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January 19, 1987

Dr. John Woodard, Baptist Historical Collection
Wake Forest University - Z. Smith Reynolds Library
Box 7777
Winston - Salem, North Carolina 27109

Dear Dr. Woodard:

On behalf of the family of the Rev. Needham Arthur Catlett, would you please do some research for me within your Collection to see if there is any records on Rev. Catlett's Ministry Years? His family has tried to gather these facts but I have asked the daughter, Joyce, to allow me to do most of these contacts for them. She has given the information of :

Rev. Catlett began these years in 1927 at the possible age of 29 years, His birthday is on August 20, 1898 having turned 88 in 1986, He may have attended CAROLINA (University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill) however the date (s) are unknown by the family, Records of early school as a child were lost in a fire, Rev. Catlett may have had credit from somewhere in Maryland, but the family is not sure on this matter, He has served in the following Associations in North Carolina: Johnston, Yates, Raleigh, and Neuse. I have made the contacts within these areas. He served in the Accomack Baptist Association, Melfa, Virginia (dates unknown at the present time).

Rev. Catlett has resided here at this Rest Home since March 1986. He is a delight to be with, offering a short devotion at times and saying the most beautiful prayer when asked. One never sees him without his Sunday Suit and Hat on seven days a week. Rev. Catlett has been in Wake Mem. Hosp. in Raleigh for the past week where he has had to have some surgery work done. We at the Home look forward to his coming back very soon.

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I was given your name and address from the Convention Office in Cary by Sec. Margie Parker just last week. However, Dr. Horace Ricks, D.O.M. Johnston Baptist Association suggested contacting you and when the work is as complete as we are able to get it, that the information would be of interest to the Historical Collection. Do you have anything concerning Rev. Catlett at present? If so, I would appreciate your sending it to me here at work. Right now I am in the office only Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 8:00 A.M. til 4:00 P.M, in case you were to try and call (552-4867). My home address is Rev. and Mrs. Franklin Lee Sandy (Jordan's Chapel Baptist Church), Route 3, Box 361, Mount Olive, North Carolina 28365 - (Res. No. 689-9629).

Thank you from the family members as well as myself for any and all helpful information that you may offer toward this project. Until we hear from you ,

Sincerely,

Mrs. Sheila S. Sandy

Mrs. Sheila S. Sandy
Director Of Activities/Public Relation's Contact
Pleasant Grove Senior Citizen's Center, Inc.

Copy: Mrs. Joyce Catlett Hayes (Daughter)
2515 Orice Street
Burlington, North Carolina 27515

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Cedar Fork Baptist Church
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Morrisville, NC 27560

A HISTORY OF CEDAR FORK BAPTIST CHURCH, 1805-1970

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Dr. L. E. M. Freeman
1913-1922
1924-1929



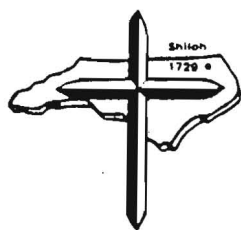
Rev. T. Rupert Coleman
1929-1932



Rev. Clarence Baker
1933-1938



✓ Rev. N. A. Catlett
1939-1946



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John Woodard, Director

(919)761-5472

January 29, 1987

Mrs. Sheila S. Sandy
Route 3, Box 361
Mount Olive, NC 28365

Dear Mrs. Sandy:

Your letter of January 19, 1987 requesting information on Reverend Needham Arthur Catlett has been received. Enclosed you will find a copy of the information in our files on Rev. Catlett.

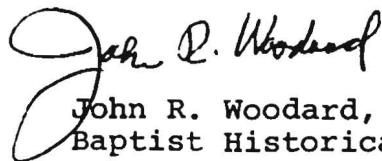
Since he did pastor in Virginia, I would suggest that you write to:

Mr. Fred Anderson,
Executive Director
Virginia Baptist Historical Society
Box 95
University of Richmond, VA 23173

We are enclosing a biography data form together with a SASE. If you would fill this form out for us, we will be happy to place it in Rev. Catlett's file for future researchers into our Baptist history and heritage.

I regret that we could not be of more assistance to your work.

Sincerely yours,



John R. Woodard, Director
Baptist Historical Collection

JRW/ml

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New Bethel Baptist Church

ROBERT L. MONTGOMERY, JR.
Pastor

January 23, 1987

Pleasant Grove Rest Home
Mrs. Sheila S. Sandy, Activity Director
Route 3, Box 110
Fuquay-Varina, North Carolina 27526

Dear Mrs. Sandy,

In response to your letter of January 13 regarding the Reverend Needham Arthur Catlett, our records show that he was pastor of New Bethel from January, 1941 to June, 1946.

I hope this information will be helpful to you and to his daughter, Mrs. Joyce Catlett Hayes in compiling a history of the ministry of Reverend Catlett.

The church will be much in prayer for Reverend Catlett as he is in Wake Medical Center facing surgery.

May the Lord bless you in your work as Activities Director of Pleasant Grove Senior Citizens Center.

Sincerely,

Robert L. Montgomery, Jr.
Robert L. Montgomery, Jr.

RLM, Jr./pa

February 9, 1987

Mrs. Sheila S. Soudy

In answer to your request Mr. Catell was Pastor
of our Church from June 1963 to August 1966
If I can be of further help dont hesitate
to ask.

Newse Baptist Church
Clerk Mrs. Alice Ewell,
3406 Sloop St
Kinston, N.C. 28501

LESLIE AND GEORGE RAY
ROUTE 6, Box 321
DURHAM, N. C. 27703

Pleasant Grove Rest Home March 1, 1987
Mrs. Sheila Sheila S. Sandy
Route 3, Box 110

Fuquay Varina, N.C. 27526

Rev. Harold Rumpfelt asked me to answer
your letter of January 13, 1987 with
reference to Rev. N. A. Cattlett

Reverend Cattlett came to our church
from Salisbury Maryland. He served Olive
Branch Baptist from April 1939 to the
spring of 1941. Rev. Cattlett left our church
to serve a church at Marnettville, NC, in
the Raleigh Association.

Rev. Cattlett was paid by Olive
Branch Church \$750.00 a year. He rented
a new house from my sister-in-law
for \$25.00 per month. He spent the
night in our home on Saturday night
when he came to our church to preach
prior to being called.

We hope Rev. Cattlett has been able
to leave the hospital and is doing well.

We would like to come and
visit Reverend Cattlett. Please let
us know how he is getting on.

Sincerely yours,

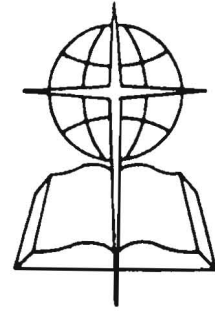
George W. Ray

Deacon Olive Branch Ch.

Thomas M. Freeman, Southern Baptist Pastor, Retired.

509 South General Lee Avenue
Dunn, North Carolina 28334

Telephone (919) 892-7953



February 16, 1987

Mrs. Sheila S. Sandy, Activities Director
Okeasant Grove Senior Citizens Center, Inc.
Route 3, Box 110
Fuquay-Varina, N.C. 27526

Dear Sheila:

Thank you for your letter with reference to Bro. N.A. Catlett. I have not had any contact with him for nearly 40 years. I have tried to think of any information I might give you about him, but I don't have any. I believe you could find out something of his Johnston Association pastorates from the Director of Missions in that Association, Dr. Horace Ricks.

My touch with him was not close. He was in our home once, but I never heard him preach. I remember him as being a person with a delightful sense of humor, and one who could entertain with sleight-of-hand tricks.

I wish I could be of more help.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tom M. Freeman".

Tom M. Freeman

Johnston Baptist Association

P.O. Box 356
Selma, North Carolina 27576
Telephone (919) 965-9450

Horace W. Ricks, D.D.
Director of Missions



Mrs. Faye Edwards
Secretary

January 2, 1987

Mrs. Sheila S. Sandy
Rt. 3 Box 361
Mt. Olive, N.C. 28365

Dear Mrs. Sandy:

We read with interest your letter and wish to comply with your request for information about the Rev. Needham A. Catlett.

I don't know Mr. Catlett, although I have seen his name in a history of the Association.

To assist you in your search, we are making copies of the pages on which Mr. Catlett's name appears.

Thank you for the information you shared with us. I didn't know where he was living. I would like to go to see him, if possible.

We wish him well. The records show that he served well and accomplished much as associational missionary in the Johnston Baptist Association.

Thanks again and best wishes for the new year.

Baby Sutton

Sincerely,

Horace Ricks

Horace Ricks
Director of Missions

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Diet. Society -
Wake Forest Univ.
Winston/Salem, N.C.*

HR/fwe ✓

Enclosure

*(Res: 965-6957)
sent Resume.*

Vacation Bible School

Before 1932, no churches had reported holding a Vacation Bible School. In 1932, Clayton Church reported holding the first Vacation Bible School with an enrollment of 18. Vacation Bible School work grew very quickly and in 1947, just 15 years later, every church in the Association reported holding a Vacation Bible School with a total enrollment of 4,041. N. A. Catlett was largely responsible for this surge in Vacation Bible School work. From that time forward, almost every church has held a Vacation Bible School each year, but 1974 was the only other year that 100% of the churches reported holding a Vacation Bible School. See Tables VIII and IX.

Church Enrollment and Finances

Table X shows the growth of our Association in terms of churches, number of pastors, number of baptisms, and church membership. During six different years—1924, 1925, 1938, 1950, 1957, and 1959—the churches in the Association have reported over 500 baptisms and in the year 1925 baptisms reached an all time high of 606. Total Church membership in the Association has grown from 2,400 in 1903 to 13,757 in 1976 with a slight drop off in 1977 to 13,227. In 1955 all the churches began reporting membership by resident and non-resident. Resident membership reached an all time high in 1975 at 10,244.

Table XI shows the growth in the giving patterns of the churches since 1903. In 1903, the churches reported a total of \$6,418 expended for all church objects. In 1977, this amount was \$1,397,986. Gifts to Association Missions have grown from nothing in 1903 to \$24,192 in 1977. Gifts to all mission purposes has grown from \$928 in 1903 to \$208,301 in 1977.

sympathetic understanding of the Committee. The treasurer's report revealed that Brother Deaton was paid \$900 for salary, rent, and travel during the previous year.

In 1945, N. A. Catlett gave a report on Associational Missions. He reported that two summer missionaries—Miss Clariene Mangum and Miss O'Daniel—had been employed for a period of 10 to 12 weeks during the past year. He emphasized the need for a full-time Associational Missionary was great.

In 1946, the Executive Committee reported that at a special meeting held in November, Brother N. A. Catlett was elected as Associational Missionary. The treasurer's report revealed that he was paid \$2004 during the previous year. In 1947, N. A. Catlett reported that it had been a great year for Vacation Bible Schools and that a Vacation Bible School had been held in every church in the Association. He had also served as temporary pastor for the newly organized Newton Grove Church. The Executive Committee at its January 7, 1947, meeting raised the Missionary's salary by \$600.

At the Executive Committee meeting on October 5, 1948, Brother N. A. Catlett, Associational Missionary since November, 1945, resigned. Through his untiring efforts the work in the Association had moved forward in a remarkable way. Brother Catlett will long be remembered because of three outstanding things he accomplished while our Missionary. First, he was able to lead every Church in the Association to hold a Vacation Bible School in 1947, many converts came from these schools. Second, he helped in a wonderful way to guide Benson Grove and Newton Grove churches into fields of greater usefulness. Third, he did a praise-worthy job in leading the small weaker churches into seeing their own possibilities and doing something about their personal responsibility. The Association expressed their gratefulness to Brother Catlett and wished him God's blessing as he went into a new field of service.

REV. NEEDHAM ARTHUR CATLETT:

THE FOLLOWING LISTED PERSONS ARE THE CHILDREN OF REV. CATLETT:

1. MRS. JOYCE C. HAYES - BORN APRIL 21, ???
2515 ORICE STREET
BURLINGTON, NORTH CAROLINA, 27215
HOME NO. (919) 226-7532
2. MRS. LOVELL C. ROGERS - BORN, APRIL 14, 1930
2463 - B MORON STREET
BURLINGTON, NORTH CAROLINA, 27215
WORK NO. 1-800- 222- 4197 , EXT. 4089
3. MRS. MARY LOU C. MILLICAN
5206 FOREST OAKS DRIVE
GREENSBORO, NORTH CAROLINA, 27406
HOME NO. (919) 674-2275
4. MR. ARTHUR D. CATLETT - BORN, JULY 5, 1941
(?) 38 BIRCHWOOD CIRCLE
BEDFORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE, 03102

THE FOLLOWING ARE MEMBERS OF REV. CATLETT'S FAMILY (AS I NOW KNOW IT):

1. MRS. ESTELLE C. OSBURN (SISTER)
ROUTE 1, BOX 284
FRANKLINTON, NORTH CAROLINA, 27525
HOME NO. ?(919) 528-0644
2. MRS. LILLIE MAE C. HARDEN (SISTER)
(HUSBAND, REV. EARL HARDEN AT THE MOUNT NEBO CHURCH
WEST VIRGINIA)
3. MRS. PAULA MARIE OAKLEY SPENCE - BORN, NOVEMBER 27, ?? (GRAND-DAUGHTER)
HOME NO. (919) 266-6960
4. MRS. JANICE HAYES GRIFFIN - BORN, AUGUST 20, ?? (GRAND-DAUGHTER)

CLOSE FRIEND: MARGERET WALTERS (ATTENDED CHURCH AT THE SALVATION ARMY IN RALEIGH AREA)
RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA,

Ms. Sheila L. Strother
Route 4, North Park Apts. # 35
Angier, North Carolina, 27501

August 12, 1988

THE GARNER NEWS
C/O Millie White
905 5th. Ave.
Garner, North Carolina, 27529

RETIRED, REV. NEEDHAM A. CATLETT TO CELEBRATE HIS 90TH. BIRTHDAY

REV. NEEDHAM ARTHUR CATLETT, A RETIRED SOUTHERN BAPTIST MINISTER, WILL BE CELEBRATING HIS 90TH. BIRTHDAY ON AUGUST 20, 1988!!! REV. NEEDHAM A. CATLETT WAS BORN ON AUGUST 20th., 1898 AND THE SON OF GEORGE S. CATLETT AND LILLY P. CATLETT OF THE NEW LIGHT TOWNSHIP IN WAKE COUNTY. ACCORDING TO ONE SISTER, ESTELLE, WHO LIVES IN THE FRANKLINTON AREA, REV. CATLETT WAS BORN AT PURNELL, N.C. (PERNELL, N.C. ?), IN FRANKLINTON COUNTY. ESTELLE TELLS THAT HER BROTHER, NEEDHAM, HAD EVEN WANTED TO PREACH SINCE HE WAS ONLY A SMALL BOY "PLOWING IN THE FIELDS."

REV. CATLETT AND WIFE HAD ONE SON, ARTHUR D. CATLETT, WHO NOW LIVES IN NEW HAMPSHIRE; AND THREE DAUGHTERS, JOYCE C. HAYES WHO LIVES IN BURLINGTON, N.C.; LEVELL C. ROGERS AND MARY LOU C. MILLICAN, WHO LIVES IN GREENSBORO, N.C. BEFORE HIS MINISTRY YEARS, ~~STARTED~~, REV. CATLETT GOT INTO THE PHOTOGRAPHY BUSINESS AND WHEN HIS OWN FATHER HAD A STUDIO OVER TOP OF A 'GENERAL STORE' AT THAT TIME. IT WAS AFTER HIS MARRIAGE TO RACHEL DURHAM (AND MILDRED ROSE PILKINGTON ??) THAT HE STARTED PREACHING (PERHAPS, SINCE THE YEAR OF 1927). HE WAS ORDAINED IN CAMBRIDGE, MARYLAND AND REV. CATLETT EVEN HAD A PHOTOGRAPHY STUDIO THERE. HIS FAMILY LIVED IN THE MARYLAND AND VIRGINIA AREAS. HE DID PASTOR THE LOWER NORTH HAMPTON BAPTIST CHURCH WHILE IN CAPE CHARLES, VA., AS WELL AS, A BAPTIST CHURCH IN SALISBURY, MARYLAND. REV. CATLETT PASTORED THE FOLLOWING BAPTIST CHURCHES WHEN IN NORTH CAR.; THE OLIVE BRANCH BAPTIST, IN DURHAM, N.C.; THE CEDAR FORK BAPTIST CHURCH IN MORRISVILLE, N.C.; THE NEW BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH IN GARNER, N.C.; HE SERVED AS THE ASSOC. MISSIONARY OF THE JOHNSTON BAPTIST ASSOCIATION FROM EARLY 1945 UNTIL LATE IN 1948, (WHILE THE ASSOC. MISSIONARY, REV. CATLETT WAS "LARGELY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SURGE OF VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL WORK WITHIN THE LOCAL CHURCH WITH "ALMOST EVERY CHURCH HOLDING IT'S OWN VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL; IN 1945, REV. CATLETT REPORTED THAT TWO SUMMER MISSIONARIES -MISS CLARIENE MANGUM AND MISS O'DANIEL- HAD BEEN EMPLOYED FOR A TIME OF 10 TO 12 WEEKS.) IN 1947, REV. CATLETT REPORTED THAT EVERY CHURCH IN THE JOHNSTON ASSOCIATION HAD HELD A VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL, PLUS, HE HAD SERVED AS THE "TEMPORARY PASTOR FOR A NEWLY ORGANIZED NEWTON GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH". ON OCTOBER 5, 1948, HE OFFERED HIS RESIGNATION AS ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONARY. "BROTHER CATLETT WILL LONG BE REMEMBERED BECAUSE OF THREE VERY OUTSTANDING THINGS :1. THE MANY NEW CONVERTS BECAUSE OF THE V.B.S.'S HELD. 2. HIS HELP "IN A WONDERFUL WAY TO GUIDE THE BENSON GROVE AND NEWTON GROVE BAPTIST CHURCHES INTO FIELDS OF GREATER USEFULNESS. 3. REV. CATLETT "DID A PRAISE - WORTHY JOB IN LEADING THE SMALL WEAKER CHURCHES INTO SEEING THEIR OWN POSSIBILITIES AND DOING SOMETHING ABOUT THEIR PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY. THE ASSOCIATION WILL ALWAYS "EXPRESS THEIR GRATEFULNESS TO BROTHER CATLETT AND WISH HIM GOD'S BLESSINGS AS HE GOES INTO A NEW FIELD OF SERVICE FOR THE LORD."

"IN 1961, REV. N.A. CATLETT CAME TO GRAINGER BAPTIST CHURCH AS PASTOR WITHIN THE NEUSE ASSOC.; WHERE HE BEGAN SEVERAL ORGANIZATIONS FOR THE YOUNG PEOPLE, STARTED A MID-WEEK PRAYER SERVICE, AS WELL AS, A BROTHERHOOD FOR THE MEN. WORSHIP SERVICE WAS HELD EACH SUNDAY, EITHER MORNING OR NIGHT, ALTERNATELY; AND THE FIRST CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS WAS WRITTEN AND ADOPTED IN 1963." OTHER CHURCHES THAT REV. CATLETT SERVED WITHIN THE NEUSE ASSOC. WERE RIVERMONT BAPTIST, NEUSE BAPTIST, CALVERY BAPTIST AND BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH (WHICH WAS ORGANIZED IN 1967 AND/OR 1968).

WHILE IN THE LITTLE RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, REV. CATLETT WAS CLOSE FRIENDS TO/WITH THE LATE DR. CHARLES HOWARD OF BUIES CREEK, N.C. REV. CATLETT'S DAUGHTER, JOYCE C., WAS IN THE "CLASS OF 1946; LOVELL ATTENDED CAMPBELL, ALSO, IN 1948, AND

TWO GRAND-DAUGHTERS, ALSO, ATTENDED CAMPBELL, LOCATED IN BUIES CREEK, NORTH CAROLINA.

'AS DR. THOMAS M. FREEMAN, SOUTHERN BAPTIST PASTOR, RETIRED, STATES; "THAT REV. NEEDHAM A. CATLETT WAS A PERSON WITH A DELIGHTFUL SENSE OF HUMOR, AND ONE WHO COULD ENTERTAIN WITH 'SLEIGHT - OF - HAND TRICKS!'" THE PASTOR OF GRAINGER BAPTIST CHURCH IN KINSTON, N.C. EXPRESSES FROM THE CHURCH "THEIR LOVE AND APPRECIATION FOR THE WORK THAT REV. CATLETT DID WHILE SERVING THERE." FROM THE HOLY SCRIPTURE WE LEARN OF HOW MINISTERS ARE "DIVINELY APPOINTED; THEIR DUTIES WITHIN THE CHURCH ; AND THAT THEY ARE TO HAVE CHRIST AS THEIR THEME, SERVE AS "SHEPHERDS TO FEED THE FLOCK(S)", BE A "SPIRITUAL WATCHMAN"; A "TEACHER OF THE WORD"; AND MOST OF ALL "BE FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT"!!

FOR REV. NEEDHAM A. CATLETT MAY THIS "BIRTHDAY BE A MILESTONE FOR HIM.....
FOR HE IS NINETY YEARS "YOUNG" AND THAT IS JUST GREAT!! SOOOOOO, CELEBRATE THE
DAY IN THE WAY THAT PLEASES YOU THE MOST!!!

SINCERELY YOURS,

COPY/SELF RECORD/FAMILY MEMBERS

" AT DAY'S END "

IS ANYBODY HAPPIER BECAUSE YOU PASSED THIS WAY??

DOES ANYONE REMEMBER THAT YOU SPOKE TO HIM TODAY??

THE DAY IS ALMOST OVER AND IT'S TOILING TIME IS THROUGH,

IS THERE ANYONE TO UTTER NOW A KINDLY WORD OF YOU??

CAN YOU SAY TONIGHT, IN PARTING WITH THE DAY, THAT'S SLIPPING FAST,

THAT YOU HELPED A SINGLE BROTHER OF THE MANY THAT YOU PASSED??

IS A SINGLE HEART REJOICING OVER WHAT YOU DID OR SAID:

DOES THE MAN WHOSE HOPES WERE FADING, NOW WITH COURAGE LOOK AHEAD??

DID YOU WASTE THE DAY, OR LOSE IT?? WAS IT WELL OR SORELY SPENT??

DID YOU LEAVE A TRAIL OF KINDNESS, OR A SCAR OF DISCONTENT??

AS YOU CLOSE YOUR EYES IN SLUMMER, DO YOU THINK THAT GOD WILL SAY,

"YOU HAVE EARNED ONE MORE TOMORROW BY THE WORK YOU DID TODAY??"

(COPIED)

"THE FOUR - LEAF CLOVER"

"I KNOW A PLACE WHERE THE SUN IS LIKE GOLD,

AND THE CHERRY BLOSSOMS BURST WITH SNOW,

DOWN UNDERNEATH IS THE LOVELIEST NOOK,

WHERE THE FOUR - LEAF CLOVERS GROW.

ONE LEAF IS FOR HOPE, AND ONE IS FOR FAITH,

AND ONE IS FOR LOVE, YOU KNOW,

AND GOD PUT ANOTHER IN FOR LUCK ----

IF YOU SEARCH, YOU WILL FIND WHERE THEY GROW.

BUT YOU MUST HAVE HOPE, AND YOU MUST HAVE FAITH,

YOU MUST LOVE AND BE STRONG --- AND SO

IF YOU WORK, IF YOU WAIT, YOU WILL FIND THE PLACE

WHERE THE FOUR - LEAF CLOVERS GROW!!"

I'd rather see a sermon than hear one
any day
I'd rather one should walk with me than
merely show the way,
The eye's a better pupil and more willing
than the ear;
Fine counsel is confusing, but examples
always clear;
And the best of all the preachers are
the men who live their creeds
For to see the good in action is what
everybody needs;
I can soon learn how to do it if you'll
let me see it done
I can watch your hands in action, but
your tongue too fast may run
And the lectures you deliver may be very
wise and true;
But I'd rather get my lesson by observing
what to do
For I may misunderstand you and the high
advice you give,
But there's no misunderstanding how you
act and how you live.

Author Unknown

THANK YOU FRIENDS FOR BEING HERE TO HELP US CELEBRATE
HAPPY 90TH BIRTHDAY TO NEEDHAM ARTHUR CATLETT.

Sing Happy Birthday

(Let's all sing his favorite song) WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS

* I was 10 years old when God spoke to my heart" says my Father.
Needham chose Jesus as his friend at an early age, trusting and
believing that God really cared for him.

TRUSTING AND BELIEVING THAT GOD COULD CARE FOR YOU

All sing TRUST AND OBEY and Chorus to TIS SO SWEET TO TRUST IN JESUS

* He was born in the Purnell Community of Wake County in 1898.
He had 9 brothers and sisters and is now the only living son and
also has two sisters still living. His father had a store and
up over the store he had a photo studio where Needham learned
to be a photographer.

* I Tim. 4:14 and Acts 26:16

* God continued to speak to his heart for he said "God would speak
so strongly during the night to me I would have to get up and walk."
His sister tells that even when plowing in the cornfield, he would
pretend to be preaching. He knew even then that God wanted him to
work for him. That childhood cornfield became a harvest field for
winning people to Jesus.

MY HOUSE IS FULL BUT ^{MY} FIELDS ARE EMPTY

* He was a young married man with his own photo studio when he was
ordained to preach and was called to his first church in Cambridge,
Maryland. Later in moving to North Carolina he was pastor of the
Olive Branch Baptist Church, Durham; Cedar Fork B/C, Bethesda;
New Bethel B/C, Garner; LaGrange and Rivermont B/C of Kinston and
also was Associational Missionary for Johnston County for several
years.

THERE'S A CHURCH IN THE VALLEY BY THE WILDWOOD

* After 40 years of ministry as a pastor, he continued to speak
at Rest Homes. Even now he takes part in the religious services
at Pleasant Grove Rest Home where he is a resident. He still lets
his light shine for Jesus.

I'M SO GLAD I'M A PART OF THE FAMILY OF GOD

* Read poem AT DAY'S END

* Prayer

GOD BE WITH YOU TILL WE MEET AGAIN.

Catlett 90th birthday



WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS



What a friend we have in Jesus, All our sins and griefs to bear.
What a privilege to carry, Ev'rything to God in prayer.
Oh, what peace we often forfeit, Oh, what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry Ev'rything to God in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy laden, Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Saviour, still our refuge; Take it to the Lord in Prayer;
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in Prayer;
In his arms he'll take and shield thee; Thou wilt find a solace there.

SOLO -TRUSTING IS BELIEVING THAT GOD COULD CARE FOR YOU

TRUST AND OBEY

When we walk with the Lord in the Light of His word, What a glory he
sheds on our way.
While we do His good will, He abides with us still,
And with all who will trust and obey.
Chorus: Trust and obey, for there's no other way to be happy in Jesus,
But to trust and obey.

Chorus: Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him: How I've proved him o'er and o'er;
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus. O for grace to trust him more.

SOLO- MY HOUSE IS FULL, BUT MY FIELD IS EMPTY

THE CHURCH IN THE WILDWOOD

There's a Church in the valley by the wildwood, No lovelier spot in the dale;
No place is so dear to my childhood As the little brown church in the vale.

How sweet on a clear Sabbath morning, To list to the clear ringing bell,
Its tones so sweetly are calling, Oh, come to the church in the vale.

Chorus: Oh come, come, come, come, Come to the church in the wildoowd,
Oh, come to the church in the vale.
No spot is so dear to my childhood As the little brown church in the
vale.

THE FAMILY OF GOD

I'm so glad I'm a part of the fam'ly of God; I've been washed in the fountain,
Cleansed by His blood;
Joint heirs with Jesus as we travel this sod,
For I'm part of the fam'ly, the fami'ly of God.

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Catlett celebrates 90th birthday

Needham Arthur Catlett, retired North Carolina Baptist pastor and former director of missions for Johnston association, will celebrate his 90th birthday this month. A birthday party will be held Sunday afternoon, August 25 at 2:00 at the Pleasant Grove Senior Citizens Rest Home in Fuquay-Varina.



Catlett

In addition to the associational post, Catlett also served as pastor

of Hurlock church in Cambridge, Md.; Olive Branch church in Durham; Cedar Fork church in Bethesda; New Bethel church in Garner; and LaGrange church in Kinston. He is presently a member of First church, Garner.

Catlett has four children: Joyce Hayes and Louell Rogers of Burlington, Mary Lou Millican, Greensboro; and Arthur Catlett, Bedford, N. H.

Catlett to celebrate 90th

When Rev. Needham A. Catlett was born in 1898, the world was two years shy of a new century.

Catlett, a retired southern Baptist minister, will celebrate his 90th birthday Aug. 20.

The son of George S. Catlett and Lilly P. Catlett of New Light Township in Wake County, Catlett is a member of Garner First Baptist Church and a former member of the Garner Lions Club.

He is former pastor of New Bethel Baptist Church. The towns in which he has ministered include Durham and Morrisville.

Catlett is a resident of Pleasant Grove Senior Citizens Center in

Fuquay-Varina.

He has one son, Arthur D. Catlett of New Hampshire; and three daughters, Joyce C. Hayes of Burlington, Mary Lou C. Millican of Greensboro, and Levell C. Rogers.



Rev. Needham A. Catlett

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