

S. M. STROUPE --- MAN OF GOD

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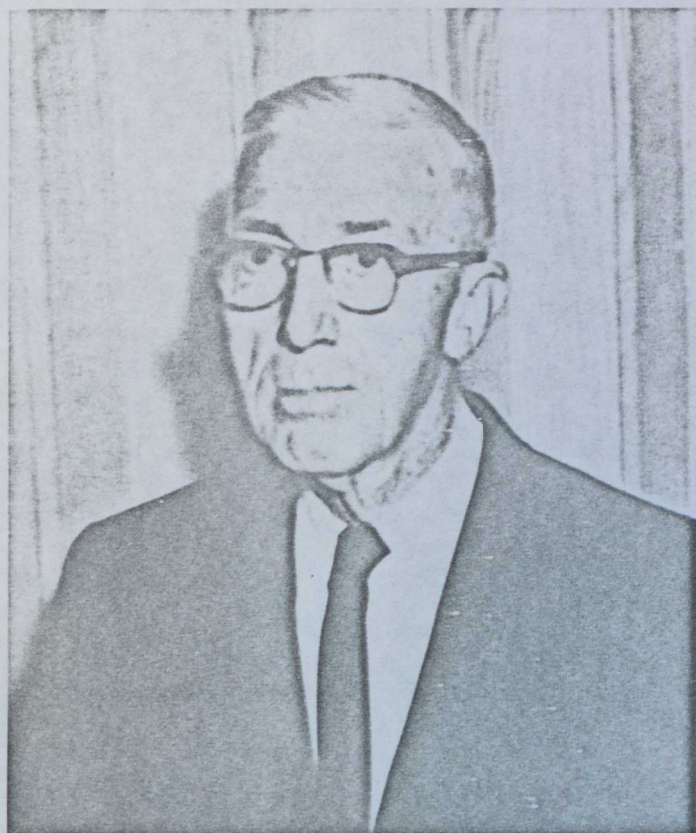
We of the South Mountain Baptist Association respectfully dedicate this year's Minutes to Mr. Stroupe for his faithful and wise service to the Association and to the communities of the Association, and for his gentlemanly traits of Christian character. He is a great friend to us all---a shining example of one of God's chosen ones.

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Brookwood Sets Homecoming

Homecoming services will be held Sunday at Brookwood Baptist Church. Rev. S. M. Stroupe of Connelly Springs will be the guest minister for the 11 a.m. service. Mr. Stroupe served as interim pastor at Brookwood about 5 years ago and he has served many other churches throughout his years as a pastor.

"Friends, members, and former members are cordially invited to Sunday School at 10, to the worship service at 11, and then the fellowship dinner which will be spread and served at the log cabin at the close of the morning service. The church will furnish the drinks," Rev. John Q. Adams, pastor said.

Lumberton: Robesonian

Morganton: News-Herald

New Bern: Sun-Journal

Raleigh: News & Observer

Raleigh: Times

Reidsville: Review

Rockingham: Richmond Co. Journal

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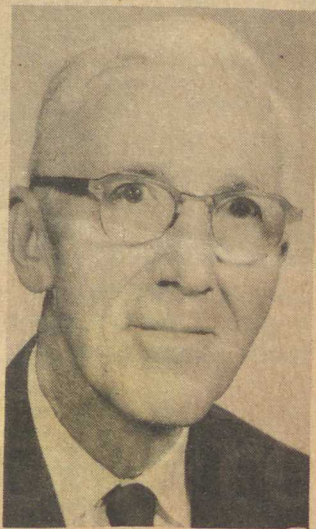
Abee's Chapel Baptist Gets Interim Pastor

Rev. S. M. Stroupe of Connelly Springs, a retired Baptist Minister, has had a very successful experience in serving as an interim pastor at a number of churches.

On Feb. 7, Rev. Stroupe began serving as interim pastor of Abee's Grove Baptist Church of Valdese, and has found a friendly congregation, a well organized Sunday School, an active Training Union and all the church related organizations.

services begin at 11 a.m. and the evening services begin at 7 p.m.

If you haven't established a church home, you are cordially invited to attend services at Abee's Grove, said a church spokesman.



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Troy: Montgomery Herald
Valdese News

Wadesboro: Anson Record

Wadesboro: Messenger & Intelligencer

Wake Forest: Wake Weekly

Wallace Enterprise

Walnut Cove: Stokes Record

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Rev. Stroupe Of Drexel Dies At 85

The Rev. Stephen Morris Stroupe, 85, of Drexel, died at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at Valdese General Hospital after several months of declining health.

Mr. Stroupe, widely known Baptist minister, was born in Gaston County June 20, 1889. He was the son of the late Anderson Stroupe and Rebecca Morris Stroupe.

A retired Baptist minister, Mr. Stroupe had served as pastor of Baptist Church of the Catawba River Association, Alexis Baptist Church of the Gaston Association, and the Poovey's Grove Baptist Church of the Caldwell Association.

For 14 years, he was pastor of Mount Hebron Baptist Church in the South Mountain Association and he served as missionary of the South Mountain Association for six years. He made his home for many years in the Connelly Springs area.

Mr. Stroupe also served two terms as chaplain of Valdese General Hospital. After retirement, he served as interim pastor for several area churches.

Rev. Mr. Stroupe's first wife, the former Angie Lineberger, died in 1947. His second wife, Mrs. Minnie Huffman Stroupe survives.

Other survivors include two sons, George W. Stroupe of Hickory and Henry S. Stroupe of Winston-Salem; a daughter, Mrs. Eric O. (Martha) Miller of Newton; three stepdaughters, Mrs. Wilburn E. Berry and Miss Frances Huffman, both of Drexel, and Mrs. Earl Franklin of Valdese; a stepson, Frank Huffman of Drexel; and a half-sister, Mrs. Callie Hart of Stanly.

Also surviving are four grandchildren, two great-grandchildren and eight step-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be Saturday at 2 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Drexel. The Rev. Lynn Ridick and the Rev. Edsel Mull will officiate. Burial will be in the Asbury United Methodist Church cemetery near Lincolnton.

All area ministers will serve as honorary pallbearers.

The family will receive friends tonight from 7:30 until 9 p.m. at Kirksey Funeral Home in Valdese.