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Bio

ARTHUR COLUMBUS SHERWOOD

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the work had to be delayed for a time due to the unavailability of
paint, conference received a report on December 20, 1905, that the
interior paint work had been completed and paid for. The following
week a contract was awarded for painting the exterior of the building
at a cost of \$80.00.²¹ The job of painting the roof had been completed
and paid for by the summer of 1906.²²

Church membership reached a new high of 120 in 1904. The
Sunday School — with Hartwell V. Scarborough now serving as
superintendent — reported an enrollment of 151 in 1906, with average
weekly attendance of 90. The Sunbeam Band attracted large numbers
of girls and boys, affording them the opportunity for both mission
study and involvement — especially through contributions for benevo-
lent objects.²³

Howell resigned as pastor of the church, effective with the com-
pletion of the services on the 4th Sunday in September, 1907. The
effectiveness of his leadership and the esteem in which he was held
by the congregation may be safely judged by the fact that he would
be called 2 1/2 years later to serve the church again as her pastor.²⁴

John C. Scarborough, church clerk, notes that A. C. Sherwood²⁵
began his ministry with the Murfreesboro Church on March 8, 1908.
Scarborough concludes his notation with the words: "We record

²¹*Ibid.*, December 27, 1906.

²²According to the report of the treasurer for the 2nd quarter of 1906,
found appended to *Minutes*, June 28, 1906.

²³Membership in the Sunbeams was reported as 90 in 1903, with con-
tributions of \$15.78; 88 in 1904, with contributions of \$26.28; and 84 in
1905, with contributions of \$12.31. The totals probably include the member-
ship of the WMS as well as Sunbeams.

²⁴Upon his resignation, Howell continued to serve the Mt. Tabor Church
and assumed, subsequently, the pastoral duties at Potecasi (1907), Hebron
(1908), and Mars Hill (1909), before his return to Murfreesboro.

²⁵Arthur Columbus Sherwood (1877-1946) had graduated from Wake
Forest College in 1903 and was serving Brassfields Church in the Central
Association at the time of his call to Murfreesboro. He was later to serve
churches in the Western North Carolina, Robeson, and Union associations
in North Carolina before concluding his pastoral labors with First Baptist
Church, Erwin, Tennessee.

IN MEMORIAM

SHERWOOD

Brother A. C. SHERWOOD, a resident of Erwin for twenty-seven years, and until ill health forced him into retirement several years ago, the beloved pastor of the First Baptist Church, died on Sunday morning, June 2, 1946. His funeral service was conducted on Tuesday afternoon, June 5th, in the First Baptist Church, by the pastor, T. C. Meador.

Multitudes of people in Erwin and elsewhere will rise up to call his name blessed. Even after he was unable to keep in active duty his influence for good was always felt. Nobody could doubt where Brother Sherwood stood on questions of religious faith and Christian Practice. In the days when he was able he preached the gospel in demonstration of the Spirit and of power. Lovingly, kindly, tenderly; but firmly he presented the great doctrines of grace without compromise, without fear, without hesitation. He loved his pastors. The present pastor feels a personal loss in the going of this gospel preacher and great Christian and faithful expositor of God's eternal word.

Those throughout the brotherhood who knew him will weep with his family and rejoice that he rests from his labors while his works keep following after him; also, that he has now heard the "Well done" of the Lord and ours.

Two of his boys are yet in the armed services, and could not be home when he died; Chaplain James C. Sherwood (in Korea), and Cpl. Paul J. Sherwood (in 18th Fighter Group, Pacific Area).