

Reverend Robert Lee Kizer was born in Chase City, Virginia, September 19, 1909. He was married to Eloise Mull, April 20, 1935. They had two children, James Robert Kizer who lives in Winston-Salem, N. C., and Larry Kizer who lives in Houston, Texas.

Reverend Kizer pastored churches in Reidsville, Thomasville and High Point, North Carolina, before coming to Surry County in 1953 to pastor the Fancy Gap Baptist Church. He remained at Fancy Gap for twelve years then moved to Slate Mountain Baptist Church. He later moved to Copeland Baptist Church and served there until his retirement. He supplied as interim at Rock Hill, Sulphur Springs, and Victory Churches in Surry Association.

For more than forty years Bob Kizer served as pastor of Baptist Churches here in North Carolina. Failing health prevented him from actively serving during the last few years of his life.

✓ REVEREND JOHNNIE ADDISON NANCE

Reverend Johnnie Addison Nance was born in High Point, North Carolina, October 1, 1911. He was married to Lorene Miller December 24, 1932 in Danville, Virginia. They had three children: Twins, Mrs. Phyllis Jefferies and Mrs. Faye Watson, and Mrs. Connie Harrison.

Reverend Nance worked as an upholsterer in High Point, Mount Airy, and Pilot Mountain. He moved to Mount Airy in the 1940's, and joined the Mount Carmel Baptist Church. He was a member there when he answered God's call to preach and the Mount Carmel Church ordained him in 1950 when he was called to his first pastorate, the Albion Baptist Church. In Surry Association, he also pastored Pleasant View, Woodland, Faith, and was twice pastor at Laurel Bluff which he helped organize. He was pastor at Laurel Bluff at the time of his death.

Reverend Nance was well known by many people throughout Surry County and was greatly loved by the people in the churches where he pastored.



Surry Baptist Association is indeed grateful to God for the lives of Rev. Joseph Crews, Rev. Roy Estes, Rev. R. L., Kizer and Rev. Johnnie Nance. These men faithfully served as pastors of Surry Baptist Churches for many years. Their influence was felt by many persons throughout the associational area. They won many souls to Christ. They lifted up the fallen, comforted the bereaved, and encouraged the down cast. We shall hold them in sacred memory.

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