

MCQUEEN CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Route 8

Lemon Springs, North Carolina 28355

Church History

Reverend Leroy Spells, Pastor

Reverend Clyde G. McCarver, District Superintendent

Bishop Robert M. Blackburn, Resident Bishop

Sunday January 14, 1978

2:30 p.m.

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Trustees

Clifton Watson

Norman Johnson

Raymond Goins

Archie Allen

Cleo Blue

Curtis Watson

Reverend Leroy Spell, Pastor

This book is in memory of those that have been called
away during Leroy Spells Pastorate

DATE	NAMES	AGE	TEXT	DIRECTOR
9-25-68	John T. Fox	37	Job 14:12	Knott
7-7-70	Flaggie Kelly	74	St. John 5:24	Horton
8-23-70	Lawrence Johnson	36	Romans 8:27-28	Horton
7-30-71	Cora G. Cross	72	Philippians	Horton
3-21-72	Edward Kelly, Sr.	52	II Timothy	Horton
4-15-72	Henry F. McIver	61	St. Luke 2:28-31	Horton
8-25-72	Catherine Battle	55	1-Samuel 20:3	Horton
10-12-72	Mattie B. Williams	48	Psalm 31:14-15	Horton
11-26-72	Bobby L. Cravon	31	Hebrew 9:27-78	Horton
8-5-73	Hazel R. Petty	51	St. John 11:28	Horton
9-6-73	Major Currie, Sr.	52	Job 16:22	Horton
3-24-74	Joe Simmons	66	Psalm 16:8	Horton
5-13-74	Lonnie Johnson	70	St. John 11:26	Horton
4-16-75	James Harvey Thompson	26	Psalm 23:1	Horton
12-7-75	Tommie W. Blue	28	Samuel 20:1-3	Horton
2-25-76	Bessie L. Currie	48	1-Thessalonians 2:17	Horton
4-28-76	Melissa McIver	74	Revelation 2:10	Horton
8-23-77	Luvicie Lawrence	96	Genesis 21:14	Knott
12-3-77	Henry T. Chalmers	65	Numbers 23:13	Watson
6-12-78	Jimmy R. Bethea	27	11 Kings 18:31	Watson
10-29-78	Edgar Battle	73	1-Thessalonians	Watson

A Historical Statement

McQueens Chapel Church located two miles south of Lemon Springs was organized in 1908, the deed was registered in Lee County Courthouse in 1909. (Book 1, page 321) The church was named after Rev. L. D. McQueen, founder and Pastor.

The land was purchased from Mr. Baxter McIver, the trustees signing the deed were: Mr. J. H. McIver, Lila A. McIver, Charles Partridge, John Thompson, and George Baker.

The following pastors were the first to serve in the first building: Rev. McNeil, Rev. McNair, Rev. Fletcher, Rev. Leach, Rev. Thomas. From 1943 the following pastors served: Rev. E. A. Rush, Rev. F. F. McCallum, Rev. J. L. Alford, Rev. A. H. Douglas, Rev. L. W. Coltrane, Rev. T. V. Carter, Rev. I. A. Friend, and Rev. L. Horsley.

In 1968 The Eastern District of the North Carolina, Virginia Conference of which McQueens was a part, became a District of the North Carolina Conference, and became a part of the United Methodist Church in 1968. In June of 1968 it became a part of the Sanford District, Reverend V. A. Queen was District Superintendent, Bishop William R. Cannon, Raleigh area was our Bishop, and Rev. Leroy Spells was appointed pastor in July 1968.

The present structure was built in 1949 and the church at the present time is in the process of adding more to the building.

The first wedding to be performed was November 24, 1973, at 4:00 p.m. The bride was Miss Stella Louise Currie and the groom Mr. Larry Joseph Farrow.

The second wedding to be performed was July 6, 1974 at 3:00 p.m. The bride was Miss Dianna Currie and the groom Mr. Cleo Delaney Blue. Both services were performed by Rev. Leroy Spells.

In the year 1970 the Annual Conference appointed the Reverend Dr. J. V. Early as District Superintendent in which he served until 1972 in which the Reverend James H. McCallum was appointed District Superintendent until the annual conference of June 1977.

In June 15, 1972, Lake Junaluska, North Carolina, Bishop Robert M. Blackburn was assigned to the North Carolina Conference of the Raleigh area by the United Methodist Church by the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference at that time he became our Bishop.

At the Annual Conference, June 1977, we were appointed a new District Superintendent, Rev. Clyde G. McCarver, for the Sanford District.

During the 1978 the members of McQueen decided to add a fellowship hall. The architect secured for this work was Mr. Gordon E. Peebles, AIA, from Fayetteville, North Carolina, for a fee of \$2,700.00 in June of 1976. The work began in April of 1977 and was completed in May of 1978.

This building includes two bathrooms (Men and Ladies), kitchen, pastor's study, and a fellowship hall. The total amount spent in the renovation was \$47,229.56

We were fortunate and grateful to receive gifts from Rev. C. Franklin Gill Executive Secretary of the Board of Missions, from the Annual Conference, Raleigh, North Carolina. We also received light fixtures and a Baptism font, and a liberal contribution.

There were a few personal gifts of \$100.00 from Rev. James H. McCallum, District Superintendent, Mr. George R. Kings of Oxford, North Carolina, and Andrei Spells, pastor's son. We also received \$300.00 from the Seymour Advisory Committee, at Page Memorial United Church in Aberdeen, North Carolina. These gifts enabled us to construct our new building.

This building was financed from a loan from the Board of Missions for \$21,000.00 and a gift from the Board of \$9,000.00 in December of 1976. A gift from the Sanford District of \$730.00 was received in March of 1978. We are grateful for these gifts.

On April 15, 1978, the members and pastor (Rev. Leroy Spells) landscaped the building, this was done for a price of approximately \$ _____.

In November of 1977 Duke Endowment paid \$1,500.00 a contribution for the Architect fee. We received from the chairman of the Committee on Rural Churches a partial building grant of \$6,000.00 in July of 1978. All these gifts were well received and needed very much. We at McQueen are grateful to each person.

September 24, 1978 (fourth Sunday) we held our first Homecoming. At our 11:00 a.m. service the Pastor subject was "Home Again"- Ezra 3:11. At 2:30 p.m. Rev. Albert Shruher and his choir from St. Peter's United Methodist Church in Oxford, North Carolina was our guest speaker. His subject was "Homecoming" - II Chronicles.