Charles Daniel was the first pastor of this church, who was a man of considerable abilities; and in the former part of his life was very pious; but in his latter days did greatly backslide.

But from the account we have received of his exercises when he came to die, we hope he died in faith. About the year 1783, Charles Daniel, who then lived in Warren county, was taken with a complaint in his head, which in about two months ended his life. In the time of his illness, he greatly lamented his backsliding state. About two weeks before his death, his wife despairing of his being restored to health, she desired to know the exercise of his mind. She asked him if he thought the Lord had pardoned his sins and restored peace to his soul? He told her he hoped he had. He further added, "The pain is so sharp that I must die; I shortly must leave you; but my soul has an interest in Christ."

HISTORY OF THE KEHUKEE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, p. 240-241
BY: Lemuel Burkitt and Jesse Read
Charles Daniel

Lower Fishing Creek Church

... The first pastor to minister unto them after the reformation was Rev. Charles Daniel, who was born January, 1731, near Richmond, Va. At the early age of eighteen Mr. Daniel embraced the principles of the Baptists and was baptized into the church by Rev. Josiah Hart at Fishing Creek. On the 16th August, 1753, he was ordained to the full work of the gospel ministry by Rev. Josiah Hart and Henry Ledbetter. In 1755 his opinions on the doctrines of grace underwent a change from the reading of Whitfield's sermons. On the 15th November, 1756, he was called to the pastorate of this church. He was reputed a wise and knowing man, and was often consulted not only on spiritual but temporal affairs. He ceased to exercise his gifts as a minister from the time he first suspected the orthodoxy of his first principles. He persistently refused all invitations to preach, until he had thoroughly examined the question for himself and was settled in the doctrines of faith and had the assurance that he himself was in a state of grace. He married a Miss Amy Clark.

BIBLICAL RECORDER, October 30, 1889, p. 1
NAME: Daniel, Charles, 1731-

DATA: b. near Richmond, Va., Jan. 1731; ord. Fishing Creek (Halifax), N. C., 16 Aug. 1753-1772; suspended, 1773; Bapt.

SOURCE: The Colonial Clergy of Virginia, North Carolina and South Carolina by: Rev. Frederick Lewis Weis
Page: 61
HISTORY OF N. C. BAPTISTS, Volume I by: G. W. Paschal

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LOWER FISHING CREEK

So distinguished from a creek which empties itself into the Tar River; near to which the meeting house stands in the parish of Edgecombe and county of Halifax, 120 miles NW from Newburn, and — miles SSW from Philadelphia. The church consists of 3 branches; one near Fishing-Creek, where is a place of worship 40 feet by 20, built in 1757, on an acre of land the gift of James Wyat, snr; another on Swift Creek 8 miles off, the other in Rocky-Swamp, 12 miles off where is a meeting house. No estate; no salary; but the people have offered it, and by their number and ability they could easily make it 100 l. Ruling elders admitted; no laying on of hands. Devoting children used. The families about 850 whereof 74 persons are baptised and in communion, which is here celebrated the 2nd Sunday in May, Aug., Nov., Feb., and at Rocky-Swamp the 1st in May, Aug., Nov., Feb. The minister is Rev. Charles Daniel, who has William Powell to his assistance. Their beginning was in this manner: From the beginning they had been a society belonging to Mr. Parker for about 8 years, and on the arminian plan; but Oct. 18, 1756, the following persons were formed into a church on the Calvinistic order by the help of Rev. Thomas Pepe, viz: James Wyat, snr, Nathaniel Powell, Mary Cullender, Francis Spivy, Sarah Spivy, James Wyat, Jun. no very remarkable events, except that it increased faith and is a mother church; that in the meadows near Roanoak being its offspring. The

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first minister since the reform is the present, viz:

REV. CHARLES DANIEL

Born January — 1731, near Richmond in Virginia. Bred a churchman; embraced the principles of the Baptists in the Spring of 1749, and had the ordinance administered to him by Rev.

first included in his account of the Tar River church. This instance will indicate how painstaking Edwards was to avoid all reference to the work of the General Baptists. Probably his Particular Baptist informers were as reticent. It will be observed that Mr. Edwards places New River in South Carolina, whereas it was in Onslow County, North Carolina. In his notebook on South Carolina Baptists, in a note under his table of the Charleston Association, Edwards has the following with reference to Palmer: Rev. Paul Palmer was the father of the general Baptists in North Carolina, about 30 years ago." In his Materials for North Carolina Edwards has only a very brief and erroneous sketch of Mr. Palmer.

MORGAN EDWARDS'S NOTEBOOK

Josiah Hart at Fishing Creek. Ordained August 16, 1753, by said Hart and Rev. Henry Ledbetter at said Fishing-Creek. But in 1755 changed his sentiments towards the doctrines of grace, chiefly by means of reading Mr. Whitfield's sermons; became minister of this church soon after the time of the constitution, November 15, 1756. Married Amy Clark, but has no issue. He is reputed a knowing and wise man

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and therefore often consulted in civil affairs. He dropped preaching from the time he suspected the orthodoxy of his first principles, till he was settled in the doctrines of Grace, and had the assurance that he himself was in a state of grace.18

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TAR RIVER FALLS

So called from the part of Tar River near to which the meeting house stands, in the county of Edgecomb, 110 miles NW from Newburn and — miles SSW from Philadelphia. The church consists of 2 branches, one near said Falls where is a place of worship 30 feet by 20, erected in 1764 on a lot of one acre, the gift of Wm Horn; the other near the mouth of Swift's creek 15 miles off.18 The families about 100 whereof 64 persons are baptised and in communion, which is here celebrated the 3rd Sunday in Jan., Apr., Jul., Sept. No estate. The salary, but presents to the amount of about 20 l. Ruling elders admitted. No laying on of hands. They had their beginning by a kind of transformation from General — into Particular Baptists. The means were: Rev. John Moore and wife, Robert Surgenor and wife, Peter Herington and wife, John Baker. These 7 persons were (dec 3, 1757) incorporated by help of Rev. Charles Daniel. The most remarkable events are

18 The Minutes of the Kehuke Association, p. 11, indicate that it was for moral delinquency that Daniel was silenced. This is corroborated by Burkitt and Read's statement, Kehuke Association, 235.

19 This church is today a church of the Primitive Baptists in Rocky Mount.

20 The Swift Creek church here mentioned was near the mouth of that stream and in Kehuke Association is called "Edgecombe County" with Elder John Tanner as pastor. It had become a Separate Baptist church in 1777. It is not to be confused with the Swift Creek which is mentioned above as a branch of Lower Fishing Creek, and which was located somewhere near the site of the town of Battleboro.
NAME: Charles Daniel

Married: Amy Clark

Ancestry: New Richmond, Va

Record: Halifax County, 1755-1800
Fishing Creek, pastor 1753

Ordered Aug 10, 1753

See Kehnrich (1734) p. 174

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