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Fire Destroys Church

Fire of undetermined origin completely destroyed the Brown Creek Missionary Baptist Church near Wadesboro Sunday night.

The fire apparently developed a short time after a group of church members had left the premises following a Sunday evening meeting.

Wadesboro Fire Chief Eddie Pope said his department was called to the scene at 8:00 p.m. but found the frame structure completely engulfed and flames shooting from the room.

He said nothing could be done at that time to save the structure.

The church, located west of N.C. Highway 742 about three and one-half miles northwest of Wadesboro, was

said to have been constructed of heart pine and proved to be very flammable.

The structure was heated with bottled natural gas and it was theorized that one of those heaters may have caused the fire.

Chief Pope said the Rev. R.E. Blount, pastor of the church, told him that the heaters had been used during Sunday evening's meeting but had been turned off when the people left the church.

Pope said he was continuing his investigation into the possible cause of the fire yesterday.

There were no estimates of damages, but the loss was expected to be in the thousands of dollars.