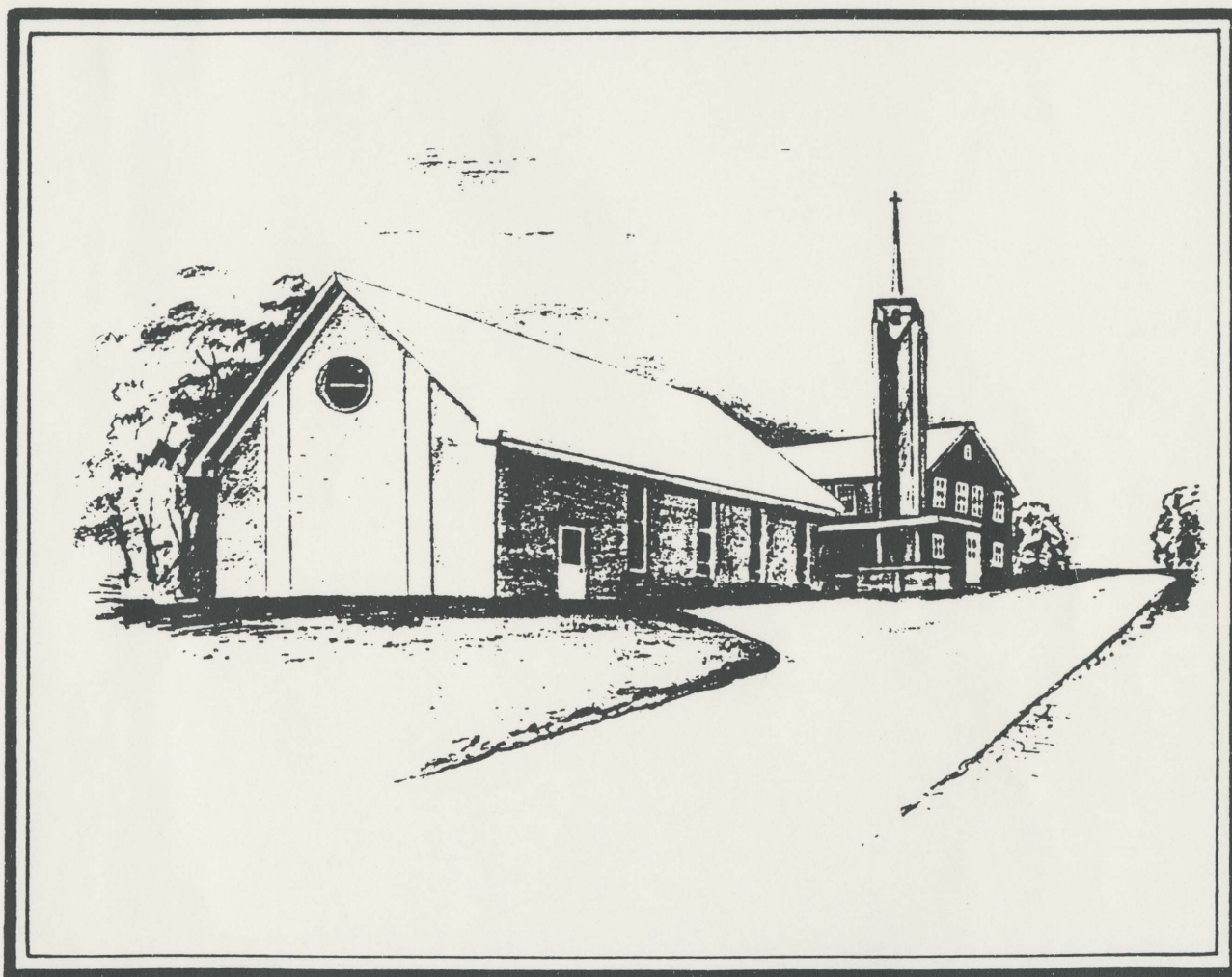


Mt. Carmel Baptist Church

Mount Airy, North Carolina



Centennial Celebration

1894 - 1994

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MOUNT CARMEL BAPTIST CHURCH CELEBRATING 100 YEARS

CHARTER MEMBERS:

REV. WILLIAM PHILLIPS
MARTHA PHILLIPS
SARA PHILLIPS
JOSEPH PHILLIPS
MELISSA SIMPSON PHILLIPS
OLLIE PHILLIPS POORE
DAVE PHILLIPS
MARY KELLER PHILLIPS
ELIZA PHILLIPS
NAN PHILLIPS
LOTTIE PHILLIPS
EMMA PHILLIPS
MONROE FELTS
MICKEY GREENWOOD MCCREARY
JENNY MCCREARY

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The Mount Carmel Missionary Baptist Church was organized and dedicated in 1894.

Rev. William Phillips saw the need of a baptist church in this community, and with his wife, Martha, and daughter Sara Phillips, a son, Joseph, and his wife, Melissa Simpson Phillips, their daughter, Ollie Phillips Poore, a son, Dave, and wife, Mary Keller Phillips, and their four daughters, Eliza, Nan, Lottie and Emma Phillips, Monroe Felts, Mickey Greenwood McCreary, Jenny McCreary and five others, whose names were lost, were the twenty charter members who organized this church.

Mary Keller Phillips gave the land on which the church was built. It was a small frame structure located at about the middle of where the cemetery now is. It was, later, either moved or a new one built up to where the road now is, to make room for a cemetery on the lower side. In later years the one room church was moved to where this Sanctuary now sits and two Sunday School rooms were added on each side of the Sanctuary. The rooms were partitioned with folding doors to be opened up for preaching services when needed.

Rev. Phillips was elected Pastor and served until his death in 1900. Monroe Felts was elected church clerk and served until 1904.

Brother B. D. Reece succeeded Brother Felts, and served as clerk and treasurer, for many years at different intervals until a serious illness and his death in 1948. The minutes of earlier years were lost when his home burned.

From 1900 to 1911 there were seven Pastors called. They were: Rev. William Beamer, Rev. J.W. Horton, Rev. A. L. Beats, Rev. N. J. Matthews, Rev. S. E. Gentry, Rev. C. E. Fields and Rev. James Bennett.

In 1911 Rev. J. H. Haynes was called and served until 1916. There were 120 members at that time. Rev. Haynes returned in 1923 and served one year.

Rev. J. M. Belton was called in 1916, and in 1919, working with brother J. L. Sprinkle led the church to organize and begin a weekly Sunday School. Up until that time, Sunday School was only held in summer months.

In 1920 Rev. J. M. Nester was called and served three years.

In 1924 Rev. L. B. Murray was called, and was considered one of the most outstanding preachers of that day. He served for nine years. During Rev. Murray's ministry, Brother J. H. Jones served as clerk for seven years.

Rev. George Tucker of Siloam, N.C., was called to the pastorate in 1933, and served three years. In 1934 the Woman's Missionary Society was organized, under the direction and leadership of Mrs. Edith Sprinkle Allred. The Baptist Young Peoples Union (BYPU) also was started under his leadership in 1935. The BYPU was later changed to Baptist Training Union (BTU) for all age groups. Brother J. L. Sprinkle served as clerk from 1935-1941.

In 1937, Rev. Frank Weatherman of Jonesville, N.C., was called and served until he became seriously ill in 1940. His brother, Rev. Johnny Weatherman, supplied and finished the church year.

Rev. Lonnie Fleming was called in 1941, and served one year. Brother Walter Brown, Sr. was church clerk and served two years. He later served as clerk from 1945 to 1951.

In 1942, Rev. Elmo Reneger was called and served until April, 1944, being called to a pastorate in Winston Salem, N.C. Brother Howard Morris was elected clerk in 1943, and served one year followed by Brother Haswell Rumley for one year.

In April of 1944, Rev. Fred Journey was called to succeed Rev. Reneger. In January, 1946, the dirt was removed from under the two Sunday School rooms on the lower side of the church where the foundation was high. Two additional Sunday School rooms and a furnace room were built.

Up until 1946, the church was only having preaching services on two Sundays a month. The membership was 193. In April of 1946, under Rev. Journey's leadership, the church voted to schedule Sunday morning and evening services weekly. The church also voted to have mid-week prayer services each week. Fifty percent of the church offerings were to be used for the Pastor's salary.

In 1948, a church bus was purchased and used to bring anyone in the community to Sunday School and Church. The enrollment increased for awhile. The use of the bus was discontinued in December, 1949.

On January 15, 1949, the church voted to start a building fund through the envelope system for a long range building program.

In December, 1949, Rev. Arlin Watson and Rev. Johnny Nance were licensed to preach by Mount Carmel.

By 1950 the Woman's Missionary Union was fully graded for all ages; Sunbeam Band, Girls Auxiliary (GA's), Royal Ambassadors (RA's), Young Woman's Auxiliary (YWA's), and the Woman's Missionary Society (WMS) had a circle named "Willa Marks Circle", for the Surry Baptist Associational Missionary. She was in Mount Carmel a lot

helping the WMS and visited in their homes. There was a circle named "Mary Brown Circle", for one of Mt. Carmel's former beloved members who was very active in the earlier years of the Woman's Missionary Society. That same year, Rev. Journey, and the Baptist men of the church organized the first Brotherhood in Surry Association.

December 9, 1951, the church voted to hold communion quarterly on each fifth Sunday, to add three more deacons to the board and to adopt the unified budget as follows:

Pastors Salary	\$25.00 per week
25% of offerings to remain in treasury	
25% of offering for upkeep and expense of church	
15% of offering to Baptist Orphanage	
10% of offering to NC Baptist Hospital	
10% of offering to local poor	
15% of offering to missions	

The membership was 268 at this time.

Rev. Journey was bi-vocational but served in a full time capacity for seven and one half of the nine and one half years he served. He resigned October 11, 1953, to accept a call for a pastorate in Thomasville, N.C. Rev. Bill Cook was called to supply for the three months we were without a pastor.

Rev. Paul Hester was called on January 1, 1954, and began his ministry as the first fully supported, full time pastor.

During his ministry the brick parsonage on North Franklin road was built by Brother Percy Norman, of the church, as contractor. This was the first major step in the long range building program.

In March of 1954, the church voted to change the budget; to give 10% of the budget to the cooperative program, to take special offerings for other causes as they arise. The church would include in the budget to give \$10.00 per month for Associational Missions.

In 1954, the first church history of Mount Carmel, that we have any record of, was written by brother Paul Chilton. Mrs. Mary Sprinkle Jones helped to gather information from her notes, her memory, other older members, and some old associational minutes she had kept. Together they were able to put together a good bit of the history of the first 60 years of Mount Carmel. It was to be read at the homecoming in October and a copy to be kept with the church records. In July 1954, the church voted to hold church conference on a regular monthly basis.

Rev. Arlin Watson was ordained at Mount Carmel on April 10, 1955 to Pastor Ivy Green Baptist Church.

When the parsonage was completed, Rev. & Mrs. Paul Hester and son moved into it. A dedication was held followed with an open house.

In June of 1956, the church held a Singing School, for all interested members, with Rev. Claxton Hall conducting the school.

In August, 1956, the church voted to have the Homecoming every five years instead of annually. That same year the Brotherhood was approved to sponsor the Royal Ambassador Chapter with help of the Woman's Missionary Society.

Rev. Hester served until October, 1958.

Brother Paul Chilton served as clerk from December, 1951 to October, 1958.

Rev. Robert Smith was called as Interim Pastor November, 1958, and served until February, 1959.

On February 15, 1959, Rev. Walter Turner was called for Pastor and the church voted to give him \$75.00 per week and use of the parsonage. In July the parsonage garage was converted into a study with a carport being added on to the side of the study.

In 1960, a Ground Breaking Ceremony for a new educational building was held after the worship service. Mrs. J. L. Sprinkle and Mrs. Mahaley Norman, the two oldest members, turned shovels of dirt.

The plan for construction of the new building was to give a contract, for \$5,000 labor plus materials furnished by the church to Mr. Fred Allred. He was to get the building under roof with walls and partitions of the basement of cinder block, pour basement floor, completely frame the entire building, stairways from bottom to top floor, to use first grade roofing and double lined fire flues. The church would then borrow \$20,000 and give brother Percy Norman the contract to finish the job. When the building was ready for sheetrock, sanding, painting, and making ready for use, Rev. Turner and several men of the church volunteered many hours, thus saving the church much expense.

The new educational building was completed and the Sanctuary on the lower level was complete with raised pulpit and choir loft. Sunday school and worship services were first held on Mothers Day, 1961. There was a small kitchen beside the Sanctuary. The Sanctuary doubled as a fellowship hall as needed.

It was during this time, the By-Laws of the Church and the rotating system of the Deacons were adopted.

Rev. Turner served until December of 1964. He resigned to pastor Salem Baptist Church in Surry Association.

Okey Sheets served as clerk from October 1958 to September 1961.

Rev. R. E. Adams came as Interim Pastor on January 1, 1965, and served six months followed by Rev. James Pernell who served until October 25, 1965.

Rev. Paul Bruce was called to be pastor and moved into the newly renovated parsonage. An extra half bath had been added and the driveway paved. He began his ministry November 1, 1965 and on January 12, 1966, Mrs. Bruce was elected Christian Education Director.

That same year, under Rev. Bruce's leadership, a five year Spiritual Growth Program was instituted and a building fund Committee was appointed and met monthly to study and plan for the construction of a new sanctuary. Members of the building committee were:

Lonnie C. Brown-Chairman	Robert M. Hodgin-Vice Chairman
Mrs. Frances Gillespie-Sec.	Mrs. Maude Stepp-Asst. Secretary
Ernest Easter	Walter Brown, Jr.
Paul Chilton	Okey Sheets
Walter Brown, Sr.	Otis Vernon
Howard Gillespie	Bernie Phillips
Thurman Clark	

On July 31, 1966, the church voted to designate all Fifth Sunday offerings to the building fund.

The balance on the educational building at that time was \$9,403.34. The Church continued to make payments on the debt while setting up a building fund for the sanctuary. A goal was set in March, 1969, to reach \$25,000.00 in the building fund by June 28, 1971, and to start building as soon as the goal was reached.

The mission offering in 1969 was \$1750.00.

Rev. Bruce led the church to accept a challenge and a slogan, "Together We Build", with emphasis on building a sanctuary for the Lord and re-emphasis on evangelism.

On June 4, 1971, a Victory Day was held to celebrate reaching the goal of \$25,000.00.

Rev. Bruce worked faithfully in building up the Church spiritually. He taught "Duties of the Deacon" to the deacon body. He organized and edited the church newsletter, "The Herald", with the help of the church secretary, Mrs. Walter Brown, Jr.

Rev. Bruce established and met regularly with a church council. This helped each department and organization make plans ahead and develop a church calendar. He and Mrs. Bruce worked with the young people to keep them interested in church and youth activities. The attendance of the young people increased during this time.

The debt on the educational building was paid and an architect, Mr. Tom Hutchens, Statesville, NC, was hired on March 30, 1969, to draw plans for the sanctuary.

On March 5, 1972, Rev. Bruce resigned before the construction

started.

In April, 1972, bids were accepted and the contract was given to Blue Ridge Enterprise of Mt. Airy for approximately \$125,000.00.

Rev. Mack Goss was called as Interim Pastor and on July 30, 1972, led the ground breaking ceremony. All members present that Sunday participated. The ceremony portrayed pulling together. Two lines of rope were attached to a plow and everyone took hold on the ropes and pulled the plow to break the ground.

Some of the oldest and long time members taking part were: Brothers J. Sant Brown, Lee Cook, E. P. Cundiff, Mrs. Isaac Jones, Mrs. B. D. Reece and Mrs. Lewis Norman. There were three other long time members who were not able to be there: Mrs. E. P. Cundiff, Mrs. Annie Wilson and Mrs. Senie Brown. Mrs. Senie Brown is the only one of these still living. She is 98 years old.

Rev. M. M. Goss served for five months.

The mission offering in 1972 was \$2700.00.

In August of 1972 Rev. Gerald Hewitt was called as Interim Pastor and served well until March, 1973.

The Church was never without spiritual food and encouragement. Rev. Goss and Rev. Hewitt, the Deacons, the building committee, and other church leaders led the church well in the regular church business and activities and carrying on the Lord's work without a permanent pastor.

Rev. Larry McCoy was called from a pastorate at West End, NC, and on March 15, 1973, moved into the parsonage. He began his ministry March 18, 1973.

Rev. McCoy graduated from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary and served two years as Chaplains' assistant in the U.S. Army.

Under Rev. McCoy's leadership the church prepared to occupy the new sanctuary October 1, 1973, with a total membership of 337. The dedication service was held on Sunday, November 4, 1973, with Dr. Morse Grant, Editor of the Biblical Recorder, as guest speaker.

Under the leadership of the pastor, the Deacons, and various committees several ministries and programs were adopted which helped the church to grow spiritually and in numbers. For example a committee was appointed to amend the Constitution and added three Deacons to the board. An active Family Deacon ministry was started and they also held Saturday night prayer meetings. An Intercessory Prayer committee was formed and an altar was set up in the prayer room and volunteers alternated coming to pray daily for the lost and other special needs. Also organized was a weekly tape ministry and the Lord's Supper to be served to the shut-ins on the fifth Sundays by the deacons on a rotating basis. A church directory was published by Olan Mills Studios for each church family. A paid choir director was secured to work with each age group. A

committee of four members and the pastor wrote some wedding policies for the church which were approved on September 11, 1974, and we still use these policies with a few minor updates.

The driveways on each side of the church from the road were widened and paved back to the cemetery. The parking area on each side and in back of the church were paved also. This was completed in 1977.

Rev. McCoy started new member training classes and enlisted two ladies of the church to teach the classes as members were added to the church. He taught discipleship training and lay evangelism classes. He, along with elected youth leaders and volunteers, reactivated the Youth Council and led the youth in regular activities and retreats. He promoted youth revivals led by students from Gardner Webb College. Rev. McCoy and the church secretary edited and mailed the monthly newsletter to each church family on the church roll.

Rev. McCoy resigned December, 1977, to answer the call to Foreign Missions. They were assigned to Panama where they are still serving. He has been back to visit and speak at Mount Carmel and in the Surry Association on several occasions.

In December, 1977, Rev. Mike Branscome was called to serve as Interim Pastor and was elected to Pastor March 26, 1978.

Rev. Branscome came to us from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary where he received a master of Divinity degree. This was his first pastorate and he served well for 19 months.

He, too, worked with the youth and, along with some ladies to chaperone the girls, he started the annual trip to Gardner Webb College campus for Youth Jubilee Weekend camps. The youth continued to attend the Youth Jubilee for several years with other counselors. Rev. Branscome continued the tape ministry to the shut-ins and members in hospitals.

Rev. Branscome resigned October 21, 1979, to go to Berry's Grove in Timberlake, NC. He later answered the call to Foreign Missions.

Rev. Joe Crews, a retired minister, came to serve as Interim Pastor and blessed the hearts of young and old alike during the short eight months he served.

Mrs. Frances Gillespie served as clerk from 1962-1979.

In June 27, 1980, Rev. Flake Mason was called to the pastorate. That same year the church voted to sell the parsonage and to give Rev. Mason, and any future pastors, a housing allowance. In October, 1980, the parsonage was sold, to Oxbow Realty, and Rev. Mason and family moved into a house he purchased in Miller Rode Forrest.

In September, 1980, Rev. Mason introduced a 5 year growth program

and it was adopted by the church. In 1982, the Church received \$20,000.00 from the Estate of H. E. Gillespie and voted to invest \$15,000.00 in bank certificates, \$2000.00 in a mission fund and \$3,000.00 in pass book account.

The same year Mrs. Paige Smith donated a tract of land to the church which adjoined the cemetery. Both gifts were greatly appreciated by the church.

The church paid off the indebtedness and celebrated with a note burning ceremony on September 25, 1983.

During Rev. Mason's ministry the church moved forward with several improvements on the church property and equipment. It was under Rev. Mason's leadership the church voted into the budget and called a summer youth leader for three consecutive summers.

In March, 1985, the church gave permission and helped sponsor Rev. Mason to go to Togo on a preaching mission for one month. He reported many souls won for Christ. Rev. Tommy Rumley supplied in his absence.

In January, 1984, Rev. Tommy Rumley was licensed to preach. He was ordained to Pastor High Point Baptist Church in Stuart, VA, on May 25, 1986.

Rev. Mason resigned effective June 21, 1987. Mrs. Shirley Brown served as clerk from 1979-1984, followed by Mrs. Ila Chilton.

The present pastor, Rev. Danny Culler was called as Interim Pastor August 30, 1987, and was elected as Pastor January 26, 1988. He was ordained by First Baptist Church of Mount Airy, NC, on March 13, 1988.

Rev. Culler assumed the leadership of the youth activities also for about 3 years. Under his leadership, the Deacons tape ministry has been revitalized. The tapes and the deacon's weekly visits have been a real blessing to those shut-in. The Pastor's home and hospital ministry has also been a real blessing.

Rev. Culler encourages church fellowship among all the members, and helps promote church family activities through picnics and dinners. We have recently purchased a church van to be used for youth activities, trips for senior citizens, and for other groups.

Rev. Culler promotes and encourages the church to be a supportive member of Yokefellow Ministries by giving generously each month to the Yokefellow food pantry.

He shows great concern for how the church can serve in Local, State, Home, and Foreign Missions. The church has increased gifts for each of these missions. He stresses the yearly gifts to World Hunger and introduced the Rice Bowl method. Each family who will, can take one and each quarter of the year drop in loose change to

be sent to World Hunger.

Rev. Culler is ready to serve in times of other needs and disasters and leads the church to reach out to others in the name of Christ.

According to the record, as far back as 1905, we gave \$2.84 to the mission fund. In 1907, \$4.50 was given to Associational Missions. Down through the years the records bear witness of the support of missions at home and abroad. Mount Carmel has always been a Missionary Baptist Church, believing and teaching the Baptist doctrine and the Great Commission.

We are indebted to many mission minded pastors, Interim Pastors and dedicated Lay Leaders for the leadership and the challenge they have presented for serving Christ.

May we always strive to uphold the Church, that teaches God's word, and glorify God through service to him.

Source: Recorded Church Minutes
Church History
Remembrance of Older Members.

Respectively submitted
May 22, 1994

Ila J. Chilton
Church Clerk, 1984-1994

MOUNT CARMEL BAPTIST CHURCH

PASTORS

1.	Rev. William Phillips	1894-1900
2.	Rev. William Beamer	1900-1902
3.	Rev. J.W. Horton	1902-1903
4.	Rev. A.L. Beats	1903-1904
5.	Rev. N.J. Matthews	1904-1906
6.	Rev. S.E. Gentry	1906-1908
7.	Rev. C.E. Fields	1908-1909
8.	Rev. James Bennett	1909-1911
9.	Rev. J.H. Haynes	1911-1916
10.	Rev. J.O. Belton	1916-1920
11.	Rev. J.M. Nester	1920-1923
12.	Rev. J.H. Haynes	1923-1924
13.	Rev. L.B. Murray	1924-1933
14.	Rev. George Tucker	1933-1936
15.	Rev. Frank Weatherman	1937-1940
16.	Rev. Lonnie Fleming	1941-1942
17.	Rev. Elmo Reneger	1942-1944
18.	Rev. Fred Journey	1944-1953
19.	Rev. Paul Hester	1954-1958
20.	Rev. Walter D. Turner	1959-1965
21.	Rev. Paul E. Bruce	1965-1972
22.	Rev. Larry McCoy	1973-1977
23.	Rev. Michael Branscome	1978-1979
24.	Rev. Flake Mason	1980-1987
25.	Rev. Danny Culler	1988-Present

INTERIM PASTORS

REV. JOHNNY WEATHERMAN	1940
REV. BILL COOK	1953 FOR THREE MONTHS
REV. ROBERT SMITH	NOV. 1958 - FEB. 1959
REV. R. E. ADAMS	JAN. 1965 - JUNE 1965
REV. JAMES PERNELL	JUNE 1965 - AUG. 1965
REV. MACK GOSS	JULY 30, 1972 - AUG. 1972
REV. GERALD HEWITT	AUG. 1972- MAR. 1973
REV. MIKE BRANSCOME	DEC. 1977 - MAR. 1978
REV. JOE CREWS	OCT. 1979 - JAN. 1980
REV. DANNY CULLER	AUG. 1987 - JAN. 1988

DEACONS REMEMBERED OF EARLIER YEARS

UP UNTIL 1962, DEACONS WERE RE-ELECTED EACH YEAR UNLESS THEY DIED, RESIGNED, OR FOR OTHER REASONS. NEW DEACONS WERE ELECTED TO REPLACE IN THESE SITUATIONS. NEW DEACONS WERE ORDAINED BEFORE SERVING.

NO DATES GIVEN ON THE FOLLOWING DEACONS:

BAXTER D. REECE
E. P. CUNDIFF
R. J. MCHONE
JOHN THORE
J. SANT BROWN
JESSE PHILLIPS
PERCY NORMAN
WALTER BROWN, SR.
HASWELL RUMLEY
JIM MARTIN
ISSAC JONES

1951 ROY QUESINBERRY
 ROBERT EASTER
 TOM BROWN

1959 LONNIE BROWN
 PAUL CHILTON
 OKEY SHEETS

THESE THREE DEACONS BEGAN ROTATION IN 1962. THERE AFTER THREE DEACONS ELECTED TO SERVE THREE YEARS BEFORE ROTATING OFF UNLESS IN CASE OF DEATH, RESIGNATION, OR OTHER REASONS.

1960 ROBERT HODGIN
 JULIUS CUNDIFF
 WATLER BROWN, JR.

1961 WILLIE FRYE

NEW DEACONS ELECTED 1962 - 1993

1962	CLINTON SMITH
1962	OTIS VERNON
1963	HOWARD GILLISPIE
1964	ERNEST EASTER
1965	THERMAN CLARK
1966	BERNIE PHILLIPS
1967	DAVID GREENE
1968	HAROLD GILLISPIE
1969	C. E. MCLESTER
1970	FLOYD JONES
1970	STEVE HIXON
1974	PHIL WHITAKER
1976	HARVEY BAUGHN
1977	JERRY SHEETS
1979	TOMMY RUMLEY
1980	GLENN COOK
1984	BALLARD SIMMONS
1986	JUD BROWN
1991	SAM PRINCE
1993	TODD BROWN

PAST & PRESENT COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

PAST

1993-94 PRESENT

TRUSTEES

J. SANT BROWN
G. H. STANLIFF
WALTER BROWN, SR.
W. P. NORMAN
HOWARD GILLISPIE
LONNIE BROWN
ROBERT HODGIN

GLENN COOK
THERMAN CLARK
JULIUS CUNDIFF

STEWARDSHIP

WATLER BROWN, SR.
THERMAN CLARK
ROBERT HODGIN

WALTER BROWN, JR.

CHURCH PROPERTIES

FLOYD JONES
WESLEY JONES
PHIL WHITAKER

TOM BROWN

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT

MISS KITTY SULLIVAN
MRS. FRED O'NEAL
MRS. VICKIE HAYES
REV. HESTER
MRS. MARY JONES
REV. BRUCE
REV. BRANSCOME
MRS. CAPPIE JONES
MRS. DAWN MILLER

MRS. BARBARA RUMLEY

CHURCH OFFICERS

SECRETARY

1917
1920
1922
1923
1924
1965
PRESENT

T. H. BROWN
J. C. SEAGRAVES
S. T. CHILDRESS
MOLLIE COX
MARY SPRINKLE
SHIRLEY BROWN
RACHEL ALLRED

TREASURER

1929
1930-42
1943
1944
1945-59
1961-68 & 73-76
1968-73 & 89-93
1976-77
1977-79 & 86-89 & 93-94
1979-83 & 85-86
1983-84

J. P. JONES
B. D. REECE
HOWARD MORRIS
HASWELL RUMLEY
E. P. NORMAN
WALTER BROWN, JR.
THERMAN CLARK
PHYLLIS WHITAKER
LINDA SHEETS
JESSIE CLARK
WALTER BROWN, SR.

B. T. U. DIRECTOR

1951
1952-55
1956-57
1958-59
1960-68
1968-69
1969-73
1973-74
1974-77
1977-78
1978-80
BTU WAS DISCONTINUED IN 1980

RAYMOND EDWARDS
FLOYD JONES
TOM BROWN
LEON SIMMONS
HASWELL RUMLEY
ROBERT HODGIN
BETTY GREEN
LONNIE BROWN
BERNIE PHILLIPS
JERRY SHEETS
TOM BROWN

CHURCH OFFICERS

WOMENS MISSIONARY UNION DIRECTOR

1948-49	MRS. FRED JURNEY
1951-52	MRS. JOSIE EDWARDS
1953-54	MRS. STELLA RUMLEY
1955-56	MRS. MAUDE STEPP
1957-58	MRS. ERNESTINE NORMAN
1959-61	MRS. W. D. TURNER
1961-66	MRS. MARY JONES
1966-68	MRS. TOM BROWN
1968-69	MRS. PAUL BRUCE
1969-74	MRS. JUDY DEARBORN
1974-76	MRS. PHYLLIS WHITAKER
1976-80	MRS. ETHEL JONES
1980-82	MRS. VONDA MASON
1982-84 & 89-91 & 92-94	MRS. MARTHA CASSELL
1984-88 & 91-92	MRS. RACHEL ALLRED
1988-89	MRS. ANN RADFORD

BROTHERHOOD

1954-56 & 68-69 & 88-94	LONNIE BROWN
1957-66 & 69-80 & 81-86	FLOYD JONES
1966-67 & 1980-81	ROBERT HODGIN
1967-68 & 1986-87	HASWELL RUMLEY
1987-88	BALLARD SIMMONS

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT 1959 - 1994

WALTER BROWN, SR.	1959-61, 1973-76, 1978-80
LONNIE BROWN	1961-64, 1966-68, 1969-72
ROBERT HODGIN	1964-66, 1976-78, 1983-84
PHIL WHITAKER	1972-73
DAVID GREEN	1968-69
GLENN COOK	1980-82
ERNEST EASTER	1982-83
FLOYD JONES	1984-85, 1986-88
JERRY SHEETS	1985-86
HASWELL RUMLEY	1988-89, 1993-94
TODD BROWN	1989-92
JUD BROWN	1992-93

CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE 1994

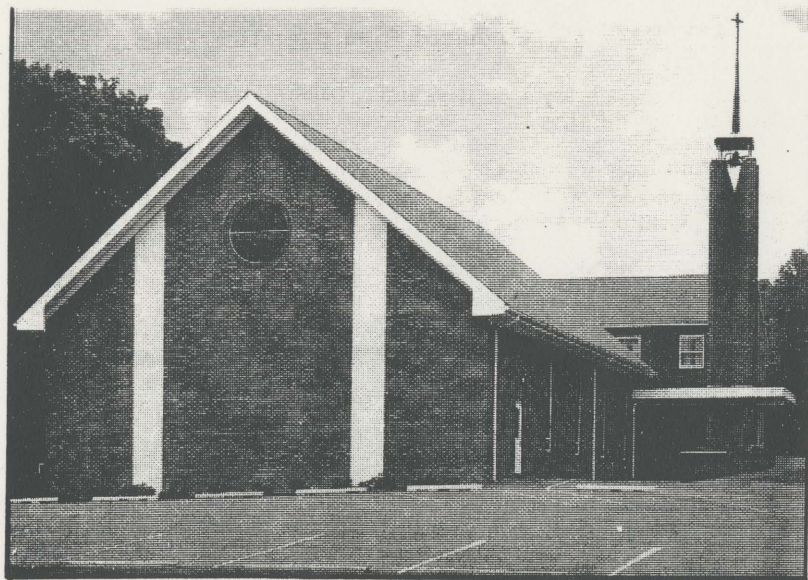
MRS. PHYLLIS WHITAKER - CHAIRMAN
MRS. ILA CHILTON - VICE CHAIRMAN
MISS VICKIE WHITAKER - SECRETARY
MRS. VELMA SIMMONS
MRS. MARTHA CASSELL
MR. LONNIE BROWN
MR. WALTER BROWN, JR.
PASTOR - REV. DANNY CULLER

PICTURE COMMITTEE

MRS. FRANCES COOK - CHAIRMAN
MRS. BARBARA RUMLEY
MRS. MAE HODGES
MRS. OPAL HODGIN
MRS. VELMA SIMMONS - CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE

KITCHEN COMMITTEE FOR THE CENTENNIAL

ROGER & VICKI ROUTH
JERRY & LINDA SHEETS
EDDIE & ROXIE COLLINS
CHAD & AMY WHITAKER
DOUG & JAN JONES
JUD & AVA BROWN
TODD SURRATT
DERRICK SURRATT
JASON SHEETS



Mount Carmel Baptist Church will observe its 100th birthday May 22.

Church Sets Centennial

From Staff Reports

Mount Carmel Baptist Church was dedicated in 1894 on Fancy Gap Highway, which was just a wagon trail at the time. The church was organized by the Rev. William Phillips, with 20 charter members, mostly relatives.

Mary Keller Phillips gave the land on which the church was built.

The area church will hold its centennial celebration Sunday, May 22. The Rev. Larry McCoy, a former pastor of the church and now a missionary to Panama, will be the guest speaker at the 11 a.m. worship service.

Pictures of yesteryear will be on display, aiding those attending in remembering "way back when."

The celebration will begin with Sunday School at 10 a.m. After morning worship, a picnic lunch is scheduled at 12:30 p.m., then singing from yesteryear and a bit of history at 2 p.m.

The Rev. Danny Culler is now the pastor, a post he has filled six years.

The church went through several structural changes before its educational building was constructed more than three decades ago. Under the Rev. Walter Turner's leadership, Mount Carmel continued a building fund that started in 1949.

The educational building, with a fellowship hall on the lower level, was completed and the first Sunday school and worship services held on Mothers Day 1961. The old church was sold and moved away.

Under the leadership of the Rev. Paul Bruce, Mount Carmel Baptist appointed a building committee to plan the construction of a new sanctuary. The slogan was appropriate: "Together We Build."

On July 30, 1972, the Rev. Mack

Goss led the congregation in a groundbreaking ceremony called "Pulling Together," in which two lines of rope were attached to a plow and those present pulled together to break the ground.

Under the leadership of the Rev. Larry McCoy, the new sanctuary was dedicated Nov. 4, 1973.

Under McCoy's leadership, the minister, deacons and various committees adopted several new ministries and programs still in use today.

Mount Carmel Baptist Church held a note-burning ceremony Sept. 25, 1983, indicating that the indebtedness on the church building had been met. The Rev. Flake Mason was pastor at that time.

The present pastor, the Rev. Culler, has, during his years of service, revitalized several activities with the youth and deacons, church officials say. He encourages church family activities and shows concern for Mount Carmel to serve in local, state, home and foreign missions.

Two former pastors, the the Rev. Mike Branscome along with the Rev. McCoy, have answered the call to foreign missions.