CHARLIE H. PADGETT

C.H. Padgett was born in Bostic, North Carolina, May 12, 1876, to Marve S. and Sarah E. Micheal Padgett. He was educated in the public schools of Rutherford County and Boiling Springs Academy. On October 27, 1897, he married Lou Cinda Davis of Rutherford County. They had nine children: William Eddie, Mollie P. Greene, Bessie, Grover Jennings, Luna P. Bridges, Verda P. McCurry, Vonnie Ray, Davis Swope, and Willie Mae P. Carpenter.

Reverend Padgett was called to preach October 23, 1915, and after having gone back to school at Boiling Springs he was ordained at Walls Baptist Church, March 26, 1922. In the same year he accepted his first churches, Mt. Olive in Burke County and Wallace Grove in Cleveland County. While still at Wallace Grove, he accepted the pastorate at Lavonia in January of 1924. While at Lavonia he also pastored Flint Hill near Boiling Springs, and served his home church, Walls, for four months in 1937.

Soon after Reverend Padgett became the pastor, the inside of the church was remodeled, and in 1930, a new church was built. He served as pastor for thirteen years and is remembered for his forceful sermons.

DEAN SMITH

Dean Smith, the son of Rev. J.H. and Sue Mosley Smith, was born in Arcadia, South Carolina, March 4, 1907. His father operated the Arcadia Company Store and preached at the Baptist Church. In 1909 the family moved to a farm on the northwestern side of Chesnee. Dean attended Arrowwood and Chesnee Schools. He later studied at Alexander Schools, Union Mills, North Carolina, and Gardner-Webb College. He preached at Lavonia while at Gardner-Webb.

Rev. Smith's first church was Riverside near Harris; the church had been founded by his father. He was ordained at another of his father's churches, Mt. Olive between Chesnee and Cowpens, South Carolina. He also pastored Holly Springs and Calvary Churches in southern Rutherford County, and Chesnee Mill, now Southside Baptist Church, Chesnee, South Carolina.
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JOHN PADGETT
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The exact date of birth is not known for Elder John Padgett, first pastor of High Shoal Baptist Church. As a young man, possibly in his early or mid twenties, Elder Padgett served as a soldier in the Revolutionary War. He married Celia Hollyfield. John Padgett first appeared at the Broad River Association in 1808. He was ordained to the ministry in 1811. He served the New Hope Church in Rutherford County and the Big Spring Church in the Catawba River Association. By the time High Shoal Baptist Church was organized in 1831, Elder Padgett was advanced in years. He provided thorough and capable leadership to the young church from July, 1831, until September, 1834. Elder John Padgett died in 1838.

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Biographical Sketches.- Elder Padgett was born April 10th, 1800, in Rutherford county, N. C. Joined the church at High Shoals, that church then being a member of the Broad River Association. In 1841 the High Shoals church was dismissed,

with force and with confidence in their correctness and truth, but even, in his declining years, ratified the things which he had spoken, by discovering a holy calmness in view of death and his approaching dissolution, which did honor to the christian cause. He died as he had lived, expressing great love and regard for his fellow-men, and beloved by all whose opportunities in life enabled them to appreciate the worth of such a good man.

In offering this tribute of respect to the memory of our departed brother, we earnestly sympathize with his relatives and friends; yet we advise them not to sorrow and grieve as those having no hope; for although we are deprived of the blessings of his usefulness and presence here, yet we have great reason to believe his immortal spirit has gone home to rest in a far better land—to be enriched, with the full fruition of everlasting joys, and there to lisp undying praises in harmonious songs to his Eternal King, and ever to mingle with the innumerable company of happy souls that fly in glorious splendor around the dazzling throne of the Great Jehovah, God,"

Elder Padgett had not only been a soldier of the Cross, but in the war of the Revolution, when men's souls were well tried, he bore arms in defense of that liberty and independence we have all so long enjoyed, and which we should all so much appreciate and endeavor to perpetuate. As a preacher he ranked amongst the most useful in the discharge of pastoral duties, and where best known was most appreciated and loved. He was a large, raw-boned man, of great strength and endurance. The hardships and toils he had undergone in his early pioneer life had tended greatly to develop his muscular system, and he had become almost a giant, physically speaking. We are not informed as to the time of his birth, but learn from the minutes of the Association that he became a member of the body in 1808, then an ordained minister, and consequently he must have attained to a great age when he died in 1838, having served at the probable age of twenty-five in the Revolutionary war. He leaves behind him a good many descendants who, like their revered ancestor, are mostly of the Baptist faith and order. He intermarried with Miss Celia Hollyfield, a sister of Elder J. Hollyfield.

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