

CONCORD BAPTIST CHURCH (1825)

Route 1, Rose Hill, North Carolina 28458

EASTERN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

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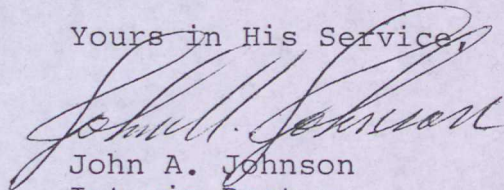
To all to whom these presents come, Greetings, in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

The content of this work should be labeled as a "Brief Synopsis of The History of The Concord Baptist Church." To attempt to condense onto a few written pages the faith, prayers, struggles and trials of so many of the people of God for 162 years is an enormous task. However, it is one that has only begun with this undertaking.

My thanks to Mrs. Mary Lee Usher, Mr. Steve Boone, for their study and help, and Mr. Dallas Herring for his expertise and inspiration for this work. Betty Butts deserves great thanks for typing the manuscript. Especially, I am grateful to the Concord Baptist Church for the rich privilege of serving with them and for the opportunity to learn something more of this church which has been a bulwark of faith over a span of one hundred sixty two years.

With fervent prayers for God's richest blessings upon The Concord Baptist Church, I remain

Yours in His Service,



John A. Johnson
Interim Pastor
October 25, 1987

A H I S T O R Y
O F T H E
C O N C O R D B A P T I S T C H U R C H

The Concord Baptist Church had its beginnings in the same year the United States found itself at War with Great Britain, it was called The War of 1812. Yet in the midst of the turmoil that always exists when a nation is embroiled in conflict with another nation, the people in the area now known as Concord Church and The Oak Plain Presbyterian Church, still felt the pilgrim spirit of worship which brought their forefathers to these shores. They wanted to worship the one true and living God according to the evangelistic zeal of the Baptist doctrine and faith.

With much prayer and work and sacrificial giving of material things, of time, energy and talent The Concord Baptist Church has found a prominent place in the history of Duplin County and in the lives of its members. The Church building continues to stand at the intersection of the Magnolia and Rose Hill highways. That edifice to The Almighty God, with its tall steeple and gleaming white structure remains there as a signal to the Lordship of Jesus Christ and it bids a warm welcome to all who pass that way to come in and share the wonder and the marvel of His abiding love.

The land for the church building was given by Timothy Newkirk, who was the grand-father of the late Whitfield Newkirk. Although, Timothy Newkirk was a member of the Oak Plain Presbyterian Church his desire was to see the Lord's work prosper. Thus, he was led to make this gift of land for the building of a house of God to become known as The Concord Baptist Church. By way of information and insight, Timothy Newkirk was a kinsmen of Stokes Newkirk. This writer has been told that both of these men

were devoted to the founding and organizing of Sunday Schools in the Concord/Oak Plain area of Duplin and Sampson counties. Certainly it is worthy of note that their good, christian influence continues to bear much fruit in the lives of their descendents where the grace of God continues to abound and abide.

BEGINNINGS

"The first Conference was held at Concord in 1807, it, then being a branch of Bulltail (now Wells Chapel Church) and continued as such with the same deacons and clerks serving each place until February 18, 1825, when it was constituted into a separate Church, Elders Raphael, Fennell and Stallings officiating". The following is a list of the charter members:

Males

William Swetman
Peleg Rogers
William Swinson
John Peterson
David Wells
Gibson Sloan
Masbach Stallings

Females

Laryna Swetman
Rebecca Wells
Winaford Stallings
Mary Wells
Mary Sellars
Abdala Cannady
Sarah Taylor
Sarah, a servant

Since the earliest days of its formation The Concord Baptist Church has continued in the Faith and Doctrine of the Baptist Church, having a missionary purpose along with an Evangelistic Zeal. A History of The Concord Baptist Church, written in 1966, stated, with reference to its services, "They always opened their Conference with prayer and singing. They always inquired into the welfare of the Church and they sent messengers to other churches to sit in conference with them. The visiting brethren were always asked to sit in conference with the church. We find where

Concord Church sent messengers to Wells Chapel, Bethel, Corinth, Beaverdam (now Magnolia) New Hope and Island Creek".

Lest we ever become tempted to despair for the growth and prosperity of The Concord Baptist Church, it is most fitting that we look at the record of this Church. One great in faith and mighty in perseverance. In the year of 1835 Concord gave permission for the dismissal of twenty-four (24) members for the purpose of constituting a church at Beaverdam (now Magnolia). Then, just some 18 years later, in 1853 the church allowed the dismissal of 32 members that they might organize a Church at Carroll's Chapel (now Corinth Baptist Church). While each of these two churches have outgrown the mother church in size, each and all of these church families continue to share the same faith and belief in The Living Lord whom we seek to serve.

NOTES AND POINTS OF INTEREST

It may very well be of interest to a number of people that The Concord Baptist Church once received its mail from The Natural Wells Post Office. This office was located in the front yard of the Boone family homeplace, where Steve Boone and his family now make their home."

On May 20, 1843 The Concord Baptist Church had Conference on Saturday, Sunday and Monday afternoons and received members each day. On Monday members were received and baptized at the 'water meeting'. So ended the best meeting that was ever held at The Concord Church. So wrote George Fennell, Moderator.

Minutes make note of the fact that a discussion was had in the Church Conference Meeting about the purchase of a Communion Set. Many of the present day members have reason to believe the present set in the cabinet in the Fellowship Hall is the same one which was being considered at that meeting in the year of 1859.

In the year 1861, this young nation was being torn apart by The War Between The States. The strife resulting from this terrible struggle caused the Southern Baptist Convention to enjoin all the churches to be much in prayer for "Our time of sore trials".

BUILDING

On January 7, 1934 The Concord Baptist Church voted to build Sunday School rooms in the front portion of the church, to allow growth and expansion for the Sunday School.

The year 1948 found the Church Sunday School still growing and serving the cause of Christ. To meet this need the church began building a Sunday School building onto the rear part of the church, or behind the pulpit.

The Church Minutes record a gift of \$500.00 by Vasser Spearman to begin construction of a front porch to the church building. The total cost of this work was \$5,100.00. This addition has added much to the architectural beauty of the building as well as to the convenience of its members.

In 1983 under the able leadership, and workmanship, of the Pastor, The Rev. Eddie Wetherington, the church undertook the building of a new Fellowship Hall. This building was most certainly needed. The pastor and some of the men in the church worked most diligently to complete this building. Gifts of money and material came along and the building was finished and paid for to the glory of God and the great and lasting benefit of the Church. This building is truly a great asset and The Church will be always grateful to those who saw the need and gave and worked to make it become a reality.

PASTORS AND CHURCH OFFICERS

Of equal importance to the accomplishments and achievements of The Church are those people who have been motivated to act and perform, in and through the will of God. In view of that thought, we have incorporated in this brief history a partial list (Early records of the Church were lost) of those pastors and church officers who struggled through their prayers and on-going faith to keep this Church a viable and a vital force in the community. And this for the sake of the people but even more so for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

CONCLUSION

I must frankly admit that this is much less the quality of work that the history of this great Church so richly deserves, it is nonetheless a point of beginning for a future effort.

This is a Church which has been a place of training, of moulding and shaping the lives and destinies of ministers, missionaries and layman for the Kingdom Service. My prayers will be added to many, many others that God in His infinite mercy will continue to bless and guide this ministry in a mighty way in the years that are ahead.

Let us never forget that true greatness does not always come in numerical superiority. Big is not always the best. Spiritual quality is attained through and by steadfast faith, total and complete love of God, a burning desire to know the WILL of God and a WILLINGNESS to do it.

May God richly bless you and keep you in His love, is my prayer

Amen.

John A. Johnson
Interim Pastor
1986-87
October 25, 1987

FOOTNOTES

1. Minutes & Records of The Concord Baptist Church
Southern Baptist Convention, Nashville, Tenn.
2. Register of Deeds, Duplin County, Kenansville, NC
3. Much information came from "A Brief History of
Concord Baptist Church"
Arthur unknown
4. Minutes of Annual Meetings, Eastern Baptist Association,
Warsaw, NC

PASTORS

(NOTE: This list is incomplete due to a loss of some of the early Church records.)

Rev. George Fennell		Rev. D. E. Hill	1919
Rev. D. Wells		Rev. J. H. Booth	
Rev. C. C. Gordon		Rev. W. M. Kelly	1922-27
Rev. W. M. Kennedy		Rev. J. H. Barnes	1933-39
Rev. G. S. Best		Rev. L. L. Johnson	1939-46
Rev. W. M. Kennedy		Rev. Calhoun Johnson	Interim
Rev. G. M. Huffman		Rev. J. B. Sessoms	1946-47
Rev. J. T. Albritton		Rev. T. W. McNeely	1948-49
Rev. A. A. Butler		Rev. J. P. Royal	1949-52
Rev. R. H. Gilbert		Rev. J. D. Everett	1952-58
Rev. H. C. Bethea		Rev. Ted Adkins	1958-61
Rev. R. C. Sandlin	1885-88	Rev. T. N. Cooper	1962-67
Rev. Alfred Guy	1864	Rev. Bobby McDaniels	1967-70
Rev. J. N. Stallings	1876	Rev. Went Hill	1971-73
Rev. W. N. Johnson	1904	Rev. Floyd Helms	1973-76
Rev. O. L. Brown	1905-06	Rev. Eddie Wetherington	1977-84
Rev. J. B. Newton	1909-14	Rev. James Parsons	1985-86
Rev. S. B. Wilson	1916-18	Mr.. John A. Johnson	1986

CHURCH CLERKS

James Raphael
Peleg Rogers
Hiram Stallings
William Swinson
Wiley Stallings
W. B. Wells
J. W. Taylor
H. Matthews
L. R. Matthews
J. L. Kennedy
W. A. Moore

R. D. Wilkins
J. T. Kennedy
W. D. Wilkins
D. S. Matthews
A. B. Alderman
W. M. Drew
Grey Murphy
Robert Wilkins
Mary Susan Bishop
Mrs. John W. Smith
Mary Lee Usher

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDANTS

W. A. Moore 1885
J. C. Boone 1888
W. D. Wilkins 1900-05
J. C. Boone 1907-08
W. D. Wilkins 1909-10
D. S. Matthews 1917-20
W. M. Brice 1921-22
Alfred Boone 1923
W. F. Brice 1924
Fred Drew 1925
Grey Murphy 1926-27
A. J. Johnson 1937

Leslie Drew 1952-53
C. J. Usher 1954-56
G. E. Drew 1957
W. F. Taylor 1958
G. R. Brice 1959-69
Larry Brice 1970-71
G. E. Drew 1972
Bruce Pierson 1973-74
G. R. Brice 1975
G. E. Drew 1976-77
Gary Bell 1981

COVENANT
CONCORD BAPTIST CHURCH

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Article 1 - Our first and great desire is to glorify God with our bodies and spirits which is his, by attending things which have a tendency to spread the knowledge of his grace among us and to promote inward holiness which will give the peaceable fruits of rightness in our members.

Article 2 - We will bear one anothers burdens (so far as sustained in this measure by the laws and directions of our divine Master and Redeemer) and so fulfil the law of Christ.

Article 3 - We will watch over the infirmities of each other, not that we may exercise a spirit of censure but a spirit of love. By which we may correct much that is wrong in ourselves and be a blessing in the hands of God of correcting wrongs in our dear members and so show the fruits of the Spirit in all goodness and righteousness and truth.

Article 4 - We will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together (as the manner of some is) tho not assembling ourselves together we look upon as dangerous because, religion of which the rewards are distant and which is animated only in an active manner, by faith and hope and instrumentality by means will loose much of its heavenly unction to our souls, rob our minds of much of that peace which surpasseth knowledge, loose much of that holy influence in correcting the disorderly passions of our nature, weaken the ties of the brotherhood, take from us many of the most precious lessons of communion with God, make our progress in holy things slow, if not altogether retrograding our hope, dull our faith, weak and wavering, our fears many, our sorrows to increase and our lights to shine but dimly, unless it be invigorated and reimpresed by external Ordinances, by stated calls to worship

and the salutary influence of example.

Article 5 - We will not fall out with our brethern for the exercise of different opinions, unless the faith of the gospel be affected thereby-

Article 6 - We will visit our sick and afflicted brethern when need be, and do them all the good we can. Consistently with our several situations, and the circumstances connected with each other.

Article 7 - We will try to have a regular ministration of the grace of God and our Saviour Jesus Christ at this place and if need be will sustain it so far as in us lies.

Article 8 - We will not speak to the disparagement of one another behind their backs, nor give credence to what others may say, without some show of testimony or grounds for belief.

Article 9 - We will try to keep the unity of the spirit in the bonds of peace and show this world that we are what we profess to be. Humble yet sincere devoted followers of Christ and so may we be found at the appearing of the Great God and our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, is the prayer, the fervent and heartfelt prayer of each one of us. Amen and Amen

And do thou, O God, enable us to fulfil the purpose for which we have covenanted with an eye single to the Glory and in so doing may we attain the blessings of the Holy Spirit. Amen

*1 Minutes and records of Concord Baptist Church from micro-film; Southern Baptist Convention Archives, Nashville, Tenn.

RULES OF DECORUM
CONCORD BAPTIST CHURCH

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1st - We will hold at least four conference meetings in a year, for the transaction of business, also special meetings whenever requisite.

2nd - The names of members shall be called at every regular meeting and there shall be due notice taken of the absence of those who discover a disposition to absent themselves.

3rd - At every conference the pastor in right of his office, shall preside as moderator, and in case of absence, the conference shall appoint a moderator pro-tem, who shall open conference by devotional exercises or call on some other brother to do it for him.

4th - The clerk shall keep a church book in which all the proceedings of the conference shall be faithfully transcribed and at every regular meeting the minutes of the preceeding meeting shall be read immediately after the names of members are called.

5th - An invitation shall be given to brethren of our faith and order to sit with us in conference who shall enjoy all the privileges of the meeting except that of voting.

6th - A door shall be opened for the reception of members and in every instance receiving to fellowship, shall be by unanimous vote.

7th - Every subject for the consideration of conference shall be introduced by a motion, which when seconded shall be debatable and acted upon, unless withdrawn by the mover with the consent of the second.

8th - Every speaker shall rise and address the moderator by the expellation of brother and shall confine his remarks to the subject under debate and shall not be allowed to speak more than twice on one subject except by permission from the moderator.

9th - No member shall withdraw from the conference without permission from the moderator.

10th - It shall be required that in matters of difference between members, before complaint is made to the church, the aggrieved party shall have duly attended to the instructions of our Lord-Matthew 18 chapter, 16, 17, & 18th verses, and all public offences or such as operate against the peace of the church shall be the subject of discipline.

11th - All questions submitted to the conference shall be decided by a majority of votes except receiving members to fellowship, and any questions may be reconsidered upon the motion of one who voted in the affirmative.

12th - The moderator shall profound all questions for votes. Shall keep the speakers to the subject. Under debates may express his own views after others are done speaking, and see that these rules are faithfully observed.

13th - These rules of Decorum may be altered or ammended by a vote of two thirds of the whole church.

*2 Minutes and records of Concord Baptist Church from micro-film; Southern Baptist Convention Archives, Nashville, Tenn.

CONCORD BAPTIST CHURCH (1825)
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Minutes of church conferences from Feb. 1812, while still an arm of Bulltail Baptist Church, to Mar. 4, 1882, membership rolls, rules of decorum, declaration of faith, and a memorial. Loose items include a subscription list for W.M. Kennedy's salary (1879), a church letter from Beaverdam Baptist Church (1869), and two membership lists, 1880 and undated

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Notes: See also CRMF 0648. Concord was a branch of Wells Chapel until 1825

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3. ---, **DUPLIN CO., N.C.**

RECORDS, 1812-1902 [Broken Series] 2 vols.; 4 items [Microfilm]

Minutes of church conferences from Feb. 1812, while still an arm of Bulltail Baptist Church, to Mar. 4, 1882, membership rolls, rules of decorum, declaration of faith, and a memorial. Loose items include a subscription list for W.M. Kennedy's salary (1879), a church letter from Beaverdam Baptist Church (1869), and two membership lists, 1880 and undated

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Notes: See also: CRMS 006

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8. **WELLS CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH (1756), Wallace, N.C.**

RECORDS, 1793-1940 [Broken Series]. 9 vols. 8 items [Manuscripts]

Minutes of church conferences from Aug. 13, 1793 to Oct. 14, 1934, including male, female, and Black membership rolls, a 1940 membership roll, history sketches, and miscellaneous papers, 1824-1846 [broken series].

Descriptive List in N.C. Baptist Historical Collection.

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Manuscripts.

Received on loan for deposit from Mr. James K. Rooks, Kerr, N.C., Sept. 21, 1951; N.C. Baptist Historical Collection, ZSR Library, Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, N.C., July 2, 1964; Jan. 20, 1981; July 13, 1993.

Notes: See also: CRMF 0191 and CRMS 6 (Concord was a branch of Bultail until 1825

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Call Number:

9. ---, **Wallace, N.C.**

RECORDS, 1793-1989 [Broken Series]. 18 vols., 12 fdrs, 2 binders and 13 items.

[Microfilm]

Minutes of church conferences from Aug. 13, 1793 to Sept. 6, 1989, including male, female, and Black membership rolls, a 1940 membership roll, history sketches and file, and miscellaneous papers, 1824-1846 [broken series].

Descriptive List in N.C. Baptist Historical Collection.

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Notes: See also: CRMS 74

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Call Number:

10. Wells, Ruth B. Concord Baptist Church (A history sketch of the Concord Baptist Church with a photograph of the church). DUPLIN TIMES. Kenansville, N.C.; 1966 Jul 28.

RESEARCH MATERIALS IN THE NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST
HISTORICAL COLLECTION
Z. Smith Reynolds Library Wake Forest University

Concord Baptist Church
Route 1, Box 86
Rose Hill, NC 28458

COUNTY: Duplin
ASSOC.: Eastern

HISTORY: Constituted Feb. 18, 1825 and admitted to the CAPE FEAR Baptist Association. Dismissed from CAPE FEAR [E] in 1826 and became a charter member of GOSHEN [E] in 1827. Dismissed from GOSHEN [E] in 1843 and became a charter member of UNION I [E] 1844 until 1864. In 1865 UNION I [E] became EASTERN.

ASSOCIATION
SOURCES: Cape Fear [E] Baptist Association minutes, 1825-26.
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Minutes of church conferences from Feb. 12, 1812 to March 4, 1902, including membership rolls; rules of decorum; a declaration of faith; and a memorial. Loose items include church letters received; a subscription list for the pastor's salary; and male & female membership lists, 1869. (CRmf 648)

Records: 1812-1882. 2 volumes. 4 items.
Minutes of church conferences from Feb. 1812 to Mar. 4, 1882; membership rolls; rules of decorum; declaration of faith; and a memorial. Loose items include a subscription list of Wm. Kennedy's salary, 1879; a church letter from Beaverdam Baptist Church, 1869; and two membership lists, 1880 and undated. (CR 6)

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Wells, Ruth B. "Concord Baptist Church". [History sketch of the church with a photograph]. Kenansville, N. C. DUPLIN TIMES, July 28, 1966. (NCCF)

COLLECTION
SOURCES:

Newspaper clippings: cl1965-1975 (on microfilm)
cl1976-present (on file) (NCCF)

Biography Files:

These files may contain biographical information and or a pictorial source for ministers who may have served your church. This file is arranged alphabetically.

Biblical Recorder Indexes:

These indexes should be checked for Church references and for information pastors who may have served your church.

JRW/Sept. 19, 1986.

Eastern Association

CONCORD BAPTIST CHURCH

Concord Missionary Baptist Church is located on the Magnolia and Delway highway at the intersection of the Magnolia and Rose Hill highways. Rose Hill, and Magnolia N. C. are the nearest post offices, it being about five and one half miles from each.

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Peleg Rogers

William Swinson

John Peterson

David Wells

Gibson Sloan

Misbach Stallings

Female:

Rebecca Wells

Laryna Swetman

Winaford Stallings

Mary Wells

Mary Sellers

Abdala Canady

Sarah Taylor

Sarah, a servant

The following is a true copy of the letter of dismissal of the above members from the Mother Body:

"We, the Church of Christ at Bulltail, under the pastoral care of Elder William Wells, certify that a conference held at said Church on Saturday before the second Lord's Day in January 1825. Application was made for the dismissal of the members enrolled in

the Concord Church (a branch of Bulltail Church) in order to constitute a Church at Concord. The Church at Bulltail unanimously agreed that when the members enrolled in the Concord Church are constituted a separate Church from Bulltail Church to dismiss all the said members except Elder William Wells."

Since its formation it has been a regular and orderly Baptist Church. In 1825 it joined the Cape Fear Association and remained there until it helped form the Goshen Association, which in 1844 changed its name to Union, and in 1865 again changed its name to Eastern.

Only sixteen members were dismissed from the Mother Church, in order to form Concord Church, but we know they must have been earnest workers and the Church grew fast for we find that in 1835 twenty-four members were dismissed from Concord for the purpose of constituting a Church at Beaver Dam (now Magnolia Church) and in November 1853 Concord Church gave letters of dismission to 32 members in order that they might organize a Church at Carroll's Chapel (now Corinth Church). A list of the charter members is found in old records.

It is interesting to know that both of the Churches are very active today and each has a membership several times as large as that of the Mother Church.

There are several things in the way of Church business that ~~was~~ ^{were} carried on in the past that would be well for us as a Church to know and follow. They always opened their Conference with Prayer and singing, they inquired into the welfare of the Church and sent Messengers to other Churches to sit in conference with them. The visiting brethren were always asked to sit in conference with them.

~~Concord~~ We find where Concord sent messengers to Wells Chapel, Bethel, Corinth, Magnolia, New Hope, and Island Creek.

A part of the old records of Concord Church was destroyed by fire in 1842, therefore it is impossible to get a complete list of Pastors and Clerks who have served the Church, but the following is a partial list of Pastors.

Rev. George Fennell

Rev. D. Wells

Rev. C. C. Gordon

Rev. W. M. Kennedy

Rev. Alfred Guy

Rev. G. S. Best

Rev. J. N. Stallings

Rev. W. M. Kennedy

Rev. G. M. Huffman

Rev. R. C. Sandlin

Rev. J. T. Albritton

Rev. G. S. Wells

Rev. A. A. Butler

Rev. R. H. Gilbert

Rev. N. B. Cobb

Rev. W. N. Johnson

Rev. O. L. Brown

Rev. J. B. Newton

Rev. H. C. Bethea

Rev. S. B. Wilson

Rev. D. E. Hill

Rev. J. H. Booth

Rev. W. M. Kelly

Rev. J. Herman Barnes

The following is the available list of Church Clerks:

James Raphael

Peleg Rogers

Hiram Stallings

William Swanson

Wiley Stallings

W. B. Wells

J. W. Taylor

H. Matthews

L. R. Matthews

J. L. Kennedy

W. A. Moore

W. D. Wilkins

D. S. Matthews

A. B. Alderman

W. M. Drew

Grey Murphy

By: Grey Murphy, C.C.

Wistory Concord
Baptist Church.

To Baptist Mission
Rooms, Recorder Building
Raleigh N.C. as approved
by the Church.

BHC ACCESSION SHEET

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See finding aid in BHC.

Loan 1931.

1. Duplin County, N. C.

2. N. C. Church Records.

NCCF: Concord Baptist Church

CAPE FEAR

Concord Baptist Church

GOSHEN

Concord Baptist Church

UNION I

Concord Baptist Church

EASTERN

Beaverdam Baptist Church NEW SOUTH RIVER

BF: Kennedy, William M , 1825-1892.

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CHURCH MINUTES:

Church Minute Book, Vol. 1, 1812-1840

Contains minutes of quarterly church conferences from February, 1812 to September 19, 1840; a male and female membership list, 1823; a partial membership list, undated; rules of decorum, 1819; a list of contributors, 1819; and a letter of dismissal from Bulltail(Wells Chapel) and the formation of Concord, Feb., 1825. This volume is in very bad condition with missing and fragmentary pages.

Church Minute Book, Vol. 2, 1842-1882.

Contains minutes of church conferences from November 19, 1842 to March 4, 1882; a declaration of faith, rules of decorum, a church covenant, an undated male and female membership list, list of church members desiring a copy of the Baptist Psalmody; and a memorial on the deaths of William Byrd and Susan Matthews, 1863. Minutes become irregular towards the end of the volume.

CHURCH RECORDS:

Church Letters: Received, 1869. 1 item.

Church letter from Beaverdam Baptist Church, Duplin Co., April, 1869.

Financial Paper, 1879. 1 item.

List of contributors for the pastor's(W.M. Kennedy) salary.

Membership Records, 1880, n.d. 2 items.

A list of male members, 1880, and an undated list of female members.

IHC HISTORY SHEET

NAME: Concord Baptist ChurchCOUNTY: Duplin, N.C.ADDRESS:ASSN: Eastern

ORGANIZATION: The first conference was held at Concord in 1807, it then being a branch of Bulltail(now Well's Chapel Baptist Church.) and continued as such with the same deacons and clerks serving each place until February 18, 1825, when it was constituted a separate church, Elders Raphael, Fennell, and Stallings officiating. There were fifteen charter members - 7 males, 7 females, and 1 servant. In 1825 twenty-four members were dismissed to form Beaver Dam(now Magnolia). In 1853 thirty-two members were given letters of dismissal in order that they might organize Carroll's Chapel(now Corinth). In April of 1866 the Corinth membership(after having dissolved their church were received into Concord. In June they were granted their letters to reorganize Corinth again.

NAME CHANGES: None

ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP: Cape Fear, 1825-26; Goshen, 1827-44; Union, 1844-65; Eastern, 1865-

PASTORS: George Fennell, David Wells, C.C. Gordon, William M. Kennedy, Alfred Guy, G.S. Best, J.N. Stallings, G.W. Hufham; Richard Caswell Sandling, J.T. Albritton, G.S. Wells, A.A. Butler, R.H. Gilbert, N.B. Cobb, W.N. Johnson, O.L. Brown, J.B. Newton, H.C. Bethea, S.B. Wilson, D.E. Hill, J.H. Booth, W.M. Kelly, J. Herman Barnes, L.L. Johnson, Calhoun Johnson, T.W. McNeely, J.F. Royal, J.D. Everett, Ted Atkins, T.N. Cooper,

CEMETERY/RECORDS/DATES Yes

HISTORIES: Murphy, Gray, Concord Baptist Church(A history sketch),^c1930. 3p.
Wells, Ruth B., "Concord Baptist Church."(A history sketch), Duplin Times (Kennanville, N.C.), July 28, 1966.
Kellam and Brown, "Concord Baptist Church Cemetary"(tombstone inscriptions) Duplin County, North Carolina Gravestone Records, 1960, 117-118.

UNION I (E)
1844-1864

Const 18 Feb 1825 from Wells Chapel

1843 - GOSHEN B/A

1844 - Char. mem. UNION I

Fennell p

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1865 Eastern B/A

Concord-1825 Duplin Eastern

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The Concord Baptist Church Choir and drama group will present 'The Victor' today and Sunday.

Church presents Easter drama

GRANITE FALLS — Concord Baptist Church invites you to its second annual production of David T. Clydesdale's Easter musical/drama, "The Victor."

This year's production will include more drama as the audience is guided through the final days of Jesus' earthly ministry by a man named Benjamin. Benjamin (a fictitious character) is a Jewish religious leader, but very curious and concerned about Jesus. Could he possibly be the Messiah?!

If you attended last year's presentation, you'll

want to see it again. If you missed it last year, mark your calendar now to see and hear "The Victor" — from the arrest, trial, death and resurrection, to the magnificent ascension of Jesus our Savior.

Under the direction of Minister of Music, Terry Crouse, the choir and drama group will present "The Victor" at 7 p.m. today and 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday at Concord Baptist Church, 74 Falls Ave. just off the U.S. 321, Granite Falls Exit in Granite Falls. Dr. Paul Childers is pastor.

CHURCHES IN NORTH CAROLINA BEGUN PRIOR TO 1830

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

1. Name*** Canaan Date of Constitution 1825

new line hill

1813

2. Name _____ If changed. Date of change _____

3. Location. Name of County when Constituted _____

4. Location. Name of County at present time Duplin

5. Name of Association with which originally affiliated _____

Eastern

_____ Name in 1960 _____

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

(See Notes Other Side)

Counth

- 1866

EASTERN

Concord Baptist Church held Book 2 April, 1866

Brethren and sister who formerly composed
the church at Counth (after having disbanded
the church) presented their names (thru

their clerk) for admission into

Concord - Done

over

in June ¹⁸⁸¹ they were - granted letters to
go back to Cornell & re-organize the
club again

Henry Mattie
d. July 6, 1893 (C.R.)
Muriel Beebe - 1 (vol 2, p. 283)
Catherine B/c

- 1893

Eastern
ENTERPRISE
WALLACE, N.C.

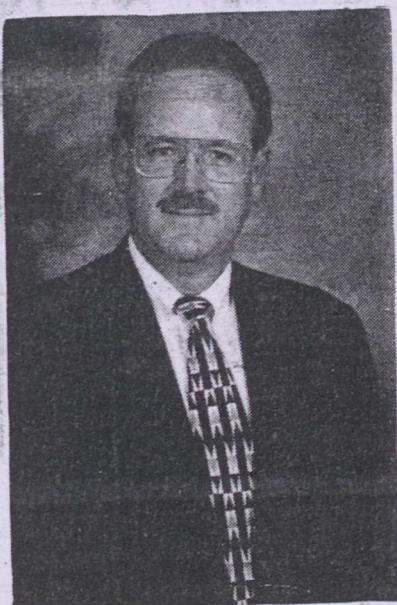
Gene Lakey
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291 **Revival Meetings at Concord Baptist Church, Rose Hill** AI

From Sunday morning, October 18, through Wednesday evening, October 21, Concord Baptist Church, Hwy. NC 903, Rose Hill, will host revival meetings with the Rev. Gene Lakey, pastor of Kenansville Baptist Church, bringing God's messages. In addition, guest musicians will lead in worship through music each evening. The Sunday evening service will begin at 7:00 and the weeknight services will begin at 7:00. A nursery will be provided.

A native of Charlotte and a graduate of Gardner-Webb University in Boiling Springs, Rev. Lakey and his wife Beckie reside in Kenansville, where they have ministered since his completion of studies at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, that earned a Master of Divinity with Christian Education in 1987. Their daughter Christa is a student at Campbell University, and their son Chad is a student at James Kenan High School.

As well as an energetic community leader, Rev. Lakey is a participant in many areas of Southern Baptist ministry. Being vitally active in the Eastern Baptist Association, Rev. Lakey also contrib-



Rev. Gene Lakey

utes leadership in several capacities to the N.C. Baptist State Convention and has written Bible study lessons for the Southern Baptist Convention's Sunday School Board.

Host pastor Jimmy Johnson invites all to worship with Concord's congregation each evening from October 18-21 at 7:00 p.m. on Sunday and 7:00 p.m. during the week.

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Concord

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Green River

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- 1826 - Cape Fear B/A
- 1827 - Char. mem. of GOSHEN B/Ac
No pastor.
- 1828 - " "
- 1829 - " "
- 1830 - " "
- 1831 - " "
- 1832 - " "
- 1833 - " "
- 1834 - " " (p. 3)
- 1835 - ~~William Wells~~ (p. 3)
- 1836 - G. W. Hufman / Benjamin Cornell
- 1837 - No pastor
- 1838 - " "
- 1839 - " "
- 1840 - " " Assoc met with.
- 1841 - No pastor
- 1842 - " "
- 1843 - " "
- 1844 - Union F B/A

listed Concord 1825 Duplin Eastern

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1825 - Admit. to assoc. as newly const. [Had been dismissed from Bulltail in Jan 1825]
No pastor. Gibsin Sloan, Wiley Stallings, delegates.

1826 - " "

1827 - *Chm men of Goshen B/R.*

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✓ 1807 - New meeting house called Convent May 1807

✓ 1808 - Wells Chapel began to hold meetings there

✓ 1809 - Still M.H.

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✓ 1816 - Yearly meeting held under .

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1818 -

✓ 1819 - Yearly meeting held under

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18 FEB

Jan. 8, 1825== Br. Swinson apply'd for a Dismissal of that Branch of this church at Concord in order to become a constituted church at Concord. The church agrees to dismiss the members which compose that branch.

- ✓ 1825 -
- ✓ 1826 - Delg from Streets & Peterson
- ✓ 1827 - Delg to
- 1828 -
- ✓ 1829 - Bro Streets recd. Delg sent (val 5)
- ✓ 1830 - Delg sent
- ✓ 1831 - Delg to Concord chm at Beavertown
- ✓ 1832 - Delg to & recd Bro. balance
- ✓ 1833 - Delg appt to recd
- ✓ 1834 - Delg sent to recd from
- ✓ 1835 - Delg recd & sent
- ✓ 1836 - Delg sent
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Wells Chapel

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Concord - 1825

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1808 - mem. at CONCORD given privilege of holding conference
and annual conference

1816 - Yearly meeting of Baltail to be held here
(out)

1819 - yearly meetg of Baltail to be held with.

1825 (JAN) Swanson applied for a dismission of that branch of
this church at Concord in order to become a constituted
church at Concord. The church agrees to dismiss the
members of that branch of the church. Except for Elders
(who compose)

Wells who is to continue pastor of the church at Baltail.

October 7, 1974

The Reverend H.T. Davis
Route 3, Box 148
China Grove, N.C. 28023

Dear Mr. Davis:

One of the most important sources that we have in the Baptist Historical Collection is our verticle files of information on our North Carolina Baptist pastors--past and present. You can greatly assist our efforts here to preserve our religious heritage for future generations by filling out the enclosed biographical form and returning it to us.

We also receive many requests for photographs of pastors to be used in church histories and anniversaries. If you have a photograph to enclose with your form, this too will be greatly appreciated.

Please let me know if we can assist you in any matters relating to our denominational history.

Cordially yours,

John R. Woodard, Director
Baptist Historical Collection

JRW/grb

Enclosures

BHC CATALOGING SHEET

CRmf 648

MAIN ENTRY: Concord Baptist Church (1825), Duplin Co., N. C.

TYPE OF PAPERS; DATES: Minute books, 1812-1882; loose papers, 1869-1902
[broken series]

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 2 volumes. 5 items.

ORIGINAL FORM OF MATERIALS: Manuscript

CARD FORMAT:

Concord Baptist Church (1825), Duplin Co., N. C.
Records, 1812-1902 [broken series]. 2 vols.
4 items.

Minutes of church conferences from Feb. 1812
to March 4, 1882, including membership rolls;
rules of decorum; a declaration of faith; and
a memorial. Loose items include church letters
received; a subscription list for pastor's
salary; and male and female membership lists,
1869 [broken series].

See finding aid in BHC.

Reel: 1. 35mm microfilm. Positive.

Purchase: 1962.

Shelf list.

SUBJECT ENTRIES:

NAMES ENTRIES:

Concord Baptist Church (1825), Duplin
Co., N. C.
Duplin County, N. C. Church records.
Cape Fear [E] Baptist Association. Church
records.
Goshen [E] Baptist Association. Church
records.
Union I [E] Baptist Association. Church
records.
Eastern Baptist Association. Church records.
Beaver Dam Baptist Church (1803), Cumberland
Co., N. C.
Kennedy, William M., 1825-1892.

NCCF CARDS:

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Beaver Dam Baptist Church

CAPE FEAR [E]
GOSHEN [E]
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NEW SOUTH RIVER

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DATE: 7 April 1982/JRW

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- 1812 - Letter recd from (12) delg to (13)
- 1813 - letter & delg (14)
- 1814 - letter & delg (16)
- 1815 - letter & delg (15)
- 1816 - delg to (19 - 20) delg from (20) (21)
- 1817 -
- 1818 - delg to (24)
- 1819 - delg to (26) & 1
- 1920 - Delg from (28)
- 1821 - Delg to and from (29)
- 1822 - Delg to and from (32)
- 1823 -
- 1824 - delg. (36)

Concord

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- ✓ 1854 - *deg (73)*
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In 1865 at Moore's Creek in deference to
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