

Westfield Baptist Church History

1878 - 1978

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M. B. Simmons	L. J. Still	May B. Jackson
J. M. Jessup	Ella Seiler	Robert A. Jessup
Louisa Christen	Jennie King	Jennie Caudle
Mary L. Welch	Lezzie Mann	John Matthews
Pesky Pierce	Math Still	Abigail Seal

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W. A. Simmons	L. J. Meir	Mary E. Jackson
J. M. Jessup	Ellen Leine	Alida A. Jessup
Sandra Christian	Jennie King	Francis Caudle
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Church Covenant

As we trust we have received through Divine grace the Lord Jesus Christ, and given ourselves wholly to Him, and on profession of our faith have been buried with Him in baptism, and thus united to His Church:

1st. We do now solemnly and joyfully covenant with each other and by the aid of the Holy Spirit engage that we walk together with brotherly love, exercising a Christian care and watchfulness over each other's joys and with tender sympathy bearing one another's burdens and sorrows -

2nd That we will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together at the communions and at other appointed meetings but seek and pray for the spirituality, harmony, and prosperity of this church, sustain its worship ordinances, discipline and doctrines, and give its claims a sacred preeminence over all organizations of human origin.

3rd That we will cheerfully contribute our means as God has prepared us, for support of faithful and evangelical ministry among us, for relief of the poor and for spreading the Gospel over the earth.

4th That we will maintain private and family devotions, religiously educate the children committed to our care, and endeavor in purity of heart and newness of life and

good will toward all men, to exemplify and commend our Holy faith to win souls to the Saviour, and hold fast our profession till He shall come and receive us unto Himself.

9th In the Beliefs

1st The believe in one God, maker and ruler of heaven and earth, revealed as the Father, The Son and the Holy Spirit. equal in every divine perfection.

2nd In the Holy Scriptures as His inspired word and the only rule of faith and practice.

3rd In the fall of man and his condemnation as a sinner, and God's sovereign grace and love in redemption and the choice of His people.

4th In the way of salvation by Jesus Christ, the Son of God who obeyed the law, suffered and died for the sins of men and is risen and exalted a priest and King.

5th In the free eternal life to all, in the gospel and the aggravated guilt of those who reject it.

6th. In the necessity of regeneration by the Holy Spirit, and of repentance toward God and faith in Christ.

7th In the justification and adoption of the believer through the blood and righteousness of Jesus.

8th In the divine institution of the Christian ministry and visible church of professed believers, with its (ministry?) and memorial rights, Baptism and the Lord's Supper.

9th In the sacred observance of the Lord's Day for rest, worship and religious instructions.

10th In the final perseverance of all Saints through Sanctification of the Spirit and obedience to the truth.

11th In the present life as man's only day of grace and the souls' entrance at death into conscious blessedness or woe.

12th In the resurrection of all the dead at the glorious coming of the Son of Man and his just Adjudgment of the wicked to everlasting punishment and the righteous to life eternal.

The first house of worship for the small band of believers was a small frame structure that stood approximately on the site of the present sanctuary. The church was heated by a pot-bellied stove and in later years lighted by electricity from R. J. Joyce mill near Asbury.

Little is known about the church and its members until 1904 due to loss of records. The following pastors served during this interval -

Elder Pinkney Oliver, Rev. Elmer Beaman and Rev. J. J. Lemmings.

On 1st Sun in January 1904 the pastor, Rev. R. D. Haymore delivered a sermon followed by the monthly conference. Eli. J. Smith moved to have a roll call at every conference meeting and at the end of the year make a report of how many times each member had been present or absent. Motion was carried. R. R. Simmons, Treas reported the pastors salary was \$85.50 annually, of which \$47.10 had been collected with a balance due of \$38.40. Bro. R. D. Haymore was called to serve for the ensuing year. Motion was made and approved to allow the local school to use the church to teach in during the remainder of the school term.

Sept. before 1st Sunday in May 1905
Howard Payne and Ronney Simmons
were secured as sextons for the church at
a salary of \$5.00 each per year.

At the business meeting on Sat. before the
first Sun. in Jan. 1906 the clerk was
instructed to place all names of members
who had not been present in 2 years on a
non attendant list in order that by so
doing it might save time in calling the roll,
and it was to be understood that no
reflection was being cast on any of the
Brothers and Sisters.

In Aug. 1906 Dr. J. I. Smith held his first
meeting at Westfield Baptist Church. Thirty-
four members were added to the church
by Baptism. At the close of this revival
Dr. J. I. Smith, local physician, was ordained
to the ministry by Rev. R. W. Daymore
and C. C. Arrington. In Dec. 1906 Dr. Smith
became pastor of Westfield Bapt. Church
for the first time. He served as pastor
until 1909.

On the first Sat. in Feb. 1907 during
the church conference a "Spiritual Committee"
was appointed to see and counsel the
members who were not bringing honor
to their church. The committee consisted
of R. K. Simmons, R. M. Simmons,
George Simmons, W. A. Silley Jacob Jessup,
and E. V. Still.

On the first Sunday in March 1907 the Spiritual Committee reported to the church on the conduct of two of the brethren. They acknowledged their sins to the church and promised to try to live better lives in the future. The church was willing to forgive them.

First Sun in May 1907 the Spiritual Committee reported to the church that a certain brother was not living the life he should to be a member of the church. The members voted to exclude him from the church.

Sat. before 1st Sun Aug 1909 Rev. C. C. Haymond of Mt Airy was called as pastor of the church. Delegates were appointed to the Pilat Mtn. Assoc. at Clemmons. Delegates were E. V. Hill, E. J. Payne, and Brown Frank.

In 1912 Mr. J. I. Smith was again elected pastor and served until 1915, at which time Rev. George Burrus was elected pastor. After 1 year Mr. Smith was again called to serve as pastor. In 1916 Rev. Charles Utley was called to serve and again in 1920 Mr. Smith was elected to serve his church as pastor for the fourth time.

Sat. before 1st Sun. 1908 (Times of business session) - The Spiritual Committee reported on the conduct of one sister and three brethren. At their own request they were excluded from the church.

First Sun. Dec. 1922 during the church conference a proposal was made by the ~~church~~ pastor concerning a new church. The church was unanimous in favor of building a new church. The Building Committee consisted of Bros. R. K. Simmons, Chm. B. L. Still, Treas. P. H. Jessup, E. V. Still, J. M. Hunter, E. J. Payne, L. P. Pell, A. J. Willey and Mr. J. I. Smith.

Mrs. S. P. Christian, Vance Alearmin J. H. Hunter, E. J. Payne, L. P. Pell, Cladie Shelton, Eva Hester, Kate Bailey, Ethel Simmons, Sam Willey, Joel Jessup, Robert Frank, W. J. Payne and R. K. Simmons were appointed to form a Solicitation Committee to obtain sufficient funds to build a church. The members present subscribed \$2,715.00.

Sun. May 10 1923 A motion was made during church conference to accept an invitation from the Surry Baptist Association to join them.

On Sun. June 17, 1923, Bros. P. H. Jessup, R. K. Simmons and Sister Ethel Simmons were elected delegates to Surry Baptist Assoc. to meet at Holly Springs on July 14, 1923.

In 1923 Rev. O. E. Ward was elected pastor of Westfield Baptist Church. Bro Ward served only a few months as pastor.

Sun. Nov. 22. 1923 A large Congregation of relatives and friends of Mr. J. I. Smith gave a surprise birthday party for him after he had delivered the morning sermon. A loving cup was presented to him by Mr. Eugene Olive. It was given by 100 members of the church in appreciation for the faithful service he had rendered his church and community.

First Sun. in Aug. 1924 Rev Sam Marton of Winston Salem was called as pastor of the church. Bro. Marton urged that the ladies of the church organize a Missionary Society.

Sun. Oct. 12 1924 - a committee was appointed to raise funds to purchase a piano for the church.

Nov. 27 1924 The church met in conference and voted to sue all the land belonging to the Chestfield Baptist Church West and South of the state highway running from Mt. Airy to Danbury. The proceeds were to be added to the building fund.

Second Sun. Dec 1224. A piano for the church was purchased from Mr. A. J. Christian.

Sat. June 13, 1925 After the service by the pastor, Mrs. Wrenn from Mt. Airy met with a few ladies of the church to organize the first Missionary Society in Christfield Baptist Church. The following were elected. Pres. Mrs. Emma Smith, Vice Pres. Mrs. Mollie Tilley, Treas. Mrs. Lovie Pitt, Sec. Mrs. John Hunter. There were 12 Charter members.

Thurs. A.M. Aug. 27th 1925 - The Church was called into conference for the purpose of electing a full board of deacons. Prior to this date there were only 3 deacons.

The old deacons were: R. K. Simon, W. R. Tilley, and E. V. Still. New deacons elected were Lorraine Smith, P. St. Jenson, Roscoe Coake and Burnie Smith.

Each year a committee was always appointed to solicit money from the members to pay the pastors salary.

Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 26, 1925

Rev. O. W. Stauber preached the Thanksgiving Service. Rev. Stauber's text was Luke 18: 15-16 The Story of Christ healing the 10 lepers and only one remembering to thank the Lord for the blessing He had received. Bro Stauber compared the world today as being ungrateful for our blessings as were the nine lepers. Bros. E. V. Still and J. W. Tilley had decorated the church and they combined the harvest decorations.

with red Autumn leaves in an artistic and effective manner.

Third Sun. Dec. 1926. A small number of the membership of Thetfield Baptist Church met in Conference with Mr. J. I. Smith as acting moderator. A motion was made by Bro. R. X. Simmons and seconded by Bro. J. P. Peck to let a contract for a new church, the said church to be built in the spring of 1927. The membership had attempted to build a church in 1922 but because of crop failure in the community the idea was abandoned.

A subscription was taken of the members present which amounted to \$500.00. A soliciting committee was composed of the following: Mrs. L. P. Peck, A. J. Willey, S. P. Christian, J. L. Marshall, Mr. J. I. Smith and Will Lilly.

The conference voted to make a 3 yr. payment plan. One third first of yr. 1927. One third in the fall of 1927 and one third in the fall of 1928.

A building committee was appointed and instructed to have a plan and blue print drawn, to figure with a contractor not later than March 1927. The Committee was composed of R. X. Simmons, A. J. Willey, B. L. Hill, N. F. Christian and F. S. Cooke with B. L. Hill acting as Treasurer.

Sec. Sat. in Jan. 1927. After the regular monthly service a motion was made and passed to sell the original Baptist Church at auction. The proceeds going to the building fund. Sat. Jan. 15, 1927 was set as a day for the sale.

Jan. 15, 1927. At 2 o'clock Jan. 15 the Westfield Baptist Church was auctioned off by Bro. E. V. Still. Sam Hearnin purchased the building for the sum of \$165.00 and he agreed to move same at once in order to be ready for breaking ground for a new church.

Sun. Feb 13 1927 After regular service the congregation was requested to meet the following Tuesday to remove the foundation of the old church and lay off the new one in order that Bro. Tom Smith and Bro. Phil Owens could excavate the new basement.

In March 1927 the Contract for the new Church was made with Mr. W. C. Cooke Architect and contractor from Mt. Airy, N.C. The Church was to be built at a cost of \$12,121.00.

Second Sun. August 1927. The first service in the new Church was held with Rev. William Simonson from Missouri and a charter member of the Westfield Baptist Church preaching in the morning.

After lunch on the ground Rev. Simmons preached again and a talk by Rev. C.C. Haymore. Mr. J. I. Smith made a brief talk also and asked for pledges to buy new pews for the church.

Following this the corner stone was laid with the following participating in the service - Rev. S. F. Martin, pastor, Rev. R. W. George, Rev. Joe Hall and Mr. J. I. Smith. Rev. John Marion dismissed the congregation with prayer.

Second Sun. Oct. 1927. Communion Service was observed in the new church. The Thomas Missionary Society had presented a Communion service to the church.

On Nov 20th 1927 Mr. J. I. Smith celebrated his birthday by preaching in the new church to his relatives and friends from Stokes and Surry County. An offering was taken to purchase a heating plant for the church.

Sun July 29th 1928 the first revival began in the new church. It was conducted by Mr. J. M. Haymore from Atlanta, Georgia assisted by Mr. J. I. Smith. Twenty six names were added to the church roll by profession of faith and baptism or by letter and the whole church and community was revived and encouraged to live better and do more for the Lord.

On the 3rd Sun. in August 1928 Bro. O.H. Hansen preached and the congregation voted to call Bro. Hansen as pastor for one year to begin Sept 3, 1928.

Sun. Nov. 25, 1928 Bro. Hansen gave the pulpit to Mr. J. I. Smith to preach his Anniversary sermon. The title of his sermon being "Pleasing God". The night before the W. M. S. had presented a play for the benefit of the church. \$62.00 was presented to the church.

Sun. Dec. 23, 1928 the church in conference voted unanimously to purchase a heating plant for the church, to be installed for \$462.00

Sun. Dec 8, 1928. During Church Conference a report was made by Bro. P. W. Jessup, trustee, of the sale of lots belong to said church to the following.

S. P. Christian	two lots	\$63.25
R. K. Simmons	one lot	115.00
Thyatt Hunter	one lot	25.00
Mrs. E. B. Payne	one lot	40.00
Amanda Leone	one lot	30.00
	Total	288.00

Bought from Mr. J. I. Smith land for a cemetery	87.48
S. P. Christian	160.26
	247.74

Sun. July 31, 1932 A protracted meeting began July 31 continuing for three weeks, conducted by Mr. J. I. Smith and others. Mr. Smith preached almost every night resulting in 72 Additions to The Church 65 by baptism and 7 by letter. The church was revived as it had never been before.

On the fourth Sun. night in July 1933 A B Y B U was organized at the Chestfield Bapt. Church with Bro. C. D. Ball as leader. There were two unions joined and united.

Each year after the present sanctuary was completed Mr. J. I. Smith preached on the Anniversary of his birthday and a special appeal was made at each service for contributions to pay off the indebtedness of the church. The task of paying off the debt of the church was not altogether an easy one but it had been a glorious one -

On May 9th, 1937 the final Collection was taken and the pledges were enough to pay off the full indebtedness of the church. The fourth Sunday in July 1937 was set apart as the day to dedicate the Chestfield Baptist Church to the Lord. The membership had grown from — in 1878 to 333 in 1937.

Sun. July 18, 1937 a revival meeting began at Chestfield Bap Church conducted by Mr. Judson Tipperman from Spartanburg, S.C. - The services were well attended but with no additions -

The following Sunday July 25, 1937 the Chestfield Church was dedicated to the Lord. Mr. Tipperman preached in the morning followed by lunch on the ground.

The dedicatory sermon was preached by Rev. John Marion of Cullman, Ala. - Rev. Marion was a nephew of Mr. Smith.

After the sermon the history of the Church was read by Mr. J. I. Smith. His closing remarks were: "We come now humbly and reverently to dedicate this house of worship to Him in whom we live and move and have our own being, and from whom all blessings come, God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit" - Mr. J. I. Smith, July 25 1937.

2nd Sunday Dec. 1937 Bro. O. H. Hauser having served 9 yrs. as pastor of Chestfield Baptist Church resigned due to ill health.

Sun Mar. 27 1938 R. W. Davis was called to serve as pastor of our Church. On 3rd Sat in Oct. 1938 the Church voted to have church services twice each month.

Sun Jan 18 1948 Rev. E. W. Priddy preached his first sermon as pastor of Chestfield Bap Church.

Sun. Dec. 31, 1939 The Westfield Bap. Church granted an open letter to any member who wished to join the Albion Baptist Church.

July 1st 1940 A Vacation Bible school was conducted with Mrs. R. W. Shonis ^{Prin.}

April 5, 1942 The Church accepted the resignation of ^{Bro.} H. H. Shonis.

Sun, May 31, 1942 Rev. Dennis Larkin of Williamsburg, Va. was elected pastor. Bro. Larkin stayed only a short while, resigning on 3rd Sun. in Dec. 1943.

June 18, 1944 Bro. Charlie Simmons was elected pastor of the church.

Sun. P.M. June 17, 1945.
A memorial service was held in our church for Randall Jackson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hobart Jackson who gave his life on the battlefield in while serving his country in the armed forces. The pastor, Rev. Charlie Simmons was assisted by Rev. L. E. Redwine of Mt. Airy, in the service.

Aug. 17, 1947 Rev. Charlie Simmons resigned as pastor to take a new field.

Sun Jan 18, 1948 Rev. E. W. Pomeroy preached his first sermon as pastor of Westfield Bap. Church.

Sun. July 11, 1948, at a church conference Mrs. C. M. Jessup and heirs donated a plot of land joining the cemetery to the Westfield Baptist Church to be used to enlarge the cemetery.

A revival meeting began at Westfield Church July 12, 1948 and closed July 21. Attendance was low due to an epidemic of polio which was raging over our state.

Sun. Dec. 12, 1948 Church ~~voted~~ met in conference and congregation voted not to reelect Rev. Powers as pastor for another year.

On Sun. Sept 2, 1949 Rev. Lonnie Fleming preached his first sermon as pastor for the coming year.

On Sept. 30 1949 The Surry Baptist Assoc. met at Westfield Baptist Church with a large crowd in attendance.

Feb. 19 1950 The church in conference voted to build new Sunday School instead of a parsonage as had been discussed. Bros. John Hiles and Locke Riddle were chosen to build the rooms. Donations for the building amounted to \$1535.00

2nd Sun July 1950 Church voted to have services every Sun. 1st, 3rd, and 5th, morning 2nd and 4th evening services - Rev Lonnie Fleming was pastor.

April 15, 1951 It was decided by the Church to have prayer meeting each Wednesday eve.

On July 15, 1951 Mr. S. P. Christian sold the church some land adjoining the cemetery to be used as burial lots. Mr. Christian was paid \$185. per acre for said land. At close of service Rev Fleming tendered his resignation as of last Sun. in Sept. 1951

Dec. 2, 1951 Rev. Edd White having been called as pastor preached his first sermon. On Jan 20, 1952 the S. S. started on the 6 point system.

On Aug. 2, 1952 Brother Everett Burnard a Chaplain at Baptist Hospital Agreed to supply as pastor of the church Mr. White having resigned from the pastorate due to ill health.

Sept 6 1953 the church voted to start a "Hundred Club" asking each member to pay one dollar per month to go into the building fund.

Sept. 13, 1953 a building committee decided to use the same plan for a parsonage used by the Klatskan Baptist Church. Work on the parsonage was to start at an early date as it had already been discussed and voted upon on Aug. 30, 1953.

Dec. 1953 Members of the Church surprised Mr. Bernard with a pounding to show their love and appreciation for his labor of love at Thetford.

Brack House
Kiss.

April 1953 Rev. Reese Kyzar accepted a call as pastor of the Thetford Baptist Church. He Arrived June 1 to begin his pastorate. For the first time Thetford Baptist had a full time pastor, preaching twice on Sunday and mid week prayer service and living in the new parsonage.

Jan 20, 1955 Bomen Music Co. placed a Hammond Organ in our church on trial. The church voted to purchase the organ at a price of \$2,100.00.

Sun Mar. 18, 1956 The Church met in conference to discuss starting a new educational building in the fall. The building was to be of brick and block construction and joined to the sanctuary.

On Sunday, Nov 4, 1956 a special offering was taken to pay off debt on the parsonage. \$2500.00 was collected and \$900. used to pay off debt with remainder to go in the building fund for Ed. building.

At the evening service the parsonage ~~on Sun. 7~~ and the organ was dedicated by Rev. Reese Kyzar. Mr. Kyzar resigned on Nov. 18 1956 to serve as pastor in Shaw Miss. During Mr. Kyzar's pastorate he devised a plan for rotating the deacons.

Jan. 1957 Mr. Thaldo Early accepted a call to pastor our church to begin in April 1957.

Sat. July 27, 1957 the building committee went to Ridgecrest to discuss the plans for a new Educational building with representatives from the Sunday School Board from Nashville.

Sept 22, 1957 A ground breaking ceremony for the Educational Building was held at the side of the church with several members participating.

Sun. June 8, 1958 classes met for the first time in the new educational building.

A religious painting was presented to the Thicketfield Baptist Church by Mr. Guy George Shillingworth an artist from Mt Airy to be hung in the sanctuary.

Sept 14, 1958 Mr and Mrs. Gaston Hill from Elkin, formerly from Thetfield donated some beautiful pulpit furniture to the church in memory of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. M.O. Hill and Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Cook.

Nov 26, 1958 a Union Thanksgiving service was held at Thetfield Baptist Church. All of the surrounding churches were invited to participate. Rev. Lester Sheppard and Rev. Chas. Early delivered the message. The Thetfield School Glee Club rendered special music.

July 1959 Rev. Talmadge Hall accepted a call to be pastor of Thetfield Baptist Church after the resignation of Rev. Chas. Early due to ill health.

The first baptismal service was held in the new baptistry July 15, 1959 by Bro. Reese Kizer. Candidates for baptism were, Becky Jessup, Kathy Midkiff, and Peggy Brown. The painting in the baptistry was given by Mr. and Mrs. Thurmond Midkiff in memory of Mrs. Midkiff's father, Mr. J. L. Jessup.

Sept 10, 1961 The first G. A. Coronation service was held with Susan Midkiff the first girl to achieve Queen.

Nov. 12, 1961 Building Fund Day was observed. With a total of \$1,627.15 pledged. The debt of \$1,347.36 was paid off in full.

Feb 18, 1962 Plans were discussed to sand church floor make a vestibule in the back of the church, make changes in the pulpit and chair. Work on the project was started in March 1962. The church also voted to carpet the Aisle and pulpit of the church.

During a severe storm on May 15, 1962 lightning struck the Westfield Baptist parsonage. With no fire dept. the neighbors were unable to extinguish the fire and therefore it burned to the ground. The church had \$2000 insurance on the building. The John Hunter house was rented for the Pastor Rev. R. J. Hall to live in until another parsonage could be built.

May 20 1962 During a cong. plans were made to rebuild the parsonage. The plans and cost were presented to the church on May 20, and plans to start the parsonage immediately was decided by the members.

April 21, 1963 Pastor R. J. Hall submitted his resignation.

Bro. Marion Rizer accepted a call to become pastor of the Chestfield Baptist Church to begin Nov. 3, 1963.

On Jan 26, 1964 the church voted to conduct a religious survey of the community.

Sun May 3, 1964 the church voted to grade a 10 ft drive through the cemetery.

May 17, 1964 the church voted to present Bibles to all seniors from the church graduating from East Surry High School each year.

June 7, 1964 during church conf. the members voted to have the parking lot paved at a cost of \$2000. Adding doors for S.S. rooms \$900 making a new wall and building a wall along the highway \$735.00. and purchase equipment for the educational building \$265.00. A total of \$3000.00.

July 3, 1964 was pastor Appreciation Day in our church. A lone offering of \$119.11 was presented to Mr. Rizer.

Feb 7, 1965 In Conference the church voted for Rev. Ringo to go as a missionary to North Dakota for two weeks.

Also the mens S.S. Class purchased a guest book to place in the vestibule to register guests.

Mar 7, 1965 The church voted to divide the cemetery lots to care for four persons. The price per lot to be \$40.00. The church voted also to spend from \$300 to 350.00 for new chair robes.

April 18, 1965 The choir wore their robes for the first time. Mrs. Lena Jackson placed flowers in the church to honor the choir for their faithfulness through the year.

July 17, 1966 Special dedication service was held for the Carillon presented to the church by Mr. and Mrs. Royal Shurtis in memory of their son Rie E. Shurtis.

March 26 1967 Mr. Ringo submitted his resignation to go to Rock Hill, S.C.

May 28, 1967 Rev. Charles Hamell preached the morning message. At the close of the service Rev. Hamell accepted a call to become pastor of the church.

Aug 13, 1967 Rev. Hamell preached his first sermon and was ordained to the Ministry in an evening service at Florida Street Baptist Church in Greensboro.

Feb 4, 1968 The church in conference voted to dig a new well at the parsonage. Also to buy shrubbery for the parsonage.

April 13 1969 the church voted to renovate the sanctuary. Many repairs was suggested along with air conditioning new furnace drapes for baptistry and painting at an estimated cost of \$6,300.00.

Aug 17, 1969 Dale Riddle, a local youth was licensed to preach.

Nov 2-9 1969 A community revival was held in The school Auditorium with Rev Jack Wilder preaching and Elton Harrington song leader.

Sept 30, 1970 Rev Hamell resigned as pastor to go to Birmingham, Ala

Nov. 9 1970 A revival meeting began with Rev Lester Sheppard, Presbyterian minister as evangelist.

Nov. 22 1970 Rev Ray Franklin was called as interim pastor.

Jan 17, 1971 The church voted to amend the constitution of the church to read an election of the pastor shall be held at the end of the morning service after the prospective preacher trial sermon.

The church voted to financially assist college students preparing for full time Christian service.

April 4, 1971 The church voted to change the constitution to state 75% of members present must vote affirmatively for the church to call a pastor instead of 90%.

Church also voted to purchase a bus to transport children and adults to camp and other activities.

April 17, 1971 Rev Millard Bourde accepted a call to become pastor of the church. An offering was taken for Rev Franklin to help finance a trip to the Holy Land.

April 2, 1973 Mr. Thomas Neal celebrated his 100th birthday. After the morning service a dinner was enjoyed by his family and many friends in the Fellowship hall.

Rev. Bourde had the minutes of Thetford Baptist Church microfilmed at the N.C. Dept of Archives and History.

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April 15, 1973 Rev. Bounds resigned as pastor effective May 15, 1973. On April 19, 1973 Rev. E. S. Jordan accepted a call as interim pastor.

Jan. 6, 1974 The church voted to license Mark Tilley to preach.

May 5, 1974 the church voted to keep the church building locked except during church services.

Dec. 29, 1974 An ordination service for Dale Riddle was held at which lunch was served in the fellowship hall.

March 23, 1975 The church voted to place an ad in the local paper expressing opposition of Thetford Baptist Church to A.B.C. stores.

April 27, 1975 During Church Conference the members voted and approved the plan for recreational facilities for the church - Tennis courts - soft ball diamond basketball court picnic shelter and playground equipment at an estimated cost of \$17,698.50.

Jan 4, 1976 at an impressive service Donald and Rodney Taylor received their Eagle Scout Awards. Their parents are Mr and Mrs Rayford Taylor.

Jan 7, 1976 Rev E. H. Jordan resigned
as pastor due to ill health

April 17, 1977 Rev. Timothy Lawson
from Greensboro preached at the morning
service. He accepted a call to become
pastor of the Chestfield Bap. Church to
begin May 15, 1977

Sept 25, 1977 During the morning service
J. Chesley Cook was recognized and
presented a beautiful plaque in
Appreciation for his 20 years service
as Treasurer.

On Oct 1977 the Surry Baptist Assoc.
met at the Chestfield Baptist Church.
A large crowd was in attendance to
participate in the days activities. Lunch
was served in the fellowship hall. One
of the highlights of the day was an address
by Luther Murphy, former Surry Co Pastor
who is now a Missionary to Germany.

Nov. 13, 1977 Today was set aside to honor
Mrs. Ronnie H. Payne for the 40+ years
as music director, pianist, and organist
of the Chestfield Baptist Church. No regular
service was held but one and one half
hours was devoted to music by the choir
and tributes by choir members, friends,
former students and co teachers in school.
A beautiful plaque was presented to her in
Appreciation for her many years of service

The following are the pastors serving
Theffield Baptist Church from 1878-1978

1878-1904 (1) Elden Pickney Oliver

(2) Rev. Hince Beamer

(3) Rev. J. J. Lemellyn.

1904-1906

Rev. R. D. Haymore

1907-1908

Mr. J. J. Smith

~~1909-1911~~

1909-1911

Rev. C. C. Haymore

1912-1914

Mr. J. J. Smith

1914-1915-

Rev. J. W. Burrus

1916

Rev. Charley Utley

1920-1923

Mr. J. J. Smith

1923-1923

Rev. O. E. Thard

1924-1928

Rev. S. F. Marton

1928-1937

O. J. Hansen

1938-1942

Rev. R. W. Hays

1942-1943

Rev. Dennis Larkins

1944-1947

Rev. Charlie Simmons

1948-1948

Rev. E. W. Powers

1949-1951

Rev. Lonnie Fleming

1951-1953

Rev. E. L. White

1954-1956

Rev. Reese Kyzar

1957-1959

Rev. Thaldo Early

1959-1963

Rev. Salomay Hall

1963-1967

Rev. Marion Riggs

1967-1970

Rev. Charles Hamell

1970

Rev. Roy Franklin Latham

1971-1973

Rev. Millard Banks

1973-1977

Rev. E. B. Jordan

~~1977-1977~~ 1977

Rev. Timothy Benson

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Adams, Maude

1-7-78 Allen Robert Frances

7-59 Allen Kathy Midkiff

4-61 Arrington Renee

7-52 Jayphine

7-55 Phil

11-75 Alice

4-61 Mickey

11-75 Betty Lynn

9-9-79 Scotty

9-9-79 Phyllis

7-52 Ball Charlene

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11-64 Beck Virginia

2-76 Beck Evan

7-50 Christian Charles

7-52 " Harry

7-46 " Fayle

11-67 " Randy

8-21 " Jimmy

8-28 " Starly

6-41 " Uel

4-77 " Ethel

5-78 " Brian

8-80 Allison

8-80 Sabrina

8-80 Stephanie

8-81 Spinn

5-81 Lois

6-62 Callens Aldean

6-62 " Trenella

10-65 Timothy

8-71 Suzanne

7-66 Larry

9-78 Brenda

Mickey

	Cook	Blanche	
	"	Lillian	
8-33	Cook	Thesley	
8-33		Thall	
10-63		Joe	
7-66		Thalli	
8-71		Karoline	
2-82		White	
2-76	Cy	Clayton	
8-31		Alene	
7-52		Jeddy	
3-66		Travles	
8-80		Jerry	
8-80		Ange	
10-88	Cruise	Mary Alice	
9-39	Dearmin	Fletcher	
		Elsie	
5-64	Frans	Frances	
7-19-81	Fulton	Levin D.	
5-81	George	Claude	
	"	Maxine	
12-64		Jack	
12-64		Elizabeth	
9-9-79		Jack Jr	
9-9-79		Jr	
8-43		Joan	
4-61		Olivia	
1-62	Giffith	Jim	
1-62		Ralph	
11-74		Arline	
8-73		Joe Bill	
8-73		Lee	
8-73		Robert	
8-73		Karl	

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6-52	Harvey	Mrs Eula	
6-52		Jennie	
6-52		Jimmie	
	Glauser	Monroe	23-8
8-32	Hunter	Jess	28-8
8-21		Kate	22-01
8-32		Carl	22-1
9-66		Wilma	17-3
11-67	Stulchen	Lynn	28-8
10-76	"	Larry	28-6
11-67	"	Linda C.	18-8
12-66	Asake	Bessie	22-8
12-66		Jannette	20-8
5-73		Kay	07-8
8-81		Guy	08-8
8-81		Quinnette	28-10
5-76	Moore	Jess	28-8
4-61	Irman	Betty Dean	12-2
8-51		Nellie J	12-8
10-70	"	Jerry	18-11-1
5-73		John	18-2
		Mary	"
2-77		Arthur	10-61
4-61		Susan K	10-1
11-75	Jackson	Era	11-8-1
8-31		Lynn	11-10
7-81		Lay	24-8
	Jessup	Mrs. Ada	11-1
8-32		Jon	15-1
9-43		Gae	11-1
8-32		Frank	11-11
		Bladys	28-8
8-55		Ed	28-8
8-32		Bessie	28-8

8-54 Jisays
8-53

8-69

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7-81

8-32 Johnson

11-74 Jarmey

1-78

Kuhl

7-52

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5-68

8-54

Lane

5-64

7-52

Marshall

Marshall

7-50

Martin

8-54

McKee

8-43

5-73

7-55

Maher

6-76

8-80

5-81

Meredith

7-81

Molly

Mull

Joe Bill

Ruth

Lillie

Boyd

Barbara

Bonnie

Marion

Lula

Wanda

John

Rachel

John

Alice

Jess

Mayne

Barbara

Bruce

Kate

Ad

Shirley

Thurmond

Mary Ellen

Sarah

Brenda

David

Kevin

Angie White

Robert