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RELIGION

Homecoming marks Berea's anniversary

By FLO JOHNSTON
The Herald-Sun

The year was 1855. Berea Baptist Church's first Sunday school teacher, a young 17-year-old woman, taught her first lesson in the recently organized church. The teacher's name was Frances Pope and her text was Matthew 20:20-28.

In the ensuing years, many teachers and 46 pastors have served this church at 5011 Fayetteville Road. And two other Durham Baptist churches are the offspring of this congregation — Ephesus Baptist and Hope Valley Baptist.

Homecoming to mark the church's 140th year is set for Sept. 10. The church's pastor, the Rev. Jay Fogleman, will preach at the 11 a.m. service. A covered dish lunch will be served in the fellowship hall following the service. A revival will begin that night at 7 p.m. and continue through Wednesday. The Rev. Malbert Smith, pastor of Greystone Baptist, is the speaker.

Berea was organized in 1855, and the first building was on land donated by Coslet and Margaret Herndon. The Rev. George Purefoy was the first pastor. He suggested that the fledgling church needed a biblical name. "Berea" was chosen.

Although the church's original building was torn down in 1901, the present church stands on the original property. Through the years, the building has had several additions and renovations. The most recent was last year when the new fellowship building was added.

Dedication was on April 10, 1994.

The building gives church members a spacious area for church dinners, ice cream socials, anniversary and birthday parties, cake walks, fall festivals, bridal showers, wedding receptions and family Christmas dinners. The large dining area seats more than 200, and a fully equipped modern kitchen offers a place for food preparation.

Fogleman, who has been the pastor since 1981, said Berea's location is one of the church's greatest assets. "For years, the church sat at 5011 Fayetteville Road all by itself with no development around it," he said. "Now you have Hope Valley Farms, Woodcroft and Woodlake, all of them opening up right at the door of Berea church. We are interested in serving all of these people."

And with the recent addition, Fogleman sees the church in a good position to do this.

Active membership is about 125, with a regular participating membership of 70 to 75 people. Berea offers Sunday school at 9:45 a.m. and morning worship at 11 a.m. on Sundays. Also, a Sunday night service is held at 7. Following the night service, which is a devotional and study time, the adult choir and church deacons meet.

Other programs at Berea include a fellowship supper on the third Wednesday of each month, followed by a short devotional. Also, on the first Wednesday night of each month, the church leads ser-



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MEN OF THE FAITH: Chairman of the Board of Deacons Mack L. Vickers Jr. (left) and the Rev. Jay Fogleman stand in front of Berea Baptist Church at 5011 Fayetteville Road. The church is marking its 140th anniversary on Sept. 10.

vices at Brian Center, a retirement home on Fayetteville Road.

Fogleman said the church membership includes all ages and offers an atmosphere where "people love

you and accept you and make you feel at home."

Interested persons are invited to the homecoming service.

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1. Name*** Berea Date of Constitution 1856
New Durham

2. Name _____ If changed. Date of change _____

3. Location. Name of County when Constituted Orange 1752

4. Location. Name of County at present time Durham 1881

5. Name of Association with which originally affiliated Wt Zion 1870

_____ Name in 1960 Yates 1948

6. Type of Church; General Baptist, _____ Particular, _____

Separate, _____ Regular, _____ Other, _____

7. Is the church by either name listed in Convention Annual in 1959 or 1960? yes

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BEREA BAPTIST CHURCH

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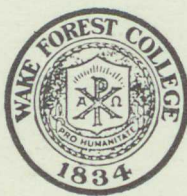


One Hundred Years of Service to God and Man
1855 - 1955

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His hand has made the way.*

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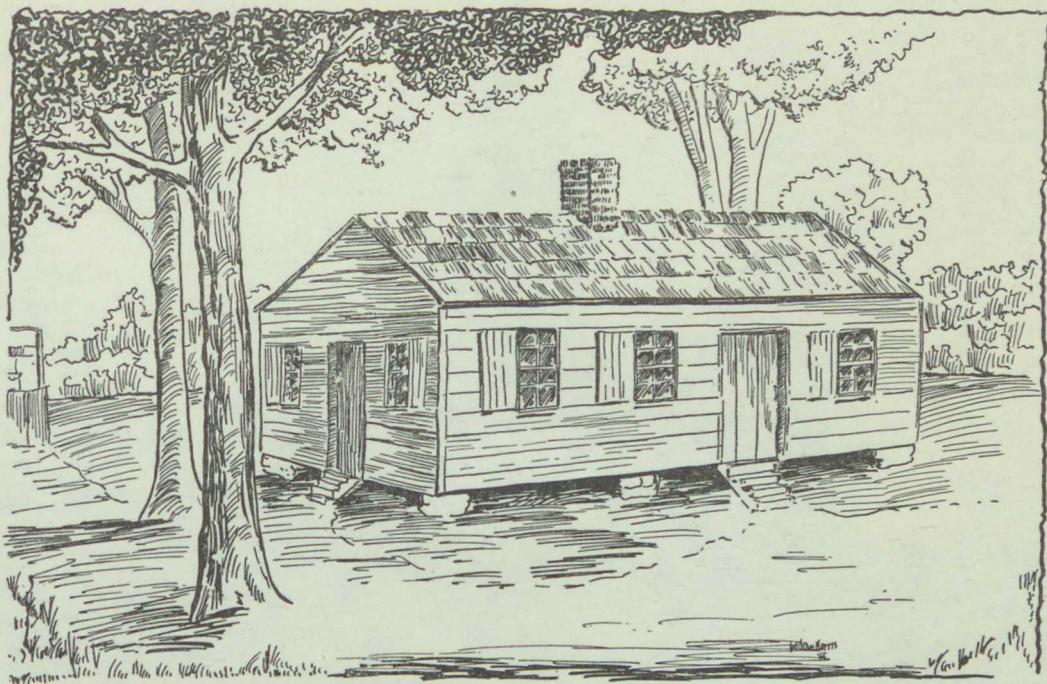
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An Artist's drawing of the original Church Building 1856-1902
Drawn from Oral Descriptions



MRS. ALFRED M. PARRISH
Born December 11, 1838
Died July 29, 1925

BEREA'S FIRST SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER

Mrs. Frances Pope Parrish was the first Sunday School teacher at Berea Church.

She read and used as a basis for the first lesson the 20th Chapter of the Gospel of Matthew.

This first lesson was taught in 1855 when Mrs. Parrish was 17 years old.



The Church in 1911
(*Oldest Available Photograph*)



The Church in 1955



W. L. PEARSON, JR.
Pastor, 1954-19....

A Message From The Pastor . . .

My Dear Friends:

The Hand of God has guided the destiny of Berea Baptist Church in this first century of work, service and worship. Through the years each new generation has made its contribution to the life of the church and community. There have been times of great lethargy, of strife and discord and of great spiritual revival. In and through it all God has lead our Church to become a tower of strength in our community.

It is my firm conviction that there are yet opportunities for growth, enlargement of vision, spiritual enrichment and service to God and man. My prayer as we enter upon this second century of opportunity shall be that we may see the true direction in which God points us, determine to follow and trust him to make the way. Will you join your pastor in making this prayer?

May the Lord bless you richly, even as he has blessed those who have gone before us.

BEREA BAPTIST CHURCH

Fayetteville Road
Durham, North Carolina

W. L. Pearson, Jr., Pastor

Sunday, January 1, 1956

SUNDAY SCHOOL - George H. Cooke, Supt. - 9:55

MORNING WORSHIP - ELEVEN O'CLOCK

Centennial Celebration

With

The Observance of the Lord's Supper

ORGAN PRELUDE: "The Church's One Foundation" Wesley

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP - B453

INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN 29 - "A Mighty Fortress" Luther

WELCOME AND RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

GREETINGS FROM EPHEBUS CHURCH AND
RECOGNITION OF REPRESENTATIVE

RECOGNITION OF OLDEST MEMBERS

Mrs. Annie Barbee

Mrs. Ada Couch

Mrs. Henrietta Barbee

Miss Della Vickers

Mrs. Eva Shepherd

Mrs. Florice Herndon

Mr. Charlie Massey

THE HISTORY OF THE FIRST 100 YEARS OF BEREBA BAPTIST CHURCH

HYMN 172 - "Faith of Our Fathers" Henry

SERVICE OF GIVING

Choir Offertory
Reception of Offering
Organ Offertory
Prayer of Blessing on Gifts and Givers
Doxology

SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 20: 20 - 28

Read from the personal Bible of Mrs. Frances Pope Parrish,
first School teacher at Berea Church

ORGAN MEDITATION AND PASTORAL PRAYER

SERMON: "To Be a Servant" PASTOR

HYMN OF INVITATION 118 - "Jesus Calls Us" Jude

THE OBSERVANCE OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

A Moment of Silent Meditation
Words of Institution
Prayer of Blessing on Bread
Serving of Bread
Choir Hymn - "Break Thou the Bread of Life" Sherwin
Prayer of Blessing on Cup
Serving the Cup
Choir Hymn - "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" Woodbury
A Moment of Silent Meditation

AND WHEN THEY HAD SUNG AN HYMN THEY WENT OUT

Hymn 117 - "Blest Be the Tie" Naegeli

ORGAN POSTLUDE: "Onward Christian Soldiers" Sullivan

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A HISTORY OF BEREBA BAPTIST CHURCH

1855 - 1955

(It is regrettable that few records of historical value of this Church have been preserved. However, information recorded here was secured from the few records now extant, from oral tradition, from Associational Minutes and other materials found in the Wake Forest College and Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary Libraries.)

Berea Baptist Church is located on the Fayetteville Road five miles South of Durham, North Carolina. The Church was founded in the year 1855. The history of these one hundred years of service to God and man indicate, indeed, that where the Lord's finger pointed his hand made the way.

In the summer of 1855 a small group of people in the community began holding services under a brush-arbor on the plantation of Coslet M. Herndon. The apparent interest in these "services" indicated clearly the need for a House of God in the community. Thus, the people prayed and God opened the way. The Rev. George Purifoy was called as first pastor late in 1855 or early 1856. He suggested that the "infant church" be given a name from some Biblical account of an early Christian Church and the people readily accepted his suggestion of "Berea."

The beginnings of Berea Baptist Church have somewhat become lost in antiquity. However, available evidence shows that formal organization by a presbytery from another Baptist church did not occur until 1858. In that year "Rose of Sharon," now the First Baptist Church of Durham, sent a presbytery to constitute the Church. The Rev. Jesse Howell, pastor of "Rose of Sharon" and long time friend of Mr. Herndon, led his church in the formal organization of Berea Baptist Church.

The charter membership consisted of the following: Coslet M. Herndon and wife; G. S. Shepherd and wife; T. R. Shepherd and wife; Erasmus Pope and wife; Walter Barbee and wife; Howell Pope and Anderson Pope.

Coslet and Margaret Herndon gave "four acres, more or less" of land to the Church in 1856, on which a frame one-room meeting house was erected. However, it was not until March 26, 1880, that a deed was drawn up. In that year there was some talk of the formation of a new county (Durham, which at that time was a part of Orange County) and it was deemed wise to convey a title for the land to Berea Church. The deed was made to the "Deacons and their successors forever." Names appearing on the deed included W. A. Barbee, Erasmus Pope, A. N. Leigh and William Atkins. The four acres were located near the Herndon family cemetery, which today is located

directly across Fayetteville Road from the Church. The first Church Building was constructed of lumber sawed by Coslet Herndon with a whip-saw within 200 yards of the site.

Records indicate that Miss Frances Pope (Mrs. Alfred M. Parrish, 1838 - 1925) was the first Sunday School teacher. She taught the first lesson using the 20th Chapter of the Gospel of Matthew. Her age was 17 years; the date was 1855.

Berea Church became a member of the Raleigh Baptist Association at its annual meeting held at Holly Springs in 1861. A membership of 35 white and 9 negro (slave) members was reported. The Church was represented by H. L. Pope and Pastor J. P. Mason. The year 1869 was the last year Negro members were reported to the Association. A total of 4 Negro members were reported. It is not known when the last Negro member left the Church, nor whether by death or letter.

On September 23, 1870, Berea was among the twelve churches which met at Mount Moriah Church to organize the Mount Zion Baptist Association. Representing Berea at this meeting were W. C. Mason, T. N. Shepherd and A. N. Leigh. Rev. A. D. Blackwood was Pastor. A total membership of 52 was reported.

The Mount Zion Association Minutes for 1871 state that every church in the Association had a Sunday School. However, it was 1879 before Berea began sending reports on her Sunday School. In that year William Atkins was superintendent and 55 members were reported. By 1883 enrollment had grown to 110. In these early days and even after the turn of the century, Sunday School was held only during nine months of the year. Weather conditions during the months of January, February and March were usually so bad that no Sunday School meetings were held.

Little is known about discipline in the early days of Berea Church. However, Associational Minutes containing reports from Berea show that from time to time it was reported that members had been excluded from membership. It is reasonable to assume from the resolutions offered and passed in Associational Annual Meetings, from about 1869 to the 1890's, and perhaps later, that it was a common practice to exclude members for indulging in such gross sins as "dancing," attending a "visiting circus," "drinking," participating in other "worldly indulgences," and "failure to attend services regularly."

Through the years the procedure of observing the Lord's Supper changed little until recent years. The bread was unleavened, served from a common table plate made of china. However, individual cups for the wine were unheard of. A large glass was nearly filled with wine and passed from person to person until all had "sipped" therefrom. The Deacons have always assisted the Pastor in the service of the Lord's Supper.

In 1891 Rev. F. H. Massey, a Methodist preacher, was holding services for a small group of Berea members who lived too far away to attend (about 7 miles from the Church). Transportation problems had made necessary the establishment of Sunday School and later "preaching" services in what is now the Ephesus Church Community. It was in that year he delivered an ultimatum: "Either organize a Baptist Church or I am going to get the Methodists down here to organize a church." Sixteen members left Berea by letter to become charter members of the Ephesus BAPTIST Church. A more complete record of this event is recorded in the Mt. Zion Association Minutes for 1936 under "A History of Ephesus Baptist Church."

We are indebted to Miss Lula Fletcher, Mrs. Annie Barbee, Mrs. Claude Vickers, Genie E. Shepherd, J. F. Parrish and many others for the following description of the original Church building, from which the drawing in the front of this booklet was made.

The front of the building faced east. The physical features of the front and the south end of the building are plainly evident in the drawing. However, it is interesting that the back of the building ran parallel to what is now the Fayetteville Road. In former days there was a dirt road back of the Church which was the main road into Durham from this section. It is said that many used the Church well for the watering of stock on the trip into Durham. It is believed that this accounts for the position of the Church. The well was dug when the first building was erected in 1856. It was located at the south end of the Church, some 100 to 150 feet from the southeast corner of the building. The original Church building was never painted.

Perhaps a description of the inside of the building could well be made here. The pulpit was in the north end of the building on a rostrum raised some 3 to 4 feet from the main floor. The rostrum was carpeted and carpets lay on the floor in front and runners extended from there to the doors. There were three windows behind the pulpit. One in the center and two somewhat larger windows, one on each side of the center window. On the back side of the church there were four windows. One may see the front and south end as it appeared in the drawing.

The pulpit chairs were well built, having an arched top and slats running across the backs. The pulpit itself was draped with a piece of grogram material which was a deep wine color.

The benches were broad planks fastened at each end with standards which came to the top of the backs, giving the end of the pew a boxed effect. The ceiling was made of planks about 6 inches wide and the seams were staggered. From the ceiling hung two metal rods with a "T" extension on the ends of which were fitted the holders for two lamps. Thus the room was lighted with four oil lamps. The walls were not painted. However, the area surrounding the pulpit was painted. The building was heated with a large wood burning stove which stood in the center of the room.

Another item of interest, especially strange to the youth of today, is the fact that women and "girl children" sat on the left side of the building, while the men and the "boy children" sat on the right. At the close of the service the men and boys went out the south door, congregating at that end of the building to talk "man talk" while the ladies and girls went out the front or east door to swap recipes and community talk.

The present church building, begun in the spring of 1902, was completed and dedicated June 26, 1903. The original building was torn down and this building was erected on the same site. Some materials from the old building were saved and ceiling joists in the present building were taken from the original building. They measure approximately 4 by 10 inches. Records indicate an expenditure of about \$1,300.00, exclusive of materials and labor which were donated. The building was planned by J. A. Barbee who served as chief carpenter. Other members helped in the erection of the building and leaders among them were Hugh Horner, Bud Barbee, J. A. Fletcher and Tom Horner. During the process of building, services were held in the Massey's Chapel Methodist Church "about 4 miles down the road."

Sometime around 1900 the people decided that the church ought to have a musical instrument. A collection was made and the Church purchased its first organ. Leta Massey (Williams) was the first organist.

Four Sunday School rooms were added to the back of the church building in 1923 - 1925 at a cost of about \$1,700.00. Then, in 1953 the church was again busy at the business of building. This time Genie E. Shepherd, who collected funds, and Garland A. Atkins, who directed construction, led the church in a work that resulted in an Education-Recreation building measuring 20 by 40 feet and at a cost of \$1,550.00. In each instance of additions to the church plant the work was done by the men of the community effecting a substantial saving.

Electric lights were installed in the church building in 1929 at a cost of about \$125.00. C. H. Norris was pastor at this time.

Berea has had a long line of illustrious preachers in these one hundred years. A complete list of pastors from the ministry of the first pastor to the present has been preserved and is included in this booklet. The first pastor served the church for two years without pay. The fourth pastor, Rev. Orin Churchill, served the church six years without monetary remuneration and often had to walk fifteen miles to fill the pulpit.

The longest pastorate was held by Elder Matthew S. Ferrell from 1873 to 1886. The second longest pastorate was held by C. H. Norris from 1928 to 1937. The shortest pastorate, in so far as is known, was held by L. M. Hobbs, who served in 1909 for two months. Mr. Norris and Rev. C. E. Byrd are the only men who have received two "calls" as pastor of Berea, and each served on two different occasions.

C. C. Newton, pastor in 1887 - 1888, later went to China as a missionary. He died on a return trip and was buried at sea. J. W. Davis, pastor in 1941 - 1942, offered his resignation on Sunday, October 25, 1942, and left immediately after the service to report for duty as a United States Army Chaplain.

Rev. Calvin S. Knight was pastor in 1947 when the Church went full time. During most of her history, Berea had "preaching" once a month. Usually it was the "fourth Sunday and the Saturday before." Business meetings were always held on Saturday before the fourth Sunday.

Mr. Knight, the first pastor to live on the church field, led the church in the organization of Baptist Training Union and the adoption of the Unified Budget System. Also during this pastorate, central heat was added to the building by the installation of an oil burning, hot air furnace. Then in 1955 the ceilings of both the church building and the Education-Recreation building were insulated at a cost of \$245.00.

It is interesting to note that only one pastor from Berea has ever been elected to the office of Moderator of an Association. Rev. A. D. Blackwood, pastor from 1868 - 1871, was elected Moderator of the Raleigh Baptist Association in 1869. Mr. S. M. Pope represented Berea at this Associational Annual Meeting.

The Mount Zion Baptist Association held annual meetings at Berea in the years 1889, 1911 and 1937. The Association Minutes for 1911 carry a picture of the church (the same printed in the front of this booklet) and of Pastor B. V. Ferguson. The Yates Baptist Association, formed in 1949, has not yet held an annual meeting at Berea. However, an invitation to meet at Berea in October, 1956, has already been accepted by the Association.

The present cemetery at Berea was begun in 1906. Generally, each family had its own cemebery and those who did not were allowed to use the Herndon cemetery near the church. In 1906 Mrs. Bud Barbee was the first member in the church to be laid to rest in the new cemebery.

In 1935 land at the back of the church (about 1 acre) was purchased from Rev. Pleas H. Massey for \$60.00. This was designated for cemetery use. Then, in 1953, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Pope and Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Barringer presented the church a parcel of land on the south of the church property.

A Baldwin Electronic Organ was purchased in 1954. In 1955 plumbing was installed in the kitchen of the Church Education-Recreation building and an electric drinking fountain was installed in the Church building. The Woman's Missionary Society bought an electric stove for the Recreation building kitchen.

Berea became a "Four Star" church upon the organization of the Brotherhood, November 19, 1954. The Church year 1954 - 1955 was one of growth in every phase of the church's work. For the first time in her history Berea

adopted a Church Constitution. Membership stands at 315 (31 Baptisms this year); 206 enrolled in Sunday School; a fully graded Training Union with 89 members; 24 W. M. S. members and 28 members of the Brotherhood are the numerical highlights of the year. It was this year which also brought an all time record in stewardship. Total gifts amounted to \$8,818.65.

Indeed, where the Lord's finger pointed his hand made the way. The fervent prayer of this congregation as it faces the second century of work, service and worship, could well be that the opportunities now open for growth and a more effective ministry in this community will be used by the Lord in perfecting a history in the years ahead just as illustrious as the history of these first one hundred years.

Completed December 12, 1955
W. L. Fearson, Jr., Pastor

ROSTER OF PASTORS AND CLERKS OF BEREA BAPTIST CHURCH

With a yearly record of membership
1855 - 1955

(NOTE: Most of this material was copied from Associational minutes 1861 - 1955. There may be inaccuracies in that a minister could have served who was not reported to the Association.)

YEAR	PASTOR	CLERK	MEMBERSHIP		
			White	Black	Total
1855	George Purifoy	G. M. Shepherd (?)			?
1856	" "	" " "			12
1857	" "	" " "			"
1858	J. P. Mason	H. L. Pope			"
1859	" " "	" " "			"
1860	" " "	" " "			"
1861	" " "	" " "	35	9	44
1862	J. P. Howell	G. M. Shepherd	37	9	46
1863	Orren Churchill	C. M. Herndon	46	9	55
1864)	From 1864 through 1867 Berea did not send reports or messengers to the Raleigh Baptist Association. It is assumed that the Post Civil War Period difficulties were the causes of this failure.				
1865)					
1866)					
1867)					
1868	A. D. Blackwood	W. C. Mason			50
1869	" " "	" " "	48	4	52
1870	" " "	" " "			52
1871	" " "	D. S. Gunter			54
1872	J. P. Montague	(none listed)			50
1873	M. S. Ferrell	D. S. Gunter			56
1874	" " "	" " "			45
1875	" " "	W. C. Mason			46
1876	" " "	George C. Pope			62
1877	" " "	G. A. Barbee			61
1878	" " "	" " "			69
1879	" " "	" " "			83
1880	" " "	" " "			92
1881	" " "	" " "			118
1882	" " "	" " "			121
1883	" " "	" " "			128
1884	" " "	" " "			114
1885	" " "	C. A. Shepherd			115
1886	" " "	" " "			115
1887	C. C. Newton	James M. Shepherd			126
1888	" " "	" " "			121

1889	C. A. Woodson	H. A. Atkins	143
1890	" " "	" " "	147
1891	(Minutes for this year were not available)		
1892	T. M. Leary	H. A. Atkins	116
1893	" " "	" " "	148
1894	C. W. Blanchard	" " "	137
1895	O. C. Horton	" " "	129
1896	(Minutes for this year were not available)		
1897	O. C. Horton	H. A. Atkins	128
1898	" " "	" " "	130
1899	" " "	" " "	138
1900	C. A. Upchurch	J. A. Barbee	131
1901	J. F. McDuffie	" " "	145
1902	" " "	" " "	119
1903	E. R. Harris	J. H. Horner	114
1904	M. D. Austin	" " "	127
1905	J. H. Green	" " "	113
1906	" " "	" " "	128
1907	J. D. Bowen	" " "	137
1908	" " "	" " "	130
1909	L. M. Hobbs (2mos.)	M. T. Shepherd	135
1910	J. Ben Eller	J. H. Horner	151
1911	B. V. Ferguson	G. C. Cooke	162
1912	" " "	Ernest Shepherd	186
1913	W. E. Warren	J. R. S. Atkins	186
1914	" " "	" " " "	169
1915	" " "	" " " "	158
1916	J. M. Arnette	" " " "	172
1917	C. E. Byrd	" " " "	186
1918	" " "	" " " "	185
1919	George N. Harward	P. E. Upchurch	164
1920	" " "	" " "	183
1921	" " "	" " "	178
1922	J. A. Brindell	" " "	177
1923	" " "	" " "	170
1924	D. D. Lewis (?)	" " "	219
1925	C. E. Byrd	" " "	227
1926	S. L. Lamb	" " "	219
1927	(None listed)	" " "	229
1928	C. H. Norris	" " "	247
1929	" " "	" " "	249
1930	" " "	" " "	238
1931	" " "	Grady C. Parrish	228
1932	" " "	" " "	236
1933	" " "	" " "	259
1934	" " "	" " "	259
1935	" " "	" " "	265
1936	" " "	" " "	276
1937	" " "	C. L. Upchurch	274

1938	F. D. Hemphill	M. H. Upchurch	273
1939	W. O. Foster	" " "	288
1940	(none listed)	" " "	291
1941	J. W. Davis	" " "	294
1942	" " "	C. L. Upchurch	294
1943	(none listed)	N. B. Vickers	307
1944	C. H. Norris	" " "	294
1945	" " "	Mrs. S. J. Welsh	297
1946	E. P. Brown	Jesse Parrish	294
1947	Calvin S. Knight	Mrs. V. G. Vickers	279
1948	" " "	Alton Thompson	270
1949	" " "	" "	298
1950	" " "	" "	290
1951	" " "	C. L. Upchurch	294
1952	Tearle P. Brown	" " "	293
1953	" " "(interim)"	" "	296
1954	W. L. Pearson, Jr.	Genie H. Shepherd	286
1955	" " "	" " "	315

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Edward N. Cooke, Chairman	Herbert Barbee
Clint Sears	Alton Thompson
Visual Aids Director:	Harold S. Atkins
Assistant Director:	Roy Cooke
Nursery Supervisor:	Mrs. Gladys Cooke
Church Librarian:	Miss Jane Cooke

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

Warren Harris, Deacon, Chairman
George Evans, Sunday School
Mrs. Claude Barbee, Training Union
Walter Kelly, Brotherhood
Mrs. Garland A. Atkins, Woman's Missionary Society

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Garland A. Atkins, Brotherhood, Chairman
W. T. Bryant, Deacon
Boone King, Sunday School
Wenford Burgess, Training Union
Mrs. Warren Harris, Woman's Missionary Society

REPRESENTATIVES

to Yates Baptist Association Board

Roy L. Atkins

Wenford Burgess

TRAINING UNION OFFICERS, LEADERS AND SPONSORS

Mrs. Eugenia Pearson, Director

Associate Director:		Mrs. Thelma Hicks
Secretary:		Oscar Pruitt
Assistant Secretary:		Harold S. Atkins
Organist-Pianist:		Faye Hudson
Beginner:	Leader:	Blanche Kyles
	Helper:	Margaret Cooke
Primary:	Leader:	Gladys Pruitt
		Ida Burgess
Junior Union:	Leader:	Ruth Parrish
	Sponsor:	Jesse Parrish
Intermediate:	Leader:	George H. Cooke
	Sponsor:	Warren Harris
Young People:	Sponsor:	Wenford Burgess
	Co-Sponsor:	W. L. Pearson, Jr.

SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFICERS AND TEACHERS

George H. Cooke, Superintendent

Associate Superintendent:		Garland Atkins
Secretary:		Roy Atkins
Assistant Secretary:		Monroe Hudson
Organist:		Joyce Massey
Assistant Organist:		Carolyn Atkins
Beginner:	Teacher:	Thelma Cooke
	Teacher:	Mrs. Rosa Latta
	Assistant Teacher:	Mrs. Boone King
Primary:	Teacher:	Mrs. Lucy Barbee
	Assistant Teacher:	Joyce Massey
Junior Girls:	Teacher:	Edna Atkins
	Assistant Teacher:	Ruth Parrish
Junior Boys:	Teacher:	Harold Atkins
	Assistant Teacher:	Woodrow Parsons
Intermediate:	Teacher:	Genie H. Shepherd
	Assistant Teacher:	Warren Harris
Young People:	Teacher:	Garland A. Atkins
Young Adult:	Teacher:	Claude Barbee
	Assistant Teacher:	Mina Kyles
Adult:	Teacher:	John Ferrell
	Assistant Teacher:	J. F. Parrish
Extension Department:		Mrs. Genie Shepherd
		Mrs. W. T. Bryant
		Mrs. Helen Sears

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY OFFICERS

President:	Mrs. Mina Kyles
1st. Vice President:	Mrs. Edna Atkins
2nd. Vice President:	Mrs. Warren Harris
Secretary:	Mrs. Claude Barbee
Program Chairman:	Mrs. Helen Sears
Social Chairman:	Mrs. Margaret Cooke
Mission Study Chairman:	Mrs. Eugenia Pearson
Community Missions Chairman:	Mrs. Genie E. Shepherd
Stewardship Chairman:	Mrs. Ruth Atkins

OFFICERS OF THE BROTHERHOOD

President:	Claude Barbee
Vice President:	R. L. Atkins
Program Vice President:	Genie H. Shepherd
Activities Vice President:	Edward N. Cooke
Chorister:	Genie E. Shepherd
Secretary and Treasurer:	Herbert Barbee
Pianist:	Genie H. Shepherd
Worship Committee:	Jesse Parrish
Educational Committee:	Genie H. Shepherd
Evangelistic Committee:	John Ferrell
Benevolence Committee:	W. T. Bryant
Boys' Work Committee:	Boone King

CHURCH BUDGET FOR 1955 - 1956

LOCAL EXPENSE:

1. Oil	\$ 175.00
2. Lights	60.00
3. Insurance	
a. Fire	151.00
b. Equipment & Organ	64.00
4. Pastor's Salary	3,600.00
5. Rent	720.00
6. Sexton's Salary	371.00
7. Organizational Expense	275.00
(Sunday School, T. U., VBS, supplies and literature)	
8. Revival - Pastoral Supply	
a. Revival Expenses	125.00
b. Pastoral Supply	90.00
9. Building Depreciation & Repairs	100.00
10. Local Missions	100.00
11. Office Supplies	100.00
12. Envelopes	40.00
13. Visual Aids (Films)	150.00
14. Library	35.00
15. Treasurer's Expenses	100.00
16. Miscellaneous (including the amount of \$40.00 for the School of Missions)	190.00
17. Expenses, Baptist State Convention	<u>131.00</u>
Total Local Expense	
\$6,577.00	

MISSIONS EXPENSES:

1. Associational Missions	\$ 180.00
2. Orphanage	250.00
3. Cooperative Program	400.00
4. Baptist Hospital	<u>80.00</u>
Total Mission Expense	
\$ 910.00	
Total Budget	
\$7,487.00	

Average Weekly Offering requirement \$ 135.31

(NOTE: This copy includes increases made by the Church after adoption of the Budget on September 11, 1955.)

ROSTER OF MEMBERSHIP

Complete as of December 12, 1955

Allen, John	Briggs, Miss Sarah	Cooke, Mrs. John
Atkins, Aubrey	Briggs, John	Cooke, Mrs. Jessie
Atkins, Garland A.	Brooks, J. V.	Cooke, Otis
Atkins, Mrs. G. A.	Brooks, Mrs. J. V.	Cooke, Roy
Atkins, Carolyn	Brooks, Mrs. Ruth	Cooke, Rudolph
Atkins, Harold S.	Bryant, W. T.	Cooke, Wallace
Atkins, Mrs. H. S.	Bryant, Mrs. W. T.	Cooke, Mrs. Wallace
Atkins, Barbara	Bryant, Carlton	Cooke, Jean
Atkins, Joe A.	Burgess, Leonard	Copeland, James J.
Atkins, Mrs. J. H.	Burgess, Mrs. Leonard	Couch, Mrs. Ada
Atkins, John	Burgess, Mrs. Mary	Couch, Mrs. John
Atkins, Mildred	Burgess, Wenford	Crane, Mrs. Norma B.
Atkins, Roy L.	Burgess, Mrs. Wenford	
Atkins, Mrs. R. L.		Darnell, Boyd
Atkins, Victor E.	Carden, John	Davis, Mrs. Sarah S.
Atkins, Mrs. V. E.	Carden, Mrs. John	Dickerson, Goodrich
Atkins, Mrs. W. H.	Cash, Carl	Downey, W. T.
Atkins, Wayne	Cates, Frank	
Atkins, Carl	Cates, Miss Gurley	Efird, Marcel
	Cates, James I.	Elliott, Mrs. Cora
Barbee, Mrs. Annie	Cates, Mrs. James I.	Evans, George F.
Barbee, Claude	Cates, Minnie	Evans, Mrs. G. F.
Barbee, Mrs. Claude	Chappel, Miss Frances	Evans, Douglas
Barbee, E. Paul	Cook, Leon	
Barbee, Mrs. E. P.	Cook, Mrs. Leon	Ferrell, John R.
Barbee, E. Paul, Jr.	Cook, Walter P.	Ferrell, Mrs. J. R.
Barbee, Harold	Cook, Mrs. W. P.	Ferrell, Immogene
Barbee, Herbert A.	Cooke, A. Moody	Fletcher, John L.
Barbee, Mrs. H. A.	Cooke, Mrs. A. M.	Fletcher, Mrs. J. L.
Barbee, Mrs. Henrietta	Cooke, Andrew	Fletcher, Mrs. Lewis
Barbee, Walter	Cooke, Miss Annie Lee	Fletcher, Tommy
Barbee, Jeter	Cooke, Mrs. Bertie	Fletcher, Miss Lula
Barbee, Odie L.	Cooke, Harrell D.	Fletcher, Miss Daisy
Barbee, Miss Ruth	Cooke, Edward N.	Fletcher, Miss Nellie
Barbee, Robert	Cooke, Mrs. E. N.	
Barbee, T. Dewey	Cooke, Donald	Godwin, Miss Ellen
Barbee, Irvin W.	Cooke, Bruce	Godwin, Miss Geraldine
Barnes, Jerry	Cooke, Miss Eula	Godwin, Mrs. Josie C.
Bost, Mrs. Mabel S.	Cooke, Mrs. G. C.	Goodwin, O. K.
Bowling, Raeford	Cooke, George H.	Goodwin, Mrs. O. K.
Bradley, Earl	Cooke, Mrs. G. H.	Granville, Mrs. Ruth
Briggs, George	Cooke, Jane	Griffin, Mrs. Doyle
Briggs, Henry	Cooke, George W., Jr.	
Briggs, Mrs. Henry	Cooke, John	Hall, Mrs. W. R.

Hamlet, Harold
 Hamlet, Mrs. T. N
 Hamlett, James H.
 Hamlett, Mrs. James H.
 Harris, J. H.
 Harris, Mrs. J. H.
 Harris, Wallace K.
 Harris, Warren P.
 Harris, Mrs. Warren P.
 Harward, Ernest
 Harward, Vernon
 Harward, Mrs. Josie C.
 Harwood, Mrs. A. T.
 Herndon, Mrs. Bernard
 Herndon, Brenda
 Herndon, Mrs. Florice
 Herndon, Clair
 Herndon, Mrs. Lela
 Herndon, O. K., Jr.
 Herndon, Olive Smith
 Herndon, Miss Ruth C.
 Herndon, Willie
 Hicks, Mrs. Thelma
 Horne, Mrs. Luna
 Hudson, Howard
 Hudson, Mrs. Howard
 Hudson, Mrs. Jack
 Hudson, Monroe
 Hudson, Faye
 Hudson, Janet

Kelly, W. A.
 Kelly, Mrs. W. A.
 Kelly, Dana
 Kelly, Steve
 Kelly, Shelby
 Kennedy, Mrs. Ester C.
 Kennedy, Mrs. Gladys C.
 King, Boone
 King, Mrs. Boone
 King, Michael
 King, Howell
 King, Mrs. Howell
 King, Mary Nelle
 King, Hubert H.
 King, Mrs. H. H.
 Kyles, Mrs. Blanche O.
 Kyles, Mrs. Mina O.

Kyles, Kay
 Kyles, Eric
 Larbacher, Edgar
 Latta, Mrs. Rosa
 Lee, Mrs. Bessie
 Leonard, Mrs. Alma P.
 Lewter, Grayson
 Lewter, Mrs. Grayson
 Lewter, Zollie J.
 Lewter, Mrs. Z. J.
 Lewter, Billy
 Lewter, Gerald

McClain, Mrs. F. F.
 McHaney, C. R.
 McHaney, Henry
 McHaney, Mrs. Henry
 McHaney, Hunt
 McHaney, Mrs. Hunt
 McHaney, Gail
 McKinney, Mrs. Jessie
 McKinney, Barbara

Malone, Mrs. Ruth
 Mangum, Mrs. Amanda
 Mangum, Willie
 Massey, Elwood
 Massey, Joyce
 Massey, Hubert
 Massey, Hulyn J.
 Massey, Jacqueline
 Massey, J. K.
 Massey, L. Everette
 Massey, Mrs. Servada
 Massey, Wallace
 Mayhew, Mrs. Pearl
 Maynard, Claude
 Maynard, Mrs. Viriam C.
 Maynard, Homer
 Middleton, Mrs. Jewel B.
 Moore, Mrs. Thurman
 Moore, John
 Moore, Donald
 Moore, Frank
 Murray, Mrs. Elsie Mae
 Olive, Mrs. Mary Frances

Parrish, Grady C.
 Parrish, Jesse L.
 Parrish, Mrs. J. L.
 Parrish, Linda
 Parrish, Nancy
 Parrish, J. F.
 Parrish, Mrs. J. F.
 Parsons, Woodrow
 Parsons, Jean
 Pearson, W. L., Jr.
 Pearson, Mrs. W. L., Jr.
 Pendergraft, Wallace
 Pendergraft, Mrs. Wallace
 Pendergraft, Carole
 Pendergraft, Joan
 Pendergraft, Norman
 Pendergrass, Cora Lee
 Penny, Miss Mary
 Ferry, Mrs. Faye A.
 Pollard, Mrs. Dorothy C.
 Pruitt, Oscar
 Pruitt, Mrs. Oscar
 Pruitt, Wayne
 Pruitt, Jimmy

Reams, Mrs. Nonie Cooke
 Revell, Ervin
 Riddle, Mrs. Bessie
 Riggs, Mrs. Mildred M.
 Rigsbee, E. J.
 Robbins, Mrs. Alvie H.
 Robbins, Irene
 Robbins, Brenda
 Roberson, Mrs. Maxie L.
 Roberts, Felton

Saunders, George
 Sears, L. C.
 Sears, Mrs. L. C.
 Shepherd, Mrs. Eva
 Shepherd, Genie E.
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 Shepherd, John
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 Shepherd, Needham
 Shepherd, Mrs. Needham
 Shepherd, Norman B.

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Shepherd, Betty Ann	Winston, Mrs. Allene C.
Shepherd, Mrs. Ollie	Williams, Mrs. Betty Lewter
Shepherd, Barbara	Wynne, R. E
Shepherd, Bobby	Wynne, Mrs. R. E.
Shepherd, Sandra	Wynne, Thelma Mae
Shepherd, Otho	Wynne, R. E., Jr.
Shepherd, Mrs. Otho	Wynne, Mrs. R. E., Jr.
Shepherd, Ralph K.	
Shepherd, Mrs. R. K.	Yates, Mrs. Elsie
Shepherd, Helen	Yates, Annie Lee
Siler, Jerry	Yates, Worth
Smith, Mrs. Hazel	Yeargan, H. U.
Stallings, James	Yeargan, Mrs. H. U.
Stallings, Mrs. James	
Stallings, Allen	

Thomasson, Mrs. Hazel A.
 Thompson, Charlie
 Thompson, Mrs. Charlie
 Thompson, W. Alton
 Thompson, Mrs. W. A.
 Tillman, Mrs. Yvonne M.
 Turner, Will O.

Upchurch, Mrs. Carlton
 Upchurch, Silas G.

Vaughn, Elbert
 Vickers, Claude H.
 Vickers, Mrs. C. H.
 Vickers, Miss Della
 Vickers, Miss Bertha
 Vickers, Miss Betty
 Vickers, Kenneth
 Vickers, Lewis
 Vickers, Mack L.
 Vickers, Mrs. M. L.
 Vickers, Mack L., Jr.
 Vickers, Victor G
 Vickers, Mrs. V. G.

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 Way, Garland E.
 Way, Roy
 Way, Thomas E.
 Way, Mrs. Thomas E.
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Rt. 3, Box 149 A
Durham, North Carolina
November 3, 1956

Mr. J. A. McLeod
Mars Hill North Carolina

Dear Mr. McLeod:

Enclosed herewith is a history of the Berea Baptist Church of Durham, North Carolina. This history was issued at the church's Centennial Celebration on January 1, 1956. May I make these few observations for your attention.

1. Extremely few are the extant records of the church, most having been destroyed by fire some years ago. Those now extant consist of a partial history of the church written some time between 1930 and 1935, but never published or circulated.
2. Main sources of information were Associational Minutes found in Wake Forest College and Southeastern Seminary Libraries.
3. The Roster of Pastors, Clerks and year by year record of church membership was taken from Associational Minutes and should be considered a part of the history since, outside the minutes, it is the only copy of such records now extant.
4. Due to cost of printing, only the first three pages (consisting of pictures) and the cover was actually printed in the strictest sense. The remainder of the material in the booklets was duplicated by mimeograph.

I was not aware of the award offered for church histories until today as I read the article in the November 3rd. issue of Biblical Recorder. Thus, I submit to you and your committee this history.

With deep appreciation for your attention, I pray God's blessings upon you and the N. C. Baptist Historical Commission.

Respectfully,

W. L. Pearson, Jr.

W. L. Pearson, Jr., Pastor
Berea Baptist Church

P.S. I am mailing a copy to Wake Forest College Library today.

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- 1855 - *Seamen on Berea Avenue*
- 1856 - *{Land given}*
- 1857 -
- 1858 - *Grant of money for Rosy Shrover and Dorothy Finch*
- 1859 -
- 1860 -
- ✓ 1861 - admit. to RALEIGH B/A, membership of 35 white, 9 negro *~~as many as~~*
- ✓ 1862 -
- ✓ 1863 -
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- ✓ 1868 -
- ✓ 1869 - last year negro members were reported to the Assoc. *Character me*
- ✓ 1870 - dismissed from RALEIGH B/A and admit to MT. ZION B/A on Sept 23, 1870.
Rep. Berea were W.C. Mason, T.N. Shepherd, and A.N. Leigh
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Massey to speak at Berea, Lowe's Grove

Elwood "Woody" Clayton Massey Jr. will speak at the 11 a.m. service tomorrow at Berea Baptist Church, his home church, and at Lowes Grove Baptist Church at 7:30 p.m.

At Berea he will deliver the morning sermon and at Lowes Grove he will begin the week of prayer for foreign missions at the evening service.

Massey has served as minister of youth at Warrenton Baptist Church, intern minister for the Home Mission Board in Springfield, Va., and Sunday School director and chairman of the deacons at Berea from 1977-78. Massey



and his wife are both on the F.O.C.U.S. team at Southeastern Seminary at Wake Forest.

Durham Sun

Elizabeth City Advance

Fayetteville Observer

Fayetteville Times

Forest City: Daily Courier

Gastonia Gazette

Goldsboro: New-Argus

Greensboro Daily News

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Revival At Berea To Start Sunday

Berea Baptist Church will have revival services Sunday through Friday at 7:30 p.m.

The evangelist will be Dr. Richard Spencer, assistant professor of New Testament at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest.

Spencer, a native of Greensboro, is a graduate of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest. He received his Ph.D. degree from Emory University in Atlanta.

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Durham Herald

Durham Sun

Elizabeth City Advance

Fayetteville Observer

Fayetteville Times

Gastonia Gazette

Goldsboro: News-Argus

Greensboro Daily News

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CHRISTIAN

New Minister To Preach Sunday At Berea Baptist

The Rev. Don Christian has been named pastor of Berea Baptist Church at 5311 Fayetteville Road.

He will preach his first sermon at Berea during the service at 1 a.m. Sunday.

Christian is a native of Durham and a graduate of Southern High School and East Carolina University in Greenville.

He is a second-year student at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest.

Christian and his wife, the former Brenda Dean of Durham, live at 307 Spring Road.

Homecoming Day At First Calvary

First Calvary Baptist Church at 1311 Morehead Ave. will celebrate homecoming Sunday.

The minister, the Rev. A. L. Thompson, will speak during the service at 11 a.m.

Homecoming dinner will be served at 1:30 p.m.

The Rev. James Brown, pastor of Second Baptist Church in Chapel Hill, will speak during a service at 3:30 p.m.

Teacher Is Speaker For Women's Day

Mrs. Georgia Turner, president of the Women's Baptist State Convention, will speak during a Woman's Day service at 11 a.m. Sunday in Morehead Avenue Baptist Church in Durham.

Mrs. Turner is a teacher in the city schools in Lumberton and a graduate of Shaw University in Raleigh.

Dunn Record
Durham Herald
Durham Sun
Elizabeth City Advance
Fayetteville Observer
Fayetteville Times
Gastonia Gazette
Goldsboro: News-Argus
Greensboro Daily News

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Berea Baptist Names Duke Pastor

The Rev. William H. Duke Jr., has been named pastor of Berea Baptist Church, Fayetteville Road. Duke is a native of Fort Meade, Fla., and is a senior at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest.

Durham Herald
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