

Spring Branch - 1795

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NEW S. RIVER

1795 - Const. Apr. 5

1840 - Admit. to RALEIGH.

1858 - Dism. from RALEIGH. Charter member of
CEDAR CREEK[E].

1877 - Dism. from CEDAR CREEK[E]. Charter member of
SOUTH RIVER[E], until 1923.

1924 - Charter member of NEW S. RIVER.

SPRING BRANCH
— — MEMORIES — —

PEOPLE, TIMES, AND
THINGS
I REMEMBER



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MUSINGS

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INTRODUCTION

During 1995 the church of my youth will celebrate the occasion of a two hundredth anniversary. There will be special recognition and homecoming activities to take place during the month of September. Many people and events will be recalled by members, former pastors, the present pastor, Rev. Tim McQueen, and friends, who will gather together to remember, rejoice and celebrate the momentous occasion.

My own enthusiasm began to build when I heard plans were under way to celebrate the occasion. Memories began to flood my mind, some forgotten, hidden away deep in the crevices of my brain, just waiting for a "tug" to be called forth, so they could be enjoyed once more. Some of them are in this book.

These accounts are not to be considered a part of the church history. Someone else has written that. This is my own personal account relative to my own journey in this historical place, I lovingly call, my "home church." I consider this a companion to the church history. I hope the reader will also consider it as such.

May the memories written here cause the reader to discover and remember some memories of his or her own. I am appreciative of the many people who helped teach us and those who helped with leadership in this dear church. I appreciate the good that has come from those days. Now I look to the future of this church. May her guiding spirit continue forth through the grace of God, and the good and faithful servants of Spring Branch, be an influence that sinners will heed. May they also be blessed in their Christian journey here, as they seek the light of the world, Jesus.

Happy reading!! Happy memories! May the reader discover his own personal memory that has been waiting for a nudge, to be called forth, remembered and enjoyed again. I hope so.

Mary B.





RECALLING SPRING BRANCH MOMENTS

Any time my family went to church when I was a child we went to Spring Branch Baptist Church, which was the church of my parents and grandparents. My Dad's family has some ties to the history from the beginning. Also, the family was very fond of Preacher J. A. Campbell, pastor for many years. This made it the one and only church for them to attend.

One of my earliest memories of Spring Branch was attending Sunday School in the old building, long ago torn down. If memory serves me correctly, it was the first building designed as a sanctuary for the Spring Branch membership.

On Sunday mornings we (children) would gather in the old building for Sunday School classes, then a bell would be rung at the hour's end signaling it was time for us to go to the new building for morning worship.

My memory of Reverend Campbell is rather vague; however, I remember a picture of him very prominently displayed in the new building and for some time I thought it was a photograph of my great-uncle Bobby Bass, who was a devout Christian and an active member of Spring Branch, (that accounts for my mistake, as to me they looked very much alike.) When Reverend Campbell passed away, and the news reached Spring Branch, all the members began to cry. For them, it was like losing a family member. I wasn't old enough to fully understand how pastorates were determined, so in my childish mind I was concerned about the survival of the church. With all the crying I thought this meant the end, because we no longer had a preacher (pastor).

I remember asking my grandmother (Eula Jackson), "Grandmother, what will happen to Spring Branch?" I don't remember what her response was, but it must have been something like "We will now have to find another preacher", because I don't remember having any further concern about the future of Spring Branch and having a place to come to worship. Church history records the number of years Rev. Campbell was pastor. Because of his educational connections and later through Gladys (Strickland) Satterwhite, we were afforded the privilege of hearing some well known and renowned speakers giving it a special place in the church community, making it without equal in the area (country).





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There will be things said and written about Spring Branch in years to come. The things shared here are my own personal accounting, which I hope will be interesting and hopefully provoke other memories of those who have attended this church sometime during its historical journey.

Going back to the earlier building, after it was no longer used for Sunday School classes, it became property of the Woodmen of the World (by what route I do not know). In those days children in our community walked to the "main" road to meet the school bus. Our "stop" was at the church. The building served two purposes for us. First, it was a curiosity because we had heard there were strange things stored in it that the woodmen used in initiating new inductees. Nothing stirred our imagination more than what might be stored in that building!! The second purpose: on rainy days it was our refuge from the rain as we waited. It had a fairly large entrance area (today it might be called a foyer), so we would gather in the old "Woodmen Lodge" with our books and lunches to be spared most of the heavy rains, and on the really cold days we would retreat to the lodge to avoid the harsh winds that were really bone chilling sometimes. At least it knocked the worst of the wind off of us.

We missed the old building when it became no longer safe for us to use it. Next, we were allowed to use the entrance to the new building if we made certain not to strew or make a "mess", so we used that building less frequently and with a lot less intrigue that we had waiting in the old Woodmen Lodge. Some twelve to fifteen of us school children met the school bus at this stop. My, what memories I have of those days!!





PRAYERS AT SPRING BRANCH

Every church survives because of faithful saints and a lot of prayers. Spring Branch is no different. I'm sure there have been some prayers that have been uttered by some youngster that has warmed the heart of a teacher or stirred the emotions of some parent along the way. Many souls have been won to Christ because someone prayed for a child, neighbor, or loved one that is still true. Prayer is the life blood of the church, its growth, its mission in reaching the lost, teaching and serving in work for the Lord is accomplished because of prayer.

There are two prayers I shall always remember that took place at Spring Branch – come to think of it they were both uttered by the same member. Let me digress to say among the most lengthy prayers I remember at Spring Branch were prayed by Rev. Addie Bain. Rev. Bain was a Methodist minister who would attend Spring Branch on the Sundays he was not preaching at his own church. His wife, Mrs. Etta was a faithful member of Spring Branch, and a good Sunday School teacher. Therefore Rev. Addie would frequently attend church with Mrs. Etta. Now back to the prayers I remember.

One summer it had been usually dry. It lasted longer than usual, because it was so hot and dry the creeks were drying up.

Crops were really beginning to suffer; the situation was reaching the critical point. Some crops were drying up and the more susceptible ones were in danger of being a total loss. On this particular Sunday, the minister called on Thomas Henry Hinson for our dismissal prayer (if I remember correctly). Mr. Thomas Henry prayed. During his prayer he petitioned the Lord to consider our suffering and our need for rain to refresh our crops. As we walked home from church that Sunday, someone remarked about Mr. Thomas Henry's prayer and commented that we certainly did need the rain. Well, where we lived we could see the sky for quite a distance and the sky was cloudless, as it had been for days. Just as were reaching our house someone noted a wisp of a cloud in the far off sky. Though we were hopeful, it really didn't look very promising for rain.

By the time we finished preparing our Sunday dinner the cloud had increased, it now appeared we would get the much needed (and prayed





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for) rain. The shower was (as Bill Williford called big heavy rains a "frog strangler") really a heavy shower.

Now in those days Spring Branch had no Baptistry, so the Baptismal services were held in Mr. Ammie Alderman's pond, and usually in the summer. (The pond is now barely a creek just north of the present building.)

This occurred on the Sunday that the Church had scheduled a Baptismal service that afternoon. It had rained so hard the pond was flooded and not safe for us to use, so the Baptism Service was cancelled.

The other prayer that I recall was entirely different. Mr. Thomas Henry had a brother, Galveston, who attended church regularly but didn't seem to be very vocal, and to my knowledge never taught a Sunday School class or held any church office. On the other hand, Mr. Thomas Henry was a Sunday School teacher of a teen-age boys class for many years as well as a dedicated deacon. (La Marr Stone recalled Mr. Thomas Henry's "squinty eye" during his "senior" recognition recently, recalling Mr. Hinson's influence on him as a Sunday School teacher.

One Sunday at the close of morning worship the preacher said, "I call on Mr. Galveston Hinson to dismiss us with a prayer." After a very pregnant pause Mr. Thomas Henry, who was seated right in front of Mr. Galveston, began to pray. I thought to myself that is Mr. Thomas Henry. Did he misunderstand the preacher? After the service ended someone asked Mr. Thomas H. had he misunderstood the name? He replied, "No," he smiled slightly and said, "I knew Galveston wouldn't pray in public so I went ahead and prayed (for him)."

Galveston who looked a little flustered said, "I'm going to tell the preacher not to call on me again!" Apparently he did, as I never heard his name called again to lead in prayer.





YOUTH RALLIES



In my high school and late teen years the pastor was Eugene Ensley, a student at Wake Forest College (located at Wake Forest at the time). His home was Wilmington, N.C. A tall, handsome, single, young man. He promptly let it be known there was a girl friend back home. I suppose it was to avoid a flood of young ladies attempting to catch his attention, because rare would be the parent who would object to their daughter being seen with the handsome new preacher! Not only that, parents felt they could trust the preacher to take proper care of their daughter.

During Mr. Ensley's pastorate at Spring Branch, no doubt because of his youth the number of young people increased. Among the things he was instrumental in doing while in the pastorate was to hold youth rallies. I seem to remember they were held monthly. They were fun, good fun. We also had good attendance as well. Other churches in the area didn't have young, good looking ministers so, we had a real "drawing card." Our attendance fared quite well. Also a plus for the rallies was the young fellow college students he invited to come with him for the rallies. They were usually our inspirational speaker or provided some special music which he looked forward to. Not the least of the attractions was our opportunity to meet and get to know college students. We rarely had this opportunity since only a few of our young folk went off to college. Therefore, it was exciting to meet them and hear about college life. It was exciting for us to hear about something we looked forward to experiencing in our own future.

Many of those student's names have since been forgotten. However, one I still remember is Troy Bennett, who served as a missionary in Southeast Asia. Years later he returned, together with his wife, shared about work they did on the mission field. Sometime later I had the unexpected opportunity to meet and get to know their two daughters Rebecca and Debbie (Rebecca at work and Debbie at my church).

The rally programs were generally songfests, quiz type games, inspirational messages, and concluded with some type of simple refreshments.

There was no such thing as television in our area in those days and only scattered record players (usually 45 RPM), a cassette record player



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probably wasn't even on the drawing board at that time. To plan our programs and rallies we had to be creative in providing entertainment. The radio and record player were the only technical resources available for programs. Therefore, creativity was imperative in planning our entertainment for these rallies. The old "Funology", was a very handy book. (I still have mine.) This experience probably accounts for many of us, (who are fast becoming today's old timers) having the creative abilities we have and enjoy today.

Some adults attended the rallies. Two of our greatest and most active supporters that helped us many times were Mr. John R. Stone (again) and Mrs. T. C. Gilbert, (Flora Hutaff's mother). Their faithful support led us to ask them to serve as our adult advisors, which they agreed to do. They seemed to enjoy their time with us and served in that capacity as long as the rallies were held.

Spring Branch had no fellowship hall. The youth or their family provided the simple refreshments. Just the same I doubt the youth today have any more fun that we did back then. Even with all the entertainment equipment of today, I doubt they could. Those were simple days, but they were fun.





SUNDAY SCHOOL

In the building that was damaged by Hurricane Hazel there were Sunday School classrooms located under the balcony, as well as additional rooms just back of the sanctuary (behind the pulpit). None of the rooms was heated in the way churches are heated today. The church addition had a small oil heater in the assembly area only. We wore coats, caps, and gloves trying to stay warm in Sunday School. In summer it was hot. In this part of the church we could open the windows and to help circulate the air we used those funeral cardboard fans to help us be a little more comfortable. Days in spring and autumn with moderate temperatures were more pleasant.

My most vivid memory of a Sunday School classroom is the classroom under the balcony. It seemed to almost always be uncomfortable. In summer the heat could be oppressive and in winter the chill was nearly unbearable. Our young ladies who tried so hard to look stylish would often wear open shoes in winter and would find themselves freezing in the process. After electricity was installed in the church our class decided we could solve the problem by purchasing a small electric heater for our relatively small classroom. We raised the money and the purchase was made. We proudly plugged the heater into the socket; then turned it on. Soon heat was radiating from it. Great! It felt so good! We were so proud of the promise of a warm room, we were content. Just as we were getting comfortable the current went off! Ignorance of load demands of electricity, and because power wasn't always dependable in rural areas (as expected today), in those days we attached no significance to the outage. A member who was responsible for church maintenance checked and found the electric meter switch has been "thrown" and he proceeded to turn the power back on. Unaware of the cause of the power failure we were happy when the power was restored. Soon the heater radiated heat again. Just as before, as soon as we were beginning to get comfortable, the power went off! Still we were not aware of the cause of the power failure. Minutes later after the heater began to work, a member checking around, quietly opened our classroom door and asked, "Do you ladies have an electric heater in here?" We proudly answered, "Yes." Much to our dismay our new heater was the problem! He explained the reason for the power failure was our precious heater "over loading" the switch box and cutting the power off! So our source of heat was shelved and once again

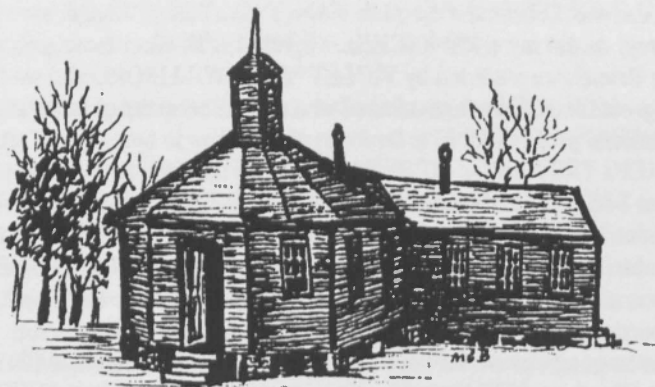


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we were destined to a cold classroom

I will never forget what one gentleman (I don't remember who) said afterward. "You ladies wouldn't be cold if you would wear sensible shoes." What happened to the heater I don't remember. If the heat situation was ever solved prior to the move to the present site, I don't remember it.

Thank goodness for the central heat in our churches today. It is truly a blessing in comparison to what churches once had. (Those pot-bellied metal stoves that you gathered around until services or classes began. Then those who sat close by would be roasting, while those seated a few feet away would be "freezing to death.") I doubt that any heating system (of today) will ever produce the stories or the memories those pot-bellied stoves of yesterday have!



Early Church
Woodman Lodge



MISSION ORGANIZATIONS

I don't know just how far back WMU goes at Spring Branch. I do remember being asked to lead Girls Auxiliary while I was probably TOO YOUNG to be a leader of such responsibility. Add to that the fact I had absolutely NO experience or exposure to Girls Auxiliary so I found myself scrambling to learn and searching for ways to be the kind of leader that would encourage the girls at Spring Branch to learn about missions and at the same time enjoy doing missions projects.

I don't recall how well things went in the beginning. I do remember that along the way we tried something that may have sparked some attention to GAs. A plan for initiation was made. I don't remember all the things we asked the new candidates to do, two that I do remember were GLENDA GODWIN was asked to wear UNMATCHED SOCKS to school for a specified number of days and another girl was asked to wear the same dress to school an entire week. Apparently it paid off because our number in GAs was pretty good for a country church because we had some fifteen or more girls in our membership at Spring Branch. (TODAY G.A. is Girls-In-Action)

Along the way I became a member of the YWA (Young Woman's Auxiliary) as did my sister RACHEL. Together with other teenagers at Spring Branch we were led by VIOLET "BILL" WILLIFORD and we had some great times. I don't remember who our officers were but we also did missions projects.

We also became a part of the ASSOCIATIONAL YWA and traveled to other churches in the association for these meetings. The church did not have a bus or van then, so we found a friend in MR. JOHN R. STONE who was always able to manage the time and provided the additional transportation we needed to make the trips to attend these meetings. In today's language he would have been our SPONSOR. One office I held while a member of YWA was Vice-President of the Associational YWA.

Some of the names of our YWA that I recall are: (in no particular order) LOLA GLOVER, JOYCE and JUNITA LEE, WILLOWAY NAYLOR, WINIFRED NAYLOR, LORETTA and IRIS LEE ROWLAND, EFFIE PEARL BEASLEY, VIVIAN TART, ALINE BEASLEY, MARGARET and



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MARIE TEW, their sister ELIZABETH, FLORA GILBERT, and later ANNIE NEAL ROWLAND, JOYCE JACKSON, SHIRLEY MARIE STICKLAND, SHIRLEY KATHRYN HAIRR, and MARY LOU CORE. I'm sure there were others so to them I apologize, but memory just simply fails me at this writing.

MISSIONS is very much a part of Spring Branch and no doubt many accomplishments have been made through the years such as support for migrants, assistance to the less fortunate, offerings for Home and Foreign Missions, as well as in recent years supporting some ladies who went on VOLUNTEER MISSION TRIPS TO BRAZIL AND TRINIDAD. Also just this year more members have gone to BRAZIL, and two members will be going to INDONESIA.

It was because of my participation in YWA and the desire to attend YWA CAMP AT RIDGECREST one year that when it was learned that I planned to go to RIDGECREST that year, some members (MR. STONE was one) took up money to SEND ME TO RIDGECREST! When the final amount collected was counted not only did they have ENOUGH TO SEND ME TO RIDGECREST, THERE WAS ENOUGH TO SEND ONE OF OUR G.A.s TO ASSOCIATIONAL G.A. CAMP!!

What a blessing it has been for me to have been a member of this church and the background of opportunity received at SPRING BRANCH has proven to be most valuable for me. THANKS TO SOME VERY DEDICATED PEOPLE IN THIS CHURCH. THEY ARE RESPONSIBLE for the good training and valuable experience which has proven helpful to me in the years since. (Presently I serve as W.M.U. DIRECTOR of a sister historical church.)

Earlier this year VIOLET "BILL" WILLIFORD was recognized as Senior Woman of the year. Part of her recognition included a reunion of 'her' former YWA "GIRLS". WHAT A REUNION THAT WAS! It was an honor for me to be a part of that recognition. W.M.U. and MISSIONS is still alive and well at SPRING BRANCH. The record this year is a testament to that fact.





MUSIC AT SPRING BRANCH



Music has had a special place in Spring Branch history but there have been some problems to occur where music was concerned. Let me explain what I mean.

There were "song leaders" during my days at Spring Branch. Singing has always been important to the church. My! How many "old favorites" I learned while growing up in this church! The songs have been a real comfort to me many, many times.

When I was quite young I remember Mr. Willie Dixon as song leader, followed by Mr. Daniel Warren. The pianist was Mrs. Violet Willford (Freddie's mother). The church depended on her entirely. Well, sometime after Mr. Fred died Mrs. Violet moved away and Spring Branch was without anyone on hand to play the piano. The church had depended on her for every service and was not prepared for her departure. David and Jessie Herring had seen to it that their girls were taking music lessons. Without much choice Olive Grey Herring became the church pianist at the grand old age of nine years. Sandra, her sister, played also but seemed to be satisfied to let Olive play for most church events. I shared somewhere that Olive was the youngest pianist ever at Spring Branch, then Mrs. Gladys Satterwhite shared her story with me. It seems Spring Branch let this problem happen once before! I hope I remember it correctly. It seems when Gladys was about nine years old Miss Delitha Naylor, who had been the organist for years, got married and left the church to be with her new husband, leaving no one to play the old "pump" organ! So Gladys became the organist at age nine. However, she had to "pump" and play at the same time! Olive Grey did an outstanding job as pianist. People would come to Spring Branch and they would be amazed at her ability. When I was planning my wedding, I secretly wished the church had an organ. One day I said to someone I would really like organ music for my wedding. Frank Hinson said, "Don't worry about it. I can't guarantee it, but I feel sure my aunt is planning to give an organ to the church." Sure enough, that summer, not too long before my wedding day, Mrs. Lola Lee Guest donated an organ to Spring Branch! My wish had become a reality. The church had an organ and Olive Grey at age eleven played my wedding selections on that organ. A gentleman who was employed for a Raleigh television station and a guest at our wedding, said later, "I



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watched the young lady who played for your wedding and she didn't miss anything that went on, and didn't miss a note!" Olive played for worship, funerals, weddings and programs. Many visitors had a hard time believing what they saw and heard. Mr. A. E. Lynch came to Spring Branch one summer to assist with the music for our revival. Knowing Gladys was no longer at Spring Branch (she played many times after Mrs. Violet left), Mr. Lynch asked if someone was to play the piano as he led the music during the revival the following week. He was told we did have someone. When he was introduced to Olive Grey as church pianist, he told us later that he had suffered grave doubts about our music for the revival. She was about ten at that time. Before the week ended Mr. Lynch complimented her and informed the church she had been able to play any music he had needed, and that she had done very well.

That experience was indeed a happy one for Spring Branch. I'm glad to know many parents are encouraging their daughters to take music lessons. This should assure there not be a likely repeat of this experience any time soon. I hope not!

I remember another experience of a lack of musical talent. I sang in the choir at Spring Branch when there were no robes and many times no official choir director. At times when there were funerals there would not be a sufficient number of singers to compose a choir, then a church quartet would be asked to sing, or at times families requested the quartet. In such cases, it usually consisted of two men and two women. Avis Tew Raynor was the alto in the quartet, Daniel Warren sang tenor, Fred Williford would sing bass (he didn't need a mike to enhance his voice). If Gladys was available she would sing soprano.

Like other young ladies mentioned before, Avis also got married and moved away, leaving no alto (trained) for the quartet for these musical needs. I remember when Mrs. Sarah Eliza Alderman died, her son (who was a musician) was living with her at the time and approached me and asked me to sing also in the quartet for his mother's funeral! I was doubtful. However, he helped me practice and I sang with the quartet my very first time at Mrs. Alderman's funeral. (After Mr. Fred passed away David Herring sang bass in the quartet.)



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I don't remember singing at many funerals. However, I do remember once when a funeral was held in the front yard at the home of the deceased, the quartet was asked to sing. We had no piano, so we had to sing without the aid of any instrument. When the time came for us to sing during the service we could not get on "key" not even near it, for one of the hymns. I don't remember the name of the family, and don't want to! I remember how bad it sounded, that's enough! It was awful and we felt bad for the family. I doubt that they ever request the quartet again, I know I wouldn't have!

Daddy (Liston Jackson) loved to sing and enjoyed the hymns we sang at church. He would sing and we children would join in the singing as we worked in the "pack house" or as we "barned" tobacco and even as we "hoed" cotton. We enjoyed the songs we learned while in church and Sunday School at Spring Branch.

Today the choir has robes, a choir director, both a pianist and an organist, and they sound good! Music is alive and well at Spring Branch. I enjoy the many hymns I learned at Spring Branch and love them still.





SPRING BRANCH HOMECOMINGS

For as long as I can remember there have been homecomings at Spring Branch. I don't know when they began but certainly before I can remember. My first recollection is that the annual Homecoming Day took place on a week day, usually on a Friday, and in the summer. Farmers would leave their crops to spend the day hearing a visiting speaker, visiting with returning former members, and sharing a covered dish dinner prepared by the ladies for the occasion.

The table composed of boards fashioned like sawhorses placed at intervals supported the chicken wire stretched and fastened to the sawhorses making one long table on which to place the food. The ladies covered this with linen cloths (usually white), then placed their tasty dishes on the table. They would stand by, fans in hand to shoo away hungry insects (yellow jackets) that were always attracted by the fragrant banana sandwiches and desserts. In those days one of the special treats was sandwiches because they "traveled" well (and sliced bread was relatively new on the market as well), a change from our standard fare of homemade biscuits.

One feature of the usual homecoming program agenda was the annual roll call of the church membership. Someone would read the names and call them out orally from the pulpit. Members' names were called one by one, each would respond "here" or "present" when his or name was called. The church clerk generally was the one who called the roll.

This was done toward the end of the morning program, as a youngster I remember it took a long time to call all the names. It seemed interminable since we knew "food" was next on the schedule. Also, I remember it wasn't unusual to see some member quietly slip outside once his or her name had been called. I don't know if it was the boredom of listening to all the names left to be called, or maybe anxious to get out and get the food on the table, or a need to go to the outdoor toilets, getting ahead of a rush at the close of the morning services. (I never found out, but no doubt all three reasons applied.)

I don't remember the reason I was asked to call the roll one time, I did call it once. It was not an easy task - far from it! I didn't wish to do it





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again. I saw names I hadn't seen before, names I had no idea how to pronounce and worst of all names of some members who were deceased whose names had not been deleted from the roll!

I can't remember just when homecoming was changed to a Sunday, possibly during or shortly after Eugene Ensley's pastorate, because during his pastorate we decided to have a Thanksgiving Harvest Day (described in other writings of the church's history) which proved to be a more pleasant season, and I feel sure it was more convenient for the farmers. Along with that change, the roll call was dropped. Not many members have missed it or if any regrets over the omission of the roll call have been mentioned, I'm not aware of it. I know I haven't missed or complained about the omission.

The beverage at homecoming dinner was not tea as we are accustomed to today. We had water, from a hand operated pump that stood on the church grounds. It was over a built up base of brick or cement with a drain basin and spout that directed the run-off water in a desired direction. There was a handy dipper (sometimes a gourd, other times a metal one) that would hang from a portion of the base, or a nearby post, that we caught water in as we operated the pump. The dipper may have served as a common cup, until folks realized the danger of spreading germs in using the common cup. Also in summer you needed to pump several cups before drinking any water because the sun heated the metal pump and in summer the first few cups would be truly hot water.

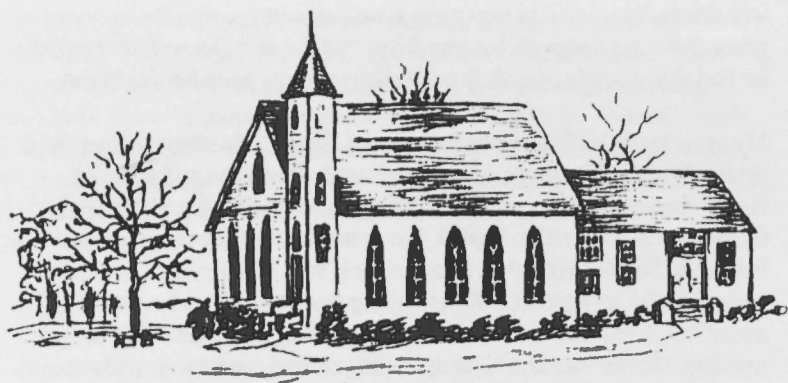
Another thing many members did before homecoming day, was to clean up the church cemetery. This was a chore that was most often neglected until the approach of homecoming. Thanks to Mrs. Maggie Williams (Thomas' mother), that chore was taken care of when she persuaded the church to institute a perpetual care plan. It has proven to be an enhancement of the church cemetery. The more uniform appearance is an asset which I appreciate even more now that both parents and my husband are at rest in this special garden spot (to me).

These things will be things I shall remember as Spring Branch celebrates her two hundredth anniversary. Many people will be remembered, many

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events will be recalled, many former members will return to renew old acquaintances and share in the joy of this very special homecoming. There is a lot of history embodied in this membership. Many people have passed through the doors and found places of service in the community as well as in many parts of the world; those who have done so have been a testament to the influence of the members of Spring Branch who were and are consecrated Christians who bear witness to their faithfulness of the work and the word of the Lord by their very words and deeds.

I count it a blessing to have been a part of this membership and hold dear many special memories of this church. I feel very blessed to have traveled along a portion of its historical path, and look forward to the celebration of the two hundredth anniversary and homecoming with anticipation.





PEOPLE I REMEMBER

There are some people I recall whose names are probably only on the church roll book (roster). None of them were ever leaders to my knowledge, but were faithful members, and attended services regularly. One was Mr. Wiley Robertson Bass. I don't remember much about him, except he was tall and slender. He was pretty much a plain man. I remember at his funeral Rev. I. K. Stafford remarked that Mr. Wiley Robertson was faithful in his attendance and that he always said, "Preacher, that was a good sermon." (or some similar comment).

Another was "Uncle Matt" Naylor, who was a bachelor. I was a little uncomfortable around him until I was old enough to understand "Uncle Matt" wasn't weird, he suffered epilepsy. At times he had seizures. I witnessed one or two, but because children didn't understand this we avoided him. There was no known medication to help his condition in those days. You could never tell when a seizure would occur, therefore children were reluctant to be close to "Uncle Matt" at any time. He was a quiet gentle soul but since we never knew when a seizure might occur, and we didn't understand them, we never got to know him well.

Uncle Reddin Hairr was another. He came to church regularly. He had a wry sense of humor. He never was a leader of any part of the church program that I am aware of, but one thing that we as children took note of, he had this great big truck (tractor) like no other member we knew.

My grandmother "Sallie" Norris was one. Her family attended church at Spring Branch. She grew up in this church. When she and grandpa Henry Norris got married, their union was much like the "Addie Bains." Grandpa was a primitive Baptist. His denomination did not practice or believe in Sunday School as a part of their worship service. How they arrived at the arrangement for attending worship service I never heard. I never heard any question or problem regarding their pattern of church worship. On the Sundays Grandpa's church had services (usually monthly) the family went with him to church. The other Sundays the family attended Spring Branch. While the family participated in Sunday School Grandpa would sit quietly in the sanctuary and meditate. Although they went to the primitive church, none of the children ever joined that church. Grandmother Sallie never taught a class or held any office that I



PEOPLE *(continued)*

heard about, she was a faithful member, those who knew her never doubted her love and devotion to Spring Branch Baptist Church.

Grandpa Joe Jackson may have held an office. I don't think he did. He too grew up in Spring Branch, and was a devoted member. He departed this earth after living into his nineties. Among my memories of him, one stands out. It relates to the infamous hurricane "Hazel" which wreaked havoc on much of North Carolina in October 1954. Her fury was felt throughout the state. Spring Branch was not spared from that fury. An investigation of the damage revealed the building had suffered some structural damage, which undermined it for continued future worship service. The recommendation was for extensive repairs or to rebuild. The suggested recommendation was to rebuild. Grandpa Joe loved that dear building, and hated to see it go. He spoke for renovation. He voted that way. The votes were to rebuild. Grandpa didn't agree but he lived with the decision. Some years later when the present building was completed with the splendid new features of additional space in the sanctuary, and a fellowship hall for other worship relativities, there was not one member who was happier or more proud than my grandpa Joe Jackson.

A church is people. It includes those who lead, teach, and work. It includes those who attend regularly and quietly participate in the fellowship and worship, supporting the church in its mission of proclaiming God's love. These ingredients make the church what it is. Without people like those named above and many members like them the church would not survive. We are grateful for those who teach and lead. Let us also be thankful for those quiet souls who witness in their quiet way as well. Every church needs them.





"I REMEMBER" CREDITS

I wish to thank Mrs. Lucile Lumsden Joslin who so graciously edited a majority of the material in this book. Mrs. Joslin who has a M.D. degree in Medicine, worked in the medical profession, however not as a medical doctor. In recent years she worked as an editor for the NCAE State Office of Publications. Now retired, she does many good deeds for others. She is a personal friend, a special one, whose friendship I treasure. I am grateful for her help with this book.

I appreciate those names mentioned in this book, without them the book would not be possible.

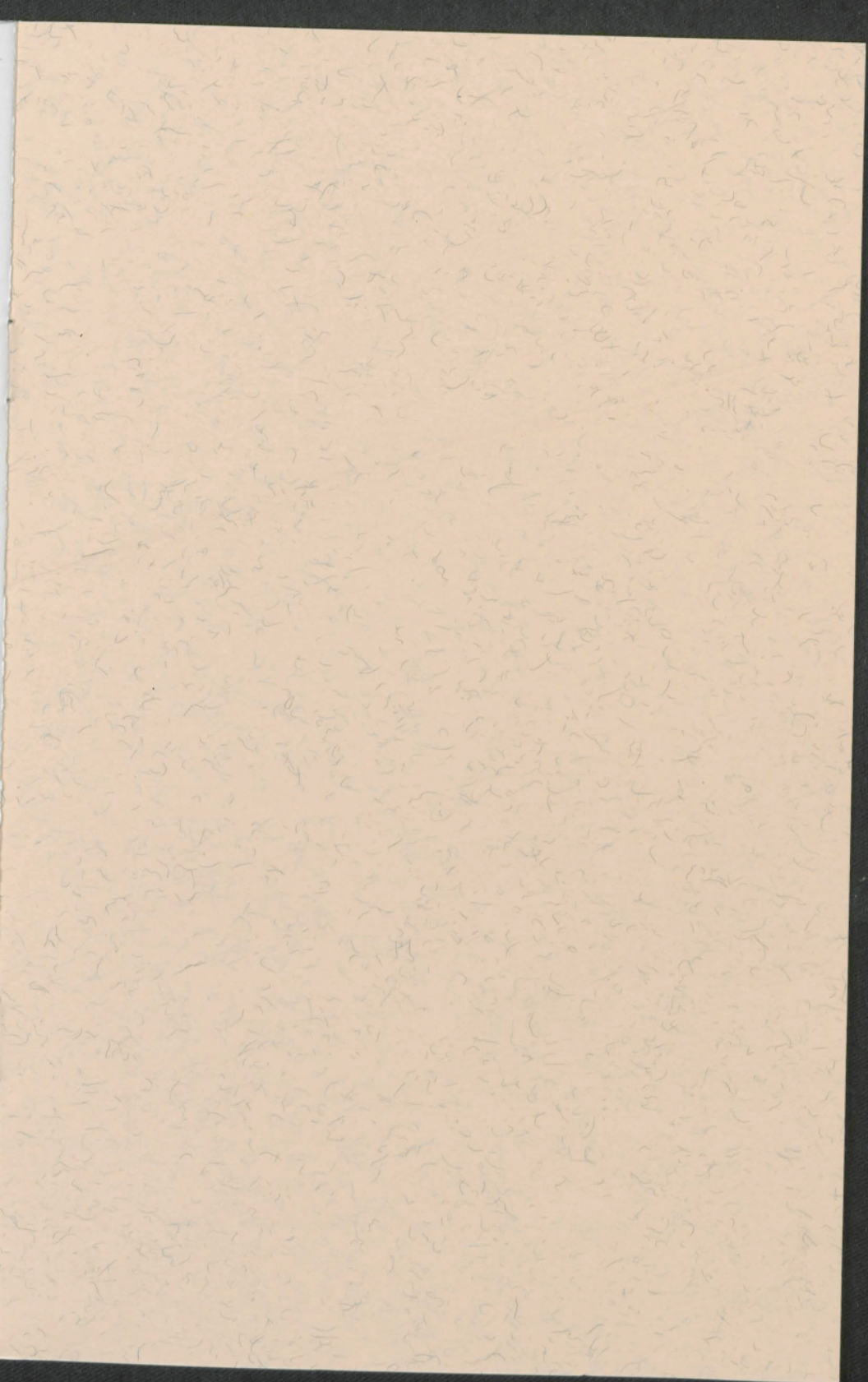
I am grateful to good Sunday School teachers and church leaders at Spring Branch who influenced by life in many ways. Among many good school teachers I am grateful to Mrs. Louise B. Jackson, who always encouraged her students to do more. She inspired me to do things that I might not have tried to do otherwise; while in school and since.

I am grateful for good and loving parents, Liston and Flonnie Jackson, who trained us to do good and do the right thing. They expected us to be productive. They reminded us many times, though we had little in worldly goods, we were just as good as anyone else, we just didn't have as much. I feel they succeeded in this. I feel certain my siblings Earl Grey, Rachel, Hazel, Donnie, and Faye would agree.

I am thankful to God for all of the above, and for many other blessings I have been privileged to enjoy.

Thank you, to all who found time to read this book. If you enjoyed it, that will make it an added pleasure for me.





CHURCHES IN NORTH CAROLINA BEGUN PRIOR TO 1830

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

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MIN

1. Name*** Spring Branch Date of Constitution 1785

Dunn Rt. 1

1795

2. Name _____ If changed. Date of change _____

3. Location. Name of County when Constituted Sampson 1784

4. Location. Name of County at present time Harnett 1855

5. Name of Association with which originally affiliated Rel.?

_____ Name in 1960 N. So Riv. 1924

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)

SPRING BRANCH
BAPTIST CHURCH

ROUTE ONE
DUNN, N. C.

1795 — 1965

I WAS GLAD WHEN THEY SAID LET US GO INTO THE HOUSE OF THE LORD.

-- PSALM 122:1

N. South Lines

Addition Completed, First Service Sunday

Rev. C. Gary Long, pastor of Spring Branch Baptist Church, since August, 1960, will have one of his greatest dreams fulfilled Sunday.

At the morning worship service that day, he will deliver the first sermon in the spacious new church auditorium.

Construction of the new church began in August, 1964.

Rev. Mr. Long said today "that these have been the happiest years of my entire ministry working with the fine people at Spring Branch.

"They are an inspiration to any minister," he added.

News of other events in connection with the new addition will be announced in a few days.



REV. C. GARY LONG

The beautiful flowers in our church are given by Mrs. J. C. Marshall in loving memory of her husband, J. Claude Marshall.

SPRING BRANCH BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday April 4, 1965

Sunday School 9:45

Morning Worship 11:00

Evening Worship 6:00

WORSHIP THROUGH MEDITATION

Organ and Piano Prelude

Doxology

Invocation

WORSHIP THROUGH PRAISE

Hymn

Welcome and Recognition of Visitors and Friends

Responsive Reading and Prayer

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

Offertory Hymn

Offertory Prayer

Offertory Prelude

Organ and Piano

WORSHIP THROUGH THE WORD

Choral Worship

Sermon

C. Gary Long, Pastor

Invitational Hymn

Benediction and Choral Response

The beautiful flowers in our church are given by Mrs. J. C. Strickland in loving memory of her husband, J. Claude Strickland.



REVEREND C. GARY LONG

Rev. Long, the pastor of our church, came to Spring Branch in August of 1960. He, his wife Doris, and children Gary and Collette live at the parsonage. His untiring efforts and devotion to his Lord and this church have indeed been an inspiration to all who know him. Gary Long has indeed a special place in Spring Branch history.

SPRING BRANCH

There's a place I love dearly
It's close to my heart
This place, sacred to me,
Has been from the start.

A child, I was instructed
Of God's love and His grace
By many good teachers,
In this special place.

Friends by the hundreds
Have gone various ways
Wherever they go
They cherish these days!

Much history abounds
As the years unfold
There's much we know,
But more is untold.

Historic Spring Branch
Celebrate today!
I feel richly blessed
Having come your way!

Look forward, Dear Church,
Teach God's word anew
Sing loud its truth
From pulpit and pew.

Mary J. Barham

HISTORICAL SKETCH

Historic old Spring Branch Baptist Missionary Church located on Route One, Dunn will celebrate its one hundred and seventieth anniversary April 5, 1965.

The church is thought to have been organized on April 5, 1795 according to an inscription on an old wooden sideboard still in the community. The simple inscription reads thus: "Spring Branch Church organized April 5, 1795." This piece of furniture, handed down for at least four generations from "Gentleman" Bill Strickland, is believed to be owned by Mrs. Doreen Bass, a great-granddaughter.

This information, however, is in conflict with the following data: Old Mingo Church, thought to be the parent of Spring Branch, was the name it went by until 1832. There are no records to be found of the early Mingo Church, only collateral references furnish clues until 1832. As early as 1797 Mingo was one of the churches enrolled in the Old Neuse Association and sent delegates regularly to its annual meetings.

The church contributed regularly to the objectives of the Association as well as to the cause of missions. All went well until 1832 when there came about a complete church split over missions. The "Hardshells" who were "Anti-missionary" in spirit being in the majority, ordered the missionary-minded to get out. They did so, going about three miles west and early began to worship in a new barn that had just been built but had not been used. This barn was offered to them by Henry M. Williford, a Presbyterian. The barn stood about where the old ediface did stand near the D. M. Williford place. It was located near a branch named Spring Branch, hence the name of the church. Later (about 1840) Mr. Dawson's name appeared on on the church roll.

The first church site was located on the Dawson land, near Strickland's mill. This mill is now owned by Mr. Joe Jernigan. The land was later owned by Mrs. Ludie Gilbert,

first wife of Mr. T. C. Gilbert. The Gilbert children still own the land.

In the meantime, Mr. Joseph Dawson, seeing how the "Hardshells" had driven the "Missionaries" out, proceeded to drive out the "Anti-missionaries," saying it was all his property. They moved up on the Smithfield Road and settled down at a place called Spring Hill, but later moved back and built a church-house southeast of Dunn, near what has since been known as the Tryus Thornton place near the present Sills Crossroads on US 421. This church which still holds services is about three and one-half miles from the present Spring Branch Church and continues to be known as Old Mingo.

The old church building which stood until 1945 (but was used as a Woodman Meeting Hall several years prior to this) was probably built before 1875. Into this building went some of the timber used in the barn church that was torn down to make room for a larger and better building.

It was at Spring Branch when the Raleigh Association met October 10, 1846, in the old barn-church, that Matthew T. Yates was accepted as their missionary to China.

The church building that was used until 1960 was dedicated in the Spring of 1905, less than 12 months after the construction was begun. About 1910 four Sunday School rooms were added.

Dr. J. A. Campbell who was pastor at Spring Branch from 1888 to 1934 would make the trip to this community by horse and buggy from Buies Creek. He would often spend the night with members of the church. It was brought to our attention recently by Mrs. Viola Strickland that Dr. Campbell gave the pulpit furniture used in the Sanctuary when the church was built in 1905. This furniture is presently in use in the education building of the church. Dr. Campbell's work as a teacher and pastor lives on, for he truly influenced souls who are witnesses of a good man called of God.

As complete a list of pastors as is available follows:

Stephen Senter, Jesse Howell, A. B. Alderman who served two or three pastorates, Rueben Fisher, J. M. Beasley, W.C. West, W. M. Page, J. T. Townsend, Samson D. Williford, William Bland, I. T. Newton, J. A. Campbell (45 years), G. Scott Turner, A. L. Brown, C. H. Caswell, G. G. Grubb, I. K. Stafford, A. Lincoln Faulk, Eugene Ensley, Richard Smith (first full-time pastor), E. D. Flowers, Robert Harris and presently C. Gary Long.

About 1948 the church decided if it was to grow it must have a full time pastor; this would mean a parsonage. Under the leadership of Eugene Ensley, plans were made and construction begun. Mrs. A. E. Alderman donated the land for the parsonage near the church site. The men of the church did most of the work. The ladies brought lunches to feed them on several occasions.

On April 20, 1952, a dedication service was held in the parsonage. At the same time the keys of the new parsonage were given to the Rev. Richard Smith. The Smiths were the first occupants of the parsonage, moving into it June 1952. They had two children while living there. Rebecca Smith was the first child to live in the parsonage.

Juanita Lee and William Winders were the first couple to be wed in the parsonage. (?)

In October 1954 Hurricane "Hazel" whose damage undermined the church's foundation caused concern as to the building's safety. It was no longer considered safe. Renovations did not seem wise, therefore the church voted to build. Investigations were made as to location and cost. Under the leadership of Rev. Richard Smith plans got underway for a new building. Freddie Williford traded a tract of land for the land then in use by the church and later sold additional land to the church at a very low price. Harvest Day offerings were designated for the proposed new building. This Annual Harvest Day and Offering Service was begun while Eugene Ensley was pastor.

It is believed ground breaking ceremonies for the new Education Building were on the first Sunday in October of 1959 with Rev. Robert Harris in charge. Once more the members did most of the work. On Harvest Day 1960 the church held its first services in the new Education Building. This service was conducted by Rev. C. Gary Long. The completed Education Building included an assembly hall, kitchen, rest rooms, heating plant, water system, nursery, church office, and Sunday School classrooms for all departments.

No history of Spring Branch would be complete without a history of the Sunday School. From 1795 there was a church in the community. From 1832 there has been a Spring Branch very near the present site, but not until 1865 was there a Sunday School. It was organized by Mrs. A. B. Alderman, wife of the pastor at that time. Her husband was away preaching in other communities except for one Sunday each month; so she determined to organize a Sunday School that there might be a regular Sunday Service even when the pastor could not be present. She and her two sons, Jacob and Ed walked the two miles each way as her husband had the family mule for his pastoral circuit. It is a fair guess that nearly everyone else walked too. Nearly everybody wore home-made clothes. It is said that everybody carried his Bible to study. There was a "Singing Class" after Bible study. With the coming winter, Sunday School was suspended until spring. Those succeeding Mrs. Alderman as leaders of the school are as follows: Gillespie Godwin, J. C. Williford, Joseph Naylor, D. H. Dixon, Albert Dawson, O. D. Strickland (42 years), Miles Naylor, Thad Dixon, D. R. Warren, A. E. Alderman (son of Mrs. Alderman who organized the Sunday School), J. O. Newton, R. P. Harris, L. M. Core, C. O. Glover, Edgar Naylor, T. H. Hinson, Wayne Lee, Earl Core, Casper Phillips, Hawley Stone, and presently Jimmy Johnson.

Singing has always held a big place in the church life at Spring Branch. The second Superintendent, Gillespie

Godwin, became the first singing leader and has been followed by: J. W. Layton, N. A. Layton, C. F. Pope, T. J. Warren, George W. Naylor, J. M. House, N. M. Eason, R. M. Warren, C. P. Layton, L. B. Core, D. R. Lee, J. V. Warren, Claudius Strickland, W. N. Dixon, D. R. Warren, Leslie Alderman, John "Pat" Alderman, Stacey Hawley, Sam Strickland, Jr., Orus C. Jackson, D. R. Warren, A. T. Dixon, and presently Thomas Williams. Olive Gray Herring was the youngest pianist to serve regularly.

About 1905 the Baraca and Philathea Classes were organized with the help of Walton Alderman, son of Mrs. Alderman who organized the Sunday School.

Mrs. A. E. Alderman is credited with organizing the Home Department, now called the Extension Department, of the Sunday School. Mrs. Alderman was the mother of Leslie and John Alderman, also Miss Grace Alderman who takes an active part in the work of the church presently.

As soon as the Education Building was completed, plans were begun to start on the Sanctuary. Plans were chosen and on Sunday morning July 26, 1964 immediately following the worship service the congregation gathered outside for ground breaking ceremonies. Rev. Gary Long held a plow owned by John R. Stone, a recently deceased member who dearly loved this church. The plow was tied with a rope that was pulled by as many people who could take hold and pull. Mr. A. T. Dixon gave the Consecration and Benediction prayer.

Now, some months later, after having borrowed money, the members and pastor working very hard, they have almost completed the construction of an outstanding new Sanctuary. This well arranged building is air-conditioned, has a complete sound system including being wired for live broadcasting, hearing aids, and sound movie projection. There is a baptistry and a choir section; also, a new church office is included in this building.

There are plans for a dedication service to be held on Sunday, April 25, 1965. In the meantime it is hoped

that the first service will be held on the anniversary weekend, April 4, 1965.

This Sanctuary is one all members can be proud of and thankful to God for such a lovely place to worship.

This has been a full and eventful history for a grand old church - Spring Branch. God indeed has been good.

*Let us enter into His gates
with thanksgiving and into
His courts with praise——*

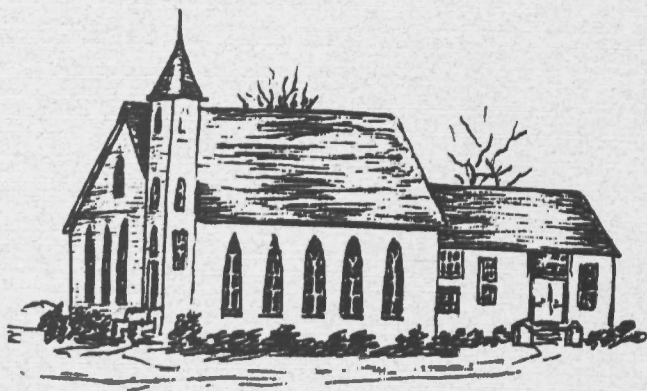
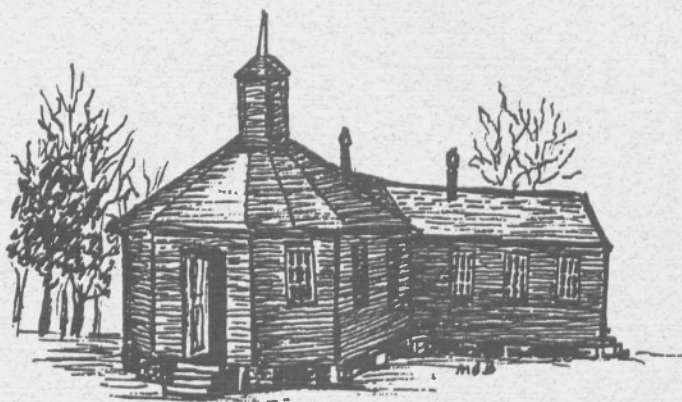
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(EARLY CHURCH HISTORY WAS GRACIOUSLY LOANED BY MISS GRACE ALDERMAN.)

Remembering Spring Branch Baptist Church: 1795-1995



200th Anniversary Edition



But let judgment run down as waters, and
righteousness as a mighty stream. Amos 5:24

Bicentennial theme:
Celebrating our past with an eye on the future.

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1795-1995**

Grace A. Naylor

Cover Design by Mary Jackson Barham

were sent regularly to the associational annual meetings. Monies were also contributed to missions.

The first church building was in an oak grove near Strickland's Mill and the old Joseph Dawson place. Things went well in the church until 1832. The members began to have a dispute over the support of missions and the sending of contributions to the association for that purpose. The majority, who were anti-missionary, told the others to leave. This latter group formed the congregation known as "Spring Branch." This group was given permission by Henry M. Dawson, a Presbyterian, to use a newly-constructed barn for their meeting house until they could build themselves a church. This building was across the road from our present cemetery near the stream called Spring Branch. Therefore, the church was called the Baptist Church of Christ at Spring Branch. Mr. Henry Dawson also decided to become a member of Spring Branch, joining the church around 1840.

The Dawson family no longer allowed the anti-missionary group of the old Mingo Church the use of their property. This group moved up on the Smithfield Road and formed a church known as Spring Hill. This group also took the church records with them. Many years later, they built their present church near Sills Crossroads.

The early years of reorganization for Spring Branch were trying. Throughout the 1700's and 1800's members were expected to live by strict rules of conduct. If a member strayed from the church's expectations, he could be readily forgiven if he reported himself to the church and showed remorse for his wrongs. However, if he did not report himself, the Vigilant Committee remained very observant in the community and reported wrongs to the church. Upon being charged, an assigned church member contacted the accused, advised him of the charge and gave the member a chance to seek forgiveness. If he failed to do so, at the next conference, the church dismissed the person from membership. It was possible, though, to be restored to membership if one amended his conduct and asked for forgiveness and restoration of church membership. Spring Branch would lose her early records again when a church clerk



The present pastor of Spring Branch Baptist Church and his family - Rev. Tim McQueen, wife, Donna, and sons, Stephen and Michael.

Two hundred years have passed between the pastorates of the Reverend Aaron Moore and that of the Reverend Tim McQueen. Much has happened at Spring Branch Baptist Church between 1795 and 1995. The purpose of this church history is to help us remember some of the important events and activities that have occurred and the people who worked diligently with other members so that Spring Branch could endure and grow for two hundred years.

Few records are available for the earliest years. The date of the founding of the church is based on a 1931 discovery of an inscription in a drawer of a sideboard - a piece of dining-room furniture. The sideboard had belonged to Gentleman Bill Strickland and had passed down through the generations to the Joe Jackson family. The inscription read as follows: "Spring Branch Church organized April 5, 1795."

However, it is believed that the church was known first as Mingo Baptist Church. Records dating back to 1797 has Mingo as one of the churches enrolled in the old Neuse Association and show that delegates

burned the records to destroy the remarks that had been written in the minutes about some of his relatives.

About 1840 Spring Branch transferred her membership to the Raleigh Association and remained in that association until membership was withdrawn in 1858 to help form the Cedar Creek Association. The Raleigh Association met at Spring Branch on October 10, 1846, and accepted Matthew T. Yates as their missionary to China.

From 1845-1849 Elder Stephen Senter was the pastor, followed by Elder Jesse Howell, 1850-52. In July, 1849, church membership grew tremendously. The records reveal that forty-two members were received by experience and fifty-three through baptism.

During the 1850's, correspondents from Spring Branch attended Baptist Chapel meetings on Saturday before the second Sunday. Meetings were held every three months.

From August, 1853 - August, 1855, D.B. Ayers was the pastor, and in August of 1855, Spring Branch unanimously called A.B. Alderman as the pastor. Early deacons in the church were Warren Williford, Noel E. West, and John A. Layton.

In August, 1857, Spring Branch decided to leave the Raleigh Association and unite with the Union Association. On October 31, 1857, Reuben Fisher was called as pastor and continued until September, 1862.

In April, 1863, Brother J.M. Beasley agreed to preach once a month and remained pastor through the rest of the Civil War.

Sunday School would have started at Spring Branch in the barn church. It was organized in 1865 by Mrs. A.B. Alderman. She had Sunday School on the Sundays that her husband was away preaching in other communities. The Bible was studied, followed by a period of singing. Since many must walk to church, Sunday School was suspended during the winter months. Mrs. Alderman led the Sunday School for

several years. Succeeding her as the superintendent was Gillespie Godwin, who was also the first singing leader.

In September, 1865, the church pledged twenty dollars to Home Missions and added two new deacons - Sampson Strickland and H.T. Jackson.

On the first Sunday in April, 1867, A.B. Alderman, Warren Williford, and William G. Strickland were appointed as trustees of the church to procure a tract of land on which to build a house of worship. A.B. Alderman resigned as a trustee in July, 1867, and S.D. Jackson was appointed to replace him. In August, 1867, a motion was made to build a new church, 36 by 44, with Brother Joel G. Layton designated to make out by the next conference a list of materials needed. The next conference would be Saturday before the first Sabbath in September, 1867. At the next conference, a building committee was appointed - Warren Williford, G.W. Strickland, and H.W. Layton. Sampson Strickland was later added to the Building Committee. At the death of S.D. Jackson in July, 1868, Willis J. Pope became a church trustee.

During November, 1869, William Strickland, Warren Williford, and Joseph Naylor were appointed as the committee to look after lumber and shingles for Spring Branch Church. For a period of time in 1869, Spring Branch was without a pastor, and Ballard Jackson served as moderator at the conferences.



Spring Branch Baptist Church built around 1870.

The third building was built in the 1870's. It was considered by many as "a monstrosity in architectural design," but the members loved to go there.

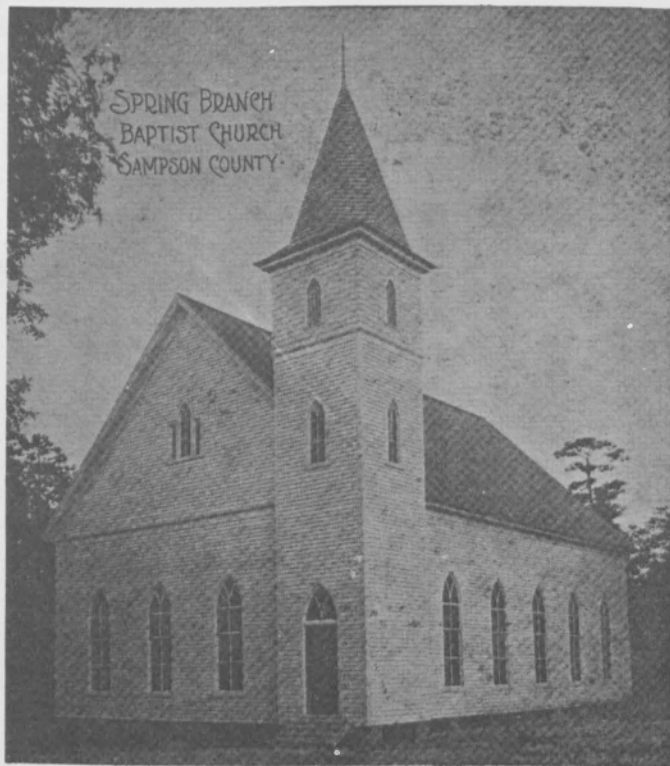
In the Saturday meeting, October, 1870, the church called W.C. West to serve as pastor for 1871. In December, 1870, Spring Branch set up the policy of conferences every three months, beginning Saturday before the first Sunday in January, 1871. Records show that the next two pastors were Wiley M. Page called on the first Saturday in October, 1871, and W.E. West called on Saturday before the first Sunday in September, 1872.

The records also reveal that the church needed a new floor in January of 1889 and that in October, 1889, the inside of the church was painted. In April of 1891, the members decided to buy carpet for the aisle of the church. By the June conference, the carpet had been bought at the cost of \$12.30.

In January, 1894, W.J. Pope and Joel G. Layton were asked to compile the best history of the church they were able to accomplish. In October of 1896, a committee was appointed to decide if the congregation should build a new church. The decision, however, was to enlarge the church by building a vestibule.

In January, 1897, Spring Branch ordained Miles W. Naylor to the ministry. In March of 1898, the records state that work was needed on the cemetery that cost approximately \$60.00.

The third building was used as a sanctuary until June, 1905, when the fourth building was dedicated and for Sunday School classrooms for a period thereafter. The 1905 church building cost \$1,649.38 with A.B. Yarborough as the builder and Wade Hardware selling the window weights and cords.



Spring Branch Church dedicated in June, 1905.

By 1905 in the Sunday School, the Baraca Class for young men and the Philathea Class for young women had been organized with the help of Walton Alderman, one of Mrs. A.B. Alderman's sons. By 1910, four Sunday School classrooms were needed. They were added to the new church building at the cost of \$389.85. In 1912, Mrs. A.B. Alderman organized the Home Department for those unable to attend Sunday School.

Records show collections to be small at Spring Branch before the early 1900's, but members did contribute regularly to home missions, foreign missions, the orphanage, the maintenance of their building, and to other benevolent causes.

In 1906, churches were assigned a specific amount to pay for missions. That year, Spring Branch was assigned \$16.50. Four years later, the amount asked of Spring Branch by the Association was \$50.00.

The July, 1907 records reveal that Rev. J.A. Campbell gave the two pulpit chairs that Spring Branch now uses in the vestibule. Mr. and Mrs. S.B. Lee gave an organ in 1907.

In June, 1908, J.C. Williford, Autry Baggett, and G.F. Pope were asked to look after insurance for the church. The first sexton was Rosco Core, beginning in January, 1909. In August, 1909, a committee was formed for studying the need of two additional rooms for the church. In September, 1909, the committee recommended four rooms, instead of two.



*Dr. J.A. Campbell, pastor
forty-five years.*

From 1910 for a period of time, preachers made trips to mission points such as Beulah, Canaan, Jordan's Chapel, Manley's Chapel and Mount Vernon. For a few years, sufficient funds were not readily available, and some preachers received partial pay and waited for the remainder. The mission points were asked to cooperate by hiring orthodox missionary Baptist preachers. If they would do so, the New South River Association would supplement the pastor's salary by paying three to five dollars per trip to those serving the mission points. If the churches withheld cooperation, the Association withdrew funds until they did comply.

On March 1, 1911, Miss Grace Alderman moved her membership from Dunn to Spring Branch. However, the church lost several members when some of the Barefoot, Hair, Bryant, Bland and Cannady families asked on the first Saturday in May, 1913, for letters of dismissal in order to organize a church at Mingo Academy. The letters were granted.

Spring Branch in conference on July 31, 1915, submitted an inquiry to the South River Association if it were scriptural for women to address audiences containing both men and women. It seemed this had happened, and the practice was causing friction and dissatisfaction in the churches.

On January 29, 1916, the executive board of the association asked pastors to secure subscriptions to the Biblical Recorder, Charity and Children, and any other denominational papers and tracts, and the executive board would reimburse them for the expenses. After September, 1917, preachers were required to be ordained missionary Baptist ministers to preach at the mission points.

In July, 1918, Mrs. Ettie Bain of Buies Creek joined Spring Branch. Records were not found for the period of Spring Branch history from the end of World War I, through the twenties, and the Great Depression years of the thirties.

On the first Sunday in November, 1940, Wayne Lee, Orus C. Jackson, and Edgar Naylor became deacons with the pastor C.H. Cashwell and visiting minister G.A. Bain officiating. In 1940, forty-six chickens were donated to Kennedy Home for their Thanksgiving dinner, and the orphanage collection was \$28.34.

In December, 1940, Rev. C.H. Cashwell resigned, and Spring Branch was without a pastor from December 1, 1940, to October 1, 1941. The ministers who supplied for us during 1941 were Rev. W.J. Jones, Dr. J.S. Snyder, Dr. Norman Price, Dr. Marshburn, Rev. Hall, Rev. C.H. Norris, Rev. Lee Phillips, Dr. Hartwell Campbell, Rev. McDaniel, and Dr. G.G. Grubb - January 1, 1941 to October 8, 1941. On October 19, 1941, Dr. Grubb preached his first sermon as pastor.

On or about July 21, 1941, wiring and lights were installed in the church. Homecoming was held on Friday, July 25, 1941. The speakers were Rev. I.T. Newton, Rev. S.L. Morgan, Dr. Hartwell Campbell, and Rev. Sam Hudson.

Sam Strickland, Jr., was ordained as a deacon by Dr. G.G. Grubb, pastor, on November 16, 1941. For Thanksgiving in 1941, sixty-one chickens were donated to Kennedy Home in Kinston.

On January 4, 1942, Spring Branch adopted the idea of a budget system and began to work out a plan for the church.

The Homecoming in 1942 was held on Friday, July 3, with speakers Rev. I.T. Newton and Dr. Frank Marshburn. The afternoon service was by Dr. Charley Stevens after which a special service and prayer were dedicated to all the boys in the military service from the Spring Branch community.

Dr. G.G. Grubb resigned as pastor on September 1, 1942, effective immediately. The church was painted during November and December, 1942, by Mr. Ivey of Dunn with the cost of paint and labor being \$423.91.

In December, 1942, Rev. I.K. Stafford became the pastor of Spring Branch. While he was pastor, the church voted to participate in the Cooperative Program.

In January, 1943, the budget plan for the year was presented and accepted by the church. The budget was \$1,809.00 - local expenses, \$1049.00 and \$760.00 for the Cooperative Program.

As of June, 1943, the Spring Branch community had more than thirty men serving in the military. Some were in England, North Africa, Australia, the South Pacific islands, Puerto Rico, Trinidad, and eleven states. More than half were in the Army, but the Navy had eight, the Coast Guard two, and the Marines one. In the military service from this community were James J. Benson, James Robert Blue, W.A. Dawkins, Jr., Virgil Dawson, Johnson P. Draughon, Hiram C. Gainey, David L. Gilbert, W. Lloyd Gilbert, Hugh Giles, Ercelle Glover, Leamon M. Godwin, Leslie Godwin, Ollie D. Hawley, David Hawley, Carlton Jackson, Luther Jackson, Joel Lambert, Waitus Lambert, William Dee Long, Walter Naylor, Jesse W. Norris, Nathan Norris, Broadus Phillips, Breman Lamar Stone, E. Felton Strickland, Willie Tew, Earl Wade, Webb Warren, Thomas Williams, Sherrill Williams, and Felton B. Wood. Also in the military during World War II were Earl Core, John Harvey Naylor, Archie Naylor, Jasper Naylor, and Jimmy Gainey. All of our members returned safely to our community with no serious injuries.

During World War II, on Friday, July 2, 1943, Spring Branch celebrated her 148th anniversary. Spring Branch held her homecoming on Fridays back then. The oldest living ex-pastor, Rev. I. "Tommy" Newton was honored at the services.

The year 1947 seemed to be an eventful year. Mr. Casper Phillips became a deacon, and the decision to rotate deacons was made. In October, 1947, the church was painted inside, the church pews were refinished, and plans were made to install a heating plant within thirty days. In November, 1947, the pastor, Rev. I.K. Stafford, resigned even though the congregation insisted on his staying.

On January 4, 1948, A. Lincoln Faulk was called as pastor. Rev. Faulk suggested that business meetings be held on the fourth Sunday morning of each month instead of bringing up business matters every preaching Sunday. He also proposed that the church begin having weekly prayer meetings. The plans were accepted. Wednesday night was designated as prayer meeting time.

In July, 1948, because of the epidemic of polio, the annual homecoming and revival meeting were postponed for an indefinite period. Homecoming was held the third Sunday in September, 1948, followed by the revival.

Because of Rev. Faulk's resignation, Spring Branch called Rev. Eugene Ensley on June 5, 1949, as a supply pastor. In August, 1949, Rev. Ensley was called as pastor, and he accepted.

In 1949, Homecoming came on Sunday, September 4. On December 4, the suggestion was made to have a Harvest Day sometime in the fall of 1950 with pledge cards being passed out for members to pledge amounts to the church.

A joint ordination service was held on February 5, 1950, with the deacons of Mount Elam Baptist Church. Rev. Waldo Early, pastor of Mt. Elam, assisted in the ordination of John Wade.

Harvest Day was Sunday, August 20, 1950. The year 1950 seemed to be a year of change. John Wade succeeded Edgar Naylor as a deacon while Wilson Williford replaced Edgar Naylor as trustee. Henry Williford replaced Fred L. Williford on the cemetery committee, and Johnson Draughon replaced Wilson Williford as church clerk.

The Homecoming in 1950 was held the third Sunday in November, the Sunday before Thanksgiving. On December 17, 1950, Rev. Ensley and others discussed the possibility of beginning work on a parsonage. The timber would be donated and cut into desired sizes. On the lumber committee were Wayne Lee, Sam Strickland, Jr., and John Wade. M

John R. Stone and Mr. Lonnie Glover were to select plans for a seven-room house and present the plans to the church membership for approval. Mrs. Sarah Alderman gave 1.2 acres of land for a building site.

The first Youth Week observance occurred during the pastorate of Rev. Eugene Ensley. The adult advisers for the youth were Mrs. Thelma Gilbert and Mr. John R. Stone.

Rev. Eugene Ensley resigned as pastor in June, 1951, followed by Rev. Richard Smith in 1952.

As of March 22, 1952, there had been about \$1,598.00 worth of labor donated on building the parsonage and around \$3,000.00 had been spent on materials. The first parsonage was dedicated April 20, 1952, and the pastor, Rev. Richard Smith, and his family were the first to occupy this dwelling. On September 7, 1952, the deacons recommended that they serve on a three-year rotating basis.

On June 7, 1953, the church voted to buy robes for the choir. The robes would be paid for through an offering with the remainder of the cost coming from the church's general funds.

Spring Branch began to have evening worship services in 1959 when Rev. Bob Harris was pastor. During his pastorate also, plans were started for building a new church. A new site was chosen across the road from the 1905 building and further north. Land was obtained from Freddie and Mary Williford.

On Harvest Day, in October, 1959, the groundbreaking was held for the educational plant. In April, 1960, Rev. Harris resigned, with Rev. Herman Stevens becoming interim pastor. In August, 1960, Rev. C. Gary Long became pastor. The first service was held in the educational building on Harvest Day, October, 1960. The cost of the building was approximately \$40,000.00.

In the November 5, 1961 business meeting, the church voted to discontinue sending chickens to the Kennedy Home at Thanksgiving and to send a worthy offering instead. In January, 1962, our pastor's daughter, Collette, was severely burned in a leaf fire. A Collette Long Fund was established, and the church members provided some financial assistance in paying for treatment. Also in January of 1962, the old church building was sold and moved from the property.

By January 31, 1963, the entire debt on the educational building had been paid, and a note-burning ceremony was held on February 10, 1963. During 1963, chicken suppers were sold and the profit added to the Building Fund so that the sanctuary could be started.

In 1963, Spring Branch and the First Baptist Church in Dunn voted to co-sponsor a mission, called Crestview, located at the junction of highways 242 and 421, ten miles east of Dunn. Crestview was begun and led at first by O.O. Manning in an area not served by a Baptist church. Rev. Jimmy Johnson was called to serve as the first pastor of Crestview.

In June, 1963, Mrs. Maggie Williams recommended establishing a cemetery fund for use in maintaining the cemetery. On October 6, 1963, the church voted to change Sunday evening services from seven o'clock to six o'clock. The Homecoming in 1963 was held on October 27. Dr. C.C. Warren was the guest speaker.

On February 16, 1964, the church voted to begin work on the sanctuary. On July 26, 1964, Rev. Gary Long, pastor, held a plow owned by Mr. John R. Stone, and as many members as could caught hold of the plow lines and joined him in the ground-breaking for the sanctuary. There was much work and planning done and \$40,000.00 was borrowed. Annual Homecoming offerings went to the Building Fund.

Members serving on the Survey, Planning, Finance, and Building Committees were Casper Phillips, Elbert Glover, Thomas Williams, Harvey Naylor, Bill Wood, Henry Williford, Hawley Stone, A.T. Dixon, John Wade, Grace Strickland, Mrs. Jessie Herring, Luther Core, and

Galveston Hinson. The Building Fund treasurer was Mrs. Galveston Hinson with John Wade as assistant treasurer.

The main companies involved in the building of the sanctuary were contractors Ellis Godwin of Dunn, Billy Elmore and Dewey Mangum of Dunn and Benson, Fayetteville Wholesale, Holmes Electric Company, Lewis Heating and Air Conditioning, Triple A Glass Company, Rose and Company, Wooten Plumbing Company, and Lynch Steel Works.

On Sunday morning, August 30, 1964, an ordination service for Kenneth Elbert Glover into the Christian ministry was held at Spring Branch. The ordination sermon was given by Richard Smith from the Sunday School Department of the Baptist State Convention, with Rev. Charles Stevens and pastor C. Gary Long participating.

The dedication of the present church auditorium occurred on Sunday, April 25, 1965 - the one hundred and seventieth anniversary of



*Present Spring Branch Baptist Church building -
dedicated April 25, 1965.*

the founding of Spring Branch. Five hundred people attended the dedication. The dedicatory sermon was delivered by Dr. Casper C. Warren who had joined Spring Branch as a boy, had been President of the Southern Baptist Convention, and was director of the 30,000 Movement.

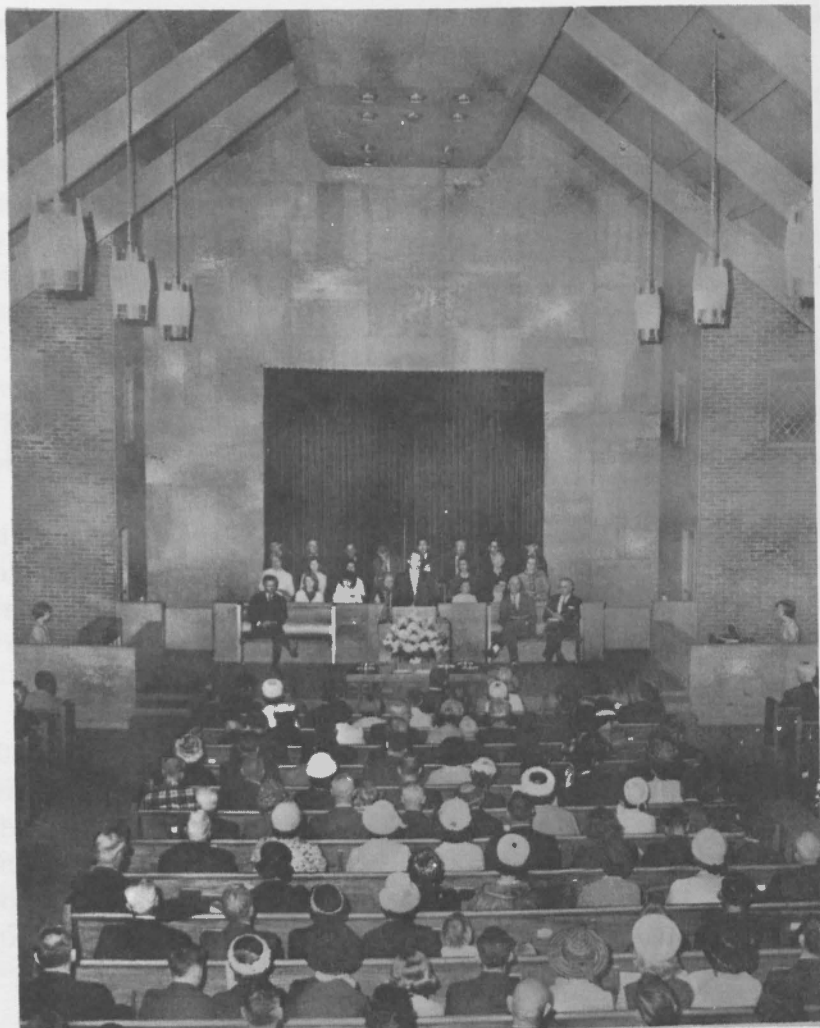
The title of Dr. Warren's sermon was "The Church of Tomorrow." Other speakers for the special occasion included the pastor C. Gary Long, Reverends Robert T. Harris, A. Lincoln Faulk, and Hiram Starling, and Dr. Leslie H. Campbell, and Hawley Stone, chairperson of the Building Committee. The Rev. Charles Stevens, missionary for the New South River Association, pronounced the benediction.

There were many gifts contributed to Spring Branch during the construction of the educational building and the sanctuary. The present church piano was given by Gladys Strickland Satterwhite in memory of her parents, W.S. Strickland, Sr., and Viola Jones Strickland. It was only natural for Mrs. Satterwhite to be interested in our music. She was Spring Branch's youngest organist, starting when she was nine. The youngest pianist at Spring Branch was Olive Gray Herring. Mrs. Satterwhite also provided the congregation the comfort of padded cushions on the pews.

Dr. Casper C. Warren gave the Strickland Memorial organ in memory of his mother's family. His grandfather, Ollen D. Strickland, had been the Sunday School superintendent at Spring Branch for forty-two years.

The baptistry tank was given by Grace Strickland in memory of her husband, W. Sam Strickland, Jr.

The table in the vestibule was given in memory of Wiley Norwood Godwin by his parents, Leo and Delitha Godwin. The completed choir room is in memory of James Gale Lee, given by the Archie Lee family and friends.



Present sanctuary dedicatory service held on the one hundred and seventieth anniversary of the founding of Spring Branch. Dr. Casper C. Warren delivered the dedicatory address on April 25, 1965.

Sallie Jackson and family secured an artist to paint the scene in the baptistry as a memorial to her sister, Mallie Lambert, and her nephew, Michael Lambert.

In 1965, Rev. C. Gary Long submitted his letter of resignation as pastor, effective September 19, 1965. Rev. Floid B. Schneider became our pastor on April 1, 1966.

During 1966, the parsonage was repaired and remodeled. A Sunday School classroom for the adult men and the pastor's study were completed. A walkway in front of the sanctuary and connecting to the educational building was also poured in 1966.

On May 1, 1966, the revival time was changed to the last week of March or the first week in April. Evening worship was changed to seven o'clock during the summer months. In 1966, the church also decided to separate the young people and the adult departments of the Sunday School.

In September, 1966, Nellie Blue Warren was honored by the church as Mother-of-the-Year for her many activities at Spring Branch - church hostess, secretary-treasurer of the W.M.S. and circle, pianist, church choir, Vacation Bible School chairperson as well as a daily job as a nurse's aide.

On July 2, 1967, Elizabeth Jackson was recommended as the Sunday School superintendent. She would be Spring Branch's first general superintendent for the 1967-68 church year. Rev. Floid Schneider resigned on December 10, 1967, effective January 14, 1968. In June, 1968, Jim Jackson repainted the inside of the parsonage. On September 3, 1968, Spring Branch called Rev. A.C. Hughes as pastor. His first sermon as pastor was on October 13.

On January 19, 1969, a special meeting was called for approval to finish all remaining unfinished rooms in the back of the sanctuary.

On the fourth Sunday in October, 1970, many members dressed in clothes similar to what was worn back in the 1700's and the 1800's to celebrate our one hundred and seventy-fifth anniversary.

In April of 1971, the educational building was air conditioned at a cost of \$7,500.00.

On February 27, 1972, Spring Branch made the decision to build a carport at the back of the sanctuary. Twenty-five thousand dollars were borrowed. The carport was named in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Galveston Hinson in appreciation for their devoted service to Spring Branch Church. The dedication was Sunday, April 30, 1972. Also in 1972, the remaining unpaved driveways were paved.

On September 27, 1974, Rev. Raymond Crook was called as pastor. In December, the church approved the spending of \$7,000.00 to make needed repairs at the parsonage and the church.

On June 29, 1975, plans were presented for the paving and gutters and for having a church steeple forty-three feet high. The plans were studied, and on July 6, 1975, the church voted to adopt both projects. On December 14, brother Billy West was presented to the church and was granted a license to preach.

On the second Sunday night in January, 1976, a candlelight communion service was held. Our pastor, Rev. Raymond Crook, resigned effective July 11, 1976. Dr. Millard Brown became the interim pastor. On August 29, Spring Branch approved \$1,219.00 for helping pay for a new building being constructed by the New South River Association at Odum Home to be the residence of house parents for a group of children.

On October 31, 1976, Rev. Robert Collins of Antioch was called as our pastor. During the October 31 meeting, the Building Committee

received authorization to spend up to \$10,000.00 to renovate the parsonage by adding a carport, a bedroom, a closet, and making a larger den by combining the present den with a bedroom.

In December, 1976, Mack M. Jernigan and Sally Naylor Jernigan gave \$5,000.00 to Spring Branch in memory of George William Naylor and his wife, Pennie Elizabeth Thornton Naylor. The money was used to help purchase the church van. Mrs. Robert Draughon and her daughter, Mrs. Rebarker, provided for the purchase of the bells in the church steeple.

On May 1, 1977, the church held discussion on the purchase of a bus or van for the youth. Money was to be raised through pledges. It was also agreed that an additional \$800.00 would be added to the budget to finance additional programs for the youth.

Rev. Robert Collins served as pastor until May 31, 1977. During 1977, the visiting ministers supplying our pulpit were Reverends Ed Powers, Robert Carter, A.C. Hughes, Jimmy McLamb, Charles Stevens, Melvin Brown, James H. Ponder, and John Gardner.

On June 26, 1977, the church voted to call Rev. A.C. Hughes as the interim pastor. Rev. and Mrs. Hughes lived in the Mary Hawley home in Dunn while he was interim pastor.

A dedication service for the carillon bells donated by the Draughon family in memory of Mr. Robert A. Draughon was held on Sunday morning, September 11, 1977. The gift for the church was accepted by Thomas Williams, music director.

On November 6, 1977, Rev. John T. Gardner was called as pastor of Spring Branch and preached his first sermon as our pastor on Wednesday night, November 16, 1977.

On April 16, 1978, a conference was held to organize a softball team and to join with Bethesda and other churches to play. Spring Branch

joined. The entry cost of joining was \$160.00 and was open to adults and high school students.

On August 13, 1978, Rev. John T. Gardner asked and received approval for him to attend seminary classes on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays to further his education. Spring Branch gave some assistance toward the transportation expenses.

In the October 1, 1978, conference, a committee was formed to secure a music director for the church. On October 15, Dallas Montague was recommended as music director and was accepted.

In November, 1978, the time for the Thanksgiving services was changed from Thursday morning to Wednesday night. The time that business meetings were to be held was also changed from Sunday mornings to Wednesday nights before the second Sunday in each quarter.

On January 17, 1979, the Deacon Family Ministry was explained and accepted. Each deacon had nine families in which to minister.

On May 2, Spring Branch approved our pastor's spending a week in New York to represent the Home Mission Board with our church paying part of the expenses.

Since Dallas Montague was no longer music director, in the July 4, 1979, conference, clarification on the hiring of a music director was discussed at length. Tommy Hudgins was approved as music director with retroactive pay to June 6, 1979. The Music Committee was granted approval to hire or dismiss the director. The committee, however, was not permanent and were to be elected on the same basis as any other church committee.

On December 19, 1979, recommendation was made and approved that Tommy Hudgins become both minister of music and youth director.

On January 16, 1980, Thomas Williams and Lamar Stone were to purchase sixty folding chairs and a cart in which to store them. In May, 1980, Rev. John T. Gardner, our pastor, and Tommy Hudgins, Music and Youth Director, attended the Southern Baptist Convention in St. Louis, Missouri. On Sunday morning, August 31, 1980, Rev. John T. Gardner resigned as our pastor, effective September 30, 1980.

During the remainder of 1980 and part of 1981 when Spring Branch was without a pastor, the ministers supplying our pulpit were as follows: Reverends Colon Godwin, Charles Stevens, Henry Herring, Horace Searcy, Leo Smith, Waldo Early, Lee Newton, Jimmy Johnson, Sammy McLamb, and A.C. Hughes. The October Homecoming guest speaker was Rev. Chavis Horne from Virginia.

By January 14, 1981, the debt on paving the parking lot had been paid and the note marked "cancelled." In March, 1981, the church voted to increase the pastor's salary to twenty-one thousand dollars. On April 15, the Acteens had a car wash and raised \$70.00 to help finance activities for the youth.

On May 17, 1981, the church called Rev. Paul Kennedy of Wake Forest as pastor. On May 31, 1981, Tommy Hudgins resigned as Music Director and Youth Counselor, effective June 21, 1981, to become the full-time director of music and youth at the First Baptist Church, Sulligent, Alabama.

The September 9, 1981, record states that a sound system was purchased and presented to the church as a gift. On October 14, the church agreed to have a children's church service in the educational building for children ages four through the third grade at the same time others were in worship service. The children's services were led by Debbie Naylor and Terri Carroll.

We had several activities to remember in 1982. On January 20, the church approved the change of Harvest Day-Homecoming from the fourth Sunday in October to the third Sunday in September. This remains

the current policy. On March 28, the first of the newsletters and church calendars was started by the Communications Committee.

On April 23 and 24, there was a Youth Convention in Charlotte, North Carolina. The youth from Spring Branch, Mingo, and Mt. Elam traveled together and stayed at the Radison Plaza Hotel. According to the records, this trip was a spiritual highlight of 1982 for the youth.

In May the youth had a campout with the men's class providing hotdogs and hamburgers. On May 2, the congregation came very casually dressed to join the youth who had camped out on the church grounds on Saturday night and would be attending church attired as they had been Saturday night.

The Homecoming came on September 12 in 1982 with Rev. Richard Smith, former pastor, as speaker. Gary Naylor and Ronald Warren were ordained as deacons on September 26. On September 28, pictures were taken for a new church directory.

On October 2, the youth attended the Duke football game and Youth Rally. The Deacon of the Week practice was also started in October of 1982. If one had an emergency or needed help, he contacted the deacon of the week. Rev. Paul Kennedy left Spring Branch as pastor on the last day of 1982 to begin his ministry at the First Baptist Church in Swansboro, North Carolina.

Dr. Millard Brown became our interim pastor on January 2, 1983. In March and May, the ladies at Spring Branch held workshops to make ornaments for our future Chrismon trees.

On May 1, 1983, Sherry Williford presented her graduation piano recital at seven o'clock in the evening at Spring Branch. She had presented the recital at Meredith College in Raleigh on April 24. Sherry graduated on May 15, 1983, with a B.A. degree in music and certification in church music. Sherry served as Minister of Music and Director of Youth in 1983, and Mrs. Baysa is presently serving as Music Director.

In 1983, the members also decided to have during revivals Host and Hostess dinners at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Two different deacon families provided food each night of the revival.

In July, 1983, Dr. Millard Brown suggested that a Church Council meet and prepare dates of major events. The Council would include the heads of each department and the pastor.

On July 27, 1983, the church recommended that the inside of the educational building be painted and some needed furniture and equipment be purchased. The Building and Maintenance Committee was authorized to furnish the Junior Department with equipment, including a piano.

On August 14, Spring Branch extended the call as pastor to Rev. Bill Parker. His first sermon as pastor was on September 18.

On October 12, 1983, Spring Branch voted to bestow the title of Pastor Emeritus on Rev. Archie C. Hughes. On October 13, the church began the visitation program. In the same meeting, Donnie Jackson suggested that the church open an account to finish the balcony at an estimated cost of \$10,000.00. The balcony has been completed for several years. Hawley and Elgie Stone provided materials for stairs with banisters. Hawley helped build the stairs. Lester and Winifred Phillips provided brass railings for installation to the balcony.

On November 7, 1983, members from fourteen churches met at Spring Branch for the World Day of Prayer. The speaker was Rev. Wayne Dunn, Campbell University's Missionary in Residence. Rev. Dunn was on furlough with the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board. He had served in Barbados.

The Recognition Service for Rev. A.C. Hughes and the pastor's installation service for Rev. Bill Parker were held December 16, 1983. Mrs. Hughes, their daughter Jeannette, and their granddaughter Ann attended. Assisting in the service was Randy Naylor, and officiating was Charles Stevens, Director of Missions, New South River Baptist

Association. Rev. A.C. Hughes was presented a plaque expressing our appreciation.

On February 21, 1984, the church budget was amended by \$2,000.00 for the church to pay the social security taxes for the church employees. This is a mandatory ruling by the IRS, and the expense had not been considered in the preparation of the budget. Since this meant added work for the treasurer, the church agreed to pay the treasurer \$30.00 more per week.

In order for the Spring Branch youth to attend Ft. Caswell, the youth had a supper on May 19, 1984, charging \$3.00 per plate. The money was also to help provide uniforms for the softball team. Other youth activities in 1984 included making ice cream, taco suppers, fishing trips, and guest speakers.

Rev. Archie Hughes died on August 10, 1984. For a memorial to Rev. Hughes, the members of Spring Branch decided on September 19 to purchase a clock built by Rev. Hughes. The clock is displayed in the church vestibule. On September 23 at four o'clock in the afternoon, Spring Branch, Antioch, and Mingo held a joint memorial service. A love offering was given to Mrs. Hughes.

On October 28, the children's musical "Daniel, Darius, and Delion" was presented in the evening service.

In November, Rev. Bill Parker was in Dover, Ohio, for a revival at a mission. The Spring Branch Church Brotherhood and WMU underwrote the cost of the trip.

On April 24, 1985, the church elected O.C. Jackson, Winifred Phillips, and Randy Naylor to study the need for a church constitution and by-laws.

In May, Rev. Bill Parker was on a mission trip to Minerva, Ohio. On the trip also were Jane Parker, Jenny Parker, Sammye Grace Isenhour,

and Steve Taylor of Greenville, South Carolina. The church gave a freewill offering to help with expenses. In Rev. Parker's place, Dr. Charles Howard of Buies Creek explained the Howard Fund and received an offering of \$364.00 for the fund.

On June 2, 1985, Rev. Bill Parker resigned as our pastor, effective Sunday night, August 25. He felt led to go to the Home Mission field in Minerva and Melvern, Ohio, where there was no Southern Baptist Church.

On July 24, the church approved the sending of \$1,000.00 to the associational office to help pay off the indebtedness of the new office building in Fayetteville.

In conference on August 28, the building of a new parsonage was discussed. A loan was to be obtained to build a parsonage. On September 21, the first parsonage was sold to Marshall Beasley and was moved a short distance up the road from the first location and remodeled extensively by the Beasleys.

On October 24, a student aid memorial in memory of Dr. James Archibald Campbell, former pastor, was started with Dr. Charles Howard making the first contribution to the fund.

In December, 1985, Grace Naylor and Donnie Jackson were added to the committee for writing the church constitution and by-laws.

By January 22, 1986, work was progressing on the new parsonage, the church had approved two weeks' vacation for the pastor, and Dr. Charles Howard had been made an honorary member of Spring Branch.

By April 23, the Brotherhood was helping support the ministry of Rev. Sammy McLamb and Rev. Parker's missions in Ohio. In 1986, Ladies Day was held on May 11.

On June 8, Spring Branch unanimously called Rev. Jerry O. Hicks as pastor. Men from the church went on July 13 and 14 to help the Hickses move to this community.

Homecoming in 1986 was held on September 21 with Mrs. Gladys Strickland Satterwhite as guest speaker. The offering went toward paying the cost of the parsonage. After the Homecoming, Rev. and Mrs. Hicks held Open House at the Spring Branch Parsonage from 3-5 p.m. This gave members and the community a chance to see the finished parsonage.

On December 10, 1986, Spring Branch planned an ordination service for Rev. Jimmy Johnson to be held on Sunday afternoon, January 25, 1987.

On January 28, 1987, the church decided to replace the carpet in the sanctuary, to buy choir robes, and to do some needed outside painting on the church. Serving on the committee to purchase carpet were Elizabeth Jackson, chairperson, Bettie Core, and Ethel Williams. Herring Carpet and Tile Company sold the carpet for a cost of \$9,382.38. The pews were removed and replaced by a professional team at a cost of \$600.00.

On March 16, 1987, there was a Mother and G.A. Daughter Banquet under the co-direction of Mrs. Carolyn Hicks and Sherry Spell. Wendy Williford was the Acteens president. Miss Carla Cloniger, a student from Campbell University, spoke on "Experiences of an Acteen."

On July 29, material was purchased, and draperies were made for the baptistry. The cost of material and labor was \$1,165.00. On August 26, the church unanimously decided to purchase eggshell-colored choir robes with blue satin stoles. The cost was \$1,679.97.

In 1987, each deacon was assigned between ten and sixteen families in the Deacon Family program so that the family needs could better be served.

On November 4, Spring Branch decided to participate in a new retirement plan for Baptist pastors. At that time, the church would pay ten percent of the cost for our pastor. Our pastor would pay five percent and the Convention would contribute \$420.00.

On December 4, Mrs. Wilma Lee reported a monetary gift to the church from the Madge Naylor estate. The gift was applied to the parsonage indebtedness.

Beginning in January, 1988, Spring Branch and the pastor began participating in the annuity program. On January 27, the church constitution and by-laws were explained by Donnie Jackson. In the March 27 meeting, several changes were made in the number of members on various committees. The reason for the suggested changes was to place most of the standing committees on a three-year rotating basis. On July 27, 1988, a few more additions were made to the church constitution and by-laws and were then unanimously passed.

On June 29, Myron Spell had resigned as church treasurer. Joyce Jones had become both secretary and treasurer.

In 1988, the Woman's Missionary Union celebrated its centennial with several impressive programs. The New South River Baptist Association held its ninety-second annual meeting at Highland Baptist Church. The theme was "A Century to Celebrate: A Future to Fulfill." Special programs were held at Spring Branch to remember the WMU work from 1888-1988, and records of the church budget show that the proposed missions ministry for 1988-1989 was \$5,500.00.

There were several other items of interest to remember from 1988. Spring Branch and all Southern Baptist churches lost an outstanding minister when Dr. Charles B. Howard died on February 27, 1988. The church received several gifts that year - a sound system and the Mildred Dixon and Elbert Glover memorials. On September 11, Tina Gorby became our Music Director and Scott Raines was Youth Minister.

On January 25, 1989, the church discussed the need for replacing the heating systems in both the educational building and the sanctuary. Both units were estimated to cost \$8,000.00.

On March 22, Tina Gorby and Scott Raines resigned as Music Director and Youth Minister respectively, and their resignations were accepted. After Scott Raines left, Jimmy Hicks, our pastor's son, and Carl Naylor worked with the youth.

On May 21, 1989, a 7:00 p.m. dinner was held to show our appreciation to Rev. Jerry Hicks for his extra efforts while the church was without music and youth directors. He and his family were given a \$1,000.00 gift with the money being taken from both the music and church funds. On Sunday, July 2, Bonita West was called to serve as the music director for the church.

On August 2, the church decided to put vinyl siding over the outside painted surfaces of the church and to repair the plumbing. The cost for both was \$10,776.00. The money was borrowed, but the Harvest Day offering was used to help pay the note.

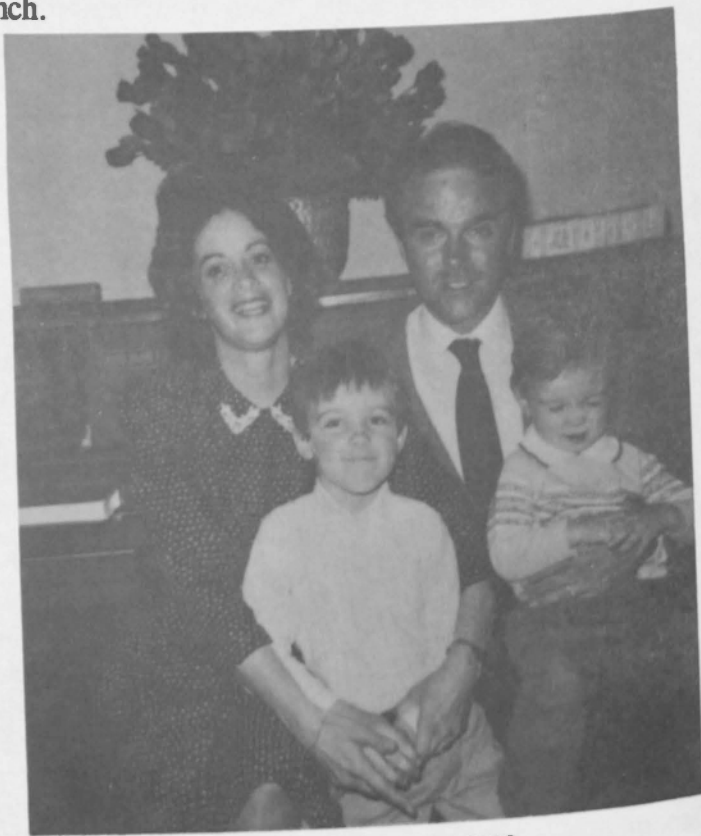
On August 2, Rev. Jerry Hicks resigned. His last sermon as pastor was Wednesday night, August 23. Rev. Hicks began work as pastor of Erwin First Baptist Church on September 1, 1989. On August 27, the church called Dr. Tom Freeman of Dunn as interim pastor.

On October 25, Joyce Jones reported that the \$10,000.00 note for the vinyl siding and the plumbing repairs had been paid. In the October meeting, the revival "Here's Hope" was recommended. The revival would be from March 18, 1990 - March 25, 1990. All churches in the Association would hold simultaneous revivals.

In 1989, several monetary gifts were given to the church as memorials to Felton Jackson, Jessie Herring and the Strickland Trust Fund. In December many poinsettias were placed in Spring Branch by members to honor and as memorials to loved ones.

On January 24, 1990, Wilma Lee recommended that a two-hundred year history of Spring Branch be written. The church approved. At this time, Mark Blalock of Campbell University was accepted as Youth Director for the church. Youth activities during February included planning for the "Here's Hope" Revival, playing games, Bible study, and a Valentine banquet.

On March 4, 1990, for Baptist Women's Day, Mary Jackson Barham was the guest speaker at the morning worship service. In March, also, Spring Branch began to prepare the parsonage by purchasing and installing a washer and dryer. On Sunday morning, April 8, 1990, Rev. Tim E. McQueen of Bermuda was unanimously approved as the pastor of Spring Branch.



*The McQueen Family in 1990 -
Pastor Tim, wife, Donna, and sons, Stephen and Michael.*

On June 20, the church recommended the purchase of a van, not to exceed \$10,000.00 in cost. On July 25, the van had been purchased and was ready to use. Cephas Phillips, Freddie Williford, and Harvey Naylor were appointed to serve on the Van Committee, and some rules and regulations were established for its use. In the July meeting also, Ronald Warren suggested updating the sound system with the cost not to exceed \$5,000.00.

Our Homecoming speaker in 1990 was Dr. Tom Freeman. Spring Branch commemorative mugs were sold in 1990. Beginning October 24, Thursday night was established as "churchwide visitation night." One of our members, Freddie Williford, was the recipient of the Small Business Person of the Year Award for Dunn. On November 4, Randy Hand of Campbell University became Assistant Pastor/Minister of Youth.

On December 19, the church approved the establishing of a memorial fund in memory of Wayne Lee. The yearly interest would be contributed to missions with Wilma Lee deciding each year which mission would receive the interest. The fund began with \$1,200.00.

On January 23, 1991, the Church Council recommended that February be designated as "I Love My Church Month" and to have a supper and praise service on February 10.

On April 24, the church began to make plans to sponsor Bonita West and Barbara Pope on a mission trip to Brazil in July. A special fund was set up to which members contributed. If more money was needed than that contributed, the remainder would be taken from the general fund.

On July 25, 1991, Barbara Pope of Dunn and Bonita West of Clement left on a ten-day trip to Sao Paulo, Brazil, doing mission work through the New South River Association. During the trip approximately six hundred Bibles were distributed and God's Word was shared through puppet plays, singing, preaching, and personal testimonies. The group reached more than five thousand people. Other women from Spring

Branch who went on special trips for the cause of Christ were Winifred Phillips, Wilma Lee, and Sharon Phillips. Part of the work was in the Caribbean area.

During 1991, the newly released edition of the Baptist Hymnal was purchased. Several people purchased hymnals, many of them designated in honor or in memory of their family or friends. In 1991, monetary gifts for the McLamb, Wade, and Draughon memorials were given to Spring Branch.

There was also an innovative idea. There was a Wild Game Dinner for those enjoying cooking the game they catch, with prizes awarded for the most tasty dishes. A meal, flowers, and other gifts were part of Bonita Crabtree Day as we at Spring Branch honored Bonita for her service to the church as she had served as Music Director.

In January, 1992, Spring Branch members had their photographs taken for a pictorial directory. Donna McQueen, our pastor's wife, was coordinator for this project. In March, the Music Committee gave a new church in the Erwin area - the Free Spirit Church - a hundred of our old hymnals. Also in March, Randolph Pate Hand, the Assistant Pastor/Youth Minister, was licensed to preach the gospel by Spring Branch Baptist Church.

Hawley Stone traveled to Brazil in March where he worked with other members from the New South River Baptist Association to construct two chapels. The WMU sent a communion set to Sao Paulo.

On April 3, 1992, Mrs. Erma Phillips and Mrs. Janie Williford Hairr were honored for their many years of service to Spring Branch. Mrs. Phillips had served Spring Branch for seventy-five years and Mrs. Hairr eighty years.

By July 29, 1992, the educational building had been insulated, the roof patched, and the water was being worked on. Other memorials to the church were for Thomas Strickland, Janie Hairr, Daniel Bracey, and

Stacy Hawley. Money was contributed to the Brandon Stanley benefit. In 1992, Beth Bartlett was elected as Interim Youth Director.

On April 2, 1993, Orus C. Jackson and Nellie Blue Warren were honored for their years of service to Spring Branch. Mr. Jackson had served for seventy-three years. He has been a deacon for almost fifty years. Mrs. Warren had served her church for sixty-nine years.

On April 28, Spring Branch agreed to support the Hispanic Mission located on the Dunn and Maxwell Road in the amount of \$100.00 per month for the next three years. The portable pulpit that had been used in the educational building before our sanctuary was built was given to the mission for as long as they need it. However, if the mission should disband, the pulpit is to be returned to Spring Branch.

During 1993, Spring Branch received several monetary gifts as memorials to Flonnie Jackson, Helena Phillips, and Erma Phillips. In memory of their parents, the Liston Jackson family supplied all the pews in the sanctuary with Bibles to be used during worship services.

On July 7, 1993, Freddie Williford recommended the updating of the sign in front of the church. Mike Godwin built a lighted sign with eight-inch letters.

On September 19, Spring Branch held its one hundred and ninety-eighth homecoming. Rev. Jimmy Johnson from Albertson Baptist Church was our guest speaker. Rev. Johnson was licensed and ordained to preach by Spring Branch several years ago. Our Homecoming offering in 1993 was \$10,360.26.

On September 22, the church called Beth Bartlett as Youth Director. Beth had for some time been serving as Interim Youth Director. Beth and the youth have fun together while serving the Lord. Helping plan, supervise, and participate with the youth on various occasions are Fred and Denise Williford, Kenneth and Tammy Ward, Rev. Tim and Donna McQueen, Carl Naylor, Paul Starling and Donnie Jackson.



*Spring Branch youth white water rafting -
Carl Naylor, Fred Williford, Denise Williford
Paul Starling, Beth Bartlett and Jonathan Bass*



*Spring Branch youth mountain hiking -
Denise Williford, Melissa Norris, Tiffany Phillips, Paul Starling,
Crystal Bartlett, Diane Edwards, Beth Bartlett, Youth Director,
Carl Naylor, Alan Turner and Jonathan Bass.*

On September 26, 1993, an ordination service for Fred Williford as deacon was held. Dr. Ben Gault, Director of Missions, delivered the morning message. Rev. Tim McQueen gave charge to our new deacon. Fred's sister, Sherry Baysa, had special music and his father, Freddie Williford, prayed the prayer of ordination and dedication.

In 1993, the youth had two projects to help them raise money for financing their activities. They had car washes and sold T-shirts. The Maude Tew Sunday School Class collected money to buy themselves more comfortable chairs for their class.



The "Total Life" Crusade held at Spring Branch from October 17-20, 1993. Rev. Tim McQueen, Spring Branch pastor, Rev. Louis Strickland, Mingo pastor, Rev. James Dees, Clement pastor, and Rev. Wayne Bristow, crusade evangelist from Oklahoma.

Rev. Wayne Bristow, an evangelist and former Director of Evangelism for the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma, held a

crusade at Spring Branch from October 17-20, 1993. The theme of the crusade was "Total Life: Now and Forever." The crusade was jointly conducted by Baptist Chapel, Clement, Mingo and Spring Branch. The crusade choir contained members from each of the church choirs. Attendance was more than four hundred some nights with a total of one hundred and nine public decisions concerning Christ with many of the decisions made by youth. Traffic assistance was by the Sheriff's Department and the Plainview Fire Department.



Rev. Wayne Bristow on Youth Night, Total Life Crusade during October, 1993.

In October, 1993, Bill Williford, who had served many years, resigned from the Cemetery Finance Committee and was replaced by Fred Williford as Finance Chairperson.

On February 18, 1994, the Royal ambassadors visited Campbell University. The R.A. leaders were Donnie Jackson and Carl Naylor. In

On April 22, there was a special open house for the Hispanic Mission located at Hall's Crossroads. Spring Branch and other churches help sponsor this mission. Rev. Jose Topia of Matamoros, Mexico, was called to serve as the mission pastor.

In 1994, the two adults honored for their service to Spring Branch were Rochelle McLamb and Walter Naylor. Mrs. McLamb had served for seventy-one years and Mr. Naylor, fifty-eight years.

Spring Branch became incorporated in 1994. The church had applied on August 25, and the privilege was granted on October 28, by the North Carolina Secretary of State, Rufus Edmisten. The papers were registered in the office of the Register of Deeds of Sampson County on the ninth day of November.



Twentieth Anniversary of the Spring Branch Morning Prayer Band.

Special functions have occurred here at Spring Branch in the last twenty-five years. The Morning Prayer Band has met weekly for the last

1994, the Acteens also had their day at Campbell. There were five hundred and ninety-one Acteens from seventy-seven Baptist churches at Campbell University that day. There was a contest for the Acteens to enter. Forty-five banners were entered in the competition, and the Spring Branch Acteens came in first.

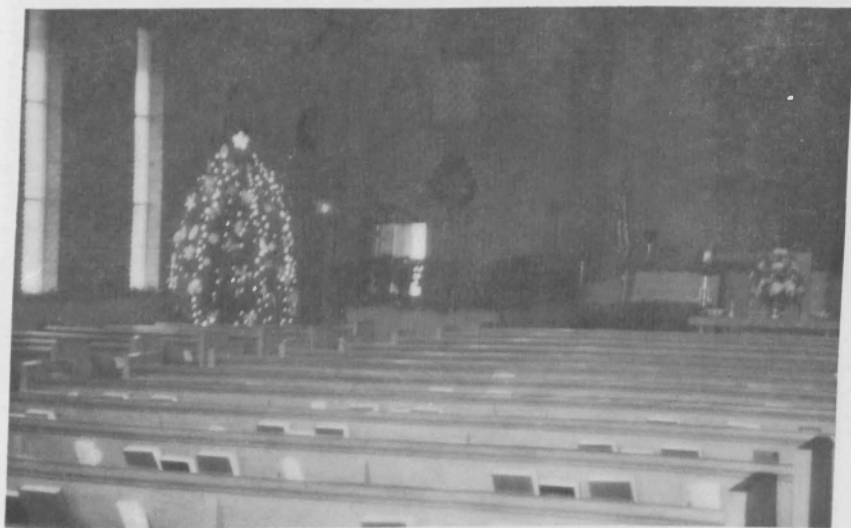


*Honoring Mrs. Daisy Jester, a retired missionary,
at the Missions Fair, March 6, 1994.*

On March 6, Spring Branch held a Missions Fair with booths set up displaying information about many foreign countries and some states in the United States where Southern Baptists have missionaries serving. Guest ministers and some members of neighboring churches also participated. Mrs. Daisy Jester, a retired missionary who had served in Africa, was honored for her forty-one years of service with the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board and was remembered also for her ninetieth birthday.

twenty-two years. The Band has had good attendance through the years. On the first Wednesday of each month the group meets at the Senior Citizen Village in Dunn. On the second Wednesday of each month, the group visits Golden Years Nursing Home in Falcon. On the third Wednesday of each month, they visit the Cottondale Apartments in Dunn. On the other weeks, the Prayer Band members meet in the homes of members. Most often, the ones attending have their lunch together after the meeting.

The Etta Bain Sunday School Class has had a special party for the senior citizens of our church and neighboring communities for about twenty-five years. The Senior Citizens Party gives the incentive for early Christmas decorating in both the educational building and the sanctuary with many poinsettias and a Chrismon tree. Much planning and work go into this party which is scheduled yearly on the first Sunday in December. Refreshments are prepared, small gifts bought and wrapped, and entertainment provided for those who attend. The attendance has fluctuated between one hundred and twenty-five to one hundred and sixty-five over the twenty-five year period.



*The sanctuary with a Chrismon tree.
The ornaments were made by the ladies of the church.*



*The sanctuary decorated with poinsettias.
Poinsettias are placed in the church at Christmas in
memory or in honor of loved ones.*



*The special Christmas party for senior citizens given each year
by the Etta Bain Sunday School class.*



The special Christmas party for senior citizens.



Serving refreshments at the Etta Bain Senior Citizen's Party.



Fall Festival at Spring Branch - a Christian alternative to Halloween.

In recent years, Fall Festivals have been held at Halloween as a safe Christian alternative to the traditional costumes and trick or treating. There are plenty of refreshments and fun contests with prizes awarded while children come dressed in Biblical costumes or costumes representing God's creations. The youth of Spring Branch also have planned activities on October 31 each year.

The youth of Spring Branch are not the only group with planned activities. The senior citizens of Spring Branch, known as the Keenagers, have been quite active.

In 1991, plans for a ministry to the senior citizens were suggested by our pastor, Rev. Tim E. McQueen. Plans were discussed with Cephas and Sharon Phillips who became co-coordinators for the group and continue to serve.

The group has a monthly dinner meeting at five-thirty in the afternoon. At their meetings, an inspirational program is presented with

a door prize often given. In 1995, the president is Orus Jackson; the vice-president is Walter Naylor; and the group secretary is Elizabeth Jackson. Usually, there are twenty-two to twenty-six who attend the dinner meetings. The highest attendance was thirty-three.

The Keenagers like to travel! For transportation, the church van is used with members driving extra vehicles when the need arises. The Keenagers have been fishing at Surf City and Carolina Beach. They had an overnight trip to the Outer Banks to see the Lost Colony, the Elizabethan Gardens, and the Aquarium.

The group goes yearly to the Dixie Jubilee, the Dixie Stampede, and the Carolina Opry at Myrtle Beach. Before the shows, the group goes shopping.

Trips to Raleigh took the Keenagers to the Governor's Mansion, the Museum of Arts and Science, and the Farmer's Market. In Chapel Hill, the group visited the Planetarium.

Trips have also been made to the Tobacco Museum in Kenly and the Doctor's Museum in Bailey. The group had fun doing their Christmas shopping together in 1994. Their most recent trip was to visit a former pastor's wife - Mrs. Archie Hughes.

Since 1992, the church has honored two keenagers each year. Those honored were Mrs. Janie Hairr, Mrs. Erma Phillips, Mrs. Nellie Warren, Mr. Orus Jackson, Mrs. Rochelle McLamb, Mr. Walter Naylor, Mr. Lamar Stone and Mrs. Violet Williford.

To start our two hundredth year of celebration, Spring Branch has begun to distribute a 1795-1995 two hundredth anniversary car tag for members to show our pride at being two hundred years old. A special pictorial directory is being prepared. Three separate days were scheduled for photographs to be taken by Olan Mills.

On Sunday, January 22, 1995, Woodrow and Ethel Williford were honored by Spring Branch during the morning worship service. The Willifords were given a monetary gift and a plaque expressing appreciation for their twenty years of custodial dedication to our church.

Committees are busy meeting to prepare for the Total Life Crusade '95 with Oklahoma evangelist Wayne Bristow and music evangelist from Illinois, Steve Shirk. Our pastor, Rev. Tim E. McQueen, is the chairperson for the Steering Committee. Rev. Paul Honeycutt of Union Grove is the assistant chairperson while Freddie Williford is the treasurer.

The industrious planning committees for the crusade are the Personal Workers (Counselors), Youth, Children, Music, Arrangements, Publicity, Prayer, Attendance, Ushers/Parking, Childcare, and Hospitality.

The participating churches and their pastors are Clement Baptist with Rev. James Dees, Corinth Freewill Baptist with Rev. Stan Coker, Lee's Chapel Original Freewill Baptist with Rev. Phillip Boykin, Mingo Baptist with Rev. Louis Strickland, Spring Branch Baptist with Rev. Tim E. McQueen, and Union Grove Baptist with Rev. Paul Honeycutt. The Total Life Crusade '95 is planned for April 30 - May 4, 1995, at Spring Branch with emphasis on specific nights for children, youth, single adults, and Sunday School loyalty.

The church has been busy raising \$4,000.00 to send two of our members on a mission trip from May 26 - June 6, 1995. Beth Bartlett and Carl Naylor will be going to Aracaju, Sergipe, Brazil, with the Wayne Bristow Evangelistic Association/Total Life International Ministries in cooperation with the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board.

Beth and Carl will be involved in much work. In nine days the volunteers will work with local believers to construct two new church buildings, conduct fifteen local church evangelism campaigns, put teams into the area schools and conclude with crusade rallies in a thirty-thousand seat stadium. The volunteers will also distribute 10,000 New Testaments and Gospel tracts. They will issue 100,000 invitations to evangelistic

services, conduct over four hundred home meetings, and one hundred and thirty-five church rallies.

Naturally in addition to our regular Sunday School, worship services, and yearly homecomings, there have been in two hundred years in our church family many births, weddings, funerals, and meals. Spring Branch members have long been noted for their much cooking for others and for themselves. Providing food to families when sickness or death occurs is considered a special ministry by our church.



A Spring Branch Homecoming meal.

There have also been golden wedding celebrations when relatives and friends honored those couples who had been married for fifty years with a special reception at Spring Branch. Some more recent honored couples were Orus and Sallie Jackson, Bill and Violet Williford, and Archie and Edith Lee.

There are many special events planned throughout 1995. As our church faces the future, may each member of the congregation utter the prayer quoted from the letter of Tommy Hudgins, former Music Director and Youth Minister, as he prepared for fulltime ministry. *"It is my prayer that Spring Branch Baptist Church will continue to grow and share the love of Jesus Christ to a world that needs Him so."* In 1995, the need seems even greater!

Spring Branch Pastors 1795-1995

Aaron Moore			
Stephen Senter	1845-1849		
Jesse Howell	1850-1854		
A.B. Alderman	1855-1858	1874	1888-1889
Reuben Fisher	1859-1862		
J.M. Beasley	1863-1869		
W.C. West	1869-1870	1873	
Wiley M. Page	1871	1878	
J.T. Townsend			
Samson D. Williford	1875-1878		
William Bland	1881-1884	(Interim)	1889
I.T. Newton	1884-1888		
J.A. Campbell	1889-1934		

Dr. J.A. Campbell was elected pastor in June, 1889. Rev. William Bland supplied until October, 1889, when Dr. Campbell accepted for an indefinite period of time.

G. Scott Turner	1934
A.L. Brown	1936
C.H. Cashwell	1937-1940

Spring Branch was without a pastor from December 1, 1940 to October 1, 1941. Dr. G.G. Grubb was interim pastor from January 1, 1941 to October 8, 1941.

G.G. Grubb	1942
I.K. Stafford	1943-1947
A. Lincoln Faulk	1948
Eugene C. Ensley	1949-1951
Richard D. Smith	1952-1955 (First full-time pastor)
E.D. Flowers	1956-1957
Robert (Bob) Harris	1958-1960
C. Gary Long	1960-1965
Floid B. Schneider	1966-1968
Archie C. Hughes	1968-1974
Raymond Crook	1974-1976
Robert Collins	1976-1977

John T. Gardner	1977-1980
Paul Kennedy	1981-1982
Bill Parker	1983-1985
Jerry Hicks	1986-1989
Tim E. McQueen	1990-Present

Spring Branch Deacons

1795-1995

A.E. Alderman
Autry Baggett
Freeman Bass
Robert Blue
Earl Core
Luther Core
A.T. Dixon
Oliver Dixon
Willie Dixon
Johnson Draughon
Ted Gainey
T.C. Gilbert
Fred Giles
Elbert Glover
Lonnie Glover
Lewis N. Godwin
Stephen D. Hawley
Galveston Hinson
Thomas Henry Hinson
Donnie Ray Jackson
Hinton Jackson
Jesse Martin Jackson
Jim Jackson
Orus Campbell Jackson
John A. Layton
Joel G. Layton
Archie Lee, Jr.
Wayne Lee
Alphonso Naylor
Carl Naylor
Edgar Naylor
Garvis Naylor

Gary Naylor
Harvey Naylor
Randy Naylor
Walter Naylor
Gene Patterson
Casper Phillips
Floyd Phillips
Lester Phillips
George Pope
Tommy Starling
Hawley Stone
Lamar Stone
Ollen D. Strickland
Sam Strickland, Jr.
Sampson Strickland
Edgar T. Tew
Donald Turner
John Wade
Richard Warren
Ronald Warren
Noel E. West
Thomas Williams
Fred Williford
Freddie Williford
Henry D. Williford
John C. Williford
Daniel Mack Williford
Warren Williford
Wilson (Bill) Williford
Doyle Wise
Felton B. Wood

Sunday School Leaders

1795-1995

Mrs. A.B. Alderman
Gillespie Godwin
J.C. Williford
Joseph Naylor
D.H. Dixon
Albert Dawson
Ollen D. Strickland (42 years)
Miles Naylor
Thad Dixon
W.N. Dixon (given much credit for Sunday School rooms, 1910)
D.R. Warren
A.E. Alderman (son of Mrs. A.B. Alderman)
J.O. Newton
R.P. Harris
L.M. Core
C.O. Glover
Edgar Naylor
T.H. Hinson
Wayne Lee
Earl Core
Hawley Stone
Jimmy Johnson
Casper Phillips
Elizabeth Jackson (first General Sunday School Superintendent)
Freddie Williford
Ronald Warren
Susan Naylor
Joyce Jones (General Sunday School Superintendent)
Randy Naylor
Donnie Jackson
Carl Naylor

Spring Branch Church Music Leaders 1795-1995

Gillespie Godwin
J.W. Layton
N.A. Layton
George F. Pope
T.J. Warren
George W. Naylor
J.M. House
Neil M. Eason
R.M. Warren
Charles P. Layton
L.B. Core
D.R. Lee
J.V. Warren
Claudius Strickland
W.N. Dixon
D.R. Warren
Leslie Alderman
John Pat Alderman
Stacey Hawley
Sam Strickland, Jr.
Orus C. Jackson
A.T. Dixon
Thomas Williams
Freddie Williford
Ronald Warren

Music Directors

Dallas Montague
Tommy Hudgins
Sherry Spell
Tina Gorby
Bonita West Crabtree
Sherry Baysa

Partial List of Organists and Pianists

Delitha Naylor
Gladys Strickland Satterwhite
Olive Gray Herring
Glenda Naylor
Nellie Warren
Bonnie Jo McIntyre
Sherry Baysa
Tammy Ward

Spring Branch Youth Directors 1795-1995

Tommy Hudgins	December, 1979 - June, 1981
Sherry Williford	August, 1981 - August, 1988
Scott Raines	September, 1988 - March, 1989
Mark Blalock	January, 1990 - May, 1990
Randy Hand	November, 1990 - May, 1992
Bonita West Crabtree	June, 1992 - October, 1992
Beth Bartlett	October, 1992 (Interim) September, 1993 - Present

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The information used in compiling this church history came from general knowledge, the church minutes and bulletins, news publications from the Dunn Dispatch and Daily Record, and writings on Spring Branch Church history done by Professor J.T. Alderman, Mrs. Mary Jackson Barham, and Mrs. Gladys Strickland Satterwhite.



Dunn Church To Hold Revival

The Spring Branch Baptist Church will hold a revival beginning September 28 through October 2.

The guest speaker will be Rev. W.C. Hill of Mooresboro. Services begin each night at 7:30 p.m. The revival will begin Wednesday evening through Sunday morning.

Rev. A.C. Hughes, the interium pastor, and congregation, cordially invite everyone to attend.

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Spring Branch Baptist Church will hold its annual homecoming Sunday at 11 a. m. with Dr. Earl D. Farthing, pastor of Elizabethtown Baptist Church of Elizabethtown as the speaker. Farthing, a native of

Dunn, is a former pastor of Mingo Baptist Church in Sampson County. He is married to the former Tokie Cashwell of Dunn, daughter of Mrs. Paul Cashwell and the late Mr. Cashwell.

Dr. Farthing holds a bachelor of arts degree from Wake Forest University, a master of divinity degree from the Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary and a doctor of ministry degree from the Theological School of Drew University. He has been pastor of the Elizabethtown church since 1977.

Special music by the Spring Branch Quartet, Cornerstone and the adult choir will highlight the morning worship service. Dinner on the grounds will follow the service.

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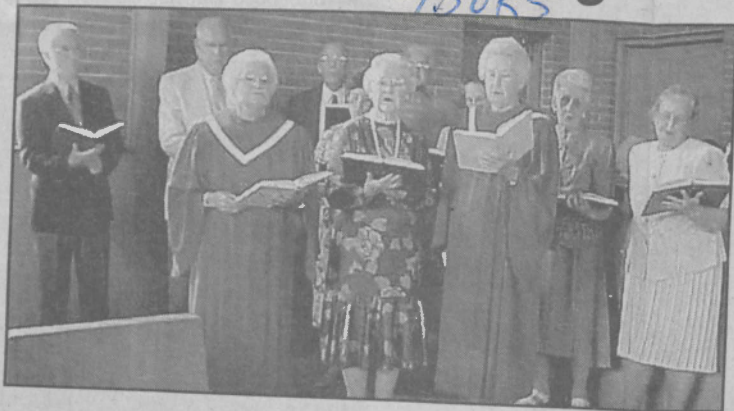
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Spring Branch Recognizes Prayer Band

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On Aug. 17, Spring Branch Baptist Church recognized the Prayer Band for 31 years of ministering to church and community. The Prayer Band meets on Wednesdays at various rest homes to minister through singing, devotions and prayer.

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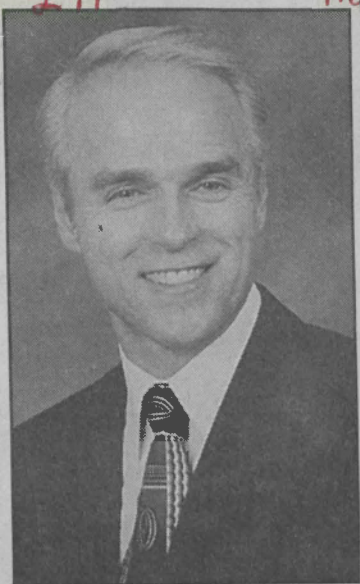
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Rev. Tim McQueen

McQueen To Be Honored Sunday

The Rev. Tim McQueen will be honored during Pastor Appreciation Day at Spring Branch Baptist Church Sunday in celebration of the 10th anniversary of his ministry there.

Gault Is Guest Speaker

Dr. Ben Gault will be the guest speaker. Pastor McQueen, his wife, Donna, and their sons, Stephen and Michael will be the guests of honor at a covered-dish lunch following the morning service.

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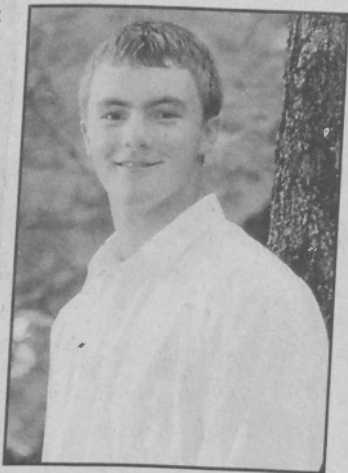
Baptist Men's Day At Spring Branch Baptist

Sunday will be Baptist Men's Day at Spring Branch Baptist Church. The men of the church will teach the Sunday school classes as well as leading in the morning worship.

Craig West

Guest speaker will be former member Craig West. Mr. West is a 2002 graduate of Midway High School and is presently a freshman at Methodist College.

Spring Branch Baptist Church is located at 2391 N. Spring Branch Road in Dunn. Tim E. McQueen is pastor.



Craig West

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291 Keenagers Hold Meeting At Fanns A61

Twenty members of the Keenagers of Spring Branch Baptist Church met at Fanns Restaurant for their monthly meeting.

Vice President Lamar Stone opened the meeting with prayer.

Winifred Phillips gave a devotion. Her topic was "Power of Music."

Several read Bible Scriptures telling about music and the effects music has on people. Winifred led in prayer and the blessing for the food.

Shelby Porter read the minutes of the last meeting and they were approved.

The members discussed having a pancake supper March 3 at the Mingo Community Center.

Tickets for a queen-size quilt were also to be sold and the quilt awarded on the night of the pancake supper.

The ladies were to bake cakes and pies to be sold. They were also to bring tea.

Gene Patterson dismissed the group with prayer.

Those Attending

Those attending were Co-ordinators Cephas and Sharon Phillips, Velma Godwin, Orus and Sallie Jackson, Joe and

Blondell Naylor, Clayton and Shelby Porter, Lester and Winifred Phillips, Lamar Stone, Bill and Violet Williford, Phoeba Williford, Grace Nalyor; Esther Whittenton, Gene and Amelia Patterson and Edna Crumpler.

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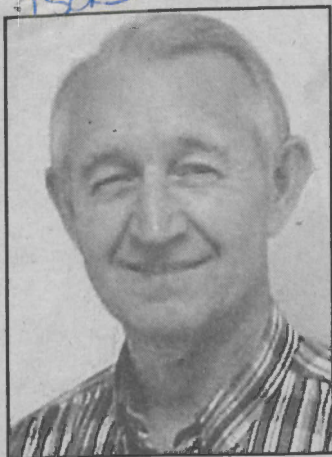
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Installation, Ordination Service At Spring Branch



Sherrill Lee

Spring Branch Baptist Church will have a Deacon Installation and Ordination Service Sunday during the 11 a.m. worship service. The Rev. Sammy McLamb, Scot Phillips and Sherrill Lee will be installed as new deacons with three-year terms. Mr. Lee will be ordained as a deacon. Spring Branch Baptist Church is located at 2391 N. Spring Branch Road, Dunn. Tim E. McQueen is pastor.

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Downing To Perform Sunday At Spring Branch Church

Ann Downing will be in concert at Spring Branch Baptist Church, located at 2391 N. Spring Branch Road Sunday at 6 p.m.

Ms. Downing has performed on the Gaithers videos and with the Speer Family and the Downings.

"Singing News" named her as 1999's most successful soloist. Now celebrating more than 30 years in gospel music, she

founded the Downings with her husband, Paul, in 1969, introducing classics like "Greater Is He That Is In Me," "Operator," and "I've Got Confidence."

Ms. Downing began her solo career after Paul's death in 1992, and was inducted into the Gospel Music Hall of Fame in 1998 for her work with the Speer Family. She hosts her own "Middle Tennessee Women's Retreat" each spring.



Ann Downing

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Spring Branch To Observe Baptist Men's Day Sunday

Spring Branch Baptist Church, Dunn, will conduct its annual Baptist Men's Day this Sunday.

The day will begin with an 8 a.m. church-wide breakfast prepared by the ladies of the church. The Rev. James Dees, pastor of the Clement Baptist Church, will be the guest speaker at the breakfast.

Baptist Men will be teaching during the Sunday school hour and leading during the morning worship hour.

Ray Stancil, a layman and deacon in the Coats Baptist Church, will be the guest speaker.

Mr. Stancil is active in volunteer missionary work. He has been to Brazil six times and also to Oklahoma City, Okla. He just recently returned from Florida where he went with a group of North Carolina Baptist Men to work in the "Andrew" disaster area.

Dale Crabtree is president of



Ray Stancil

the Baptist Men. Tim E. McQueen is pastor.

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Wilma Lee



Sharon Phillips

Lee, Phillips Participate In Indonesia Mission Trip

A commissioning service was held at the 11 a.m. worship hour last Sunday at Spring Branch Baptist Church in Dunn. Wilma Lee and Sharon Phillips were commissioned by the church to go as volunteer missionaries to Indonesia.

Mrs. Lee and Mrs. Phillips departed from Fayetteville on Sept. 25 and will return on Oct. 13. They will join a group of volunteer missionaries enroute. Their mission work will take them to several islands including Jakarda, Surabaya and Bali where they will conduct Backyard Bible School, work in homes and churches, and distribute 700

copies of the book, "The Saving Life of Christ," which is printed in the Indonesian language. The team will assist Southern Baptist Missionaries Marley and Rebecca Mason and Rick and Beth Wolfe.

Earlier this year, three others were commissioned as volunteer missionaries from Spring Branch: Carl Naylor and Beth Bartlett to Brazil and Evan Turner to New York.

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Church To Observe 200th Anniversary

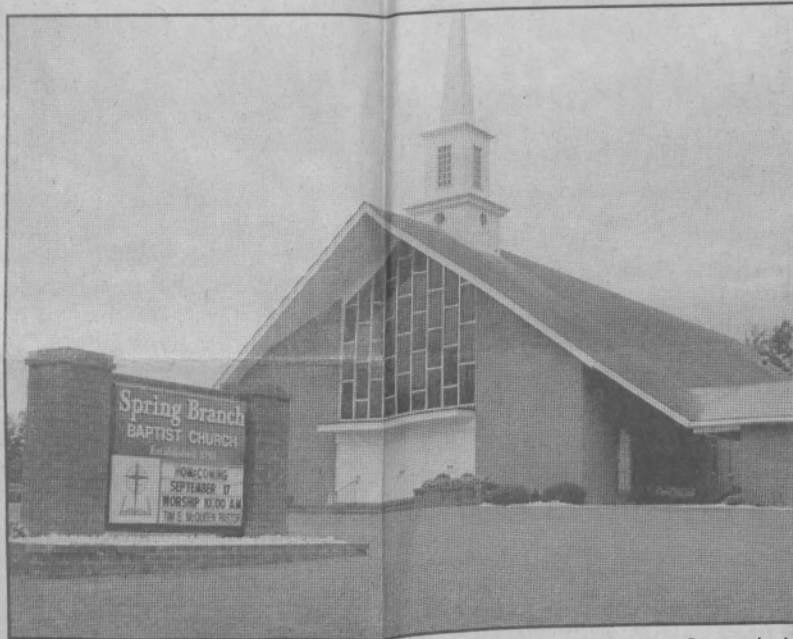
On Sunday Sept. 17 at 10 a.m., Spring Branch Baptist Church will hold its bicentennial celebration. A large crowd is expected to attend this event and enjoy worship, fellowship, and food with friends and relatives who are coming back home for this special occasion. Spring Branch is located six miles south of Dunn at 2391 Spring Branch Road.

The church was begun in 1795 at a site about two miles north of its present location. It was first known as Mingo Baptist Church and in the early 1830s the church split due to a conflict over missions. The members began looking for another place to worship and eventually found that place near a branch that was full of springs. Thus this group named their church, Spring Branch Missionary Baptist Church. The church has occupied four different buildings near its present site since that time.

When the group left in the 1830s and needed a place to meet, they were used a brand new barn which Mr. Henry M. Dawson had just completed. Mr. Dawson, a Presbyterian at the time, made it clear that if that barn was needed for the work of the Lord that this group could use his barn for a few years. The members met there for some 35 years since the third building was erected about 1870. Incidentally, Henry M. Dawson became a member of Spring Branch a few years later and is one of the forefathers of many of the Willifords in the area.

In fact, part of the timber from this barn was used to build the new church in 1870.

At the close of the Civil War, Spring Branch began plans to build a new church. This



Bicentennial Celebration — Spring Branch Baptist Church in Dunn will commemorate its 200th anniversary with special services this Sunday. Rev. Tim McQueen is the current pastor.

church was a large structure for its time and later had Sunday school classes added. The building was completed in 1870 and served as the church until 1906. After that, it was used as Sunday School classrooms, as a school, and eventually as a lodge for the Woodmen of the World.

During the late 1800s, Spring Branch grew rapidly and it was necessary to erect a new church. The new building was dedicated in 1906. There were some additions made as the years went by and this "white church" as it's fondly remembered, was used until 1958. Since it was in such dire need of repairs, Spring Branch voted to go with a new building program.

In 1958, the new fellowship hall was dedicated and it was also used as the sanctuary. Then in the mid-1960's work was begun on the new sanctuary and in 1965 the new build-

ing was completed. This modern brick sanctuary is large enough that over 500 people were seated for a recent areawide crusade.

In 1952 Spring Branch built its first parsonage and also called its first full-time pastor. The parsonage served the church and its pastors well until 1986 when a new parsonage was erected.

Numerous good, solid citizens have been influenced positively by dedicated pastors and teachers at the church. One such leader was A.B. Alderman. Mr. Alderman became the church pastor in 1855 and was responsible for starting many area churches including Antioch Baptist Church in Falcon and Greenwood Baptist Church, which is now Dunn First Baptist Church.

Another person influential in Spring Branch's history was J. Archibald Campbell. In

1888, he accepted a call as pastor and he served in that position for 44 years. Mr. Campbell was founder and headmaster of the Buies Creek Academy, now Campbell University named in his honor and the largest Baptist college in the state.

Church records show that in 1904, Casper C. Warren was among those baptized. Dr. Warren's family had long attended Spring Branch and he had his earliest training there. He was pastor of a large church in Charlotte in the late 1950s when he was elected president of the Southern Baptist Convention. Dr. Warren was instrumental in beginning the 30,000 Movement which has enabled Southern Baptists to become the largest Protestant denomination in the U.S.

Pastor Tim McQueen extends a invitation for all to be a part of this special celebration.

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Ledbetters To Be At Spring Branch

Southern Baptist missionaries, Michael and Ethel Ledbetter, will be the guest speakers Sunday in the 11 a.m. worship service at Spring Branch Baptist Church, Spring Branch Road, Dunn.

The Ledbetters have served as missionaries to Mexico since 1968. Prior to their transfer to Mexico, they served in San Jose, Costa Rica, 1963-64 and in Panajachel, Guatemala, 1964-67.

The Rev. Michael Ledbetter is a graduate of Carson-Newman College and Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary.

His wife, Ethel, is a graduate of Mars Hill College and Piedmont Bible College.

Tim E. McQueen is pastor of Spring Branch.



Michael Ledbetter

creative in the costume contest (Biblical characters or God's creations) will be awarded a special prize as will the winners of the coloring contest.

Other activities include a hayride, a hot dog dinner and special entertainment. Young children



Ethel Ledbetter

must be accompanied by an adult.

For more information, contact Donna McQueen at 892-2306.

Spring Branch Church is located six miles south of Dunn on the Spring Branch Road.

Fall Festival

Spring Branch Baptist Church will hold its annual Fall Festival Saturday from 6:30 until 8 p.m. The Fall Festival is a Christian alternative to Halloween.

Booths include a bean bag throw, cupcake walk, ring toss, face painting, cookie craft, fishin' fun, and a duck pond. The most

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Dunn Welcomes Spring Branch Pastor

291 The Reverend Paul S. Kennedy recently joined the Spring Branch Baptist Church of Pope Road, south of Dunn, as

the new pastor. He is a May graduate of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest.

Rev. Kennedy holds a BSME degree from the University of Idaho and an MBA degree from the University of Massachusetts. He served as Interim Pastor of Moncure Baptist Church prior to coming to the Dunn Community.

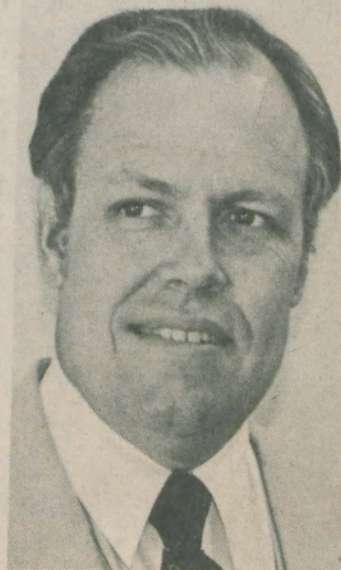
Kennedy is a native of Washington State and grew up on farms near Spokane. Since his graduation from the University of Idaho in 1956, he has served in the Army and held

positions with Brunswick, The Boeing Company, and the General Electric Company in Hickory, as well as operating his own retail business with the help of his wife.

Rev. Kennedy's wife is the former Sandra G. Groseclose of Marion, Virginia. He and Sandra have three sons, Brandt, who is currently employed in Wake Forest; Brian, who is a junior at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro; and Barry, who is a sophomore at Lenoir-Rhyne in Hickory.

The Dunn community would

129 like to welcome Rev. Kennedy and his family to the area.



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**Spring
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honors
Hughes**

The Rev. A.C. Hughes will be honored as pastor emeritus this Sunday during the morning worship service at Spring Branch Baptist Church.

Hughes served as pastor of the church from 1968 to 1974.

Natives of Shelby, Hughes and his wife, Essie, returned there while he served for 16 months as interim associational director of missions, and as interim pastor of several churches.

Since returning to Sampson County in 1977, Hughes has served a number of interim pastorates, including two



Rev. A.C. Hughes

at Spring Branch, and a 34-month interim at Mingo Baptist Church.

"Mr. Hughes and his wife have taken an active part in this community," said the Rev. William L. Parker, pastor of Spring Branch. "They have lived, labored and loved as Christlike examples for all of us."

Parker has recently been called to pastor the church, located on Pope Road, five miles south of Dunn.

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291 Gault Homecoming Speaker At Spring Branch Baptist

The Spring Branch Baptist Church, on Spring Branch Road in Dunn, will hold its annual homecoming service on Sunday.

The theme for the day will be "Celebrating Our Faith."

Dr. Ben Gault, executive director of the New South River Baptist Association, will be the guest speaker.

Prior to coming to the New South River Association, Dr. Gault served as director of missions for the Pee Dee Baptist Association in Rockingham.

Bonita Crabtree, minister of music, will be leading the choir in special music.

A covered dish meal will follow the morning worship.

The Rev. Tim E. McQueen is pastor.



Dr. Ben Gault

Harmony To Hold Revival

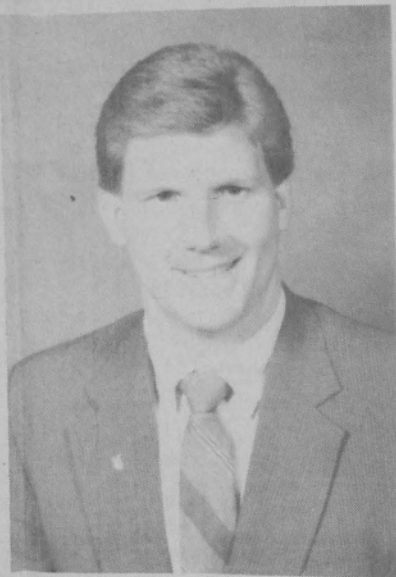
Harmony Baptist Church is planning revival services beginning Sunday morning and continuing nightly Sunday through Wednesday.

The Rev. Stan Welch, pastor of Blackwelder Park Baptist Church in Kannapolis, will lead the revival. The Rev. Welch is a 1978 graduate of Fruitland Baptist Bible Institute and is a 1989 graduate of Luther Rice Bible College and Seminary in Jacksonville, Fla. The Rev. Welch is presently working on his master's degree at Luther Rice.

He is married to the former Melody Russ. The Welches have three children, Jamey, Joshua and John.

A covered-dish supper will be served Sunday night at 6. Special singing will be featured each night of the revival.

Harmony Baptist Church is located three miles south of Lillington on N.C. 210.



Rev. Stan Welch

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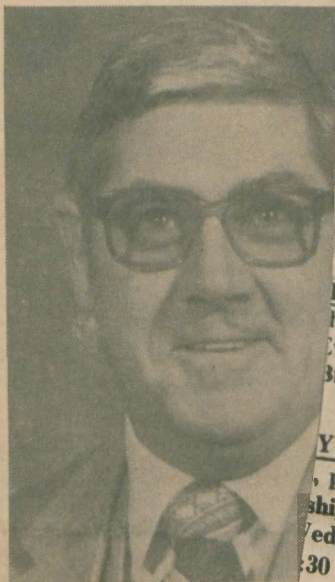
Spring Branch Revival

Spring Branch Baptist Church, Route 1, Dunn, will hold a revival Sunday through Wednesday with the Rev. Jimmy Johnson of Wallace as speaker.

Sunday Morning services will be at 11 o'clock. All other services will be at 7:30 p.m. Interim Pastor Dr. Millard Brown and the members invite everyone to come and hear the Rev. Johnson, who feels that he has a special calling to do interim and bi-vocational pastoring.

The Rev. Johnson is a 1960 graduate of Dunn High School and received a BA degree from Methodist College in Fayetteville in 1964. He has also had graduate courses from East Carolina University and Southeastern Seminary. He was licensed into the ministry by Spring Branch Baptist Church on January 12, 1964.

He has served as Interim Pastor in the following churches: Spring Branch, Dunn; East Erwin, Erwin; Westfield, Dunn; Penderlea, Willard; Sharon Chinquapin, Dobson Chapel, Magnolia; Rose Hill, Rosehill; Mount Holly, Burgaw; Shiloh Watha, Shiloh, Chinquapin; Wells Chapel, Wallace; and Johnson, Warsaw.



REV. JIMMY JOHNSON

Presently he is employed by the N.C. Division of Motor Vehicle Safety as a Driver Education Representative for Duplin and Pender Counties.

The Rev. Johnson is married to Mr. and Mrs. Roy A. Johnson. They have three children. He is a member of the church choir and visits the church given each night.

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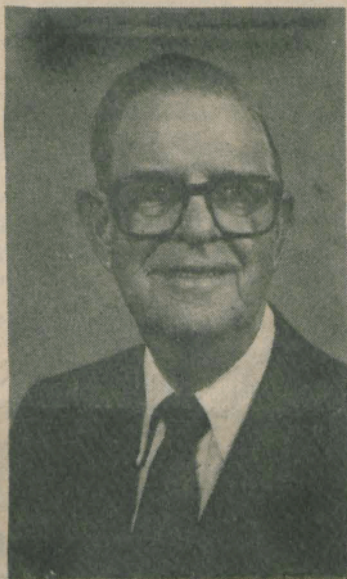
Spring Branch Church Will Honor Rev. Hughes

The Rev. A.C. Hughes will be honored as Pastor Emeritus Sunday morning during the morning worship service at Spring Branch Church in Dunn.

Rev. Hughes served the church as active pastor from 1968 until 1974. He and his wife, Mrs. Essie Hughes,

returned to their home in Shelby where Hughes served as Interim Director of Missions and Interim pastor of several churches.

The Hughes returned to Sampson County in 1977 to serve two interim patorates at Spring Branch Church and a



REV. A.C. HUGHES

34-month-long interim at Mingo Baptist Church.

"The couple has been closely associated with Baptist churches in the area for 15 years, and has lived, labored, and loved as a Christlike example for all of us," said William L. Parker, pastor of Spring Branch.

Hughes is presently conducting services at Antioch Baptist Church in Falcon during the illness of their pastor.

The Rev. Charles Stevens, Director of Missions for the New South River Baptist Association, will also officiate for a Pastor Installation Service. Parker was recently called to pastor the congregation.

The church is located five miles south of Dunn on Pope Rd. Friends of the Rev. Hughes are invited to attend.

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Homecoming Service Planned At Spring Branch Church

Spring Branch Baptist Church will hold its annual Homecoming service Sunday at 11:00 a.m.

Dr. Earl D. Farthing, pastor of Elizabethtown Baptist Church in Elizabethtown will be the guest speaker. Farthing, a native of Dunn, is a former pastor of Mingo Baptist Church in Sampson County.

Farthing is the son of Mrs. James S. Farthing of Dunn, and the late Mr. Farthing. He is married to the former Tookie Cashwell, daughter of Mrs. Paul Cashwell of Dunn, and the late Mr. Cashwell. The Farthings have two children. Cathy teaches in the Harnett County School system, while Earl, Jr. is employed with Wachovia Bank in Goldsboro. His brother, Jim, is Director of Admissions for Campbell University in Buies Creek.

Farthing holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Wake Forest University, a Master of Divinity degree from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, and a Doctor of Ministry degree from The Theological School of Drew University. He has pastored Elizabethtown Baptist Church since 1977.

Special music by the Spring Branch Quartet, Cornerstone, and the adult choir will also highlight the morning worship service. The



DR. EARL D. FARTHING

music program of the church is under the director of Mrs. Sherry Spell.

A bountiful "Dinner on the Ground" will follow the morning worship service. Bill Parker, pastor of the church, invites former members and friends of Spring Branch to attend.

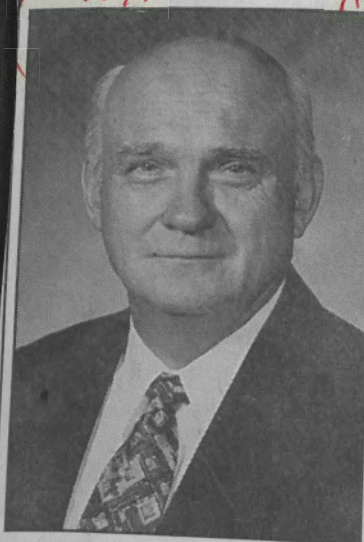
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**Dr. Talmage Williams
Williams To Speak**

Spring Branch Baptist Church, located at 2391 N. Spring Branch Road in Dunn, will observe Baptist Men's Day Sunday. The guest speaker will be Dr. Talmage Williams from the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina. Dr. Williams will speak on the Alaska/North Carolina Mission Partnership.

The men of the church under the leadership of Donnie Jackson, brotherhood director and Randy Naylor, Baptist Men's president, will teach the Sunday school classes and lead in worship. Tim E. McQueen is pastor.

Dr. Williams serves as administrative associate for Staff Development and Human Resources, North Carolina Baptist State Convention in Cary.

He is a native of Randolph County. Mrs. Williams is the former Dolores Allred also of Randolph County. They have three children and five grandchildren.

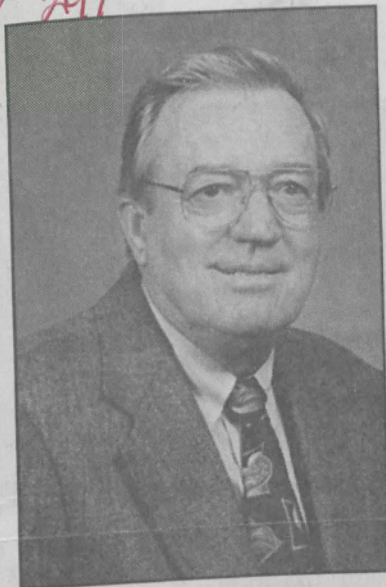
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Lester Phillips



Winifred Phillips

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Couple To Be Honored

Lester and Winifred Phillips were selected as the Senior Adult Members of the Year by the Spring Branch Baptist Church Keenagers.

They are the first couple to every be selected for this honor. The Keenagers are made up of the Senior Members of the church. The couple will be honored Sunday during the church service for the many contributions they have given to the church and community.

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REV. J.G. BORDEAUX

Spring Branch Sets Revival

Dr. Millard Brown, interim pastor of Spring Branch Church, Rt. 1, Dunn, has announced that the church will be holding revival services next week.

Services will begin Sunday night, April 3 and extend through Friday night, April 8. The services will begin at 7:30 nightly except on Sunday when services begin at 6 p.m.

The guest speaker will be the Rev. J. Garland Bordeaux. He is originally from the Wilmington area and served

churches in the Bladen and Columbus County area for the 13 years.

More recently he has served as pastor of Moon's Chapel Baptist Church for the past 12 years. During this time he has been active in Associational affairs, having served as Moderator of the Historic Sandy Creek Association for two terms, and many other positions.

He also served as chairman of the Chatham County Christian Action League in the

defeat of liquor-by-the-drink in 1973 and also again in the defeat of beer and wine sales in 1980.

Bordeaux attended Campbell University and the University of North Carolina at Wilmington and has done extensive Seminary Extension work over the years.

He is married to the former Pauline Hardee of Whiteville and they have two sons. The oldest is a minister in Hillsborough, and the youngest is a student at Campbell University, majoring in religion.

Little Things

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LITTLE NOTES: Loretta Warren received a great Valentine's Day gift from her husband, Ronnie. He surprised his pretty wife with a classic sports convertible automobile. They took it to the big automobile show at Myrtle Beach and it received a lot of raves from the crowd... If you want to see bull riding at its best, be at the Double T Arena on Surles Road in Benson Friday night at 7. These bull-riding shows will be held the first and third Friday night of the month. It's a fine sport and real fun to witness... Jerome Caudle is proudly announcing to his friends that he's going to become a daddy in about four months. I believe he said it's going to be a boy, too!... County Commissioner Joe Bowden seldom misses a meeting of the Harnett Democratic Executive Committee but had a conflict that kept him away

from the meeting. Chairman A.J. Stephenson held Thursday night at John Boy's Restaurant in Lillington... "I sure hated to miss it, too," said Commissioner Bowden... Chairman Stephenson is putting new enthusiasm in the party in Harnett... N.C. Rep. Edgar V. Starnes of Granite Falls is married to the former Marilyn Coats of Coats. Harnett Rep. Don Davis says Edgar is a fine legislator and his wife is charming. Her parents still reside in Coats and she comes back often... Happy birthday to Mrs. Brent (Susan) Adams, who added another year. She said her only celebrating today will be to sign up for a Bible study. She's a former president of the Christian Woman's Club and devotes a lot of time to church work. It isn't everybody who can boast of having two pretty daughters-in-law with birthdays just one day apart. Mrs. Bart (Regina) Adams had a birthday Tuesday.

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Spring Branch GAs Honored

On Oct. 6 Spring Branch Baptist Church recognized their Girls in Action in an evening service. This was the second annual recognition service for the GAs, who were presented with badges and certificates they had earned for their involvement in and completion of various mission-related projects.

The following badges and certificates were presented:

Mission Adventures: Jessica Evans, Sedonia Evans, Whitney Hair, Courtney Naylor, Allison Phillips, Jordan Smith, Sarah Valley, Amber Evans, Shanna Knowles, Shannon Warren and Danielle Wood.

Buffy Bookworm Reading Club: Whitney Hair, Courtney Naylor, Allison Phillips, Jordan Smith and Sarah Valley.

Ginny GA Reading Club: Kimberly Cox, Amber Evans, Shanna Knowles, Shannon Warren and Danielle Wood.

Christmas in August: Whitney Hair, Courtney Naylor, Allison Phillips, Jordan Smith, Sarah Valley, Kimberly Cox, Amber Evans, Shanna Knowles and Danielle Wood.

Foreign Mission Study: Jessica Evans, Sedonia Evans, Whitney Hair, Courtney Naylor, Allison Phillips, Jordan Smith, Sarah Valley, Kimberly Cox, Amber Evans, Shanna Knowles and Danielle Wood.

GA Day Camp: Jessica Evans, Sedonia Evans, Whitney Hair, Allison Phillips, Kim-



GAs Honored — Spring Branch honored its GAs for their involvement in and completion of mission-related projects. Among those honored were (pictured back row from left) Shannon Warren, Kimberly Cox, Danielle Wood, Allison Phillips, Shanna Knowles, Amber Evans and (front row from left) Jessica Evans, Courtney Naylor, Sedonia Evans, Jordan Smith, Whitney Hair and Sarah Valley.

berly Cox, Amber Evans, Shanna Knowles, Shannon Warren and Danielle Wood.

GA Camp: Kimberly Cox, Amber Evans, Shanna Knowles, Shannon Warren and Danielle Wood.

Honor was also given to graduating GAs. Allison Phillips graduated from Younger GAs (grades 1-3) to Older GAs (grades 4-6). Kim-

berly Cox and Shannon Warren graduated from Older GAs to AcTeens (grades 7-12).

Following the recognition service, a reception hosted by the Baptist Young Women was held in the church's fellowship hall.

GA leaders are Mrs. Donna McQueen and Mrs. Dawn Phillips. The Rev. Tim McQueen is pastor.

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291 Rev. Jerry Hicks To Pastor Spring Branch Church A3

On July 20 the members of Spring Branch Baptist Church, Rt. 1, Dunn welcomed their new Pastor, Rev. Jerry O. Hicks, and his family into their church family.

Rev. Hicks came to Spring Branch from Double Springs Baptist Church, Shelby. He had served as Pastor of the following churches before going to Shelby: Westfield Central Baptist Church, Zebulon; Missionary Pastor, Resort Ministry, Little Mountain Baptist Church, Roam Mountain, Tenn. Delrayno Baptist Church, Oxford, and Grassland Baptist Church, Franklin, Tenn. He also has served as Minister of Music, Education, and Youth at Ephesus Baptist Church in Cary, and Minister of Education and Youth at Farmville Baptist Church in Farmville.

Rev. Hicks received a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Belmont College, Nashville, Tenn., with a major in religion and Music. He received his Master of Religious Education from The Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest.

While serving as Pastor of Westfield Central Baptist Church at Zebulon, he served as Chaplain Associate at Wake Medical Center and also Chaplain of the Zebulon Rescue Squad.



REV. JERRY HICKS

He has been very active in Denominational activities which include Member of the Ministerial Board of Associates of Gardner Webb College; Chairman of the Church Relations Committee, Gardner Webb College; Member of the Finance Committee of Kings Mountain Association; Member of the Finance Committee of Raleigh Baptist Association; Youth Retreat Camp Pastor, Flat River Baptist

Association and a Supervisor of the Supervised Ministry Program of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Rev. Hicks interests include piano and voice in music and golf, hunting and fishing in sports.

Rev. Hicks is a native of Robinsville, and his wife, Carolyn, is a native of Jonesboro, Tenn. She is an elementary school teacher. They have two children. A daughter, Christy, who is a sophomore at Mars Hill College and a son, Jimmy, who will attend Plainview Elementary School.

Spring Branch Church members would like to invite everyone to come worship and meet the new Pastor and his family.

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Spring Branch Baptist Church

Spring Branch Baptist Church, located on the northern tip of Sampson County, was organized in 1795 as Mingo Church.

It was known as Mingo until about 1832, when a split occurred among the membership. Some of the congregation adopted a form of extreme Calvinism, then known as "hardshellism."

The Mingo Church had been active in Associational activities and in support of missions. The church split, with most of the congregation leaving to continue in the "Missionary Baptist" Tradition.

Henry M. Dawson invited the missionary Baptists to use a newly constructed barn as a meeting place until a new building could be constructed.

The barn was near a little creek known as Spring Branch, and the church took its name from this small waterway.

Joseph Dawson, the owner of the land on which the Mingo church stood, ordered the "hardshellers" off his property, so they relocated at a place called Spring Hill.

Spring Branch Baptist Church has been housed in three buildings since occupying the Dawson barn.

The first building was erected in the mid-1800s. The second was dedicated in 1905, with four Sunday

school rooms added in 1910. The third and present structure was dedicated April 25, 1965.

Included among the heritage of Spring Branch is the Rev. J.A. Campbell, who pastored the church for 45 years and founded the college now known as Campbell University.

Another noted former member is Dr. Casper C. Warren, who joined Spring Branch as a boy and later became the president of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Today, the church has a resident membership of 246, with just over 180 enrolled in Sunday school.

In September this year, the membership called the Rev. William A. Parker as pastor.

The chairman of the board of deacons is Randy Naylor.

Bill Williford is the church clerk, and Sherry Spell serves as minister of music.



Photo by Claire Brisson

Spring Branch Church Holds Fall Festival

Spring Branch Baptist Church of Dunn held its third annual Fall Festival, reports Donna McQueen, coordinator for the event.

A coloring and costume contest were held and the winners were:

■ Coloring Contest — Whitney Hair, 2-3 year olds; Sam Valley, 4-5 year olds; Stephen McQueen, 6-7 year olds; Justin Gainey, 8 and up.

■ Costume Contest — Craig West dressed as Moses with the Ten Commandments; Kyle Ward, Noah's Ark; and Brittany Wallace, a flower.

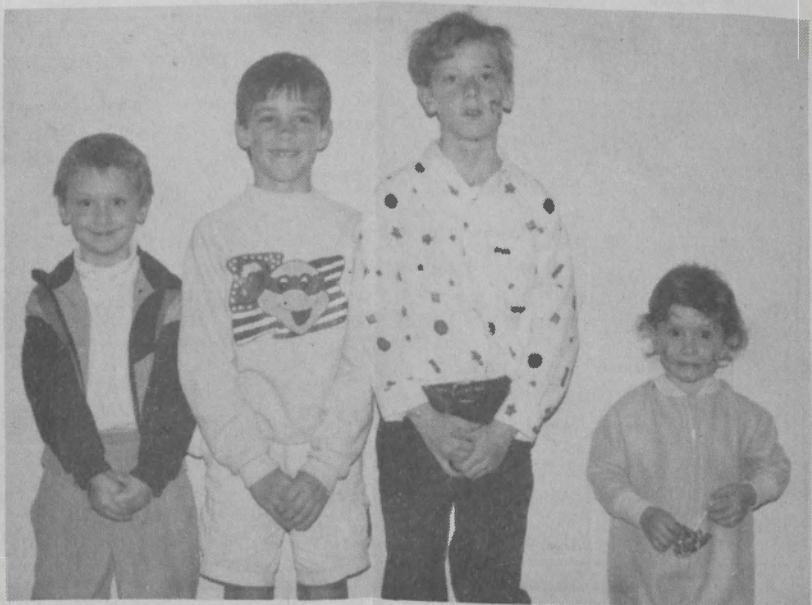
The theme of the costume contest was a Biblical character or one of God's creations.

The highlight of the night was "Bigfoot the Clown" with his magic and balloons.

Tim E. McQueen is pastor.



Costume Contest — Costume contest winners were (from left) Craig West, Kyle Ward and (not pictured) Brittany Ward.



Coloring Contest — Coloring contest winners were (from the left) Sam Valley, Stephen McQueen, Justin Gainey and Whitney Hair.

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McQueen Honored With Appreciation Service

Spring Branch Baptist Church honored Pastor Tim McQueen on June 22 by surprising him with a Pastor's Appreciation Day. Rev. McQueen and his family completed their seventh year at Spring Branch.

Pastor McQueen was given a well-earned day off and was told Dr. Ben Gault, Director of Missions for the New South River Association, would speak on Sunday morning.

Pastor McQueen was quite surprised when his father, Ed McQueen, and his brother, Tony McQueen, both from Kannapolis, arrived to join in honoring him on his special day.

Other guests included Dr. and Mrs. Gault and Dr. and Mrs. Tom Freeman of Dunn. Dr. Freeman was interim pastor at Spring Branch prior to the arrival of the McQueens.

As part of the morning service, Rev. McQueen was awarded a boutonniere identi-



Rev. Steve McQueen and Family

fying him as the honored person; a plaque from the congregation of Spring Branch commemorating seven years of dedicated service to the

church and to the community; and a love offering of \$1,151 which was given through Sunday School classes. A covered dish dinner was held in the fel-

lowship hall following the service.

Fostering Growth

Spring Branch celebrated its 200th birthday in 1995. Under Pastor McQueen's leadership the church hosted a Bicentennial Celebration in 1995; hosted two area-wide Wayne Bristow Crusades; established an annual Fall Festival for the kids on Halloween as an alternative to trick and treat and an annual Wild Game Supper; and is working to improve regular programs such as the recent Vacation Bible School which had an enrollment of 170 and an average attendance of 135.

Pastor McQueen is assisted by his wife, Donna. They have two sons, Stephen, 12, and Michael, 9. Both attend Plain View Elementary School.

Spring Branch Baptist Church is located six miles south of Dunn on Spring Branch Road.

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Baptist Foreign Missions Emphasized In Sessions

Four area Baptist churches will come together to learn more about foreign missions on Sunday and Monday, Nov. 21 and 22.

Antioch, Godwin and Mingo Baptist Churches will join with Spring Branch Baptist Church in bringing Dr. and Mrs. Robert (Bob and Kay) Culpepper will lead in the Sunday sessions which will be at 11 a.m., 5 and 7 p.m. Mrs. Cain will teach the foreign missions study beginning at 7 p.m. Monday.

Spring Branch is located four and one half miles south of I-95 on Pope Road. The public is cordially invited to come and join in these emphases.

Bob was awarded his doctorate from the Southern Baptist Seminary in 1950 and immediately he and Kay went to Japan as missionaries. They served in Japan for 30 years.



DR. ROBERT CULPEPPER

During that time they founded three churches, and pastored a fourth church while Bob was also professor of theology at Seinan Gakuin University and the Asia Baptist Graduate



MRS. JUANITA CAIN

Seminary.

He is currently professor of theology at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary and is pastoring a Japanese mission in Fayetteville. Bob will preach

during the morning worship at Spring Branch. He and Kay will share out of their experiences and about Japanese culture at 5 p.m.

A snack break is planned for 6:15 and they will lead the 7 p.m. service. They bring a wealth of experience and insight and share in a fascinating way. Everyone is welcome.

Juanita Cain will lead the foreign missions study which begins at 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 22 at Spring Branch. She has served as chairperson of missions education for the New South River Baptist Association and has taught missions throughout the association for the last 24 years.

She presently is serving on the board of advisors to the president of Campbell University. She is a retired officer of Cross Creek Federal Savings and Loan in Fayetteville and is a member of Lebanon Baptist Church. She makes foreign missions studies "come alive." Everyone is cordially invited to this study.

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