Souvenir Program
of the
Eighty-Fifth Anniversary
July 23, 1904-1989
Golden Anniversary



Chestnut Ridge Progressive Primitive Baptist Church

August 6 - September 3, 1989

Founder: Minervia Jessup Cox

Pastor: Rev. Charles Hariston

Theme: ... Upon this rock I will build my church;
and the gates of Hell shall not prevail against it.

St. Matthew 16:18

1912 First Building
1912 - 1965

First Church



The names of all the members who left
The Locus Grove Church

Joseph France (the Deacon)
Janeie King (the Mother)
Halie France (sec. Mother)
W.P. Smith (Licesiate)
Green Hatcher (Licesiate)
J.O. Roberson
Calip King
Bettie J. France
Ellen Finnie
Mary Hatcher
Nancie Franklen
Norvia J. Cox
Lillia King
J.H. Strickland
Felvis Bidengg
Josie Moore

These are the spellings as copied
from the minutes of July 23, 1904.

This anniversary booklet is dedicated
to the memory of our beloved founder



Joined and Baptized in 1890

Mother Minervia Jessup Cox had the vision to begin a church. She believed devoutly in the teaching and learning of Christ's word. Her vision was that her church would lead in the education of others in God's word. On July 23, 1904, she and others held church in the morning and in 1907 she and fifteen others were locked out of Locust Grove Primitive Baptist Church. She was tried for breaking the church door in order to enter with the determination to praise God. She said often in her testimonies "That she grew up to be a Mother of Chestnut Ridge, Sandy Ridge Association, North Carolina and Virginia Progressive Primitive Baptist and National Primitive Baptist, a Mother of Israel."

. . .Who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this? Then Esther answered, "I go unto the King, if I perish, I perish."

Esther 4:14-16

and
Our Beloved Trustee, Deacon and Minister



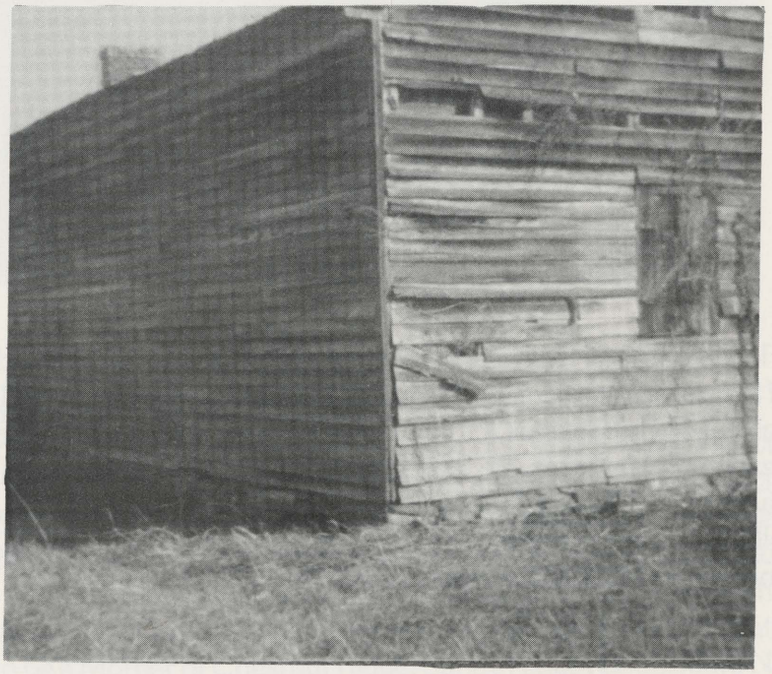
S. Flecther Jessup

S. Flecther Jessup made his land available for the church to purchase at cost of $25 dollars. He became a member by confession on October 14, 1907 and was put on by baptism October 27, 1907. He served his church faithfully as a deacon and minister. He left to become pastor of the Samuel's Grove Primitive Baptist Church. He also allowed meetings to be held at the Jessup Schoolhouse before making his land available for the building of the Chestnut Ridge Progressive Primitive Baptist Church.

Courthouse where it was decided that two different bodies of churches could not exist in the same building.

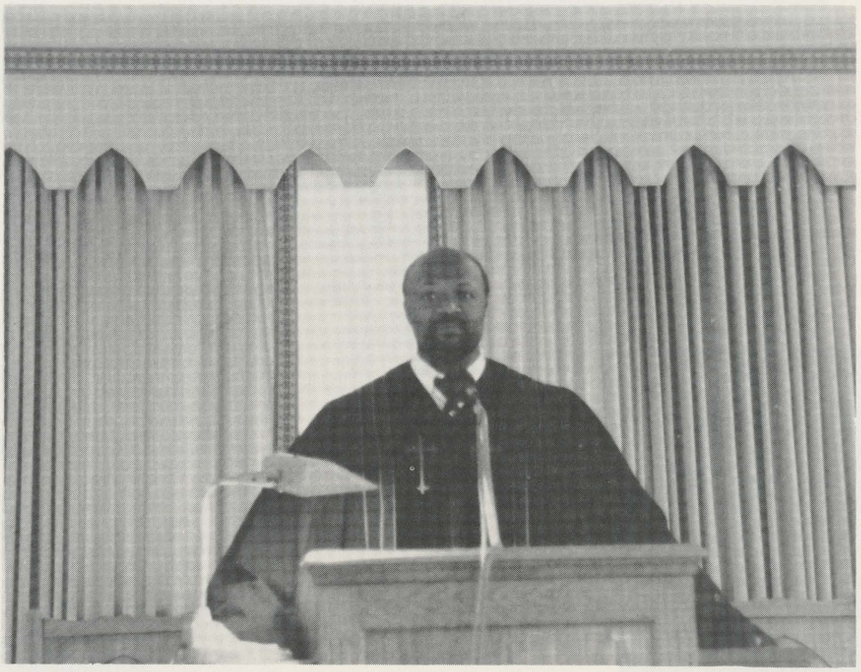


Front View



Side & Rear View

Elder Charles E. Hariston

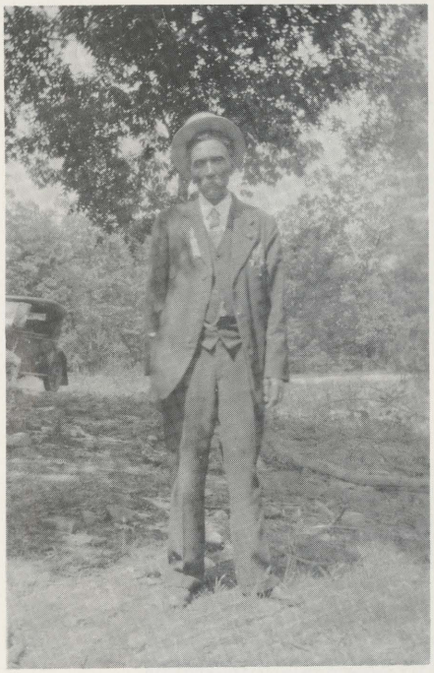


Our Pastor

Elder & Mrs. Charles and Judy Hariston

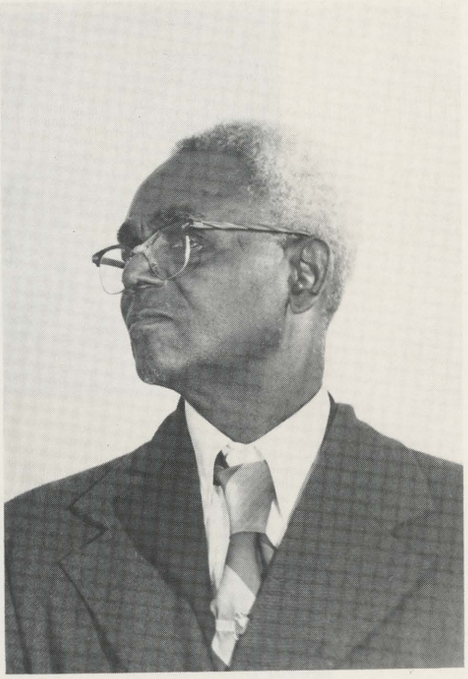


Our Pastor & Our First Lady

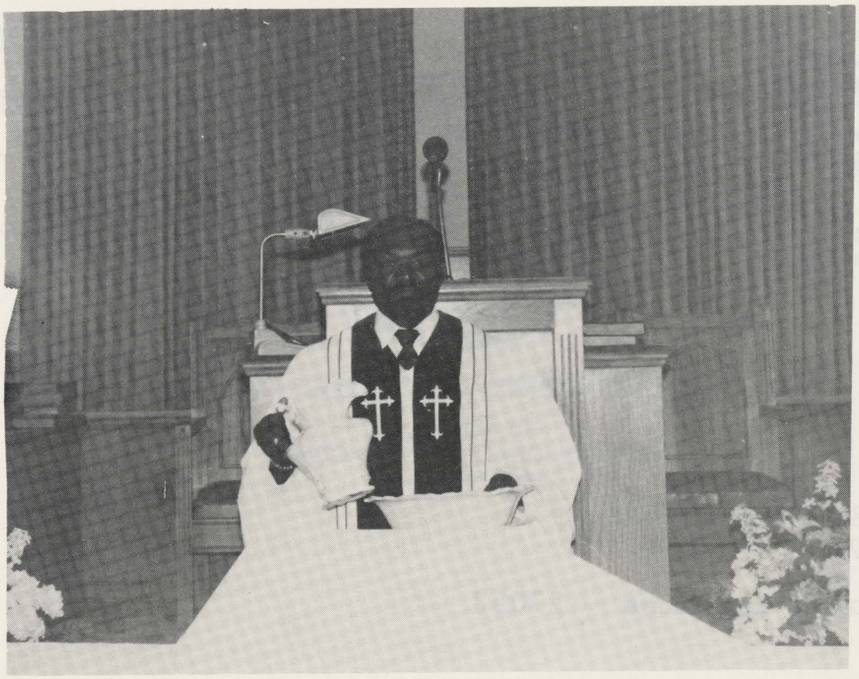


Reverend G.W. King
1900-1944
Deacon - 1904

Pastor for 39 years and
baptized over 200 people



Reverend Roy G. Cox
Joined - August 24, 1910
Baptized August 28, 1910
1944-1983 - Pastor & Pastor Emeritus
Deacon - May 26, 1927
Active Pastor for 32 years
7 years Emeritus
Donated Lumber for our
present structure from
his farm



Reverend *Charles Hariston, Pastor*

Pastor's Comments

Where weary folk toll, black with smoke, and hear but whistles scream, I went, all fresh from down and dew, to carry them a dream. I went to bitter lands, and dark who once had known the sky - to carry them a dream - and found they had more dreams than I.

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for you all, that your faith is demonstrated by your works. Gods revelation come to certain individuals in a point of time and on the plane of history. Jehovah made himself known to real people in Israel regarding their individual and national responsibility, and they were vividly conscious of his presence and of his speaking to them. Today my hope is that we will carefully pursue the vision of the past, growing truth in which all of us share. I believe our knowledge of the past, makes it possible for us to appropriate from the past that which is good, true, and Holy, discording the ugly, and yet making God's Law Supremely. If Believers would only throw themselves wholly onChrist and make him responsible by placing themselves entirely at his control, then they would know his power to save and would live without sin.

Nevertheless, I am confident, that we as a church family will continue to be involved in and make major contributions to the continuing growth and development of American Christianity.

Yours to Serve

Charles E. Hairston

C.E. Hairston



Education Building
East Spencer, North Carolina

NORTH CAROLINA-VIRGINIA
PRIMITIVE BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION

ELDER T. W. SAMUELS
President

July 4, 1989

%Ms. LaShene Lowe
Chestnut Ridge Progressive
Primitive Baptist Church
Route 1, Box 31
Westfield, North Carolina 27053

Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Colossians 1:2

Dear Beloved,

On behalf of the North Carolina-Virginia P. B. State Convention permit me to use this opportunity to congratulate you upon this occasion as you celebrate the eighty-fifth anniversary of the founding of your church-the Chestnut Ridge Progressive Primitive Baptist Church. Yours has been a long standing commitment to the principles of Christ our Saviour and of loyalty to the traditions of the Primitive Baptist Church; we therefore salute you for your labors of love and for your efforts to magnify the name of Jesus through the preaching of the Gospel, the teaching of the Word, and through witness and praise. I challenge you to look on the fields, they are white and ready for harvest. The future demands a plan of action on problems relating to family disintegration, child abuse, drug abuse, declining morality, homelessness, crime, satanic worship and a mounting number of other factors whose root cause is sin.

May the Spirit of God guide you as you continue your noble endeavours in the name of Christ our Lord.

Yours in the Kingdom's Cause,

Elder T. W. Samuels

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June 6, 1989

Rev. Charles Hairston
Pastor
Chestnut Ridge Progressive
Primitive Baptist Church
P.O. Box 82
Mount Airy, North Carolina 27030

Dear Reverend Hairston:

In behalf of the Board of Commissioners of Surry County, congratulations to the Deacons, the officers, and the members of the Chestnut Ridge Progressive Primitive Baptist Church on the eighty-fourth anniversary of the Church.

The Church has been a spiritual force within Surry County for generations.

Please permit me to extend our best wishes by quoting the motto of the Church. **"Peace be within thy walls and prosperity within thy palaces, yesterday, today, tomorrow, always."**

Sincerely,

Fred O'Neal

Fred O'Neal
Chairman

FO/lbh

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
RALEIGH 27603-8001

JAMES G. MARTIN
GOVERNOR

August 1, 1989

Dear Church Members and Clergy:

It is my distinct honor to congratulate you as you celebrate the 85th anniversary of the Chestnut Ridge Progressive Primitive Baptist Church. Since 1905, your sanctuary has provided spiritual guidance for the people of Mount Airy and Stokes County.

This is a great day in the history of your church. The worshippers who fill your pews today can mark a great heritage and prepare to do even greater things in the future.

My prayers go with you as you celebrate this grand occasion. I know that your church will continue its dedicated Christian service into the 21st century.

Sincerely,

Jim Martin

James G. Martin

UNITED STATES SENATE
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TERRY SANFORD
NORTH CAROLINA

202-224-3154

June 20, 1989

The Reverend Charles Hairston
Pastor
Chestnut Ridge Progressive
Primitive Baptist Church
Post Office Box 82
Mount Airy, North Carolina 27030

Dear Reverend Hairston,

Congratulations on celebrating the 85th Anniversary of the Chestnut Ridge Progressive Primitive Baptist Church. You have a wonderful legacy of service to the community of Mount Airy.

I regret that I will not be able to be with you on September 3rd. I have another commitment that I must honor.

With best wishes always,

Sincerely,

Terry Sanford

TS/jgh

JESSE HELMS
NORTH CAROLINA

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

June 26, 1989

Rev. Charles Hariston
Chestnut Ridge Progressive Primitive
Baptist Church
Post Office Box 82
Mount Airy, North Carolina 27030

Dear Pastor Hariston:

Thank you for thinking of me on this very special occasion. I am sorry that I will not be able to be with your congregation on this happy occasion.

The Church is the nuturing bosom of the Christian life and I take this happy occasion to offer my congratulations on your 85th anniversary. My prayers will be with Chestnut Ridge Progressive Primitive Baptist Church and your glorious future.

God bless you.

Sincerely,

Jesse Helms

JESSE HELMS/fm

History

Chestnut Ridge Progressive Primitive Baptist Church was established July 23, 1904. It began under the auspices of Locust Grove Primitive Baptist Church. A division began when the leaders refused to fulfill their Christian duty to teach God's word. They held two different worship services within the confounds of one church building. The Chestnut Ridge group would hold meetings in the morning while Locust Grove group held their meetings at night. Rev. Henry Copeland was pastor at that time.

W. Pink Smith was the licenced minister who was part of the segment who left. The sixteen who left were Joseph France, Janeie King, Halie France, W.P. Smith, Green Hatcher, J.O. Roberson, Calip King, Bettie France, Ellen Finnie, Mary Hatcher, Nancie Franklin, Minervia Cox, Lillia King, Josie Moore, J.H. Strickland and Felvis Biden.

On August 25, 1906, Dr. Lott Cary, Evangelist Davidson, Bishop Tatum came to talk to them about their concerns. They gave them advice about setting up the type of church they wanted. They were concerned over the continous pursuit of "what will be will be," with no regard for personal study of God's word. Another concern was born for heaven or hell. Man did not have a free will.

Mother Minervia Cox, with a calling from God spoke against these teaching. On January 26, 1907, they were locked out of the church. Mother Cox and others broke down the door and went in and had service. This incident led them to the courtroom. The judge announced Mrs. Minervia Cox as the leader and told them to find another place to worship.

They met at the Green Hatcher Schoolhouse. They also held services from house to house of members. In the summer and warm months they worshiped under brush harbors. The one room school was used in the winter.

In 1906, others were united with this group. Sis King, Abraham King, Mary Hatcher, Rachel Joyce and Mary Hines.

In 1907, Fletcher Jessup and Mary Jane Hins Jessup united and sold for the sum of twenty-five dollars the lot where Chestnut Ridge Church now stands. Eliza Jessup became a member. The first candidate after the split from Locust Grove was Crissie France. In 1908, the chruch grew and many were added. They were Bart Cox, Zilla Cox, Jim Hines, Gentry King, Matt Hickmond, Pence Simmons, Tex Jones, Joseph er, Laurah Hatcher, Julus Taylor, Vertie Hatcher and Luther Penn. In 1909, Rosie King, Josie King, Edmond King, Eldorie King, Nancie Hatcher, Marie Lou Hatcher, William Simmons, Earnest Hickmond, Elic Taylor, Jennie Moore, Jane Penn, Donnie Moore, Matie Hatcher, Anicor Bidding, Susan Helton and Ed Jones. The first child to join was Roy Gentle Cox.

Deacon Fletcher Jessup proposed the paying of church dues in February, 1908. They began paying 5¢ per month per member.

They projected that they would soon be a rich church. Growth continued fifteen to twenty members were added monthly. Rev. G.W. King became pastor in 1905.

On August 24, 1912, they moved into their church building which they named Chestnut Ridge Primitive Baptist Church. Reverend Gentry W. King was pastor. The church had 55 members by 1915, the roll was eighty-one by 1920. The church had a steady growth adding ten to twelve members yearly. V.R. Jessup succeeded his sister Betty France as church clerk. The church was very active in the work of the association and organizing of the Women Auxiliary.

The church involvement with other Primitive churches began near 1914. The association was then held on Thursday before the Second Sunday in August. The church demanded loyalty to the church and God's word. One minute states that a member was called before the church council for not attending Sunday School. Church officers were elected every April.

Membership grew steadily. By 1940 there were 327 people on roll. The membership was effected by movement to the northern states. History influenced the need for Africian-Americans to migrate for economic welfare of their families, thus causing a decline in membership.

Reverand G.W. King served as moderator for many years and Chestnut Ridge Pastor for 32 years. He was a wonderful leader. He died as the result of injuries received in a car accident.

In January 1945, Reverend Roy G. Cox became pastor and prosperity continued steadly. Growth in membership continued. He heard the voice of Jesus say feed my sheep so we moved from service once a month to twice a month to every Sunday. Under Cox's pastorialship the following ministers evolved, James Strickland, Eddie Penn, Russel Reynolds, Oliver J. Hatcher Robert Leo Cox and Oscar Taylor. Cox saw the need for a better house of worship. He appointed Reverend Z.R. Reynolds and Sister Julia C. Flowers to formulate a building plan. The church gladly accepted their plan. So Reverend Cox led us in the building and paying for our present sanctuary. In 1978, we purchased five acres of land and our Educational Center. He often stated that he never wanted any Minister to inherit any debts made while he was pastor. God called him home to Glory two days after the Mortgage was burned. Two churches came into existence one indirectly as work of Rev. G.W. King Payne Chapel and directly from Chestnut Ridge King Mountain View Primitive Baptist was born.

Both of these pastors upheld the teachings of Jesus Christ through educating their congregations. The church was a powerful and influential assest to the community.

In 1979, Elder Larry Tatum was called as interim pastor. He served until 1980. Progress continued.

Reverand Timothy Lyons served the church for a brief period as pastor. God sent him to provide a pathway for the vision of our founders to be fulfilled. Under his leadership another church sprang from Chestnut Ridge - Exodus Primitive Baptist.

In 1987, Reverend Charles Hairston became pastor and is currently serving the church with vigor and visions. The dreams of the founders are becoming a realization with the rehabilitation of the Ridge-Westfield School. An educational annex has been opened.

A mission for youth is provided weekly. A bus has been purchased and transports 30 children. The mission has registered 67 children. This mission began in January of 1989. God is blessing it weekly.

The church purchased the Ridge-Westfield School in 1968. Pastor Hairston lead the church in opening it for the teaching of God's word. The church is moving forward.

Chestnut Ridge church was built upon a Rock, a church of the living God; a pillar and ground of truth.

DEACON BOARD



Thomas Lowe, Thomas Hatcher, Eugene McCarther
Dennis France, Angelo Cokley, Jr. (Jr. Deacons)
Erratus Jessup & Oscar Carter (absent)

TRUSTEE BOARD



Thomas Lowe, Frank P. Cokley, Charles Hariston (Pastor)
Erratus Jessup (Absent)

MOTHERS' BOARD
&
DEACONESS BOARD



Julia Flowers, Bernice Lowe, Flora McCarther
Katie Hatcher (Absent) Mothers & Deaconess
Minnie Carter (Absent) Deaconess

CHURCH SCHOOL



PRIMARY



Sparkle Puryear (Teacher)

JUNIOR CLASS



L. Brown, K. Brown
J. Flippin, K. Cokley, B. Brown, T. Simmons, R. Brown, S. France
Elder Hairston, C. Cokley, T. Cokley, J. Brown, M. Hatcher, R. Mitchell, E. Cokley (teacher)

YOUTH CLASS



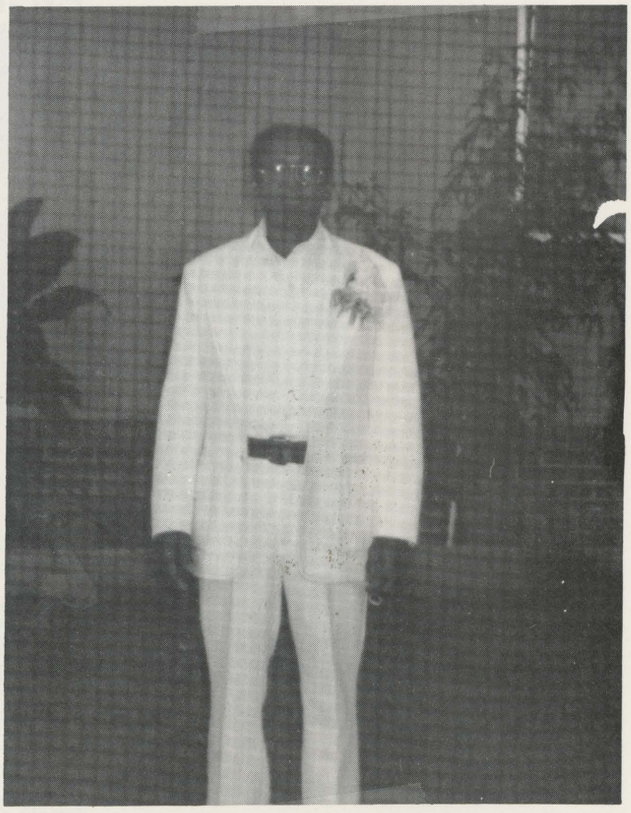
Elder Hairston, K. Cokley, C. Cokley, S. Smith, L. France, D. France (teacher)
M. Cokley, J. France, K. Cokley, C. Cokley, G. Cokley,
absent G. Cokley

SENIOR CHOIR



Elder C. Hairston
Julia Flowers, China Taylor, Vandy Smith, Katie Hatcher, Vara Cokley, Claisteen Moore
Thomas Hatcher, Flora McCarther, Bernice Lowe, Helen France
Eugene McCarther (President)





YOUNG ADULT CHOIR



C. France, M. France,
M. Cokley, C. Cokley, D. France, F. Allen, E. Cokley, A Cokley (President)
K. Smith, J. Smith, F. Cokley, L. Lowe, D. Withrow
G. Cokley, C. Porter
absent G. Cokley, H. France, F. McCarther, Y. Smith

YOUTH CHOIR



M. Smith
K. Cokley, M. Smith, J. McCarther, T. Simmons, T. Simmons, S. France
J. Flippin, C. Cokley, M. Hatcher
J. France, S. Smith, L. France, T. Cokley
(absent) M. France, A. Moore

MASS CHOIR



SENIOR USHERS



A. Hill, Elder Hariston, M. Siler, R. Dodd (Pres.), C. Porter, F. Cokley, C. King
absent W. McCarther, R. Puryear

YOUNG ADULT USHERS



S. France, B. France, D. Withrow, P. Shaw
absent H. France, E. Cokley

JUNIOR USHERS



J. Flippin, C. Cokley, K. Cokley, M. Smith, M. Hatcher,
J. France, S. Smith, L. France, T. Cokley,
F. Cokley
absent G. Cokley, C. Cokley, A. Moore

NURSES BOARD



M. Mitchell, Elder Hariston, V. Cokley (Pres)
absent B. Johnson

WOMEN'S AUXILARY



Elder Hariston
V. Smith, O. Cox, V. Cokley, M. Siler, F. McCarther (Pres.), J. Flowers,
R. Dodd, B. Lowe, H. Porter, K. Hatcher, C. King
A. Hill, E. Cokley,
absent E. Cokley, M. France

PASTOR'S AIDE



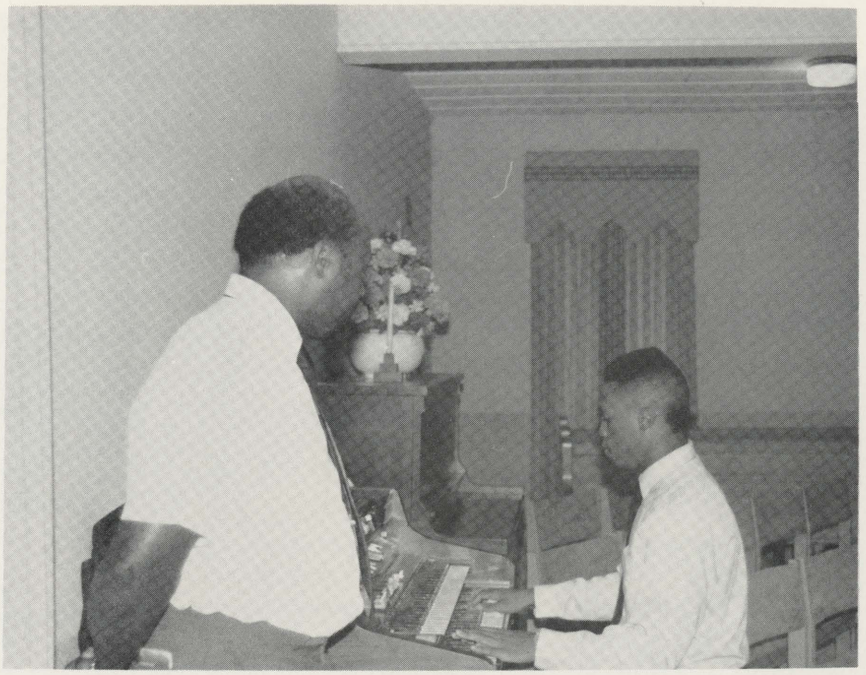
Elder Hariston
E. Cokley (President), K. Siler, S. France, C. Porter, K. Hatcher,
C. King, A. Hill, B. Lowe, H. Porter, M. Mitchell, F. McCarther
absent M. France

WOMEN'S COUNCIL



V. Cokley, B. Lowe, V. Smith, K. Hatcher (Pres.), J. Flowers,
M. Mitchell, A. Hill, H. Porter, C. Moore, F. McCarther
M Siler
absent M. France, B. Johnson

ORGANIST



Kevin Cokley - organist
(Pastor Hairston quietly observes)

PROGRAM COMMITTEE FOR EDUCATION CENTER



Vady Smith, Clarence Porter, Bernice Lowe (Chairperson)

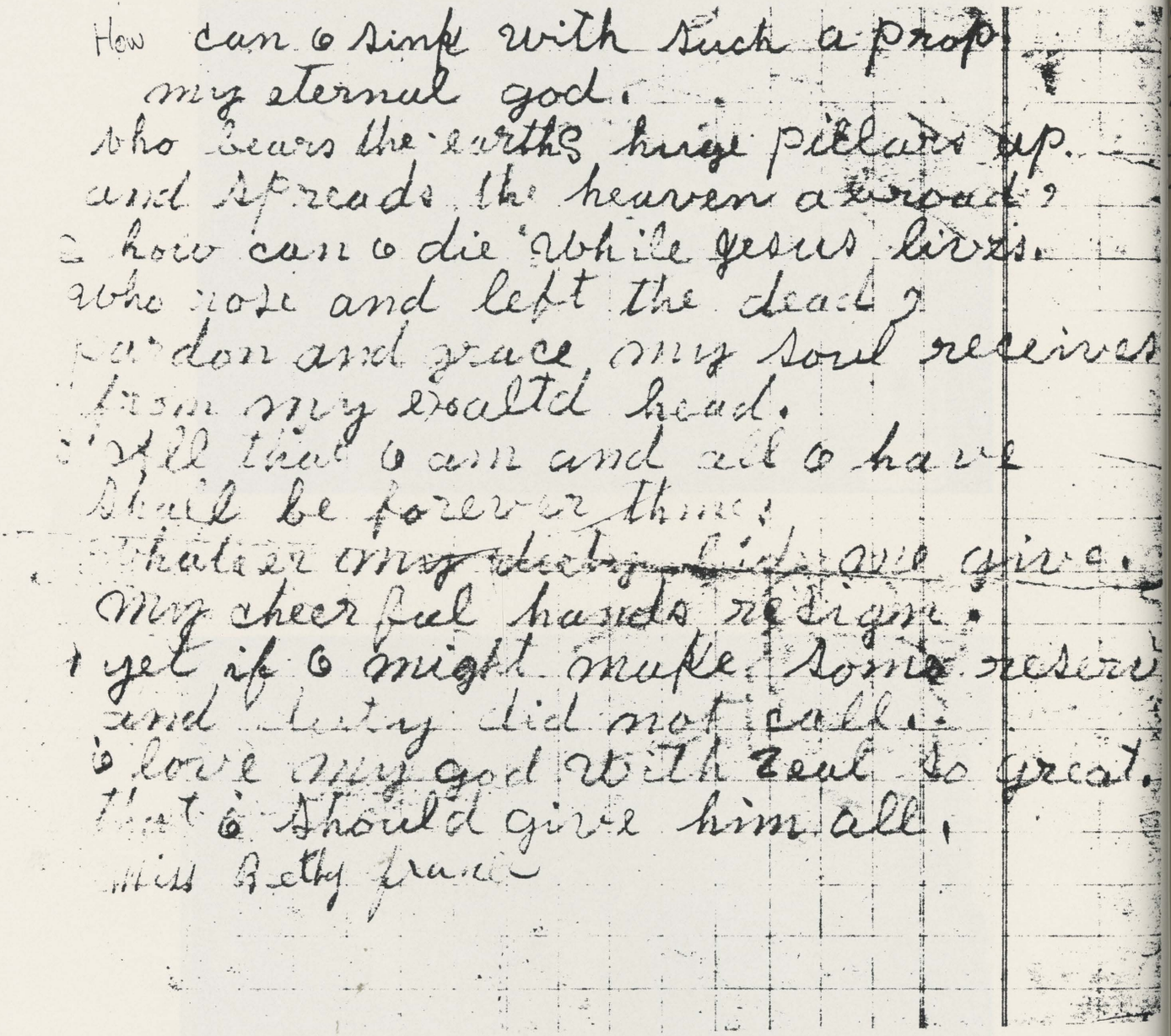
COMMUNION SCENES











How can o sink with such a prop
my eternal god.
who bears the earths huge pillars up.
and spreads the heavens abroad?
how can o die while Jesus lives.
who rose and left the dead?
pardon and grace my soul receives
from my exalted head.
all that o am and all o have
shall be forever thine.
whatever may destroy, take and give.
my cheerful hands resign.
yet if o might make some reserve
and keep back part of all.
o love my god with zeal so great.
that o should give him all.
Miss Betty France

This hymn was composed by Sister Betty Jessup France and was found among the first minutes. She was the only other person tried in court.

CHURCH MINUTES FROM THE PAST

Jan The 26 1907 We the locus Grove curch
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eny religious servies in the house so we
moved for Peas Sake to Hatchers school house
and thear we helt religious servis on Sunday
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Saturday - December 24, 1927

We the Chestnut Ridge P.B. Church met on the above date and opened service with praise No. 31 Scripture Lesson Mat. 21 by Rev. G.W. King. Next was prayer by Rev. S.F. Jessup next in order was roll call. Then qualification of church which was reported in peace and received. Then Rev. G.W. King gave some very timely remarks. Also, remarks by Rev. S.F. Jessup.

Rev. G.W. King Pastor
V.R. Jessup, Sec.

June 23, 1934

We the Chestnut Ridge P.B. Church meet on the above date opening by singing hymn No. 95 prayer by Bro. Roy Cox Scripture lesson 4 Chapter Romans read by pastor. Next was roll call and report of Deacons The House was declared in order reports from Sister M. Cox and Rev. G.W. King from Sunday School Convention moved an second the received the reports of Deligate. Rev. S.F. Jessup and G.W. King Vester Penn is elected Trustees.

It Ben moven in Second that Bro Frank Hughes moved his membership to the Samuels Grove Church by the recomendation of paster other business were looked after
$1.60

G.W. King (Mo)
E.K. Jessup (Sect)

(These are the orginal spellings, punctuation and abbreviations.)

October 27, 1934 $2.60

We the Chestnut Ridge P.B. Church meet on the above date opened service by singing hymn, Oh Lord Remember Me. Prayer by Bro Joe Hatcher Scripture Lesson Ephs. 5th Chapter 14 verses Next was rolled call which reported church in peace

Report from delegate from the convention. Which was received the church gave pastor $2.00 for convention. Paid for storm piping. $1.26

Rev. G.W. King (Mod)
Sis. Crissie M. McCarther (Sec.)

September 27, 1975

We met in conference at 1:05 by sinning of hymn 391 - Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone. Led by Dea Eugene McCarther. Secripture lesson read by Dea Thomas Lowe the 23rd psalm. Prayer by Dea Oscar Carter Song by Sister Julia Flowlas - O Lord I want you to help me. Next roll call. Recieved $180.50. Next the members who were absent from last conference told why ask for prayer and forgiveness by prayer matron was received. Next the report of deacons who reported Church in Peace. The report of the deacons was properly moved and seconded and received.

Treasurers report. Church $160.67. $1740.82 that were present. S.S. 131.50. Aux Sec need $163.80. We had the piano tuned for $20.00. It was moved on Church pay. It was moved that we, if we could get as many as 50 members to Pay $10.00 per month. Other than our Rally all get our lot payed for in three years. Bank Com. Ronald Jessup sister Mervil Siles and Sister Gineva Smith. Moved and recieved.

Mod. Rev. Roy Cox
Sec. Crissie McCarther

August 27, 1977

The church conference opened by singing "I Will Trust In The Lord" led by Deac. Thomas Lowe. At 1:15 p.m. Bro. Angelo Cokley read the 100th Psalms. Prayer by Deac. Frank Cokley. Song Guide McLord led by Rev. Roy Cox. The roll call was next and offering was taken by Bro. Cab Taylor & Bro. Angelo Cokley offering was $139.50. The absent members were given a chance to tell why they were absent and asked for forgiveness and prayer. Deac. Frank Cokley made a motion that the members be prayed for & forgiven & it was seconded by Deac. Thomas Lowe. Minutes from previous conference was read & Deac. Frank Cokley made the motion, seconded by Deac. Thomas Lowe. Sis. B.C. Lowe made a motion that the minutes be read in each session and seconded by Deac. Eugene McCarther. Deac. Eugene McCarther read the minutes of the Deacons meeting. They requested that each minute be read following the session and that all members be present and

on time at all church services. Next Rev. Cox spoke to us about keeping peace in the church. Bro. Oscar Taylor will be given a chance to come forth and speak to the church, the 4th Sunday in August. Sis. Genive Smith was selected by the church to act as assistant secretary on the church. Deac. Lowe reported $646.45 payed on water bill. Sis. Flora McCarther talked to us about the meeting that the Women's Auxilary had. The speaker was given $20.00 for that service. Sis. B.G. Lowe suggested that we begin to think about flooring for the halls leading from the baptizemal pool.

1036 Club Reports

August 6	$155.00
August 27	$155.00
Total	$1,680.31

Young Adult Service	$145.00
$50 to minister	
Church Treasurer	$44.40
Sunday School	166.81

Pastor Rev. Roy Cox
Minutes recorded by Carolyn Watkins
Recorded $88.50 taken on 4th Sunday

September 23, 1988 - Mt. Airy N.C.

Minutes of the Chestnut Ridge Progressive Primitive Baptist Church Conference was called to order by singing - I Will Trust in the Lord, led by Dea. Thomas Hatcher with Elder Charles Hariston in charge of Scripture Reading Psalm 108 in its entirety by Bro. Dennis France. Prayer by Dea. Thomas Hatcher. Song - More About Jesus, led by Mother Julia Flowers. Next Bro. Dennis France assisted with the Roll Call. Amount collected $303.00. Those members who weren't here on last conference were given a chance to state their reason. It was moved by Dea. McCarther and Sec. by Dea. Lowe to forgive and pray for them.

Next was the report of the Deacons. They reported the Church in peace. It was moved by Sis. Rachel Dodd and Sec. By Sis. Vara Cokley to receive the Deacon's report. The house was opened for business. First was the report of the General Teasurer who reported having in bank - $1,011.08. The Building Fund reported $3,602.63. The Woman's Council reported $473.95. The Sunday School reported $402.66. The Junior Choir reported $394.28. The Senior Usher reported $261.00. The Trustee Account reported $16,099.93. It was moved by Bro. Angelo Cokley and Sec. by Dea. Eugene McCarther to accept the report of the treasurer.

Matters of Miscellaneous. Bro Angelo presented to the church receipts from the Vacation Bible School and the Sunday School Picnic. Bro Dennis France mentioned the fact that the church needed a vaccum cleaner. It was moved by Sis. Bernice Lowe and Sec. By Sis. Rachel Dodd that Dea. Thomas Lowe will be responsible for getting the vaccum cleaner. Dea. Lowe then presented the church with a bill that he and Dea. Errastus Jessup had purchased 19 chairs and 8 tables for the Cafeteria and Dinning Area. The cost of this was $452.03. Bro. Dennis also mentioned he purchased a battery for the church bus in the amount of $38.80. Dea. Lowe mentioned some chairs that were taken from this church to be fixed which was ready to be picked up and the cost is $91.00. Next was the

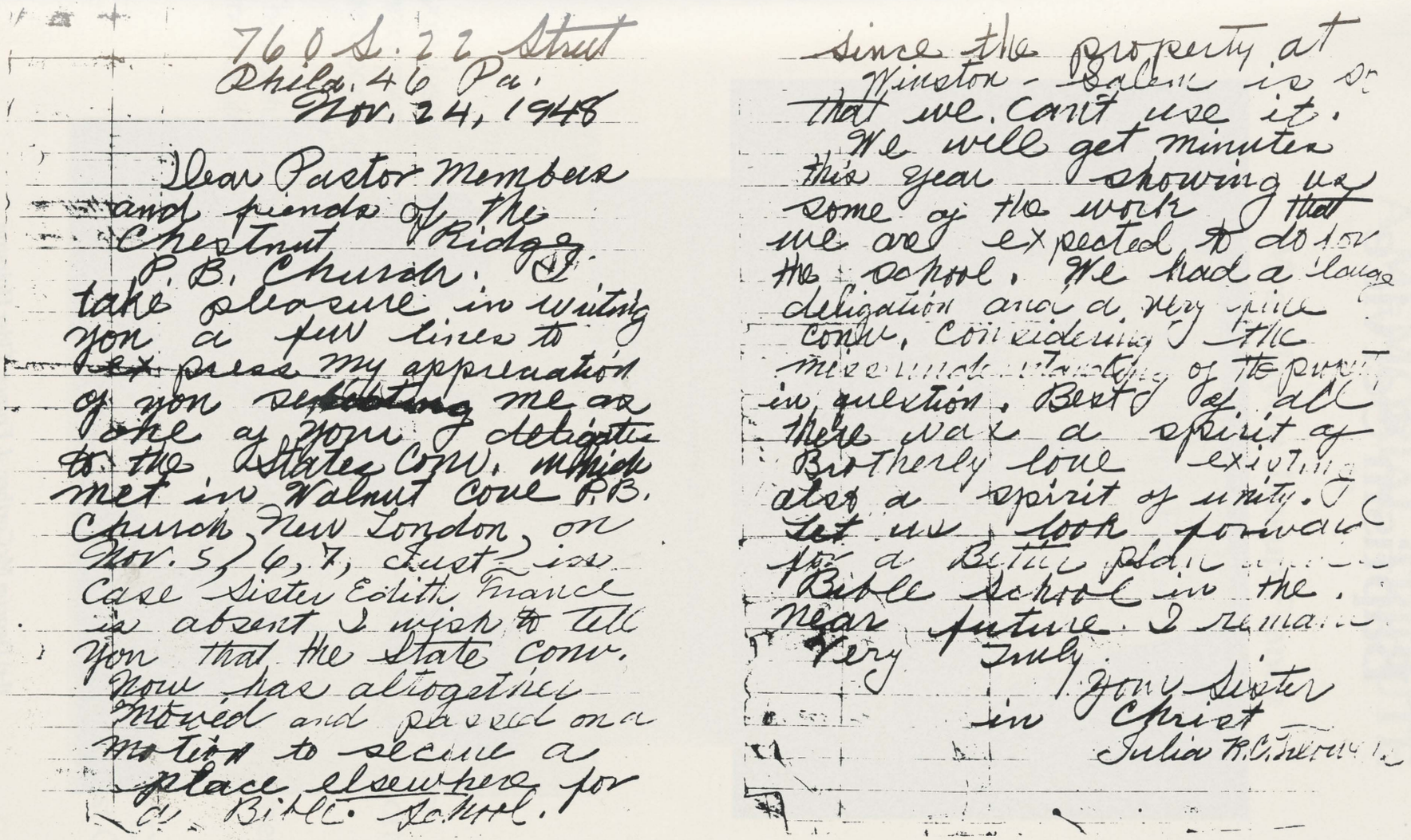
committee report. The Delegates from the Association came forth and gave their report from the Association. The delegates brought out some points in their report that they thought needed to be looked into. Elder Hairston stated that next year these points will be looked into. Our Church will host the Assoication next year. It was moved by Bro Angelo Cokley and Sec. By Dea. McCarther to receive the Delegates report.

Matters referred from last conference. Elders Hairston asked that all organizations be prepared to make a donation toward the payoff on the organ. The following organization made this report: Senior Choir donated $500.00. The Women's Council donated $300.00. The Sunday School donated $100.00. The Junior Choir donated $100.00. The Senior Usher Board donated $50.00 for a total of $1,050.00. Next was New Business. Elder Hairston asked that the we consider centralizing the small treasurers and asked for the members input on this, there were much discussion on this. Elder Hairston asked that we think about this and if it has any merits lets move forward with it, if not, we will keep it going the way it is. The Building Fund collected $40.00. We had within our midst, our Chief Evangelist-Elder Russell Reynolds. He came forth with works of advice and instructions. He stated that it's time for us to start doing it God's way. He spoke of the need for the Church to start trusting and praying. He had many good things to say to us. In his closing, he complimented us on the way our church conference was carried out and he solicited our prayers. His speech was received by all

Elder Charles E. Hairston, Pastor
Elma Lee Cokley, Clerk
Minutes recorded by Elma Cokley

Note: Crissie Cox McCarther served as clerk of church for 45 years, Sunday School treasurer for 32 years, Musician for 38 years, and was organizer of our first youth choir and first youth revival.

(These minutes are the exact original spellings, abbreviations and notations taken from the records.)



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Nov. 24, 1948

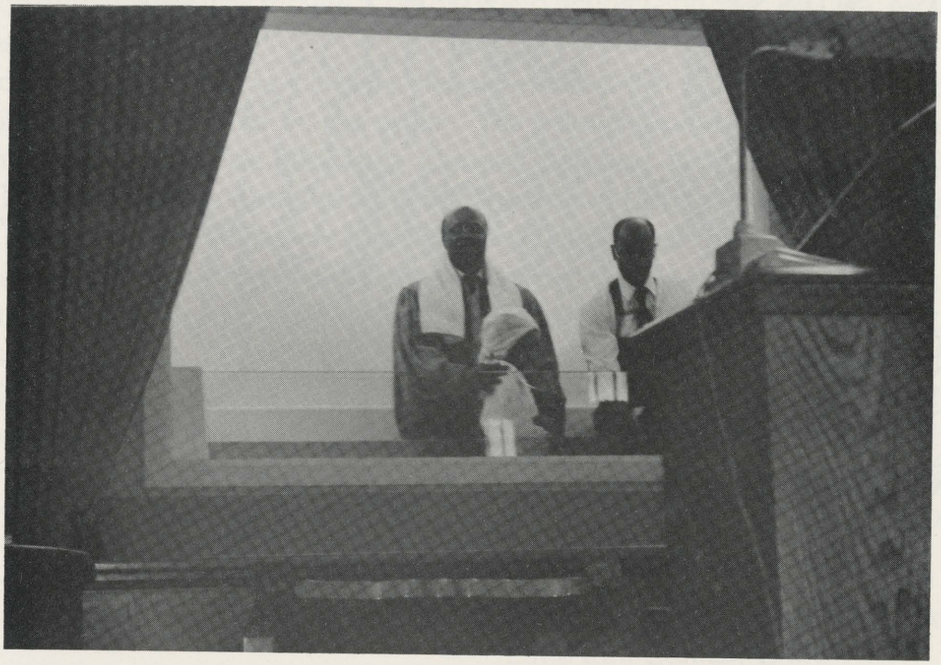
Dear Pastor members and friends of the Chestnut Ridge P.B. Church. I take pleasure in writing you a few lines to ~~ex~~press my appreciation of you ~~re~~electing me as one of your delegates to the States Conv. which met in Walnut Cove P.B. Church New London, on Nov. 5, 6, 7, last. In case Sister Edith France is absent I wish to tell you that the State Conv. now has altogether moved and passed on a motion to secure a place elsewhere for a Bible School.

since the property at Winston-Salem is of that we can't use it. We will get minutes this year showing us some of the work that we are expected to do for the school. We had a large delegation and a very spiritual conv. considering the unfavorable weather of the part in question. Best of all there was a spirit of Brotherly love existing also a spirit of unity. Let us look forward for a better plan for Bible School in the near future. I remain

Very truly
Your Sister
in Christ
Julia R. Flowers

This letter is to the church concerning the 1948 State Convention. A Bible School now stands in East Spencer, North Carolina. Julia Flowers purchased the air conditioner, letters for the name of the santucary, and stone in the kitchen of Chestnut Ridge P.P. Baptist Church. She paid for the landscaping on rear of the cemetery and church. We salute Julia Flowers for her long standing service to her church.

Baptism Service



(l-r) M. Smith, Elder Hairston, Deacon McCarther



(l-r) Deacon McCarther, J. France, Elder Hairston

A MEMORIAL TRIBUTE

to

Mrs. Mayola Jessup France

&

Mr. Ralph France



Mayola Jessup France, Vice-president
Charter member of choir
Robe Coordinator

Ralph France, Manager
Dependable and Supportive

The helpful contributions of love and kindness we gained from them make our journey of life better and richer.

Loving,
Senior Choir of Chestnut Ridge
Primitive Baptist Church

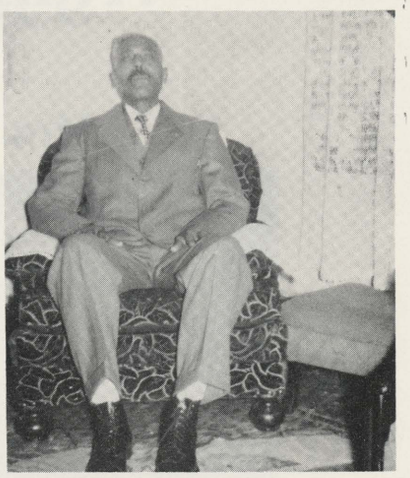
In Memory of

Tommy Hatcher
Maggie King Hatcher
Emma Hatcher
Herman Moore
Wesley Dodd

Loving memories never die as years roll on and days pass by. In my heart a memory is kept. For the one I love and shall never forget.

Rachel Dodd

In Loving Memory of John Vestor Penn



When the family gets together
There is one we fail to see
It fills our hearts with sadness
Thinking how it used to be
It broke our hearts to lose you
But you did not go alone
For part of us went with you
The day God called you home.

The family - Dealia P. Reynolds, Ida P. Cox
Versie P. Moore, Gertrude P. Brim,
Lillie P. France



In Loving Memory of My Mother Irene Cox Hatcher

and Brother

Clayburn M. Hatcher

by Kathy Hatcher Abdllkader



We honor and thank God for being members of the Chestnut Ridge Primitive Baptist Church and for Our Fifty Wedding Anniversary to appear in this book.

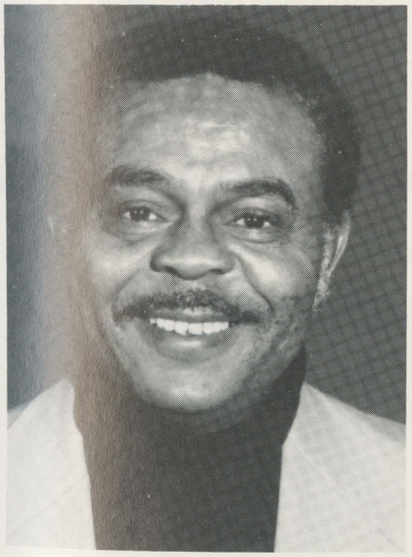
Eugene & Flora McCarther



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Chestnut Ridge Primitive Progressive Baptist Church

In memory of my parents
Granville and Vennie France



My Loving Husband
Joe Bill Cox



Granddaughter
Mar-Yallah Cox

Loving Memories
Leona France Cox
& children

Congratulations Chestnut Ridge
on your 85th Anniversary

IN LOVING MEMORY OF
OUR PARENTS AND SISTER
OSCAR & ESSIE SMITH TAYLOR
AND VIOLA TAYLOR REAVES

To ours we loved so dearly
To ours we cherished so much
Whom hands were always reaching
To give that comforting touch.
We know we will always miss you
No one can take your place,
We will live our lives, so that one day
We will see you face to face

Jerry Taylor & Family
Alice Taylor Hill & Family
Geraldine Taylor & Family
Alma Taylor Carrington & Family
John Taylor & Family
Oscar Taylor, Jr. & Family
Thaxton Taylor & Family
Harold & Carol Reaves

Rosie Hatcher Family

We wish God speed in 85th anniversary at Chestnut Ridge Baptist Church. We hope and pray you will have many more. She was a very faithful member. She helped to purchase church pews. Great missionary leader. May God continue to bless all of you.

Love,
Ida Ewerige, Annie Mae Reynolds,
Sadie Penn, James Hatcher,
Paul Hatcher, Monroe Hatcher.



Memoriam
to
Mother & Father

Mrs. Rosa I. Hatcher
Mr. Adam C. Hatcher
Mrs. Mary Penn
Mr. Zeffie Penn

Our Granddaughter

To Meda Ann Penn
Loving Memories
Sadie H. & Jerry Penn

Congratulations
In Loving Memory
of
Kathleen Cox Robinson
our beloved sister



Oscar, McCleda,
Ella Mae, Howard
Romania, Leo

In Loving Memory
of
Our Parents

Mr. & Mrs. Wesley Strickland

Submitted by Daughters:

Annie M. Wansley **Ruth A. Taylor**
Mattie E. Cox **Ellen Shuff**



Happy Anniversary
In Loving Memory of Mabel Brown & Billy Mitchell
Mitchell Family



In Loving Memory of
our Brothers & Sisters

Chester Penn
Foyie Penn
Cosie Penn Jessup
Dovie Penn Hatcher
Lueater Penn
Troy Penn

Sincerely,
Lillie France
Versie Moore

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In Loving Memory
of
Husband and Father
Thomas W. Cox, Sr.



We miss your smiling face and your tender touch. We miss your gentle spirit that radiated love and joy, which showed us you cared, yes your gentle spirit still touches our hearts and although your work here on earth is done, we realize your work in heaven has just begun. For your call to worship God and his Son will always live and your light will never go out, for your light shines in our heart forever.

Our Grandparents:
Wesley & Mattie Strickland
Bartley & Minervia Cox

Lovingly missed,
(Your Wife and Children)

Mattie Ethel Strickland-Cox
Sherlene
Doris Ann
Thomas Jr.
Janet
Michael
Madelyn
Patti Jo
Donald

In Memory of Our Beloved Parents
Rev. Roy G. and Della Cox . . .



Who taught us that the real important thing in life is to love God and love one fellow man. We the survivors of this union pray Gods continued blessings on the church.

James Oscar Cox
Anna McClada Cox Hatcher
Elle Mae Cox Hatcher
Howard M. Cox
Romain Cox Brown
Robert Leo Cox, Sr.

We Salute You



The family of Minerva J. Cox, foundress of the Chestnut Ridge Progressive Primitive Baptist Church, joyfully, **congratulate** all members on the celebration of the church's eighty-fifth anniversary.

Her descendants Otis G. Cox, Sr. daughters Tremayne Cox, Patricia Cox McDaniels, and son Otis G. Cox Jr. are pictured. Other family members included six grandchildren. Fredrick Duane Jones, Deborah Jones Wiggs, Darnetta Jones Royster, Wendi Cox, Kevin Otis Cox and Keith Cox. There are six great grand-children.

The family members are proud to have its roots in the firm foundation of this church.

Happy Anniversary

In memory of Deacon Lester and Alberta Cox McCarther, we wish you a very spiritual and successful church anniversary. Because our parents served so faithfully, Chestnut Ridge P.P. Baptist Church became a better place to worship God. He served many years as chairman of the Deacons, a Trustee and Treasurer of the Sandy Ridge District Usher Board. God Bless the Chestnut Ridge P.P. Baptist Church.



Stafford McCarther
Gladys McCarther Long
Cardell McCarther Smith
Vernell McCarther Johnson
Katie McCarther Hatcher
Doretha McCarther Turner

Happy 85th Anniversary

to

Chestnut Ridge Progressive Primitive Baptist Church

In Memory of our Grandparents

Robert & Ida McCarther
Bartley & Minerva Cox

Gladys Long
Vernell Johnson
Cardell Smith
Doretha Turner
Stafford McCarther
Katie L. Hatcher

Happy Anniversary

In honor of my mother and father
Nomie and Essie Hickman
May God bless and keep all of my Sisters and Brothers and my family.
Mr. & Mrs. William C. Speas





GREETINGS

CONGRATULATIONS to the minister, officers, members and friends of Chestnut Ridge Progressive Primitive Baptist Church on your Anniversary. We the children of Bertha Cox France and Floyd France salute you for the love you have for Jesus Christ the son of God. In memoriam to our grandmother Minerva Jessup Cox, the founder of the church, and our grandfather Bartley Cox, our mother and father, Floyd Oscar France, Bertha Imogene Cox France, our sister Eliza Lorena France McNeil, our brothers, Walter Ransom and Jesse France, we dedicate their moments in history on this special occassion.

May the blessings continue to "flood" into this church and the congregation for generations to come.





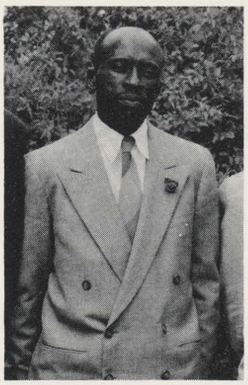




Irma Lee Bingham
Ruth Andrews
Veatrice F. Holmes
Namoia F. Davie
Hazel F. Jenkins
Cassie F. Taylor
Arnix France
Matthew France

Love

Honor





Instructor

Encouragement

In Loving Memory of Our Parents Sylvester and Crissie McCarther

Obey

Blessed

WHAT GOD IS TO THE WORLD,
PARENTS ARE TO THEIR CHILDREN.
Philo

James McCarther
Sylvester W. McCarther
Arnetta Smith

Loretta Moore
Otha Robinson
Crissie Chandler
Carolyn Watkins

Example

Light

Provider

Respect

Leader

Happy Anniversary
To My Home Church

CONGRATULATIONS to the Chestnut Ridge Progressive Primitive Baptist Church Family on your 85th Anniversary. I, Eliza Cox Witcher, realize that I am blessed for having a strong and religious up-bringing. We pray for your continous success in the work of God. We remember the following: my former Pastor, Rev. G.W. King, Parents & Grandparents, Bartley and Minervia Cox, Sisters and Aunts, Bertha Cox France, Crissie and Alberta Cox McCarther, Brothers, Rev. Roy Cox, Minister Payne Cox and Thomas Gorrell Cox. Grandchildren, Charles, Alese McDaniel. Our Father and Husband, John Oscar Witcher.

Lovingly Remembered,
Eliza Cox Witcher, Alese Robinson,
John Jr. Witcher, Inez McDaniels,
Isnara Washington, Jaunita Diggs.

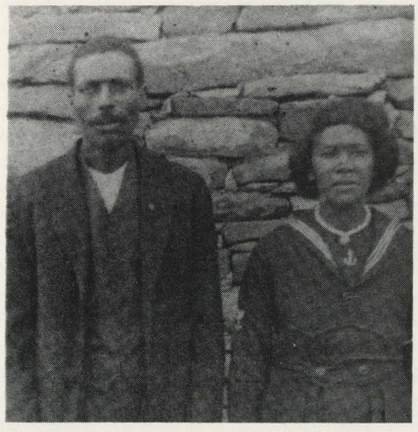
CHESTNUT RIDGE CHURCH FAMILY

TO: Charles, Sister, Brothers and Friends

Congratulations to your church family on their 85 anniversary. We would that you continue and grow in the Lord and be the shining light God's word has challenged us all to be.

From our family to yours,
Elder Robert & Sister Doretha Hairston

Robert G., Malinda, Jerome
Lucy, Dorthy, Jeff
Jerry, Cynthia, Zuzella



In Memory of Our
Dearest Father - Mr. John Vester Penn
and
Dearest Mother - Mrs. Laura Jenny Penn

Our hearts were sad
Because we lost Mom and Dad
Your memory to us shall always be treasured
Your love for us could never be measured.
Sorrowfully missed by children

Ida B. Cox
Vera Moore
Gertrude Brim
Delia Reynolds
Lillie France



In Loving Memory of
Payne Nathaniel (Sam) Cox, Sr.

Who departed this life March 25, 1989.
Gone but not forgotten, May you rest in peace.

Devoted Wife Ida, Children
and Grandchildren



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

in memory of **Adam Jessup** was born on March 4, 1910, to Harrison and Lullar Jessup in Stokes County, North Carolina. He was the 1st child in the family of 8 children. His sisters and brothers are as follows: Harriet, Ida and Ella, Howard and Oliver Jessup, which there are tow whom have proceeded in death, Vera and Robert Jessup.

In 1935, he married Ethel Ruth Smith, the daughter of Annie Smith Joyce. To this union were born 5 children: Carolyn Frances, Adam Jr., and Jean Jessup, which there is one whom have proceeded in death, Shirley Jessup Bowman.

Adam was a hard working farmer, whose house is today standing on Rt. 1 Westfield, North Carolina. There he raised pigs, cows and grew tobacco. Adam would also go to Mt. Airy, North Carolina on Virginia street on Saturday afternoon where he would sell milk and butter to help take care of his family. Adams work was never done, he was always up before sun raise and worked to sun down.

Adam was a member of Chestnut Ridge Church in Westfield, North Carolina. He was faithful to his church and did much to set examples for christian living. In the early 50's, he brought in a large number of young children into Chestnut Ridge Church for Sunday School, for which he was honored.

Adam was also respected through out his community by young and older people. Adam was blessed with 12 grand children: Wade, Lenora and Harold Flippen, Charlene and Debra Turner, Subrinnia, Yogi and Gray Bowman, Veroncia, Lynn, Mike and Corey Jessup, and Jerry Chiffon Wathins. He is also bless with 11 great grandchildren.

Adams memories and good deeds will never be forgotten.

The Jessup Family

CONGRATULATIONS ON THE 85TH ANNIVERSARY OF MY CHURCH

Mother Julia Flowers



I HAVE LIVED

I have seen at break of day,
All nature lift her arms to pray;
I have caught the fragrance rare
Of a lily on the air;
I have felt love's gentle touch,
And have known to my self that heaven is such
I have seen cool summer showers
Drunk eagerly by thirsty flowers;
I have savored fresh brewed tea
Its slendor flavor haunted me'
I have watched the leaves at play
On a crisp October day.

Now I see the shadows grow,
Their great, long fingers on the snow
Give way to dusk for day is done
Now I walk a lonely way
Where darkness steals in thik and gray
And I have lived - now let me die.

I have served my master well
I reared my children to God's bell
I have seen what God has done
Now I can go on home
Where he promise me life eternal
Now I hear the master's voice
Well done come on in my good and faithful servant:
Thou hast been faithful over a few things,
I will make thee ruler over many things,
enter thou into the joy of thy Lord.
Now I say to my family I hear your sighs
And I have lived - Now I have died.

Minervia Oro Jessup Cox was born one of the servant blessing bestowed on the late Pete and Eliza Taylor Jessup on March 13, 1877 of Brim's Grove Plantation in Westfield, North Carolina. She was born 10 years after the Emanicipation Proclamation. She was never bitter nor resentful to the Ango-Saxon descendent of our country. She always felt a part of the American way and wxercised her vote from the moment of receiving the right to vote. She stated only last summer to Democratic leaders in the county "that if they were Democrates then she had voted for them."

In 1890, she married Bartley Woodrow Cox in which the Lord blessed them with 15 children, fourteen of whom lived to be adults. She enjoyed this union with Bart, as he was commonly know, for 60 years until his death in 1950.

She became part of the church in 1890 at the age of thirteen. She joined Locust Grove Primitive Baptist Church one of the oldest Primitive Baptist churches in the area. She became distraught with the teaching of the leaders and broke her ties with this church in 1907. She felt that the prople should be taught the words of the Bible from the Old Testament to birth and resurrection of Jesus Christ and his coming again. She believed that Sunday School was a vital part in the Christian plan. This church did not hold these basic beliefs. The Progressive Primitive Church in the northern part of North Carolina and Southern Virginia owes roots to Mother Minervia Cox. She became a charter member of the Chestnut Ridge Primitive Church in 1904. Since this time she became a stalwart supporter and character of the Sandy Ridge Progressive Primitive Baptist Convention.

She attended church everytime the doors were open until her age and health began to creep upon her. At the age of 102½, she announced that her family was going to serve the Lord and was proud to say "all of her children was baptized and reared in the Primitive Baptist Church. She was a stalwart believer in one faith, one God and baptism. She led many to Christ, including her mother, husband, brothers, sisters and many, many others.

In 1917, the Lord gave her a vision. She said "she felt that the burdens of the world was on her shoulders." She prayed and fasted for days. When she returned she told her children that the God of Moses, Abraham, Issac and Jacob and Abraham Lincoln, would led her people and in the days of her children's childrens day, they shall be a wise race. They would be doctors, lawyers, politicans, and teachers. Her children and other children would go to the same schools and churches. Her people will be led out of bondage into freedom. She lived to see most of this dream become a reality.

She taught Sunday School until she was 87. She was a member of the Women Council and established the Women's Auxiliary, Ushers, Choirs, and Mission Offering, as well as the Pastor's Aide Fund in her church and all the churches in the association.

She was a mid-wife and delivered many of her grandchildren, as well as neighbors' and friends' children. She also possess the ability to cure thresh and withdraw fire from the body. She has cured the illness over the State of North Carolina and from the north to the south of the east coast.

She composed and introduced the melody of many songs while worshipping in the church. Some of the songs are "Thank You, Jesus", "Just One More Time", "I Shall Not Be Moved" and many, many others.

As a result of her many deeds, she was named Mother of her church, Sandy Ridge District State Primitive Baptist Convention, and National Primitive Baptist Convention. She was honored many times by Board of Commissioner, Mayor of Mr. Airy, Presidents of the United States, Senator Robert Morgan, Representative Steve Neal and Governors of North Carolina, also Surry County Board of Education and Surry Telephone Company.

She said these words so many times but in different ways—
Not every path to glory friend is paved with brillant deeds
renowned, But in the way to God, This glory road is found.

But God doth quickly recognize, In every willing sacrifice
Or humble task, or service sweet,
At path of glory quite complete.

And if the task before you set, With courage prayerfully, you've met,
Then comes reward; you've nobly won. The master's glorious words
Well done.

The words she taught her family will help them bear their grief:
Let not your heart be trouble, Ye that believe in God believe also in me.
In my fathers's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself where I am, there ye may be also.

To those who knew her well she was indeed our Debora, a mother in Isarel, our Isarel in Chestnut Ridge, Sandy Ridge District, State Primitive Baptist and National Primitive.



Mrs. Cox Dies At Age 104

At age 100 Mr. Minerva Oro Jessup Cox was still going to the polls to vote, attending church each Sunday and helping with cooking in the house where she lived with her daughter.

Yesterday morning, the inevitable march of time exacted its toll - she died at her home on Rt. 1, Westfield following a brief illness. She was 104 years old, and the widow of Bartley Woodrow Cox. The mother of 15 children, 10 of whom survive, she numbers among her descendants a variety of professions, including a daughter of who is a school teacher and a son who is a minister. She herself was descended from slave grandparents whose servitude was in the same Westfield community where whe was born and lived for more than a century.

In a 1977 interview with News reporter Louise Norman, Mrs. Cox told of making a trip to the voting booth at Westfield School to vote a "straight Democratic ticket" in an election.

"I gotta help run this country," she commented.

Of seemingly endomitable spirit, she attended a little one-room school in the Brim's Grove Community for only a year. Beyond that she was self-educated. That education was enough to keep her busily engaged over the years teaching a Sunday school class from a young age until she was 85. It was then her eyes began to fail, although she was still able to read a large-print Bible. At age 90 she suffered a stroke and was told by medical authorities she "probably would never walk or use her hands again." She fooled the authorities - in four months she was walking and using her hands. She was given a wheel chair which she often sat in, not because she neded it but "because it sat so good".

Never having lived more than 10 miles beyond her place of birth, she was "Mother Cox" to the many who knew her, and a "doctor" of old-time remedies to people who came from as far as Raleigh for her treatments. A daughter reported her mother was a devout Christian "with more white folks than black people" who came to her for prayer, advice and help.

At age 100 a birthday party for her at her church brought over 600 people to her side, including the mayor of Mount Airy and the county commissioners who issued a proclamation declaring March 11, 1979 "Minerva Cox Day in Surry County". She was instrumental in founding Chestnut Ridge Primitive Baptist Church near Westfield. She was also an active member and officer of the Sandy Ridge District Association and the Primitive Baptist State Convention. Among other accomplishments, she established the Women's Council, Women's Auxiliary, the Women's Missionary and other organizations within her church as well as the district and state associations.

Her list of honors and accomplishments is so singular that it would take a volume to record them. Throughout her years, whe carried her responsibilities as a citizen with both dignity and serenity, along with her title as Surry County's senior citizen.

Submitted by Mother Julia Flowers

Her Favorite Poem

Not Growing Old

They say that I am growing old;
I've heard them till it times untold
In language plain and bold.
But I'm not growing old.
  This frail old shell in which I dwell,
  Is growing old, I know full well,
  But Im not the shell.
What if my hair is turning grey?
Grey hairs are honorable, they say.
  What if my eyesight is growing dim?
  I still can see to follow Him,
  Who sacrificed His life for me
  Upon the cross of Calvary.
What should I care if time's old plow
Has left its furrows on my brow?
  Another house not made with hands
  Awaits me in the Glory Land.
What though I falter in my walk?
What though my tongue refuse to talk?
I still can tread the narrow way;
I still can watch, and praise and pray.
  My hearing may not be so keen,
  As in the past it may have been,
  Still I can hear my Savior say
  In whispers soft, "This is the way."
The outer man, do what I can
To lengthen out my life's short span,
Will perish and return to dust,
As everthing in nature must.
  The inward man, the Scriptures say,
  Is growing stronger every day.
  Then how can I be growing old?
  When safe within my Saviour's fold
This robe of flesh, I'll drop and rise
To seize the everlasting prize.
I'll meet you on the streets of gold
And prove that I'm not growing old.

—Mrs. May E. Hollingsworth

In Memory
Sunday proclaimed Minervia Cox Day
Happy Birthday!
March 11, 1979



Surry County Commissioners have proclaimed Sunday "Minervia Jessup Cox Day" in appreciation and support of all the senior citizens of Surry County.

Song Sung at many Pastor's Anniversaries:

1. O sometimes the shadows are deep
   And rough seems the path to the gold.
   And sorrows sometimes how they sweep
   Like tempest down over the soul.

Chorus: O then to the rock let me fly
To the rock that is higher than I
O then to the rock let me fly
To the rock that is higher than I

2. O sometimes how long seem the day
   And sometimes how weary my feet
   But toiling in life's dusty way
   The Rock blessed shadow how sweet

3. O near to the Rock let me keep
   If blessings are sorrows prevail
   Or climbing the mountains way steep
   Or walking the shadow way vail.

Some of her favorite songs were:

Thank You Jesus
Did Christ Over Sinners Weep
Revive Us

Who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this? Then Ester said ... If I perish, I perish. I am going to see the King.

Lovingly Submitted,
Mother Julia Flowers

In memory of the following members of my family, I salute my church. God gave my mother, Minervia Jessup Cox, a vision; without vision the people perish.

Bartley Woodrow Cox, Father
Minervia Oro Jessup Cox, Mother
Rev. Roy G. Cox, Brother & Pastor
Payne Cox, Brother & Minister
Thomas W. "Gorrell" Cox, Brother
Alberta Cox McCarther, Sister
Crissie Cox McCarther, Sister
Bertha Cox France, Sister

Loving,
Mother Julia Flowers





Congratulations
in a tribute
to my only surving brother
Otis Graham Cox, Sr.
(Medicine Man)
&
My Eldest Sister
Mother Zillar Cox McEleroy

Proverbs 22:6 was the scripture by which my parents reared their children.

My parents union brought these maidens: Zillar Cox, Bertha Cox, Julia Cox, Eliza Cox, Odell Cox, Zelma Cox, Crissie Cox, Alberta Cox, Bernice Cox, Baby Cox. And these lads: Roy G. Cox, Payne N. Cox, Graham O. Cox, Thomas W. Cox.
Lovingly Submitted,
Julia Rosella Cox Flowers

WORKMEN'S
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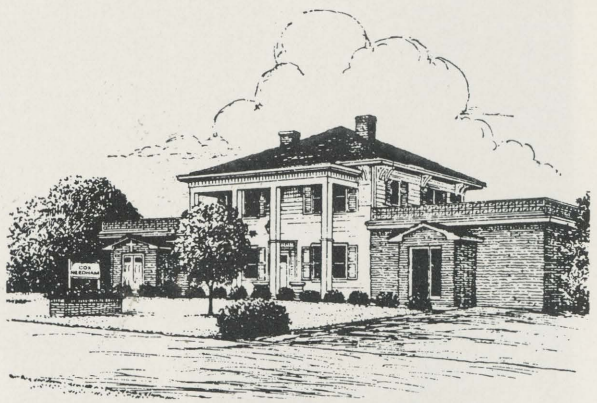
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Congratulations to my church family, the Chestnut Ridge P.P. Baptist Church. Also, as acting President of the North Carolina-Virginia State Women's Congress held in East Spencer, N.C., I bring you greetings. Let us pray, me and Thee, that our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ will give us understanding in all things. "The family that prays together will stay together."

Katie L. Hatcher

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Mr. and Mrs. Frank P. Cokley and Family
Vara Minerva Cox Cokley
Daughter

This is not only an opportunity, but a pleasure to have this space to dedicate this page in honor of B.W. Cox and wife Minerva Jessup Cox whom we loved and apppreciated.

Minerva Jessup Cox was the founder of Chestnut Ridge Primitive Progressive Baptist Church as forestated. At the age of fifteen years old, she lead her Mother, sisters and brothers to Christ. She was taught by God, for she had stated numerous times that she went to school for only one year that she could remember.

God gave her the wisdom to read, and with this wisdom she became a great Sunday school teacher. She helped set up the Women's Auxilliary, Ushers Board, Pastor Aide, and started the Devotional Services in the churchs through out the Sandy Ridge District.

She started the mission offering which was later changed to the Old Minister Fund. God gave her the vision concerning the mission offering and told her to do all she could to help others.

Minerva was a midwife, cured thrash in babies, drew out fire and stopped blood. She was known through out North Carolina and Virginia far and near for her dedicated services to God and man.

Mother of eleven girls and four boys who all tried and are trying to walk in her footsteps. One of her favorite Scriptures was St. John, 14 Chapters, 1-7 verses.

In Loving Remembrance

The Cokley Family





Building Our Christian Heritage

This is truly a great moment as we stand in the tradition of our christian heritage. As we come today to witness the partial fulfillment of a dream. . . a dream that has been shared by so many for years. . . visionaries who dreamed of an adequate house of refuge and a station of power with a message of love, redemption and salvation.

We are grateful to Almighty God for giving us leaders with visions. Therefore, let us hold fast our profession of faith.

Mother Bernice Cox Lowe

In Memory of
Maggie Hatcher Clark

Death beckoned her with outstretched hand
And whispered softly of "An Unknown Land"-
But she was not afraid to go
For though the path she did not know,
She took Deaths's hand without a fear,
For he who safely brought her here
Had told her he would lead the way
Into Eternity's Bright Day . . .
And so she did not go alone
Into the "Valley That's Unknown"-
She gently took Death by the hand
And journeyed to "The Promised Land"
And there with step so light and gay,
She polishes the sun by day
And lights the stars that shine at night
And keeps the moonbeams silvery bright
For mothers really never die
They just "Keep House Up in the Sky"
And in the Heavenly Home Above
They wait to "welcome" those they love.

Love,
Muriel Clark Siler & Family
Doris Clark Hill & Family
Christine Clark Hairston & Family
Magaline Clark Reynolds & Family
George Clark & Family

In Memory of
Barry Siler

You painted no Madonnas on chapel walls in Rome,
But with a touch diviner, you lived one in your home.

You wrote no lofty poems that critics counted art,
But with a nobler vision you lived them in your heart.

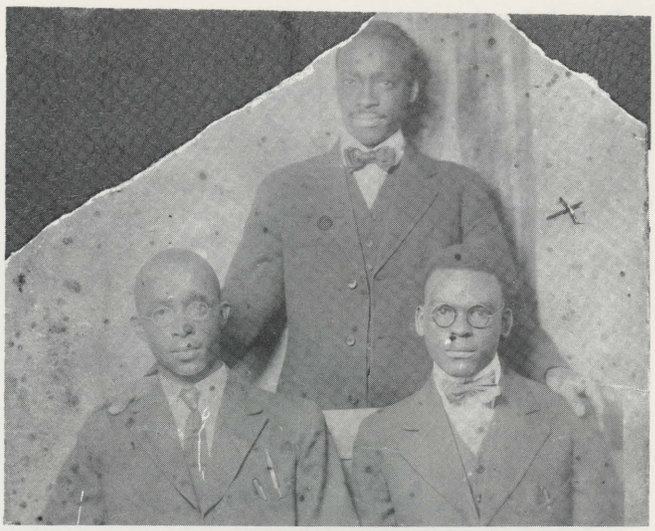
You carved no shapeless marble for some high soul design,
But with a finer sculpture you shaped this soul of mine.

You built no great cathedrals that centuries applaud,
But with a grace exquisite your life cathedralled God.

Had we a gift of Madonna or Michelangelo
O, what a rare Raphael your life would show.

Love,
Clarence (Jr.) Siler & Muriel Clark Siler
Cathy Siler
Ricky Siler & Family
Micheal Siler & Family
Gary Siler & Family
Bessie Carter Siler

Congratulations to my Church
Moments in History



The Evangelist who encouraged church movement led by Mother Manervia Cox, Elder R.A. Cloud, Elder John T. Martin, Elder O.S. Mac Moore, Elder C.R. Davidson, Elder Payne Cox, Bro. John Robertson, Bro. Pink Smith, Bro. Payne Hylton, Bro. Gurley, Brother Palmer, Bro. Rommie Robertson, Bro. Fletcher Jessup

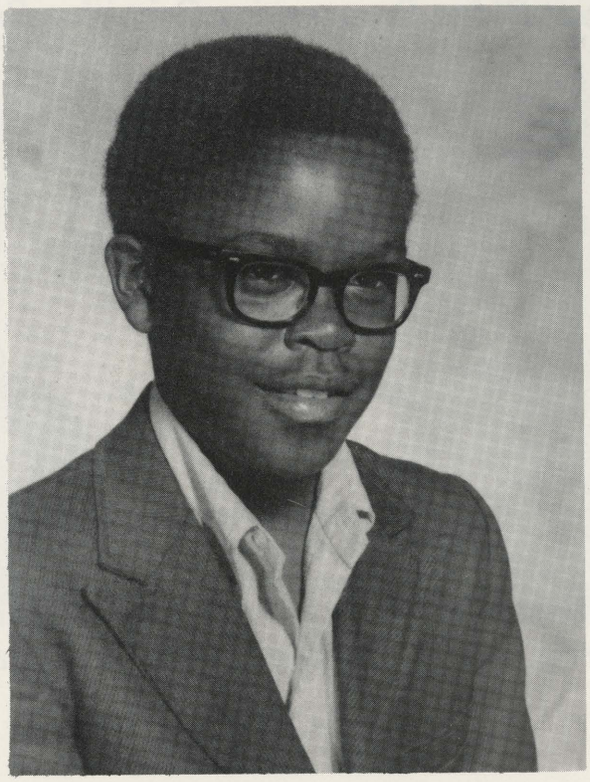


Odell Cox, Julia Flowers, Minervia Cox

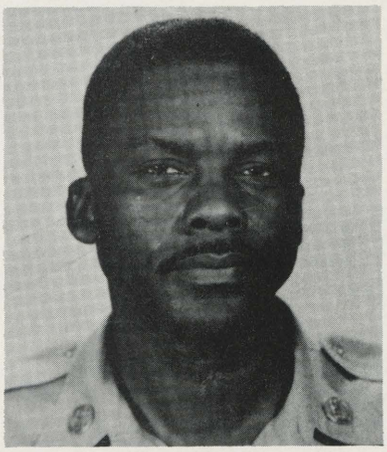
Three students who attended the school of religion in Winston-Salem. This is where Pleasant Union Primitive Baptist Church now stands. Other students who attended are Payne Cox, Arthur Strickland, Hamlin, Zilla Cox McEleroy and Edna Scales. The school was named John T. Martin school.

Submitted by
Julia C. Flowers

In the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, congratulations Chestnut Ridge P.P. Baptist church family. In memory of . . .



Thomas Jr. Hatcher
Lovingly Submitted



Deac. Thomas L. Hatcher Sr.



Michael Hatcher

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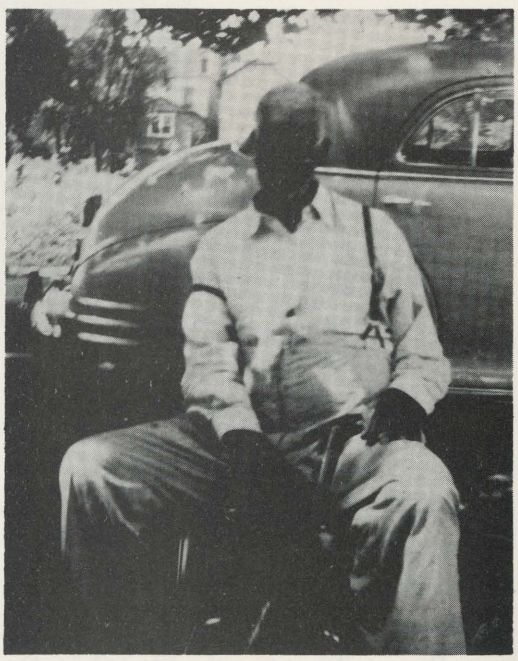
"THE CHURCH WHERE EVERYBODY IS SOMEBODY"

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CHURCH

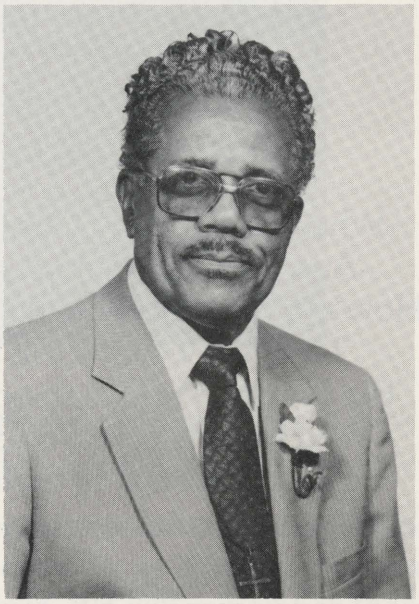
IN MEMORY OF
BARTLEY WOODRUF COX

A man is as great as the dreams he dreams. He took fourteen children from out a wretched cot, who on the state dishonor might have brought, and reared them in the christian hope and trust, and saw them all brought up in Chestnut Ridge Progressive Primitive Baptist Church. We built a home, time laid it to dust; He wrote no book. He ruled a home. We salute you pop.

Julia, Eliza, Zelma,
Odell, Vara, Zilla,
Bernice and Graham.



CHRISTIAN FELICITATIONS TO





Chestnut Ridge Progressive Primitive Baptist Church on your 85th Anniversary. Rev. and Mr. Nelson Staples founder and builder of Mr. Zion Baptist Church, Beckley, W.Va.

Consider Romans 12:9-21-
Let love be without dissimulation. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good. Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love in honour preferring one another not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord; Rejoicing in hope; Patient in tribulation; continuning instant in prayer; Distributing to the necessity of saints; given to hospitality. Bless them which persecute you; Bless and curse not. Rejoice with them that do rejoice; and weep with them weep. Be of the same mind one toward another. Mind not high things, but condescend to men of low estate. Be not wise in your own conceits. Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men. Dearly beloved avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath; for it is written, vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord. Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him, if he thirst, give him drink; for in so doing thou shall heap coals of fire on his head. Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.

TO THE MEMORY
OF OUR PARENTS

Edd Jones & Terie Finney Jones

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Lloyd Jones

My brothers & sisters are:
Betty Jones Mankins
Charlie Jones
Murry Jones
Bertha Jones Dodd
Odessa Jones Webster
Clava Jones Hamilton

IN MEMORY OF
CARL (Bubble) HILL
&
ALLEN (Buster) HILL

When love is gentle and strong
And time has been the fest.
How sad that we must say goodbye
To those we love the best.
But love can bridge the distance
And love has shown us how
The knowledge of their love
Sustains us now.

Love,
Tina Hill & Family

IN MEMORY OF
EMMA SIMMONS FOSTER
&
RAYNORD FOSTER

The memory of our dear love ones
Are the kind that never die
But just grow even dearer
As the days and years go by.

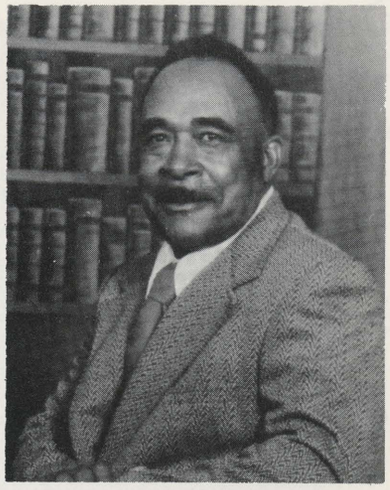
Love,
Mary Foster Taylor & Family
Ralph Foster & Family

IN MEMORY OF
JAMES M. DODD

The people we remember the best are those who know the art of doing just what matters most and speaking from the heart.

Love,

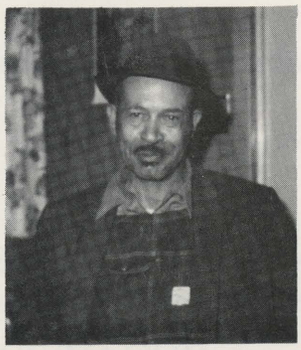
Your Children



Happy Anniversary!
in Memory of Cobe Taylor

You are not forgotten loved one. Nor will you ever be as long as life and memory last. We will remember thee.

Sis. China Taylor
Children & Grandchildren

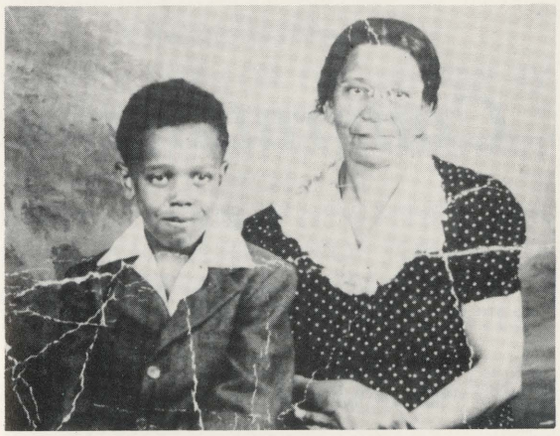




HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

In memory of our loving
Mother & Father

The children of Joseph T.
and Hester K. Hickman



Happy Anniversary in memory of the 1st member to join the church in 1907
Chrissie France Moore
From the family-
Joe Willie Moore, Nannie Moore, Loni Moore, Walter Moore, Dasie Moore, Decosta Moore, Syvannia Moore, Versie Moore, Izera Moore, Leah Moore.

Happy 85th Anniversary to the Chestnut Ridge Church Family

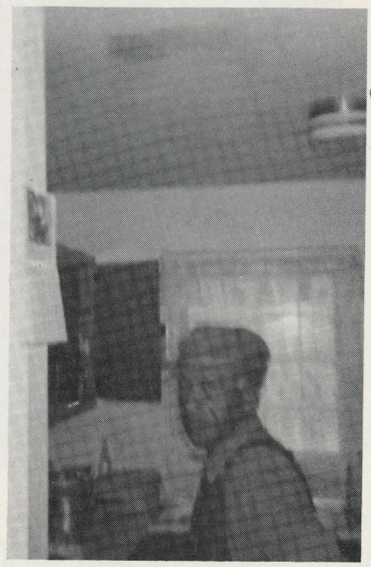
May God Continue to Bless You

IN MEMORY OF

Grandmother Eldie Strickland
&
Mother Bertie Moore Strickland

by
Virginia Woodyard

IN MEMORY OF FATHER
JAMES OTIS HATCHER



We keep a priceless painting embedded
in our hearts.
A gift to us from Heaven in the Masters
perfect art,
A little homelike picture of a father of
so dear.
Whose prayers we fondly cherish, and
whose lessons we revere,
And more and more this picture is to us
a sacred shrine
We praise the God who gave it and we
thank Him that its ours.
And the sun and stars may perish and
the world may fall apart,
But father lives forever embedded in
our hearts.
Love,
Mallie Hatcher (wife)
Children: Helen H. Porter, Doris Jean H. Myers
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Pastor & Mrs. Larry D. Tatum, Cynthia & Angela

CHESTNUT RIDGE, IT ALL STARTED WITH YOU! THANK-YOU FOR THE INITATION TO THE PASTORAL MINISTRY. (ROM. 8:28) MY HISTORY WITH YOU HAS BEEN A MAJOR CONTRIBUTING FACTOR IN ALL THE LORD HAS ALLOWED ME TO DO IN FOSTERING THE CAUSE OF CHRIST. BEST WISHES FOR A MEMORABLE AND CHRIST-CENTERED CHURCH ANNIVERSARY. MAY GOD CONTINUE TO USE YOU TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF MEN, WOMEN, GIRLS AND BOYS. FROM PASTOR LARRY D. TATUM OF NEW SARDIS PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH.

Congratulations
to the Chestnut Ridge Church Family

In memory of Henry W. and Savannah Hatcher, congratulations to Chestnut Ridge Progressive Primitive Baptist Church. Henry W. Hatcher served on the Deacon Board at the Chestnut Ridge Progressive Primitive Baptist Church. He served his church well. His wife, Savannah Hatcher, was a faithful Sunday School member, a church member, a member of club NO. 2 and a member of the Women's Auxilary. Mother Hatcher, as most of us called her served as one of the mothers of the church.

Flora A. McCarther, Oliver Hatcher,
Thomas L. Hatcher, Robert M. Hatcher,
Maggie Scott, Earlene Anderson.





CONGRATULATIONS CHESTNUT RIDGE CHURCH FOR TAKING TIME TO REMEMBER

There are precious memories for my parents, Bart & Minerva Cox. Sisters: Bertha, Crissie and Alberta. Brothers: Payne, Roy and Gorrell. They have victory in Jesus.

Victory in Jesus

I heard an old, old story, how a Savior came from glory
How He gave His life on Calvary to save a wretch like me
I heard about His groaning, of His precious blood's atoning
Then I repented of my sins and won the victory.

I heard about His healing, of His cleansing pow'r revealing
How He made the lame to walk again and cause the blind to see
And then I cried, "Dear Jesus, come and heal my broken spirit
And somehow Jesus came and brought to me the vitory

I heard about a mansion He built for me in glory
And I heard about the streets of gold beyond the crystal sea
About the angels singing and the old redemption story
And some sweet day I'll sing up there the song of Victory

CHORUS

O victory in Jesus, my Savior, forever;
He sought me and bought me with His redeeming blood,
He loved me eve I knew Him, and all my love is due Him
He plunged me to victory beneath the cleansing flood.

I Have a Place In Heaven

Please don't sing sad songs for me,
Forget your grief and fears,
For I am in a perfect place,
Away from pain and tears ...
I'm far away from hunger
And hurt and want and pride
I have a place in heaven,
With the Master at my side,
My life on earth was very good,
As earthly lives can go,
But Paradise is so much more
than anyone can know ...
My heart is filled with happiness,
And sweet rejoicing, too.
To walk with God is perfect peace,
A joy forever new.



Loving Remembered
Zelma Horton Faision,
Clifton, James Ray,
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HAPPY ANNIVERSARY
IN MEMORY OF



Mr. Ralph France
April 24, 1907-June 24, 1989



Mrs. Mayola Jessup France
Oct. 2, 1908-May 23, 1989



Mrs. Helen France Moore
Dec. 3, 1929-July 1986

There's a place prepared for me.
It's a place I've longed to see.
I didn't gain it on my own.
But Jesus came down from His throne,
And said believe in me, and by and by
You'll recieve a mansion in the sky.
I believed and served him with all my might.
You should see my Mansion, It's a beautiful sight.
My troubles are gone, He said they would cease.
Now I have happiness, great joy and unspeakable peace.
I am so overjoyed to see this life begin.
But the real joy is knowing that it will never end.
Yes, this Mansion was prepared for me, and I'm enjoying it too.
There are many Mansions here, and one is prepared for you.

CONGRATULATIONS
on the 85th Anniversary of
Chestnut Ridge Primitive Progressive Baptist Church

In Loving Memory
of our
Father and Mother
Henry Harrison and Mary Lou Martin

The Priceless Gift
The priceless Gift of Life is love
For love dissolves all hate and fear.
And makes our vision bright and clear.
So we can see and rise above
Our pettiness, on wings of love.

Cladys, Overa, Basil
and Roy Junior



IN LOVING MEMORIES OF OUR DEARLY BELOVED PARENTS

VIRLEN R. AND DORAN S. JESSUP

This devoted and caring couple touched the lives of numerous people inclucing their fourteen children, one hundred and fifty-three grand children, and numerous of other relatives and friends.

They distilled principles and policies in which we firmly believe and try to live by daily - "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." They were dedicated to their church and their community. They loved their roots in the Westfield community. They would often talk about their heritage with fond memories.

We are blessed and inspired that our parents left such beautiful legacy that is further expressed by their off springs which follows with A TRIBUTE TO MAMMA AND POPPA JESSUP — By Joanne Jessup Falls.

ON BEHALF OF THE GRANDS, GREAT AND GREAT-GRAND
WE PAY TRIBUTE TO MAMMA AND PAPPA JESSUP
WHO'S RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS CLAN

THEY WERE THE GREATEST GRANDPARENTS BY FAR
IF THEY HAD TO BE RATED WE'D GIVE THEM A STAR
WE WILL ALWAYS LOVE THEM AND WE WISHED FOR THEM THE BEST
SO WE ARE SURE THAT GOD TOOK CARE OF THE REST.

THEY'VE BOTH SET AN EXAMPLE THAT OUR PARENTS CARRIED OUT
A TRULY BEAUTIFUL HERITAGE WE CANNOT DOUBT!

Virlen R. Jesup, son of Pete and Eliza Taylor Jessup and Doran Strickland Jessup, daughter of George and Eldie Moore Strickland were United in Holy Matrimony, March 4, 1911. They accepted Jesus Christ as their personal savior and was baptized August 12, 1913. Virlen R. Jessup was elected to serve as church clerk from 1917-1933. He was also elected as a church trustee and fulfilled his duties well. They remain loyal obedient members of Chestnut Ridge Progressive Primitive Baptist Church. They never changed their membership and they were loyal for seventy-five years.

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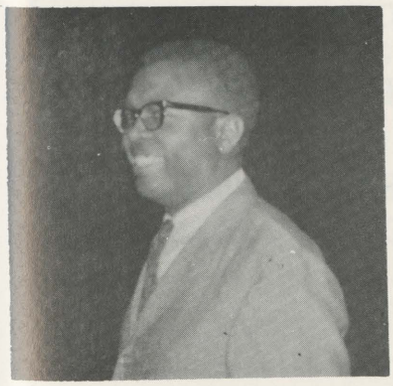
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Sincerly,
Mr. & Mrs. J. Earl Griffin

To: The members of Chestnut Ridge Primitive Baptist Church

From: The members of Exodus Progressive Primitive Baptist Church

CONGRATULATIONS
AND MAY GOD
FOREVER BLESS YOU

Yours in Christ,
Elder Timothy L. Lyons, Pastor
Sis. Amanda M. Travis, Clerk

CONGRATULATIONS
to our grandparents church
and our church

IN MEMORY OF OUR
GREAT-GRANDPARENTS

Tinsley Ashby Lowe
Judy Morehead Lowe
Bartley Woodruff Cox
Minervia Jessup Cox

Courtney Moniqué Smith
Anita Chantaé Bratton
Marcus Dale-Lowell Smith
Charles Thomas Bratton



Route 1, Box 31
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August 1, 1989

Greetings to my Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

First, I would like to thank my church for providing me this opportunity to serve as chairperson of this auspicious committee. It has indeed been a challenging and pleasurable experience.

This task could not been completed without the support of our pastor, Reverend Charles Hariston and the members of this remarkable church.

A special note of gratitude is extended to the members of the Anniversary Committee. Their contributions are noted as follows: Sue Siler for typing and making facsimiles of the correspondences which began this illustrious occassion; Julia Flowers for her gathering of verbal and written history; Erratus Jessup for his support and suggestions; and Alice Hill for her many, many ideas, suggestions and selling of advertisements.

A special memorandun is extended to Angelo Cokley, Jill Smith, Bernice Lowe and Greta Cokley. Angelo is recognized for his photography and his outstanding patience in taking photos. Jill Smith is noted for her dedication and doing the many, many things, I was unable to complete before my departure for the summer. Bernice Lowe is noted for banking the money, encouraging people to be patrons, and purchasing advertisements. Last but not least, Greta Y. Cokley for typing of the program is also remembered. Let's not forget James Shaw and Gregory Cokley in their assistance to Angelo Cokley in the photography department.

Thanks is also extended to our families, friends, and businesses for their support in making this endeavor a success.

Thanks is offered again to my foundation in my religious beliefs, who is the author of much of the faith, morals, and doctrine of the early progression of the primitive baptist churches now and in the future.

Congratulations Chestnut Ridge and hold steady in the path of our founding fathers and mothers who laid for us to follow, not falling for every wind and doctrine.

Yours in Christ,
LaShene Lowe

The Chestnut Ridge Progressive Primitive Baptist Church Family would like to send a special thanks to our Anniversary Committee:

Sister La-Shene Lowe, *Chairperson*
Sister Alice Taylor
Mother Julia Flowers
Sis. Sue Siler
Deacon Eratus Jessup
Elder Charles Hairston

Without your knowledge and hard work this book wouldn't have been possible. Again we say thank-you and may God continue to Bless You.

Chestnut Ridge Church Family

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Sis. Annie Hargraves
Sis. Willie Mae Rodney
Sis. Sadie Lawing
Frank P. Cokley
Pioneer Printing Company
Rachel Dodd
Calvin King
Clara King
Vady Smith
Thomas Withrow
Detra Withrow
Shelia Flippin
Shannon Smith
Doris Flippin
Clara E. Allen
Ivan A. Porterfield
Rickey Mitchell
Julia Mitchell
Cpt. James Tyson
Vanessa Tyson
Vicky McCarther
Dea. Oscar Carter
Sis. Minnie Carter
Angelo Cokley
Elma Cokley
Greta Cokley
Gregory Cokley
Tyrone Cokley
Kevin Cokley
Micheal Cokley
Webster Signs
Dea Erratus Jessup
Sis. Hessie Jessup
Willie Mae Reynolds
(in memory of her parents - Robert France & Rosie King France)
Doris Hill
(in memory of Emma Ceasar & Joe Ceasar)
Mt. Calvary Primitive Baptist Church
Oshea Hill
(in memory of Allen Hill)
Ann Jessup
(in memory of Thomas Joyce)
Nancy Wallington
Perry-Spencers Funeral Home
Minister Freddie Jones
Jerry Hatcher
Sue H. Hatcher
Aaron Hatcher
O.J. Hatcher III
Christopher Hatcher

THEME: NC & VA State Convention
August 6, 1989 3:00 p.m.

Mistress of Ceremony ..... Alice Taylor Hill

Devotion ..... Mothers & Deacons

Anniversary Hymn ..... I Love Thy Kingdom Lord

Congregational Praise ..... The Church

Pastor: I say also unto thee, That thou art the Peter and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

Congregation: And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven; and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be lossed in heaven.

Pastor: Then they that gladly recieved his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls.

Congregation: And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread and in prayers.

Pastor: And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.

Congregation: Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular. As the body is one, and hath many members so also in Christ.

Song ..... Choir

Welcome ..... Mother McCarther

Response ..... Guest

Offering ..... Representatives from Seven Clubs

Offertory Prayer ..... Bro. Freddie James

Tribute from a Son ..... Rev. Z.R. Reynolds

Solo ..... Mother K. Hatcher

Statehood History ..... Mother J. Flowers

Song ..... Choir

Introduction ..... Pastor

Anniversarial Message ..... Elder T.W. Samuels
Pastor, Mt. Moriah P.P. Baptist

Invitation to Discipleship ..... President N.C. & Va. State Convention

Song ..... Choir

Remarks ..... Pastor

Benediction ..... Guest Minister

THEME: Fellowship With Our Neighbors
August 13, 1989 2:30 p.m.

Mistress of Ceremony ..... Carolyn Mitchell

Devotion ..... Nurses & Ushers

Anniversary Hymn ..... I Love Thy Kingdom Lord

Congregational Praise ..... The Church

Pastor: And he gave some prophets; and some evangelists; and some pastors and teachers

Congregation: For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ.

Pastor: If then your Lord and Master have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet.

Congregation: For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you.

Song ..... Guest Choir

Welcome ..... Bro. Porter

Response ..... Guest

Anniversary Prayer ..... Deacon Hatcher

Song ..... Choir

Offering ..... Representatives from each choir

Offertory Prayer ..... Pastor

Reflectional Tribute ..... son ..... Rev. James Strickland

Solo ..... Bro. Dennis France

History (Neighbors) ..... Mother Bernice Lowe

Song ..... Choir

Introduction of Speaker ..... Pastor

Anniversarial Message ..... Rev. W. Rowe
Pastor of New Damascus

Invitation to
Christian Discipleship ..... Pastor

Song ..... Choir

Remarks ..... Pastor

Benediction ..... Guest Minister

Saturday, Sept. 2, 1989
7:00 p.m.

Mistress of Ceremony ..... Tommie Smith

Opening ..... Lift Every Voice and Sing

Welcome ..... Vady Smith

Introduction of Head Tabel ..... M.C.

Prayer ..... Guest Minister

Dinner

Duet ..... Dennis France &
Elma Cokley

Introduction of Speaker ..... Pastor

Speaker ..... Gearldine Taylor-Parham
Former Member of CRPPBC

Remarks ..... To Be Announced

Benediction ..... Pastor

Song ..... Reach Out and Touch

THEME: Neighbors
August 20, 1989

Mistress of Ceremony ..... Sis. Sue Hill Siler

Devotion ..... Church School Youth Org.

Anniversary Hymn ..... I Love Thy Kingdom Lord

Congregational Praise ..... The Church

Pastor: Till we all come in unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.

Congregation: He is the heads of the body, and the Church; who is the beginning the first born from the dead, that in all things he might have the pre-eminence.

Pastor and
Congregation: Behave thyself in the House of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and the ground of truth

Song ..... Choir

Welcome ..... Sis. Muriel Siler

Response ..... Guest

Anniversary Prayer ..... Deacon McCarther

Song ..... Choir

Offering ..... Representatives Youth Mission

Offertory Prayer ..... Pastor

Solo ..... Yolanda Smith

Reflectional Tribute ..... son ..... Rev. Eddie Penn

History ..... Sis. Vara Cokley

Song ..... Choir

Introduction of Speaker ..... Pastor

Anniversarial Message ..... Rev. W. Beamer
Roanoke, Va.

Invitation to
Discipleship ..... Pastor

Song ..... Choir

Remarks ..... Pastor

Benediction ..... Guest Minister

THEME: The Church Sent Forth Their Sons
August 27, 1989 3:00 p.m.

Master of Ceremony ..... Deacon Erastus Jessup

Devotion ..... Pastor's Aide & Deacons

Anniversary Hymn ..... I Love Thy Kingdom Lord

Congregational Praise ..... Praises

Pastor: Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain.

Congregation: I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord". Our feet have been standing withing your gates.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the name of the Lord, let us pray for peace, prosperity, and security as we worship together.

Pastor and Congregation: Almighty God, you have designed and created the heavens and the earth, you who have placed your image upon us that we seek knowledge and wisdom, beauty and truth, we should ask that today you would grant us the presence of your spirit, as we bring the offering of this renewed sanctuary unto you for the perpetuation of our faith and for your blessing. Help us that we may continue to carry forth your vissions of the church and our founding fathers and mothers, that it may be passed on to those who will bring it forth in the future. We rejoice in your presence. Amen

Song ..... Choir

Welcome ..... Deacon Thomas Hatcher

Response ..... Guest

Anniversary Prayer ..... Mother Bernice Lowe

Song ..... Choir

Offering ..... Representatives From Each Church School Class

Offertory Prayer ..... Pastor

Reflectional Tribute ..... To Be Announced

History ..... Mother Flora McCarther

Solo ..... Sis. Elma Cokley

Introduction of Speaker ..... Pastor

Anniversarial Message ..... Rev. O.J. Hatcher
Pastor, Zion P.P. Baptist Church

Invitation to Christian Discipleship ..... Pastor

Song ..... Choir

Remarks ..... Pastor

Benediction ..... Pastor

THEME: HOMECOMING
September 3, 1989 2:30 p.m.

Mistress of Ceremony ..... LaShene Lowe

Devotion ..... Members Who Once Lived Here

Founders' Day Hymn ..... The Church's One Foundation

Congregational Praise ..... Litany

Pastor: For those whose faith, courage, Christian conviction, dilligent effort, and financial sacrifices resulted in the building of his house of worship.

Congregation: We thank you, O Lord

Pastor: For all those people of God who have led your people in worship here, who have preached your word from the pulpit, and who have administered the sacraments to waiting and believing hearts.

Congregation: We thank you, O God.

Pastor: For those who have brought their children here for Christian baptism, for those who have pledged their live to one another at your holy altar, and for those who in Christian faith and trust have been parted with a loved one and commited that loved one to your love and care.

Congregation: We thank you, O Lord.

Pastor: For sins that have been confessed and forgived here, for burdens that have been made easier to carry, for distressed and troubled hearts that have known the peace that passes all understanding and for lives that have been inspired to new heights of love and of service.

Congregation: We thank you, O God.

Pastor: For all those who have confessed their faith in Jesus Christ, have united with the church, and have commited themselves to the Christian life, We thank you, O God.

All: For all the goodness and love revealed to us in this house of worship, we praise you and thank you O God.

Song ..... Choirs of Chestnut Ridge Primitive Baptist Church

Welcome ..... Clara King

Response ..... Guest

Anniversary Prayer ..... Rev. D.S. Cox

Song ..... Choir

Historical Perspective ..... To Be Announced

Solo ..... Monique Smith

Memorial to Founders and Past Members ..... For All The Saints

Tribute Greetings ..... Listed Below

(3 Minutes each)
Former Member ..... Geraldine T. Parks
Sandy Ridge Assoc. ..... Moderator
Southwestern ..... To Be Announced
State ..... To Be Announced

Song ..... Choir

Offering ..... Deacons

Offertory Prayer ..... Pastor

Prayer of Progressive Hope ..... To Be Announced

Solo ..... Mindy France

Introduction of the Speaker ..... Pastor

Song ..... Choir

Homecoming Message ..... Rev. Robert L. Cox
Hinesville, Georgia

Invitation to Christian Discipleship ..... Pastor

Remarks ..... To Be Announced

Benediction ..... Pastor



