Dear Board Members,

I hope this letter finds you in the best of health and spirits.

Enclosed is the final report of the recent inspection of the building. The building's condition has improved significantly since our last inspection. The exterior has been repainted, and the roof has been replaced.

Please note that the parking lot needs to be expanded to accommodate the increase in student enrollment. The expansion is estimated to cost approximately $50,000.

The heating system is functioning well, but the air conditioning unit needs to be replaced. The current unit is outdated and inefficient.

The school cafeteria has been renovated and now serves a variety of healthy options. The students have been反馈 positive feedback on the new menu.

I look forward to discussing these and other updates with you at our next meeting.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
[Name]
We lost our song director and Adult men's teacher. He was doing two services. He left after I had a personal conference with him and told him that I was going to be pastor. During all these times the church stayed together with the exception of three people, and it could not have been done without the determination of our building committee, all personally committed to the task, and I give thanks to God now for them - with Brantly Carver and Johnny Greene, each serving a term as chairman.

When the vote was taken, all but two people voted to pay $8,000 for pews and $2,800 for carpet to cover the sanctuary, but the pews cost almost another thousand, since the church later decided to take the chairs out of the choir and add three pews.

When pledge day came $4,100 in pledges and cash came in. We had $600 in the treasury at the time of pledging, and within 4 months and 14 days all the money sufficient for the pews was available. This included the $1,000 cash received for the old pews. We had brand new oak pews installed by the Heritage Furnishings of Hickory. There wasn't a sad face in the entire audience the first Sunday we met to sit on the new cushioned pews.

The third Sunday in April of 1980 we met to dedicate the pews and the general renovation. The service included:

A list of the things which had been accomplished within these three years.
Sharon Scruggs read the list of dedications made (20 pews given & dedic.)
Brantly Carver told of some of the struggles he encountered.
Escoe Smith spoke of how the Lord had been with us.
Eldrich Finley told how sweet the fellowship had been.
Sam Wilson prayed the dedication prayer.
Rev. Hubert Finley, a former pastor, spoke of our personal dedication.

Written by the pastor - Broughton M. Strickland May 14, 1980
Broad River is an old historic church, dating from 1888, and is now occupying its third building in the southern part of Rutherford County, one mile from the South Carolina Line. It first occupied a log building with a large chimney, and then moved one half mile east for a smoother land in 1894, and in 1941 the third building was erected and now stands greatly improved.

The building now has most of the modern facilities for a small country church. Practically nothing had been done for the building since 1941, except several Sunday School rooms had been built, until 1978 when it started to move out of its inertia.

In '78 the first major thing was the brick veneering job at a cost of some $20,666. Then it would not do to stop there, for practically every Sunday School room in the plant had ceiling which had been leaked on by water pouring in from the rotten roof. The top of the church had to be re-roofed and the rooms had to be repainted and re-ceiletexed. When this was done the floors looked terrible, and so did the benches the children sat on. The floor then had to be covered and folding chairs had to be purchased for each room.

The Senior Deacon asked me as pastor, if that wouldn't be about all for now. I said "Yes" to keep from going into all the ramifications that would have been necessary, but had he known all the things in my mind he would have fainted. That was all done in 1978.

I came to Broad River in Feb. the previous year, 1977 and found that nothing was being given to missions - associational, state, home, or foreign, and that year I tried to lay a back-log of missions, which I dreaded to mention to the deacons, knowing the past record, for I had had touch with the church for years, having served as pastor in 1932-33. However, we did get 5% for home and foreign missions with 1% of that going for associational missions. Then in 1978 we added 5% to the Cooperative Program which was much easier to do. In '77 we baptized 7 and in '78, three.

Since it was comparatively easy to get the above things done in 1978, we continued and added a new heat pump at a cost of $7,500, along with new windows for the sanctuary and storm windows for the Sunday school. Also new doors for the sanctuary and new trims for the doors and windows were added, and money was coming in rapidly - none was borrowed, not a cent. One other thing, very much needed was done in '78 - new Broadman Hymnals added to the old church pew racks. Three sets of song books were hanging raggedly in the racks, from stamps on down, but now there is only one kind of song book.

For the year 1979 people began to think about the old pine pews and the chairs in the choir loft. With great difficulty and much pain, along with migraine headaches the church was persuaded to sell the old pews to Gaffney Chapel United Methodist Church (Black) and buy new ones. This was almost the most difficult time with me in my 45 years as pastor.