those serving on this committee were: J. L. Gillespie, Hugh Lambert, Verlin Dills, Avery Whitmire, and Troy Whitlock. Sunday morning August 30, 1953, the pulpit committee submitted the name of Rev. Carl W. Rogers to be voted on for pastor. The following Sunday morning, Rev. Rogers was elected to serve an indefinite time.

During conference, Nov. 8, 1953, Mrs. J.L. Gillespie, W.M.S. President, reported that over four hundred pounds of clothing had been sent to Korea the past year.

The church met in special conference Sunday night, Nov. 15, 1953. The deacons presented the following recommendations which were approved by the church.

- . That a pool of cars be organized to bring people to church who have no means of transportation.
- . That a visiting team meet every other Sunday afternoon at the church and go out visiting for the church.
- . That the church get envelopes for a building and improvement fund to be given as a love offering.
- . That the church have a bulletin printed and also select ushers.
- . That the church buy additional supplies for the Lord's Supper set and two more offering plates.
- . That the church participate in the pastor's retirement plan.
- . That the church pay five percent of the regular offerings to the Baptist Orphanage, ten percent to the Cooperative Program and the remaining eighty-five percent for local expenses and pastor's salary until the church adopts a budget.

Early in January, 1954, a budget was presented to the church for prayer and study. This budget was adopted Jan. 31, 1954. The total budget was \$3,750. Other items of interest taking place during Rev. Rogers' ministry follows:

- . Setting aside a definite amount each month for the support of Associational missions.
- . Helping one of our members, who is a polio victim, financially.
- . Organizing an active Boy Scout Troop.
- . Maintaining our work in Sunday School, B.T.U., W.M.S., and Brotherhood.
- . Clothing and sending a deaf girl to deaf school in Morganton over a period of years.
- . Improving and maintenance of building including sanding and finishing floors in sanctuary.
- . Improving music program and the Bible teaching program.
- . Beginning the envelope system for regular church offerings.

Rev. Rogers offered his resignation as pastor Jan. 26, 1958 to become effective May 25, 1958. During Rev. Rogers' ministry, forty persons were received into the church - sixteen by baptism and twenty-four by letter. "The spiritual growth of the church was high during 1954 through 1958. The church building was filled at the worship hour and the pastor preached the word." Frank Whitmire commented.

Dan T. Wallen of Pisgah Forest was elected pastor Sunday morning June 22, 1958. Mr. Wallen had had no formal training for the ministry, but he loved the Lord and his work, and was willing and happy to work long hours in the field. Mr. Wallen was employed at Ecusta and was not an ordained minister when elected pastor. He was ordained by his church, Pisgah Forest Baptist, Sunday night, July 6, 1958. Soon Rev. Wallen moved into the community to be near his work. Then he resigned his work at Ecusta and began full-time work at Mr. Moriah Cherryfield.

One of Rev. Wallen's first projects was to inspire the members to look at the church building and see where repairs were needed. A committee was appointed to check the building and make recommendations. Soon the choir loft was rearranged, a new lighting system installed, carpeting laid and windows draped.

Revival meetings were held two or three time each year with outstanding ministers preaching. There were additions to the church almost every week.

There were many community projects such as: An outstanding Boy Scout troop sponsored with wide-awake leaders; a house was built for a family whose house burned; another house was built for one of our members.

Feb. 8, 1959, a committee was elected by church to see about building a pastorium. The following were on the committee: Raleigh Waldrop, Chairman; Frank Whitmire, James Justice, Verlin Dills, Clarence Summey, Gene Matthews and the Trustees (J. L. Gillespie, J. L. Whitmire, and Richard Lambert). Much of the labor was done by church members. The footing was poured March 15, 1959 and Committee Chairman, Raleigh Waldrop, announced Sept. 27, 1959 that the work was completed and lawn seeded. The church gave C. C. Garren a rising vote of thanks for his faithful service and direction in building the beautiful house.

Vacation Bible Schools were held each summer. These were well staffed and attendance was good. Decisions for Christ were made as a result of this work. Music was stressed with several choirs organized. One of the most interesting was the Cherub Choir directed by Pastor Wallen. Mrs. Wallen, Betty Coltrane, Annie Orr and others did an outstanding job with the Girl's Auxiliary and other Mission organizations. There were study courses and schools of missions held, surveys conducted, and visitation emphasized. The Sunday School attained Standard grade for 1962-63.

The financial side was also stressed. In 1958, proposed budget was \$8,500 with \$714 for Cooperative Program; in 1962-63, the proposed budget was \$16,900, with \$1,690 for the Cooperative Program.

There had been a need for more classroom space for several years. Nov. 19, 1961, in a special conference, the deacons and the building and grounds committee were authorized to appoint a committee to study plans worked out by the Architectural department of the Southern Baptist Convention and investigate approximate cost, etc. of construction of an educational building. This committee was elected Dec. 17, 1961, consisting of the following: Raleigh Waldrop, Chairman; James Justice, Guy Bryson, J.L. Whitmire, and Ross Wilson. Plans for the building were presented and accepted April 8, 1962. Bids ranged from \$35,000 to \$44,000. It was decided to sell church bonds to finance the educational building and "bricking" the sanctuary.

Ground-breaking ceremony was Sunday, July 15, 1962, immediately after morning worship. The committee decided to contract the different phases of the work. The men of the church spent a lot of time working on the building. For fear of forgetting someone, no names will be mentioned.

A committee was appointed to work with Raleigh Waldrop to buy the furniture for the building. On Dec. 2, 1962, the Sunday School classes met in the new building for the first time, except the Nursery and Beginner Departments. On Sunday morning Jan. 13, 1963, the Dedicatory Service was held with Pastor Wallen, Gene Matthews, Chairman of Deacons, Raleigh Waldrop, Chairman of Building Committee, Rev. Ernest Upchurch, Secretary, Church Development Department, and Dr. Douglas Branch, Executive Secretary, State Baptist Convention, on the program. Open house was held in the afternoon from two until five o'clock. Nearly three hundred people signed the guest book.

The Library was set up by Mrs. S. R. Harrington and her assistants and was dedicated Sunday, April 21, 1963.

Rev. Wallen offered his resignation Sept. 8, 1963. During the five years and three months he served as pastor, the church grew in number with one hundred and fifty-two additions - seventy-eight by baptism and seventy-four by letter.

Rev. M. L. Lewis of Fruitland, a former pastor, was elected to serve as interim pastor. He was suggested to the church by the pulpit committee which was elected Sept. 15, 1963. Those on this committee were: Ray Justice, Chairman, Raleigh Waldrop, Clarence Summey, Lurlene Owen and Annie Orr.

On Sunday night Sept. 29, 1963, a G. A. Coronation was held with fifteen girls receiving advancements and Sandra Whitmire advancing to Queen Regent. This organization was quite active during many years and much good training was received.

Sunday morning, Nov. 10, 1963, the pulpit committee presented Rev. G. R. West of Eau Gallie, Florida for pastor. Rev. West did not receive the required three-fourths majority so the committee visited Riverside Baptist Church in Asheville and heard Rev. Clyde B. Smith preach. Rev. Smith was a seminary graduate and a splendid preacher.

On Sunday morning Dec. 15, 1963, Rev. Smith preached a trial sermon and was elected pastor by a vote of one-hundred six for and seven against. He assumed his duties as pastor Jan. 19, 1964.

Rev. Smith was a serious student of the Bible and a good preacher, and although his ministry with us was short; his accomplishments were significant. A list of some of these follows:

- . Ray Justice was licensed to preach the gospel.
- . A Constitution and By-Laws for the church was written.
- . This Constitution was adopted July 19, 1964.
- . There were thirty additions to the church.

- . "Harold Owen Day" observed Aug. 23, 1964.
- . Missions giving stressed.
- . Average attendance of seventy-two in Training Union, 1964.
- . Thirty-five study course awards for January Bible Study.
- . Harold Owen licensed to preach the gospel May 5, 1965.
- . Mission organizations stressed.
- . Church voted June 6, 1965, to send the Biblical Recorder to each resident church family.
- . Budget for 1964-65, \$16,476.

Rev. Smith offered his resignation as pastor effective June 27, 1965. He accepted work as Intern-Chaplain at Baptist Hospital, Winston-Salem, N. C.

A pulpit committee was selected to seek a new pastor. Serving on the committee were: Helen Whitmire, Jency Lambert, James Justice, Chairman, Raleigh Waldrop and Charles Mitchell. The church was called into special conference Sunday June 23, 1965 at which time Ray Justice, R. E. Moody and Harold Owen, all members and licensed or ordained ministers, were chosen to serve as supply pastors until a pastor was elected.

Sunday morning Aug. 1, 1965, the church met in special conference for the election of a pastor. James Justice, Chairman of the pulpit committee, presented Rev. James F. Parham, Associate Pastor of First Baptist Church, Asheville, N. C. for pastor. Rev. Parham was elected pastor by a vote of one-hundred one for and one against. Rev. Parham assumed his duties as pastor Sept. 5, 1965.

Rev. Parham, a native of Canton, N. C. was educated in Canton - grade and high schools - Gardner-Webb Junior College, Carson Newman College and New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

Rev. Parham was pastor from Sept. 5, 1965 until Dec. 31, 1971. He was a quiet, gentle man and he and his family made an impact upon our community. When he resigned, members of our neighboring churches expressed their regret at his leaving. It is very difficult to evaluate his impact upon the church, so only some highlights of his ministry will be mentioned.

The primary objective of a church should be the winning of the lost and the nurture and growth of Christians. Rev. Parham was interested in these and to promote them revivals, Vacation Bible Schools, Sunday School, Training Union, W.M.U., and Brotherhood were important in his ministry as they had been during the pastorate of former pastors. There were mission organizations for pre-schoolers, children, youth and adults.

The training naturally resulted in reaching out to others. Some ways Cherryfield (the name was changed from Mt. Moriah Cherryfield to Cherryfield by vote of the church on April 16, 1967), reached out during these years include the following: cottage prayer meetings, visitation, send-int boxes of clothing to migrant workers and Cuban refugees, taking literature and fruit baskets to the homebound, sending Bibles to migrant workers, cooperating with Christmas House, ministering to people in time of trouble, working against sale of alcoholic beverages, and assigning deacons to visit homebound members.

Giving through the Cooperative Program means a lot to Cherryfield Church, and the percentage of gifts has increased through the years. When Rev. Parham left Cherryfield, the church was giving sixteen percent of undesignated offerings to the Cooperative Program and four percent to Associational missions.

The physical plant of a church is important and a number of improvements were made during Rev. Parham's ministry. One of these was a painting for the baptistry. The fund for this was started by three of Mr. and Mrs. Manning Moore's children in memory of their parents. The oak floors in the sanctuary were refinished and carpeting laid in the front of the church on the aisles and in the foyer. New oak pews and pulpit furniture were added after the choir loft was remodeled. On Sunday morning June 19, 1966, an organ was presented to the church by the family of J. C. Whitmire in his memory. The Dedication ceremony was very impressive. Sept. 13, 1967, Rev. Parham presented the church a check for \$1,000 from Mrs. J. R. Whitmire for furnishing the kitchen in the basement of the church.

During Rev. Parnam's ministry, sixty-five members were added to the church, thirty-five by baptism and thirty by letter. The budget had also grown - total of 1970-71 budget \$24,498.

A pulpit committee was elected by the church Dec. 12, 1971. Those named were: James Justice, Chairman, Boyce Whitmire, Steve Owen, Reba Owen, Ruby Matthews and Bill Klepps, alternate.

Rev. Alex Booth, Dean of Fruitland Baptist Bible Institute, served as interim pastor. Rev. Booth was an outstanding Bible scholar. The church was fortunate to hear him at the morning and evening worship hour on Sunday and at prayer meeting Wednesday night.

"Church was called into special conference Sunday morning, Feb. 27, 1972, by Fred Tinsley, Moderator. James Justice, Chairman of the pulpit committee presented an information sheet about Rev. Broadus E. Moody of Crestview Baptist Church, Fountain Inn, S.C., who was to preach a "trial sermon" Sunday, March 5, 1972. Everyone was to study the information sheet, pray, and come to church Sunday to hear Mr. Moody preach and vote his convictions." (Excerpt from clerk's minutes).

The following Sunday, Rev. Moody was elected pastor for an indefinite time. Rev. Moody was a native of Pickens County, S.C., a graduate of Parker High School, Greenville, S.C., served in United States military service and graduated from Fruitland Baptist Bible Institute, May, 1972. He, his wife, Ann, and two children moved into the parsonage the last of March and began his service Sunday April 1, 1972.

Rev. Moody was young and had an outgoing personality which won friends easily. Soon after assuming his duties as pastor, he was visiting in the community.

Some highlights of Rev. Moody's pastorate include the renovation of the sanctuary, the drying in of the basement and building and equipping of kitchen. A bus was bought for church use. A bus fund had been started by an anonymous gift of \$500 and added to by other members.

Money was donated to buy a used car for Rev. Carl Hadley, a Home Missionary in New York State. The church debt, for building of education building, was paid off two years ahead of schedule. This was accomplished while still increasing the amount given to the Cooperative Program and local missions. An impressive note burning ceremony marked this occasion. The budget had now reached \$32,780 for 1973-74. The church held revivals during Rev. Moody's pastorate and thirty-nine were received into the membership, nineteen by baptism and twenty by letter. Rev. Moody presented his resignation effective Dec. 18, 1974.

The deacons decided to ask Rev. Douglas (Pete) Lee to serve as interim pastor, beginning Jan. 1, 1975. They also presented the following for the pulpit committee: James Justice, Chairman, James Cabe, Ed Wilson, Faye Summey and Ruby Matthews. Fred Tinsley was alternate.

In conference, Jan. 8, 1975, the W.M.U. reported the church had met the Lottie Moon offering for Foreign missions goal of five hundred dollars.

On Sunday morning, Feb. 2, 1975, Rev. Art Fore preached a trial sermon. Moderator Boyce Whitmire called the church into conference for the election of a pastor. He recognized James Justice, Chairman of the pulpit committee, who recommended that the church elect Rev. Fore as pastor. After a second by Fred Tinsley, the church voted by ballot. Rev. Fore did not receive a three-fourths majority vote.

Some work was done on the pastorium while it was unoccupied.

The pulpit committee announced April 20, 1975, that Rev. B. C. Durham of Greer, S. C. would conduct a weekend revival the following weekend. This would give the church an opportunity to hear Rev. Durham preach, and to meet him and Mrs. Durham. On Sunday morning, April 27, 1975, after the worship service, the church convened in conference with Boyce Whitmire, Moderator, presiding. He recognized James Justice, Chairman of the pulpit committee, who presented a

recommendation from his committee that church elect Rev. B. C. Durham pastor. After a motion and second, the moderator asked for discussion. There being no discussion, the ballots were distributed. The count revealed ninety-five members voting, eighty-eight for and seven against. Rev. Durham was elected pastor. He was to assume his duties the middle of May.

Rev. Durham is a native of Pickens, S. C. and is married to the former Miss Azalie Lewis also of Pickens. They have two daughters, Sharon of Atlanta, Georgia and Pamela, a student at Clemson College. Rev. Durham was educated in Pickens grade and high schools, Furman University, Greenville, S. C., Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky and graduated from South Eastern Baptist Seminary, Wake Forest, N. C. He held pastorates in Virginia and South Carolina.

By the middle of May, Rev. and Mrs Durham were settled in the pastorium. The church had discussed buying baptismal robes for the church; these were ordered in May. In conference, June 11, 1975, Rev. Durham complimented the church on its mission giving so far that year - thirty percent. In June, 1975, a reception was held at the pastorium honoring Mr. and Mrs. Durham.

Sept. 10, 1975, the Brotherhood sponsored a working at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Grady Pope. Mr. Pope, a new church member, was ill and not able to take care of some work which needed attention at his new home. Mr. Pope is a descendant of Elder James Pope who came from England in the early 1700s and was a famous pioneer Baptist preacher in the High Point area.

Rev. Durham encourages each phase of church work, gently guiding the church to undertake new ideas, yet holding on to the fundamental truths on which the church was founded. In September, the proposed budget for 1976-77 was \$42,866. Twenty-five percent to the Cooperative Program and eight percent to Associational missions was continued.

The missions organizations of the church strive to keep the church in touch with the needs of others. They also sponsor summer mission camps for the boys and girls. These were encouraged and strengthened.

During June, 1976, there was a special emphasis each week on the Bi-Centennial observance of our country. The committee responsible for this also sought to show how we as Baptists have a great heritage of promoting freedom in our United States. Pastor Durham presented meaningful messages to help us better understand our heritage. These messages, etc. were climaxed with a special service on July 4 showing the spiritual growth of Cherryfield Church. A picnic lunch followed the morning service. There were also displays and exhibits of special interest.

It was fitting to have an evangelistic crusade during 1976. Cherryfield Church cooperated with the Bill Glass Crusade which was held in the Brevard Music Center auditorium in the early fall.

Another project was employing a summer worker to work in the areas of youth, music, education and bus ministry. Dennis Sartain of Easley, S.C. was employed to head up this program. Although this program failed to reach the expectations, the church hoped for, it was a step to build on.

Some of the church leaders are taking advantage of training opportunities at Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly, and association leadership training. These are steps in the right direction and the church appreciates leadership from the pastor in these areas.

Rev. Durham is interested in the young people, but he also knows that senior citizens need attention. He called a meeting of this group in early 1976 and organized a Golden Agers group which meets monthly.

Not all has been well in this centennial year for Cherryfield Church. Many of the members have had to move their homes and part with their land as a new highway cuts through the community. Even the pastorim will have a problem with an embankment in front of it. But the blessings have been many. Two of our fine couples have gone into full-time Christian work: Kynne and Cloe Crowe as cottage parents at Broyhill Children's Home at Clyde and Boyce and Bonnie Whitmire as house parents at the Maternity Home in Asheville and Ed and Laura Wilson are struggling with the decision whether to go.

Still other blessings have come to Cherryfield. A new IBM typewriter was given to the church in late 1976. In early 1977, a new five-passenger Dodge van was bought by the church. This was made possible by a gift of \$5,000 by two members and contributions of \$2,500 by others.

The church is making plans for a student worker this summer. A school of missions and a revival under the capable leadership of Pastor Durham will lead Cherryfield church to its Centennial observance May 1, 1977. As the door is closed on the first one-hundred years, the prayer of Cherryfield Church is: "Lead On O King Eternal" into an even more fruitful future.

THE DAYS AHEAD

Haven't you been blessed during the past years? Blessings are God's way of saying "Thank You"!

Beyond a doubt, we have been blessed through the one hundred years of our history here at Cherryfield Baptist Church. During these years, from the earliest to the present, many have seen their dreams come true through the completion of buildings and other ministries of the church, the continued growth in membership, through your participation in and support of the missions program of the church.

These are exciting days in which we live. As we live from day to day, we are discovering that every day with Jesus is sweeter than the day before. Isn't God so good to each of us? Because of whom God is and what He has done, we are to "... lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God." (Hebrews 12:1-2). This makes every day a victory day.

I challenge you to allow this motto to be the motto of Cherryfield Baptist Church, and that it will be your motto forever. May we always be "the church where everybody is somebody and Jesus Christ is Lord." Jesus said this quality of love is distinctive. "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another." (John 13:35).

It is a joy to be your pastor.

Rev. B. C. Durham

The following are those who have faithfully served in gathering and planning for the ONE-HUNDRETH ANNIVERSARY of our Church:

HISTORY:

Mrs. Ruby W. Matthews
Mrs. Annie Gillespie

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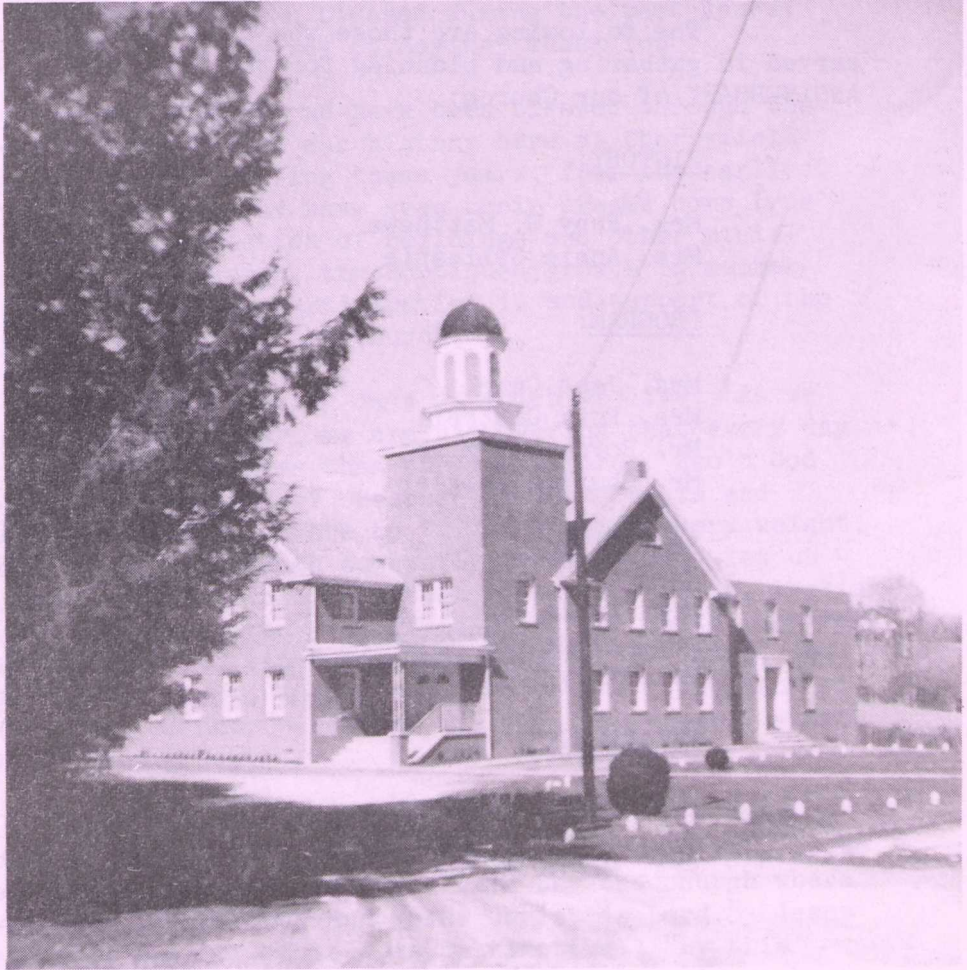
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Mr. Charles Zeigler

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Mrs. Annie Orr
Mrs. Linda Whitmire
Mr. Avery Whitmire

FELLOWSHIP:

Mrs. James Saunders
Mr. James Saunders
Mrs. Marie Whitmire



Cherryfield Baptist Church
1963



G. A. Coronation
Sept. 29, 1963

PROGRAM

DEDICATION SERVICE

Mount Moriah Baptist Church

Cherryfield, N. C., November. 11, 1923.

9:30 A. M. Devotional N. L. Ponder

Special Song

Welcome Address.....Pastor, W. T. Truett

Special Song

Why Dedicate Our Lives to the Lord,.....Prof. R. L. Moore

Dedication Sermon,.....Dr. J. R. Owen

Prayer..... Rev. E. G. Ledford

Adjourn For Dinner

1:10 to 1:40 P. M. Address..... Rev. A. T. Justice

Song

1:40 to 2:10 P. M., A New Testament Church, Rev. J. E. DuPree

2:10 to 2:30 Building a Country Sunday School

By Rev. Wallace Hartsell

Miscellaneous

Song

Adjournment

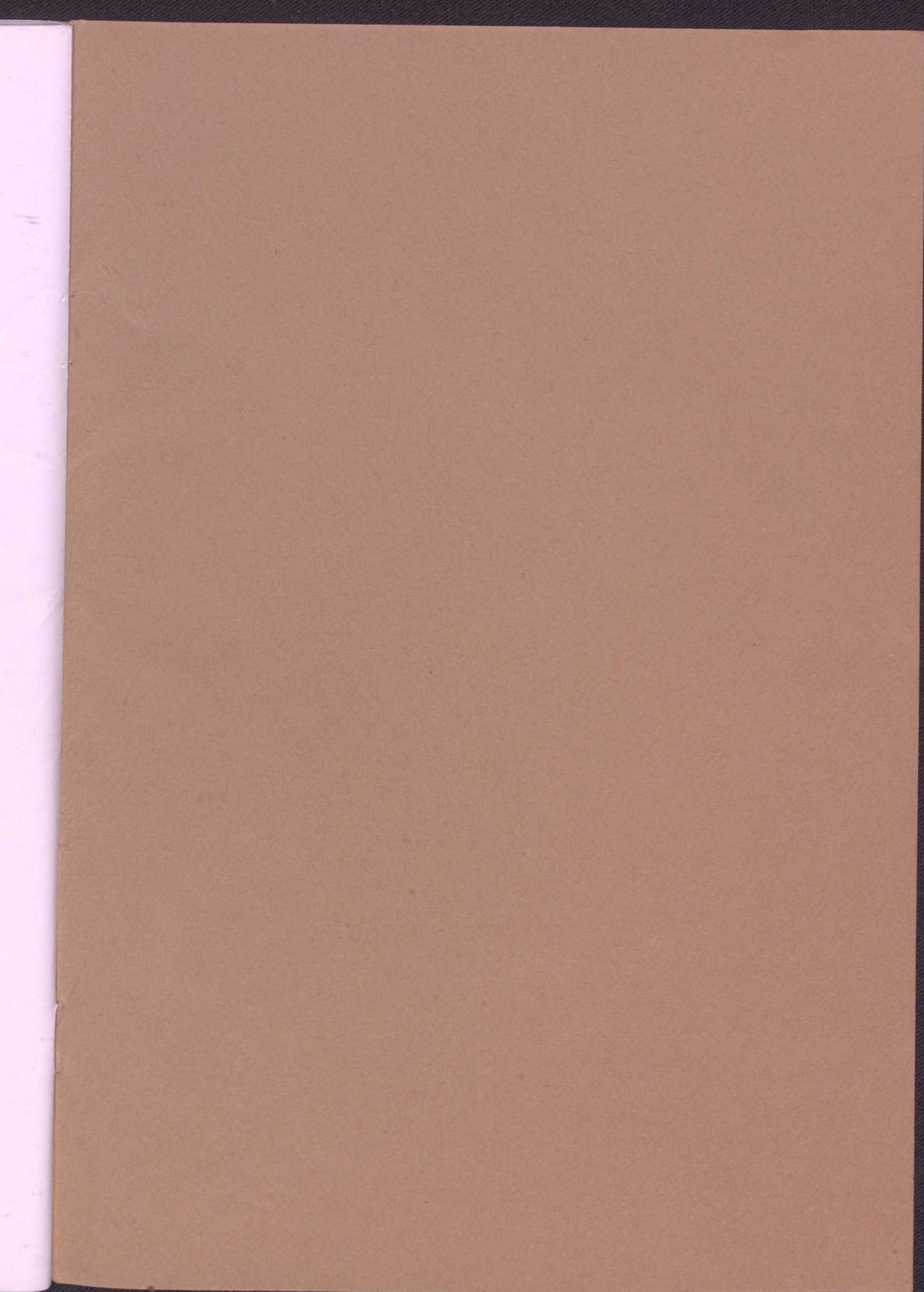
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1877	G.W. Brooks	G.H. Moore					17	17																					
1878	G.W. Brooks	G.H. Moore																											
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1880	G.W. Brooks	W.L. Lyon																											
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1884	G.W. Brooks	Dr. Whit Brooks																											
1885	G.W. Brooks	Dr. W. Brooks																											
1886	G.W. Brooks	W. Brooks	2		2	2	99				84																		
1887	G.W. Brooks	Dr. W. Brooks																											
1888	S.C. Owen	Dr. W. Brooks																											
1889	G.W. Brooks	G.W. Moore	4	5	2	1	83				75						59	50	51		5	9							
1890	F.M. Jordan	W. Aiken																											
1891	T.C. Plemmons	W. Aiken																											
1892	T.C. Plemmons	W. Aiken	6	4	4	1	107				35																		
1893	E. Allison	E.A. Glazener	21	15	8	2	128			500.	74						115.	100.	105.		10.								
1894	E. Allison	E.A. Glazener																											
1895	E. Allison	E.A. Glazener																											
1896	E. Allison	E.A. Glazener		3	13	4	152.			600.	46						111.	100.	106.		5.	5.							
1897	T.C. Holtzelaw	E.A. Glazener																											
1898	J.T. Newton	E.A. Glazener																											
1899	I.T. Newton	E.A. Glazener																											
1900	I.T. Newton	W. Aiken																											
1901	I.T. Newton	W. Aiken																											
1902	I.T. Newton	W. Aiken																											
1903	I.T. Newton	W. Aiken	6	1	3		127										164.	113.	145			20.							
1904	I.T. Newton	W. Aiken																											
1905	S.C. Owen	W. Aiken																											
1906	S.C. Owen	J.M. Southern		7			135				35						280.	84.				178.							
1907	S.C. Owen	R.L. Hogsed		8	9		136				47						157.	107.				10.							
1908	S.C. Owen	W.P. Hogsed	23	9	5	40	123			1,000.	55						138.	75.		20		31							
1909	T.C. Holtzelaw	W.P. Hogsed	4	6	3	1	130			1,000.	78						126.	100.				10.							

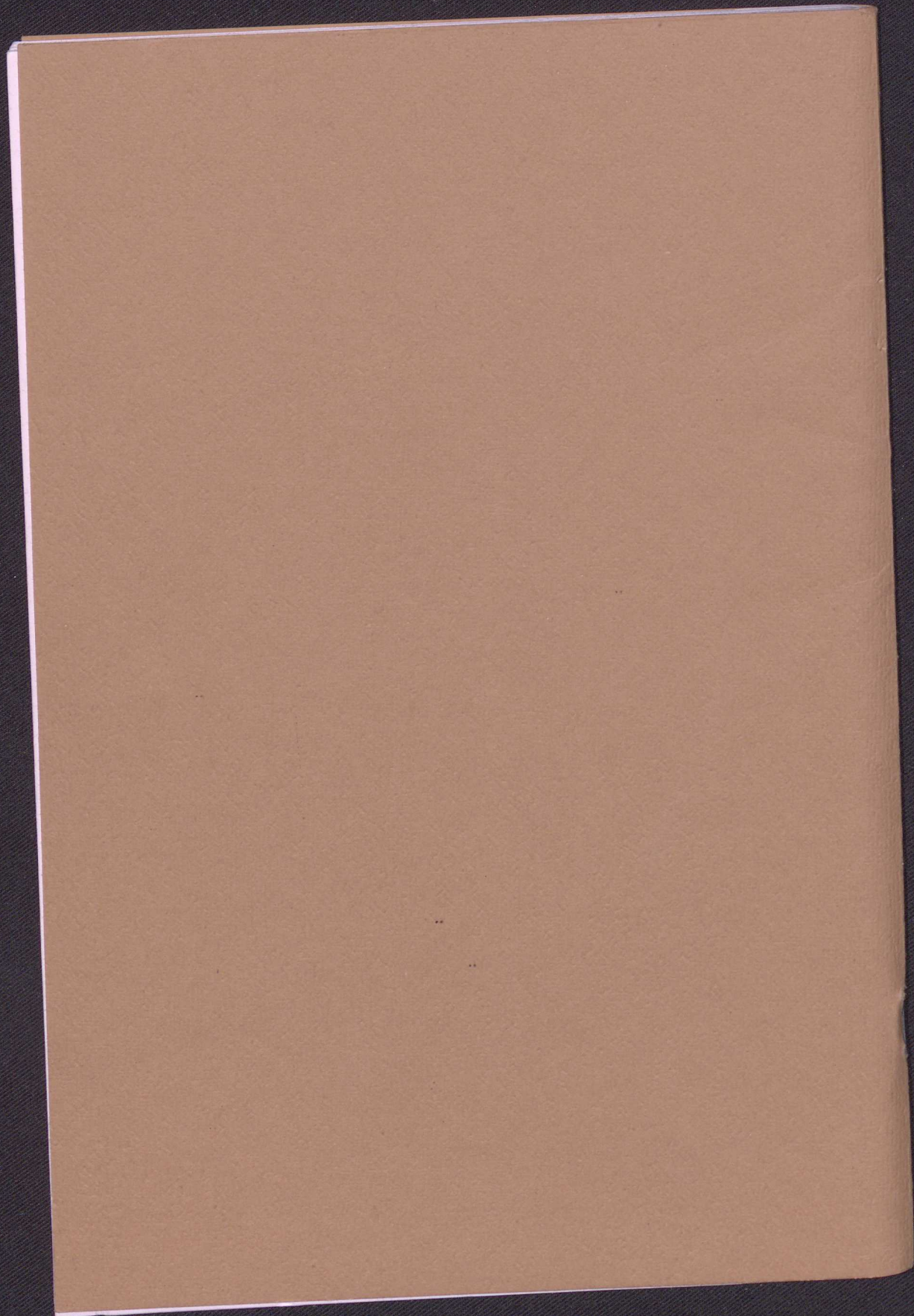
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1910	T.C. Holtzclaw	B.S. Cunningham	3	2	3																									
1911	J.K. Henderson	R.L. Hogsed	7	9	3	129				1,500.	71						101.	88.	82.			6.								
1912	Mark Osborne	R.L. Hogsed		2		127				1,500.	67						54.	50.	52.			2.								
1913	Mark Osborne	R.L. Hogsed	6	4	4	135				1,500.	94						115.	102.	105.		38.	10.								
1914	J.N. Lee	R.L. Hogsed	4	5		137				1,500.			20				261.	200.	237.		2.	14.								
1915	J.R. Liner	R.L. Hogsed	10	1	5	154				1,500.	101						180.	103.	147.		8.	33.								
1916	J.R. Liner	R.L. Hogsed	14	6	7	153				1,500.	72						252.	85.	227.			25.								
1917	T.C. King	R.L. Hogsed	12	5	16	147				1,500.	88						523.	250.	446.			78.								
1918	T.C. King	R.L. Hogsed	12	5	16	147				1,500.	88						524.	250.	446.			78.								
1919	T.C. King	J.L. Gillespie	2	2	1	139				1,500.	85						670.	319.	361.			309.								
1920	T.C. King	J.L. Gillespie		8		125				1,000.	110		12				573.	300.	345.			228.								
1921	J.E. Dupree	J.L. Gillespie	13	2	4					1,000.								600.												
1922	J.E. Dupree	J.L. Gillespie	3	10	6	23	111			1,000.	98		27	21			1,200.	1,662.			46.	328.								
1923	W.T. Traitt	J.L. Gillespie	5	8		148				14,000.	108		30	24			15,263.	975.	15,133.			139.								
1924	W.T. Traitt	J.L. Gillespie	4	4	1	89				14,000.	88		25	25			1,197.	500.	1,001.		5.	196.								
1926	W.H. Nicholson	J.L. Gillespie	15	9	1	112				14,000.																				
1926	J.S. Stanberry	J.L. Gillespie		8		130				15,000.	160		32	52			619.	400.	504	42.	5.	115.								
1927	J.S. Stanberry	J.L. Gillespie		4	13	113				15,000.	119		48	20			1,582.	804.	1,409.	102.	4.	143.								
1928	W.S. Price, Jr.	Frank Whitmire	7			120				10,000.	122		20	16			1,061.		898.	129		183								
1929	W.S. Price, Jr.	Frank Whitmire	2	7	3	111				10,000.	136		20	30			640.	179.	573.	23.		67.								
1930	W.S. Price, Jr.	Mrs. J.L. Gillespie	3	3	9	108				12,000.	122		40	46			551.	193.	493.	16.		58.								
1931	B.N. Rogers	Mrs. J.L. Gillespie	10	3	8	113				12,000.	110.		30	37			337.	215.	292	4.		83.								
1932	B.N. Rogers	Mrs. J.L. Gillespie	27	14	3	151				12,000.																				
1933	B.N. Rogers	Frank Whitmire	4	5		147				12,000.	180		42	60			420.	186.	356.	26.	8.	64.								
1934	B.N. Rogers	Frank Whitmire	2	1	2	143				12,000.	103		27	65			523.	332.	482	25.		41.								
1935	B.N. Rogers	Frank Whitmire		7		135				12,000.	110		42	59			518.	259.	433.	12.		91.								
1936	M.L. Lewis	Frank Whitmire	4		3	134				10,000.	119		33	46			511.	321.	447.	12.		64								
1937	M.L. Lewis	Frank Whitmire	11	3	3	145				8,000.	154		54	59			686.	423.	581.	23.		105.								
1938	M.L. Lewis	Frank Whitmire	11	3	7	152				8,000.	135		55	61			1,349.	472.	1,190	60.		159.	25							
1939	M.L. Lewis	Frank Whitmire	2	3	1	154				8,000.	120	48	49	50			1,242.	465.	1,090	100.		152	20							
1940	M.L. Lewis	Frank Whitmire	3	4	35	118				8,000.	134	46	69	43			960.	470.	762.	125.		199								
1941	W.H. Whitlock	Frank Whitmire	8	2	8	115				8,000.	115	61	66	35			1,042.	401.	890.	66.		152								
1942	W.H. Whitlock	Frank Whitmire	4	8	4	123				8,000.	102	48	60	32			1,138.	737.	933.	63.		206.								
1943	W.H. Whitlock	Frank Whitmire	7	2		127				8,000.	90	58	61	46			1,164.	740.	940.	82.		224.								

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1944	S.B. McCall	Frank Whitmire	4	3	5	132			8,000.	78	48	41				1,400.	740.	1,076.	100.		324.								
1945	S.B. McCall	Marie Whitmire	24	2	7	151			8,000.	76	65	55	17			2,084.	933.	1,772.	138.		312.								
1946	S.B. McCall	Marie Whitmire	1		1	135			8,000.	94	30	54	17			2,691.	1,121.	2,287.	159.		404								
1947	A.B. Ledford	Marie Whitmire		2	4	133			8,000.	97	35	42	11			1,753	1,071.	1,401.	158.		352.								
1948	A.B. Ledford	Marie Whitmire	12	9	4	150	115	35	12,000.	102		53	46			2,332	1,188.	1,730	196.	120.	601.								
1949	A.B. Ledford	Susie Jordan	6	8	10	160	135	25	8,000.	95	17	30	52			2,288.	145.	2,601.	182.	161.	687								
1950	No Pastor	Susie Jordan	1	1	14	169	117	52	8,000.	117	41	47	51			2,035.	779.	1,256.	170.	155.	641.								
1951	L.J. Rogers	Susie Jordan	2	2	8	146	97	49	8,000.	135	56	64	49			2,569.	845.	1,025.	190.		696	11							
1952	L.J. Rogers	J.L. Gillespie	7	6	0	153	102	51	8,000.	133	52	54	53			2,727.	1,074.	1,834.	211.		893.								
1953	L.J. Rogers	Ruby Matthews	9	4	8	157	114	43	20,000.	136	57	54	44			3,497	1,121.	2,548.	214.		949	11							
1954	C.W. Rogers	Ruby Matthews	1	8	6	167	116	51	20,000.	154	80	54	44	14		4,537.	1,570.	3,213.	311.	46.	938.	26							
1955	C.W. Rogers	Ruby Matthews	5	8	11	166	118	48	20,000.	168	102	40	49	14		5,694.	2,605.	4,184.	345.	54.	1,269.	43	Sec.	\$96.					
1956	C.W. Rogers	Ruby Matthews	8	6	8	175	128	47	20,000.	155	131	46	58	13	20	8,122.	3,505.	6,687	405.	96.	1,435.	40	5%	\$96.	Yes				
1957	C.W. Rogers	Ruby Matthews		1	10	165	116	49	20,000.	166	103	45	21	10	16	7,768.	3,425.	6,343.	516.	96.	1,425.	38	9%	\$96.	Y				
1958	Dan Wallen	Ruby Matthews	2	1	3	157	108	49	20,000.	157	114		26	10	20	6,631.	2,925.	4,661.	501.	96.	1,148.	36	8%	\$96.	Y				
1959	Dan Wallen	Ruby Matthews	16	19		192	141	51	48,000.	198	129	98	28	45	100	18,446.	3,310.	11,233.	722.	96.	1,563.	49	10%	\$96.	Yes	Y			
1960	Dan Wallen	Ruby Matthews	16	20	2	226	178	48	48,000.	218	119	98	67	43	106	15,774.	4,965.	13,326.	684.	192.	1,626.	54	10	\$192.	Y	Y			
1961	Dan Wallen	Ruby Matthews	11	6	2	241	193	48	48,000.	225	127	105	75	44	65	15,445.	6,160.	12,945.	893	192.	1,995.	79	10	\$192.	Y	Y			
1962	Dan Wallen	Ruby Matthews	16	18	9	265	201	64	60,000.	247	119	111	79	37	70	19,070.	5,720.	11,680.	1,769.	192.	3,728.	85	10	\$192.	N	Y			Y
1963	Dan Wallen	Ruby Matthews	19	11	10	285	212	73	110,000.	243	133	99	79	46	83	22,529.	5,925.	5,784.	2,088.	192.	3,797.	88	12	1%	Y	Y			Y
1964	Clyde Smith	Ruby Matthews	6	14	18	287	210	77	107,000.	245	120	111	95	44	80	21,695.	5,514.	17,648.	2,305.	192.	4,573.	90	12	1	Y	Y			Y
1965	J.F. Parham	Ruby Matthews		10	15	282	212	70	107,500.	250	116	98	70	21	62	21,792.	6,084.	15,057.	2,408.	192.	4,626.	90	12	1	Y	Y			Y
1966	J.F. Parham	Ruby Matthews	3	11	17	279	205	74	107,500.	270	124	115	59	38	77	28,116.	7,460.	21,446.	2,943.	192.	5,813.	90	14	1	Y	Y	Y		Y
1967	J.F. Parham	Ruby Matthews	11	4	8	284	212	72	115,000.	290	113	104	53	34	75	27,795.	6,594.	18,354.	3,223.	208.	5,302	50	15	1	Y	Y	Y		Y
1968	J.F. Parham	Ruby Matthews	6	4	14	280	212	68	115,000.	271	87	105	63	18	60	24,971.	6,935.	19,045.	3,269.	240.	5,852.	50	16	4	Y	Y	Y		Y
1969	J.F. Parham	Ruby Matthews	3	9	17	275	207	68	115,000.	261	72	102	64	18	37	25,067.	6,865.	18,581.	3,778.	408.	6,077.	50	16	2	Y	Y	Y		Y
1970	J.F. Parham	Ruby Matthews	7	1	11	272	204	68	115,000.	253	67	91	51	22	57	26,655.	7,240.	18,405.	3,604.	444.	5,991.	50	16	4	Y	Y	Y		Y
1971	J.F. Parham	Ruby Matthews	5	1	8	270	197	73	115,000.	232	80	89	37	26	37	27,778.	7,415.	23,799.	3,507.	946.	6,592.	50	16	4	Y	Y	Y		Y
1972	B.E. Moody	Ruby Matthews	1	4	8	267	197	70	115,000.	219	92	70	48	18	57	29,820.	7,225.	21,501.	4,071.	1,063.	7,574.	50	16	4	Y	Y	Y		Y
1973	B.E. Moody	Ruby Matthews	10	7	21	263	196	67	126,000.	208	139	77	44	32	53	40,365.	9,947.	25,623.	5,665.	1,303.	10,327.	50	20	5	Y	Y	Y		Y
1974	B.E. Moody	Ruby Matthews	8	9	8	273	206	67	135,000.	211	158	79	39	34	45	45,446.	10,401.	32,675.	6,701.	1,653.	10,912.	60	23	7	Y	Y	Y		Y
1975	B.C. Durham	Ruby Matthews	4	7	8	276	207	69	141,750.	201	170	79	39	30	46	44,491.	9,355.	28,500.	8,319.	2,486.	14,553.	66	25	8	Y	Y	Y		Y
1976*	B.C. Durham	Ruby Matthews	4	5	12	273	189	84	165,500.	186	149	70	43	28	43	38,769	14,427.	25,490.	3,837.	2,808.	14,608.	66	25	8	Y	Y	Y		Y
1977	B.C. Durham	Ruby Matthews				Sept. 1, 1976 - Feb. 28, 1977			28, 1977							27,743.	7,439	21,266.	4,293.	1,373.	6,779								

* Report for 11 months October 1, 1976 to Aug. 31, 1976



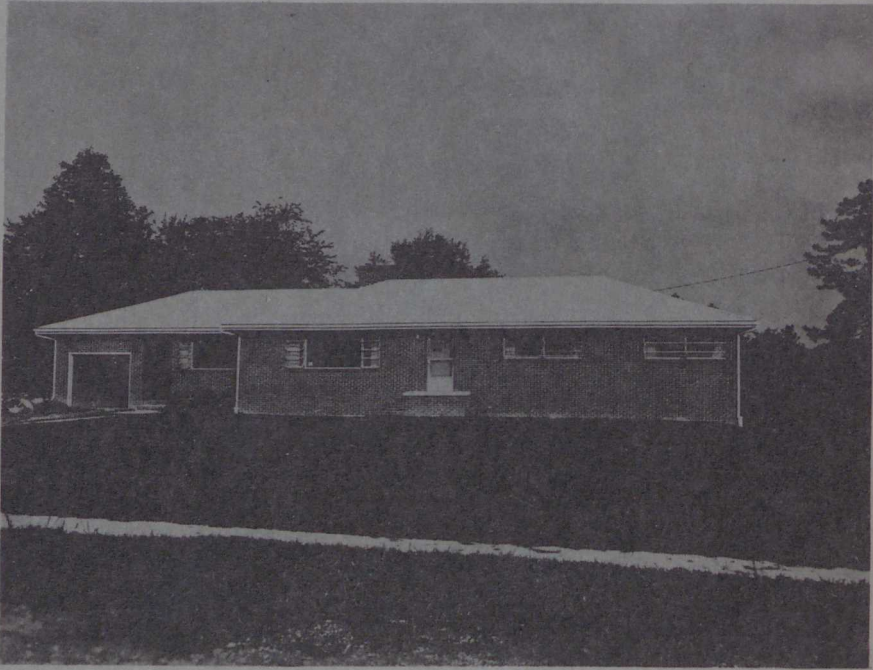


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Baptist Church



YEAR BOOK

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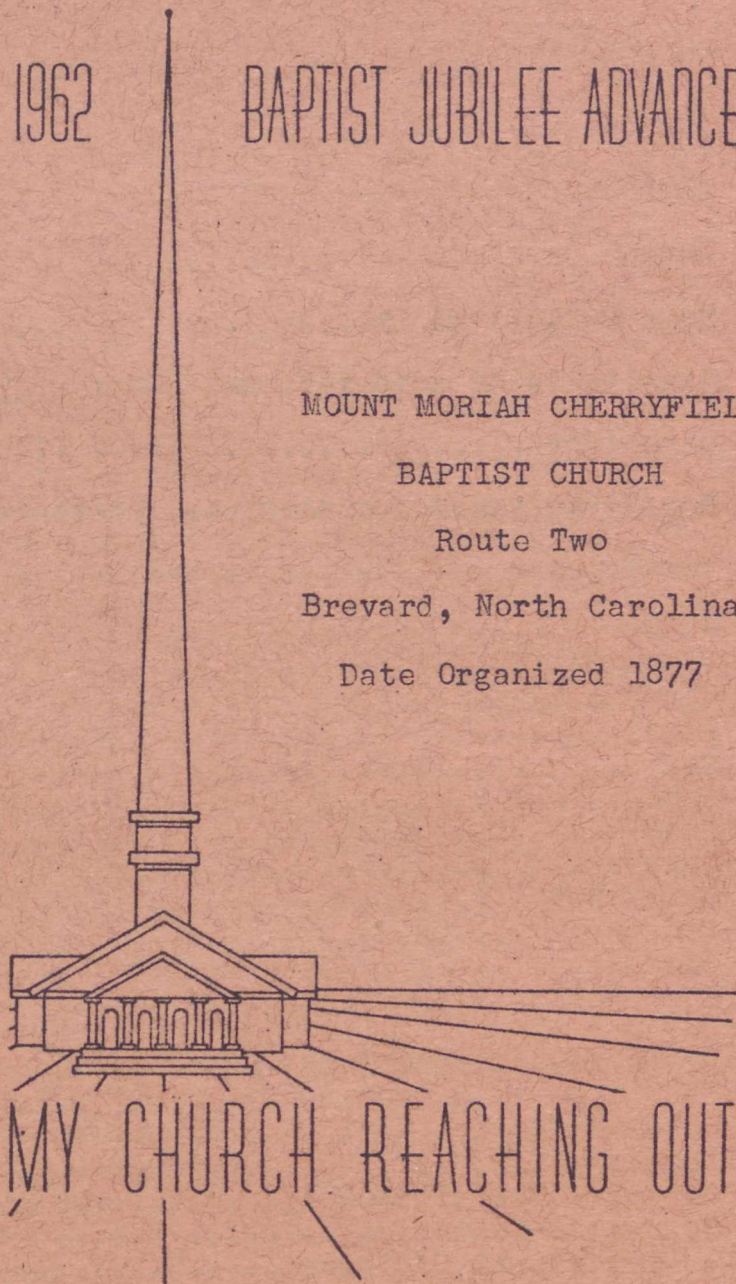
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BAPTIST CHURCH

Route Two

Brevard, North Carolina

Date Organized 1877



MY CHURCH REACHING OUT

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This is the second attempt to provide a Church YEAR BOOK or DIRECTORY for every home represented in our church family. As pastor, I trust that you will keep this booklet in a convenient place and refer to it constantly. It is my desire and purpose that the information contained in these pages will enable and encourage each of us to participate more fully in the life and program of our church.

May this YEAR BOOK serve as an additional link in the chain of Christian love and fellowship which binds us to each other and to our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Sincerely,

Dan T. Wallen
Pastor

CHURCH COVENANT

Having been led, as we believe by the Spirit of God, to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Saviour and, on the profession of our faith, having been baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, we do now, in the presence of God, and this assembly, most solemnly and joyfully enter into covenant with one another as one body in Christ.

We engage, therefore, by the aid of the Holy Spirit to walk together in Christian love; to strive for the advancement of this church, in knowledge, holiness, and comfort; to promote its prosperity and spirituality; to sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline, and doctrines; to contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry, the expenses of the church, the relief of the poor, and the spread of the gospel through all nations.

We also engage to maintain family and secret devotions; to religiously educate our children; to seek the salvation of our kindred and

acquaintances; to walk circumspectly in the world; to be just in our dealings; faithful in our engagements, and exemplary in our deportment; to avoid all tattling, backbiting, and excessive anger; to abstain from the sale of, and use of, intoxicating drinks as a beverage; to be zealous in our efforts to advance the kingdom of our Saviour.

We further engage to watch over one another in brotherly love; to remember one another in prayer; to aid one another in sickness and distress; to cultivate Christian sympathy in feeling and Christian courtesy in speech; to be slow to take offense, but always ready for reconciliation and mindful of the rules of our Saviour to secure it without delay.

We moreover engage that when we remove from this place we will, as soon as possible, unite with some other church where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of God's Word.

SOME BELIEFS WE CHERISH

- 1) We believe that the Bible is God's Word to man and that it is the only sufficient authority as the rule of doctrine and practice.
- 2) We believe in a regenerated church membership and that the conversion experience is a prerequisite of church membership.
- 3) In the New Testament the candidate was taken to the water, not the water brought to the candidate, the candidate was placed in the water, not the water put on the candidate; so we believe in immersion only as answering Christ's command of baptism and symbolizing the heart of the gospel message; death, burial, resurrection.
- 4) We believe in the New Testament order of baptism and the Lord's Supper, New Testament Christians were baptized before taking the Lord's Supper.
- 5) We believe in the right of each member of the church to voice in it's government, plans and discipline. A Baptist church is a true democracy at work.
- 6) We believe in the freedom of the individual conscience; in the voluntary principle, not the coercive principle, in religion.
- 7) We believe in the total independence and separation of Church and State.

HIGHLIGHTS OF ASSOCIATIONAL YEARS

	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961
Baptisms	0	2	16	16	11
Letters and other additions	1	1	19	20	6
Losses by Death, transfer	10	8	0	2	2
Resident Members	116	108	141	178	193
Non-Resident Members	49	49	51	48	48
Total Members	165	157	192	226	241
Sunday School Enrollment	166	157	198	218	225
Average Sunday School Attend.	93	71	106	125	126
Vacation Bible School Enroll.	103	114	129	119	127
Training Union Enrollment	45	42	98	98	105
Average T.U. Attendance	22	24	53	67	75
Total Gifts:					
	1957		7,120.11		
	1958		6,631.62		
	1959		11,232.77		
	1960		13,326.00		
	1961		15,445.00		

DIRECTORY

Dan T. Wallen, Pastor

Gene Matthews, Chairman of Deacons

Boyce Whitmire, Music Director

Mrs. Marie Whitmire, Pianist

Ross Wilson, Sunday School Supt.

Ray Justice, Training Union Director

Mrs. J. L. Gillespie, WMU President

James Justice, Brotherhood President

Mrs. Ruby Matthews, Church Clerk

Raleigh Waldrop, Treasurer

Richard Lambert, Church Moderator

Mrs. Jency Lambert, Church Secretary

Harold Owen, Custodian

Committee for Lord's Supper:

Mr. & Mrs. Gene Matthews

Committee on Budget & Finance:

Active Deacons

Committee on Building and Grounds:

Avery Whitmire, Chairman

Clarence Summey

James Justice

Jim Coltrane

Oscar Whitmire

Gene Matthews

Trustees:

J. L. Gillespie
Richard Lambert

J. L. Whitmire

New Educational Building Committee:

Raleigh Waldrop, Chairman
James Justice
Guy Bryson

J. L. Whitmire
Ross Wilson

Nominating Committee: 1961-62

O. E. Matthews, Chairman
Mrs. Verlin Dills, Secretary
Mrs. Wanda Justice
Mrs. Birdell Garren
Boyce Whitmire
Mrs. Naomi Waldrop
Bill Klepps
Mrs. Ora Gillespie
J. L. Gillespie
Ross Wilson, Sunday School Supt.
Ray Justice, Training Union Director

REGULARLY SCHEDULED SERVICES, MEETINGS

Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
Training Union (April - Sept.)	7:00 p.m.
Training Union (October - March)	6:30 p.m.
Evening Worship (April - Sept.)	8:00 p.m.
Evening Worship (October - March)	7:30 p.m.
Mid-Week Prayer Service Wednesday	7:30 p.m.
Church Choir Rehearsal Wednesday	8:15 p.m.
Cherub Choir Rehearsal Wednesday	7:00 p.m.
Junior G. A.'s Wednesday	7:30 p.m.
Intermediate G. A.'s Monday	7:00 p.m.
Royal Ambassadors Friday	5:30 p.m.
Sunbeams Wednesday	7:30 p.m.
W.M.S. General Meeting	
Third Wednesday	7:30 p.m.
Business Women's Circle	
Tuesday after second Sunday	7:30 p.m.
Day Circle, First Tuesday	2:00 p.m.
Quarterly S. S. Officers and Teachers	
Meeting, Third Wednesday of	
January, April, July, October	7:00 p.m.
Brotherhood, Third Wednesday	7:30 p.m.
Jr. Brotherhood, Third Wednesday	7:30 p.m.
Monthly Deacons Meeting	
Thursday following first Sunday	7:30 p.m.
Church Conference, Second Sunday	
After Morning Worship Service	

NEW MEMBER'S PARAGRAPH



MAGNIFY THEM
BY THE WAY YOU LIVE

New church members are encouraged to take advantage of the training and service opportunities provided through the organized life of the church. Sunday School, Training Union, Woman's Missionary Union, Men's Brotherhood, Youth and Children's groups offer many channels of Christian fellowship, instruction, and service. Seasonal study courses give additional help in Bible study, leadership training, stewardship, etc. Baptist Summer Assemblies (schedules listed elsewhere in Directory) give valuable training under the guidance of outstanding leaders in Baptist life.

New church members are urged to attend worship regularly, and to find their place in some of the organized groups of the church.

JANUARY

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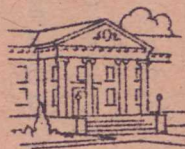


TO GIVE GOD MY BEST

2	Day Circle	2:00 p.m.
7	Soul Winning Commitment Day	
11	Deacon's Meeting	7:30 p.m.
14	Church Conference	
15	Associational Sunday School Meeting at Gladys Branch	7:30 p.m.
16	Business Women's Circle	7:30 p.m.
17	Sunday School Officers and Teachers Meeting	7:00 p.m.
17	Family Night	7:30 p.m.
18	Sunday School Visitation	7:30 p.m.
22	Associational W.M.U. Meeting at Carrs Hill	7:30 p.m.

FEBRUARY

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*Baptist
College
Day*

6	Day Circle	2:00 p.m.
8	Deacon's Meeting	7:30 p.m.
11	Church Conference	
13	Business Women's Circle	7:30 p.m.
12-14	State Baptist Evangelistic Conference, Greensboro	
15	Training Union Visitation	7:30 p.m.
16	Associational G. A. Meeting	
18	Baptist College Day	
18	Homes for Aging Special Offering	
19	Associational Missions Night at Temple Church	7:30 p.m.
21	Family Night	7:30 p.m.
26-March 3	Morning Devotions by pastor on W.P.N.F.	9:45 a.m.

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TRAINING UNION STUDY
COURSE MARCH 12-16

- 5-9 W.M.U. Week of Prayer For Home Missions and Annie Armstrong Offering
- 6 Day Circle 2:00 p.m.
- 8 Deacon's Meeting 7:30 p.m.
- 11 Church Conference
- 12-14 State Annual W.M.U. Meeting in Asheville First Church
- 12-16 Training Union Study Course
- 19 Training Union Mass Meeting at Pisgah Forest Church 7:30 p.m.
- 21 Family Night 7:30 p.m.
- 25 Executive Committee Meeting Brevard First Church 2:30 p.m.
- 26-30 Central Study Course

APRIL

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SOUL-WINNING
COMMITMENT DAY

3	Day Circle	2:00 p.m.
1-8	Youth Week	
5	Deacon's Meeting	7:30 p.m.
7	Associational Baptist Youth Night	7:30 p.m.
8	Church Conference	
10	Business Women's Circle	7:30 p.m.
16	Associational Sunday School Meeting, Turkey Creek	7:30 p.m.
17	Associational Vacation Bible School Clinic, Calvary	5:00 - 6:00 p.m. 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.
18	Sunday School Officers and Teachers Meeting	7:00 p.m.
18	Family Night	7:30 p.m.
19	Church Visitation	
22	Easter Sunday	
22-29	REVIVAL - Rev. Tom Greene of Raleigh, N. C.	
27	Annual Associational W.M.U. Meeting	
29	Lord's Supper	
29	Associational Hymn Sing	2:30 p.m.

MAY

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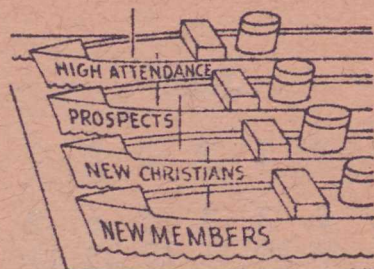


FOCUS WEEK MAY 13-19

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| 1 | Day Circle | 2:00 p.m. |
| 6-13 | Christian Home Week | |
| 10 | Deacon's Meeting | 7:30 p.m. |
| 13 | Church Conference | |
| 13 | Mother's Day Offering for
Baptist Hospital | |
| 13-19 | G. A. Focus Week | |
| 16 | Family Night | 7:30 p.m. |
| 17 | Sunday School Visitation | 7:30 p.m. |
| 20 | Baptist Hour Sunday | |
| 21 | Associational Missions Night
Mt. Moriah Cherryfield | 7:30 p.m. |

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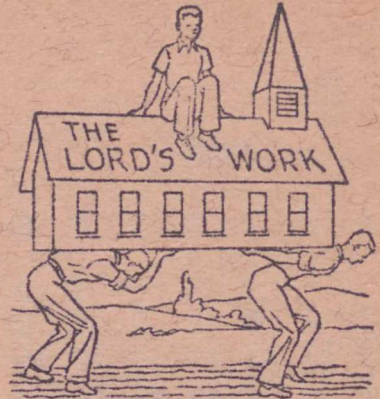


YOU'LL BE GLAD YOU VISITED
WHEN YOUR SHIPS COME IN!

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- 4-15 Vacation Bible School
 - 5-8 Southern Baptist Convention
in San Francisco
 - 5 Day Circle 2:00 p.m.
 - 7 Deacon's Meeting 7:30 p.m.
 - 10 Church Conference
 - 12 Business Women's Circle 7:30 p.m.
 - 17 Father's Day
 - 18 Associational Training Union
Meeting at Enon Church 7:30 p.m.
 - 20 Family Night 7:30 p.m.
 - 21 Training Union Visitation 7:30 p.m.
 - 24 Executive Committee Meeting 2:30 p.m.
 - 25-29 Morning Devotions by Pastor 9:45 a.m.
 - 30 Brotherhood and R. A. Field
Day at Little River

JULY

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DOING YOUR SHARE?

3	Day Circle	2:00 p.m.
5	Deacon's Meeting	7:30 p.m.
8	Church Conference	
10	Business Women's Circle	7:30 p.m.
13	Associational W.M.U. Meeting, Cathey's Creek	
16	Associational Sunday School Meeting, Little River	7:30 p.m.
18	Sunday School Officers and Teachers Meeting	7:00 p.m.
18	Family Night	7:30 p.m.
19	Church Visitation	7:30 p.m.
29	Lord's Supper	
29	Associational Hymn Sing	2:30 p.m.

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Taking a vacation?



7	Day Circle	2:00 p.m.
9	Deacon's Meeting	7:30 p.m.
12	Church Conference	
12-18	Sunbeam Focus Week	
14	Business Women's Circle	7:30 p.m.
15	Family Night	7:30 p.m.
16	Church Visitation	7:30 p.m.
20	Associational Missions Night Zion Church	7:30 p.m.
26	Off to College Sunday	

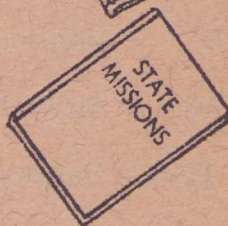


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- 4 Day Circle 2:00 p.m.
 - 6 Deacon's Meeting 7:30 p.m.
 - 9 Church Conference
 - 9-14 Associational School of Missions
 - 19 Family Night 7:30 p.m.
 - 20 Sunday School Visitation 7:30 p.m.
 - 24-29 Morning Devotions by Pastor 9:45 a.m.
 - 30 Sunday School & Training Union Promotion Day
 - 30 Lord's Supper
 - 30 Associational Hymn Sing



OCTOBER

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2	Day Circle	2:00 p.m.
11	Deacon's Meeting	7:30 p.m.
14	Church Conference	
14	Layman's Day	
16	Business Women's Circle	7:30 p.m.
17	Sunday School Officers and Teachers Meeting	7:00 p.m.
17	Family Night	7:30 p.m.
18	Training Union Visitation	7:30 p.m.

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ROYAL AMBASSADORS

R. A. Focus Week
November 5-11

6	Day Circle	2:00 p.m.
5-11	R. A. Focus Week	
8	Deacon's Meeting	7:30 p.m.
11	Church Conference	
12-15	Baptist State Convention, Raleigh, N. C.	
13	Business Women's Circle	7:30 p.m.
15	Church Visitation	
18	Thanksgiving Offering for Children's Homes	
21	Family Night	7:30 p.m.
22	Thanksgiving	

DECEMBER

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- 3 Associational Training Union
"M" Night 7:30 p.m.
 - 4 Day Circle 2:00 p.m.
 - 3-7 W.M.U. Week of Prayer for
Foreign Missions and Lottie
Moon Christmas Offering
 - 6 Deacon's Meeting 7:30 p.m.
 - 9 Church Conference
 - 19 Family Night
 - 23 Christmas Program 7:00 p.m.
 - 25 MERRY CHRISTMAS
 - 30 Lord's Supper
 - 30 Associational Hymn Sing 2:30 p.m.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

ASSEMBLIES

FRUITLAND:

June 18-23	Training Union
June 25-30	R. A. Camp
July 2-7	R. A. Camp
July 6-8	Sunday School Leadership Conference
July 9-14	R. A. Camp
July 13-14	Brotherhood Week-end R. A. Counsellors' Retreat
July 16-21	Intermediate G. A. Camp
July 23-28	Junior G. A. Camp
July 30-Aug. 4	Junior G. A. Camp
August 6-11	Junior G. A. Camp
August 11-12	Fruitland Alumni Week-end
August 13-18	Church Music Conference
August 20-24	Preaching Week

CASWELL:

June 4-15	Youth Retreats, Planning Conferences
June 18-23	R. A. Camp
June 25-30	Training Union
July 2-7	World Missions Conference (WMU and Brotherhood) Jr.-Int. G. A. Houseparty R. A. Missions Conference Y.W.A. Conference
July 9-14	Sunday School Junior Music Camp
July 16-21	Church Music Conference
July 23-28	Training Union
July 30-Aug. 4	Training Union
August 6-11	R. A. Camp Convention Staff Retreat
August 10-12	R. A. Counsellors' Retreat
August 13-18	R. A. Camp Bible - Evangelism Week
August 17-18	Brotherhood Week-end
August 19	Youth Retreats, Planning Conf.



RIDGECREST:

June 7-12	Student Retreat
June 14-20	Y. W. A. Conference
June 21-27	Foreign Missions Conference
	Brotherhood Conference
	Writers' Conference
June 28-July 4	Music Leadership Conference
July 5-11	Training Union Youth Week
July 12-18	Training Union Leadership
	Assembly
July 19-25	Training Union Leadership
	Assembly
July 26-Aug. 1	Sunday School
August 2-8	Sunday School
August 9-15	W. M. U. Conference
August 16-22	Home Missions Board
	Conference
August 23-29	Bible Conference
	School for Church Librarians
	Church Administration
	Conference
	Christian Recreation
	Conference
	Christian Life Conference
	Historical Commission
	Conference
	Radio and TV Conference

DEACONS

Gene Matthews.....Chairman
Clarence Summey.....Vice-Chairman
Bill Owen.....Secretary

1962

Boyce Whitmire
J. L. Whitmire
Clarence Summey

1963

Bill Owen
Raleigh Waldrop
Gene Matthews

1964

James Justice
Avery Whitmire
Guy Bryson

HONORARY DEACONS

Van Waldrop
Hugh Lambert

"Then the twelve called the multitude of the disciples unto them, and said, It is not reason that we should leave the Word of God and serve tables.

Wherefore, brethren, look ye out among ye seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, whom ye may appoint over this business. But we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the Word."
Acts 6:2-4

BUDGET

Pastor's Salary	5,200.00
Pastor's Retirement	400.00
Janitor	520.00
Payment on Parsonage Loan	1,320.00
Payment on Loan	700.00
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Revival Expense	50.00
Buildings and Grounds Upkeep	600.00
Literature, Bulletins, Envelopes, Promotion Bibles, V. B. School	1,200.00
Convention Expense	250.00
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Miscellaneous Fund	307.00
Bulletins Printed	78.00
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Future Building Fund	1,200.00
Cooperative Program 10% of proposed budget	1,600.00
Orphanage \$15.00 per month	180.00
Transylvania Associational Missions	192.00
Benevolence	795.00
TOTAL	\$ 16,000.00

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Principal.....Mrs. Betty Jean Coltrane

Superintendent.....Mrs. Naomi Waldrop



GENERAL INFORMATION

1. MONTHLY NEWSLETTER. Our church mails out a monthly newsletter to our membership. Read it and pass it around to the others in your home so that all may be aware of church announcements and various service activities which challenge our support.

2. Change of Address. Please notify the church office of any change in your residence address. By doing so, you will not miss your copies of the Newsletter, and other communications from the church.

3. Announcements for Sunday Bulletin. The church bulletin for use during the Sunday worship services are mimeographed in the church office. All information and copy for this bulletin should be telephoned or given to the pastor by Friday morning.

4. Illness and Bereavement. Please notify the pastor about illnesses or deaths. The pastor would like to be among the first to extend assistance or sympathy in the time of need.

5. Church Policy on Flowers For Deceased Members. It is the policy of the church to send flowers to all deceased church members and former pastors of the church. The order for all flowers sent in the name of the church will be placed from the church office or a designated church member.

6. Church Literature. Our church literature is published by the Southern Baptist Convention and furnished monthly or quarterly by our church for use in the Sunday School, Training Union, Brotherhood and W.M.U.

7. The Lord's Supper. The ordinance of the Lord's Supper is observed on the fifth Sunday in each quarter. These services are usually held during the Morning Worship unless otherwise announced.

8. Business Meetings. The church conducts its monthly business sessions on the second Sunday morning after the Worship Service.

9. Vacation Bible School. Each year, during the early part of June, our church conducts a graded Vacation Bible School for children of the church and community.

10. Family Night. On the third Wednesday night of each month the church participates in a Family Night program of activities. All the general organizational meetings are held at this time as well as the auxiliaries and Royal Ambassadors.

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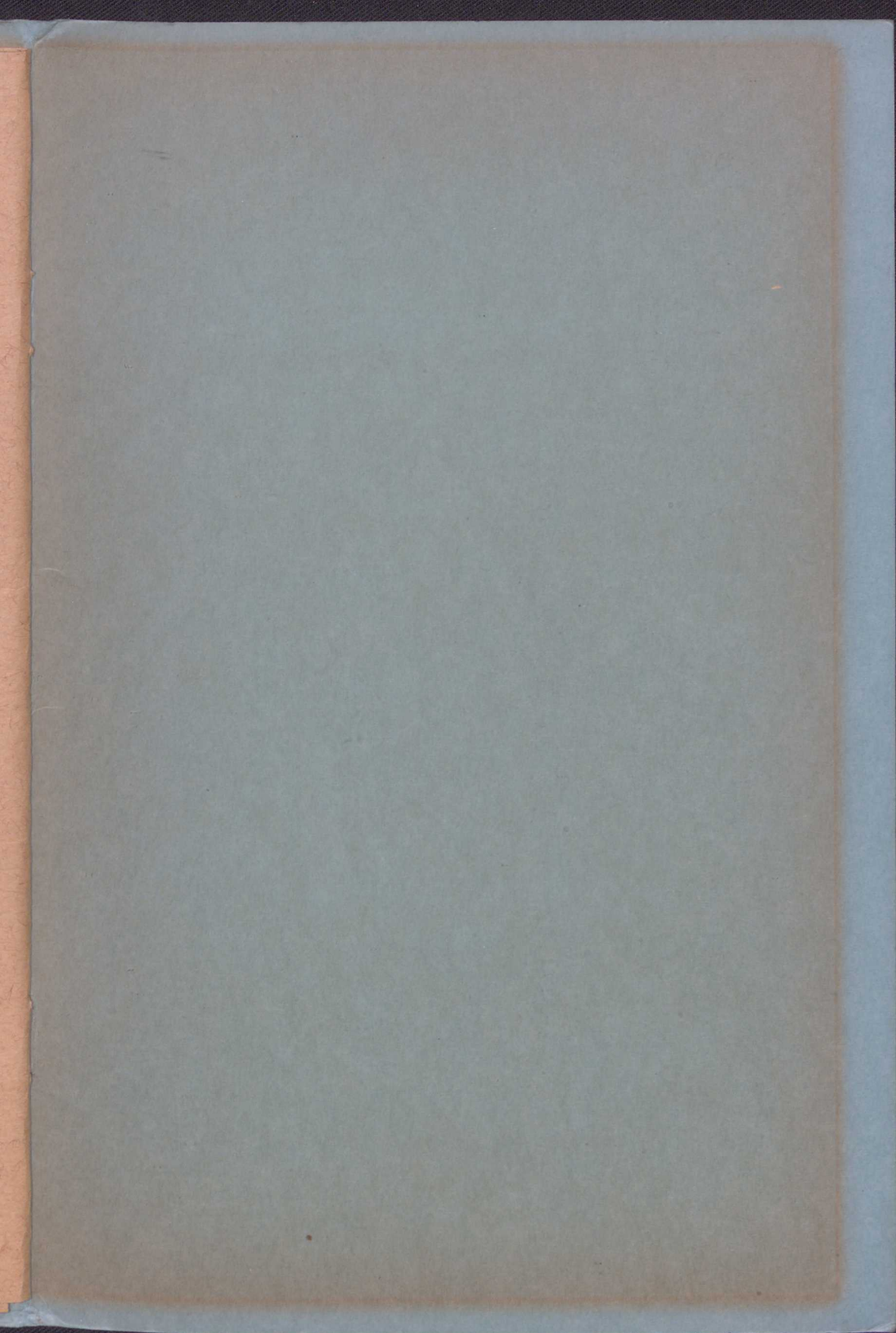
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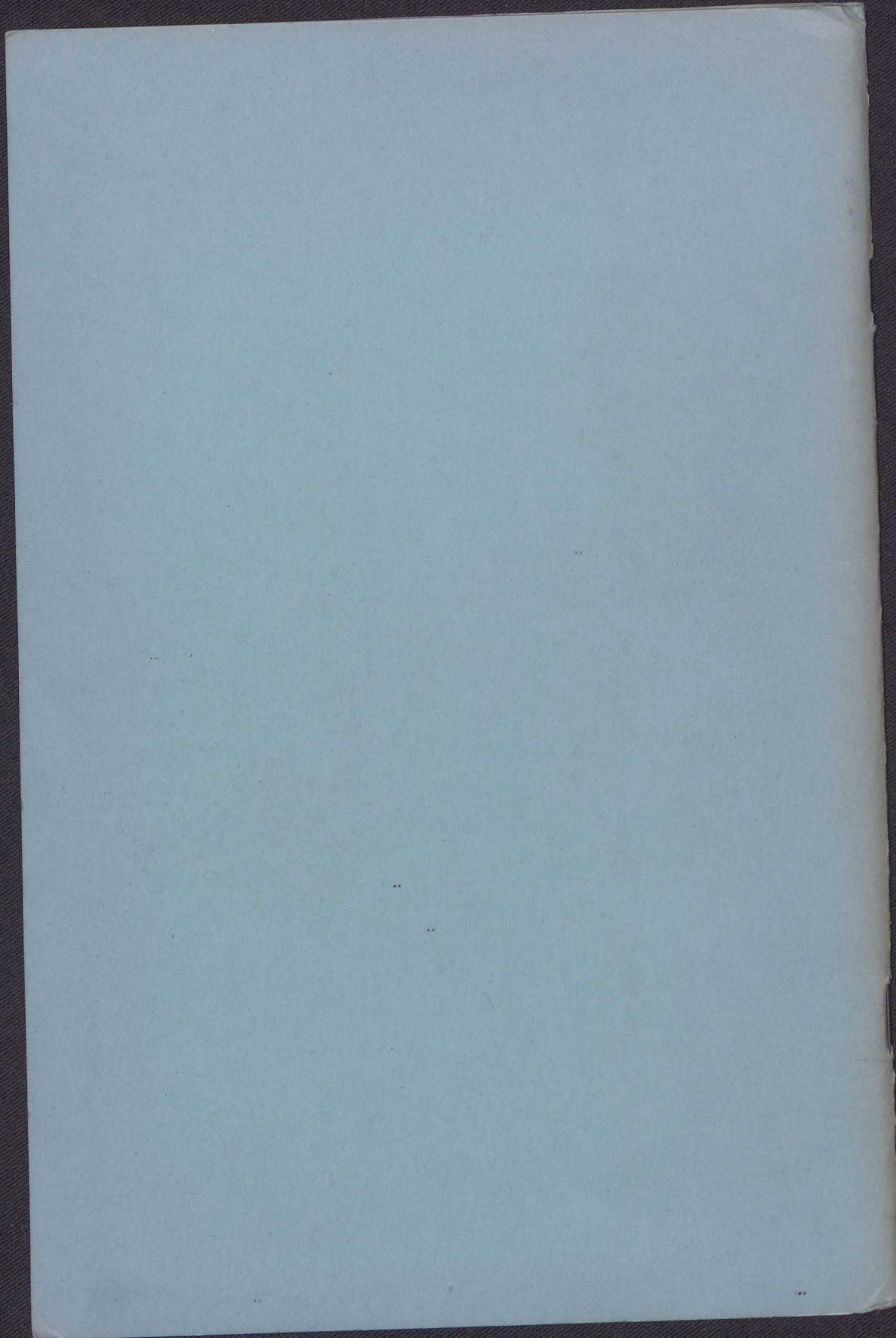
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Cherryfield Baptists Begin Revival Sunday

Cherryfield Baptist Church has announced revival services beginning Sunday evening, May 22, and running through Wednesday, May 25.

Rev. Everette Talbert of Riverside Baptist Church, Greer, S. C. will be guest evangelist. The theme of the revival will be "A Renewed Life in Christ."

Mrs. Betty Tinsley, the church's music director, will lead the revival choir and congregation singing.

According to Rev. B. C. Durham, minister, Mr. Talbert is a native of Kershaw, S. C. and a graduate of the University of South Carolina - attended Furman University and Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. He holds a Master of Theology Degree.

For the past year Mr.



MR. TALBERT

Talbert has pastored the Riverside Baptist Church, Greer.

Prior to this pastorate, he has held pastorates in both South Carolina and North Carolina.

In his first revival over seventy-five united with the church on profession of faith. In a sixteen-day crusade held in Cuba in 1955, over one hundred presented themselves to Christ and His Church.

In a youth crusade sponsored by ten local churches in 1961, at Greensboro there were over one hundred recorded decisions for Christ.

While he was pastor of the Midland Park Baptist Church, Charleston, S. C. there were over 900 additions by profession of faith, statement,

and by letter.

"This man's background and experience lends toward an exciting time at Cherryfield," Mr. Durham said.

"The church invites everyone to attend these services. A nursery will be provided."

Sevier: Watauga Democrat
Brevard: Transylvania Times
Bryson City: Smoky Mtn. Times
Burgaw: Pender Chronicle
Burnsville: Yancey Record
Canton: Enterprise
Carthage: Moore County News
Cary News
Chadbourn: Columbus Co. News
Charlotte Post
Cherokee: One Feather
Cherryville Eagle
China Grove: S. Rowan Times
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Rev. Wall Installed At Cherryfield Church

Sunday morning, August 6, 1978, the Rev. Talmadge V. Wall was installed as pastor of Cherryfield Baptist Church.

The Rev. Wall comes to Cherryfield from Pleasant Grove Baptist Church in Ronda, North Carolina. He is a native of Winston-Salem. He was educated in Forsyth County Public Schools, Wake Forest University, and Southeastern Seminary.

The Rev. Wall is married to Jean Joyce Wall. They have two children, Mark, 19, who is employed by R. J. Reynolds in Winston-Salem, and Julie, 11,



Rev. Wall

who will reside with them in the Cherryfield Baptist Church parsonage on the Rosman Highway.

N.C. Baptist Missions Director To Speak At Cherryfield Baptist

Sara Ann Hobbs will speak at Cherryfield Baptist Church during the morning worship service this Sunday, February 11.

Miss Hobbs is director of the Division of Missions for the

Boone: Watauga Democrat
Brevard: Transylvania Times
Bryson City: Smoky Mtn. Times
Burgaw: Pender Chronicle
Burnsville: Yancey Record
Canton: Enterprise
Carthage: Moore County News
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Baptist State Convention of North Carolina. Focus Week for the Woman's Missionary Union begins this Sunday, and Miss Hobbs will speak to start the week.

A native of Alabama, Miss Hobbs is a graduate of Judson College and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. She is a former school teacher and has served in various areas of church work for a number of years.

She served for 10 years as executive director of the Woman's Missionary Union of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention, and took over the directorship of the Division of Missions of N.C.B.S.C. last year.

Miss Hobbs, a member of Tabernacle Baptist Church in Raleigh, has traveled extensively throughout the United States, Europe, the Middle East, the Orient and Southeast Asia, and is well qualified to discuss the mission program of North Carolina Baptist.

The public is cordially invited to attend and hear Miss Hobbs at Cherryfield Baptist Church this Sunday morning.

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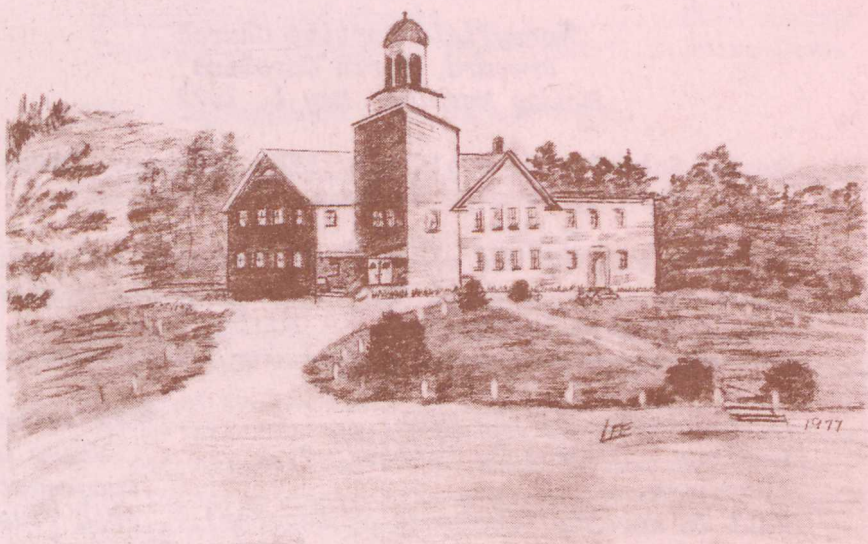
We were appalled when we read your response to the SBC boycott of the Walt Disney Company. Your article contained misinformation and did a tremendous disservice to the 32 Southern Baptist churches of Transylvania County. The SBC has no authority over these churches, but many of their pastors and members, some of whom were present at the New Orleans Convention where the boycott was approved, support this resolution wholeheartedly.

Disney's providing health care to "those who have acknowledged their homosexuality" has nothing to do with the boycott; all employees deserve equal health care coverage. Disney demonstrated their support of the gay agenda, however, when "married" health care privileges were given to homosexual couples, but were denied to unmarried heterosexual couples living together. Disney's promotion of the gay lifestyle through this policy, its "Gay Days" at its theme parks, and motion pictures are part of the reason many Southern Baptists support the boycott.

Not included in your article was the part of the SBC resolution pertaining to Disney movie subsidiaries whose films are now producing indecent movies for children and are blatantly defaming Christians and Christian principles. Many question whether these are "wholesome family entertainment." A number of factors make the boycott, not only reasonable, but imperative for many. The suggested boycott is anything but "pitiful."

Your suggestion that Southern Baptists "ignore the boycott" undermines the beliefs of a major segment of our county's population. Further, your choice of the term "pitiful" to describe the boycott promotes disrespectful attitudes toward church leadership and the convention. While we respect your right to publish your opinion through editorial comments, we are disappointed you did not have all the facts at your disposal before reacting to the resolution.

Rev. Jeff Maynard,
Little River Baptist Church
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Gladly Branch Baptist
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Zion Baptist
Rev. Vess McCall,
Faith Baptist
Gene M. King,
East Fork Baptist
Kadez Wilde, Pastor,
Dunn's Rock
Rex Rains, Minister of Music,
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Boylston
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Cathy's Creek
Harlon G. Ramsey
Bill Voorhes,
Director of Missions



The Cherryfield Baptist Church

Brevard, North Carolina

Founded 1877

Centennial Celebration

May 1, 1977

The true Church is the whole community, on earth and in heaven, of those called by God into fellowship with him and with one another to know and do his will. As the body of Christ, the church on earth is the instrument through which God continues to proclaim and apply the benefits of his redemptive work and to establish his kingdom.

A Brief Statement of Belief, 1977

100th ANNIVERSARY PROGRAM

Cherryfield Baptist Church
Brevard, North Carolina
Sunday Morning, May 1, 1977

Sunday School - 9:45 o'Clock Mike Whitmire, Director
Morning Worship Service - 11:00 o'Clock

"All the ends of the world shall remember and turn
unto the Lord: and all the kindreds of the nations
shall worship before thee." Psalm 22:27

Announcements of the Week.....Mike Whitmire
Prelude - "Come Holy Spirit".....Steve Owen
*Doxology.....Congregation
Call To Worship (Chairman of Deacons)....Fred Tinsley
Leader: "God is Spirit, and those who worship Him
must worship in Spirit and truth."

Congregation: "This is the day which the Lord has
made, let us rejoice and be glad in it.
I was glad when they said to me, Let us
go into the house of the Lord."

Invocation.....Fred Tinsley
Three Fold Amen.....Choir
*Hymn - "All Hail The Power of Jesus Name"....No. 132
Recognition of Special Guest and Visitors.....Pastor
Scripture Reading (WMU Director).....Azile Durham
A Brief History of our Church from 1877 until 1977 by
Church Historian, Mrs. Ruby Matthews
Anthem - "To God Be The Glory".....Choir
Morning Prayer (Brotherhood Director).....Ed Wilson
Presentation of Historical Booklets.....Jane Cabe
*Hymn - "The Church's One Foundation".....No. 380
Offertory Prayer
Worship with Tithes and Offerings
Introduction of Speaker.....Pastor
Anthem - "Amazing Grace".....Choir
Sermon.....Rev. Ray Justice
Pastor Trinity Baptist Church, Whiteville, N. C.
Ordained by this church, October 31, 1965

*Closing Hymn - "The Solid Rock".....No. 283
Benediction and Thanks.....Bill Klepps
Postlude - "Praise Ye The Father"....Steve Owen

*The Congregation will please stand

CHURCH COVENANT

Having been led, as we believe, by the Spirit
of God, to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our
Savior, and on the profession of our faith, having
baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Ghost, we do now, in the presence
of God, angels and this assembly, most solemnly
and joyfully enter into covenant with one another,
as one body in Christ.

We engage, therefore, by the aid of the Holy
Spirit, to walk together in Christian love; to
strive for the advancement of this Church, in
knowledge, holiness and comfort; to promote its
prosperity and spirituality; to sustain its worship
ordinances, discipline and doctrines; to contribute
cheerfully and regularly to the support of the
ministry, the expenses of the Church, the relief of
the poor, and the spread of the Gospel through all
nations.

We also engage to maintain family and secret
devotions; to religiously educate our children;
to seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaint-
ances; to walk circumspectly in the world; to be
just in our dealings, faithful in our engagements,
exemplary in our deportment; to avoid all
tattling, backbiting and excessive anger; to ab-
stain from the sale of and use of intoxicating
drinks as a beverage, and to be zealous in our
efforts to advance the kingdom of our Savior.

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We further engage to watch over one another in brotherly love; to remember each other in prayer; to aid each other in sickness and distress; to cultivate Christian sympathy in feeling, and courtesy in speech; to be slow to take offence, but always ready for reconciliation, and mindful of the rules of our Savior to secure it without delay.

We moreover engage that when we remove from this place we will, as soon as possible, unite with some other church, where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of God's Word.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Some months ago the church authorized the Youth Committee to seek out through the Youth Corps, Local Church Ministry of North Carolina Baptist Convention, a Summer worker for our church. Rick Traylor, Director of the Baptist Youth Corps has recommended to the Committee a young lady, Miss Andra Jewel Thomas of Sanford, North Carolina. She is a Junior at Campbell College.

The Youth Committee has invited Miss Thomas to our church this coming week-end so that she might meet us and we could get acquainted with her. The Youth Committee is planning a Hamburger Supper on Saturday evening at 7:00 o'Clock. This is for the entire church, children, youth, and adults. Will you show your interest and concern by your presences at this fellowship time at the church.

Monday: 7:30 PM Deacons Meeting

Wednesday: 7:30 PM Mission Organizations meet
8:15 PM Choir Practice

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REVIVAL

CHERRYFIELD BAPTIST CHURCH



Rev. E. S. Morgan

**Pastor Newbridge
Baptist Church
Speaker**

OCTOBER

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1981

7:30 Nightly

Thursday Night Is Youth Night

Dear Church,

We begin revival services this Sunday night, October 25th. This is our first revival since I came to Cherryfield as your Pastor. I hope you have been looking forward to this Revival as I have. I am expecting God to greatly bless us during this effort.

The visiting preacher will be Rev. E. S. Morgan. Brother Morgan is a personal friend of mine and one of the most Christ-like men I have ever known. Brother Morgan is a graduate of Mars Hill, Furman and Southern Seminary. He has also done some study at Harvard University. He has pastored in North Carolina, South Carolina, and Maryland.

Brother Morgan has faithfully served the Lord Jesus Christ for many years as he has faithfully preached a simple but powerful Gospel. Brother E. S. Morgan is one of the best at presenting the gospel in all its simplicity. If you long for a spiritually refreshing experience make plans to attend the revival.

On Thursday night we will have a double treat as the Lighthouse Quartet from the First Baptist Church will be with us to sing. This is a quartet composed mostly of high

school seniors. Youth come to hear them as they praise the Lord on Thursday night which will be Youth Night.

Sincerely,

Robert T. Parsons, Jr.
Your Pastor

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES FOR

NOVEMBER 1-6, 1981

Nov. 1-4: Baptist State Convention in Greensboro. Rev. and Mrs. Parsons will attend.

Nov. 1, 7:30 PM: Frankie Justice will preach.

Nov. 2, 7:30 PM: Deacons meet

Nov. 3, 2:30 PM: Bible Study

Group meets at Brian Center

Nov. 4, 7:30 PM: Missions

Night and Men's Prayer meeting

COMING UP November 11th

G.A., Acteen Mother-Daughter Banquet at 6:15 PM.

Three books have been presented to Cherryfield Baptist Church Library by the Lydia Sunday School Class in memory of:

Miss Helen Wilkerson

Windows

by Martha Oliver Williams

Mrs. Minnie Price

Harvest of Gold

by Ernest R. Miller

Mrs. Alice Garren

Flowers That Never Fade

by Leroy Brownlow

We hope everyone will enjoy reading these books.

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Because of the love of some of our members our news are scheduled to be upholstered (seat and back), on November 9th. Church Interiors, Inc. of High Point has the contract.

"Lord, thou openest thine hand, and satisfiest the desire of every living thing."
Psalm 145:16

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Cherryfield Baptist Church

By Bill Norris
Staff Writer

Cherryfield Baptist Church had its beginning on Sunday, May 6, 1877, at 4 p.m. when a group of 17 people in the Calvert-Cherryfield area of Transylvania County met and established the Mt. Moriah Baptist Church.

These dedicated Christians were still feeling the disastrous effects of the recent Civil War, but their desire for fulfilling their spiritual needs and assembling together to worship God were overpowering. Under the leadership of the Rev. G.W. Brooks and charter members and William Richard Whitmire and William Leander Lyon Mt. Moriah was started and constructed.

The Rev. Brooks was to serve the church as pastor longer than any other minister, 10 years from 1887 and beginning in 1877 until May 1888 under another one-year term from 1888 until 1889. Deacon Richard Whitmire contributed land and wood for the first sanctuary that was built under the ministry of the Rev. Brooks.

During these early years, Mt. Moriah Baptist Church was an influential part of not only the local community but of the Transylvania Baptist Association, as well. Early records of the TBA, organized in 1881, show that the church participated in the association by sending delegates to the annual meetings and that its members served on committees, held offices, and supported the mission and educational causes. Mt. Moriah was also the third church to host the association meeting in 1883.

By 1889, the church records show that Mt. Moriah's membership had grown to 83, and that Sunday school had 75 "scholars" attending. The Rev. F.M. Jordan was elected pastor in January of 1889, and while

he served for only a short term, he and his wife made their home in that community for the rest of their lives. Jordan's work in revival meetings and preaching at intervals did much for the spiritual upbuilding of the church. He was considered to be one of the ablest pioneer preachers of that time.

These early years of the church were characterized by much disciplining of the "wayward saints" of the membership. The minutes are full of accounts of certain members being summoned before the church to answer for charges of the use of intoxicating beverages, profane language, and immoral conduct. If the erring members repented and acknowledged their error to the church in conference, they were restored. Members who failed to show a penitent spirit were excluded from the church. For this reason, the number of church members fluctuated a great deal during those years.

This was also a time when Sunday school met only during warm weather. But this was changed in 1911, when J.W. Glazener was elected Sunday school superintendent. Glazener told the church committee that he would not serve as superintendent unless the church had Sunday school for 12 months out of the year, and the change was made. He served as Sunday school superintendent for many years.

In October of 1920, the decision was made to build a new sanctuary, and in 1922 a division of the church was decided upon. In 1923, a deed for the new construction site was contributed by J.C. Whitmire, and for the next six months, the Whitmires and other loyal and devoted church members worked long and hard hours in constructing the new sanctuary. Cobblestone for the foundation was hauled from nearby creeks.

Week

The sand was hauled by horse-drawn wagons from East Fork and nearby streams.

The church building was dedicated on Sunday morning, Nov. 11, 1923, under the ministry of the Rev. W.T. Truett. Mt. Moriah Baptist Church at Cherryfield had a new sanctuary.

That sanctuary was to serve through a Depression, World War II, and the Korean Conflict until the church decided to add an educational building and "brick" the sanctuary in 1962. Groundbreaking for this new construction was held on Sunday, July 25, 1962, immediately following the worship service.

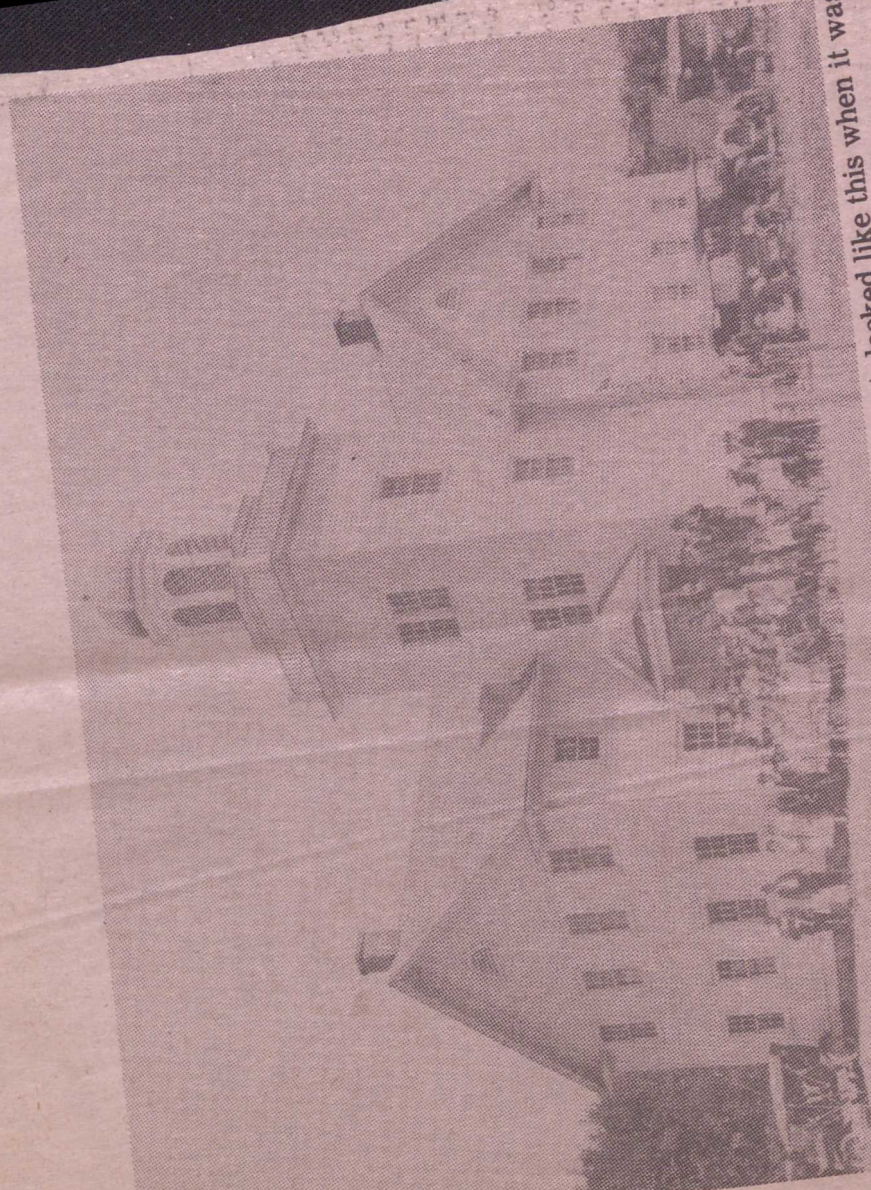
On Sunday morning, January 13, 1963, with pastor Dan Wallin presiding, the re-constructed sanctuary was dedicated. Raleigh Waldrop was chairman of that building committee.

On April 16, 1967, the decision was made by the church to drop the "Mt. Moriah" portion of the church's name and to retain the name "Cherryfield Baptist Church" that is has today.

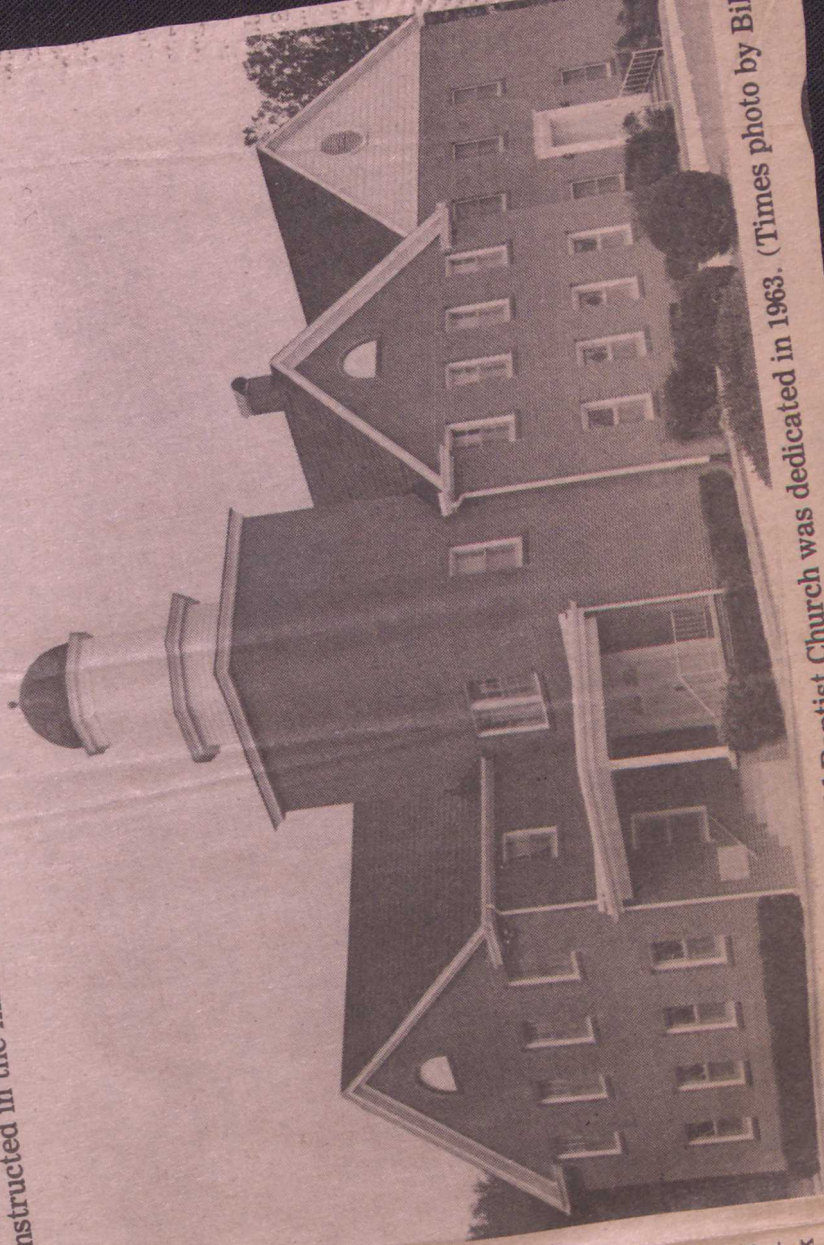
On Sunday, May 1, 1977, the church observed the 100th anniversary of its birth with a special service under the Rev. B.C. Durham. It had survived wars, rumors of wars, depressions, and much inner strife, but it had survived, and grown, as well.

Today, Cherryfield Baptist Church has a membership of 272. The Rev. J. Curtis Gilstrap came to Cherryfield from Pleasant Grove Baptist Church in Lavonia, Ga., in 1983 and is minister there now.

Sunday school is held each Sunday at Cherryfield starting at 9:45 a.m. followed by morning worship service at 11 a.m. Training Union starts at 6:30 p.m. and Sunday evening prayer services are held each Wednesday evening at 7:30 p.m.



Macedonia Baptist Church, with members standing in front, looked like this when it was constructed in the mid-1920s.



This sanctuary of Cherryfield Baptist Church was dedicated in 1963. (Times photo by Bill Norris)

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Crowd fills church for centennial

Cherryfield Baptist Church Celebrates Its Centennial

Celebrating the anniversary of its first 100 years, members, former members and special guests filled Cherryfield Baptist Church Sunday morning to review its history, hear "one of its own" preach, socialize over a picnic dinner, and express their joy and happiness with singing.

Highlighting the service was a brief history of the church, given by Ruby Matthews, who told in a fascinating manner how the people, concerned with the spiritual welfare of the community, came together at 4 o'clock in the afternoon on Sunday, May 6, 1877, and established Mt. Moriah Baptist Church.

Rev. G. W. Brooks acted as moderator of that meeting, and the first Sunday in June, he was called to be its pastor. He served until May 1887, the longest pastorate of any of the 30 pastors the church has had.

Mrs. Matthews gave interesting highlights of the

early years of the church, gleaned from church records, family albums, letters, diaries, scrapbooks, and from people — especially the older people — who can recall the past, who knew Mr. So and So who carved the collection plate."

The early church demanded "much discipline of wayward saints," she said, stating that members were called to answer charges of intoxication, immoral conduct, profane language, and non-attendance.

She listed important dates of the church: the dedication of the present sanctuary in 1923, the building of the parsonium in 1959, dedication of the educational building Jan. 13, 1963, and the change of name to Cherryfield Baptist Church April 16, 1967.

During those 100 years, she said, the church grew from 17 members to 273 members; from less than \$100 given that

first year to nearly \$42,000 in 1976; missions growing from a few dollars to over \$17,000 in 1976.

Some 640 persons have been baptized in the church since its beginning.

Several special people were recognized by the minister, Rev. B. C. Durham, Rev. James Parham, former minister of the church, and Mrs. Parham; and Mrs. M. L. Lewis, wife of a former minister.

Mrs. J. L. Gillespie, age 82, was recognized as the oldest member. She is the daughter of the late Rev. F. M. Tordan, who served as the church's third minister.

Clifford Lyon, age 82, of Columbia, S. C., was recognized as having come the greatest distance for the service. His father was one of the charter members.

Rev. Ray Justice, pastor of

the Trinity Baptist Church in Whiteville, was guest minister for the service. A former member of the church, he received the call to the ministry and was ordained there in 1965, he said.

Telling the story of how Paul's captors undergirded the ship with chains to insure its safe passage through the stormy seas on its way to Rome, he urged the congregation to undergird the church with spiritual chains and cables.

These include, he said, the chain of proper evaluation of the church, which is not a community club but the church of Jesus Christ;

The chain of a right spirit, the spirit of love, because "the attitude within me colors everything I do,"

The chain of prayer, for the church, the minister and its leaders;

The chain of loyalty to the church and its mission.

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	4	<u>Church Minute Book, Vol. 5, 1959-1965</u> Minutes of church conferences from July 12, 1959 to Feb. 10, 1965. Subjects include most of those in prior volumes. This ledger-size volume contains pencil and ink entries on unnumbered pages.	1 vol.

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Cherryfield Baptist Church Celebrates Its Centennial

TRANSYLVANIA TIMES
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Celebrating the anniversary of its first 100 years, members, former members and special guests filled Cherryfield Baptist Church Sunday morning to review its history, hear "one of its own" preach, socialize over a picnic dinner, and express their joy and happiness with singing.

Highlighting the service was a brief history of the church, given by Ruby Matthews, who told in a fascinating manner how 17 people, concerned with the spiritual welfare of the community, came together at 4 o'clock in the afternoon on Sunday, May 6, 1877, and established Mt. Moriah Baptist Church.

Rev. G. W. Brooks acted as moderator of that meeting, and the first Sunday in June, he was called to be its pastor. He served until May 1887, the longest pastorate of any of the 30 pastors the church has had.

Mrs. Matthews gave interesting highlights of the

early years of the church, gleaned from church records, family albums, letters, diaries, scrapbooks, and from people — especially the older people "who can recall the past, who knew Mr. So and So who carved the collection plate."

The early church demanded "much discipline of wayward saints," she said, stating that members were called to answer charges of intoxication, immoral conduct, profane language, and non-attendance.

She listed important dates of the church: the dedication of the present sanctuary in 1923, the building of the pastorium in 1959, dedication of the educational building Jan. 13, 1963, and the change of name to Cherryfield Baptist Church April 16, 1967.

During those 100 years, she said, the church grew from 17 members to 273 members; from less than \$100 given that

first year to nearly \$42,000 in 1976; missions growing from a few dollars to over \$17,000 in 1976.

Some 640 persons have been baptized in the church since its beginning.

Several special people were recognized by the minister, Rev. B. C. Durham. Rev. James Parham, former minister of the church, and Mrs. Parham; and Mrs. M. L. Lewis, wife of a former minister.

Mrs. J. L. Gillespie, age 82, was recognized as the oldest member. She is the daughter of the late Rev. F. M. Tordan, who served as the church's third minister.

Clifford Lyon, age 82, of Columbia, S. C., was recognized as having come the greatest distance for the service. His father was one of the charter members.

Rev. Ray Justice, pastor of

the Trinity baptist Church in Whiteville, was guest minister for the service. A former member of the church, he received the call to the ministry and was ordained there in 1965, he said.

Telling the story of how Paul's captors undergirded the ship with chains to insure its safe passage through the stormy seas on its way to Rome, he urged the congregation to undergird the church with spiritual chains and cables.

These include, he said, the chain of proper evaluation of the church, which is not a community club but the church of Jesus Christ;

The chain of a right spirit, the spirit of love, because "the attitude within me colors everything I do,"

The chain of prayer, for the church, the minister and its leaders;

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Cherryfield Baptists Celebrate

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PROPERTY TYPE 7. CHURCHES AND CEMETERIES

Description:

Of the twenty-five properties included in this property type, fourteen are churches, some with cemeteries, while eleven are cemeteries unaffiliated with churches. The great majority are Baptist, with three Methodist churches and a single Episcopalian congregation represented.

The church buildings in Transylvania County tend to be quite new, even though the congregations and sometimes the associated cemetery antedate the county's existence. Most are simple gable-front frame structures with weatherboard siding and a small steeple or belfry either on the main roof or atop a central front entrance bay extension. The McGaha Chapel (TV-409) is an extremely simple structure dating to 1883 and virtually intact, down to its paint and interior furnishings. It has no steeple or belfry, but monumental boxed eaves with returns on the gable end and triangular pediments with keystones over all the fenestrations. The congregation of the (former) Oak Grove Methodist Church (TV-415) dates to 1838. The building was probably built some time in the second half of the nineteenth century, although its actual age is yet to be documented. It was altered and enlarged at an unknown date. The 1908 Lake Toxaway United Methodist Church (TV-167) is not nearly as old as the McGaha Chapel and Oak Grove Methodist Church, but is the least changed of the remaining structures and is an excellent example of the rural church-building tradition in Transylvania County.

Some of the churches reflect the more popular styles of the early twentieth century. One frame church, Mount Moriah Calvert Baptist Church (TV-78), was built in the 1920s and bricked-over in the 1960s when the large rear Sunday School addition was built. The church has the battered porch posts and purlin brackets of the Craftsman style and the round-roofed belfry on the rear of the sanctuary. Two others, the Cherryfield Baptist Church (TV-86), which is frame with brick veneer, and the Enon Baptist Church in Penrose (TV-447), which is frame with stone veneer, have a picturesque massing which departs from the traditional. St. Phillips Episcopal Church (TV-300), a Gothic design executed in cut stone, stands out in the county because of its workmanship and relatively large scale, and the fact that it was designed by Louis Asbury, a prominent Charlotte architect. It has a gable front with a square tower belfry and gothic-arched stained-glass windows.

The cemeteries in Transylvania County are typically either a family plot or associated with a church. They are usually fairly small, located on sloping, well-drained ground, with the graves all facing east. Almost all the graves in the county are below-ground, and only a very few are covered by marble or concrete

slabs. If not planted exclusively with grass, the graves are sometimes delineated by white gravel spread on top.

The cemetery of St. Paul's in the Valley (TV-201) is unusual, being in a wooded setting with a wide variety of headstones and plot boundaries. Both the markers and the overall design of the cemetery are less formal than most cemeteries, and adapted to the landscape instead of imposed upon it. The Davidson River Cemetery (TV-480) is more traditional in overall design, but has a spectacular setting and some beautifully-inscribed grave markers. Although there are many roughly-cut flat fieldstones which are unmarked (which is typical of most of the cemeteries in the county), the tall, flat marble stones are rounded on top with concave shoulders and have lengthy inscriptions in a flowing hand. This cemetery is one of the oldest in the county (established by 1808) and contains the graves of many persons important both to the county and state. The cemetery at the (former) Oak Grove Methodist Church, although not quite as old, contains the most varied styles of stones in the county and the graves of many persons important to the history of this area. The markers here range from a molded concrete cross and hand-scratched, pointed soapstone marker to tall obelisks and the more traditional arched marble slabs.

Significance and Registration Requirements:

The churches in rural Appalachia are an important indicator of community values because of the importance of religion as the center of social life. The organizations are typically quite old and grounded in tradition, in contrast to the buildings, which are extensively renovated, remodeled, or replaced by their active congregations. Most of the twenty or so congregations established by the time Transylvania became a county still have churches. The small representation of National Register-eligible churches in the survey, in comparison to the total number, underscores the need to preserve what remains.

Ordinarily, churches or cemeteries that are simply over fifty years old are not considered eligible for the National Register. They must also be architecturally or artistically distinct, historically important, or representative of an important architectural style in order to qualify. They must also be well-preserved. St. Paul's in the Valley is a good example of a cemetery that is artistically distinctive, and is also connected with persons of importance to the community. The Davidson River Cemetery is rare in its age and is again affiliated with significant persons in Transylvania's history. Both cemeteries should have enough associations to be considered eligible.

The McGaha Chapel is an extremely intact and well-preserved church building, well representative of the county's early church architecture, of which there are few survivors. St. Phillips

Episcopal Church is significant because of its excellent craftsmanship, unique style in the county, and the fact that it is the earliest architect-designed church remaining in the county.



Cherryfield Baptist Church

Cherryfield Baptists Will Mark Centennial

BY CAL CARPENTER

Sunday, the 1st of May will be an occasion in the Cherryfield community of upper Transylvania County. On that date, the Cherryfield Baptist Church will celebrate its 100th Anniversary.

A special service will commemorate 100 years of services that began when the church was founded as the Mt. Moriah Baptist Church at a site about a mile southwest of its present location, on May 6, 1877. Included in the program will be a playlet, sketching a brief history of the church, written by the church historian, Mrs. Ruby Matthews.

The centennial sermon will be preached by the Rev. Ray Justice, present pastor of Trinity Baptist Church of Whiteville, N. C. The Rev. Justice will express his own close ties with Cherryfield, for he was ordained by that church in 1965.

Continuing the special observance after the morning service will be a picnic dinner and singing. Adding to the special nature of the day, invitations to the Centennial Service have been extended to all former pastors, former members and non-resident members by the present pastor, the Rev. B. C.

group of people of the Cherryfield-Calvert area took steps to face this situation on Sunday, May 6, 1877. At 4 p.m., 17 people met with the Rev. G. W. Brooks as moderator and adopted the Covenant and Articles of Faith. This constituted the Mt. Moriah Baptist Church.

The first church was built on land donated by member Richard Whitnire, a 40 by 30-ft. frame building just southeast of the present U. S. Highway 64 at Calvert. Included with the land was cemetery space, already in use when the church was founded and still shared by the Mt. Moriah (Calvert) and the Cherryfield Baptist churches.

Called as first pastor was the Rev. Brooks, who served until May, 1887. This was the longest tenure of any of the 30 pastors who have served the church in its 100-year history. The church's third pastor was the now well-remembered Elder F. M. Jordan, an early Baptist minister of this area who was considered one of the most effective preachers of his day. A man who lived to the age of 93, Elder Jordan is reputed to have converted over 5,000 people in a ministry that lasted more than 70 years.

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in which a number of members saw service, the church body began planning to build a new church and a parsonage. After the war, on June 6, 1920, the decision was taken to build the new church at a cost of \$8,000. But dissent developed among the members as to the site for the new church. There was a plan to move about a mile northeast to what is now called Cherryfield, from the old location that was later named Calvert. The purpose of the move, apparently, was to locate the church more centrally in the then settled community.

According to Mrs. Matthews, "turbulent times" continued through 1922 and finally resulted in a division of the church and a decision to build a new sanctuary at Cherryfield.

Writes Mrs. Matthews: "The Transylvania Baptist Association met Oct. 11-13, 1922, with the Pisgah Forest Baptist Church. Both factions presented letters and sent delegates to the meeting. A committee was appointed to investigate the problem. Following their study (the committee) concluded that the reorganized church is the continuation of the original Mt. Moriah church' and therefore recommended that the letter from this faction be received and their

School class conducted by members at the state prison camp at nearby Calvert.

This period of great revival is considered to have come to a close in 1948. During this period, more than 150 people were baptized and over 75 were received into the church by letter, statement or other means. Pastors also stayed longer during this period. In the approximately 21 years considered to make up this phase, the church had 13 pastors.

EXPANSION, GROWTH

The period of expansion and growth, considered by Mrs. Matthews to have begun in 1953, saw many landmarks of pastoral leadership and member initiative. Included in these were the establishment of a car pool to bring people to church; a visiting team of members who made Sunday afternoon visits as representatives of the church; a Boy Scout Troop organized in 1954; institution of a printed church program; participation in the pastors' retirement plan; and many others.

During this period, as before, the church had a way of getting things done. In February, 1959, a committee was selected to investigate building a pastorium. With

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BRIEF HISTORY

A printed copy of a brief church history, prepared by Mrs. Matthews, will be distributed at the service. Researched from church minutes, an earlier "History of the Early Church," by J. W. Glazener, and memories of older members, the document will provide a valuable insight into the early Baptist church in Transylvania County as well as a record of growth and progress of the Cherryfield church itself.

The history is divided into four periods of approximately 25 years each. They are titled: The Period of the Beginning; The Period of Struggle; The Period of Great Revival and Cooperation; and The Period of Expansion and Growth.

THE BEGINNING

Mrs. Matthews writes of the church's beginning not long after the Civil War. At the time many of the soldiers had returned to their homes in sparsely settled upper Transylvania County to find their houses burned, their livestock gone and their families struggling to "dig out" an existence in the French Broad valley and on the mountain hillsides.

"The returning men took up their duties as heads of their families," she writes, "and their tasks were many. A man had to be a carpenter, blacksmith, cabinet maker, cobbler as well as a farmer," and the members of the family were equally busy with numerous tasks....."

But even though daily tasks seemed never ending to these hard working people, there was a deep desire for things spiritual; "for assembling together in the worship of God." And houses of worship were often miles away and transportation scarce and slow in the pioneer country.

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over 5,000 people in a ministry that lasted more than 70 years.

At this early stage, Mt. Moriah began a history of cooperation with other churches. It was one of the early participants in the Transylvania County Baptist Association, organized in 1881, and was the third church to host the Association meeting in 1882.

"MUCH DISCIPLINING"

Mrs. Matthews writes: "The years of the beginning period were characterized by much disciplining of 'wayward saints.' The minutes are full of accounts of certain members being summoned before the church to answer such charges as the use of intoxicating beverages, profane language and immoral conduct. A committee was appointed to see these erring members. If they repented and acknowledged their errors to the church in conference, they were restored. Members who failed to show a penitent spirit were expelled from the church.

"This is one reason," she writes, "that the number of church members, reported year to year, fluctuated so much."

STRUGGLE

The young church entered its second 25-year period in 1904 with 127 members.

"The minutes of this period also show evidence of a struggle to keep a pure membership," Mrs. Matthews writes. "Often charges were brought against members; and, at one time, a committee from three other churches was called to settle a dispute among members."

This period was also characterized by the church itself continuing to "struggle along," according to Mrs. Matthews. Pastors served short terms, usually being elected for one year. In one period, from January, 1909, to October, 1914, a period of less than six years, the church had six pastors.

During the first World War,

the reorganized church is the continuation of the original Mt. Moriah church' and therefore recommended that the letter from this faction 'be received and their messengers be enrolled as duly accredited members of this body.'

The vote was taken by standing: 19 voted in the affirmative and 14 in the negative."

Construction of the Mt. Moriah at Cherryfield Baptist Church was begun in the spring of 1923 and the sanctuary was dedicated on Nov. 11th of that year.

REVIVAL AND COOPERATION

In the years that followed, the church became known for its revival activity and continued close cooperation with the Association.

A highlight in the church history is a series of meetings begun August 7, 1932. These meetings lasted two weeks, and despite the still-thin population of the upper county and the hard times of the Great Depression making travel hard and church support difficult, 41 people were received into the church. This series is still referred to by older church members as the "Great Revival."

During this period the church, unable to pay the salary for a full-time pastor, made up for the lack of day-to-day pastoral leadership by strong emphasis on lay functions. It stressed Sunday School and Training Union work. As a means of financial support, it became known for members' cooperation in a unique innovation of the time—the "Lord's Acre" plan, whereby members dedicated acres of their farm land to the church and the harvest was sold to keep up and improve church facilities. In 1936 there were 60 Lord's Acre plans in operation, according to records.

With the grip of the depression loosening, the church's first Vacation Bible School was held in 1939. Another activity of note during this time was a Sunday

During this period, as before, the church had a way of getting things done. In February, 1959, a committee was selected to investigate building a pastorium. With great member cooperation and enthusiasm, work was completed and the pastorium occupied in September of that year. In December of 1961, a building committee was appointed to look into the church's need for more educational space. In January, 1963, dedication service was held for a new classroom building. A church library was set up and opened in April, 1963.

In 1967, to avoid mail-address confusion with the Mt. Moriah at Calvert church, Mt. Moriah at Cherryfield dropped the "Mt. Moriah" and became the Cherryfield Baptist Church.

FRUITFUL FUTURE

With a current membership of 273, continued growth of membership and expansion of the church ministry is the hope of its members at this, the beginning of its second hundred years.

Mrs. Matthews writes: "As the door is closed on the first hundred years, the prayer of Cherryfield Church is: 'Lead on O King Eternal' into an even more fruitful future."