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29 | REVEREND WOODROW THOMAS BROWN *py*

MARION - Reverend Woodrow Thomas Brown, 81, of Marion, died Sunday, Jan. 22, 1995, at a local hospital.

He was a native of Jackson County and the son of the late Bazil Monroe and Callie Arizona Yarbrough Brown. He was married to Marie Duncan Brown.

Brown worked as a cabinet maker. He organized and pastored Mt. Olive Baptist Church and performed Evangelistic duties throughout McDowell County. He taught the men's Sunday School class for many years.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by one son, Fred Brown; four daughters, Dorothy Mace, Arizona Hollifield, Willia Mae Williams and Mary Leonard; all of Marion; two brothers, Bill Brown of Spruce Pine, and Bazil Brown of Texas; two sisters, Emily Morton of Bristol, TN, and Betty Willis of Spruce Pine, 19 grandchildren and 34 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, Jan. 24, at West Court Baptist Church in Marion. The Rev. Billy Bryant, Rev. Ray Stockion and Rev. James Walker officiated.

Burial was in West Court Cemetery.

The Catawba Falls Baptist Church began as a Sunday School in 1934 which Mr. T.B. Faw organized and held in the school house at Catawba Falls. Catawba Falls was a mission of Old Fort Baptist Church (now First Baptist Church of Old Fort) for a number of years.

The church was organized September 21, 1954 and the church building was erected in that same year. The following were charter members: Georgia Brown, Loran Brown, Estelle Roland, Eula Parker, Will Allison, Mrs. George Butner, Georgia Galloway, Jack White, Pauline White, and Mildred Sawyers. They now have 39 members.

The following have served as Pastors:

Virgil Bradburn	Cecil Brown
Tull Hollifield	Buster King
Paul Pittman	Roy Branch
Henry Wheeler	John Church

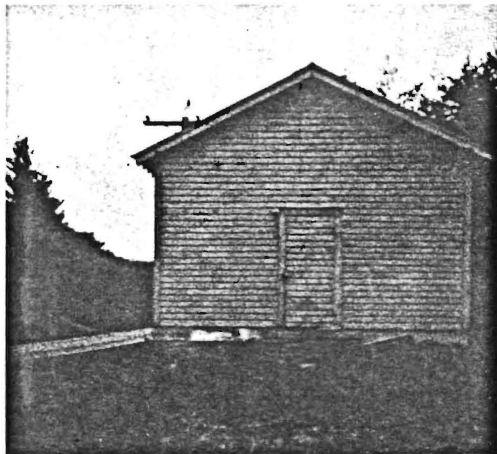
Church Clerks that have served for Catawba Falls are: Mrs. Mildred Sawyers, Mrs. Estelle Roland, Ponnee Inman, Mrs. Georgia Galloway.

The present pastor, John Church is married to the former Lorene Hooper. He is employed at Drexel Furniture Company. He is a graduate of Glenwood High School. He served as a Deacon for seven years. He was called to preach in 1970 and became pastor at Catawba Falls June 30, 1974.



JOHN CHURCH
Present Pastor

MOUNT OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH



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REV. WOODROW BROWN
First Pastor