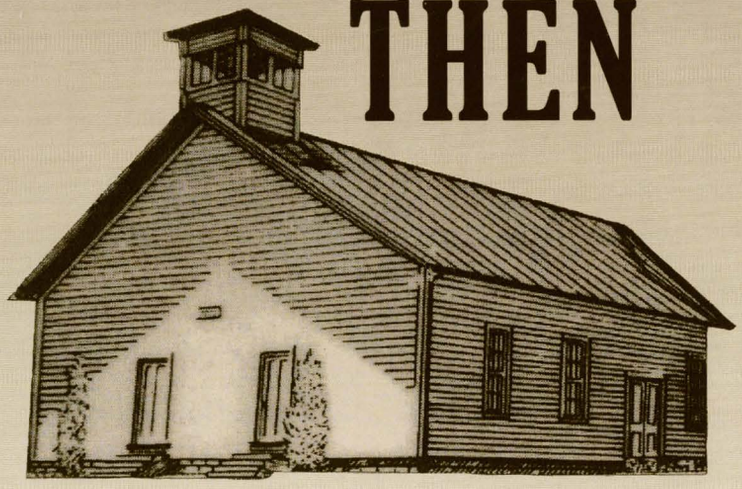
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HISTORY COMMITTEE – MISSION STATEMENT

The purpose of the Antioch Baptist Church History Committee is to gather information related to the founding, growth, and development of this church as a representative of the Baptist faith and God's mission in this community, and to make this knowledge available to current and future generations.

PREFACE

Gathering the information that has made up this book on the history of Antioch Baptist Church has been a labor of love by the members of the History Committee. At times we were frustrated, despondent, and even entertained with the progress we were making in bringing this project to completion. However, we could never have successfully compiled this book without the help from so many members of the church family who shared with us their photographs, bulletins, and memories of church events. To them we offer our heartfelt thanks.

We extend our apologies for any omissions or oversights, acknowledging that the history and development of this church over the past 150 years has involved more people than we have been able to mention. We have made every effort to document the events honestly and accurately based on recorded minutes and articles.

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INTRODUCTION FROM PASTOR DALE WALLACE

Not long after coming to serve as the pastor of Antioch Baptist Church, I, along with numerous others, felt it was time to do an in depth history of our church. The History Committee began the process by reading A How to Manual for your Church's History and meeting once a month to discuss the book and how to do our own church history. As we read the book together chapter by chapter and met monthly, we began to realize doing a church history was going to be a daunting task. But we also realized it needed to be done! There would be personal interviews, gathering and reviewing church records, pictures, and even appeals to the community for information. I remember one evening our committee met at the church to do a "treasure hunt." We literally searched the church from the top to the bottom seeking information and artifacts about the church's past. As I recall, we went through office files, closets, niches, Sunday School rooms, and even the church attic seeking treasures from days gone by.

After many months of gathering information, the History Committee began the arduous task of assembling the book itself. Many questions had to be asked and answered, such as who would do the actual writing, how many chapters would there be, what kind of paper would be best to use, and which company would be contracted to actually print and bind the book? They had many more decisions to make as well.

Finally, the book was complete and ready for Antioch's 150th Anniversary celebration on April 27, 2008.

I want to commend the History Committee. They have done a wonderful job of gathering and assembling a History of Antioch Baptist Church. All this pastor did was to get them started and off they went! As I watched them meet and plan it became obvious to me, the book was nothing less than a labor of love to and for them.

We trust you will find this book to be a blessing to you and your family now and in the years to come.

Pastor Dale Wallace

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OUR HISTORY

Antioch Baptist Church was organized April 28, 1858, at Old Hollow and was originally called Union Hill Baptist Church. At the time of the founding, James Buchanan served as President of the United States, with John C. Breckinridge serving as Vice-President. The country was about 82 years old, and the War Between the States was just three years away. Although the Missionary Baptist movement started in the 1830's and 1840's, Antioch was the first Missionary Baptist Church established in the area west of Mt. Airy. Those taking part in the organization were: Elders John Robertson, L.F. Dawson, and Nathan York. The following charter members appear on the roll: (Male) C. Hatcher, William Johnson, Felix Johnson, William M. Pate, William T. Hodges, John R. Lemon, Elder John Robertson, and William Johnson, Jr. (Female) Catherine Robertson, Amanda M. Hatcher, Annie E. Hatcher, Martha E. Shelton, Celestia H. Hodges, Jane Pate, Mary J. Pate, Jane Lemon, Elizabeth A. Robertson, Mary Robertson, and Elizabeth York.

Elder Nathan York was elected pastor of the church and served from April 28, 1858, until January, 1861. C. Hatcher was elected in August, 1862, to serve as clerk of the church. This was the initial organization of Antioch Baptist Church as a regular Baptist Church in Surry County, North Carolina.

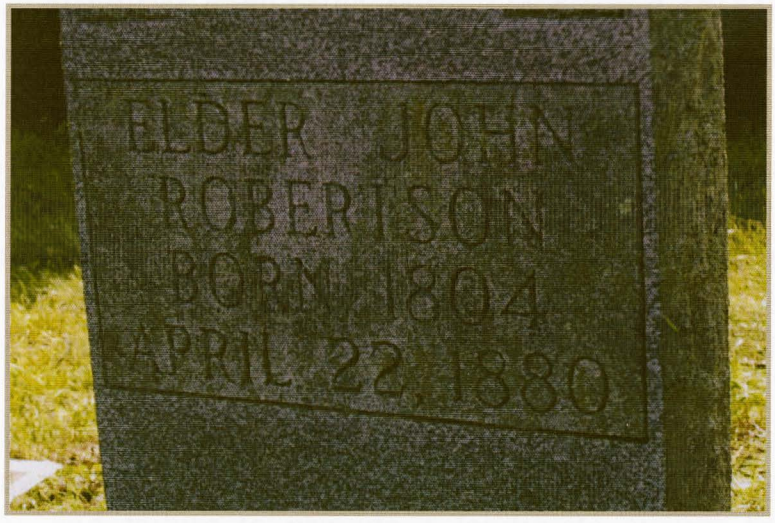
The following were the rules of the church:

- This church shall consist of such members as are immersed by some regular ordained minister of the Baptist Church, upon a profession of faith in Christ.
- The rules of discipline shall be those laid down in Matthew 18: 15-17. KJV: 15 Moreover if thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone: if he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother. 16 But if he will not hear thee, then take with thee one or two more, that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established. 17 And if he shall neglect to hear them, tell it unto the church: but if he neglect to hear the church let him be unto thee as an heathen man and a publican.
- All male members are required to attend all church meetings, unless they can give a reasonable excuse for not doing so. All members of the church have the right to vote.
- It shall be the duty of every member to contribute to the support of the pastor and to missions.
- All members are to be given the right hand of Church fellowship after their baptism.
- Our articles of faith are such as are set forth in the New Testament.
- The pastor shall be elected annually.

Brother William Johnson was ordained deacon of the church on December 4th, 1858, and the church met in his home. For some time, the church met in the homes of its members. On August 6, 1859, the church, still known as Union Hill Baptist Church, joined the Yadkin Association. On September 5, 1859, by unanimous vote, the church was moved to the new meeting house on Dobson Road about one half mile southwest of Tommie Davis' home, later known as the home of Will Davis. There it continued until it was moved to its present site on the north side of the road from Mount Airy to Lowgap, about four miles from Mount Airy.

The first land for the church consisted of one acre, given by Felix Johnson and John T. Johnson. The official land transaction is dated July 30, 1877 and recorded by the county on March 5, 1878 in the Probate Court with Judge L.J. Norman. The trustees of the church at this time were H.V. Allred, James Tucker, Thomas B. Roberts, and Morgan Booker of Surry County and Isaac Phillips of Carroll County, Virginia. The deed called for the church to own the wood, waters, and "appertenances" on the property. In addition, the church was granted a right of way and the privilege of getting water for the use of the church from the tract of land from which the church acre was taken. At this location, a new building was erected and the name was changed to Antioch Baptist Church.

An area was secured as the church graveyard and the remains of Elder John Robertson were transferred to the new location, becoming the first grave in the new church cemetery (The Antioch cemetery is today among the oldest church cemeteries in the area and has been carefully preserved. In October 2001, many of the older stones were refurbished.) Elder Robertson was born in Rockingham County on February 3, 1804, and died April 22, 1880. He was baptized in March, 1833 in Tennessee, ordained to the ministry at the age of 35, and served as a missionary in the Beulah Association. He served in several counties of North Carolina and Virginia and baptized about 1000 persons during the course of his ministry. It is recorded in church minutes that in 1852 his "brain became somewhat involved" and he was disqualified from preaching.



From this first parcel of land, Antioch continued to grow through additional land purchases and gifts. In March 1916, J.W. and Ella D. Johnson sold two acres of land to the church at a total cost of $50.00. In 1940, an additional 3.6 acres was purchased from Caleb and Bessie Allred for the sum of $200.00. This purchase includes the land which currently runs behind the parsonage and the road frontage on Highway 89.

Gifts of land to the church are also recorded from the family of the Rev. Delmar D. Hodges. Some of the trustees who served the church and whose names appear on the registered deeds are: H.V. Allred, James Tucker, Thomas B. Roberts, Robert Morgan Booker, Isaac Phillips (who was a resident of Carroll County, Virginia), J.H. East, A.B. "Ad" Allred (father of Vera Simmons, John D. Allred, Hiram Allred, and Caleb Allred), and J.W. Johnson.

Elder Nathan York served as pastor for three years, and was elected to be the Missionary of Surry County, NC on January 1st, 1859. On August 6, 1859, Antioch Baptist Church joined the Yadkin Association. It is believed that the Yadkin Association was entertained by Antioch Baptist Church in October 1860 or 1861, but there is no actual documentation to support this. In 1905, Antioch Baptist Church changed its affiliation to the Surry Baptist Association.

On March 2, 1861, Brother J.H. Llewellyn was elected pastor of the church, serving from February 1861 until July 27, 1889. Among the visiting preachers in the early days of the church were: Elder Richard Taliaferro, of Mayo Baptist Church in Carroll County, Virginia, Brother D.G. Taylor, and W.G. Brown.

On August 31, 1861, Brother Robert D. Haymore was licensed to preach, as the minutes show, "To take text and preach the gospel." On the first Saturday in September 1862, the church elected John Robertson as clerk, since Brother C. Hatcher was serving in the army, during the Civil War. Brother Robertson never signed his name in any other way but "assistant clerk" until after the death of his predecessor.

On August 1, 1863, two members were received upon certificate that they had been baptized by a regular ordained Baptist minister in the Army. At the next church meeting, the church voted to send nine dollars for mission work to the Army.

In the years from 1860 through 1864, there were members baptized and after their names in the church records are the words "belonging to." They are assumed to be slaves and it is a documented fact that many Negro members were received into the church in 1866.

Brother W.H. Beamer was ordained on approximately February 1, 1867, at which time the church invited Brother Weaver and Brother Davis to sit on the ordaining council.

The minutes of March 19, 1876 indicate that the church agreed to schedule a meeting with the "Friends of Sabbath School" for the purpose of organizing a Sabbath School at Antioch.

The first constitution of Antioch Baptist Church was adopted during a church conference in 1879, with Rev. J.H. Llewellyn serving as pastor.

On November 23, 1882, the church agreed to a special Thursday meeting to engage in a Thanksgiving service in accordance with the proclamation of President Chester A. Arthur.

On August 22, 1885, the pastor's salary was set at $60 for an associational year. Contributions recorded in the early minutes demonstrate the commitment toward mission work that Antioch has upheld since its earliest history. In the 1800's, the church made the following contributions:

$1.00 Sent to the association
$2.50 Sent to the association for the cost of printing minutes
$2.57 Collected for missions
$3.11 Collected for the missionary society

Early contributions consisted of not only money, but the sharing of resources. In December 1890, a committee at Antioch prepared a box for the orphans at Thomasville, which was sent to Mr. J.H. Mills, for whom the Baptist Children's Home is now named.

By 1886, the total membership of the church had grown to 73 members, of which 34 were male and 39 were female.

From its early beginnings, the church inquired into the conduct of its members at every meeting. These Saturday business meetings began with what was known in those days as "Divine Services." Members were confronted and dealt with for dancing and other inappropriate behaviors, and many were turned out of the church for attending and participating in dancing parties. Church minutes from 1866 report that three ladies were brought before the church because of unfavorable conduct. Two of these ladies were found guilty and dismissed, while the third was found not guilty and retained. However, at the next business meeting, the lady who was retained asked for a letter of dismissal from the church and her request was granted.

In the 1880's, the roll was called and absentees were noted. At the next business meeting on Saturday, each absentee was required to account for the absence. If the reason for their absence was deemed unsatisfactory, the church body had the authority to dismiss them from the congregation. Grounds for dismissal, as recorded in the early minutes of the church, included the following violations: dancing, providing music for dancing, showing disrespect for the church, card playing, bad language, gross immorality, and failure to provide a legitimate excuse for absence from

church meetings. While regular attendance was expected and considered of utmost importance, the church minutes show evidence that exceptions were occasionally necessary. At a time when transportation was limited to walking, horseback or horse-drawn buggy, severe winter weather could cause cancellation of services for several consecutive weeks. In 1883, a mumps epidemic took its toll upon the church, affecting many members as well as the pastor, J.H. Llewellyn. Church services were cancelled due to the number of members who had contracted the mumps.

A tragic accident recorded in the church minutes, related to the early modes of transportation, tells of Sister Anne Elizabeth Snow, age 59, who was thrown from her buggy on the way to church on February 22, 1880, and died as a result of her injuries.

Regretfully, this History Committee was unable to locate any recorded minutes during the time period of the mid-1880's until approximately 1910. We resume now with events of 1911. We find that by this time, the Sabbath School of Antioch had become known as Sunday School. On October 15, 1911, it was reported that the Sunday School teachers were absent, so Brother Alex Collins presented a short talk, after which a collection of $.12 was taken. On January 7, 1912, Rev. J.W. Simmons opened Sunday School with a talk on temperance with additional speeches by P.R. Beamer and I.W. Reece. The talks were followed by the distribution of candy and oranges to all present. According to our records, this is the origin of Christmas treats at Antioch. This tradition has continued through the years to the present. The collection for the day, which totaled $.88, was given to Caleb Allred, who agreed to keep the church in order and tend the fire. Sunday School was cancelled on the first Sunday of March in 1912, due to very deep snow.

On June 9, 1912, attendance at Sunday School showed 66 present. The supplies purchased for Sunday School at this time included 48 advanced, 24 junior, and 24 children's quarterlies. The cost of these books was a total of $2.16 with an additional postage cost of $.05.

Other events recorded in 1912 included a baptizing on August 4th and a foot washing on August 11th. The general fund balance of the church at this time ranged from only 4 cents to 25 cents near the end of the year.

By November of 1915, the Sunday School attendance was recorded at 40 present. P.R. Beamer served as Sunday School Superintendent and Mary Seal served as secretary. The total in the treasury was reported to be $.76.

In April of 1916, a motion was passed to send out cards to families who were not attending Sunday School. The adult classes were called "Gentlemen Seniors" and "Lady Seniors". There were now six Sunday School classes, taught by: Mrs. I.W. Reece, Mrs. J.W. Johnson, Mr. P.R. Beamer, Mr. Tom East, Mr. Caleb Allred, and Mr. Sam Seal. Superintendent was C.H. Allred, with Annie Allred serving as secretary.

In the Associational Letter of 1926-1927, Rev. Ira D.Ferguson was listed as the pastor of Antioch Baptist Church. In the Associational Letter of 1928, the pastor of Antioch was Rev. D.M. Stanley and the church clerk was I.W. Reece. Church membership was 179 and preaching was held on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of every month. In the Associational Letter of 1930, the pastor was still Rev. D.M. Stanley and P.R. Beamer served as Sunday School Superintendent. The pastor's annual salary was now $200.00.

Minutes of interest during the 1930's include:

- July 17, 1931: A committee was appointed to obtain information on getting a piano for the church. Committee members were: Mrs. Jess Gwyn, Mrs. Will Lovill, Mr. C.E. Tate, and Mr. Luther Seal.
- January 17, 1932: A spiritual committee was appointed. The purpose of the committee was to contact certain church members, either in person or by letter, to investigate why they were not more loyal to the church.
- February 21, 1932: A vote was passed to pay Mr. Ed Butcher $24.00 per year to serve as janitor for the church.
- November 1932: The church voted to send a truck load of provisions to the Baptist Orphanage as a Thanksgiving gift. It was also decided that Antioch Sunday School should have Christmas entertainment and a treat.
- June 19, 1933: A committee was appointed to investigate musical instruments (no other details are provided in the minutes).
- November 5, 1933: The sale of wood to the highest bidder was approved, with the proceeds going towards payment on the piano. Rev. T.B. Altman was elected to serve as pastor.
- May 17, 1936: The pastor's salary was set at $10.00 per month with additional gifts (wood, food, etc.) as the church members so desired.
- May 17, 1936: Frank Beamer and Jess Gwyn were appointed to the Spiritual Committee. The pastor was responsible for initiating the first visit to those who were not "living a Christian life." If these members would not promise to live according to the rules and regulations of the church, they would then be visited by the Spiritual Committee. If there was still no change in their behavior, they would receive another visit from the pastor. If there was no change after the second visit from the pastor, the church was authorized to dismiss them from the church roll.
- March 19, 1937: A recommendation was made to remove the old chimney and stove from the church.

During the business meeting on December 28, 1958, an important motion was made by Mrs. B.A. Jarvis and seconded by Mrs. H.V. Holder. Their recommendation that church services be held every Sunday was approved by a large majority of those in attendance. On January 25, 1959, the church voted to designate the first Sunday offering of each month to the building fund.

In May of 1959, minutes record the organization of a missions group for boys when the church voted to sponsor Royal Ambassadors.

Building Programs:
Discussion began in April of 1957 concerning expansion and the construction of a new auditorium. The vote by the church was scheduled for April 28, 1957; motion to build a new auditorium was made by Herman Seal and seconded by Dallas Moser. The motion carried with 37 members voting in favor and 3 members opposed. Based on church records, it appears that the initial bids were presented in May of 1958, with the bid awarded to Pruitt Construction Co. of Mount Airy at a cost of approximately $23,000.

Not quite a year later, on April 16, 1959, the church voted to rebuild the entire church, rather than just an auditorium. The cost was estimated at $35,000, and the new church was built beside the existing one. The entire cost of rebuilding was paid for in approximately three years, with the announcement on September 29, 1963 that the final payment had been made. On February 28, 1960, the church voted to offer the old church building at auction on the last Saturday in March with the stipulation that the piano be sold separately.

In April 1964, expenditures included the purchase of a public address system for the upstairs and downstairs areas of the church. The church also voted to build a parsonage for the use of the pastor and his family. In May, a recommendation was made to construct the parsonage on the vacant lot where it is currently located. The church set a goal of obtaining pledges of $3000 by November 1st and borrowing $7000 to complete the building project. The construction of the parsonage was completed by E. Gray Dollyhigh, a member and deacon of the church. Rev. John D. Bowman was the first pastor to reside with his family in the new parsonage, with open house held on the third Sunday of September 1964.



Rev. John D. and Rada Bowman pictured at the open house for the new parsonage

In January of 1967, Harland Holder opened a discussion concerning giving property rights to the road beside the church to Rev. Delmar Hodges. This matter was first assigned to the trustees; then was brought before the church for a vote in March, 1967. By this time, it was understood that the road access would be for a new development planned behind the church.

In February 1967, the children of Kitty Beamer asked permission to plant shrubbery around the church in her memory. The boxwoods that were planted were grown by Terry Beamer and thrived for many years as part of the church landscape.

In January 1968, the decision was made to pave the church parking lot. The need for a bell in the basement to signal the end of Sunday School time was also discussed. In February 1968, the church discussed the need for steps to the cemetery from the road bank. Mrs. Locklear offered to pay half the cost of the steps if the church would fund the other half. Church records show that the cost of cemetery plots at this time was $50.00 for church members and $100.00 for non-members.

The church had an established flower policy early in 1968. Flowers were sent to the immediate family of church members, including mother, father, brother, sister, and children. Allotted amounts at this time were $3.50 for hospital visits and $10.00 for deaths. Around this same time, the church discussed the need to take food to the homes in the event of a death. This task was assigned to the ladies of the church, and they were responsible for organizing and implementing this program, which has continued to be a vital ministry of Antioch Baptist Church for almost forty years.

On July 27, 1968, the church approved a salary of $4500.00 for the pastor. In October 1968, the church voted to compose a church constitution and submit it to the members for consideration. This new constitution would replace the original constitution of 1879 which had never been updated. The need was also presented that the church should establish a new Grounds Committee to oversee the church properties.

In March of 1969, a revision of the bylaws and constitution of Antioch Baptist Church was submitted to the church for review. At this March meeting, the pulpit committee recommended that the church call Rev. Bailey Elmore as the new pastor. In May of 1969, the church voted to adopt the constitution as written. In June of 1969, the brick bulletin board in front of the church was donated by Clinton Moore. In July of 1969, the first pastor's office was established for Rev. Elmore. This office was located downstairs at the foot of the steps, where our library is now situated. In September 1969, the church voted to have prayer meeting every Wednesday night. In November 1969, the requirements for perfect attendance pins were discussed. It was decided that each member would be allowed three absences for sickness or death in the family.

On January 25, 1970, the church approved a yearly budget of $9,560. In April of the same year, a motion was made to purchase choir robes, and passed with a majority vote. A contract was awarded to Joe Creed on May 16, 1971 to pave the driveway at a cost of $1800. Mr. Creed offered to return $400 as a donation to the church. In August of 1971, the church voted to move the nursery to the lower basement level (at the time of the vote, the nursery was located in the area that currently houses the sound equipment).

It was July of 1972 when the installation of air conditioning in the church was recommended and approved. However, during the August business meeting a month later, the church decided to postpone the installation until all funds were available. Later that year, during the November business meeting, the church discussed and approved the purchase of stained glass windows.

In January of 1974, the church voted to allow the pastor, Rev. Bailey Elmore, to make a mission trip to Alaska.

Church improvements recommended in March 1974 were as follows: redesign front of church with the addition of a porch with columns, enlarge foyer, paint church inside and out, install baptistry, and replace roof and gutters.

In May of 1974, a recommendation was made that the pastor serve for five years, rather than coming annually before the church for a vote; the exceptions to this being a request from the pastor to resign or a decision by the church to dismiss.

In July of 1975, the deacons made a recommendation that the church adopt a unified budget that would cover all expenses, with the exception of Lottie Moon, revival, Home Missions, and hospital offerings.

In February of 1976, approval was given to organize the Brotherhood. The improvements to church property that were recommended in 1974 were realized in 1976 when the sanctuary was completely renovated with new pews, pulpit, carpet and light fixtures. The baptistry was installed, along with central air. Some of the materials used in the baptistry were donated by John E. Bowman, Donald Holder, and Carlie McCormick. In September of 1976, the church voted to sell the old church pews to Pleasant View Baptist Church.
A motion was made and approved in October of 1976 to start a church library. In November 1976, Terry Beamer and Luther Seal were elected to serve as church historians and to be responsible for church records and documents.

In June of 1977, the church voted to let the Brotherhood construct a picnic shelter. The project was completed that same year, and during the November 1977 business meeting, the church thanked E. Gray Dollyhigh for his time and efforts toward the completion of the new picnic shelter.

In 1979, improvements were made to the lower basement level of the church. New carpet and drapes were added and all rooms received a new coat of paint.

On January 6, 1980, a discussion was held concerning the trade of land with Mr. Osler Handy. In exchange for land behind the church, Mr. Handy was given land on the west end of the church property. The trade was necessary in order for the church to have room to expand and to build an educational wing and fellowship hall. The transfer of land between the two parties was duly recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds.

In May of 1981, it was reported that both the church and the parsonage were out of water. In June, the cost for digging the new well was reported to be a total of $2000 - $1653 for the well and the remainder for a pump and other essential equipment. In December of 1981, the church purchased at a cost of $1600, a 1972 GMC bus to be used by church groups.



May, 1982 (L to R): Susie Dawson, Alma Jarrell, Mary McGee, Maude Smith, Marie Johnson, Nannie Beamer

On June 28, 1981, the Finance Committee recommended the "Together We Build" program as the means for raising funds for the construction of the new wing. The committee met with a consultant from the Baptist State Convention to understand the basics of implementing the Together We Build program and then invited the entire church to a banquet at Gentry Middle School to introduce the program to the members. Mr. Fred Williams of Lexington was hired in June of 1982 to draw the plans for the new addition. Under the leadership of Rev. I. Tommy Johnson, the church set a goal of $100,000, to be raised prior to the construction project through the Together We Build program. This goal was met and exceeded by the church and the groundbreaking ceremony was held on Sunday, March 17, 1985, led by former pastor, Rev. Lincoln Faulk. In January of 1985, John S. Clark was awarded the contract to construct the new building at a cost of $390,000. The construction project was completed on schedule and a dedication service was held on Sunday, October 19, 1986, led by Rev. Richard Howerton, who was serving as interim pastor at that time. By December of 2001, Antioch celebrated when the loan for the new wing was paid in full through consistent giving by its members.



Groundbreaking Ceremony October 19, 1986



Front (L to R): Toby Bunton-youngest member, Brent Riddle-Brotherhood Director
Back (L to R): Lawrence Horton-trustee, Wayne Moser-Sunday School Director, Tommy Johnson-Pastor,
A.Lincoln Faulk-former pastor, Terry Beamer-oldest member, Jeanette Jarrell Barber -WMU Director

In March of 1983, the N.C. State Highway Department offered the church $11,275 for the loss of church property that occurred due to improvements to Highway 89. The road improvements took part of the parsonage yard as well as some land in front of the church. The church accepted the state's offer.

In June of 1987, a vote was approved to print and distribute a monthly newsletter. The cost at this time was estimated to be approximately forty dollars per month. This publication has continued through the years and the most recent budget indicates that we have maintained this monthly newsletter at a cost of less than $42.00 per month.

On December 6, 1987, a recommendation was made that the church purchase a PA system; however, the members voted to delay the purchase and installation until the necessary funds had been secured. In November of 1988, the purchase of a 1986 Dodge van (60,000 miles at a cost of $4100.00) was approved and donations were solicited from church members. In March of 1989, the church checking account showed a balance of $188.34. These minutes remind us that Antioch has endured some lean years, but has always been able to count on members to contribute all they can for worthwhile endeavors. In 1990, church records show that Antioch Baptist Church reported a total of 308 members.

Under the leadership of Rev. Quentin Madden and organized by Jean Walker, a discipleship training program was started at Antioch in January 1995. Since that time, church members have had the opportunity to attend spiritual training classes approximately twice a year. A favorite among the studies is *Experiencing God*, which has been offered several times. The ladies have enjoyed scrapbooking studies titled *Fruits of the Spirit and God's Good Gifts.* There have been classes that focus on new church members and The Man God Uses has been offered to the men of the church. Other classes that have been scheduled include: *Called and Accountable, The Disciple's Prayer Life, When God Speaks, In God's Presence,* and *Worship-Believers Experiencing God.*

By 1999, a church barbecue for local missions had become an annual event. The barbecue was originally a two-day event on the Friday and Saturday of Mount Airy's Autumn Leaves Festival in October. Eventually, the barbecue became a one-day event, scheduled only on Friday. All help for the barbecue is provided by church volunteers, with all proceeds going to local missions. An exception to this policy was made in 1999, when the church voted to send 95% of the barbecue monies to help churches in the flood- ravaged eastern counties of North Carolina. A month later, in November 1999, following the purchase of 25 new choir robes, the church voted to donate the old blue choir robes and old hymnals to a church in eastern North Carolina. In early September, Hurricane Dennis had brought significant rainfall to the coast and a few short weeks later, Hurricane Floyd brought devastating flood damage.

In December 1999, the church voted to buy a new van, with the cost not to exceed $18,000. The van was secured by Chris Fleming, a church member. The total cost of the van, including the lettering on the side, was $17,620.

In June 2000, the parsonage was renovated for Rev. Dale and Wanda Wallace. Homecoming in 2000 was held on October 29th, with the Rev. Tommy Johnson preaching the sermon.

After extensive work and effort, the church media library opened in September 2001. Many members contributed their time and talent: Arless McCraw built two book drops, Mike Walker and Mitch Martin constructed shelves, and members were most generous with their donations for the library. The library at Antioch is now a busy and active place, filled with a diverse offering of books and movies and visited by young and old alike.



Christie and Isabella Jones with Madge Miller, Librarian

During the business meeting in June 2002, the beginning of the fiscal year for the church budget was changed from October 1st to January 1st of each year. It was also reported during this business meeting that the youth of Antioch were involved in mission work. Travis Howlett built a prayer garden beside the church to fulfill the requirements for his Eagle Scout badge. Jonathan Mabe requested that the church send an offering to Danny and Beth Southern, his uncle and aunt, who were serving as missionaries in China. To honor his request, a motion was made that 100% of the money collected during Vacation Bible School be sent to the Southern family.

Vacation Bible School at Antioch has always been a successful endeavor with good attendance. It has truly been a missions experience, with children coming from the community to join the children of Antioch for the planned activities. For many years, all the children from Jeanette's Nursery on Highway 89 participated, with several



Twins Taylor and Tanner Whitaker enjoy the Antioch Playground

In May of 2004, a request was made that the trustees of the church investigate the pros and cons of incorporating the church. In November 2005, the article for incorporation was submitted to the North Carolina Secretary of State, to be effective when signed. The incorporation was completed in 2006, and it was noted during the June 2006 business meeting that the church constitution would need to be updated and changed to bylaws, as a result of the change. (Prior to the incorporation, the practice of the church had been to review and revise the constitution every five years.)

In the fall of 2004, Antioch became involved with mission work in Nicaragua. David Brintle and Pastor Dale Wallace made the first trip and were supported by the church when the members voted to pay their trip expenses. Several other members expressed a desire to be involved in the next trip, and the Nicaragua mission trip has become an annual event for a team of church members. The highlight of the trip is visiting the orphanage where the Antioch mission team has made a great impact upon the workers and children alike.

In anticipation of the 150th anniversary of the church in April 2008, the History Committee was formed early in 2005 to research and publish a complete history of the church. Plans were made for an extensive written history with interviews, pictures, and sample documents to be presented to the church in 2008.

In August of 2005, Antioch installed a phone tree to improve communications to members. The phone tree has proven to be a valuable tool and is used to alert members to meetings, special events, prayer concerns, and deaths in the church family.

Following a suggestion from Rev. Larry Trivette, Antioch held the first Trunk or Treat for Halloween in October 2005. The success of the first year has made this an annual event for the church.

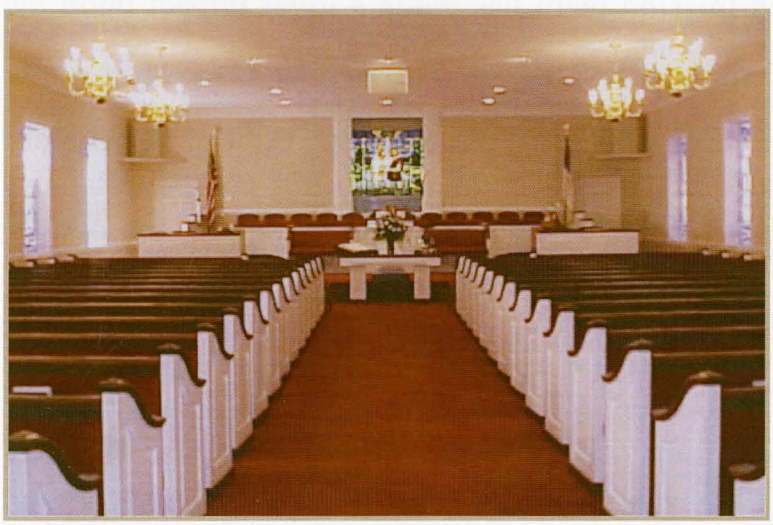
After considering options for renovating the sanctuary, the design was approved and the bid accepted. Renovations began on August 22, 2005 and were completed on November 11, 2005. During this period, the pews were moved into the fellowship hall and services were conducted there. The special dedication service for the remodeled sanctuary was held on November 13, 2005. Using the proceeds from cookbook sales, the Women on Mission group had purchased pew Bibles for the church, and these were placed in the new pews for the dedication service. Following the dedication, the church voted to donate the old pews to Closer Walk Baptist Church.



Sanctuary before remodeling – August 2005



Fellowship hall used for services during renovation of sanctuary



Remodeled sanctuary – November 13, 2005

In February of 2006, Rev. Larry Trivette resigned as Minister of Youth and Education, and a search committee was formed to find a replacement. By November of 2006, the committee recommended David Gantt, who would soon graduate from Gardner Webb University. The recommendation was approved by the church on November 19, 2006.

A new outreach program began in July 2006 – God Rewards Our Work, or GROW. The initial six weeks of training was attended by 48 church members, and the program continues to have 35-40 members actively participating each month. The program consists of four teams who meet on assigned Tuesdays to write cards and letters, make phone calls, visit the homebound, and contact new member prospects.



L to R: Jean Walker, Mary Lou Grant, Cindy Puckett, LuAnn Lovelace, David Gantt, Dale Wallace, Hampton Beamer

In February 2007, the church began discussing a larger van that would accommodate more people and have easier access. At the time of this writing, this project is still in process and a decision has yet to be made.

On May 20, 2007, the newly organized Children's Worship Service was held. This effort is planned and supported by the Children's Committee. Following the children's sermon upstairs, the children are taken downstairs for a time of worship and learning that is appropriate for their young ages.



L to R: Erica Jones, Rylee Jenkins, Kelly Goins, Amelia York, Colt Westmoreland

In September 2007, the Team Kids concept was introduced during the Wednesday night services. Team Kids is a program that provides a unified lesson and focus for boys and girls, replacing the segregated mission groups that Antioch had sponsored previously.

Our records show that Antioch has experienced steady growth, both spiritually and physically, since it was organized in 1858. In compiling this history, the committee has endeavored to include facts and details that are both important and interesting. As a church body, we continue to grow and create historical data that will follow us through the years. We conclude this chapter on the history of Antioch Baptist Church, knowing that even before the final publication is complete, we will have missed some exciting new events and decisions in the life of the church. We are blessed to be a part of the vision that was formed 150 years ago!

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member unless after thorough investigation by the church said objection is found to be unjust and unreasonable.

Any member in good standing shall be entitled to a letter to join another church of the same faith and order when satisfactory reasons are made to appear for such change. Such letter shall be valid for three months but may be renewed for satisfactory reasons given upon application and person obtaining letters in writing with other churches. And said churches notifying this church of said fact. Person will then be dismissed from us.

Persons may be received into this church upon application by letter of recommendation from churches of the same faith and order.

The Lord's Supper shall be administered as often as the church may direct.

The regular church meetings for business shall be once a month and oftener if the church may order. Seven members shall constitute a quorum. Five of whom shall be males.

It shall be the duty of the members, especially Brethren, to attend their church meetings and upon failing three meetings in succession shall be called upon to render an excuse for their absence. If they persist in such neglect shall be liable to discipline and expulsion at the discretion of the church.

Elections for officers shall come off when ordered by the church.

This constitution may be altered or amended by two thirds of the members present at a regular church meeting, provided such alterations or amendments have been submitted in writing at a preceding regular conference.

LATER CHURCH CONSTITUTIONS

In 1969 the church decided that there was a need for Antioch to have a constitution spelling out the duties and responsibilities of the pastor, deacons, and other church officers. No one was aware that ninety years before, the church had adopted an official constitution. The history committee, searching through old records that had been stored for years and years, made the discovery of the 1879 constitution.

A committee, composed of Marjorie Jarvis, chairperson, and members Hampton Beamer, Ethel Beamer, Bobby Hauser, and Lawrence Horton was elected by the church to investigate other church constitutions and to write a suitable document for Antioch. They set about this task, believing that they were the first to undertake this obligation. In due time, they brought before the church a constitution which the church adopted on April 27, 1969.

This constitution was revised and amended in 1985, 1992, 1998, and amended in 1999 and 2003. In 2003, committee members were Richard Crawford, chairman, Louise Beamer, Nick Jarrell, Jane Martin, and Harold McCraw.

Since then the church has incorporated according to North Carolina law, making a constitution obsolete. Now the church has by-laws to govern church affairs.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

When Antioch Church was organized in 1858, there was no separate Sunday School session prior to the worship period. Then on March 19, 1876, the church met with "Friends of a Sabbath School" to discuss organizing a Sabbath School at Antioch. This was the beginning of a Bible instruction period in addition to the "preaching" service.

By 1911, Sabbath School had become known as Sunday School. Minutes of those years indicate that the offering on Sundays ranged from 4 cents upward, but never seemed to be as much as $1. The cost of Sunday School supplies in 1912 was $2.16 with the addition of a postage fee of 5 cents. These materials were sufficient for the 66 people, both children and adults who attended the Sunday School.

In 1916 there were six Sunday School Classes. Today, 2008, there are 15 Sunday School classes. Eight are children's classes and 7 are adult classes. Total current enrollment is 207.

The church added a wing to the rear of the building in 1939 to provide additional room for Sunday School classes. By the 1950's there was again a shortage of space for classes, so an adult class met in the back left corner of the sanctuary. This was not an ideal situation, because those arriving early for the 11 o'clock worship were a distraction to the Sunday School class.

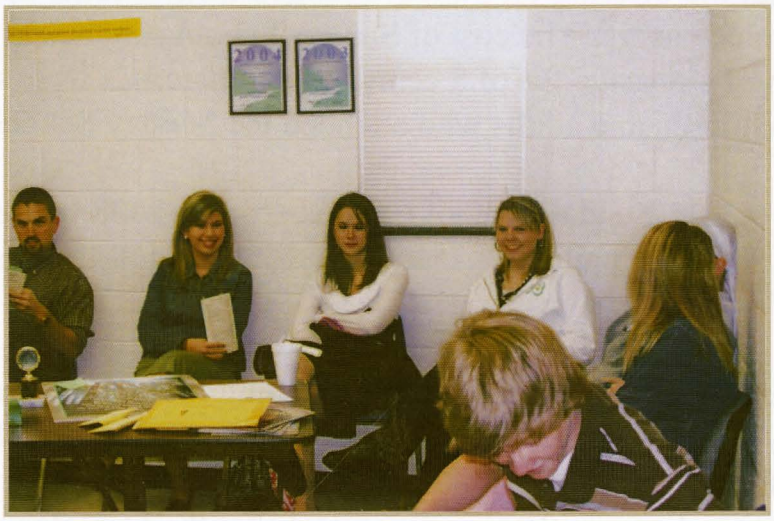
For many years all the Sunday School classes met together for a joint opening exercise before going to their separate class rooms. During this opening period, anyone who had celebrated a birthday since the previous Sunday would go forward to the altar and place an offering in the collection plate. The congregation always sang "Happy Birthday" at that time. The children delighted in this attention, and the adults, too, enjoyed their time of recognition.

Later, the joint opening period of Sunday School was discontinued, because it left too little time available for the morning lesson. Now everyone goes directly to their class room. However, anyone arriving early for Sunday School can stop by the fellowship hall for breakfast. There they enjoy this period to come together with members who have attended the early worship service. This time of sharing and welcome has added much to the closeness among the church family.

The Sunday School Director or assistant is on hand every Sunday to distribute the record books to each class, and to see that there is a teacher present for all the classes.

The church has specific guidelines for the Sunday School which read as follows: There shall be a Sunday School divided into departments and classes for all ages. Sunday School shall be conducted under the direction of a general director for the study of God's Word. Sunday School is to be conducted each Sunday morning.

The task of the Sunday School shall be to teach the Biblical revelations; lead in reaching all prospects for this church; lead all church members to worship, witness, learn, and minister daily; provide and interpret information regarding the work of the church and the denomination.





PASTORS

The following men have served as pastors of Antioch since the church was organized in 1858.

Rev. Nathan York	April 28, 1858 - January 1861
Rev. J. H. Llewellyn	February 1861 – July 27, 1889
Rev. W. H. Beamer	July 27, 1889 – September 28, 1889
Rev. Elder Adams	September 28, 1889 - ?
Rev. W. H. Beamer	June 28, 1890 – December 1896
Rev. J. H. Llewellyn	January 1897 – September 28, 1898
Rev. T. R. Fulton	February 25, 1899 – October 1900
Dr. R. D. Haymore	February 1901 – September 1901
No written record of a pastor from September 1901 until June 1904	
Rev. W. H. Beamer	June 1904 – December 1906
Rev. J. T. Kirk	January 1907 – September 1908
Rev. J. W. Simmons	September 1908 - 1915
Dr. J. T. Smith	1916
Rev. T. H. King	April 1917 – December 31, 1917
Prof. Staley	January 1917 – August 1920
Rev. W. P. McCarter	December 5, 1920 – July 1921
Rev. J. D. Hall	August 6, 1921 – February 1924
Rev. Frank Arrington	March 1924 – 2nd Sunday June 1924
Rev. I. D. Ferguson	June 1924 – September 11, 1927
Rev. D. M. Stanley	September 11, 1927 – October 1930
Rev. I. D. Ferguson	December 14, 1930 – June 19, 1934
Rev. T. B. Altman	November 5, 1933 – April 8, 1934
Rev. Frank Swanson	August 1935 – February 1936
Rev. Lonnie Fleming	May 17, 1936 – June 1939
Rev. Delmar D. Hodges	August 1939 – August 1943
Rev. Brady Snow	August 1943 – August 1945
Rev. Delmar D. Hodges	September 1946 – June 10, 1953
Rev. Clarence Marshall	January 1954 – December 1954
Rev. Lonnie Fleming	January 1955 – June 1956
Rev. Clarence Marshall	July 1956 – November 1962
Rev. Roy Franklin – Interim	December 1962 – January 1963
Rev. John D. Bowman	February 1963 – July 31, 1968
Rev. Roy Franklin – Interim	September 1968 – April 1969
Rev. Bailey Elmore	May 1969 – January 5, 1975
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REV. DELMAR HODGES
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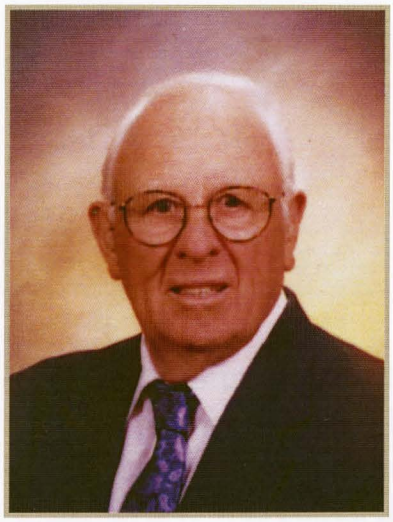


As a young man, Delmar Hodges felt a strong calling from God to serve Him in the ministry. He was led to share this call with Antioch Baptist Church and was accepted by the members. He was elected pastor of the church in June 1939 and was ordained at Antioch on July 22, 1939. He was well-loved and respected by the congregation. In August of 1943, he resigned to accept another call, but returned to Antioch in September of 1946 to begin a second term as pastor.

Rev. Hodges was a tobacco warehouse manager and a dealer for Smith Douglas fertilizer, but never let this get in the way of his service to God. When the church tried to pay him a small salary, he refused to accept it, and if any member offered him compensation, he always returned it to the church as an offering. He will always be remembered for the many gifts he gave to Antioch Church, including parcels of land.

Rev. Hodges served many churches after leaving Antioch. He was killed in a car accident on a Sunday after leaving Woodville Baptist Church where he was serving as pastor.

REV. CLARENCE MARSHALL
January 1954 – December 1954
July 1956 – November 1962



Rev. Clarence Marshall was born on May 19, 1921, in Carroll County, Virginia, to John Henry Marshall and Launa Jennings Marshall. On July 22, 1943, he married Coretta Largen, and their family grew to include five children: Carolyn, David, Bonita, Susan, and Debra.

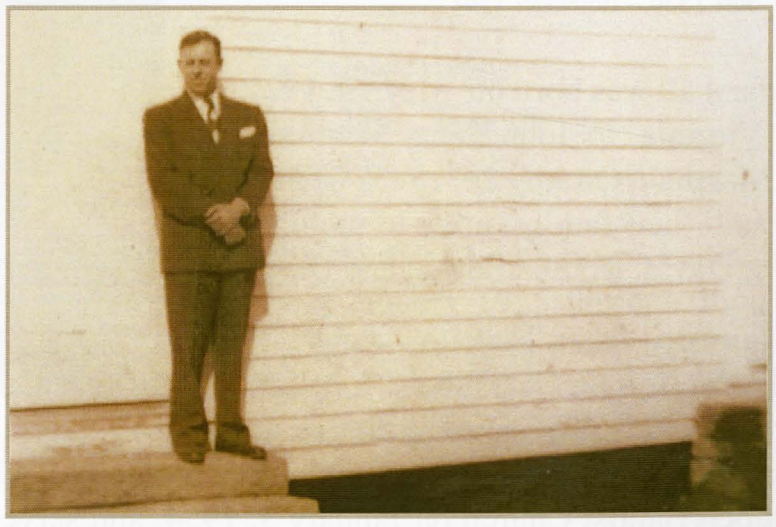
His call to the ministry dates back to August, 1950. He was licensed to preach on December 24, 1950, and ordained on March 21, 1951. He served his first pastorate at High Point Baptist Church in Stuart, Virginia, beginning in 1951. Rev. Marshall first came to Antioch Baptist Church on January 3, 1954, and served as pastor until December 15th of the same year. At that time, he left Antioch, but returned on July 1, 1956, and served as pastor until November 25, 1962.

Rev. Marshall has served many other churches in his ministry, including Reed Island Springs (VA), Green Mountain (VA), Rome (VA), Stone Mountain (VA), Meadows of Dan (VA), Stoney Fork (VA), Mountain View (NC), and Rock Hill (NC). He remains active in the ministry now, serving as interim pastor at Stone Mountain Baptist Church in Virginia.

During his tenure at Antioch, Rev. Marshall drove from Wytheville, Virginia, for the morning service, then had lunch with one of the church families, then shared the evening meal with another family before returning to Antioch for the Sunday night service.

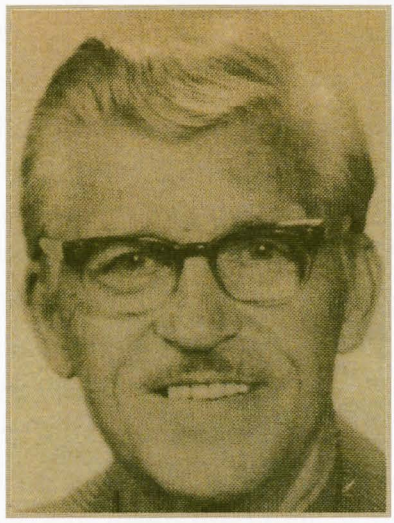
Rev. Marshall shared with the History Committee some of his fondest memories from his years at Antioch.

- As pastor of the church, he was privileged to perform many baptisms at the nearby river. A memorable baptism during his ministry was that of Troy Smith. Troy had been badly injured at work and was baptized before he had fully recuperated. Rev. Marshall and Delmar Hodges placed Troy in a chair in order to carry out the baptism.
- He always enjoyed the Antioch choir and the special performances by the Seal family.
- He distinctly recalls the incident when the furnace in the old church building blew up with a loud "bang," ironically, at the end of his sermon text, "The gates of Hell shall not prevail!"
- The new brick church replaced the old wooden church at a cost of 38,000 dollars. The church voted to raise $10,000 towards building the new church and agreed to finance the remainder of the cost. A Sunday was designated for the Building Fund special offering, where it was hoped that much of the initial $10,000 would be raised. When the special offering was counted, the congregation had contributed over $11,000!



Rev. Clarence Marshall at the door of the old frame church

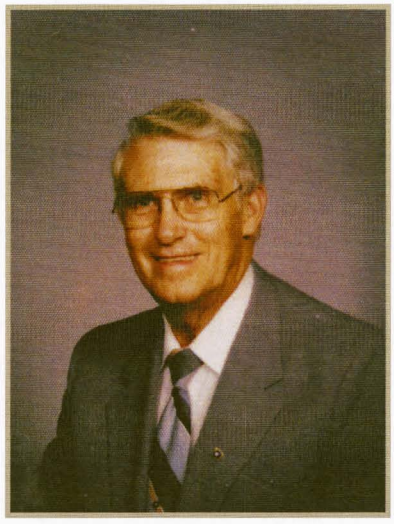
REV. ROY FRANKLIN (Interim Pastor)
December 1962 – January 1963
September 1968 – April 1969



Rev. Roy Franklin was born in Lincoln County, West Virginia, to Albert and Anna Franklin. He married Beatrice Byrd Franklin and served in the ministry while also working at Nelson Funeral Home. He died at the age of 65 years and is buried in North Wilkesboro at Round Mountain Baptist Church Cemetery.

He was called to Antioch Baptist Church to serve as Interim Pastor in December, 1962, following the resignation of Rev. Clarence Marshall and served until 1963, when Rev. John D. Bowman was elected pastor. He was called to serve again in September 1968 and was the interim pastor until April 1969, until Rev. Bailey Elmore was called as pastor.

REV. JOHN D. BOWMAN
February 1963 – July 31, 1968



Rev. John D. Bowman was born on December 21, 1926, in Ararat, Virginia, to Dewey L. and Martha Hall Bowman. He grew up in a large family, having six sisters and one brother and attended Blue Ridge High School. He is a veteran of World War II, having served in the United States Army. On July 7, 1947, John married Rada Noah, and they raised three children: Leroy, Archie, and Peggy. (At the time of this writing, their family has grown to include seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.)

His call to the ministry came in 1959. He was ordained in Doe Run Baptist Church in Ararat, Virginia. He served his first pastorate at Slate Mountain Baptist Church in Mt. Airy and has since served many churches in North Carolina and Virginia, including Doe Run and Mayo Mountain churches in Patrick County. He was called to pastor Rome Baptist Church in Carroll County, Virginia, on three separate occasions and completed his last pastorate there. His ministry also led him to several churches in the Surry Baptist Association, including Albion, Fairview, New Hope, Rockford, Union Cross, Bannertown, Community, and Flippen Memorial.

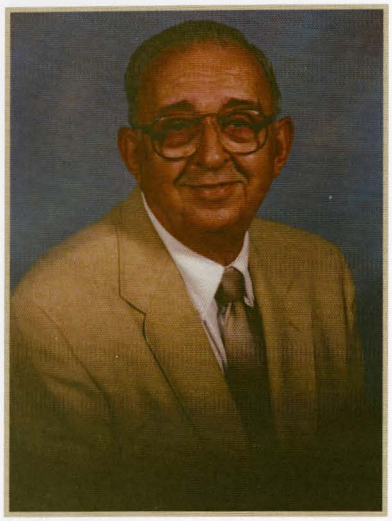
Yet without a doubt, Rev. Bowman has special ties to Antioch Baptist Church, serving as pastor from 1963 until 1968. It was an exciting day for his family and for the entire Antioch church family to see the completion of the parsonage. His ties to Antioch remained strong throughout the years of his ministry, and it is an honor and privilege that he and Rada and so many of their family members are currently members of the Antioch church family. Rev. Bowman is now retired from the ministry due to health reasons and resides at Central Continuing Care, but his sincere and heartfelt "Amens" during Antioch worship services are remembered and missed by many!

When the family was asked to share some of the memorable people and occasions from Rev. Bowman's ministry at Antioch, there were many fond recollections:

- Special music by the Seal family
- Mr. and Mrs. Terry Beamer were always the first to arrive at church and always parked under the tree in the upper parking lot
- Clinton Moore's dedication in keeping the church clean and mowing the lawn and cemetery
- Ila King's dedication to playing the organ
- Troy Horton's laugh and Lucy Allred's jokes
- Christmas caroling in Lawrence Horton's cattle truck, with refreshments furnished by Buford and Virginia Seal
- When baptizing Larry Seal at the "bluff" Rev. Bowman stepped into a hole over his head. That was a surprise to both of them, which took a little while to recover from!
- Sunday dinner was shared with one of the Antioch church families and they were wonderful meals.
- Harland and Beatrice Holder's annual rabbit stew. Guests would include Troy and Maude Smith, Frank and Ethel Beamer, Broadus and Marjorie Jarvis, Troy and Alice Horton, and Rev. Clarence Marshall and Coretta
- Albert and Vera Simmons would host a fish fry at their mountain cabin. Guests would include John D. Allred, Barnett and Ila King, Frank and Ethel Beamer, and Broadus and Marjorie Jarvis. After the meal, John D. Allred would play guitar and all the guests would sing.



REV. BAILEY ELMORE, SR.
May 1969 – January 5, 1975

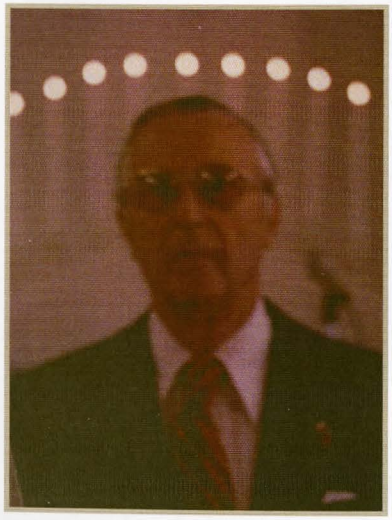


In 1969, Rev. Bailey Elmore was called as the first full-time pastor of Antioch Baptist Church. He remembers that the calling was unmistakable and that he knew without a doubt that Antioch Baptist Church was where God wanted him to be. Within a week after recognizing his call, the pulpit committee of Antioch came to hear him preach and asked him to come to preach a trial sermon. After 47 years in the ministry, Rev. Elmore still regards Antioch as a special ministry and in his own words, "the best church he has ever pastored."

During his six years as pastor, Antioch grew in many ways. Sunday School attendance and worship service attendance increased dramatically, and as a result of that growth, the youth mission groups were started that continue to thrive at Antioch today. The parking lot was paved, the stained glass windows were added, the first choir robes were purchased, and a room was remodeled downstairs for the first pastor's study. A new organ was purchased, and the old organ was given to Ila King as a token of her dedication to the music ministry of the church. The men of the church organized the first baseball team, and an area above the cemetery was cleared for the ball field. Clarence Hill and Lonnie Gunter were both called to the ministry during the tenure of Rev. Elmore.

Rev. Elmore remains active in the ministry today and has served many churches in the area.

REV. A. LINCOLN FAULK
April 1975 – November 1978



Rev. Abraham Lincoln Faulk was born in Surry County on August 11, 1908 to James Oliver Fulk and Lucy Chilton Fulk. He married Buna Baldwin on July 22, 1927, and had three children; Mamie Lou, Effie Evelyn, and Harlan. He married a second time to Pauline Eason on December 16, 1950, and had two children; Lincoln Paul and Susan Oleata.

He was called to the ministry in the 1930's, serving his first pastorate at Main Street Baptist Church in High

Point, North Carolina. Other churches that Rev. Faulk served are Spring Hope Baptist Church in Spring Hope, NC and First Baptist Church in Washington, NC. He served as interim pastor at Calvary Baptist Church in Mt. Airy, and Gourd Springs Baptist Church in Spring Lake, NC.

Rev. Faulk was called to pastor Antioch Baptist Church on April 6, 1975 and returned to full-time ministry, following a period of semi-retirement. He served until November 1978, at which time, he moved to Lillington, North Carolina. He remained active in the Lillington community until his death on October 1, 1997.

Recollections that Paul and Susan shared with us from their father's ministry at Antioch include:

- Special friendships formed with the Beamer family that lasted even after the move to Lillington
- Dick Jarvis' keen wit and Margie Jarvis' peach cobbler
- Returning to the car after the worship service to find fresh garden produce left by a member of the congregation

Paul and Susan wrote this note to the history committee: *We thank the congregation for providing our father with a supportive, loving environment in which to do the work God called him to do. It was a joy to our family to see our father so fulfilled and happy.*

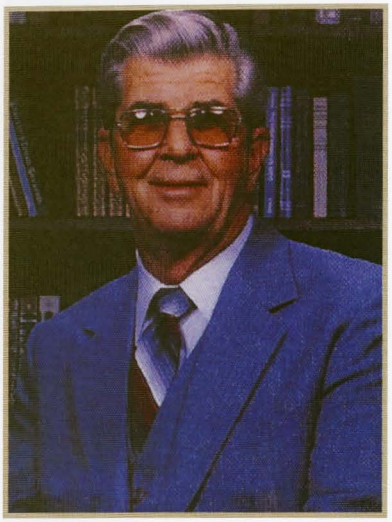
REV. WALTER TURNER (Interim Pastor)
November 1978-May 1979



Rev. Walter Turner was born on May 9, 1911, and died on February 23, 1983 at the age of 71 years. He served the ministry faithfully for 45 years. His wife, Ruth, died in 2005 at the age of 92.

He was called to Antioch Baptist Church to serve as Interim Pastor in November, 1978, following the resignation of Rev. Lincoln Faulk. Rev. Turner served Antioch until May, 1979, when Rev. Tommy Johnson was elected pastor.

REV. I. TOMMY JOHNSON
June 1979 – June 1986



Rev. Irvin Thomas Johnson was born in Forsyth County on April 12, 1924, to John Zed and Ida Lou Irvin Johnson, the eldest of five children. He married Berttie Marie Newman on October 18, 1941, and their only child, Peggy Ann, was born on September 27, 1942. On May 12, 1942, Tommy was inducted into the United States Army and served primarily in Germany and France. He was discharged from the military on January 9, 1946, and went to work for Chatham Manufacturing Company.

Tommy was called to the ministry in 1952 and completed his studies at Piedmont Bible College and Gardner Webb College. He served his first pastorate at Rockford Baptist Church in Rockford, NC. His part-time positions included: associational missionary for the Elkin Baptist Association, pastor at Oak Grove Baptist Church in Mount Airy, and pastor at Lowgap Baptist Church in Lowgap. He was then called as the full-time pastor of Bethel Baptist Church and in 1960, relocated to State Road to become pastor of Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church. His next assignment was at Griffith Baptist Church. Under his leadership, new building programs were initiated at both Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church and Griffith Baptist Church.

Rev. Johnson was called to pastor Antioch Baptist Church, preaching his first sermon there on June 3, 1979. He served faithfully until his retirement on June 29, 1986. He was very influential in the success of the Antioch building program, "Together We Build," which led to our present fellowship hall and Sunday School classrooms. He is fondly remembered by many families of the church and remained in contact with them after he retired. He was an annual guest for several years at the Antioch barbecue for home missions in October. Marie is remembered for her involvement with the neighborhood children, welcoming them into her home and into the activities of the church, often bringing several children from the Antioch development to Vacation Bible School in the back of her small pickup truck. She had a heart for missions and was truly a missionary herself, in every sense of the word.

Upon his retirement, Tommy and Marie moved to the Pleasant Hill Community in Elkin. Tommy remained active in the ministry, serving as interim pastor at Oak Grove Baptist Church in Hamptonville, NC, and Cool Springs Baptist Church in Elkin.

Tommy passed away in Boone on August 15, 2004, at the home of his daughter and son-in-law, Peggy and Ernest Hartley, after a brave battle with cancer. Marie followed him in death less than three months later, at Britthaven Rest Home in Wilkesboro,

NC. Sadly, they were preceded in death by their only grandson, Chad Thomas Hartley (1974-1991), who was the joy and delight of their lives.

Dear Christian Friend:

Greetings to each of you in the name of our most wonderful Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

I am really looking forward to June 3, 1979, and being able to greet each of you face to face. I hope that every member of Antioch Baptist Church will be present for Sunday School and worship service.

Truly believing that somehow God by his Holy Spirit has led us together for a great work in his name in the Antioch community. This will take the full cooperation of each member of the church.

I come as your Pastor without allusion that any one person can do all God requires in his work. But with the full assurance that if we all commit our very all to God great things will happen.

As you are well aware, it will take some time for us to learn the names of all of you. Please be patient as we try.

Just remember we are here to serve you in the name of our Lord. So if you have a need, please call at anytime. We will respond as time permits. We want to work with you in anyway we can so our time is your time. Call on us.

Then let's make Sunday, June 3, 1979 a "Red Letter" day at Antioch Baptist Church. What do you think is a reasonable goal in Sunday School - 175 - and worship - 250 - and an offering of at least $1000.00. Possible? Yes, with each one doing his best on that day.

Looking forward to seeing each of you on Sunday, June 3, with a Bible under your arm and a friend by your side.

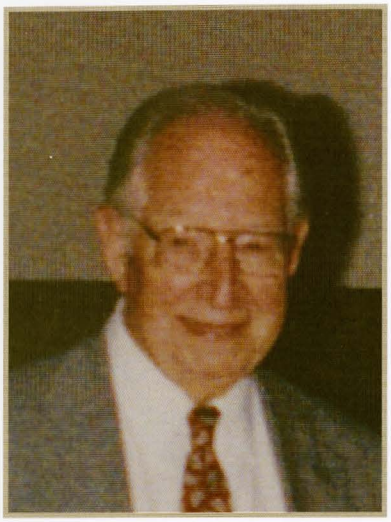
Yours in Christ Service
Pastor,

Tommy Johnson

Tommy Johnson

Letter from Tommy Johnson

REV. RICHARD THOMAS HOWERTON, JR. (Interim Pastor)
June 1986- July 1987

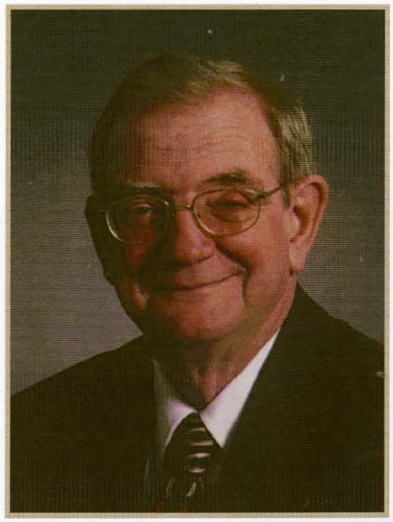


Rev. Richard T. Howerton, Jr. was born in Oxford, North Carolina, on November 12, 1915, to Richard Thomas Howerton, Sr. and Mamie Royster Howerton. On November 19, 1943, he was married to Sarah Greenwood Jackson and the couple raised three children: Carol, Richard, and Sarah Jane.

He was called to the ministry in 1921 at the age of sixteen years. He served his first pastorate at Emmaus Baptist Church in Poquoson, Virginia. His ministry took Richard and his family to Baptist churches in Lincolnton, North Carolina, and Petersburg, Virginia. He also served as interim pastor at ten churches in North Carolina and Virginia, Antioch being one of those churches.

Rev. Howerton died on December 3, 1993, and is fondly remembered by the members of Antioch Baptist Church. Mrs. Sarah Howerton recalls their service at Antioch as a time of fond fellowship, where the members of the church were most gracious and loving.

REV. BOYD LATTIMORE
August 1987 – October 1992

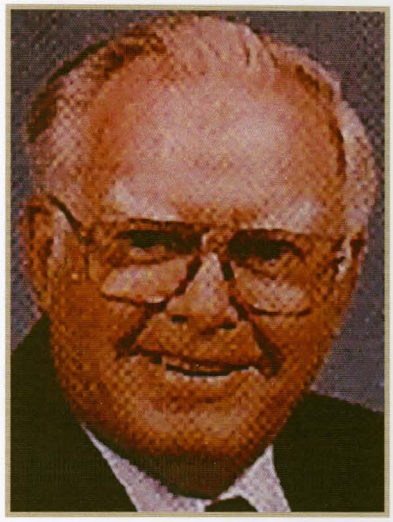


Rev. Boyd Lattimore was born in Shelby, North Carolina to Boyd and Essie Lattimore. He married Ginny Dobbins on March 25, 1962, and the couple had three children, Russell, Julie, and Jonathan.

Rev. Lattimore was called to the ministry in 1972 and served his first pastorate at First Baptist Church of Connelly Springs. He also served Smyrna Baptist Church in the Alexander Association and Calvary Baptist Church in the Sandy Run Association. He is currently serving as interim pastor at Lily Memorial Baptist Church in Shelby, NC.

Rev. Lattimore was called to Antioch Baptist Church in 1987 and remained there until 1992. While serving in Mount Airy, the Lattimore family celebrated Jon's graduation from high school and Julie's graduation from college. Rev. Lattimore recalls many special occasions shared with members of the Antioch church family during his tenure.

REV. HUBERT R. HUNTING (Interim Pastor)
November 1992- April 1993

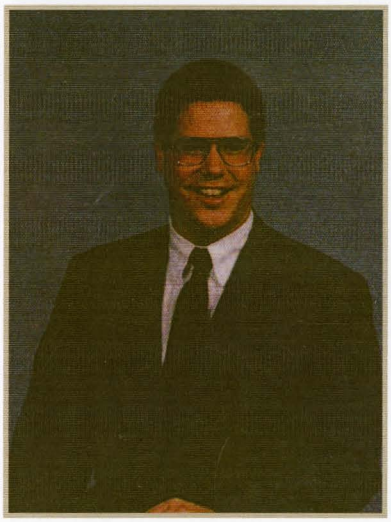


Rev. Hunting was a native of Huntingville, Quebec, Canada, and lived much of his life in Ohio. He served as pastor in Baptist churches in Alabama, Tennessee, North Carolina, and Ohio. After becoming a U.S. citizen, he served his country as a Marine during World War II.

While residing in Mt. Airy, Hubert and his wife, Leona, attended Antioch Baptist Church faithfully and were involved in many activities of the church. Hubert was preceded in death by his wife and left the area when his health began to fail. He never forgot his friends at Antioch and corresponded regularly with several members until the time of his death.

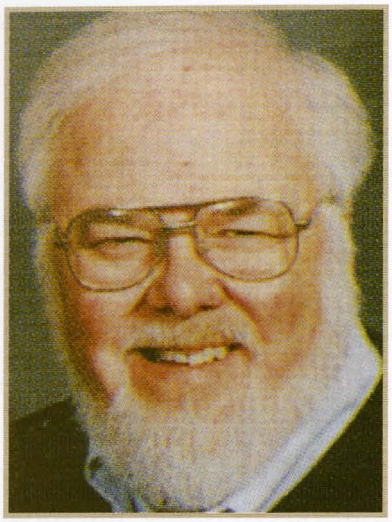
Rev. Hunting passed away on April 20, 2006, in Columbus, Ohio at the age of 80.

REV. QUENTIN MADDEN
May 1993 – September 1999



In May of 1993, the church called the Rev. Quentin Madden as pastor. Under his leadership a Church Council was formed, a discipleship training program started, Wednesday night fellowship suppers began, renovation of the nursery and preschool departments was done, and an active visitation program was initiated. An 8:30 early worship service was also established followed by a breakfast. The early service and breakfast fellowship continues to be popular with church members. Rev. Madden served as pastor until September of 1999.

REV. DAVID ALLRED (Interim Pastor)
1999 - 2000



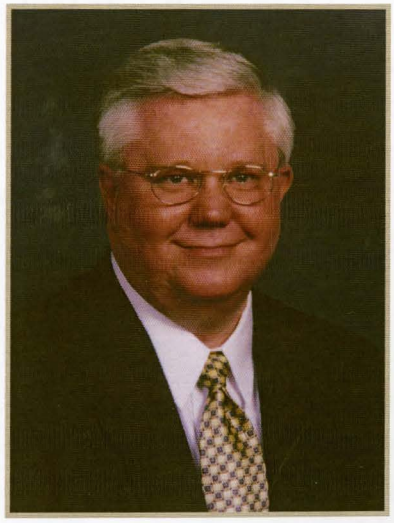
Rev. David Allred was born in Hickory, North Carolina, to Mary and Thurman Allred.
On April 12, 1986, he married Mary Lou Pharr and the couple have three sons, Steve, Mark, and Peyton.

Rev. Allred was called to the ministry on January 15, 1964, and served his first pastorate at Jonas Ridge Baptist Church in Jonas Ridge, North Carolina. He has also served a full-time pastorate at Villa Heights Baptist Church in Martinsville, Virginia, and has served as interim pastor for over two dozen churches in North Carolina and Virginia. He is currently a member of Fellowship Tabernacle in Lambsburg, Virginia.

Rev. Allred served as interim pastor at Antioch Baptist Church from 1999 until 2000 and remained active in the church following his service, as his schedule allowed. When asked for his memories and recollections, Rev. Allred responded as follows:

"I remember with gratitude the love and support which Mary Lou and I received from all the membership while serving as interim pastor. The close fellowship and friendships which we made while a part of the Antioch community endure today. I remember with fondness some of the Sunday School trips we took together, especially the one to Pennsylvania. I can still hear Gary Bunton's laughter!"

REV. DALE WALLACE
May 2000 - present



Rev. Roger Dale Wallace was born in 1951 in Chattanooga, Tennessee, to James and Ellamae Wallace. He completed high school at Kirkman Tech and shortly thereafter, met his wife Wanda, whom he married on April 22, 1972. In 1977, they welcomed their only child, Matthew Ryan Wallace.

Dale was called to the ministry in 1983, and was licensed to preach two years later by the Cloud Springs Baptist Church on February 18, 1985. He began preaching in church every few weeks and also preached once a month on a local television broadcast sponsored by his church. He was called to his first pastorate at Cloverdale

Baptist Church in Rising Fawn, Georgia, and was ordained to the gospel ministry on June 21, 1987. He remained at Cloverdale until his graduation from college in 1990, earning a double major in religion and philosophy at Shorter College in Rome, Georgia. The Wallace family then relocated to North Carolina, so that Dale could complete his Masters of Divinity degree at Southeastern Seminary at Wake Forest, NC.

During his time in seminary, Dale was active in the First Baptist Church of Wake Forest, serving as pulpit supply pastor and Senior Adult Minister. Just before his graduation from Southeastern Seminary, Dale was called to pastor Concord Baptist Church of Creedmoor, NC, where he remained from 1993 until his call to Antioch in Mount Airy in May of 2000, preaching his first sermon on Mother's Day.

Dale has many treasured memories of events and occasions in the life of the church:

- The Church Media Center/Library has become an active and vital ministry of the church, brought about by the efforts and contributions of many, but most especially Louise Beamer and Mary Hooker. Today, the Antioch library is among the finest in the Surry Baptist Association.
- In February of 2005, Antioch called the first full-time Minister of Youth and Education. The cooperation of the entire church was encouraged, as the Stewardship Committee planned a four-week study series concerning giving to this important ministry.
- After careful planning and consideration, the renovation project that began in September of 2005 was completed just before the start of the Advent season. All the old pews were moved into the fellowship hall, which became our place of worship during the renovation.
- A special time of worship was the baptismal service at the creek just off Sparger Road. At the request of Brad Williams, arrangements were made for the outdoor baptism, and before the day arrived, two more candidates had requested to be baptized in the creek. The event was attended by over 100 people, and it was a wonderful, spiritual occasion.



Baptism Service at the creek – Sparger Road
L to R: Gatlin Hiatt, Rev. Dale Wallace, Brad Williams, Jordan Fleming

- The installation of the Phone Tree in the church office has proven to be very beneficial to the work of the church, allowing church staff to inform members } of committee meetings or scheduled events, and is also used to alert all members to family emergencies within the congregation.
- The mission trips to Nicaragua started small, but have become an annual event, supported wholeheartedly by the church members. The mission team has spread the news of this effort throughout the community and has been blessed with growing support for this cause.
- The Growing Families Sunday School class envisioned a playground for the children of the church. After several months of fund-raising, their dream was realized and the playground has become a favorite spot for the children.

MINISTER OF YOUTH AND EDUCATION
LARRY TRIVETTE
February 2005 – February 2006



On August 4, 2002, Antioch Baptist Church voted to form a search committee to interview candidates for the position of a full-time Minister of Youth and Education. For many years, Antioch had sponsored an active youth program, under the direction of dedicated volunteer church members, with occasional assistance from a summer youth worker from the Baptist State Convention.

On January 22, 2005, after a lengthy search, the committee recommended that Larry Trivette from State Road, NC be voted upon to fill the new position. Upon approval by the church On February 13, 2005, Rev. Trivette began his service at Antioch, bringing with him his wife, Kay, and daughter Faith. Larry served at Antioch until February 5, 2006 and had these thoughts about his ministry there:

I would like to thank my church family at Antioch for allowing me to serve as your first full-time Minister of Youth and Education. It was due to the encouragement, support and prayers of this family, that I took the next step in my spiritual walk and made the move toward a more pastoral role in my call. Within a year of leaving my position, I completed my Associates degree in Biblical Studies, continued working on my Christian Eucation degree, and became a supply pastor.

Although I don't get to attend Antioch often, I consider it my church home. Pastor Dale is a good friend to me and I am honored to call him Pastor. The people of Antioch have been a true blessing to me and my family. We have made many wonderful friends of all ages, and look forward to working and worshiping in God's plan with you all. I know that God will continue to bless Antioch Baptist Church for its faithfulness and willingness to follow God's call.

In His Service,
Rev. Larry Trivette

MINISTER OF YOUTH AND EDUCATION
DAVID GANTT
December 2006 - Present



David Gantt is twenty-five years old and from Cherryville, NC, a small town west of Charlotte, NC. He was saved July 21st, 2003. David worked three summers at the North Carolina Baptist Assembly (Fort Caswell) on Oak Island, NC. He was hired at Antioch in December of 2006, and moved to Mt. Airy that same month. He graduated from Gardner-Webb University in Boiling Springs, NC, in May of 2007, with a Bachelor of Science degree in Religious Studies. On June 2nd of 2007, he married Ashley Allison, whom he met at Western Carolina and dated for four years.

David says he has a heart and a passion for youth *IN* ministry, not just youth ministry. He believes that it is his calling to get the youth involved in the ministry rather than just observing the work of the youth minister. When asked why he was here at Antioch he replied:

As a Christian, the most important thing other than your personal relationship with Christ, is being able to find a place where you can worship. There are several things to consider when looking for such a place: 1) Can you worship there? 2) Do you feel like part of the family of God there? and 3) Can you serve there?

For a minister, David thinks there is a lot more to consider. The most important factor is whether or not the church you select is where God wants to use you. With Antioch being David's first full time youth pastor position, he was not sure what he was looking for in a church. David says God made it clear that Antioch Baptist Church was where he was supposed to be. From the first interview to his first official day of work on December 17, 2006, he found Antioch to be the warmest, most inviting, and most accepting church he had ever been in. He says Antioch took care of him and his wife through the generosity of their hearts and that the church family has proven to

have a heart for Christ and also for their church. David also quoted this in a paper to us *"Antioch is my family. They have treated me like one of their own and taken me in under their wings so that I might grow as a minister, as a Christian, and also as a person. My love for this church cannot be put into words. I hope that through the power of God I can help this church to grow spiritually and to succeed in their efforts to reach the lost for Christ. I also hope that through me, God can develop a youth ministry here that touches not only the church, but also the city of Mount Airy and hopefully even the world."*

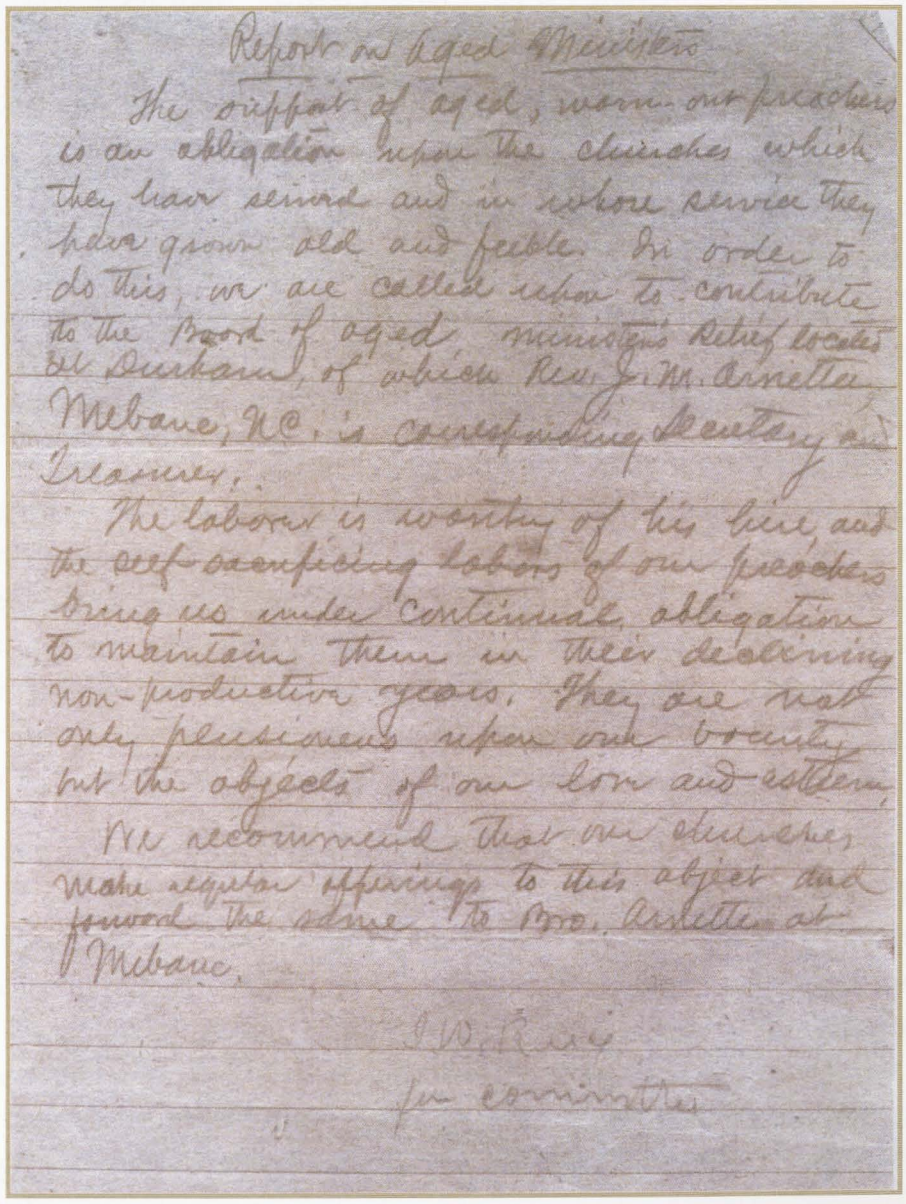
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PASTORS CALLED FROM ANTIOCH CHURCH

Beginning with the early days of Antioch Church, members have announced their call to the ministry. The earliest record discovered shows that Brother Robert D. Haymore was licensed to preach on August 31, 1861.

W. H. Beamer was ordained approximately February 1, 1867, by Bros. Weaver and Davis on the ordaining council. Records show that the Regular Baptist Church of Meadows of Dan, Patrick County, Virginia issued a letter of dismissal for Rev. Beamer and his wife, Sister Lucy T. Beamer on November 11, 1883. Since this document was discovered among the church papers at Antioch, it is assumed that the Beamers rejoined Antioch at that time.

R. H. Herring and Judson Vipperman were also ordained from Antioch, but no further information about them was found.

Delmar Hodges was elected pastor of Antioch in June 1939. Following his election, he was ordained on July 22, 1939.

Hobert B. Johnson received his call to serve and was ordained in a special service at Antioch on January 19, 1964. Rev. John D. Bowman was the pastor at that time. Hobert's wife, Pauline Seal Johnson is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Seal, deceased active members of Antioch. Rev. Johnson served as pastor of Hillcrest Baptist Church in Galax, Virginia before moving to Conway, S. C. There he pastored Sweet Water Baptist until his retirement.

Clarence Hill also stated his call to preach while he, his wife, Katherine E. Hill, and family were attending Antioch Church. The church voted to license him to preach on December 12, 1971. Then an ordination service was held on June 4, 1972. Rev. Bailey K. Elmore was pastor at that time. Clarence pastored several churches in Surry County before his death. Other members of his family who have made Antioch their church home are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Reid Hill, and a sister, Virginia Hill Seal.

Rev. Cecil Hill, who serves as an active minister in Surry County, attended Antioch in his childhood and teen years. He was a leader of the Baptist Training Union, Youth Leader, and Sunday School Superintendent. After his marriage to Rachel Parker Hill, he attended church with her. When he received his call to preach, he was ordained on December 28, 1975, at First Baptist Church in Mount Airy. Rev J. L. Bryson was pastor there. Cecil preached his first sermon at Antioch and still thinks of this church as home. Rev. Hill's mother, Mrs. Ola Hill, and other family members remained an active part of the Antioch family.

Lonnie Gunter, who is currently pastor of Genesis Baptist Church, made the announcement of his call to preach when he was a member of Antioch Church. His ordination took place on January 2, 1977, when Rev. A. Lincoln Faulk was Antioch's pastor. He and his wife, Evelyn, have been occupied with God's work since then. Mr. and Mrs. Emmit Allen, faithful members of Antioch, had an instrumental role in raising the young man who would become Rev. Gunter.

Randall Bowman felt a call to the ministry while attending Antioch. He served as a leader among the youth activities and had other leadership rolls in the church. However, Randall later decided his true calling was in other areas of Christian service.

Bill Horton and his wife, Beth, came to Antioch Church from a different denomination. Following their baptism and participation in Sunday School and other church programs, Bill felt that he was being called to the ministry. This was November 2000. In February 2001, he began a six month period of observation and mentoring under the guidance of Rev. Dale Wallace. Then he was licensed to preach and an ordination service was held on March 23, 2003. He presently serves as pastor of a church in Virginia.

David Gantt came to Antioch as Youth Minister in December 2006. He was in the process of completing his Bachelor of Science degree in Religious Studies at Gardner Webb University. When that was done in May 2007, he assumed full time duties as Youth Minister. To strengthen his call as a Minister of Youth, he is studying for a Master's Degree from Liberty University. Antioch Baptist Church ordained David to the gospel ministry on September 9, 2007. Rev. Dale Wallace, Rev. Nathan May, David's father, Doug, and his brother Christopher all had a role in the ordination service.

DEACONS

Historically, deacons have been extremely important in the affairs of Baptist churches. That is certainly true of Antioch church. In fact, records show that Brother William Johnson was ordained deacon of Antioch on December 4, 1858.

Throughout the years Antioch deacons have been bold in their faith and have been held in high regard in the church and community. Their duties have consisted of a monthly meeting, or more if necessary, to discuss the needs of the church and its people, and how these needs can be met. Peace in the church is of paramount concern, and the deacons always try to help with any problem that arises among the congregation.

Each deacon is assigned a number of families to serve. They are expected to always be ready to help with any need that may arise in the families they are responsible for. In addition, they assist with the communion service, and also accompany the pastor in visiting the sick, comforting the bereaved, and calling on prospective members of the church.

In the early years of Antioch, an elected deacon served for life or until he resigned or died. During this time, the deacons took care of all the general business of the church. When the constitution was adopted in 1969, a rotating board was begun, and the number of deacons was increased to nine. Each deacon served a three year term and rotated off for one year before he could become active again. The deacon board no longer took care of the recurring business matters of the church, but concentrated on the people and meeting their needs. In the 1990's the number of deacons serving actively was increased to twelve, with the rotation continuing.



Antioch Deacons – Late 1960's
L to R: Terry Beamer, Bailey Elmore, Luther Seal, H.V. Holder,
Ben Jarrell, Dan Huffman, Clinton Moore

The following men have served as deacons during the past 150 years:

Brother William Johnson
Brother Robertson
J. W. Johnson
H. H. Hemmings
A. L. Snow
M. Beamer
A. B. Allred
William Haymore
T. J. Gillespie
Charlie Tate
W. L. Seal
C. H. Allred
I. Wilson Reece
Washington Felts
H. V. Allred
Wayne Moser
Hampton Beamer
Wilburn (Bo) Lynch
Larry Martin
Jimmy Rakes
Garner (Nick) Jarrell
Steve Norman
Harold McCraw
Melvin Miles
Thomas Dalton
Don O'Neal
Archie Bowman
Marty Johnson
Roger Grant
Mike Walker
Tom York
Luther Seal
Dan Huffman
Frank Beamer
Joe Frank Seal
Terry Beamer
Barnett King
Clinton Moore
Ben Jarrell
Gray Dollyhigh
Tom Moser
H. V. Holder
Gary Bunton
Troy Hardy
Dan Huffman
David Brintle
Garry Goins
Charles (Chick) Morgan
Bobby Hauser
Terry McHone
Harold Hooker
Bill Hull
Bill Miller
Mitch Martin
Albert Cockerham
William (Buck) Berrier
Keith York
Joe Hughes



Deacons 2008

L to R: David Brintle, Jimmy Rakes, Garry Goins, Larry Martin, Joe Hughes, Marty Johnson, Harold Hooker, Bill Hull, Hampton Beamer, Bill Miller

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY UNION (WMU)

The earliest recorded memory of a WMU meeting was in 1956. Daphne King reports that the meeting was held at Mrs. Lizzie Seal's home. Her son, Buford Seal, also recalls that his mother was instrumental in the establishment of a regular WMU organization in the church. Missions were a major interest that she had. The early meetings were held monthly in members' homes.

Marie Holder remembers the first WMU meeting she attended. The ladies collected money and bought a pair of shoes for a little boy in need. This act made a lasting impression on her.

Some of the projects that WMU supports are;
Giving food to the Medical Ministry
Serving food at Red Cross Blood drives
Taking supplies to the Thomasville children's home
Collecting money and items for the women's prison ministry
Showing appreciation to law enforcement officers by treating them to refreshments
In 1966 the group bought Bibles for seniors.

The July 1967 records show that WMU voted to order new communion trays, glasses, plates, and pitcher for the church. The group raises money to support their work by selling a variety of flavorings for baking. This project began about 1967 with the flavoring selling for $1.00 a bottle. They continue this project to the present with many additions to the basic vanilla, lemon, and almond flavors.

In 1969, the group sent cards to service men from the church; Leroy Bowman, Freddie Hutchens, Dick Penn, and Ike Hester. They also held a baby shower for the church nursery.

The meetings open with prayer and devotions followed by a mission lesson. Then the group discusses business, takes an offering for their mission projects, and closes with prayer.

The WMU also supported the G. A.'s and local missions.

Later the WMU became two groups, with the younger women in the church calling themselves the Baptist Young Women. That group recently adopted the name WOM--Women On Mission. The goals of the group remain the same, with an emphasis on local and foreign missions. They hold bake sales and auctions to raise the necessary funds to support these objectives.

At Christmas and throughout the year, the group has assisted needy families and donated to the Surry Medical Ministry. Other endeavors include compiling a cook book of favorite recipes. The proceeds from the sale of the book were used to purchase pew Bibles for the church. They also have aided the Samaritans Purse Ministry. There is an annual Easter Egg hunt for the children of the church, and WOM helps to provide candy for this event. All these things are done with love, and in return each member of WOM feels blessed.



WMU 1993
L to R: Margie McCormick, Daphne King, Freeda Beck, Sadie Moore, Mary Holder, Theral Stanley, Marie Holder



WMU 2000
Row 1, L to R: Margarita Works, Margie McCormick
Row 2, L to R: Jeanette Barber, Theral Stanley, Alice Horton, Marie Holder, Colleen Dollyhigh, Betty Thomas, Daphne King, Rada Bowman

MISSION ORGANIZATIONS FOR YOUTH

Through the years at Antioch, our young people have been actively involved in church activities, including the study of missions at home and throughout the world. The girls were sponsored by the Women's Missionary Union and the boys by the Brotherhood.

The two to five year old group was first called the Sunbeams. Through the years the name has changed, but activities have been related to the Bible and missions. These activities include hands on Bible study through stories, art, drama, and music. This group became Mission Friends in the 1970's, M&Ms in 2000, and Young Team Kids in 2007.

The GAs or Girls in Action membership included girls from ages six to twelve years old. They were involved in mission projects that related to church and participated in group Bible Study with the leaders. Home study was emphasized as each girl was held responsible for the completion of mission activities which led to recognition of goals achieved during the church year.

The Acteens, girls from thirteen to eighteen years, were involved in weekly Bible Study and missions projects, under the guidance of their leaders. Individual home study helped to accomplish goals for recognition at a planned ceremony at the end of the church year. These girls have participated in the Franklin Graham Shoebox Ministry, delivered fruit baskets and flowers to shut-ins, sponsored bake sales to help finance Christian summer camp at Camp Mundo Vista, held yard sales and car washes, and collected food for food banks.

The RAs or Royal Ambassadors was the mission group for boys, ages six and older. They were involved in the study of church missions at the associational, local, state, and foreign levels. Each week they had a Bible Study, then worked on mission activities with guidance from their leaders. They had specific goals to reach and were recognized for their accomplishments. Some of their other projects include: collecting food for Yokefellow Ministry, visiting nursing homes, participating in the Surry Association Racer Rally, sponsoring a Bowl-a-Thon for missions, helping with the annual Antioch Barbecue and the local Relay for Life. They did yard chores and landscaping tasks on the church grounds. They collected a mile of pennies for the Baptist Children's Home and adopted a highway for beautification. These young men were sponsored by the Brotherhood.

We are very fortunate that these organizations are still active today. In 2007 the groups united into what is now called Team Kids. They still maintain the important goal of teaching Jesus Christ to each attendee as well as being involved in many projects that are supportive of our community.



Acteens Recognition Service 1993
Amy Jarrell Faile, Lisa Miller, Lisa Dalton Jordan, Kelly McCraw Goins



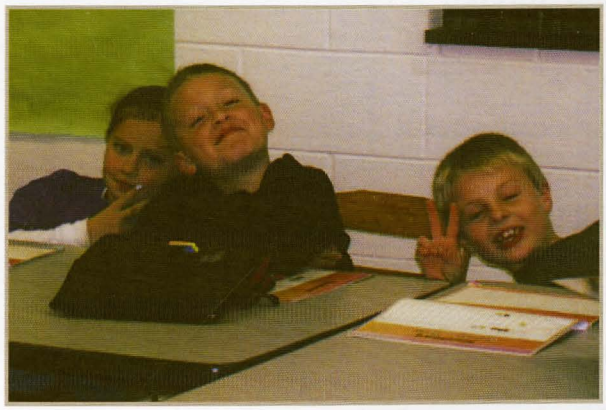
Mission Friends:
Mary Moser, Amber Humphries
Melissa Walker, Hannah McHone
1993



GAs 2002



RAs 2002



Team Kids 2008
Jessie Nichols, Reece Westmoreland,Austin York

BROTHERHOOD

The Brotherhood of Antioch is composed of men in the church who are actively involved in service to the church and its people. This organization has been volunteering time individually and as a group for a number of years.

These men have guided the younger boys in their fellowship group called The Royal Ambassadors. The men led these boys in Bible study, service projects, and recreation. They have done roadside trash pick-ups and had an annual camp out with the boys. In all the endeavors, the men of the Brotherhood have set an example of Christian dedication for these boys.

The Brotherhood assists in keeping the church grounds and buildings in good order. If there is a need for assistance with the sick or elderly at home, this group will lend a helping hand. They also participate in a ministry at the county fair, along with other churches in the Surry Baptist Association. They provide food and share the message of Christ with the fair workers.

When a picnic shelter building was erected on the church grounds, the men of the Brotherhood shared their talents by working on the project.

The service of this group has always been an asset to the church, and they continue in 2008 to willingly support all aspects of church life.



L to R: Matthew Wallace, Kevin Westmoreland, Keith York, Randy Hicks, Bill Miller

SPORTS TEAMS

Young men and women at Antioch have always been interested in sports. Thus sports teams, made up of church members, have been active over the years. These teams competed in a church league composed of other church teams in Surry County. This created a lively rivalry between the participating churches, but at the same time brought about friendships that went beyond the competition of games.

In the 1940's both a girls and boys basketball team represented Antioch. The team practiced in the old wooden gym at Franklin Elementary School. The games were played there as well.

Later the church had a men's softball team. During the period when Rev. Tommy Johnson was pastor, the softball team continued. Games were played at Flat Rock Elementary School on Tuesday and Thursday nights. Rev. Johnson coached the Antioch team. Other churches that had softball teams were Grace Moravian, Community Baptist, Flat Rock Baptist, the Mormon Church, Bannertown Baptist, Ladonia Baptist, and Zion Baptist. This was a sanctioned church league, so the team sometimes traveled to other locations, such as Winston-Salem and Burlington, to participate in tournaments.

Today, 2008, there is a basketball team that has been playing games for about eight years. They compete successfully against teams inside and outside Surry County. Family and fellow church members are usually present to cheer on the team.

Over the years these teams have been awarded many trophies which are on display at the church.



Softball 1980
Row 1, L to R: Terry Shelton, Brian Moser, Mascot Zack Shelton, Michael Bowman, Gary Bowman, Randall Bowman, Steve Norman
Row 2, L to R: Jimmy Rakes, Ronnie Holder, Rev. Tommy Johnson-Coach, Barry Moser, Steve Holder, Wayne Jones, Luke Horton, Danny Dollyhigh
Not Pictured: Ralph Holder, Don Branch, Mitch Martin, Larry Martin



Basketball 2008
Front, L to R: Josh Nixon, Dustin Short
Back, L to R: Will Hull, David Gantt, Shannon Short, Matthew Wallace, Barry Moser
Not Pictured: Keith York, Adam Hull

INTRODUCTION TO YOUTH

Sometime in the 1940's Antioch began a youth program that met on Sunday evenings. Coleen Dollyhigh remembers attending this youth group that was originally called Baptist Young People's Union (BYPU). The young people met at the church for a lesson. They also memorized Bible verses and the books of the Bible and had discussions and sang songs.

Sometime later the organization was renamed the Baptist Training Union (BTU). The format of the meetings remained basically the same. However, after the lesson at church, the young people would go to a member's or a leader's home for refreshments and games. This was in the day of the old wood church and there was no kitchen available. This social time was always a fun time as well as a learning experience.

In the 1950's this youth group donated the pulpit Bible to the church.

A YEAR'S REVIEW OF ANTIOCH'S YOUTH MINISTRY

By: Rev. David Gantt
January 15, 2008

Since I began my ministry here at Antioch in December of 2006, we have seen a lot of things accomplished. Some of our regular programs have been revised, including the Sunday and Wednesday night youth programs. On Sunday nights, we have gone to a time of fellowship followed by about an hour of Bible study. We have studied the book of James and recently started studying the book of John. On Wednesday nights, we went from doing a video Bible study to having more of an open door type atmosphere. This is set up so that if we have visitors or members with occasional absences, they do not feel left out or behind. On this night we have a couple of games and some time of fellowship, and the last 20 minutes or so are spent in a devotional time. We have seen the attendance on Sunday night go from 8 or 10 to 15 or 20. Wednesday night attendance has gone from 4 or 5 to 10 or 15. We are happy and blessed to see this growth!

The youth group has been involved in many activities and I will try to list them in chronological order. In 2006, on December 26 – 28th, we took a group of 16 youth and 5 chaperones to Xtreme Winter conference in Gatlinburg, Tennessee. From that group we had two saved and one recommitment. In February, 2007, we attended the Winter Jam Concert in Greensboro, and took a group of 15 to that event. We had a

fund-raiser for the summer mission trip that raised $1200.00. For the mission trip, we went to a World Changers project in Cobb County, Georgia. We had an awesome time and were able to share God's love through re-roofing houses, painting houses, and building handicap ramps and porches. It took the youth out of their comfort zone, but they learned a lot through that. On our day off while in Georgia, we went to Stone Mountain State Park and were able to go up on top of Stone Mountain and had a devotion. We also got to watch the laser light show that they had on the side of the mountain. A church from Alabama that Jamie Poe used to attend while in the military met us there and provided hot dogs and hamburgers for our supper. After returning from our mission project, I thought it would be good to take the youth to the beach for a few days just to relax. We went to the beach, went out to eat one night, and rented movies. This was very effective in building unity within the group. After we got back it was time to get ready to go back to school. On September 9th, we had a youth Sunday where the youth led our Sunday worship services. We had Captain Tim Morgan from Tennessee come and speak for that service. I thought it would be good to have a devotion time before school at least once a month, and that is how our Breakfast Bible Study came to be. Every third Thursday of the month we meet for breakfast, a devotion, and prayer time. We have averaged about 10 at every meeting. In December of 2007 (Dec. 30, 2007 – Jan. 1st, 2008), the youth again attended the Xtreme Winter Conference in Gatlinburg. We took a group of 18 youth and 4 chaperones. We had one individual get saved and two rededicated their lives to Christ.



L to R: Mary Moser, Eddie Johnson, Hannah McHone, Chelsea Brintle, Ashley Johnson, Kari Martin

GOLDEN AUTUMN

Submitted by Tom Marcum

I was asked to drive the van for the church senior group in the fall of 1993. It was to be the start of 14 plus years of fun, fellowship, and education.

We left every Tuesday for destinations unknown and traveled to anywhere the mood led us, within a two hundred mile radius. We visited shut-ins, picnicked at Stone Mountain, went to Pilot Mountain and parks along the Parkway, shopped at Hamrick's and Blowing Rock Outlets, and anywhere somebody said "Whoa!" We toured historic places such as Chinqua-penn, Natural Bridge Virginia, and St. Mary's Episcopal Church frescoes in Ashe County. We took boat rides on Lake Norman and Smith Mountain Lake and sometimes we just went exploring. We always found time for a nice lunch somewhere.

Just a few special memories are:

- Alice Horton's fried pies, pecan pie, and cakes
- Naomi McMillian's homemade fudge
- Daphne King giving Reverend Quentin Madden a push in a shopping cart that became a runaway
- Reverend John Bowman stating he was a big kid before he realized a chicken didn't have four legs (on the subject of eating 'possum when growing up)
- Josie Seal telling Reverend Dale Wallace she ate groundhog most mornings for breakfast
- Mary Holder always waiting on her front porch and her "recipe" for colds
- Marie Holder walking in on Gary Bunton and myself changing clothes after swimming in the New River
- Ethel Beamer saying "I think I wet my pants" after I turned into a driveway coming down Wards Gap from the Parkway

I will always cherish my time of fellowship with the Golden Autumn Group and the special friendship we shared with each other, and miss the ones who have gone on to be with the Lord.



Tom Marcum sharing good times with Golden Autumn members



Golden Autumn 1992
L to R: Mary Holder, Bertie Seal, Marie Holder, Freeda Beck



Alice Horton
Naomi McMillian



Golden Autumn 2008
Front L to R: Marie Holder, Josie Seal, Eldean Smith,
Emma Weaver, Jeanette Barber, Daphne King
Back: Otis Smith, Owen Barber, Wallace King

MUSIC

Music has been a vital part of the ministry at Antioch since the beginning of its organization. The church has been fortunate to have such talent among its congregation.

Mr. Heritage East, a member and leader at Antioch in its earlier years, composed the beautiful song, *The Land Where We Never Grow Old*, which was published and is still a favorite today. This hymn was written in memory of his daughter, Mrs. Mary Betty East Cook.

The Seal Family, Josie, Lizzie, Benton, Luther, Sam, Oscar, Mary, Sally, Alice, and Joe Frank, blessed the people at Antioch for many years.

The Antioch Quartet---Cecil Hill, Joe Frank Seal, Dot Hill Strayhorn, and Ruth Hill Jessup, accompanied by Nannie Beamer, served the church with their music. They also sang in sister churches as well.

The Faithful Way Singers were composed of a group of young people at Antioch. They were directed by Melvin Miles. They sang beautifully for our congregation and traveled from the mountains to the seashore, sharing God's message through song and testimony.

The Vessels of Clay, whose members are Mike Walker, Lamar Short, Wayne Jones, and Bobby Chilton, accompanied by Nancy Goins, and sound technology by Garry Goins, organized their quartet from the Antioch choir. They have shared their wonderful music with the church and also visited other churches in Surry County and North Carolina. They also have been invited to churches in other states.

The Antioch Choir has always been made up of members of the congregation. Special music is planned for each Sunday, and the choir offers appropriate music for revivals and funerals. Led by dedicated leaders, this music has been an integral part of each service. At Christmas and Easter the choir presents a seasonal cantata, focusing on either the birth of Jesus or His death and resurrection. The current music director is LuAnn Southern Lovelace.

The Children's Choir, composed of the younger children in the church, has been an active part of the children's ministry. They have often shared their songs for the congregation with great enthusiasm.

Currently, a Praise Team leads the music for the 8:30 worship service. The members of this group are Terri Moser, Rhonda McHone, Cindy Puckett, LuAnn Lovelace and Mark Lawson. Mary Moser is the accompanist.

The instruments used at Antioch have been the organ and piano. The first instrument was a pump organ and is still in existence at Ann King's home. Ann is the daughter of Barnett and Ila Beamer King. Ila was one of the church's first organists. In 1964 the second organ was purchased, and it was replaced with another organ in 1974. The present organ was donated to the church in 2002 in memory of Lawrence Horton.

Many of the choir directors, pianists, and organists have given freely of their talent and did not accept any pay. However, in 1981, the deacons made a motion to pay the choir director $125.00 a month, and since the 1990's the organist and pianist have also been paid a small amount.

In the mid 1900's the choir was interested in purchasing choir robes. Twenty five robes were ordered, and since that time, these robes have been replaced and the color changed several times. On one occasion the older robes were given to a church in eastern North Carolina that had lost their robes in a flood.

Over the years, the church has used different hymnals. Copies of these books remain at Antioch today. The church presently uses song books that were donated to the church by Hampton Beamer and his mother Nannie Beamer in memory of Mr. Terry Beamer.

According to records that the History Committee has been able to view, we find the following people have led the adult choir at Antioch.

Luther Seal
Hobert Johnson
Herman Seal
Cecil Hill
Bill Locklear
Jerry Seal
JoAnn Bowman
Mary O'Neal
Melvin Miles
Bridgett Pike
Terri Moser
Bobby Chilton
LuAnn Lovelace

These individuals have served as pianist and/or organist at Antioch

Pianist	Organist
Nannie Beamer	Nannie Beamer
Nancy Beamer Hiatt	Ila Beamer King
Frankie Ann Moore Nichols	Melvin Miles
Sherri O'Neal Shelton	Rhonda Sutphin McHone
Mary Ellen Jarrell Bowman	Mary Moser
Sandra Seal	Deborah Beamer Brintle
Melvin Miles	
Deborah Beamer Brintle	
Rhonda Sutphin McHone	
Chelsea Brintle	
Mary Moser	
Nancy Goins	



Hattie Lou East Seal, J. Heritage East, Myrtle East Younger



No. 9. The Land Where We Never Grow Old.

This song is written in memory of my daughter, Mrs. Mary Bettie (East) Cook.—J. H. East.

Words Arr. by J. H. E. A. M. EAST, OWNER. J. H. East.

1. We are jour-ney-ing on to the land e - ver there, To wor-ship with
2. Our eyes may be dimmed as the years come and go, And gray grow the
3. The friends that we knew and loved long a - go, May have passed as a
4. Then let us not sigh for the things that have been, For the rose from the
5. In that heav-en - ly land where we nev - er grow old, Some beau - ti - ful

omit

gladness
glad-ness un - told; And the way is made bright with sweet memories light,
trea-sures of gold; Still those mem-o-ries last that out - live the past,
tale that is told; But the hands we have pressed and the lips we ca-ressed,
bud next un - fold; And the cup shall be filled with their fragrance dis-tilled,
hands we shall hold; We will meet our dear friends when the long journey ends

hands

FINE. CHORUS.

To a land where we nev-er grow old.
Journ'ying on where we nev-er grow old.
Have gone where they nev-er grow old. To the land, where we never grow

The Land Where We Never Grow Old
By: J. Heritage East
(Printed with permission by the family of Mr. East)



The Seal Family Singers
Lizzie Hawks, Josie Seal, Jack Seal, Benton Seal, Sally Seal
Front: Sam Seal



The Faithful Way Singers

YOUTH CHOIR OF ANTIOCH BAPTIST CHURCH
DIRECTOR: MELVIN MILES

OFFICERS

President: Dean Slate V. Pres. Terry McHone
Secretary: Rhonda Sutphin Treas. Deborah Beamer
Historian: Teresa O'Dell Libarian:Lisa Dollyhigh
Chaplian: Ronnie Holder Pub. Rel. Marty Johnson

MEMBERS

Deborah Beamer	Sarah Beamer
Todd Benge	Michael Bowman
Kandall Bowman	Regina Cockerham
Robin Cockerham	Lisa Dollyhigh
Terri Dollyhigh	Billy Eldridge
Kim Hauser	Newell Hauser
Angie Holder	Ronnie Holder
Marty Johnson	Terry McHone
Tamara Miles	Brian Moser
Teresa O'Dell	Dean Slate
Nancy Slate	Rhonda Sutphin

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The Members of the Youth Choir have agreed to the following commitments so that they may better fulfill their purpose of serving as an outreach mission by presenting the "Message Of Salvation" through song

1- To attend Sunday School, Church and Bible Study Regularly
2- To attend rehearsals regularly with a maxiumn of four unexcused absences beween membership drives which will be two times a year-Excuses will be granted for family activities,school activites,illness.
3- To conduct themselves in a Christian-like manner at all times.

Bulletin – Faithful Way Singers Performance



Vessels of Clay
Southern Gospel Quartet



Antioch Baptist Church Choir – 2007



Deborah Brintle with Antioch's first
Pump organ (The organ was a gift to
Mrs. Ila King for her many years of Dedicated service.)



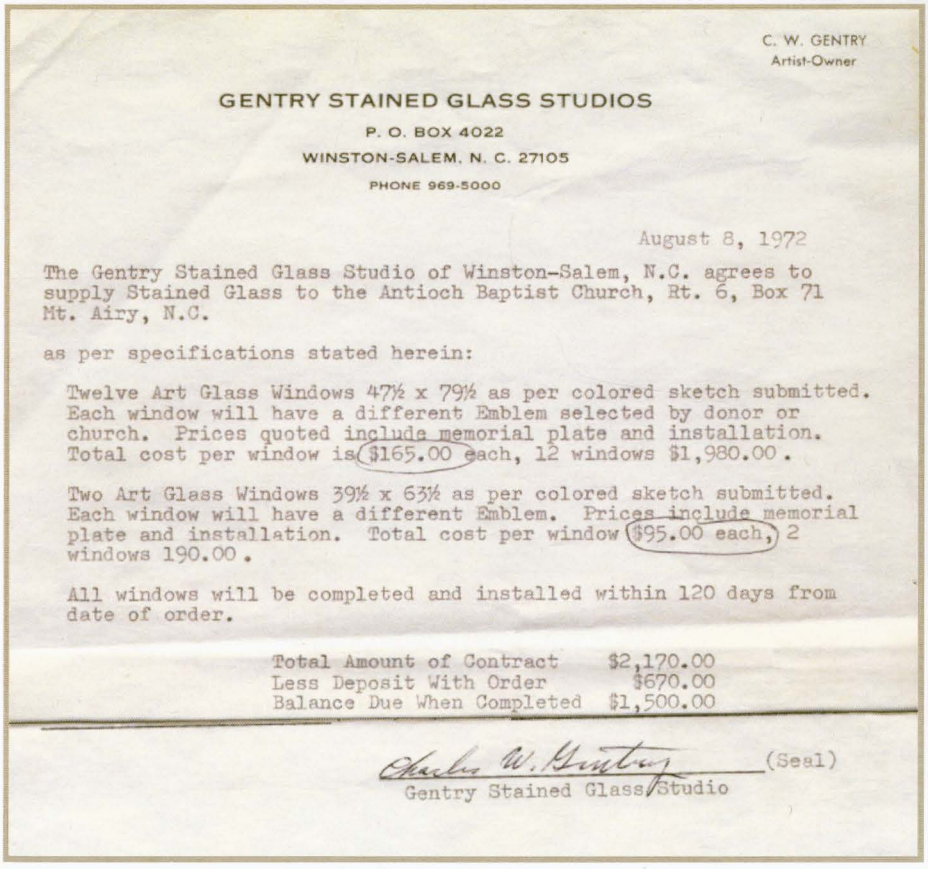
Children's Choir 2002
Tanna Howlett, Rachel Brintle, Kari Martin,
Abby Golding, Taylor Golding, Front: Taylor Goad

WINDOWS

Before stained glass windows were installed in the present sanctuary, other types of windows were used in the old wood church and in the current brick church building. The wood church had windows with clear glass that could be raised or shut according to weather conditions. That was certainly appreciated by the congregation in the hot days of summer, because in those days there was no air conditioning. Members depended on hand fans, provided by a local funeral home, to stir the air and create some comfort on hot, humid summer days.

When the brick building was erected in 1959, frosted glass windows were installed in the church. These windows remained in place until the congregation decided in November 1972 to replace the frosted glass windows with stained glass windows. Members of the congregation purchased individual windows in honor or in memory of family, and this recognition was inscribed on each window.

The other stained glass window in the sanctuary is located at the baptistry and was a gift to the church from the Reece family. Prior to the installation of the baptismal pool, a large oil painting of Christ at a doorway hung on the wall in back of the pulpit. This painting, a gift to the church from Josie Seal, had also had a place of honor behind the pulpit in the old wood church.



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August 8, 1972

The Gentry Stained Glass Studio of Winston-Salem, N.C. agrees to supply Stained Glass to the Antioch Baptist Church, Rt. 6, Box 71 Mt. Airy, N.C.

as per specifications stated herein:

Twelve Art Glass Windows 47½ x 79½ as per colored sketch submitted. Each window will have a different Emblem selected by donor or church. Prices quoted include memorial plate and installation. Total cost per window is $165.00 each, 12 windows $1,980.00.

Two Art Glass Windows 39½ x 63½ as per colored sketch submitted. Each window will have a different Emblem. Prices include memorial plate and installation. Total cost per window $95.00 each, 2 windows 190.00.

All windows will be completed and installed within 120 days from date of order.

Total Amount of Contract	$2,170.00
Less Deposit With Order	$670.00
Balance Due When Completed	$1,500.00

Charles W. Gentry (Seal)
Gentry Stained Glass Studio

IN MEMORY OF IRA WILSON AND BETTY HAMPTON REECE

Ira Wilson Reece was born on October 13, 1855, and died February 24, 1941. Betty Hampton Reece was born on January 2, 1860, and died May 17, 1933.

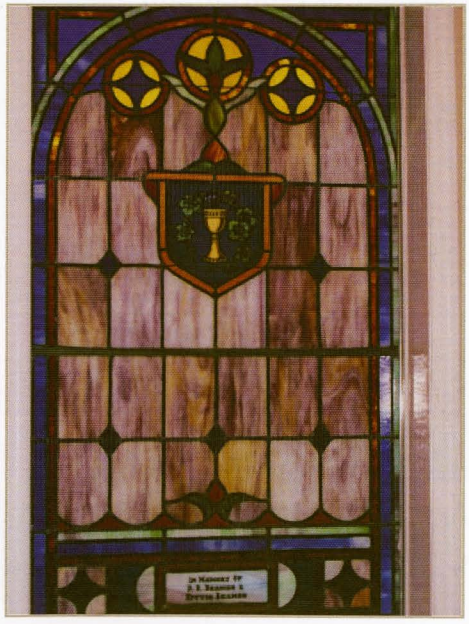
Minutes tell us that Ira was very active in Antioch Baptist Church and served as clerk for many years. He also represented the church on many committees and donated the bell in the belfry. He was a farmer by profession and Betty was a homemaker.

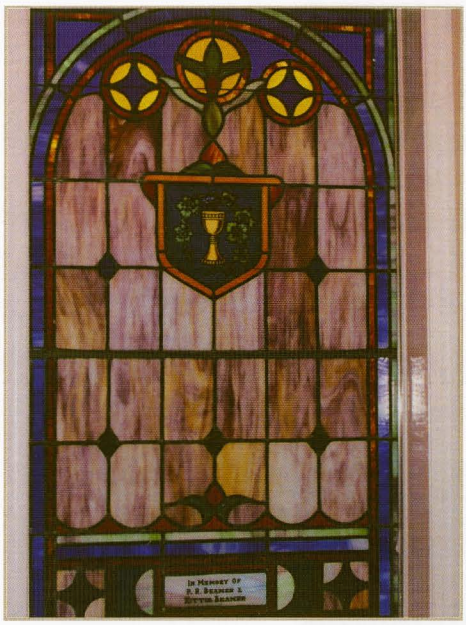
The baptistry window was donated by the children of Ira Wilson and Betty Reece: Kemp, Risdon, and Blanche Reece McKinney.



IN MEMORY OF PETE AND KITTIE THOMPSON BEAMER

Pete and Kittie Thompson Beamer were very active and attentive members of Antioch Baptist Church. Pete was born June 30, 1860, and died on January 23, 1938. He was a school teacher and farmer by profession. He attended Antioch all his adult life and was very involved in the activities of the church. He was a deacon, clerk, trustee, and taught Sunday School. Kittie was a homemaker and raised their nine children and saw that they were in church every week.





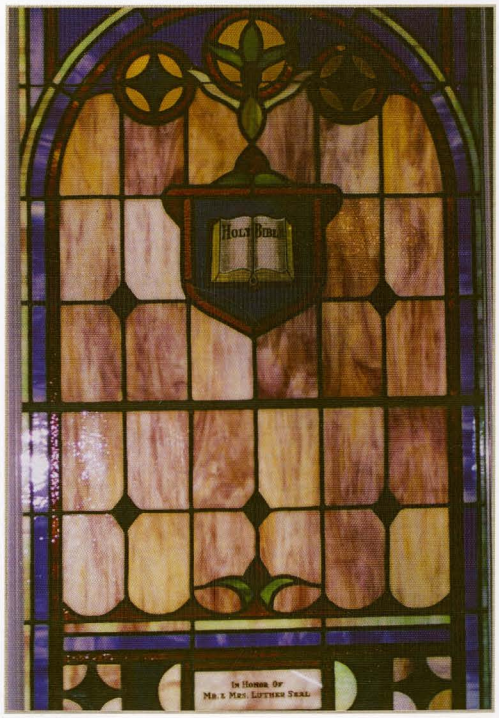
IN MEMORY OF WILLIAM ALONZO AND ELLA HAYMORE SEAL

Mr. and Mrs. Seal are buried in the Antioch cemetery. The window was donated by their children: Helen S. Hayes, Bessie S. Johnson, Roger Seal, Herman Seal, Oliver Seal, Cecil Seal, Alice Seal Horton, and Robert Seal.

IN HONOR OF LUTHER M. AND ELIZABETH HALL SEAL

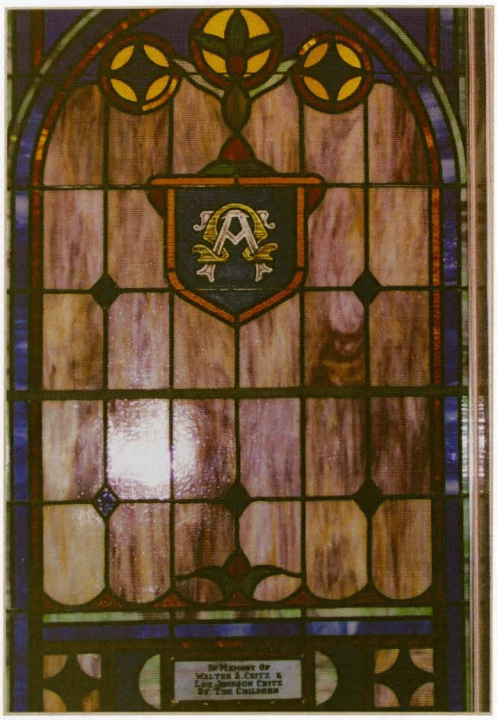
Luther was born November 20, 1891, and died January 16, 1982. He attended Antioch from childhood since his father was one of the early members of Antioch Church. His wife was Elizabeth Hall Seal, born June 6, 1895. She died March 24, 1981.

Luther served in many capacities in the church and was a long-time Sunday School teacher and a deacon. He was a veteran of World War I and was injured by gas exposure while serving in France. After his return to Surry County, he spent his working years as a farmer, raising a large garden, apples, peaches, and some livestock. He always shared the bounty of his produce with friends and family and made a yearly trip to the Baptist Children's Home in Thomasville to take fruit and vegetables for the orphanage.



Elizabeth, or Lizzie, was a regular at church and WMU. Her life centered on her church and her family. She was an excellent cook and seamstress. As long as she was able, she saw that each child, grandchild, and in-law was remembered with a gift at Christmas. Most of the time the gift was something she had made, such as dresses for the girls.

Luther was a widower when he married Lizzie. He had one son, Jack. Lizzie was a widow with two sons, Troy Horton and Clinton Horton. Together they had two sons, Joe Frank and Buford and two daughters, Irene and Pauline.

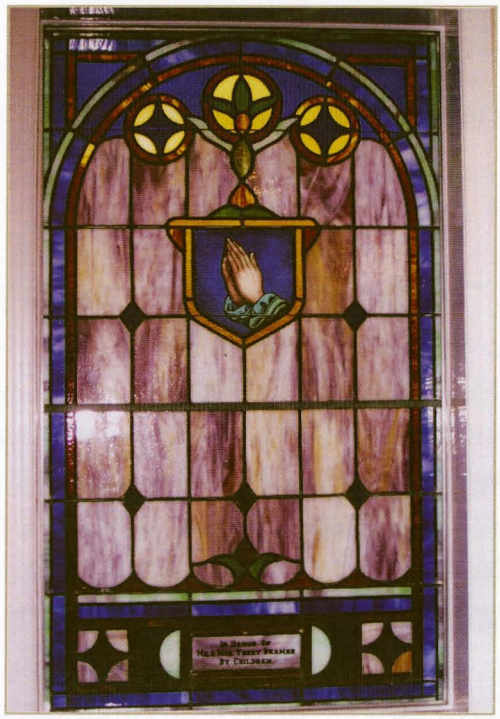


IN MEMORY OF WALTER A. CRITZ AND LOU JOHNSON CRITZ

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Critz were members of Antioch Baptist Church. They had seven children: five sons, Roy, Emery, Tom, Johnny, and Hunt and two daughters, Kate and Rachel. Walter was a farmer in the Toast community and Lou was a homemaker. They are both buried in the Antioch cemetery. Their son Emery was a favorite of the children at Antioch because he always had sticks of chewing gum to give them after Sunday worship.

IN HONOR OF MR. AND MRS. TERRY BEAMER

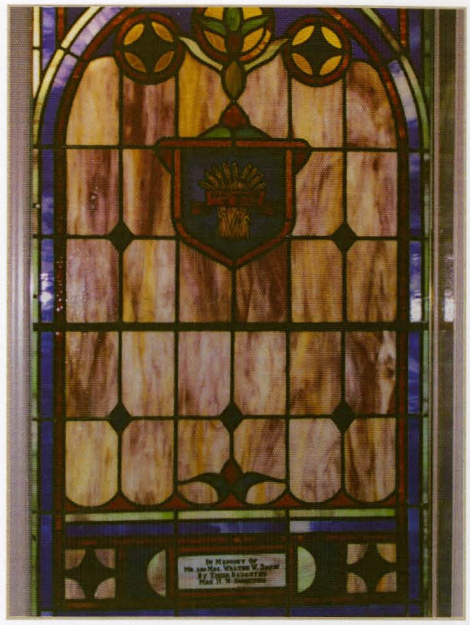
Terry Beamer was born on July 20, 1899, and died on February 17, 1992. He married Nancy Hampton on May 1, 1929. She was born November 9, 1901, and died on November 17, 2003, at the age of 102.



They were dedicated and faithful members of Antioch Baptist Church. Terry was a deacon, deacon chairman, clerk, Sunday School teacher, and served on many committees. He was a principal, a school teacher, and a farmer. His wife, known as Nannie, was a WMU member and served as church pianist and organist. She also played for an Antioch Quartet. In addition to her church activities, she was a teacher and a homemaker, rearing their two children, Nancy and Hampton.

The window was given in their honor by the children.

IN MEMORY OF MR. AND MRS. WALTER W. SNOW



This window was donated in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Walter W. Snow by their daughter, Mrs. H.N. Durston.

IN MEMORY OF GUY W. SPARGER

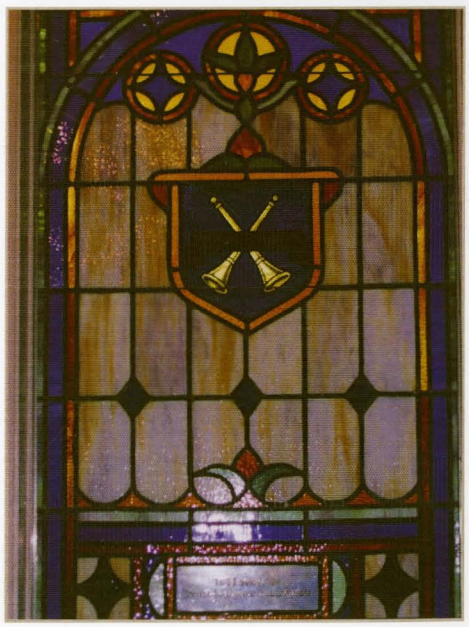


Guy Woodruff Sparger was born on February 25, 1893, and died on January 20, 1968. He was married to Callie Gardner in 1922. She was born May 27, 1896, and died December 17, 1995.

Both Guy and Callie attended and supported Antioch Baptist Church. Guy was a farmer, a veteran of World War I, and a partner in the Mount Airy and Galax, Virginia Livestock Markets. Callie was a homemaker, taking care of their two children, Mary Gardner Petlitz and Guy Mitchell Sparger.

The window was donated to the church by his family.

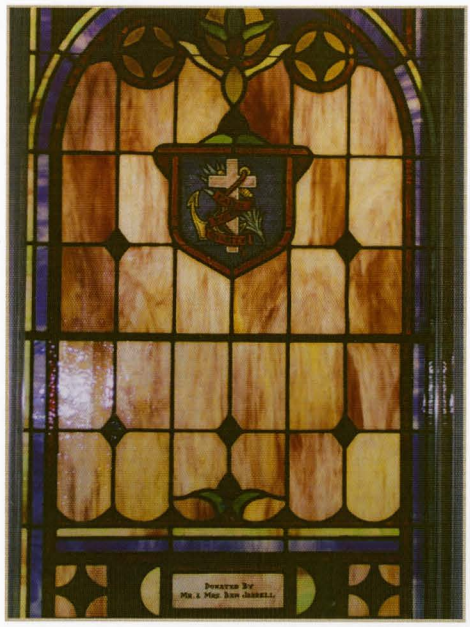
IN MEMORY OF ETHEL LAMBERT DOLLYHIGH



Ethel Lambert Dollyhigh was born on March 15, 1902, and died on December 14, 1963. She married Brady Beamer Dollyhigh and together they had eleven children. Nine of the children survived. They lived in Surry County all their lives and were farmers.

Their son E. Gray Dollyhigh donated the window in memory of his mother.

DONATED BY BEN AND ALMA JARRELL



Ben (5/26/01-4/20/97) and
Alma Jarrell (2/20/07-2/3/93)

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Jarrell were active members of Antioch Baptist Church for many years. They were received into the congregation by letter in 1949. Until her death on February 3, 1993, Alma Jarrell was active in WMU and Sunday School, teaching for 35 years. Until his death on April 20, 1997, Ben Jarrell remained active in the church and served as a deacon.

Before Mrs. Jarrell's death in 1993 the couple had celebrated 68 years of marriage.

In a Profile article in the Mount Airy News, published in February 1995, Ben Jarrell was quoted as saying, "My preacher said I've been left here for a reason. He said the Lord still had work for me to do".



IN HONOR OF DANIEL FRANKLIN AND CALLIE HAYMORE HUFFMAN

Dan was born on July 8, 1907, and died May 6, 1985. Callie was born November 14, 1908, and died September 18, 1997. They married August 21, 1927. As faithful members of Antioch, Dan served as a deacon and Callie participated in WMU. Dan worked in a local furniture factory until he was drafted into the Marines in World War II. When his military service was over, he returned to the furniture factory and worked there until he retired. Callie was a homemaker with a family of seven children.

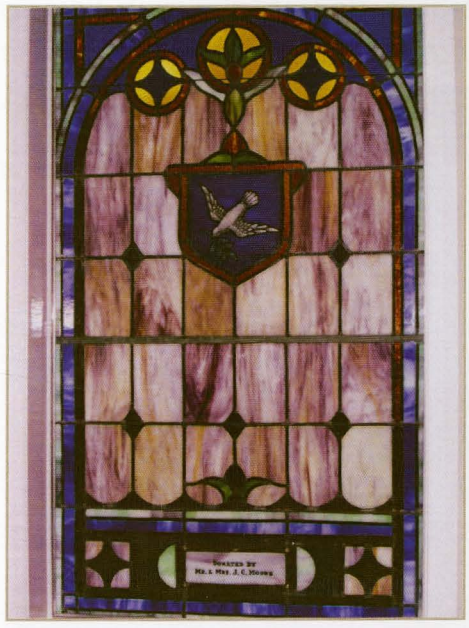


IN MEMORY OF DONALD REX HUFFMAN

Rex, the son of Dan and Callie Huffman, was a quiet man, dedicated to his church and family. He was born May 1, 1934, and died in a tragic accident on September 21, 1967.

He was married to Nirelle Willard and they had two sons, Donnie and Trent. He was employed as a truck driver to haul cars and deliver gasoline.

DONATED BY MR. AND MRS. CLINTON MOORE

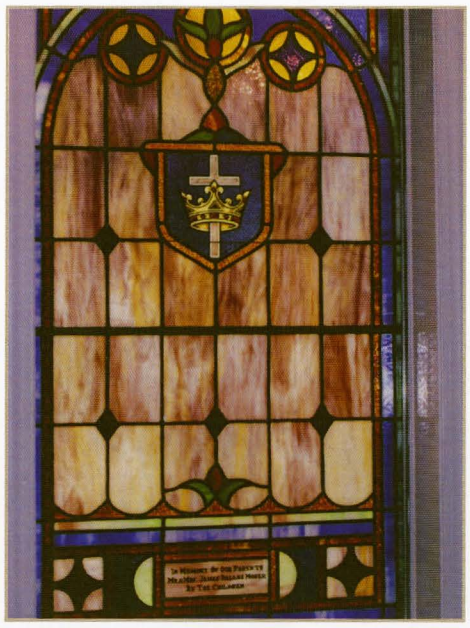


Clinton Moore was born October 1, 1910, and died August 18, 1993. His wife Sadie McHone Moore was born May 10, 1912, and died July 11, 1998. The couple married December 2, 1933.

Clinton was a deacon and for many years served as church custodian. He took his duties as custodian very seriously and in addition to the general cleaning chores, saw that the kitchen was supplied with paper goods. He also mowed the church grounds until that job became too much for him and the church hired a lawn care service.

Sadie was always faithful in attendance at Sunday services and WMU.

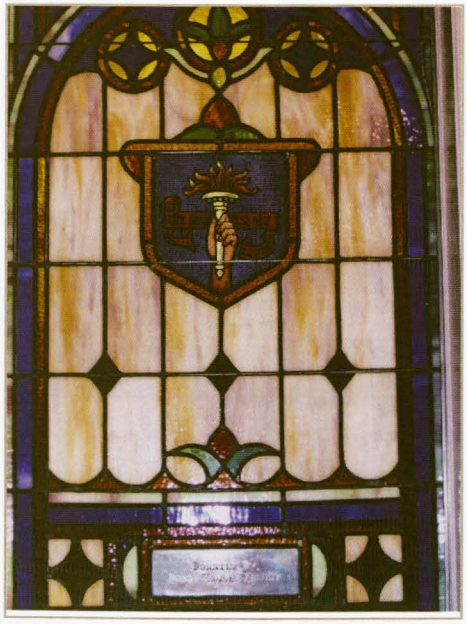
IN MEMORY OF MR. AND MRS. JAMES DALLAS MOSER



James Dallas Moser and Effie Haymore were married on January 6, 1917. At the time of their marriage, Effie was a member of Antioch Baptist Church, while Dallas was a member of Union Hill Friends Church. Not long after their marriage, Dallas joined Antioch and was baptized. For as long as their health permitted during their 52 year marriage, they were faithful in their attendance and support of the church.

The couple raised six children as a farm family. Their descendants have remained active in the life of the church through the years. Their daughter, Georgia, and son, Wayne, along with their children and grandchildren, continue that tradition. The children gave the window to the church in the parents' memory.

Both Dallas and Effie are buried in the Antioch cemetery. Dallas died on September 15, 1969, at the age of 75 and Effie died less than a year later on July 12, 1970 at the age of 70.



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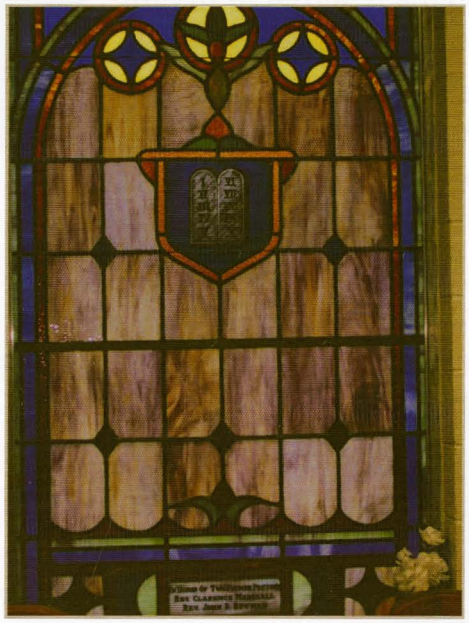
Bobby Hauser, a former member of Antioch Baptist Church, donated this window. During his time of membership, Bobby was active in the church and served as a deacon.

IN HONOR OF REV. CLARENCE MARSHALL AND REV. JOHN D. BOWMAN

This window was donated in honor of two much-loved pastors of Antioch Baptist Church.

Rev. Clarence Marshall served as pastor of Antioch from 1956 until 1962 and is still active in the ministry as interim pastor at Stone Mountain Baptist Church. During his tenure, the wooden church building was replaced with the current brick building.

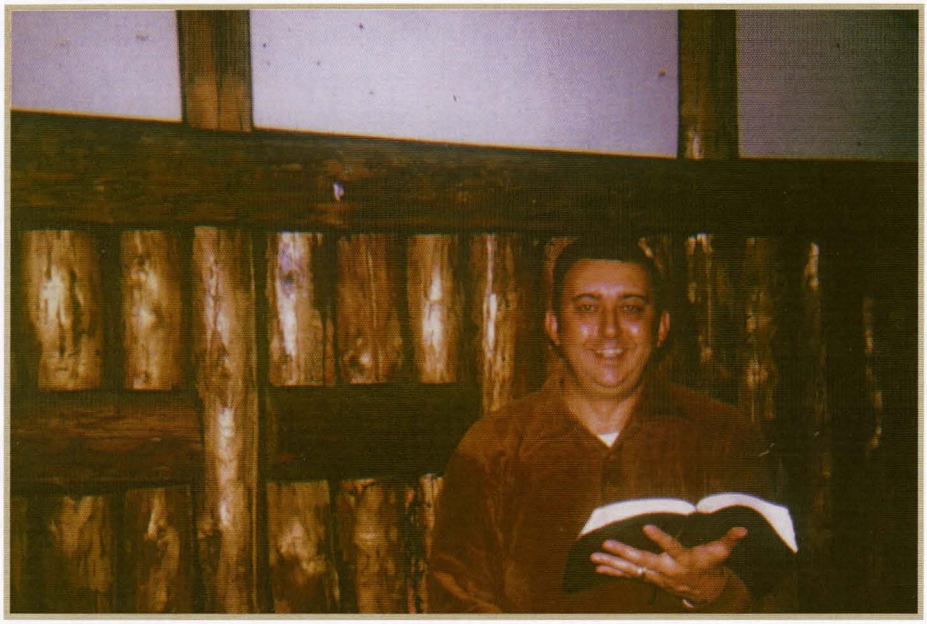
Rev. John D. Bowman served as pastor of Antioch from 1963 until 1968 and remained active in the ministry for as long as his health permitted. During his time at Antioch, the parsonage was completed, and he and his family were the first to live there.



ANTIOCH MISSIONS

KOBUK, ALASKA – 1974

In January of 1974, the church voted to allow the pastor, Rev. Bailey Elmore to make a mission trip to Alaska. This is the first missions trip that is recorded in church documents. Rev. Elmore has shared a photograph of his trip for our history publication.



Rev. Bailey Elmore at First Baptist Church of Kobuk, Alaska

SITKA, ALASKA – AUGUST 2001

Jake Hooker also participated in a mission trip to Alaska, this time to Sitka in August of 2001. At the time of his trip, Jake was eighteen years old and had served as a camp counselor at Camp Caraway for three summers. He and a group of other counselors from the RA summer camp had the opportunity to travel to Sitka as an outreach ministry of a partnership between North Carolina Baptist Associations and Alaska Baptist Associations, sponsored by North Carolina Baptist Men. During their stay in Alaska, these young men conducted Vacation Bible School for children at a local Baptist church and helped with some landscaping projects.

AFRICA MISSION TRIP
August 1997
Submitted by Jean Seal Walker

2 Corinthians 12:9 – "But he said to me, my grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness. Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me."

It is amazing how God works for our good. God is so big and powerful and mighty, and He knows everything and is everywhere all the time – and yet He loves each one of us and knows us by name and wants to have a personal relationship with each one of us. He is so big and we are so small, and He is personally interested in each one of us.

Acts 1:8 – "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

God called me to go to Africa, and He did it by speaking to me through people of the church. I was leading an *Experiencing God* study with a group that included my sister, Mary. One night she told us that God had put something on her heart that we all needed to pray about, but she wasn't even sure what it was at the time. So we all prayed about it and soon discovered that this prayer request involved my going to Africa. Right after that, Wayne Trexler, who was serving our Surry Baptist Association, asked me if I would go on a team to Africa in August. The original idea for this trip was unique in that it came from a pastor of one of the churches in Africa who mentioned to Wayne that they wanted a team to come in August and introduce them to the Experiencing God process. After I went through a list of excuses why I could not go – like I'm a picky eater and I probably couldn't eat their food, and I would starve to death, or I'd get sick and not be of any use to anyone while I was there - then God reminded me that I needed to be faithful to Him and He would provide the rest. (1Corinthians 4:2 – "Now it is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful.") So I said yes. Guess what? While I was there I was able to eat everything that was provided, I didn't get an upset stomach, a headache, or anything while I was there. I was even able to survive without my own pillow for the entire trip. I realized that God had been preparing me for this task long before anyone knew it was going to come about. He was also preparing the people that we taught in Africa, as we found out later. God wants to work through us to accomplish His purposes. All we have to do is be willing. He'll do all the rest. (1Thessalonians 5:24 – "The one who calls you is faithful and he will do it.")

We are the only team that has traveled there in the wintertime. I think I know why. We were cold the whole time we were there. But it was in that environment that God spoke to me the most while I was there. He showed me that I had been too comfortable. I was willing to do whatever He asked, but I had not been led to do something like this up to this point. God's strength is made perfect in our weakness. We introduced a life-changing experience to them – not just a class. We taught at the Durbanville Baptist Church in the town of Durban, which lies on the outskirts of Cape Town, South Africa on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday nights from 7:00 to 9:00 each night. On Friday, we went to a camp. It was kind of like going to Ridgecrest, except there was no heat in the little cabins we slept in. They don't have heat in any of their houses or buildings. We had a session at the camp on Friday night, Saturday morning, and Sunday morning. God enabled us to accomplish the mission He had sent us on. We are imperfect people, but God can accomplish His will through us if we let Him. I was sitting in front of the fireplace after our session on Friday night at the camp when I realized that God would get me through without me freezing to death. (Psalm 34:19 – "A righteous man may have many troubles, but the Lord delivers him for them all;') I realized again just what a great sacrifice He made for me on the cross, and I realized how small a thing it was for me to be uncomfortable for a little while while God was using me for His plans in Africa.

I urge you to go wherever God calls you to go. It may be to Africa or to some other country, or it may be just to let God use you where you are now.

There is a saying that comes from *Experiencing God* that I would like to leave you with; "If you feel weak, limited, or ordinary, you are the perfect material through which God can work."



NICARAGUA MISSION

Submitted by David Brintle

In January of 2004, Antioch Baptist Church began to further expand its foreign missionary support to the Central American country of Nicaragua. In preceding years, the church was blessed to have individual members participate in various foreign mission trips to the far reaches of the globe on the African Continent and Alaska. As always, this humble and loving church body rallied to support these individuals in their missionary trips. Now, the church would focus its support southward to the second poorest nation in the Western Hemisphere, Nicaragua. A country plagued by natural disasters, corrupt governments, and the resulting poverty and despair that follow these destructive forces.

It began with one member, David Brintle, and the Pastor, Dale Wallace, linking up with a Presbyterian church in South Carolina for a medical mission trip to this poor country. The two men assisted the doctors and nurses as "gophers" in distributing basic medical care to Nicaraguan people in remote villages. Many had never seen a "real" doctor or nurse. They also spent time in the humble homes of the natives giving them rice, beans, and other staples to ease their physical hunger. More importantly, they helped to give them the food of the spiritual body, which is the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Lastly, they spent time in orphanages giving the children, who were starved for love and affection, the wonderful news that God loves them and that these "strange" men from this place called North Carolina loved them, too.

Following that first trip in early 2005, those two Antioch members were now officially "NICARAGUA BITTEN." They knew they had to return and felt a special calling to focus their efforts on helping a little orphanage there, Quincho, and its full-time American missionary managers, Mike and Joan Vilasi. The two went right to work trying to garner support from the church body and recruit new members to return with them. As is always the case with Antioch, the church immediately responded by embracing this part-time mission work with all its love and support.

The return trip was completed in January of 2006, with six members going, including four new members Roger Grant, Tom Marcum, Keith York, and Shane Goins. The team centered their efforts on construction work at the orphanage and spoiling the kids and the managers (Mike and Joan) with all the loving support they could. The team also spent a day visiting the poorest people in their very humble homes. One Nicaraguan lady was emotionally overcome with joy when the team erected walls for her home that had been destroyed by the winds. To give some perspective on the abject poverty of these people, it must be noted the walls were erected with black plastic. Antioch, as always, rose to the occasion of supporting this second mission

trip by sending lots of donated items for the Nicaraguans, giving of their generous dollars, and most importantly, praying for the team constantly.

Later that year, a third trip was taken by David and his wife, an elementary school teacher. The teacher, also an Antioch member, was the seventh different member to embark on a Nicaraguan mission trip in just eighteen months. The couple once again focused on helping the kids at the Quincho orphanage with the emphasis on fun educational games led by the teacher, and once again spoiled the kids with all the love and attention they could. Lastly, they were privileged to join up with some full-time missionaries in Nicaragua and distribute shoes and Bibles to children who LIVE in the city trash dump in Managua with their families. Nothing could prepare them for the desperate situation they would encounter in the dump, but GOD opened their spiritual eyes to many things that day.

In early fall of 2006, yet a fourth trip to Nicaragua was planned. God was and is continuing to stir the hearts of the people of Antioch for the people of Nicaragua. And through the sharing of the pictures and stories of these trips, HE is stirring the hearts of those in the community as well. This trip is already planned as of the writing of this letter and God willing, will include nine people with four "first-time" members and one individual from a neighboring church. This trip will again focus on what has become our adopted orphanage, Quincho, and our adopted full-time missionary couple, Mike and Joan Vilasi. Enthusiasm and excitement continue to grow here at Antioch and in our community for the work GOD is doing in Nicaragua. We as a church are humbled and blessed to be a small part of this ministry.

We cannot know what God has in store for us in Nicaragua; perhaps a hundred more trips to come, perhaps none. But what we do know as his children at the church of Antioch, is that hearts and minds have been profoundly impacted for all eternity by what HE has shown us in Nicaragua with our brothers and sisters there. What we have learned, if we have learned nothing else, is that when we endeavor to help our brothers and sisters in need, whether near or far, we are changed as individuals and as a church body from the inside out. We are truly more blessed, it seems, than those we have attempted to bless in some small way.

What we also continue to discover is that God has blessed us all with a church that truly "gets it" when it comes to missions. Antioch understands that HE is the head and we are the body. That nothing is impossible with HIM if we will take up our cross and suffer along with HIM. That we as a church take seriously HIS words in Matthew 25:35 "I was hungry, and ye gave me something to eat; I was thirsty..." Taking seriously the words of Isaiah the prophet in chapter 58 "When you feed the

hungry, when you clothe the naked, when you encourage the oppressed, then your life is going to break forth like the dawn…"

The "dawn" continues to break forth at Antioch Baptist Church as it has for well over a century now. With our humble prayers to our Lord, may it always be that this church follows these words of our Lord and the prophet Isaiah by reaching out to our brothers and sisters in need, and in doing so, fulfilling its primary goal to be that missionary-minded body ministering to the needs of all our brothers and sisters within reach both near and far. If we honor the memory of the Antioch Saints gone on before us, by never forgetting THE MISSION of the church, the" dawn" will always be breaking forth at Antioch Baptist. God has promised it!

Since the writing of this paper the fall trip of 2006 has taken place as well as a returning trip in 2007 and 2008. With each trip one to two "first-timers" have joined the team. Each year Quincho orphanage was ministered to as well as the children at the dump. They also ministered to the poorest of the poor by visiting their homes and taking them food as well as a Spanish Bible. In 2007 and 2008 a feeding station was held where 400 – 500 people were fed. For some of the people this was their only hot meal for the week.



2005 Nicaragua Mission Team with children from Quincho Orphanage

VERMONT MISSION TRIP
Submitted by Mary Hooker

In July 2006, three members of Antioch (Harold, Mary, and Ashley Hooker) joined a team of fourteen members of the Surry Baptist Association on a mission trip to Wet Pawlet, Vermont. The evangelistic outreach work was a result of a partnership agreement between North Carolina Baptists and Vermont Baptists. While in Vermont, the team did door-to-door surveys about the interest of restarting a Baptist church in the community. We met some of the members of the previously active church, prepared for a children's Backyard Bible Club, and served a North Carolina barbeque supper for the church and community.

Since our return we have learned that the church has been revitalized with Bible Study and community activities. Friendships were formed through the shared love of God, and we learned that Christians willing to serve are alike no matter where they live.



Surry Baptist Association Vermont Mission Team

REFLECTIONS



MEMORIES OF SISTERS, LIZZIE HAWKS AND JOSIE SEAL

The History Committee had the pleasure of meeting at the home of Lizzie Hawks and Josie Seal to conduct an oral history interview on October 18, 2005. At the time of the interview, Lizzie, age 96, had been a member of Antioch Baptist Church for 82 years, having been baptized at the age of 14 years by Preacher Joe Hall. Her sister Josie, age 93, was baptized at the age of 12 years by Preacher Ira Ferguson.

Antioch School:

Lizzie attended Antioch School through the fourth grade, which was located on what is now Highway 89. The school was a two-room structure with a staff of two teachers. One teacher taught grades one through four, and the other teacher taught grades five through seven. The teacher of the older children was primarily responsible for the duties of school administration, serving in a role similar to the modern-day school principle. Lizzie estimated that each classroom served approximately 25 students.

When the weather was cold, the older boys were assigned the task of getting to school early enough to start the fire in the woodstove. Students walked to school when the roads were dry – there are notes in the old church minutes regarding school cancellations due to wet or icy weather conditions. Lizzie recalls that the road to the school became extremely slick and muddy with any significant rainfall. Arrangements were made for the students to travel by horse and buggy at times when it was difficult to travel by foot. Lizzie recalled a teacher named Miss Minnie Herring, who was her first teacher and who also taught Lizzie and Josie's older brothers. Miss Foy Johnson was another teacher at the school. Josie recalled that her teacher at the school was Eva Banner and that Martha Cox was the teacher in the other classroom. Most of the teachers boarded in homes near the school. Even though they were not from far distances away, daily travel was very difficult before the advent of automobiles. It is unknown whether the school was supported financially by the church congregation.

There was an annual commencement service at Christmas which was held at the church. Lizzie said the students were always excited about the preparations for this event. She remembers that the children would line up to go from the school to the church for practice and that all the students were very well-behaved and orderly.

Church Facilities:

Antioch Baptist Church was formed from Old Hollow Primitive Baptist Church. The charter members of Antioch Baptist Church separated from Old Hollow Primitive Baptist Church because of a difference in philosophy towards missions work. The founders of Antioch Baptist Church believed in the cause of missions work, while the members of most Primitive Baptist churches at the time did not support missions. Initially, the newly organized church met in the homes of members and was first called Union Hill Baptist Church, later changing its name to Antioch Baptist Church.

The carpenter who built the first church was Mr. Hackney. He served as the primary contractor, but had plenty of help from church members in the community. The lumber for the construction of the church was taken by horse and wagon to Sylvatus, Virginia, to be dressed. This was the closest place where a planer was available. Once the construction was underway, men from the church would take a wagonload of lumber to Sylvatus, then return with a wagonload of dressed planks. All of the pews and furnishings were handmade, some made by Mr. Bunker. Lizzie remembers that the planks of the church were laid horizontally, rather than vertically. The church had a large bell that was rung every Sunday, early enough so that everyone would get to Sunday School on time. Lizzie remembers that the bell was rung repeatedly when World War I ended. (It is not known what happened to the bell when the old church was torn down.)

Like the old school, the church that Lizzie and Josie attended as children was also heated with a wood-burning stove, located in the center of the church. Lizzie recalled the pipe that extended from the woodstove to the chimney at the far end of the church. The pipe was so long that it was attached by wire to the ceiling.

Lizzie recalled not having a water supply at church before the first well was dug. During revivals, it was customary for people to carry a pitcher of water with them to the church service. This was a courtesy for the revival preacher. The water pitchers would be placed near the pulpit for his use as needed.

When Lizzie and Josie were small children, the Sunday School rooms were separated from the sanctuary by curtains. There were approximately four classes, one of those being the "Card" class, taught by Mrs. Reece. The Card Class was for preschool children and featured a card each week that had a Bible picture and story on it. The older children were divided into two other classes – the children's class and the juniors' class.

Lizzie and Josie's older sister, Mary, played the first instrument in the church, which was a pump organ. The choir was situated on the right, and the deacons were always seated together on the left. It was customary for the women and children in the congregation to sit together on the right and the men to sit together on the left.

Recollections of Church Members:

Callie Critz served as Sunday School secretary for many years.

Lizzie has served as a Sunday School teacher in the children's classes and the ladies' class.

Mr. Pete Beamer (Hampton's grandfather) taught the men's class. Josie and Lizzie recalled that you could hear him teach his lesson through the other curtains because of the way his voice carried. Lizzie said that it was a treat to listen to him because he was always prepared and knowledgeable, but also very plain-spoken and easy to understand.

For many years, Flora Allred made the unleavened bread that was used for the Lord's Supper.

When Lizzie and Josie moved to their present homeplace, they walked several Sundays to Ivy Green Baptist Church. Although many encouraged them to join the fellowship at Ivy Green, they never considered moving their membership from Antioch.

Church Schedule and Activities:

Josie and Lizzie recalled that Sunday School was once called Sabbath School. Sabbath School was held every Sunday, but preaching services were scheduled for only one weekend each month. On this weekend, there would be a Saturday service and a Sunday service. The services were well-attended by the church congregation. There was no annual Bible School scheduled when Lizzie and Josie were children.

Dinners together were not very frequent, but occasionally "Dinner on the Grounds" was enjoyed by the members. Lizzie recalled that she and Ila King shared fond memories of these dinners. The meal was actually eaten on the grounds, with white tablecloths spread beneath the trees. Those who drove buggies to church would tie the horses to the trees until the meal was complete. Lizzie remembers the first time that someone brought cornbread to one of the dinners. Callie Critz's mother was known for her cornbread and one of the church members made a special request that she bring her cornbread to the dinner.

Lizzie recalled that Antioch hosted the annual Surry Association meeting several times. The meeting was held for three days – Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. The families of the church looked forward to the times when Antioch would host the meeting and went out of their way to make special preparations. Visitors that came from a far distance traveled by buggy or wagon and were welcomed as guests in the homes of Antioch members for the entire three day event. The food was prepared by the ladies of Antioch, and the men made accommodations for the food by arranging work benches with planks laid across them for serving tables. Since there were no paper plates or plastic forks and spoons, the ladies always prepared plenty of biscuits,

fried chicken and ham. The meat was often placed inside the biscuit and eaten as finger food. There were no soft drinks available. A new galvanized tub was purchased before each meeting and filled with lemonade, which was served in tin cups.

The associational meetings were scheduled in mid-summer, July or August, to allow the farming families time between their planting and harvesting schedules to attend. Each day featured the sermon of a different preacher, as well as messages from the churches, N.C. Baptist Hospital, and representatives from the mission field.

Baptisms were held at Stewarts Creek (the bluff) during the Sunday School hour, then members would return to the church for the worship service. Baptisms were well-attended; the banks of the creek would be filled with people. It was not unusual to have as many as 15 people baptized at one time. At one point in time, the banks washed away and the baptisms were moved to the forks of the creek.

Revivals were usually scheduled in early July, with a visiting preacher. Most of the Antioch congregation had farms and worked diligently to get their work in order so that the family could attend the revival services. The roads leading to the church would be filled with people walking to the revival service, as there was very little traffic in those days. The revival services lasted for two weeks, and all members of the congregation put forth every effort to attend all services. One of the scheduled meeting times during revival was Saturday at 11:00 a.m.

Many people commented that they looked forward to hearing the choir sing at Antioch. The Antioch choir was known around the area as being one of the better singing groups. The choir and congregation used songbooks printed with "shape" notes. A member of Antioch, Mr. Heritage East, went to different churches in the area to teach singing schools that lasted for ten days. He wrote the hymn, "Where We Never Grow Old" in memory of his daughter. Mr. East is buried with other family members in the Antioch cemetery.

Business meetings were conducted after church services. Lizzie recalled that even though all motions did not always pass unanimously, there was never any dissension between members, and she does not know of anyone leaving the church because of arguments or differences of opinion.

Many people have mentioned their memories of the Seal Family singing together in church. When asked about this, Lizzie and Josie said that they did not recall any scheduled special singings, but that they would sing together as a family during regular church services and were sometimes asked to provide the music for funerals.

Lizzie recalled that her older sister was a member of WMU and the meetings were held on Saturday. The Baptist Training Union was started by Wilson Barber, a lawyer from Mt. Airy. Lizzie estimated that this was during the 1940's. Lizzie served as a BTU leader for a time.

Memories of Past Preachers:

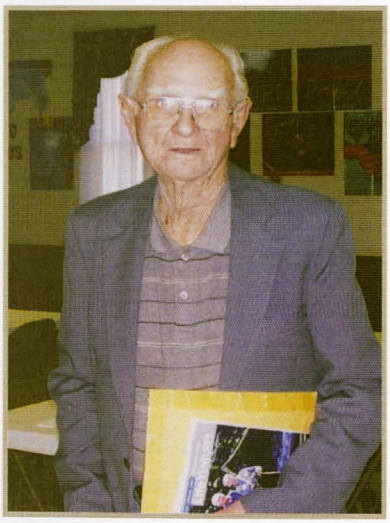
When asked about the first preacher that she could remember, Lizzie mentioned Preacher Simmons. She was a small child and does not recall hearing him preach, but does remember him visiting her family at their home and that he traveled in a horse and buggy. Lizzie recalled that Preacher Simmons was known for his faithfulness, traveling in his horse and buggy in all kinds of inclement weather. On the weekends when the preacher was scheduled for services on Saturday and Sunday, he would often spend the night in the homes of church members.

It was customary for the preacher to go home with one of the families from church for Sunday dinner each week. This practice continued for many years, until the parsonage was constructed, allowing the preacher easier access to the church with much less travel.

The first preacher that Josie can recall is Preacher King. He served as the pastor at First Baptist Church at the same time that he served Antioch.

Other preachers that served Antioch while Lizzie and Josie were growing up were Ira Ferguson and Rev. Stanley.

MEMORIES OF CARLIE McCORMICK



Carlie McCormick was born in the Beulah community of Surry County and attended Beulah Methodist Church in his childhood. In 1948, following his service in World War II in the Army Air Force, he married his wife, Margie, and moved into a house located across from Antioch Baptist Church on Highway 89.

At that time he began attending Antioch and united with the church. Since the Baptist church required baptism by immersion, he had to be baptized in order to be received into full fellowship. He was baptized by Rev. D. D. Hodges in Stewarts Creek at the Beamer bridge and began a long, active service as a member of Antioch.

During his 58 years as a member of the church, Carlie served as a Sunday School teacher for the adult men's Class, led the Wednesday night Bible study, served on the properties committee, sang in the choir, and was a long time messenger to the Surry Baptist Association. As long as her health permitted, his late wife, Margie, also was a messenger with him to the Association. In addition to his devotion to Antioch, Carlie also served the Surry Association as a board member and was chairman for one year.

When Carlie became a member at Antioch, the church building was a wood-sided structure with two front doors. There was no indoor plumbing or well for water. In a hollow down the hill behind the church there was a spring. When services were held, someone would go to the spring and fill up two buckets with water, which with dippers provided, served as drinking water for all in attendance. Later the membership decided that there was a real need for a well and a special fund was set up to raise the money needed. About the time that sufficient money was available, H. V. Holder, a church member, offered to pay for the well himself, and B. A. Jarvis, another member, gave plumbing supplies to complete the project, so the money raised by the church could be used for other needs. At some point, the pot-bellied stove which had provided heat had been replaced with an oil furnace. On a memorable Sunday, the furnace malfunctioned and exploded with a loud boom, creating alarm in the congregation. Fortunately there was no serious structural damage, but instant repair was needed as a funeral service was scheduled that day. Some of the members, with the help of a local heating contractor, set about getting the furnace working well enough to hold the funeral. However, a new furnace had to be purchased. There was never any air-conditioning in the wood church, so the congregation had to depend on hand fans donated by Moody Funeral Home for cooling during hot weather. These fans could be found in most all of the rural churches in those years. The pews in that wood church were home made from lumber donated by Mr. Chris Bunker's father and were not very comfortable to sit on.

The thing that Carlie most loved about Antioch was the warm welcome the church always exhibited to all who entered the church door, member and non-member alike. The Wednesday night meal followed by Bible study was a special time for him.

The history committee met with Carlie at his home in early 2007 to record his memories of Antioch. Not long after, his health failed, and he entered a local nursing home, where he could receive the care he needed. He still loved to attend the services at Antioch, and fellow church member, Albert Cockerham, would often go by the nursing home and bring him to church.

Carlie passed away on January 2, 2008. He was buried with full military honors in the church cemetery.

MEMORIES OF ALICE HORTON



Alice was born April 22, 1912. She is the daughter of William Lonzo Seal and Mamie Victoria Younger Seal and attended Antioch Church from birth. She became a member after being baptized at age 12. She lived with her grandparents, Sam and Drucilla Seal, after the death of her mother. At that time she was four years old, and she remembers coming to church in a wagon pulled by a horse.

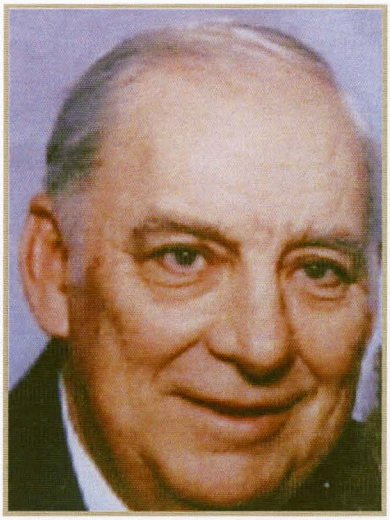
The old wood sided church that sat on the site of the present church had two front doors. People could enter from either door, but all the men sat on one side, and all the women sat on the other. There was no church rule preventing families from sitting together, but they never did.

The church was heated with an iron stove located near the pulpit, so only those sitting near the front of the church benefited from the heat. In the back, the church was always cold.

Later as the church grew, a wing was added to the back of the church for Sunday school rooms. For many years, Alice was the nursery teacher.

Alice often cooked Sunday dinner and had the preacher for dinner following Sunday preaching. Services were not held every Sunday, and it was the practice for a church member to "feed the preacher" on preaching Sundays. This practice continued until the church built a parsonage for the pastor to live in. Rev. John D. Bowman was the first pastor to reside in the parsonage.

Homecoming was always a special event. There was a message from the preacher, who was often a former pastor, dinner for everyone, and an afternoon of singing. The expression "dinner on the grounds" describes the way the food was put out. There was no fellowship hall or outdoor picnic tables, so the ladies of the church spread tablecloths on the ground, and the food was placed on the cloths. Everyone filled their plates and found a shady spot to eat before going back into the church for the singing. When the present brick church was built, the homecoming meal moved inside to the fellowship hall. Now the congregation could eat more comfortably, as well as have access to running water and indoor bathrooms.



MEMORIES OF BUFORD SEAL

Buford began attending Antioch Church as an infant and continues his attendance to the present. As a child he often rode to church in the back of a pick-up truck. Ad and Caleb Allred, Terry and Frank Beamer, and Dallas Moser are among the church members that he remembers well. He attended church during the time of the ministry of Brady Snow, Lonnie Fleming, Delmar Hodges, Clarence Marshall, John D. Bowman, and Bailey Elmore. He especially remembers Rev. Marshall and Rev. Elmore with fondness.

For many years, preaching only occurred on the 1st. and 3rd Sunday of each month. After the service, the minister and his family went home with a church member for Sunday dinner. Different members took turns "feeding the preacher."

Some of the activities that he especially remembers are the annual trip to take food to the orphanage at Thomasville, a group cleaning off the briars and weeds from the cemetery, and the special Christmas program where everyone received a bag of treats.

Revivals were always special. There was loud preaching by a visiting minister and lots of good singing. Antioch has always had a reputation for good music. Seal family members Josie Seal, Lizzie Hawks, Benton Seal. Joe Frank Seal and Alice Horton were known for their singing ability and would sing at revivals and Sunday services.

Singing schools were sometimes held at the church. Bible School, held in the summer, was always a special time.

When a visiting preacher came to Antioch, he was usually given $5.00.

Buford and his wife Virginia Hill Seal have raised their five children in Antioch Church. The three adult children who still live in Surry County are members and grandchildren are on the roll as well. Daughters Mary and Jean are active in many church endeavors.

In this family, five generations have attended Antioch Church.

MEMORIES OF BARNETT KING



On November 15, 2005 the History Committee met with Mr. Barnett King in his home. He was very informative to our committee by giving us a great deal of information pertaining to Antioch Baptist Church. Regretfully, Mr. King passed away on September 16, 2007, before the publication of this history. The History Committee is most appreciative of the time that we spent with Barnett and Ann King conducting this interview and sharing the memories of this faithful servant of Antioch Baptist Church.

Barnett King served in the army from 1941 – 1945. In 1941 while stationed in Maryland he came home, married Ila Beamer, then returned to service. He completed his time of service in 1945 and he and Ila returned to Antioch, Ila's home church. At that time, Brady Snow was the pastor.

Barnett was baptized by Rev. Delmar Hodges along with Albert Simmons at a pond in Flat Rock. When we asked his thoughts of the installation of the baptistry at Antioch he commented it was nice but he still liked baptisms at the creek.

Ila started playing the organ at Antioch at the age of 14. After she and Barnett married and had children he said his job was taking care of James and Ann, their children, since Ila was at the organ. He would keep a child on each side of him.

Barnett and Ila lived on Highway 89 at Beamer Bridge. He commented that he and Ila would walk to church each Sunday until they got their first car.

Barnett reported that Harl Holder bought the old Antioch church for $1800.00. Hobert Johnson was in charge of selling the church.

Barnett mentioned several of the previous pastors. He commented how he liked all the pastors but Clarence Marshall, Bailey Elmore, and Lonnie Fleming stood out in his mind. He said pastors were voted on yearly by show of hands which was later changed to secret ballot.

The biggest change Barnett has seen is that he does not know a lot of the people at Antioch now due to church growth. They still had Christmas plays in the past and the revivals lasted about a week held by a visiting preacher.

Barnett talked fondly of his Sunday School class. He recalled that Luther Seal was his teacher. Barnett kept the books for his class as well as for the building fund. Some members he remembered were Clinton Moore, Terry Beamer, Benton Seal, Dan Huffman, Troy Smith, Ben Jarrell, Dick Jarvis, and Harl Holder.

Some donations given to Antioch by Barnett are the table at the entrance to the fellowship hall and he paid Tommy Gordon $5.00 to make the cross that holds the communion cups and plate that is still placed at the front of the church.

NANCY BEAMER HIATT REMEMBERS ANTIOCH

My childhood memories of Antioch Baptist Church are vivid. In the old frame church, the pot bellied stove stood in a box of sand and gravel. That area was the center of most of our activity. Standing around it for a little bit of warmth was a priority. The stove pipe ran overhead a long distance to an outer wall opening; there was no chimney.

There were wires stretched across the big chapel that had drab curtains hung on them. These curtains were pulled together to divide the area into various classrooms for Sunday School. The church benches were our seats, and we could hear the other classes being taught around us. One could listen to the lesson that was the most interesting.

Those benches were very comfortable, hand made and smooth with a dark finish. I may be wrong, but I remember them being slanted toward the back to make them more comfortable.

The walls were fascinating. They were of hand planed wood with the strokes visible and painted off white. To me they represented the loving care with which the building had been constructed.

Some of the people I particularly remember are Roger Critz and his sister, Minnie, who came to church in a T-model Ford every Sunday. Minnie was the Sunday School Secretary. The Sam Seal family came to church from their home near the mountains and often sang beautiful old-time shape note music. Mr. Charlie Tate was Church Steward and devotedly performed his duties. Mrs. Luther Seal often prayed in church, but at that time most women remained silent.

As far back as I can remember, Uncle Edwin Beamer and John D. Allred were the ushers who passed collection plates at every preaching service. The deacons passed

the Sacrament trays for communion which was observed once a year. It was a very reverent time.

Revival meetings were a happening in those days. This was before television, so folks loved the opportunity to come together. The revivals were always held in the summer, and the church building would be so very hot. Local funeral homes furnished hand fans, with an advertisement, to Antioch and other churches as well. Everyone really appreciated having these fans to stir the air a bit.

In those days, the women and men sat separately on the two rows of benches at the front of the church, with the children sitting with the women. The men sat on the left side of the building, and the women sat on the right. I had never seen families sit together until I went off to college.

When Sunday School was over, the church bell was rung to announce that preaching was about to commence. The Doxology was sung at the beginning of the service. Since I played the piano for the congregation and choir from 1946 to 1950, I fondly remember the singing. Some members, a great portion of the men, never opened their mouths to sing, but others made joyful noises.

Christmas programs were wonderful! The play would be practiced for weeks, and the choir would rehearse the old familiar carols to be interspersed throughout the play. There would always be a large crowd of folks present for these productions. Treats were passed out to the children at the conclusion of the play. As a child, I remember going once with Daddy (Terry F. Beamer) to Lovill's Wholesale Grocery on Main Street in Mount Airy to purchase the fruit for the treats. My favorite was the grapes which had been dried on the vine. (NOTE: Christmas treats are still given out at the Christmas play to all in attendance.)

Life was simple and impressive in those days in the middle of the 20th century, and Antioch represented the best of the best!

MEMORIES OF JEANETTE JARRELL BARBER

Antioch Baptist Church has been a big part of my life. I started attending Antioch in 1959. After moving to our home in this area, I started looking for a church that would fulfill my spiritual needs and also have good programs for my children, Nick and Mary Ellen. I wanted them to learn of God's love. After attending the church several times, I felt that Antioch was the Church for us. Nick was six years old, and Mary Ellen was three at the time. Antioch had so much to offer: Sunday School, RA's, GA's, and WMU.

I have been in the same Sunday School Class for forty seven years. We have all grown together. We have raised our children, become grandparents, and now we are becoming great-grandparents. Most of all we have grown in God's love.

Mary Ellen joined the church in 1967. She is now living in Wilmington and working with The Christian Women's Job Corp. Nick married Deborah Fouts in 1976. They had a beautiful church wedding. They joined the church and were baptized together. They have three children: Amy, Scott, and Patrick who all became members of Antioch.

God has blessed my life so much through the people at Antioch Church. They have always been there for me through crises in my life and the death of family members. Words cannot express what this has meant to me.

When God closes one door, He opens another. Owen Barber started attending the church, joined, and was baptized. One day he asked me out to lunch: after that we found out that many people in the church wanted us to get together. We were married on June 17, 2000 in the church with a number of the members present to witness our wedding. We believe that God put us together. We both feel so grateful to be a part of Antioch Church.

OTIS AND ELDEAN SMITH REFLECT ON ANTIOCH

Because we are relatively new to Antioch Church, we don't have long term memories to share. However, we have been warmly received by everyone here and feel completely at home. Our first memorable experience at Antioch was the Hanging of the Green in December 2003.

The people here are well organized and work together to achieve the same goals for God's glory. This speaks so well of the fellowship in the church.
We feel fortunate that God has placed us here to be a part of this ministry.

THE BILL HORTON FAMILY

Our family first came to Antioch during the time that Quentin Madden was pastor. He was a likeable, outgoing person who made us feel very welcome. Many of the deacons, in addition to our Sunday School Class, received us with warmth.

When we became members of Antioch, my wife, Beth, son, Ben, and I were baptized by immersion because we had come from a church that practiced "sprinkling." Thus we became true Baptists. At Antioch I felt the call to preach, and Rev. Dale Wallace supported and mentored me as I undertook this journey in my life. Later, after two hours of serious questioning from the Ordination Council, I was ordained in a special service.

Since I had become an ordained minister, I had the special privilege of baptizing my daughter, Janie, at Antioch before we moved to Virginia to serve a church there.

Christmas was always an unforgettable time because of the beautiful seasonal decorations in the church: the advent wreath and candles, candles in the windows, the Christmas tree, and poinsettias surrounding the choir loft and musical instruments.

REFLECTIONS BY SANDRA HIATT

I have many memories of the people at Antioch who have influenced and changed my life. These precious people will forever remain in my heart. One is Melissa Martin Huffman, who asked me one day if I would like to help with the youth group. That was about sixteen years ago. My love and passion for the youth of Antioch began then and continues today.

Another is Terri Moser, whom I have had the pleasure of working with on children's projects. I got to know her better when we served together on the Long Range Planning Committee. Her prayers were inspiring and uplifting.

The senior members of Antioch are special people. Some have passed on since I have been attending the church, but their influence on my life remains. Troy and Alice Horton, Terry and Nannie Beamer, Margie and Carlie McCormick, Clarence and Lizzie Hawks, Josie Seal, and Freeda Beck are among those who have meant so much to me. They showed me strong faith, love of God and church, and dedication to and contentment with a simple life that is not based on material possessions.

Pastors, too, have meant a lot as I faced personal difficulties. Quentin Madden supported me as I went through chemotherapy. Dale and Wanda Wallace were there for me when my beloved husband, Junior, passed away.

Junior helped lead me to Christ many years ago. Through him I learned of God's love for me, and he helped me to stay strong and grow daily in my walk of faith.

I also remember Dave Allred, who came to Antioch as interim pastor, and kept the congregation focused and working together.

Since I have been attending Antioch, family members have accepted Christ and been baptized here. My great-granddaughter was dedicated as well. These moments are memorable for me.

DeANNA McHONE

DeAnna McHone shared several events at Antioch that are important milestones in their family. On June 23, 1991, Jimmy McHone Jr. and DeAnna Beamer McHone were united in marriage and have been faithful members for over sixteen years. Jimmy was baptized on May 22, 1982 and DeAnna followed him in baptism in 1989. Their son, Jacob, was dedicated on May 9, 1999 and their daughter Ellie was dedicated on June 15, 2003.

HOBERT AND PAULINE SEAL JOHNSON

Hobert and Pauline Seal Johnson were members of Antioch Baptist Church for many years and shared with us some of their special memories. Pauline Seal Johnson is the daughter of Luther and Elizabeth Hall Seal so was born into the fellowship of Antioch Church and was baptized in 1941. On April 17, 1949, which was Easter Sunday, she married Hobert Johnson at the church. Hobert is a native of Surry County and began attending Antioch after their wedding. He is noted for his fine singing voice, so he was a natural fit with the Seal family. He also sang for a number of years in a local gospel quartet.

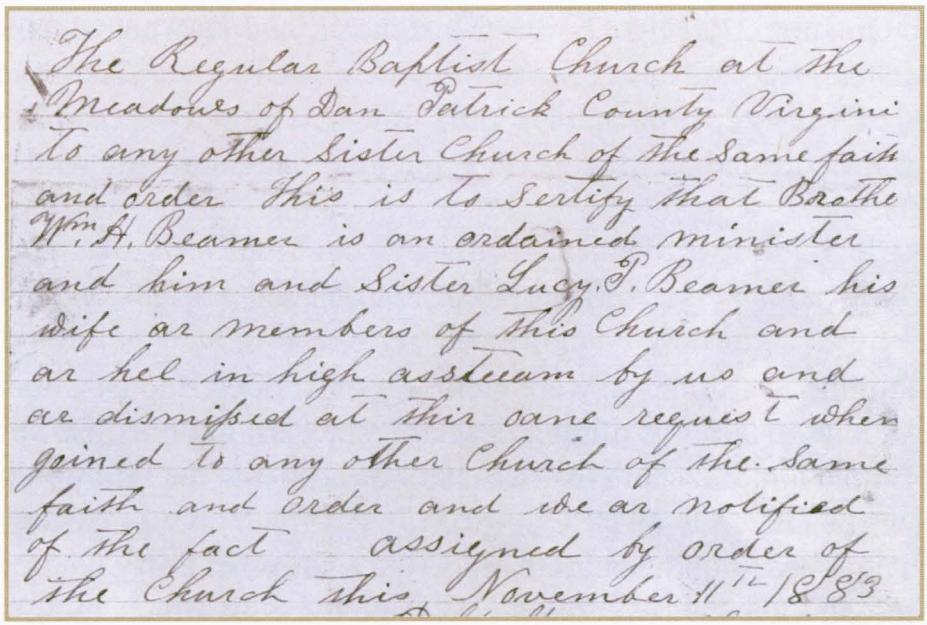
The couple was blessed with three children. Steven was dedicated at Antioch in January 1951 and twins Samuel and Susan Johnson were dedicated in 1956. As a youth, Steven played on one of the early Antioch softball teams.

Hobert felt God's call to the ministry and was licensed to preach on May 19, 1963, then ordained at Antioch on January 19, 1964, with Rev. John D. Bowman serving as pastor. Hobert served as pastor of Hillcrest Baptist Church in Galax, Virginia before relocating to Conway, South Carolina, where he pastored Sweet Water Baptist Church until his retirement. His ministry has taken him to churches throughout North Carolina, Virginia, and South Carolina.

LU ANN LOVELACE

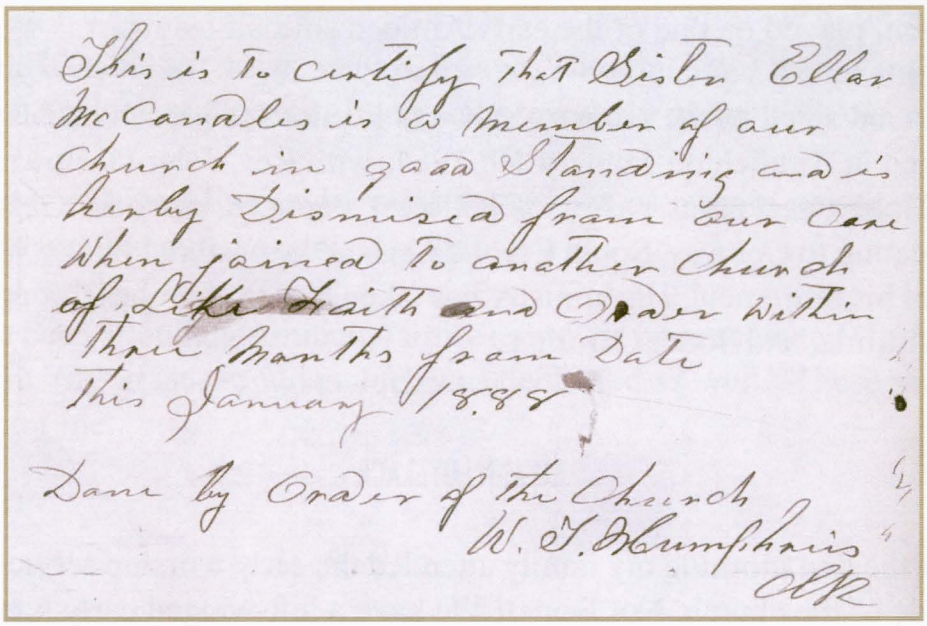
I remember the first morning my family attended the early worship service. We sat on the right side of the church. Not Done!! We have a left-winged early service! I have many fond memories of choir specials and meaningful occasions. The first time the choir performed a Gaither style Christmas program for a combined worship service, there was standing room only! Another favorite memory is from one of the plays presented at Antioch – I can still see Josh Nixon hanging on the cross at the front of the church.

ARTIFACTS AND HISTORICAL DOCUMENTS



The Regular Baptist Church at the Meadows of Dan Patrick County Virginia To any other Sister Church of the same faith and order This is to Sertify that Brothe Wm. H. Beamer is an ordained minister and him and Sister Lucy P. Beamer his wife ar members of this Church and ar hel in high assteem by us and ar dismised at thir oane request ther joined to any other Church of the same faith and order and ar notified of the fact assigned by order of the Church this November 11th 1883

Letter of Transfer - 1883



This is to certify that Sister Ellar McCanales is a member of our Church in good Standing and is hereby Dismised from our care when joined to another Church of Like Faith and Order within thre Months from Date This January 1888

Done by Order of the Church
W. T. Humphries
Clk

Letter of Transfer - 1888

The Regular Baptist Church at the Meadows of Dan Patrick County Virginia To any other Sister Church of the same faith and order This is to Sertify that Brothe Wm H. Beamer is an ordained minister and him and Sister Lucy P. Beamer his wife ar members of this Church and ar hel in high assteem by us and ar dismised at their oane request when joined to any other Church of the same faith and order and we ar notified of the fact assigned by order of the Church this November 11th 1883

Letter of Transfer – 1909 (Note: Valid for six months)



Antioch School Students, c. 1910:

Row 1, L to R: Ray Felts, unidentified, Raymond Allred, Rush Johnson, Dewey Collins, Carl Sparger, unidentified, Charlie Collins, unidentified, Kemp Reece, unidentified Row 2, L to R: Samson Collins, Terry Beamer, Frank Johnson, George Younger, Mary Beamer, Sallie Younger, rest of row unidentified Row 3, L to R: Harrison Younger, Nathan Draughn, unidentified, Mary Bet East, Superintendent Cundiff, unidentified, Lucille Sparger, unidentified, Edna East, Margie Johnson, Alice Allred Row 4, L to R: unidentified, unidentified, Mary Seal, Foy Johnson, Helen Sparger, Mary East, Mary Johnson, unidentified, Annie Allred Row 5, L to R: Petis Younger, Caleb Allred, unidentified, ? Draughn, Guy Sparger, Benton Seal, Jess Gwyn, Tom East, John Gwyn.

(The identifications were made in 1990 by Terry Beamer, age 90.)

ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THIS CARD the magnitude of our work is stated in ordinary figures. These are cold-blooded statistics. You will note that the figures are rising. You have been reading them year after year. They have a meaning now they never had before.

We must think of money in new terms, and we can never again be indifferent to the call of human need. Thanksgiving this year has a new meaning. Let us express ourselves in giving

"One Day's Work" or One Day's Income

AS A THANK OFFERING TO THE ORPHANAGE

The 75 Million Campaign does not interfere with our usual method of raising money for the Orphanage, once a month collection in the Sunday Schools and the "ONE DAY'S WORK" Thank offering, but is all counted on the 75 million fund. Send contributions to our Treasurer, F. B. Hamrick.

M. L. KESLER, General Manager
Thomasville Baptist Orphanage

November 1st, 1919

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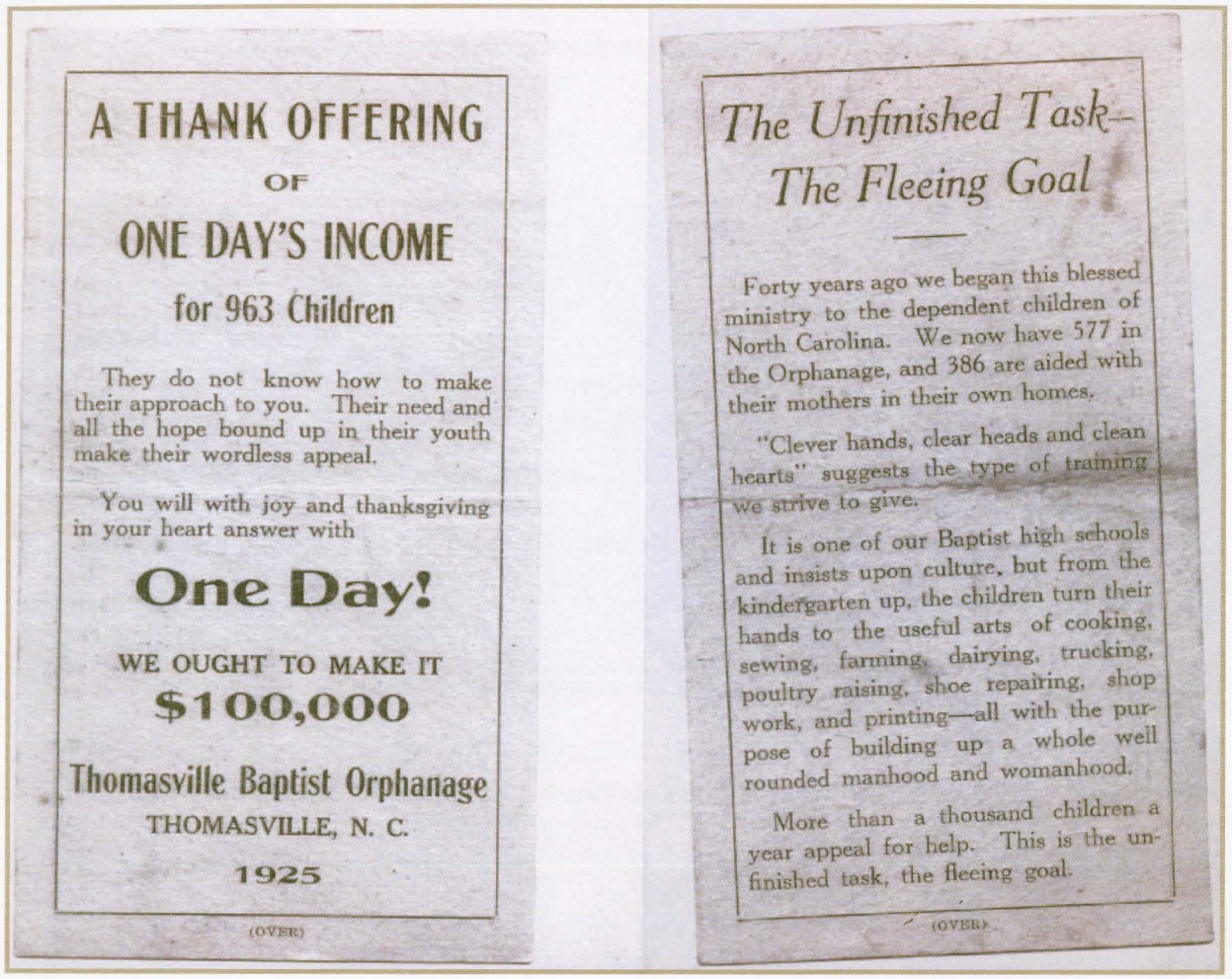
ORPHANAGE INFORMATION

Number of children at Thomasville 445; at Kennedy Home 86	531
Children received since November 15 1885	1,943
‡Daily cost for support of each child	47c
Monthly cost per child	$14.02
Monthly cost per child five years ago	$8.35
Annual cost per child	$168.26
Daily cost for the support of 531 children	$249.57
Annual cost for the support of 531 children	$89,346.06
Net income from printing office	$5,802.98
Profit from Kennedy Home Farm	$4,740.72
Farm and Dairy products from our own farms consumed	$17,405.16
Gallons of milk consumed last year	38,527
Current fund ending June 15 1919	$103,091.53
Permanent improvements at Thomasville	$2,834.76
Permanent improvements at Kennedy Home	$5.440.10

‡This includes: three meals, clothing, shoes, house furnishing, school supplies, lights, power, fuel, medicine and medical attention, salaries, etc.

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Campaign for Thomasville Childrens Home - 1919



A THANK OFFERING
OF
ONE DAY'S INCOME
for 963 Children

They do not know how to make their approach to you. Their need and all the hope bound up in their youth make their wordless appeal.

You will with joy and thanksgiving in your heart answer with

One Day!

WE OUGHT TO MAKE IT
$100,000

Thomasville Baptist Orphanage
THOMASVILLE, N. C.
1925

(OVER)

The Unfinished Task—
The Fleeing Goal

Forty years ago we began this blessed ministry to the dependent children of North Carolina. We now have 577 in the Orphanage, and 386 are aided with their mothers in their own homes.

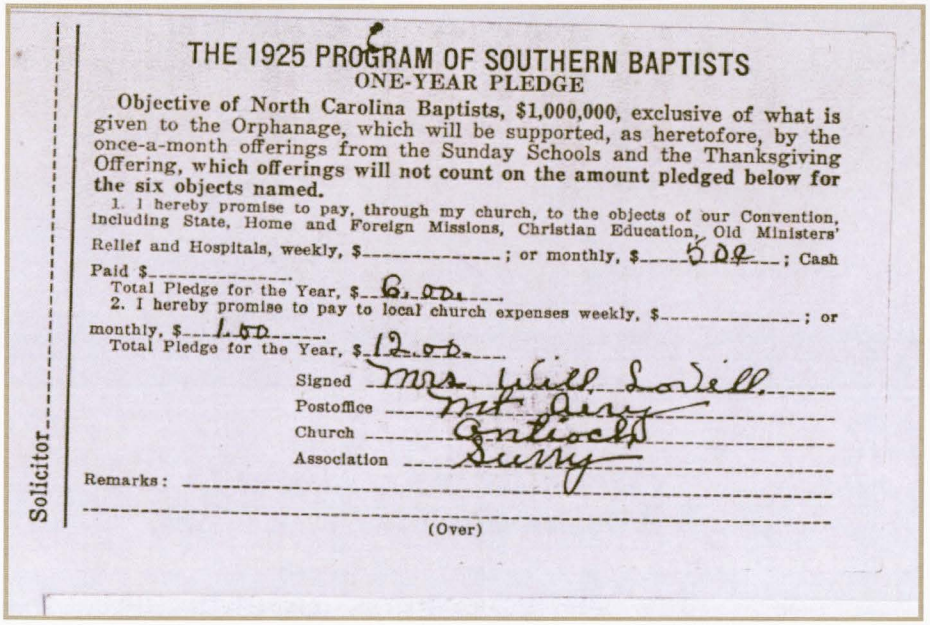
"Clever hands, clear heads and clean hearts" suggests the type of training we strive to give.

It is one of our Baptist high schools and insists upon culture, but from the kindergarten up, the children turn their hands to the useful arts of cooking, sewing, farming, dairying, trucking, poultry raising, shoe repairing, shop work, and printing—all with the purpose of building up a whole well rounded manhood and womanhood.

More than a thousand children a year appeal for help. This is the unfinished task, the fleeing goal.

(OVER)

Thanksgiving Offering for Baptist Childrens Home – 1925



THE 1925 PROGRAM OF SOUTHERN BAPTISTS
ONE-YEAR PLEDGE

Objective of North Carolina Baptists, $1,000,000, exclusive of what is given to the Orphanage, which will be supported, as heretofore, by the once-a-month offerings from the Sunday Schools and the Thanksgiving Offering, which offerings will not count on the amount pledged below for the six objects named.

1. I hereby promise to pay, through my church, to the objects of our Convention, including State, Home and Foreign Missions, Christian Education, Old Ministers' Relief and Hospitals, weekly, $_____; or monthly, $ 5.00 ; Cash Paid $_____
Total Pledge for the Year, $ 6.00
2. I hereby promise to pay to local church expenses weekly, $_____; or monthly, $ 1.00
Total Pledge for the Year, $ 12.00

Signed Mrs. Will Lovell
Postoffice Mt. Gilead
Church Antioch
Association Sandy

Remarks: _____

(Over)

Solicitor

Pledge card for support of Southern Baptists

LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

The First Antioch Baptist Church,
of Mt Airy NC Rout 3

to the Antioch Any missionary Baptist Church,
of Mt Airy R. F. D.

This is to Certify, That Mr Joe Norman Sister Annie Baptist is a member of this church in regular standing; and, in compliance with his request is given this letter cordially recommending Him her to your fellowship.

has been active as

75 Million Campaign pledge hereto attached for - $ By order of the church Feby 18th Oct 21 1928

Amount paid on this pledge to date is - - - - $

J. C. Hill
Church Clerk.

(Membership with us does not cease until attached notice is received.)

BAPTIST S. S. BOARD, NASHVILLE, TENN.

NOTICE OF RECEPTION

To the Mt. Airy Baptist Church,
of Mt. Airy Rout 3 NC

This is to Notify You, That Bro Joe Norman

was, on the day of 192, received into the fellowship of the Antioch Baptist Church of Mt Airy Rout 3

upon the recommendation of your letter dated Feb. 1st 192x

J. W. Reece
Church Clerk.

BAPTIST S. S. BOARD, NASHVILLE, TENN.

Letter of Transfer - 1928



Mr. L. W. Reece
Mt. Airy,
N. C

P 3351

THE MILLS HOME
THOMASVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA JUL 27 1929

Dear Mr. Reece

Your valued favor of the 24 enclosing a remittance of $ 16.07 to be credited to Current Fund received, for which accept our hearty thanks.

This contribution is genuinely appreciated and we want to assure you that it is gratefully received.

With sincere good wishes, I am,

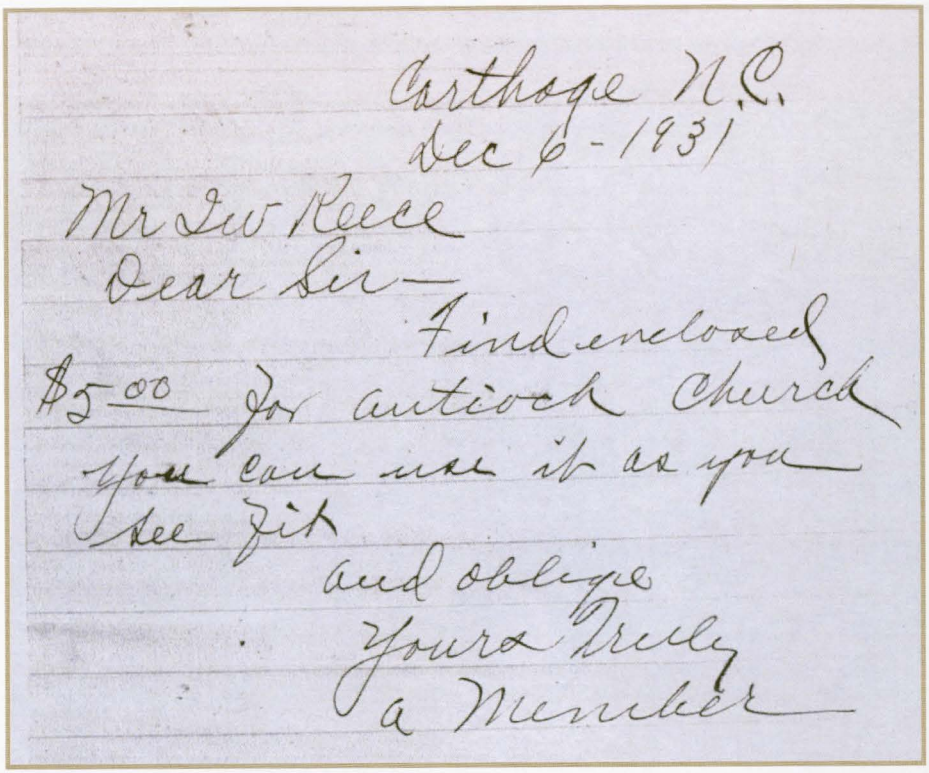
Yours faithfully

From Antioch Ch.

F. B. HAMRICK, Treas.

Persons making remittances should state what Sunday school or church and whether it is intended for Current Fund or Charity and Children. All Mills Home contributions are to be sent to Treasurer F. B. Hamrick, as usual. All contributions are reported quarterly to the General Board. Since all gifts appear in Charity and Children many do not care for a receipt. If you want a receipt please ask for one with each remittance as it will be sent most cheerfully.

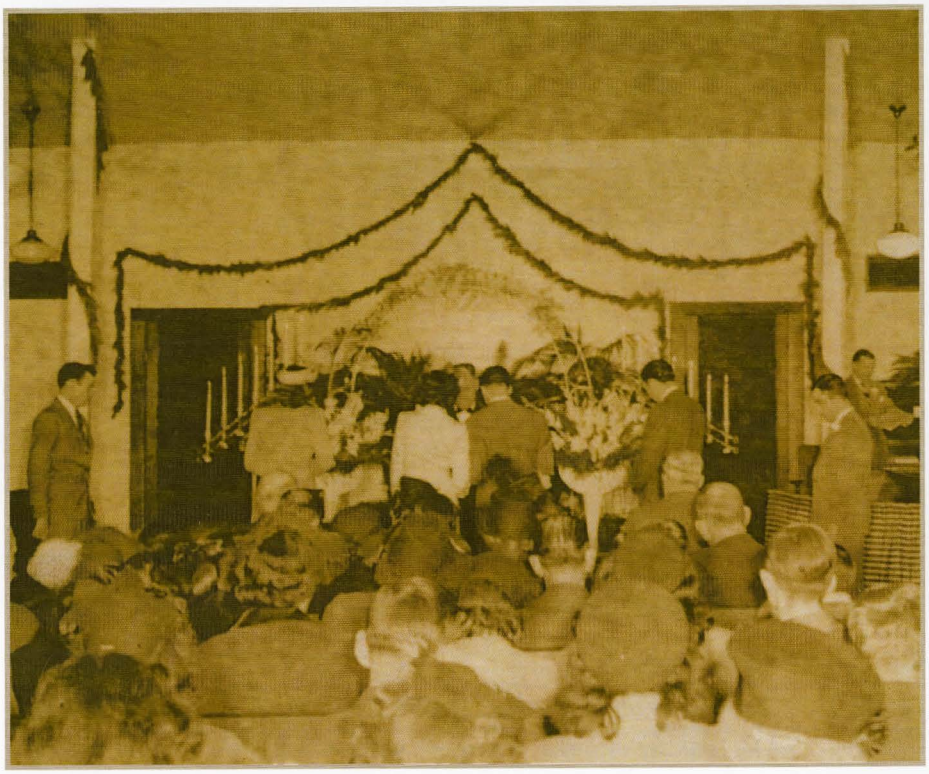
Acknowledgement of Contributions – 1929
(Note postage of 1 cent and mailing address of Mt. Airy, NC)



Carthage N.C.
Dec 6 - 1931

Mr Lee Reece
Dear Sir—
Find enclosed
$5.00 for antioch Church
You can use it as you
see fit
and oblige
Yours Truly
a Member

Contribution received from a non-resident member – 1931



Wedding of Ruby Johnson and Harry Joyce – January 28, 1948.
Ruby was the daughter of Walter and Mary Seal Johnson and niece of Lizzie Hawks and Josie Seal. The wedding took place in the old wooden church building.

TELEPHONE 786-8

Surry Baptist Association

OREN BRADLEY
MISSIONARY

PARSONAGE AND OFFICE -- 1026 NORTH ST. MOUNT AIRY, NORTH CAROLINA 27030
MAILING ADDRESS -- POST OFFICE BOX 1203

December 2, 1969

Rev. Bailey Elmore
Antioch Baptist Church
Route 6
Mt. Airy, North Carolina 27030

Rev. Elmore:

In doing the work assigned to us by the Association, we have made a brief study of all the churches, as to their support and loyalty to the purpose and work of the Association.

We feel that we must commend your church for its financial support and interest in the Association. Many of your people have taken an active part in the leadership of the Association and attended its meetings, showing a commendable spirit.

We are encouraged by the overall spirit and response of the majority of the churches. We are optimistic toward the future and believe that your church and people will provide an added thrust for the cause of Christ through the Association and the Denomination.

Let us thank you again for your cooperation and contributions to the work and success of Surry Baptist Association.

Sincerely yours,

Fellowship and Affiliation Committee

Paul Bruce
Paul Bruce

Hershel Adams
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Chairman of Deacons

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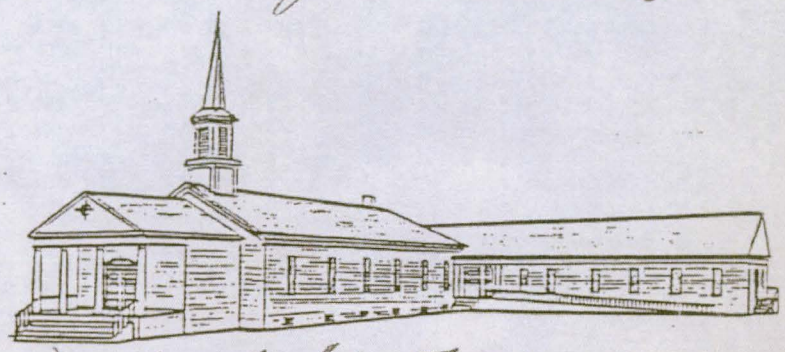
Letter of Commendation from Surry Baptist Association - 1969

June 29th 1986

Antioch Baptist Church

2308 West Pine Street
Mount Airy, North Carolina 27030

this was Tommy Johnson
last Sunday as pastor of
Antioch Baptist Church



We used the Fellowship Hall
in Honor of Tommy and his wife
this was the First Dinner that
we had in the new Fellowship Hal
Most every Body stayed for the Meal
It was Real Nice

GOD'S VISION OUR COMMAND

Notes on a Sunday bulletin by Mr. Terry Beamer – 1986
(It was Mr. Beamer's habit to add personal notes to his Sunday bulletins.)


JOY

