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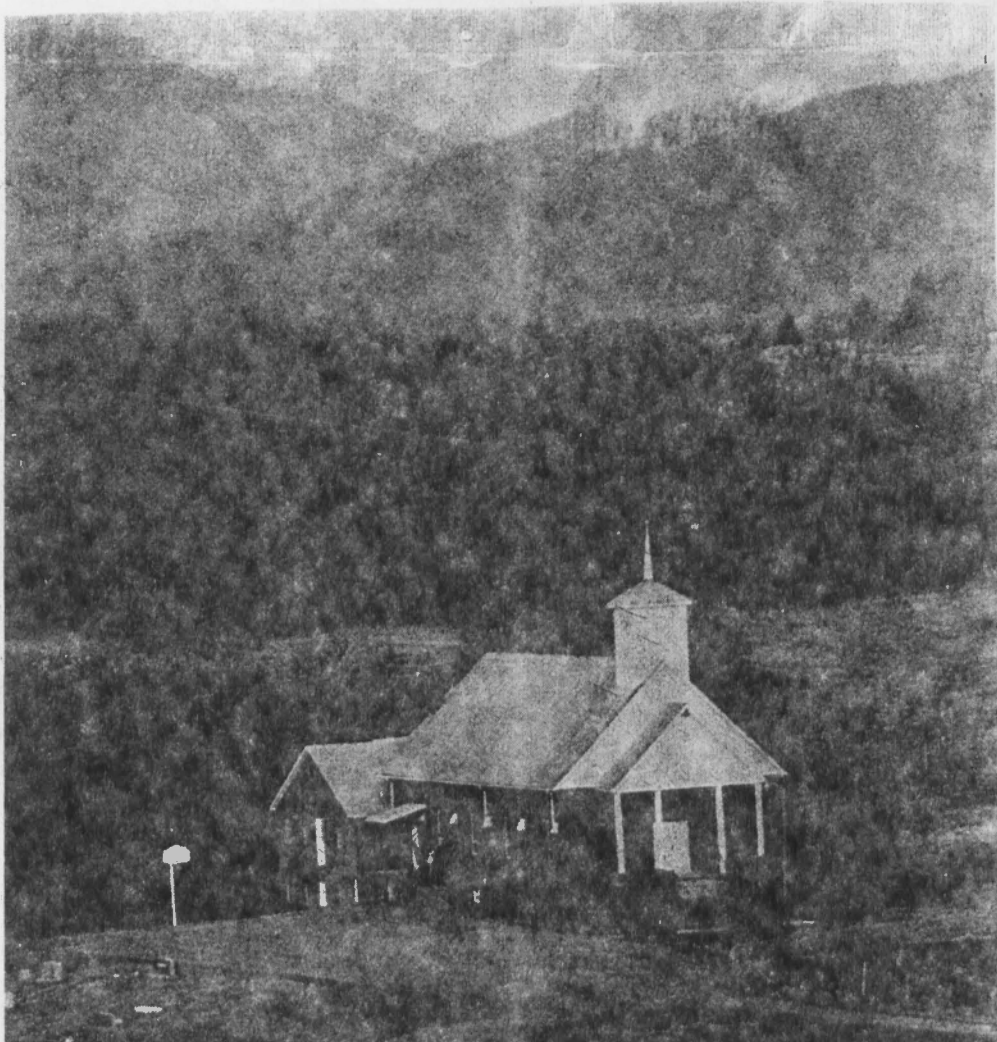
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The Sunny Point Baptist Church In Canton

MAY 24, 1938 - JUNE 17, 1983



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This is not a new history of the Sunny Point Baptist Church, but a revision, and combining of work by the Rev. Joe Medford and others. It is hoped that it will make you, the members, proud of your heritage, and will cause each member to strive to make it an even greater church in the years to come.

I also want to thank each one who supplied us with the pictures.

Revised by the Rev. Gay Chambers, pastor, for Heritage Day 1983.



SUNNY POINT BAPTIST CHURCH
Founded, May 24, 1938

Perhaps no one could say for certain with whom the Holy Spirit first began His work in the community. Certainly, it seems evedent that He had a part from the very beginning. He had been working with some prior to the date of May 24, 1938, because many had expressed a desire to have a church in this community.

On this date, May 24, 1938, a meeting was held at the home of C.N. Carpenter for the expressed purpose of organizing a church. Fifteen persons brought their letters from other Baptist Churches in the county to become charter members of the Sunny Point Baptist Church. These charter members were:

C.N. Carpenter	C.E. Harkins	D.S. Smith
Mrs. C.N. Carpenter	Mrs. C.E. Harkins	Mrs. D.S. Smith
Reba Carpenter	Mrs. Jack Rector	Wilma Smith
Lois Carpenter	Mrs. G.W. Smathers	Oralee Smith
Alfred Carpenter	Mrs. P.G. Smathers	Williard Smith



ABOVE: Inside view of the first building

FIRST OFFICERS OF THE SUNNY POINT BAPTIST CHURCH:

PASTOR - The Rev. Isaac Rhinehart

DEACONS- C.N. Carpenter, Paul Howell, and D.S. Smith

CLERK - Williard Smith

TREASURER- Mrs. C.N.Carpenter

TRUSTEES - D.S. Smith, C.N. Carpenter, and Jessie Smathers.

Selection of a name for the new church posed a problem, but during the discussion the name "Sunny View Baptist Church" was suggested but Alfred Carpenter suggested the name "Sunny Point Baptist Church" and this name was adopted.

The first pressing need of the new church was a meeting place. Plans were soon under way to build, but since economic times were difficult, much sacrifice was required on the part of the members. Some gave money, some labor, and others land and other material. A list of some of the main givers will be found on another page.

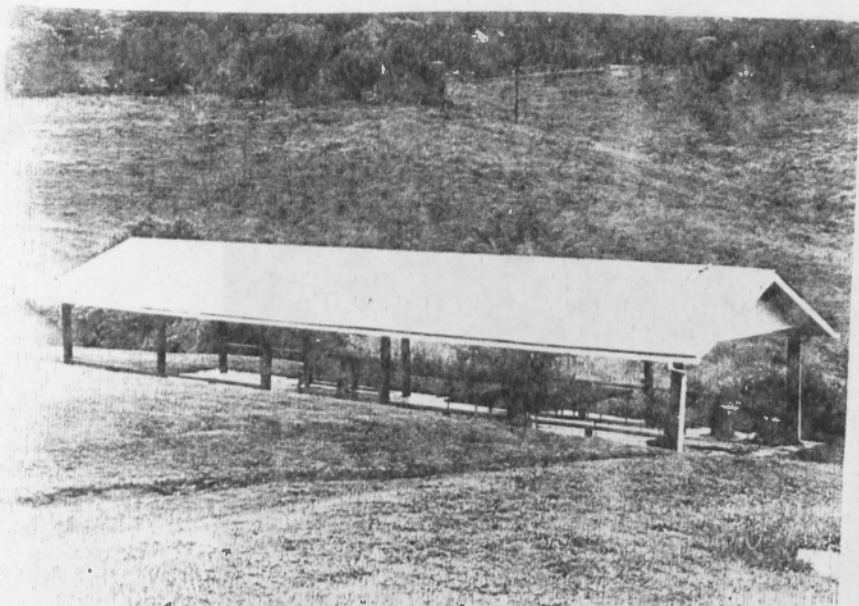


ABOVE: Inside view made at the same time as the other picture

MAJOR DONATIONS TO THE CHURCH:

- Mr. & Mrs. Girdwood Smathers - Land for the church and cemetery sites.
 - Mr. & Mrs. Theodore Rhinehart - the right-of-way.
 - Miss Reba Carpenter (Mrs. Fred Pressley) - \$100.00 cash.
 - Mr. Jasper Smathers - brick for underpinning.
 - Mr. & Mrs. Walter Hendrix - \$ 50.00 cash
 - Mr. & Mrs. C.E. Harkins - The wiring
 - Mr. Girdwood Smathers - wired the church.
- The work on the building was donated by the men of the community. Rev. Medford notes that perhaps the most faithful were Elwood Howell and N.B. Donaldson.

With complete dedication and interest as was exhibited by the members it was inevitable that the new church grow. A great revival swept the community that fall and the membership reached 42 by December. . This growth continued until by 1952 a record Sunday School attendance of 135 was reached.



GROWTH OF THE PHYSICAL PLANT:

1946 the old building was moved back and Sunday School rooms were built in the basement.

1956 a new educational building was erected of brick.

1964 the new brick sanctuary was added.

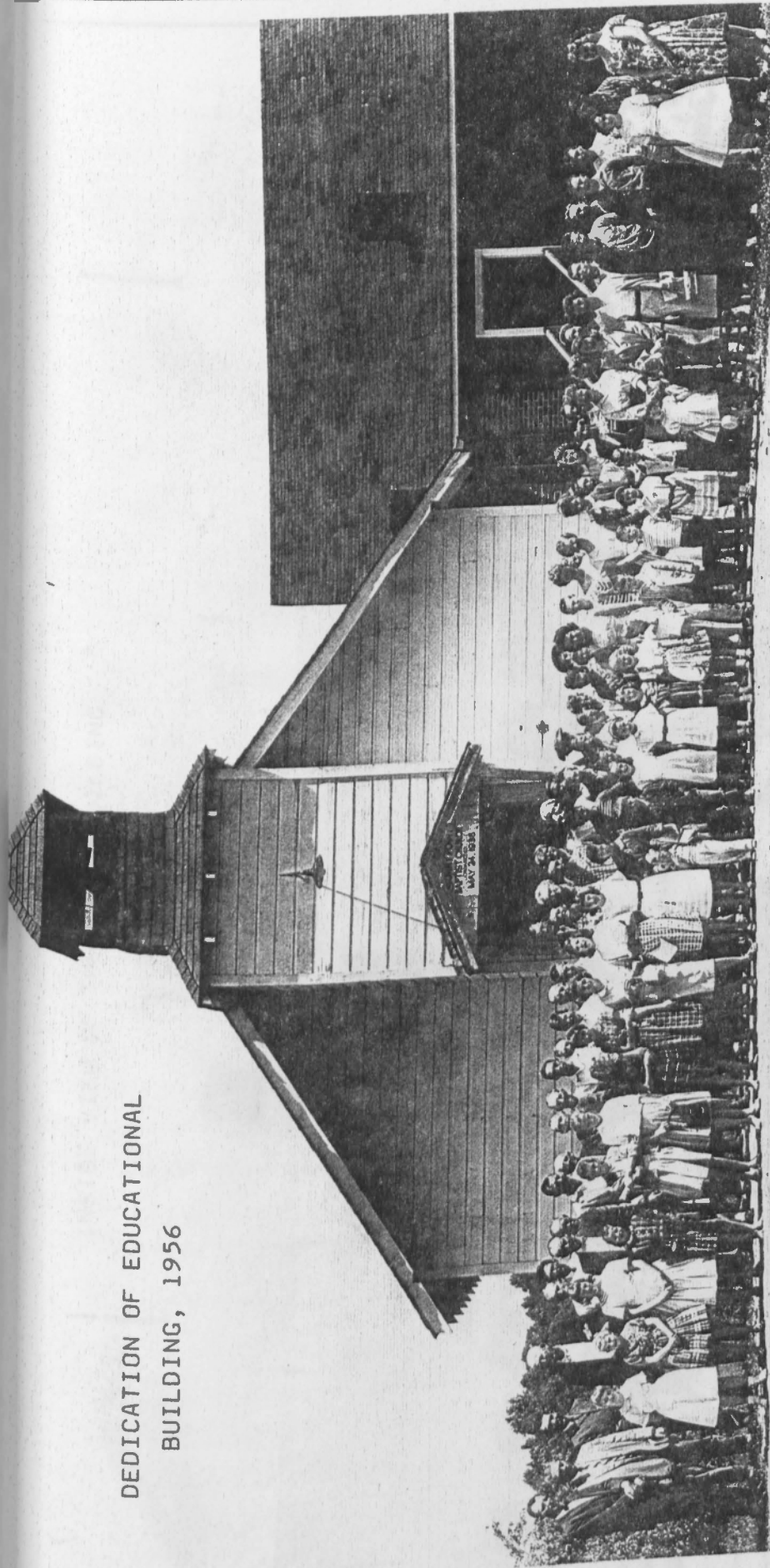
1968 parsonage was built.

1973 the picnic shed was erected., and the road and parking area were paved.

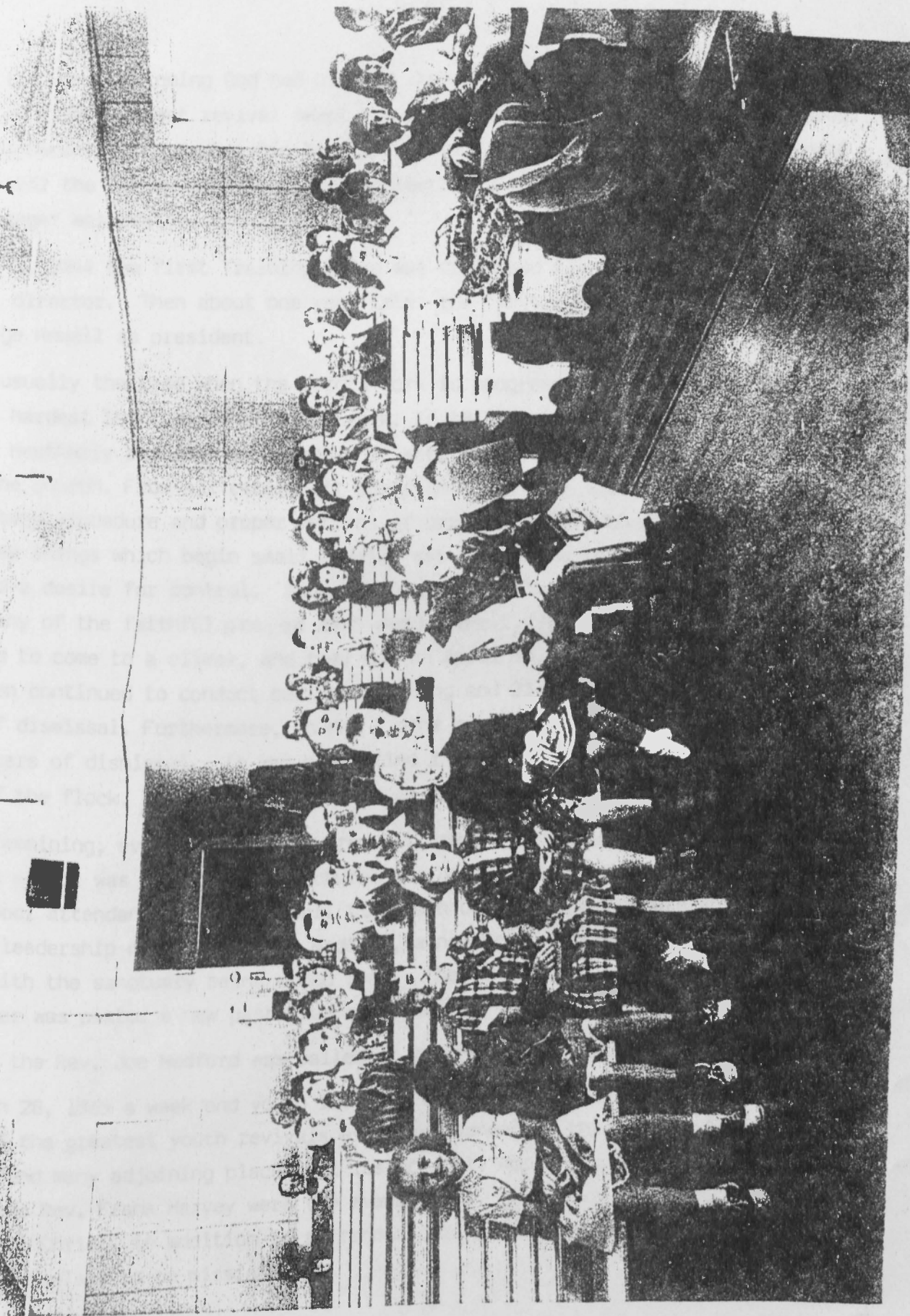
This interest in the building continued with the adding of a fellowship hall in the basement.



DEDICATION OF EDUCATIONAL
BUILDING, 1956



INSIDE VIEW OF THE FIRST BUILDING



From the very beginning God had blessed the ministry of the little church. In the fall of 1938 a great revival swept the community, with many people being saved. so that by December the membership had reached 42. This remarkable growth continued until in 1952 the Sunday School attendance reached a record high of 135. The Rev. Robert Swanger was pastor at this time.

On may 7, 1944 the first Training Ubion was organized with Sewel Rhinehart as its first director. Then about one year later the first W.M.U. was organized with Mrs. George Howell as president.

As is usually the case when the Lord's work is progressing at its best, the devil tries his hardest to hinder the Lord's work. In 1949 during the pastorate of the Rev. T.C. Heatherly problems developed whic were to lead to a split in the fellowship of the church. From all records it seems that the main cause was the lack of parliamentary procedure and proper methods of carrying on the church business. also, those things which begin small usually get larger due to gossip, selfish attitudes, and a desire for control. Sunny Point seems to have experienced the same things. Many of the faithful prayed and wept about the situation, however, things had to come to a climax, and they did on April 30, 1950 when the pastor resigned then continued to conduct business meeting and 23 members were granted their letters of dismissal. Furthermore, on May 7 nine more members asked for and received their letters of dismissal. It was a sad time indeed, for the remaining memaining members of the flock.

Those remaining, even though they were cast down, rallied to the call of their leader: and soon a pastor was called and the church was back on its feet again. By 1952 the Sunday School attendance reached an all time high of 135. This growth and in 1956, under the leadership of the Rev. Joe Medford, a new brick educational building was erected, with the sanctuary being added 1964. Then in 1968, , while the Rev. Carl Pointer was pastor a new pastorium was erected.

In 1959 the Rev. Joe Medford was called as the first full time pastor.

On March 28, 1969 a week end youth led revival was held. This revival turned into one of the greatest youth revivals ever experienced in this area. It reached all of Haywood and many adjoining places. It lasted until April 15. The Rev. Ricky Mason and the Rev. Frank Harvey were the evangelists. At least 372 persons made decisions for Christ, in addition 16 surrendered to preach the gospel, and others dedicated themselves to be missionaries.

Although, beset with problems at times, Sunny Point Baptist Church has continued to be an effective witness for Christ in this community. We believe that effective witness will continue for many years to come.

Pastors who have served the Sunny Point Baptist Church are:

Isaac Rhinehart	B.N. Rogers	James Hefner
A.J. Medford	Robert Swanger	Cecil Fox
Doyle Miller	Joe Medford	Phillip Broyles
Howard Hall	Richard Horn	Clyde Rhinehart
George Ingle	Eugene Land	Gay Chambers
Maurice Banks	Wheeler Brown	
T.C. Heatherly	Carl Pointer	

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Rev. Gay E. Chambers

The Rev. Gay Edward Chambers, 76, of Route 4, Canton, died Tuesday at his residence.

A lifelong resident of Haywood County, he was a son of the late Corley and Grace Pruitt Chambers.

A minister for 51 years, Chambers was a member and pastor of Sunny Point Baptist Church. He also taught school at Bethel for 45 years.

Chambers was a member of the National and the North Carolina Retired Teachers Associations and served as historian for the Haywood County Baptist Association.

Surviving are his wife, Evelyn Galloway Chambers; two brothers, Lewis Chambers of Canton and Glenn Chambers of Newport Richey, Fla.; and three sisters, Marjorie Messer of Dillsboro, and Laura Messer and Edna Edwards, both of Waynesville.

Services will be at 2:30 p.m. Thursday in Spring Hill Baptist Church. The Rev. Claude Conard, the Rev. Carl Presnell and the Rev. Bill Jenkins will officiate. Burial will be in Sunny Point Baptist Church Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday at Garrett Funeral Home. The body will be placed in the church an hour before the services.

Pallbearers will be Ed Cragg, Arnold and Tip Howell, Josh Adams, Forrest Conard, Jim Rhea, Fred Hendrix, E.D. Herndon, Earl Hannah and Ed Mehaffey.

The family requests flowers be omitted.

Memorials may be made to the building fund of Sunny Point Baptist Church, Route 4, Canton, or Haywood Baptist Center, P.O. Box 628, Clyde. //



SUNNY POINT Baptist Church Sunday burned the 14-year-old note of indebtedness incurred by the congregation when it built its present facility. Holding the note as it burns is Earl Moore, left.

Watching are Earl Hannah and T.C. Howell, right foreground, with, (from the left), Fred Hendrix, Ed Craig, the Rev. Phillip Broyles and Claude Harkins standing behind.

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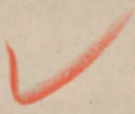
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Waynesville, NC

April 4, 1986

Sunny Point Baptist Church will have the Rev. T.E. Robinett, retired, as evangelist. He lives in Florida and North Carolina. The pastor is the Rev. Howard Pless.



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Crabtree Church Events Planned

A Thanksgiving eve meal and worship service were held November 24 at Crabtree Baptist Church. The Crabtree United Methodist Charge was in charge of the worship service.

A Thanksgiving supper will be held Sunday at 5 p.m. at Rock Spring Baptist Church. Following the supper there will be a Training Union pro-

gram and the regular worship service. Everyone is invited to come and bring a covered dish and join the the fellowship.

November 28 through December 5 is set aside for a week of prayer for Foreign Missions and Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

The Crabtree United Methodist Men will meet November 28 at 7:30 a.m. Zion

United Methodist Church. Their wives are also invited.

"M" night was held Monday night at Hazelwood First Baptist Church with Dr. Ray Roberts as guest speaker.

Visitors Sunday at Rock Spring Baptist Church were Mrs. Martha Hawkins of Asheville and J.J. Rogers of Marshall.

Church World Service is in need of blankets and money. A drive to help get the blankets will be held at the churches Sunday.

The ladies at Crabtree United Methodist Church are quilting to raise money to go on the indebttness of their fellowship hall. Anyone having a quilt to be quilted or anyone wishing to donate some of their time quilting may contact Lynn Palmer for information.

Betty Tate, who has been on the sick list for a long period of time, was back at church Sunday after several months.

Mr. and Mrs. F.F. Difenweith of Iron Duff have moved into their new home.