

(Information on J. A. Hackney)

Charles C. Smith, Associate Historian, presented the following report:

GLENCOE BAPTIST CHURCH

In a community four miles north of Burlington there was a small settlement, and here a cotton mill was established, some stores were built as well as other industries, and these made the village fairly prosperous. To this village the name, "Glencoe," was given. But here no religious organization had been established; but there were some Godfearing men and women, who were Baptists, and under the leadership of the Rev. John C. Hocutt, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Burlington, organized a Baptist church, which they named, the Glencoe Baptist church. This organization was effected October 19, 1893, and the number of charter members was thirty-eight.

The Rev. Mr. Hocutt served as supply pastor until December 2, 1893, on which date the church extended a call to the Rev. Alvis Andrews to be pastor of the church for the year 1894. Services were held mornings and evenings on the first Sunday of each month. An old tobacco factory, known as the "Old Mill House," was used as a place of meeting.

During the ministry of the Rev. Mr. Andrews, whose ministry extended through 1896, a good foundation was laid on which to build the future of the new organization. A Sunday School was organized, and with a church membership of 56, the enrollment of the Sunday school reached 192. The first letter to the Association, in 1894, showed a membership of 37, with one baptism, two by letter, with losses of one by exclusion and one by death. The pastor's salary for the year was \$41.56; incidentals amounted to \$7.00, the Sunday school contributed \$17.00, making the total receipts for a twelve-months period \$65.56.

On April 10, 1897, a call was extended to Rev. P. A. Ferguson at a salary of \$36.00 a year. He closed his pastorate February 13, 1898. In that year the Glencoe Mills built a union chapel which all denominations could use. It was not very long before the Baptists became disorganized, and no records can be found for the ten-year period, February 8, 1898 to March 8, 1908.

On this latter date Glencoe Baptists felt encouraged again to take up the work, and the Rev. J. A. Hackney was called as pastor of this church together with a field of churches in the northern part of Alamance county. Mr. Hackney's pastorate was brief, as was that of his successor, the Rev. W. E. Dunnegan, ending in April, 1910. On invitation of the church the Rev. S. W. Oldham served the church the remainder of that calendar year. Succeeding him in January, 1911, was the Rev. S. L. Morgan, pastor of the First church

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in Burlington, who held services on the second Sunday afternoons. In December, 1912, Mr. Morgan resigned both churches to go to the First church, Henderson.

On January 1, 1913, the Rev. Marton W. Buck, of Chicago, came to the pastorates of both churches, and the coming of Mr. Buck ushered in a new day for the Baptists of Burlington, Glencoe and Alamance county. The greatest revival ever before held in Glencoe was held by Mr. Buck, when 26 came into the church by baptism. The Sunday school was reorganized and the life of the church surged with new spiritual vigor.

A program for the erection of a home for the church was launched soon after the coming of Mr. Buck, and by the end of 1914 the present building was completed and dedicated, and by 1916 the church was free of debt.

May 11, 1919, brought to a close the most successful pastorate that the church has ever had. Pastor Buck gave up Glencoe only because the pressure of the enlarging work in Burlington made it necessary. On that date the church called to its leadership the Rev. Walter H. Dodd, who left the church the following January. The next pastor was the Rev. Forrest C. Feezor, who served the church in a most successful way until October, 1920, when he left to attend the Southern Baptist Seminary.

For the remainder of 1920 the church was served by the Rev. E. C. Dean, and in January, 1921, Rev. R. S. Lennon began the pastorate of this good church. The work of this pastorate was characterized by two outstanding events, namely, the building of a \$5,000 pastor's home and the organization of a B. Y. P. U. Mr. Lennon, after a pastorate of four years and eight months closed his ministry in Glencoe on August 13, 1925. In that month the Rev. J. A. Hackney was called to the pastorate, and he is the only man who has yet served a second pastorate in Glencoe.

On September 18, 1925, brother Iver Johnson, a member of this church, was licensed to preach the gospel, and on December 19, in that same year brother G. L. Murray, also a member of Glencoe, was granted a license to preach. Mr. Hackney is the only pastor ever to request a reduction in salary, who asked that he be paid \$25.00 a month instead of \$34.00.

On August 8, 1928, at his home, Pastor Hackney, at the age of 63, fell asleep in his Lord, whom he served faithfully.

The Rev. T. Rupert Coleman, a bright young man from Durham, when only 20 years old, was called to the pastorate of this church in October, 1923. During the period that he served two outstanding revivals were held, in each of which thirty-seven people united with the Church on profession of faith. In the latter part of 1928 a well-functioning W. M. U. was organized, and in 1929 the church conducted a Sunday school enlargement campaign in which

the Sunday school membership was more than doubled. In that same year a B. Y. P. U. enlargement campaign was conducted, in which that organization was greatly strengthened and encouraged and an Intermediate Union was formed. In 1930 a baptistry was built on the church lot and a large bulletin board was erected in front of the church. Mr. Coleman, on June 15, 1932, closed his pastorate after two most successful years. Rev. Paul Braish was the next pastor and he served the church for only one year.

In September, 1933, the church did a very unusual thing. There was a young man teaching the Men's Bible Class, Mr. Ralph A. Wilson, and his work there was pleasing to the men. Through the influence of Deacon John R. Allen Mr. Wilson was persuaded to preach. Because he was so young and had grown up in the village the presbytery would not consent to his ordination. But the church would not let this change its attitude of respect for and confidence in him, and called a second presbytery which recommended his ordination, which took place on September 10, 1934, and he then assumed the pastorate of the church and has continued to serve in this capacity. Soon after the beginning of his pastorate the church went from half-time to full time preaching.

In the first exangelistic meeting conducted by Mr. Wilson there were 46 converts. Some of the most outstanding achievements have been accomplished under his leadership, the church has more than doubled in membership and a great spiritual awakening has been evident.

Glencoe church has, in large measure, been faithful to its stewardship, and the future outlook is as bright as have been the glorious results of the past.

The facts included in this report have been furnished by Mr. Claude F. Phillips, a prominent member of this church.

Respectfully submitted,

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37. Dr. Carpenter, editor of the Biblical Recorder, presented the claims and advantages of that excellent periodical. As always he delighted the Association with his charm and his forceful manner of presenting his paper. The circulation of the Recorder now is almost 40,000, being 39,000, plus.

44. Mr. Miller, Field Representative of Meredith College, was recognized and spoke briefly on "Christian Education in the Baptist Colleges of North Carolina." Dr. Sankey L. Blanton, Dean of the School of Religion in Wake Forest College, spoke at greater length on this subject, and gave to the body one of the strongest messages on Christian Education that it has been our pleasure to hear in some years.

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