



CLARENCE AUSTIN

*Memorial Tribute to Clarence Austin*

*For Tuckaseegee Baptist Minutes*

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Brother Clarence Austin was born July 21, 1915, to Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Austin of Scotts Creek township in Jackson County.

On July 28, 1940 he joined the Ochre Hill Baptist Church having experienced grace during a revival meeting conducted by Robert Parris, pastor of the church, Rev. O. J. Beck, Rev. Dave Norman, and Rev. Juluis Carson in which seventeen professions are recorded in the Minutes of Ochre Hill Church.

On April 5, 1941 having surrendered to the call to the gospel ministry, Brother Clarence was licensed to preach by the Ochre Hill Baptist Church.

Brother Austin married Flora Queen on February 28, 1942 and soon thereafter drafted into the United States Army where he served with honor and distinction.

On January 16, 1954 the Ochre Hill Baptist Church ordained Brother Clarence to full gospel ministry. Although he never served churches as pastor, he was true and faithful to perform such functions as he was called on to do. He served as Sunday School teacher, Church Clerk, preached and conducted prayer meetings in church and homes. He sometimes assisted at funerals and other things.

In later years Brother Clarence moved his church membership to the Mount Pleasant Baptist Church where his people were members. He served his Lord in that church in a true and faithful manner until God called him home on January 25, 1985.

It is fitting that these minutes be dedicated to Brother Austin alongside another great Soldier of the Cross, Brother Joe Smith.

The Tuckaseegee Baptist Association is honored to dedicate the 1985 Annual to these two men of God. They have both walked with the Master in their daily lives and in so doing have helped many others to do likewise. O men of God "would there were more of your caliber."