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- 1854 - Dism. from LEWIS FORK[E]. Char. member of LOWER CREEK[E].
- 1860 - Dism. from LOWER CREEK[E]. Charter member of STONY FORK.
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Buffalo Cove Baptist Church

The Hartland Five and The Unity Trio will be the featured singers at the Buffalo Cove Baptist Church's 140th birthday celebration, Saturday, March 16 at 7 p.m.

Lenoir News Topic
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Rev. EDDIE A. GOBLE I
LENOIR — The funeral for the Rev. Eddie Albert Goble I, 36, of the Buffalo Cove community, Rt. 5, Lenoir, will be conducted at 11 a.m. Thursday at Buffalo Cove Baptist Church by the Revs. Tom Small, Clarence Widener and J.R. Robbins. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

Goble died Monday at Caldwell County Hospice.

He was born Sept. 9, 1960, in Catawba County, a son of Everette Goble and Charlene Hoyle Goble of Lenoir.

He was a self-employed brick mason, and a member and deacon at Buffalo Cove Baptist Church.

Surviving are his parents; his wife, Phyllis Watson Goble of the home; a son, Eddie Albert Goble II of Buffalo Cove; a daughter, Denise Kay Goble of Buffalo Cove; three brothers, Donnie Goble of Conover, Bill Goble of Lenoir and Tim Goble of Hickory; and two sisters, Mary Triplett and Cheryl Holman of Lenoir.

The family will be at Pendry's Lenoir Funeral Home from 7 to 9 p.m. today.

The body will be placed in the church one hour prior to the service.

Memorials may be made to Buffalo Cove Baptist Church, Rt. 5, Box 424, Lenoir, N.C. 28645, or to Caldwell County Hospice, 902 Kirkwood St., NW, Lenoir.

Pallbearers for the service will be Jason Coffey, Brian Coffey, Bill Berry, David Townsend, Steven Widener, Allen Watson, Clay Watson Jim Wheeler, Bill Call, Rick Greene, Greg Hawkins and Tony Hall.

Honorary pallbearers will be Adair Hawkins, Grady Watson, Riley Watson, Serguis Coffey, Doug Watson, Larry Smith, Herb Miller and Robert Beane.

Buffalo Cove Baptist Church

9-15-90

Homecoming will be observed at Buffalo Cove Baptist Church Sunday beginning at 10 a.m. with Sunday School and 11 a.m. morning worship service. The missionary, Rev. Fisher will be the guest speaker at the services. There will be singing in the afternoon.

CHURCHES IN NORTH CAROLINA BEGUN PRIOR TO 1830

As named by Morgan Edwards, John Asplund, G. W. Paschal or others

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Senior News Topic

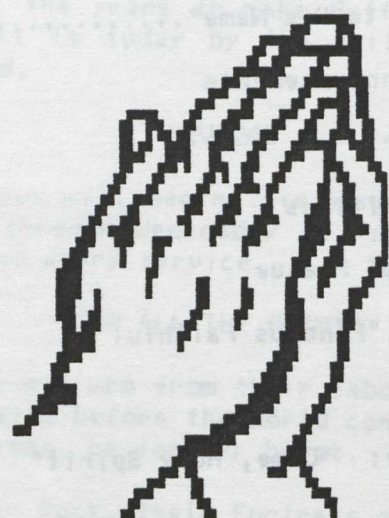
Buffalo Cove

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Baptist Church

There will be a homecoming at Buffalo Cove Baptist Church, Sept. 15. Luncheon will follow the service.

SET APART BY PRAYER



**BUFFALO COVE
BAPTIST CHURCH**

MAY 5, 1991

FOUNDER'S DAY

1851 - 1991

Ralph Staton.....	Pastor
Darlene Townsend.....	Music Director
Josie Watson.....	Pianist
Lena Bumgarner.....	Organist

Morning Worship Service

Hymn: "Glory to His Name".....No. 185

Welcome and Announcements

Morning Prayer

Special Recognitions

Presentation of Plaque

Church Trio: "Find Us Faithful"

Offertory

Choral Message: "Come, Holy Spirit"

Introductions

Rev. and Mrs. John R. Greene
Deep Gap, NC

Rev. Garland Early
Rutherwood Baptist Church
Boone, NC

Special Music....Rev. and Mrs. Greene

Sermon.....Rev. Garland Early

Hymn of Invitation: "Just As I Am".....No. 162

Benediction

DINNER

Dinner on the grounds will follow the service.

FLOWERS

The flowers today are given in memory of those who were "set apart by prayer" and those who have kept the faith through the years to make Buffalo Cove Baptist Church what it is today by the children of Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Todd.

REVIVAL

Revival services will begin this morning and continue each evening through Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. Plan to attend each and every service.

FOR ALL THE SAINTS

For all the saints who from their labors rest,
Who Thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.

Thou wast their Rock, their Fortress and their Might;
Thou Lord, their Captain, in the well-fought fight;
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.

O may Thy soldiers, faithful, true and bold,
Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,
And win with them the victor's crown of gold.

And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
Steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
And hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
Thro' gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

GLORY TO HIS NAME

STANZA 1:

Down at the cross where my Sav-iour died,
Down where for cleansing from sin I cried,
There to my heart was the blood ap-plied;
Glo-ry to His name.

CHORUS:

Glo-ry to His name,..Glo-ry to His name;..
There to my heart was the blood ap-plied;
Glo-ry to His name.

STANZA 2:

I am so won-drous-ly saved from sin,
Je-sus so sweet-ly abides with-in,
There at the cross where He took me in;
Glo-ry to His name.

CHORUS:

STANZA 3:

Oh, pre-cious foun-tain that saves from sin,
I am so glad I have entered in;
There Je-sus saves me and keeps me clean;
Glo-ry to His name.

CHORUS:

STANZA 4:

Come to this foun-tain so rich and sweet;
Cast thy poor soul at the Sav-iour's feet;
Plunge in to-day and be made com-plete;
Glo-ry to His name.

CHORUS:

JUST AS I AM

STANZA 1:

Just as I am, with-out one plea,
But that Thy blood was shed for me,
And that Thou bidd'st me come to Thee,
O Lamb of God, I come! I come!

STANZA 2:

Just as I am, and wait-ing not
To rid my soul of one dark blot,
To Thee whose blood can cleanse each spot,
O Lamb of God, I come! I come!

STANZA 3:

Just as I am, though tossed a-bout
With many a con-flict, many a doubt,
Fightings and fears with-in, with-out,
O Lamb of God, I come! I come!

STANZA 4:

Just as I am--poor, wretched, blind;
Sights, rich-es, heal-ing of the mind,
Yea, all I need to Thee to find,
O Lamb of God, I come! I come!

STANZA 5:

Just as I am--Thou wilt re-ceive,
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve,
Be-cause Thy promise I be-lieve,
O Lamb of God, I come! I come!

OF

LINAGES

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LEGACIES

ROCK SPRING BAPTIST CHURCH
Route 2,
Ferguson, NC 28624

Rev. Hunter Church.....Interim Pastor
John O. Hawkins.....Guest Music Director

Sunday, July 12, 1992

MORNING WORSHIP - 11:00 A.M.

Prelude.....Mrs. Dewey Hawkins, Pianist

*Hymn: "How Great Thou Art".....No. 35

Welcome and Announcements

Morning Prayer

*Hymn: "Faith of Our Fathers".....No. 143

Offertory Prayer

Offertory

Choral Worship: "Because He Lives".....Choir

Introduction of Speaker

Solo: "Holy Ground".....Elizabeth Ford

Scripture Reading.....Joshua 4:1-7

Sermon: OF LINAGES AND LEGACIES.....
Rev. Curtis D. White

*Hymn: "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"..No. 191

*Benediction

*Congregation please stand.

CALENDER OF ACTIVITIES

Sunday School.....10.00 a.m.
Morning Worship.....11:00 a.m.
Wednesday Midweek Service.....7:00 p.m.

FLOWERS

The flowers today are given in memory of all members of the Pipes family who were founders of this church, who have been members of this church at any time in its history, and in honor of those who are still members here. The flowers are from Rockhaven Gardens in Lenoir.

GUEST MINISTER

Rev. Curtis White, the guest speaker, is the pastor of West Yadkin Baptist Church, Hamptonville, NC. He is a sixth generation descendant of Hiram Pipes though Hiram's son Riley. His response to the invitation is as follows: "I feel honored to be chosen to bring the message to those of our Pipes family lineage. As I have researched our history, I am very proud to be a part of such a family heritage. I do look forward to meeting many family members I have never met and do not know."

GUEST MUSICIANS

The guest musicians are also Pipes family members, descendants of Hiram Pipes. John O. Hawkins, the guest music director, is a sixth-generation descendant; Artie Hawkins, the guest pianist, is married to a sixth-generation descendant; and Elizabeth Ford, the guest soloist, is a seventh-generation descendant--all through Hiram's oldest son, Thomas. All three have extensive experience in music.

CHURCH HISTORY

Rock Spring Baptist Church was organized at the Sanford Hendrix store May 23, 1891, with eight male and eight female members. Larkin Pipes, I.C. Miller, and William Lee presided. Pipes and Miller were elected as the first co-pastors. The charter members, whose names are memorialized on a plaque in the church vestibule, were:

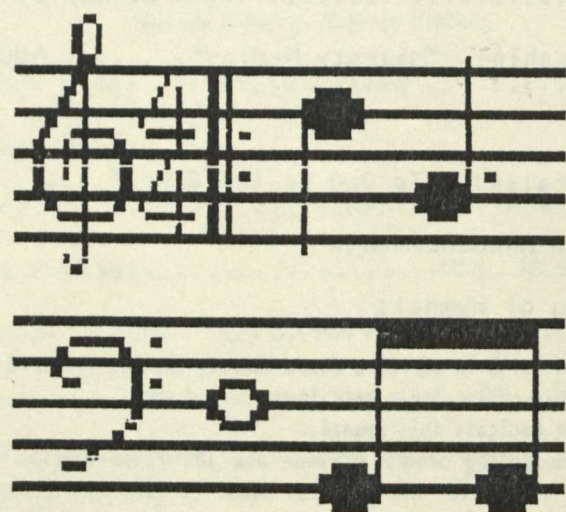
J.H. Pipes	Mary Pipes
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Rufus Pipes	Docia Pipes
J.L. Day	Sarah Day
T.M. Hawkins	Susanna Day
Oliver Hawkins	Mollie Hawkins
Alfred Hendrix	Julia A. Hendrix
W.T. Pipes	Sarah A. Pipes

The original building was located on the banks of Dugger Creek, and was named for the rock spring located on the farm of the late Harlie Dula.

After Alfred Hendrix donated a small tract of land, a larger building was begun to get away from the creek and to accomodate more people. Before it was completed, the school building next door was for sale as darby and surrounding communities consolidated with Ferguson school. The partially built church was auctioned off, and the members moved the school building to a lot across the road from where the present building is located. The building was used until the congregation moved into the current building in 1975.

Each of the charter members is related to the Pipes family. J.L. Day, the husband of Sarah Day, is the son of Susanna Day, who is also a charter member. Susanna is a daughter of Hiram Pipes. J.H. Pipes, H.G. Pipes, and Rufus Pipes are brothers and nephews of Susanna Day. Each man's wife is listed opposite him. T.M. Hawkins's wife is Martha Pipes, a first cousin to the three Pipes men mentioned and Oliver and Mollie are their two oldest children. W.T. Pipes is the son of Rev. Larkin Pipes, who is a brother of Susanna Day. S.A. Pipes is W.T.'s wife and is thje "Mrs. Walters" who was the last surviving charter member of this church. Julia Hendrix, wife of Alfred Hendrix, was born Julia Pipes, still another cousin of the above mentioned men, and she is the grandmother of Bea Whitson.

SING UNTO



THE LORD

BUFFALO COVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. Tom Small, Pastor

September 13, 1992

Morning Worship - 11:00 a.m.

Prelude....."Worthy of Worship"

Call to Worship: "Majesty Medley".....Adult Choir

Invocation

*Hymn of Praise: "To God Be the Glory".....No. 4

Welcome and Announcements

*Dedication of Hymnals

Pastor: In faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, who has inspired men to offer in His praise their best in music and song...

People: We dedicate this hymnal.

Pastor: In loving memory of John and Ida Pipes Hawkins and in gratitude to God for His goodness shown to them and through them even to the present hour...

People: We dedicate this hymnal.

Pastor: With a deep sense of gratitude for those who have gone before us and laid such a solid foundation, believing that the hand of God has led in the planning and compiling of this book...

People: We dedicate this hymnal.

Pastor: Acknowledging that Christian song changes with the passing of time and seeking to keep this generation's expressions of praise to God relevant to its own heritage...

People: We dedicate this hymnal.

Pastor: Being fully aware that this book of paper and ink, with its printed words and notes is of no value apart from the people who use it, and that we cannot in a real sense dedicate this physical object to God apart from our own individual lives...
People: We dedicate this hymnal.

*Dedication Prayer

Message in Song..."Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound"
Doris Bradshaw, Cathy Hawkins
Shannon Winburg, Sherrie Winburg

*Offertory Hymn: "I Stand Amazed".....No. 547

*Offertory Prayer

Offertory.....Medley of Hymns of Praise

Missions Emphasis.....Mrs. Violet Hawkins

Choral Meditation: "Lord, Here Am I".....Adult Choir

Sermon.....Rev. Ralph Staton

*Hymn of Invitation: "Wherever He Leads".....No. 285

*Benediction

Postlude....."Be Strong in the Lord"

*Congregation please stand.

All of the music used in today's worship service can be found in The Baptist Hymnal.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship
Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	Midweek Service
	7:45 p.m.	Adult Choir

WELCOME

We are happy to welcome Rev. Ralph Staton, a former pastor, to our pulpit today for Homecoming 1992. We are also happy to have John Hawkins, a former choir director, leading our music today. In addition, we bid welcome to all former members and friends who are attending our homecoming service today.

DEDICATION

The hymnals being dedicated today are given in memory of John LeRoy and Ida (Pipes) Hawkins, whose roots are deep in the church. Buffalo Cove Baptist Church was organized on May 8, 1851. Among the charter members of the church was Julia (Barlow) Pipes, grandmother of Ida (Pipes) Hawkins (1877-1945). Julia's husband, Thomas Pipes, joined the church on the profession of his faith on October 14, 1854. The parents of John LeRoy Hawkins (1868-1958), John L. and Susan Adeline (Turnmire) Hawkins, joined by experience on August 3, 1863. John and Ida (Pipes) Hawkins were both members of the church, and they are buried in the church cemetery.

CONTRIBUTORS TO
BUFFALO COVE BAPTIST CHURCH

HAWKINS MEMORIAL FUND
FOR
THE BAPTIST HYMNAL
IN MEMORY OF
JOHN AND IDA PIPES HAWKINS

Children

Mabel G. Hawkins
Fred and Violet Hawkins

Grandchildren

Mike and Doris Hawkins Bradshaw
Tommie J. and Nina Hawkins Cavin
Cora Cottrell Chandler
Demmett and Betty Hawkins Gentry
Corbett and Elsie Greene
Bernard and Dorothy Hawkins
Charles and Lucy Hawkins
Edna Hawkins
John O. Hawkins
Bill and Peggy Hawkins
Ted and Mamie Hawkins
Ruby Cottrell Ledford
Dick and Reba Hawkins Whittington

Friends

John D. Bumgarner
David and Darlene Pipes Townsend

SET APART

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BUFFALO COVE

BAPTIST CHURCH

HISTORY

SET AHEART BY PRAYER

Baptist Church History

Compiled by
JOHN G. HARRIS
1991

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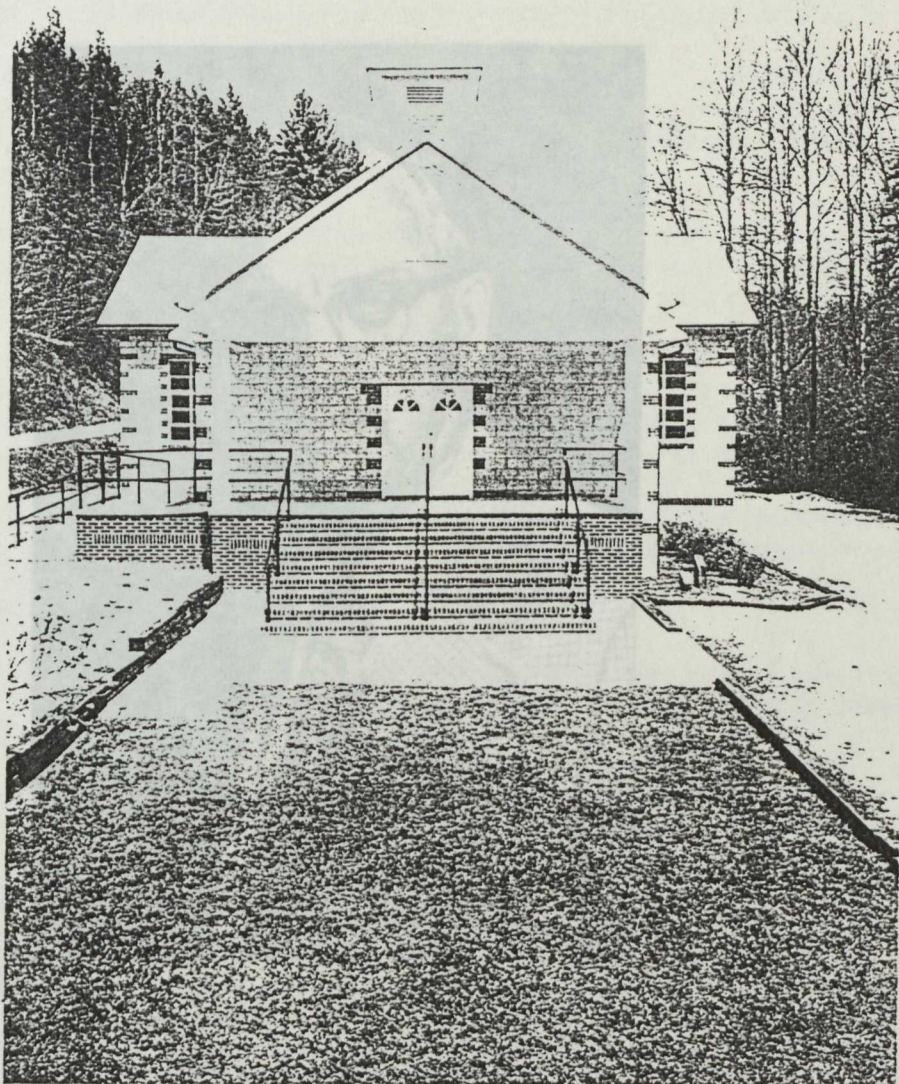
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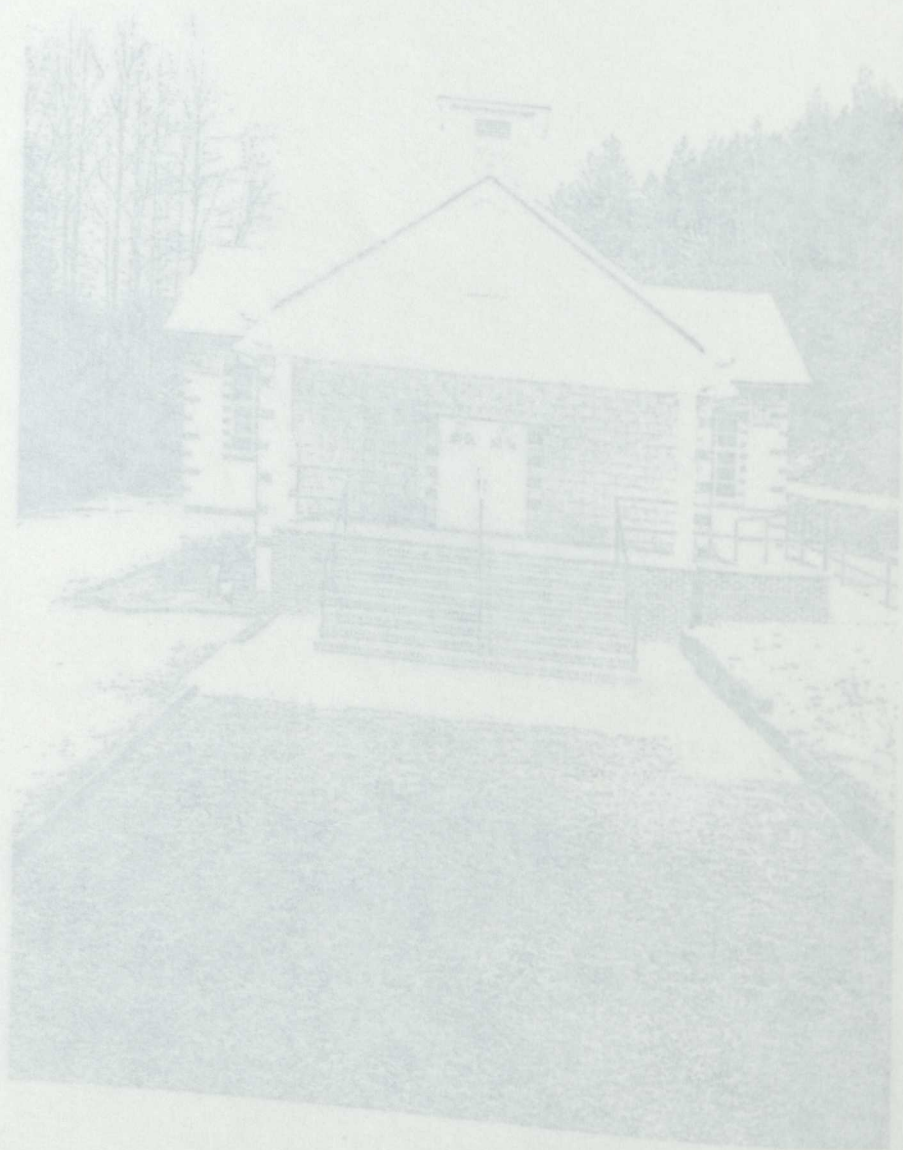
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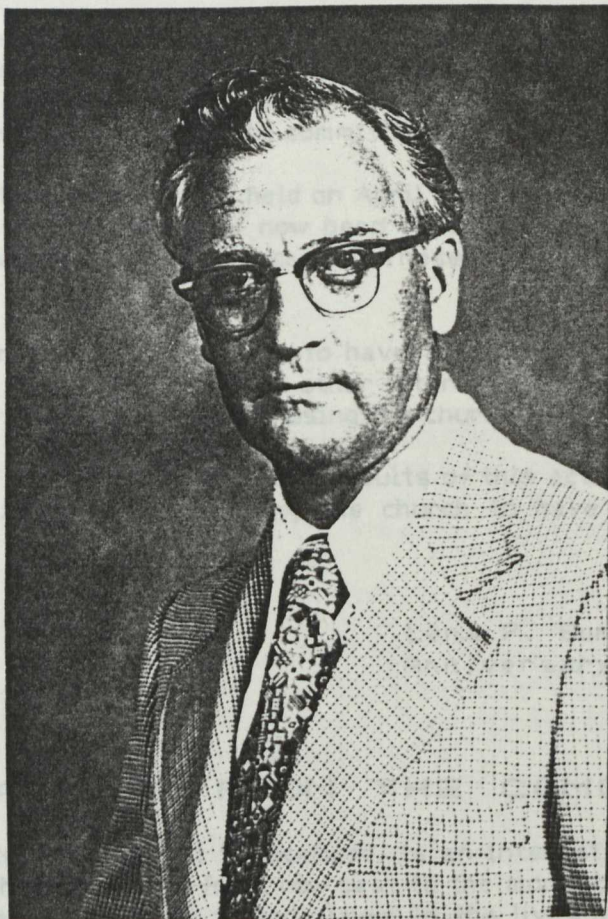
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One never compiles a history alone. He is indebted to those who made the history, those who recorded the history, and those who passed it on in family stories or by other means. To all of those a tremendous debt is owed. In addition, a tremendous debt is owed to the church membership for saving the importance of having a printed history. This history would be a testament to the past, a guide for the future, and a source of inspiration. It has been for Lena Buegner who searched the records for items of interest, who made suggestions, and who proof-read and corrected many spelling and

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John Hawkins, Compiler



The Reverend Ralph Stator
Current Pastor

HIGHLIGHTS OF BUFFALO COVE BAPTIST CHURCH HISTORY

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Volunteers responded to the Rev. Ralph Staton's call for a Steering Committee. Members responding were Cathy Barlowe, John Bumgarner, Greg Hawkins, Josie Watson, Hazel Woodward, and Lena Bumgarner, who was elected chairperson. The Rev. Staton served as an ex-officio member of the committee.

The first committee meeting was held on April 13, 1990, and was very rewarding. Most of the ideas and suggestions have now been implemented as well as some extra ones which seemed appropriate for the occasion. These activities will be listed on another page.

The church approved the suggestion to have the church history written, printed, and made available to the membership and other interested people. John Hawkins, a former member, volunteered to do the history using the church minutes as the major source.

You are holding in your hands the final results of this action. The church would like to thank John for his efforts in helping the church to have a first-time ever printed history.

Lena P. Bumgarner, Chairperson
Anniversary Steering Committee

A WORD FROM THE COMPILER

History, particularly when it is localized, is an interesting subject. To compile the history of a church is to have a front row seat to the moral climate of a community. It is to see the vital part that faith in God played in the lives of stalwart people who took their church membership seriously and dealt with those in their number who did not.

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HIGHLIGHTS OF BUFFALO COVE BAPTIST CHURCH HISTORY

N.C. Caldwell County, May 8th 1851

The following members met in convention at the Buffalo Cove for to consider the propriety of constituting a church of the Baptist faith and order.

Male Members

William Cottrell Sr.
William Cottrell Jr.
Edward Day
Larkin Pipes
James Cottrell
David Campbell

Females

Lucy Cottrell
Susanna Cottrell
Sarah Day
Elizabeth Campbell
Elizabeth Cottrell
Sarah Pipes
Rachel Pipes
Rebecca Pipes
Julia Pipes

1st. Appointed Elder Burton Bradley chairman and Larkin Pipes Clerk.

2d. The convention think that they if constituted can keep house as a church and hope that it will be to the glory of God and comfort of his people.

3d. Resolved that also recommend to the Presbytery Brethren Edward Day and William Cottrell to ordain to the office of Deacon.

4th. Appointed Br. Larkin Pipes to act as clerk.

5th. Proceeded to call Elder Burton Bradley as their pastor.

6th. Appointed to meet on the second Saturday in July next and agrees to send for a presbytery to Zion Hill Church for Eld. S. Ferguson and to Liberty Church for Eld. E. Tilly to examine us and if they may find us in the faith and capable of keeping house as a church to constitute us as a Baptist church.

7th. Appointed Br. William Cottrell Sr. to bear the letter to Zion Hill Church and Br. James Cottrell to Liberty Church.

8th. Appointed to meet at Br. William Cottrell's house Sr. on the Second Saturday in July next.

Larkin Pipes, Clerk

State of North Carolina Caldwell County, July the 12, 1851

We the undersigned Presbytery being called upon by a convention at the Buffalo Cove to attend at this place to constitute them as a church if said Presbytery shall consider them orthodox. When the following members was recommended to us from Sister churches as being in good standing, viz

Males

William Cottrell Sr.
William Cottrell Jr.
David Campbell
James Cottrell
Edward Day
Larkin Pipes

Females

Lucy Cottrell
Susanna Cottrell
Elizabeth Campbell
Elizabeth Cottrell
Sarah Pipes
Rachel Pipes

Rebecca Pipes
Sarah Day

and we after examining them find them in possession of all the characteristic principles of the Baptist we consider them capable of keeping house as an orthodox church. We therefore constitute them as a Baptist Church of Christ and set them apart by prayer as the name of the Buffalo Cove Church and ordained Br. Edward Day as a deacon of sd. church by prayer and laying on of hands. The day and date above written.

Edmund Tilley
Burton Bradley Presbytery

The church after being constituted proceeded to call Elder Burton Bradley to the pastoral care of the church for one year.

Also the church appointed Br. Larkin Pipes the Clerk of this church.

Also the church adopted Rules of Decorum presented by Br. William Cottrell Sr.

Also the church appoints the 2d Saturday in each month for to hold her church meetings in future.

Also the church appointed Brethren Larkin Pipes and James Cottrell commissioners to procure a cite of one acre of land from Brethren Edward Day and David Campbell on the East side of the creek at the lower end of Br. Day's plantation for the purpose of building a house for this church which land said Brethren agrees to give as a cite for the Buffalo Cove Church.

Larkin Pipes, C. Clk.

ORGANIZATION

The above two entries are verbatim copies of the first two recorded minutes of the Buffalo Cove Baptist Church. Tradition states that there was a place of worship in the community prior to the actual organization of the church. It is conceivable that this tradition has a basis in reality as many churches often had "arms" or satellite gatherings in remote communities where worship was conducted and where members could be received. However, these "arms" were responsible to the mother church and their minutes would be recorded in the minutes of the mother church. Since the charter members of Buffalo Cove came from Elk Creek and Yadkin churches, the gathering in Buffalo Cove could have been a satellite of either. Tradition says that Yadkin is the mother of the Buffalo Cove Church.

LOCATION

Buffalo Cove Baptist Church is located seventeen miles north of Lenoir, near the Wilkes and Watauga county lines. Traveling from Lenoir, one would follow Highway 321 north for about eight miles to Highway 268. Proceed on Highway 268 approximately three miles passing Patterson School and turn left on the Buffalo Cove Road (State Highway 1504). The church is located about seven miles from Highway 268 in a mountaineous cove surrounded by evergreens the year round and by a variety of trees which provide a lush green setting in the spring and a rich blaze of color during autumn. The community, which extends from Highway 268 to the Watauga County line, contains about 95 homes, 200-250 residents, a general store, and three churches.

DAUGHTER CHURCHES

There is an early reference to a group meeting in the "Hendrix settlement" which probably refers to the beginnings of the Rock Spring Church in Darby. In November of 1873 the church dismissed members who lived in Sampson to form a church in that community and the church remained in existence until 1952. In August 1883 Elder Larkin Pipes gave the arm of the church in the Hawkins settlement the right hand of fellowship and in February 1889, application was made for letters of dismission for twelve people to go into the constitution of a new church at the Hawkins School House, which became Green Rock Baptist Church. In April 1891, several members of the church were dismissed to form the Rock Springs Baptist Church at Darby. Again a traditional story states that a lady from the Darby community asked the church to organize a group closer to her home because of the difficulty she and her children had in attending the services in Buffalo Cove.

Both Green Rock and Rock Spring churches are still in existence.

CHURCH DISCIPLINE

Church membership was taken seriously by early church bodies and the church often required an accounting if a member was absent from too many meetings. There are several mentions in the church minutes of people being asked to explain their continued absences from church services.

In addition to non-attendance, members were often taken to task for other un-Christian behavior. Drinking, lying, saying things against the church or a member of the church, dancing, fornication, adultery, fighting, and joining churches "not of our faith and order" were usually basis for censure. If there was sufficient evidence of wrongdoing, and the member failed to admit it and apologize for it, he was usually removed from the membership. However, the church was quick to forgive wayward members when they acknowledged their transgressions. The church seldom acted in haste; often the cases were carried over for several months before action was taken. There were times when the membership decided that the member had not erred and dismissed the charges against him. Most business meetings began with a "call for fellowship" which gave members a chance to inform the congregation of any problems with fellow members. The first instance of discipline was recorded on April 14, 1855 when two brethren were to be "cited to appear at the next meeting for using spirituous liquor unnecessarily." The last instances of church discipline recorded are in the first part of this century.

ASSOCIATIONAL INVOLVEMENT

Buffalo Cove Church attached herself to the Lewis Fork Association in August of 1851. William Cottrell Sr., William Cottrell Jr. and Edward Day were the delegates. In July of 1860 there is a reference to the Lower Creek Association and in July of 1867, they joined the Three Forks Association. In August of 1882, membership was transferred to the Stony Fork Association where they remained until October 1, 1905, when they joined the Caldwell Association where they are currently members.

On July 26, 1896, a motion was made to instruct the delegates to advise the association to name a sufficient amount to renumerate Bro. Miller as missionary and that they vouch for the church's proportionate part. They also asked to host the next associational meeting; however in August of 1896, the church recinded the motion and asked for a letter of dismission to join the Caldwell Association, which had been organized in 1885. In September of 1896, the delegates reported that each member should

pay ten cents for Brother Miller for missionary work and for other incidental expenses of the church with five cents to be paid at the next meeting and the other five cents at the time of the next associational meeting. No report was given regarding the letter of dismission to join the Caldwell Association and the church hosted the Stony Fork Association in 1898 and joined the Caldwell Association in 1905.

Through the years the church has participated in associational activities. Delegates were elected to attend the sessions yearly and the church would designate money, usually fifty cents or one dollar, for associational expense. Usually the delegates would give a report at the business meeting following the associational meeting. In July 1898 the church instructed the delegates to vote against a high school in the bounds of the association. In August of 1900 they instructed the delegates to vote against consolidation of the Stony Fork and the Three Forks Association.

The church still appoints messengers who now attend the associational meetings on a quarterly basis. The clerk also prepares the yearly church letter which becomes a part of the recorded history of the church.

In November 1969, the church participated with the association in a World Mission Conference. The church heard missionaries representing all phases of Southern Baptist Mission work. The church hosted Mrs. G.W. Bullard who stayed with Mr. and Mrs. R. Hawkins.

During August 1990 thirty Brazilians came to visit Baptist churches in Caldwell County. Working with the Brazilian Baptist Convention in evangelism and in construction has been a five-year program of the Caldwell Baptist Association. Two of the guests along with an interpreter, visited Buffalo Cove Baptist Church on August 26, 1990. They spoke during the Sunday School and worship hours. Darlene Townsend served on the Associational Planning Committee for their visit. Also the church has given special offerings for Darlene Townsend to work with an evangelistic team for two weeks in Paulo, Brazil.

Through the years, various directors of missions including Elizabeth Campbell, W. Braswell, and Dale Fisher have participated in services at Buffalo Cove as speakers and representatives of the association.

MISSIONS AND BENEVOLENCE

Early records of the church do not record missions and benevolences, but there is reason to believe the church was involved in missionary outreach. On Sunday, August 1897, the church voted to "get up a subscription" to help a sick brother and the offering amounted to \$5.95.

On May 27, 1899, the church read a letter from Sister T.L. Blalock and decided to take a collection for Brother Blalock the next day. On September 22, 1900 and July 23, 1901 letters were read from T.L. Blalock, missionary to China.

On November 6, 1910, an offering of \$1.00 was sent to Whitnel Baptist Church and on October 26, 1912, a collection amounting to \$1.20 was sent to Granite Falls Church.

In 1959, the church began giving to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering and in the 1960's began supporting all missions causes of the Southern Baptist Convention, Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, and the Caldwell Baptist Association.

The church supports the mission programs and the missionaries of the Southern Baptist Convention and of the Caldwell Baptist Association by giving through the regular budget and the special offerings. These offerings include the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering, the Homes and Hospital Offering, State Missions, and other special promotions.

The church gives a percentage of its tithes and offerings to the Caldwell Baptist Association and to the Cooperative Program of the Southern Baptist Convention. When

put with monies from many other Baptist churches, Buffalo Cove members are helping to fulfill Matthew 23:19-20:

Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world.

In addition, the church sends cards and flowers to the sick and shut-ins; they prepare and deliver Christmas fruit baskets for the sick and the elderly; members prepare dinners for those who are bereaved; the church assists with love offerings and financial aid when needed, and they help on other occasions as needed. Visitation and prayer support aid members and non-members alike.

FINANCES

Very little is mentioned in the early years except for contributions to the association regarding the church's financial status. On October 1, 1868, Thomas S. Robbins was appointed treasurer and the male members agreed that they would pay twenty-five cents per year for the expenses of the church. In 1883 brother T. Pipes was given authority to "see the brethren concerning the deficiency of the funds to repair the church house." A reference in January of 1882 concerns Thomas Pipes receiving funds for the purchase of a stove to be used in the church building. In 1893, the church contributed \$.75 for associational minutes and "\$1.00 or more for orphanage." In October 1895, the church approved payment of \$2.50 per trip for the pastor. On September 26, 1896, the church voted to pay I.C. Miller, pastor \$30.00 salary for the coming year and asked each member to say how much he could pay to be reported to the treasurer. In May of 1896, a motion was made to read a paper with a list of names of brethren and sisters and the amount for each to pay their pastor monthly. In recent years the church has had a budget committee who prepare a yearly budget which is adopted by the membership in conference annually.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The first record of a Sunday School is dated Saturday, March 23, 1895, which indicates that a meeting to organize a Sunday School would be held the next day. R.H. Pipes was elected superintendent; and T.M. Hawkins, assistant. T.C. Robbins was secretary and O.L. Hawkins, assistant. T. S. Robbins was teacher of music and T.C. Robbins, assistant. T.C. Robbins also taught the male class and T.M. Hawkins taught the female class. Usually the Sunday School met during the warm months and sessions were not held during the cold winter. On February 28, 1897, the minutes record that Ida Robbins was the teacher of a Primary class. In 1898, T.S. Robbins was elected superintendent, and T.C. Robbins was sent as a delegate to the Sunday School Association. In 1910, F.B. Triplett and I.E. Pipes were delegates to the Sunday School Association and I.E. Pipes represented the church again in 1913. John Hamlet and J.C. Todd were superintendents in the 1930's. On April 28, 1946, Granville Robbins was elected superintendent and he served for about twenty years. Other superintendents who have served are Adair Hawkins, Wayne Pipes, Jim Bumgarner, Clomer Duncan, Claude Watson, Tommy Wright, Charles Winberg, Scott Watson, Edward Coffey, and Ralph Smith.

MUSIC

Music is briefly mentioned on December 2, 1871, when the church met for business "after singing and prayer...." On May 22, 1897, the church voted to get "60 cents worth of

testaments and to order 2 Psalms, Hymns, and Christian song books for the church." On July 2, 1910, Miss Alice Robbins was appointed organist. The church had purchased a pump organ which was used intermittently until an electric organ was purchased in 1967. Alice Robbins, who had married Rev. John Nelson, was granted a letter of dismission to unite with Yadkin Baptist Church on April 23, 1916. The first piano was purchased about 1947. Known instrumentalists in addition to Alice Robbins Nelson who have served the church on a regular basis are: Nina Todd, Rev. John Nelson, Sadie Todd (Mrs. Gertrude Woods), John Hawkins, Evelyn Bumgarner (Mrs. Clyde Conley), Sharon Hawkins (Mrs. E. Phillips), Elaine Wright, Lena Pipes Bumgarner, Josie Triplett Watson, and Darlene Pipes Townsend.

The church minutes of the early years do not indicate who led the singing or if the church had a choir or not. Known music leaders through the years are John L. Hawkins, John Robbins, Roby Hawkins, Granville Robbins, Mavel Hawkins, Lena Pipes Bumgarner, John O. Hawkins, Cathy Hawkins Barlow, Leta Watson, Mary Hodges Coffey, Phyllis Watson Goble, and Darlene Pipes Townsend.

Some older members recall "singing schools" which were held for a week or two weeks at a time. Ben Watson and a Mr. Sluder were two who taught music schools in the 1940's. Within recent years the church has purchased a new piano and a new organ. Approximately twenty adult members are in the choir and many serve as soloists or in singing groups from time to time.

CHURCH TRAINING

In the 1940's a Baptist Young People's Union was organized with Mrs. Martha Philyaw as the director. The group lasted for a short while and a Baptist Training Union was re-organized in 1959 and lasted for about three years. In 1965 the group organized again and met for several years before being discontinued in 1978 when Sunday evening services ceased after a period of approximately twenty years.

WMU

A Women's Missionary Union was organized in the 1940's which lasted for a short while. On September 9, 1987, Acteens, RA's, GA's, and Mission Friends were organized.

MEETING TIMES

The first pastor of the church was Rev. Burton Bradley who was elected at the first organizational meeting of the church. Pastors were elected for one year and for many years the church held business meetings on Saturday and worship on Sunday. The monthly meeting times were held on the designated Saturday and Sunday of the same weekend. Probably the itinerate minister rode a horse into the community, preached on Saturday and conducted the business meeting, spent the night with one of the members, preached on Sunday before riding his horse back to his home. Burton Bradley lived on Kings Creek so he would have had quite a distance to travel at the time period of the reference. Later the church began meeting two times each month.

The early church invited neighboring churches to partake of the Lord's Supper with them. Some of the ones invited were German's Hill, Bethany, Mulberry, Yadkin, Shady Grove, Piney Grove, and others.

In 1953 the church changed the Saturday night meeting to Sunday night and in 1965 the church voted to have services every Sunday morning and Sunday evening.

The church now has Sunday School and Worship each Sunday. The midweek service and mission activities meet on Wednesdays.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Much interest is evident in the yearly Vacation Bible School. The first Vacation Bible School was held about 1947 when Elizabeth Campbell, former Associational Missionary, conducted a one-week school with the assistance of Stella Austin, who later became a missionary to Africa. Miss Campbell and Miss Austin stayed with Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Todd and in addition to Bible study, mission study, scripture memorization, and handiwork in the morning, Miss Campbell taught a study course at night for the adults. As the years progressed, the association continued to provide needed workers to assist church members in teaching. In 1960, the church, under the leadership of Rev. Paul Braswell, had its first Vacation Bible School conducted entirely by church members. In 1961, with Rev. Paul Wilson as pastor, the church had a two week Standard Vacation Bible School. Vacation Bible School has been held every year at Buffalo Cove since its beginning.

BUILDINGS

There have been three buildings used for worship. The first house of worship was probably made of logs. At the organizational meeting of the church, Larkin Pipes and James Cottrell were appointed commishoners "to procure a cite of one acre of land from Brethren Edward Day and David Campbell on the East side of the creek at the lower end of Brother Day's plantation for the purpose of building a house for this church which land said Brethren agrees to give as a cite (sic) for the Buffalo Cove Church." The site was near the residence of the late Bertha W. Hawkins where a spring was a gathering place where young people met. In May 1878, a committee was appointed to draw up "subscription to obtain funds to repair the meeting house."

On November 19, 1893, a building committee of three was appointed for the purpose of building "a new church house the dimensions 40 feet long, 30 feet wide, and 14 feet high with one aisle to be located at the lower end of Sister Hawkins' field." The committee was J.P. Robbins, F.P. Curtis, and R.H. Pipes. In October 1894 Rev. I.C. Miller called the church together "for the purpose of coming to some conclusion about building a church house. On motion to build at the lower end of Bro. R.H. Pipes' Corpening field on the public road. On motion to appoint a building committee and appointed R.H. Pipes, L.A. Robbins, and T.C. Robbins. The church was to be 46 feet long, 34 feet wide, and 14 feet high with two aisles and 6 windows with 18 lights each 10x12 inches with lights over each door. In January 1895, "on motion, the building committee bind themselves for one hundred dollars over and above the two hundred dollars that is subscribed that is considered good to tax the male members of the church with an advalorm (sic) tax to make the amount good to the committee." J.L. Hawkins was appointed to replace J.P. Robbins who resigned. On April 27, 1895, the deed to the new church site was read and accepted and instructions were given for the deed to be registered with the county. In October 1895, the church authorized the building committee to sell the old church house and lot and apply the proceeds to the building of the new church. On June 22, 1900, R.H. Pipes and T.S. Robbins were appointed to ascertain the amount of lumber necessary to build a fence around the church house. On December 25, 1913, the membership voted to re-cover the church and build a belfrey. A committee consisting of Sisters M.A. Hamlet, Julia Church, Minnie Pipes, and Bessie Coffey was appointed to collect funds to buy a bell.

On Sunday, January 26, 1947, a committee to see about building Sunday School rooms was appointed. It was deemed unwise by the committee and plans to construct a new building began to be made. The present building was occupied in 1952 with the dedication being held in 1953. A vestibule and rest rooms were added in October 1972. In the late

1970's the ceiling was lowered and the interior paneled. Air conditioning was installed in the early eighties. From 1988-1991 the church has installed new pews, a sound system, choir chairs, and new carpet, added a large front entrance porch, new steps and a ramp for the handicapped, a back porch which has since been enclosed for additional space, and redesigned and graveled the parking area.

PASTORS

The pastors of the church are taken from the church minutes. Sometimes, it is difficult to determine when one pastor's tenure ended and another's leadership began; therefore the pastor is listed with the date when he first appears as pastor in the minutes. There may have been interim times without a regular pastor. At some periods of time, there were co-pastors when two ministers led the congregation.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>
Burton Bradley	July 12, 1851
Houston Holsclaw	November 10, 1855
Isaac Smith/Larkin Pipes	February 1, 1860
Isaac Smith/Wilson Bradshaw	August 3, 1864
Isaac Smith	May 3, 1868
Isaac Smith/Larkin Pipes	March 3, 1870
Hiram West/Larkin Pipes	December 2, 1871
Linvil Land/Larkin Pipes	November 2, 1873
J.L. Eller/Larkin Pipes	April 1, 1878
A.S. Church/Larkin Pipes	1879
J.J. Eller/Larkin Pipes	March 1, 1880
A.S. Church/Larkin Pipes	April 1, 1883
A.S. Church/Larkin Pipes	May 1884
J.F. Eller/Larkin Pipes	April 1885
W.F. Knight/Larkin Pipes	January 1887
W.F. Knight/Larkin Pipes	April 1888
A.S. Church	March 1889
[A.S. Church was informed of his call but there is no evidence that he accepted the call, Larkin Pipes continued to serve as moderator for the business meetings throughout the year, probably continuing in the role of co-pastor.]	
L.B. Carlton	February 1890
Larkin Pipes, I.C. Miller	January 1892
I.C. Miller, Larkin Pipes	February 18, 1893
I.C. Miller	July 22, 1893
I.C. Miller	February 24, 1894
I.C. Miller	February 26, 1896
I.C. Miller/C.R. Norris	September 25, 1897
I.C. Miller	March 3, 1906
W.B. Bryant	February 29, 1908
W.D. Ashley	January 22, 1921
Tipton Greene	August 29, 1926
Maston Bradshaw	August 31, 1929
Maston Bradshaw/O.C. Dellinger	October 30, 1932
O.C. Dellinger	September 1, 1934
James Matney	September 21, 1935
Henry Smith	August 27, 1939
	August 1944

John H. Nelson	September 1, 1946
Walter Dula	January 25, 1948
Maston Bradshaw	August 19, 1950
Will Cook	August 25, 1951
John R. Greene	September 1, 1955
Will Cook	September 7, 1958
Paul Braswell	March 15, 1959
Paul Wilson	January 1, 1961
Ralph Staton	October 3, 1965
[Billy F. Pipes served as interim pastor March-August 1968.]	
Paul Braswell	October 6, 1968
Hugh Miller	July 20, 1969
Bill Wright	March 4, 1973
Jack Hamby	July 8, 1975
Vance Triplett	September 21, 1977
Harold Bean	December 2, 1979
James Craig	December 1986
Ralph Staton	February 5, 1989

CLERKS

The clerks of the church are taken from the church minutes. The date indicates when the individual first appears in the records as Clerk.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>
Larkin Pipes	May 8, 1851
James Madison Cottrell	August 23, 1856
Thomas S. Robbins	June 4, 1859
Thomas M. Hawkins	December 1873
Richard H. Pipes	April 1891
R.L. Miller	March 24, 1917
A.M. Church	November 15, 1919
R.L. Miller	September 17, 1920
J.F. Robbins	March 25, 1922
J.L. Hawkins	October 10, 1931
L.R. Miller	September 1, 1934
J.H. Coffey	November 23, 1935
Dorothy Coffey (Hawkins)	August 10, 1947
Bernard Hawkins	September 25, 1948
LeRoy Robbins	September 7, 1958
McRay Robbins	August 23, 1964
Violet Hawkins	August 7, 1966
Mavel Hawkins	October 6, 1968
Adair Hawkins	September 7, 1965
Tommy Wright	February 9, 1977
Clomer Duncan	September 4, 1977
Riley Watson	May 3, 1978
Greg Hawkins	August 30, 1978
Lena Pipes Bumgarner	March 14, 1984