C. A. UPCHURCH
NCCF Ephesus Baptist Church

Upchurch, C. A.

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Centennial History (286.175658/B63f)

George H. Church
Born March 14, 1849 in Ashe County, N. C.
Died June 20, 1928 in Statesville, N. C.
Pastor 1899-1901

Nathaniel Sidney Jones
Born August 1, 1857 near Raleigh, N. C.
Died December 7, 1906 in Raleigh, N. C.
Pastor 1902-1903

Andrew Wilson Setzer
Born June 17, 1872 in Catawba County, N. C.
Died November 22, 1922 in Maiden, N. C.
Pastor 1904-1906

C. Almon Upchurch
Born March 18, 1879 in Apex, N. C.
Died July 17, 1954 in Raleigh, N. C.
Pastor 1906-1908

Samuel Lewis Morgan
Born December 23, 1871 in Sperryville, Virginia
Died August 8, 1972 in Winston-Salem, N. C.
Pastor 1909-1912

Martin W. Buck
Born January 16, 1858 in Perth Amboy, New Jersey
Died October 7, 1938 Buried in Burlington, N. C.
Pastor 1913-1933

Albert Daniel Kinnett
Born January 17, 1890 in Jonesville, S. C.
Died November 3, 1946 in Burlington, N. C.
Pastor 1933-1946

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Hocutt Memorial Baptist
Glen Hope Baptist Church
Ossipee Baptist Church
City Lake Baptist Church
Fellowship Baptist Church
Holly Hill Baptist Church
Rev. C. A. Upchurch, 75, retired Baptist minister, died at Baptist Hospital, Winston-Salem, on Saturday, July 17, from a heart attack. Mr. Upchurch had held a number of pastorates throughout the state, and for seven years served as superintendent of the North Carolina Anti-Saloon League. He was born near Apex, but made his home in Raleigh for the past 25 years.

Survivors include his widow, Mrs. Frances Reynolds Upchurch; two sons, C. A. Upchurch, Jr., of Cary, and E. L. Upchurch of Raleigh; a daughter, Mrs. Marian Upchurch Dowdee of Charlotte; two sisters, Mrs. H. O. Holland of Apex and Mrs. Lenna Talley of Varina; and three grandchildren. Funeral services were held at 4:30 p.m. Monday, July 19, from Tabernacle Church, Raleigh, with Dr. J. A. Ellis, pastor, officiating. Burial was in Montlawn Cemetery, Raleigh.

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The Rev. C. A. Upchurch was born in the Apex community of Wake County, North Carolina, March 18, 1879, the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Upchurch. He entered the ministry at the age of 17, and was an active ordained minister for 55 years, serving churches in North Carolina and other states. He headed the North Carolina Anti-Saloon League for 7 years. He was married to Miss Frances Reynolds of Danville, Va., December 26, 1906. Their children are C. A., Jr., and E. L. of Raleigh, and Mrs. Marion Dowdee of Charlotte, North Carolina. His death came of a heart attack at the Baptist Hospital, Winston-Salem, North Carolina, on July 17, 1954. It was fittingly said at his funeral: “He died with his boots on.” Mrs. Upchurch survives and lives in Raleigh, North Carolina.

One of his favorite poems is quoted:

“When I shall have done with the struggle
And shadows are cast from the west,
I want no pretentious inscription
Engraved on the place where I rest.
I’ve done my best and I know it;
Each failure in memory clings;
But of this I would like to be worthy:
He lived for genuine things.”