

Bethlehem - 1831

Nov 10

Old Fort, NC

~~Burke~~

McDowell

1825 -

1826 -

1827 -

1828 -

1829 -

1830 -

1831 -

✓ 1832 - Adm't to CATAWBA River

1833 -

1834 -

1835 -

1836 -

1837 -

1838 - Dam for CATAWBA River.

✓ 1839 - Adm't to SALEM (F) from CATAWBA River

1840 -

✓ 1841 - Dam to SALEM River / Charles near GREEN RIVER

1842 -

1843 -

1844 -

1845 -

1846 -

GREEN RIVER
1847 - in Green River (Listed)

1848 -

1849 -

Blue Ridge

Bethlehem -

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Beals ml.

- ✓ 1850 - Admit to SALEM UNITED for GREEN RIVER
- 1851 -
- ✓ 1852 - Dismiss for Salem UNITED to GREEN RIVER. Admit to GREEN RIVER by letter
- 1853 - *
- 1854 -
- 1855 -
- 1856 - Dismiss for GREEN RIVER. ~~Admit to~~ ~~for~~ SALEM
use used in Salem
- 1857 - not used
- ✓ 1858 - J. Evans supply, E. Phelps, H. Gilman, J. Ross del.
- ✓ 1859 - W. Cooper surgeon
- 1860 -
- 1861 -
- ✓ 1862 - SALEM (E) met with
- ✓ 1863 - Dismiss for SALEM (E) to for new assn. re
Admit to GREEN RIVER
- 1864 - ~~Admit to~~ 6 Two churches listed before, G. C. Church
- 1865 - J. A. Rensselaer Supply, GREEN RIVER
- 1866 - Lived in SALEM but no repr. no statistics / Lived in GREEN RIVER
- 1867 - {number missing} on GREEN RIVER
- ✓ 1868 - ~~not listed in Green River.~~
- ✓ 1869 -
- ✓ 1870 -
- 1871 -
- ✓ 1872 -
- ✓ 1873 -
- ✓ 1874 -

Bethlehem

Green River

1875 -

1876 -

1877 -

1878 -

1879 -

1880 - ^{statistics} ~~no records~~ recorded

1881 - listed.

1882 -

1883 -

1884 -

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M.D. 1831

✓ 1900 -

Nov. 10

✓ 1901 -

✓ 1902 -

✓ 1903 -

✓ 1904 - History of Bethlehem Baptist Church, 1831 - 1898 by L.A. Gentry p. 28-29

✓ 1905 -

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✓ 1922 -

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✓ 1924 -

Bethlehem

1925 -

1926 -

1927 -

1928 -

✓ 1929 - *Prize for Green Rev. - Adv. mem. Blue Ridge*

1930 -

1931 -

1932 -

1933 -

1934 -

1935 -

1936 -

1937 -

✓ 1938 - *Assoc. with with*

1939 -

1940 -

1941 -

1942 -

1943 -

1944 -

1945 -

1946 -

1947 -

1948 -

1949 -

Bethlehem - ~~1830~~ 1831
10 Nov

McDonnell

BLUE RIDGE

~~1925~~

- 1950 -
- 1951 -
- 1952 -
- ✓ 1953 - Assoc met anti $\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)$ Henry 35
- 1954 -
- 1955 -
- 1956 -
- ✓ 1957 - Assoc met anti $\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)$ Henry 23
- 1958 -
- 1959 -
- 1960 -
- 1961 -
- 1962 -
- 1963 -
- 1964 -
- 1965 -
- ✓ 1966 - Assoc met anti $\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)$ Henry $\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)$
- 1967 -
- 1968 -
- 1969 -
- 1970 -
- 1971 -
- 1972 -
- 1973 -
- 1974 -

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Bethlehem Baptist Began In 1831

From Staff Reports

Bethlehem Baptist Church is one of the oldest Baptist churches in McDowell County.

The church was constituted on Nov. 10, 1831 by Elder A. Webb and J.C. Grayson. At the time, McDowell County did not even exist. This county was a part of Burke County.

At the time, the pastor of Bethlehem Baptist Church was Elder Webb Hicks. On January 1834, Ambrose Owenby was elected church clerk. In 1852, W. Souther donated two acres of land to the church and was elected church clerk. He filled this position until old age.

By 1856, the church had 32 members.

For many years, Bethlehem



Bethlehem Baptist Church as it was.

Baptist Church belonged to the Green River Association. In 1929, the church joined the Blue Ridge Association and is the second oldest church within the association.

The following have served as deacons since 1929: Lonnie Parker, J.H. Brown, Lee Lackey, Jim Hogan, Jesse Brown, G.C.

Tabor, Luther Parker, John Reel, Lonnie Brown, Earl Robinson, James Ray, Guy Hensley, Alfred Dody, Everett Davis and Gail Conley.

The present deacons are John Prichard, Joe Brown, Eugene Davis, Brabson Conley, Bill Jackson and Calvin Brown.

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BLUE RIDGE

1831 - Const. Nov. 10.

1832 - Admit. to CATAWBA RIVER.

1838 - Dism. from CATAWBA RIVER. Charter member of
SALEM[E].

1841 - Dism. from SALEM[E]

Bethlehem

Blue Ridge

1831

McDowell

- 1975 -
- ✓1976 -
- ✓1977 -
- ✓1978 -
- ✓1979 -
- ✓1980 -
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- 1989 -
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- 1991 -
- 1992 -
- 1993 -
- 1994 -
- 1995 -
- 1996 -
- 1997 -
- 1998 -
- 1999 -

CHURCHES IN NORTH CAROLINA BEGUN PRIOR TO 1830

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

1. Name*** Bethlehem Date of Constitution 1845 Min

2. Name _____ If changed. Date of change _____

3. Location. Name of County when Constituted McDowell 1842

4. Location. Name of County at present time _____

5. Name of Association with which originally affiliated Cat River 1836

Name in 1960 Blue Ridge 1888

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)

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After waiting over a year for delivery of a new church steeple, members of Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church are proud of the completed project. On Friday, April 30th at 9:30 a.m., a crane began removing the old steeple and by 2:30 p.m. had replaced it with the new taller one. The new steeple was purchased with donations to the Bethlehem Building Fund. The church, organized November 10, 1831, has a total membership of 207. The sanctuary presently used was built in 1956.

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old Fort N.C.
sept 8^d 1930

Dear Brother Stevens,

I write to say that in looking
after the history of Bethlehem
Church, I have gone from house
to house, I find that there is
but little knowlege of the history
of Bethlehem Church.

the first record was destroyed
by fire some years ago, and
the old people who was taking
care of the Church are most
all gone. I find there a space
that they made no record
I find no record behind 1922.
so I will give you the best
information I have.

on

Bluebridge association

Bethlehem Church was
organised sometime between
1853 and 1862. presbytery un-
known.

was first served by -
John Undergrass,
W. J. Wilkey, Joe Grason,
Fortner, Alfred Harrel,
Clarence Davis,
Wilburn Wall, Joe Miller
Jesse Hunt, C. P. Holland.

Respectfully
F. J. Huntley