

DEEP RIVER BAPTIST CHURCH, 1882-1982, COLERIDGE, N. C.

BY: Joyce F. Davis and Wallace E. Jarrell (286.175661/D29)

During his ministry, several of the churches he pastored completed building and renovation projects. One example in particular was at Swan Creek, where the old church house was destroyed by fire, and a new one was built at a cost of more than \$100,000 and was paid for in approximately five years

Island Ford Baptist Church proclaimed August 20, 1972 as Dewey L. Temple Day and bestowed upon him the honorary title of "Lifetime Pastor" for his many faithful and fruitful years of service.

Sources - Minutes of Randolph Assn.; Island Ford Baptist Church "Dewey L. Temple Day" Leaflet; Information from family; Deep River Baptist Church Minutes

THE REV. ROLAND KIDD
Dec. 20, 1942-Jan. 18, 1945

Born - November 5, 1912, Moore County, NC, to Robert William Goldston and Minerva Ellen Stokes Kidd

Died - January 18, 1945, Moore County, NC

Buried - Beulah Baptist Church Cemetery, Randolph County, NC

Education - Cedar Creek School, Chatham County, Scofield Bible Correspondence Course

Ordained - January 18, 1936 at Beulah Baptist Church, Randolph County, NC

Some pastorates - Moore County: Flint Hill, Friendship; Randolph County: Deep River; Also held services at the following churches: Asbury, Bear Creek, Bennett, Bethlehem, Beulah, Big Oak Christian, Fall Creek, Hickory Grove, Mechanics Hill, Mt. Zion Methodist, Oakley, Pleasant Grove Christian, Red Branch, Riverside, Rocky River, Shady Grove, Union Grove; also, Calvary and Ward Street

Married - March 27, 1937 to Blanche Evelyn Cole; married by The Rev. Colon Strickland

Children - Roland Dwight

The Rev. Kidd kept a complete record of the services he held, including marriages, funerals, and baptisms, and a record of homes in which he had meals while at Deep River.

Performed the marriage of two of our members, O.C. Brady, Jr. and Helen Lawson on March 22, 1944 at Beulah Baptist Church

His first baptismal service at Deep River was held August 15, 1943. The candidates were Hubert Ferree, Harold Cox, Pauline Kidd, Mary Lee Marley, Pearl Marley

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became an avid reader, particularly the Holy Bible, after being converted in 1926.

Sources - Personal papers of Rev. Kidd; Information from family

THE REV. CLARENCE LEONARD SMITH
Feb. 10, 1945-Oct., 1945

Born - April 7, 1903, Cumberland County, NC to George Franklin & Minnie Lee Lowery Smith

Living as of this date

Education - Massey High School, Fayetteville, NC

Ordained - August, 1940, Cedar Falls Baptist Church, Randolph County, NC

Some pastorates - Randolph County: Deep River, Sandy Creek; Also supplied in several churches in or near Ft. Myers, Florida

Married - December 24, 1922, to Lillie Mae Perry, Raleigh, NC

Children - Rudolph L., Maranda L. Smith Barwick, Ralph H.

The Rev. Smith completed the remaining portion of the church year at Deep River Baptist Church after the death of The Rev. Roland Kidd.

The Rev. Smith is now retired and living in Ft. Myers, Florida.

His daughter, Maranda Kidd Barwick, is presently a missionary to Spanish-speaking people in Texas.

The Rev. Smith worked 24 years at the Central Falls Mill and also sold insurance for Pilot Life Insurance Company.

Sources - Deep River Baptist Church Minutes; Information from family

THE REV. CLAUDE JONES JOHNSON
November 11, 1945-April, 1947

Born - September 8, 1911, Chatham County, NC to Thomas & Etta Dunn Johnson

Died - September 24, 1977, Lee County, NC

Buried - Deep River Baptist Church Cemetery, Randolph County, NC

Education - Goldston High School, Goldston, NC; Columbia Bible College, correspondence courses