



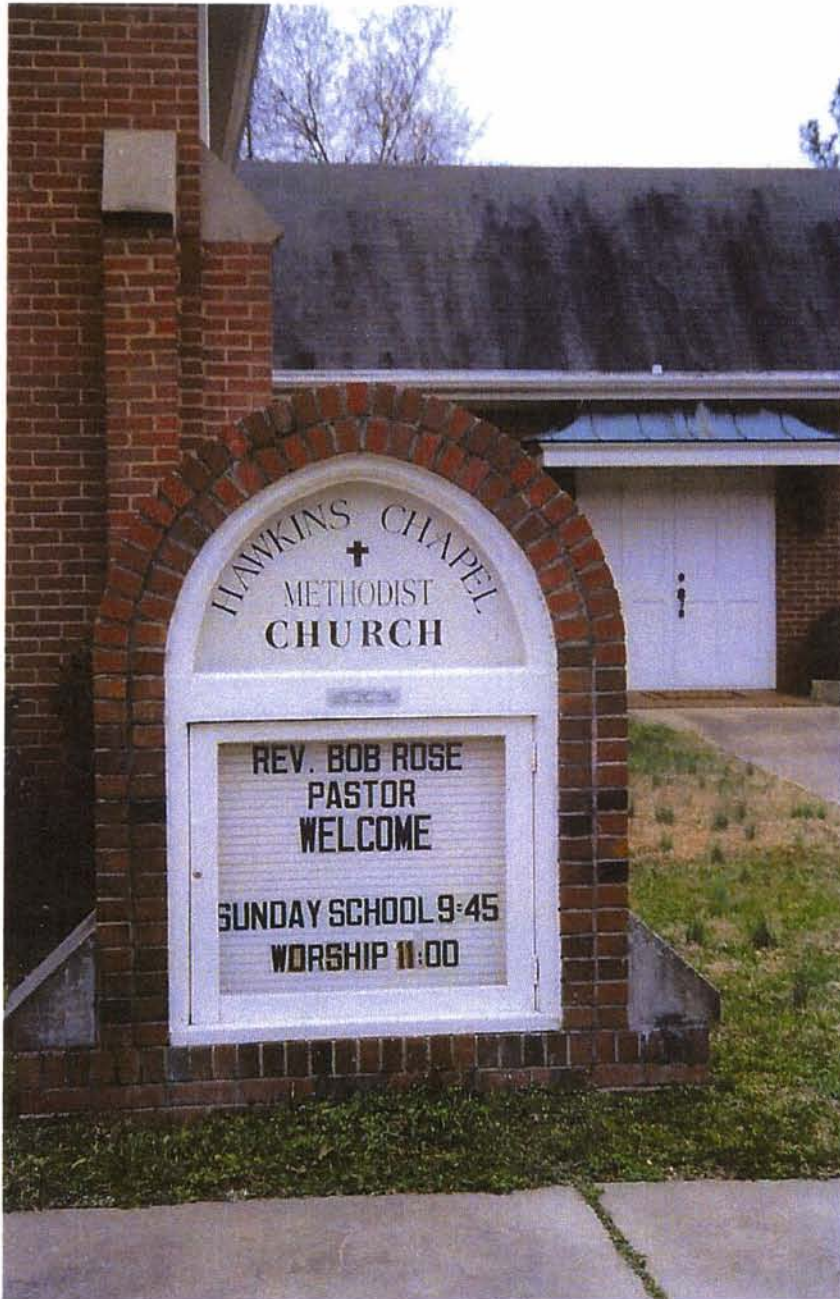
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*“The LORD is my shepherd”*

*A psalm of David*

*The LORD is my shepherd;  
I shall not want.*

*He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:  
He leadeth me beside the still waters.*

*He restoreth my soul:*

*He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.*

*Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,*

*I will fear no evil: for thou art with me;*

*Thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.*

*Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:*

*Thou anointest my head with oil;*

*My cup runneth over.*

*Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:*

*And I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.*

*Psalm 23 (KJV)*

## DEDICATION



**Esther Virginia Hawkins Arrington**

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## THE PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Robert Frost spoke of a road that split in a wood, and the choice to take the road less traveled makes all the difference. Jesus told his followers that there is a narrow road and a wide road; the first leads to life, and the second to destruction.

(Matt 7: 13,14) They both emphasize that we have choices to make, and that our choices are what determines the outcome of our life; not fate, chance, luck, destiny, Satan, angels, devils, bullies, family, history, peers, bosses, circumstances or anything outside of ourselves. Next to life itself, choice is the most precious and powerful gift God has given us. Personally, this means that we must choose the narrow way to follow Christ, even when it is not as attractive as the road that follows the world's way of thinking and living.

As a church, our leadership must also choose to follow the narrow path that leads to life. The life and vitality of a congregation does not depend on the outside influences or circumstances, but on the individual, personal commitment and overall leadership choices to follow Jesus in ALL that we do. Our choices: (1) loving God as our first priority; (2) loving each other in a tangible way (forgiving and encouraging one another); (3) agreeing to proclaim the message of the Gospel to those who are without Jesus; these are life and death decisions for the congregation.

Hawkins Chapel has been a beacon of light and life to this community for more than 120 years. Our decisions about how to follow Jesus on the narrow way will determine if the next generations will continue to have that light and life from this church.

In Christ's Holy Name,  
Bob Rose



## INTRODUCTION

The formative period of Methodism occurred during the period of 1738 – 1744. Although there is evidence of bands and societies before that time, led by the earlier experiences and leadership of John and Charles Wesley in England and their voluntary participation with General Oglethorpe in the Colony in Georgia, the year 1738 marks a real beginning for the Wesleyan movement.

The Wesleys always fought the idea of a “new church.” Methodism, however, seems to have gone through three stages, leading to that end. First was the movement, which was spontaneous and diverse but without organization except for voluntary ones. The second stage began with identification but still within the structure of the Church of England. This allowed members of the United Societies of the people called Methodists to still regard themselves as good Anglicans. Inevitably the third stage was in 1784 in America, and much later in England, when the independent denomination was established. (THE STORY OF AMERICAN METHODISM, Frederick A. Norwood, Abingdon Press, 1974, Nashville and New York, pp. 23-33)

This is not meant to be a complete history of Methodism. Rather, it is meant to point out that it was during this time that people were making their way to Halifax County to the area we know as Marsh Swamp and Hawkins Chapel. As they came from Europe, most from England, Scotland, or Ireland, and most by way of Virginia, they had probably already been exposed to the teachings of the Wesleys and the new denomination of Methodism. This would inevitably lead to the formation and evolution of what we now have come to know and love as Hawkins Chapel United Methodist Church.

As the research developed which forms the basis for this book, it became readily apparent that, as is true with most worthwhile things, Hawkins Chapel United Methodist Church grew from simple beginnings and survived several major challenges in its development. It is also readily apparent that great leaders often “stepped up to the plate” and made great personal sacrifices for the betterment of the church. Sometimes this was by gifts of money or land, and sometimes this was by gifts of simple hard work. Often, it was simply dedication to an initiative, and often it was by lending a positive perspective to the present need. Most importantly, it was by the efforts of many people working together that the church grew from humble beginnings as a brush arbor church with traveling preachers to the beautiful church we know today.

As so many others, I have fond memories of Hawkins Chapel. That made it much easier to tackle the challenge of putting this material together. One can't forget the lessons taught by people like Myrtle Harris, Helen Joyner, Ezra Pair, Baldy Green, the many great preachers who served, and many others! Who can forget experiences like MYF bowling at Norlina, MYF ice cream parties at the home of Otis Hawkins, "God's Little Acre" projects led by Otis Hawkins, duets by Glendora Green and Bessie Mae Thompson on Sunday mornings, Homecomings in August, and much more?

It is my sincere hope that this book will give some insight into the growth and development of Hawkins Chapel United Methodist Church. A sincere effort has been made to present a true and thorough history of the church and to present it in a way that will provide background material that will protect this history for years to come. It is also my sincere hope that Hawkins Chapel United Methodist Church will continue to grow and develop positively and that it will continue to nurture and develop the spiritual needs of the people of the community for many years to come.

As I reflect on the past and ponder the future of our great church, I am reminded of a quote from Emerson: "Do not go where the path may lead; Go where there is no path and leave a trail." Our forefathers have cleared a path and left us a trail.

Cleveland M. Hawkins, Ed.D.





## CHAPTER I

### THE GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT OF HAWKINS CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

*Matthew 16:18 (KJV)*

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#### FROM MARSH SWAMP TO HAWKINS CHAPEL

Delegates from across the state of North Carolina had met in Halifax and adopted The Halifax Resolves, independence from Great Britain had been achieved, United States and North Carolina Constitutions had been adopted, North Carolina was taking shape, and a new nation was being formed. People were settling in Halifax County, the area around Marsh Swamp was being converted into farms and plantations, and towns were beginning to develop. Methodism had already begun in England and spread to the new United States. John and Charles Wesley's Religious Society had become known as "Methodist." The stage was set for the people around Marsh Swamp and Hawkins Chapel to become part of this movement.

According to J. Elwood Carroll in his HISTORY OF THE NORTH CAROLINA ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH, the North Carolina Annual Conference had been organized on Friday, December 19, 1823, at Whitaker's Chapel, located in Halifax County about seven miles southeast of Enfield. He notes that the North Carolina Annual Conference is the oldest conference in the Methodist Protestant Church, older than any other annual conference and also older than the General Conference. It should also be noted that Whitaker's Chapel was originally used by the Church of England, beginning in 1740, then by the Methodist Episcopal Church until 1828, when it became the first Methodist Protestant Church in North Carolina.

The stage was now set. There must have been considerable discussion and planning among the people around Marsh Swamp following the development of the Conference at Whitaker's Chapel regarding Methodism, for it would take only twelve more years for the first known church at Marsh Swamp to develop.

Exhaustive research reveals no record of any church activity regarding either Marsh Swamp or Hawkins Chapel prior to 1840. Seeking information from the Archives of the United Methodist Church in Raleigh and the library at High Point University for this early period proved fruitless. A thorough search of deeds and wills at the Halifax County Courthouse also produced no information for this period. However, thanks to the diligent efforts of Mrs. Esther Virginia Hawkins Arrington, long-time historian for Hawkins Chapel, excellent records have been found and preserved which provide some insight into the time following 1840. Esther has maintained this information which was passed on to her and has kept additional excellent church records for many years.

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### THE METHODIST PROTESTANT YEARS

According to these records, in 1840 Colonel Zollicoffer, Captain Simmons and Dr. Johnson were led to found a Methodist Church. The first structure for this church was erected several miles East of the present Hawkins Chapel United Methodist Church just off Highway 903 near Marsh Swamp. Unfortunately, this building was destroyed by fire during the Civil War. Following the Civil War, another building was erected at the same location, known as the Academy. According to these records, it is believed that the membership divided, probably about 1871, with some going south to Pierce's Camp Ground and others going West to Hawkins Chapel. It should be noted that, according to the NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE HISTORICAL DIRECTORY, Commission on Archives and History, North Carolina Conference, the United Methodist Church, 1984, P. 49, Pierce's Camp Ground was deeded in 1822. Therefore, it is likely that some worshipers went South to Pierce's, which already existed, while others went West. Those who went West built a brush arbor following a great revival in the Hawkins community. Some years later a framed structure was built in the Hawkins community true to the practice of early Methodism.

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As a note of interest, George Green, ancestor of many current and past members of Hawkins Chapel, donated the land for Ebenezer United Methodist Church in 1842. He was a veteran of the War for Independence and is buried in the Green Cemetery on the James Pearce farm on Highway 903, just south of Highway 48. James, as are many others in the Hawkins Chapel community, is a descendant of George Green.

Davis Bagby, another ancestor of many in the Hawkins Chapel community, was among the trustees who, in 1805, were deeded one acre of land by Stephen Pepper and wife Mary "on which they shall build a house of worship for the membership of the Methodist Episcopal Church." This is believed to be the site of New Hope Church and is the earliest deed listed for that church by the Methodist Commission on Archives and History. This can be found in Deed Book 20, Page 126, Halifax County Register of Deeds Office. Davis Bagby was the father of Patsy Bagby Hawkins, wife of Ambrose

Hawkins, who was a son of Isham and Amy Roan Hawkins. Ambrose and Patsy Hawkins were the parents of James M. Hawkins, Benjamin Warren Hawkins, Elizabeth "Betsy" Hawkins (Elisha P. Green), Martha Hawkins (Elisha P. Green), Amy Hawkins (Turner Fulghum), and Mary Hawkins (J. B. Zollicoffer). Jerome B. Zollicoffer was a Colonel in the CSA. After the war, he became Baron Zollicoffer, head of the family by male descent and entitled to returns from the castle and lands at Altenklingen, Switzerland. In all likelihood, he is one of the three founders of the original church near Marsh Swamp.

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An indenture, dated August 20, 1874, which describes the location of the first church at Hawkins Chapel, was found in a trunk belonging to Lucius Montgomery Hawkins, brother of Eugenia Hawkins, who is the mother of Esther Arrington. Lucius was the son of Ambrose and Mary Elizabeth Barnes Hawkins, early leaders in the community. Ambrose was the son of Wyatt and Martha Williams Hawkins. Lucius was born on December 31, 1874, and died on March 15, 1901, one week after his father's death. Indentures were used as legal documents before deeds. This indenture describes one acre of land which was given to the Protestant Methodist Church known as the Marsh Chapel Methodist Church by Marion R. and Sarah M. Powers "for the purpose of erecting a house of worship." It further states that this was donated to the church "as long as it is used for the use of said church as a house of worship." As the property is described, it is the precise location of the church today. Witnesses to this indenture were James H. Pittard and Jesse Pittard, Jr. A complete description of this indenture is included in a subsequent chapter with other deeds of land gifts and plats (Chapter IX).

Ambrose Hawkins  
April 5, 1836 – March 8, 1901  
Early Community Leader  
Father of  
Lucius Montgomery Hawkins  
And Other Children  
Eugenia, Charlie, Willis, Hilda,  
Frances Arizona, Nora, and Elizabeth



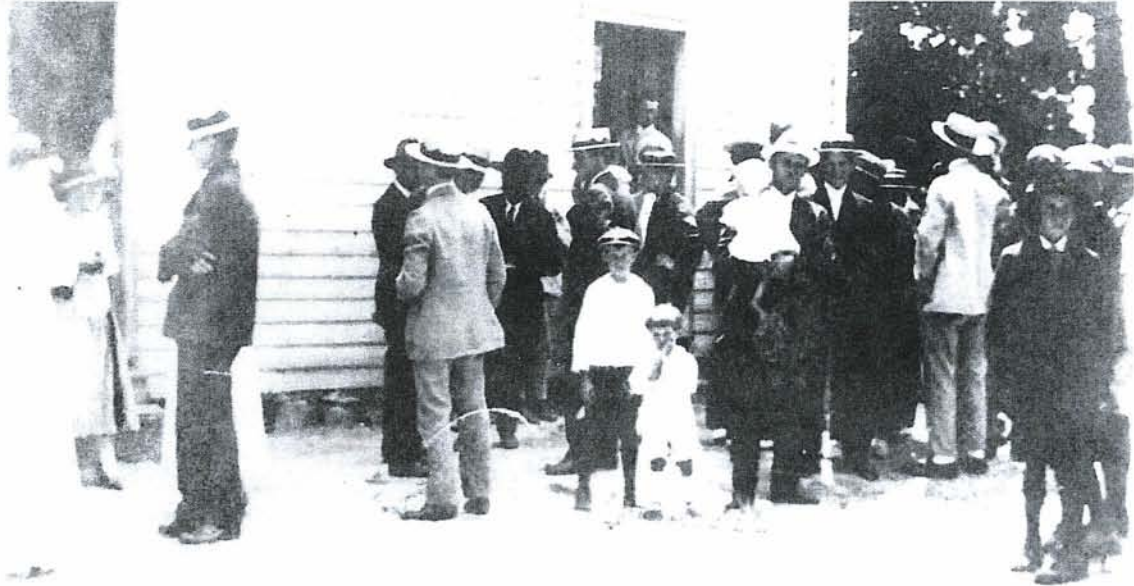
The oldest Bible used by Hawkins Chapel Methodist Protestant Church was published by A. J. Holman & Co., 930 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in 1877. The first sermon preached from this Bible was by Rev. W. H. Wills, Superintendent of the Littleton Circuit of the Methodist Protestant Church, on May 27, 1877, with the Rev. D. L. Fishel, Assistant, present. Chapter V is devoted to this Bible.

Between the years 1877 – 1894, a larger building was erected. The building was begun under the leadership of Rev. W. L. Harris and completed in 1894 under the leadership of the Rev. H. S. B. Thompson. Rev. Thompson was the father of the late George Thompson, father-in-law of Cloy Green Thompson, and great-grandfather of Keith Browder, a current leader at Hawkins Chapel. It was during these years that the second Sunday in August became set as the date of Homecoming with “dinner on the ground” followed by a week of old-time revival. Many stories are told of people coming on wagons, riding buggies, and even walking to the church. For many years “dinner on the ground” lasted the entire week. It is also worth noting that many, particularly the older members, have mentioned that attendance was so great that often there were people standing outside the church because all the pews were filled. On such occasions, the old schoolhouse across the road was even used to take care of the overflow crowd. Through the open windows, horses and mules could be seen tied to the many oak trees surrounding the church. Inside, the throng of worshipers tried to cool themselves by hand fans as they worshiped, knowing that a spread of delicious food was waiting to satisfy their growing appetite.

On April 15, 1885, David Parker deeded one acre of land along the road from Walkers Cross Road (the Glasgow place) to Halifax to what had by then become known as Hawkins Chapel Methodist Protestant Church. This deed apparently describes the same acre of land as that described in the indenture identified above by Marion R. and Sarah M. Powers. The deed can be found in Deed Book 73-B Page 182 in the Register of Deeds Office, Halifax County Courthouse, Halifax, North Carolina. The trustees at this time were James M. Hawkins, John Hammil, Henry Pair, James T. Hawkins, and William Glasgow. Again, a complete copy of this deed appears in the chapter devoted to deeds and plats (Chapter IX).

In 1907, under the leadership of Dr. S. W. Taylor, who later served as the District Superintendent of the High Point District of the Methodist Protestant Church, more improvements were added to the building.

During the 1920's, the Hawkins Chapel Methodist Protestant Church was a weather boarded wooden structure consisting of only a sanctuary. Within, members divided into groups and sat in different sections for Sunday School. At that time, there were two entrance doors at the front of the church, one on each side. There were two aisles in the church, with longer pews in the center and shorter pews along the outer walls.



Congregation Gathered Outside  
Two-Door Weather Boarded Wooden Church

During the years 1922-1924, some remodeling was done under the leadership of Rev. J. B. O'Briant. The two entrance doors were replaced by doors in the center. During these years the church was equipped with an organ for music, a wood stove for heating and oil lamps with mantles for lighting. Rev. O'Briant served the Littleton Circuit as pastor for five years, 1922 – 1927. At that time, the Littleton Circuit consisted of five churches – Corinth, Hawkins Chapel, Littleton, Weaver's Chapel, and Vaughan. Rev. O'Briant and his family did not live in the parsonage. Instead, they lived in their home, located between Hawkins Chapel and Roanoke Rapids, because he also farmed. The parsonage was located on College Street in Littleton, which was in Warren County at that time.

It was during this era that George Green served as church sexton for many years. His diligence and faithfulness to this duty have been noted by many people. Mr. Green was the father of Cloy Green Thompson, Eunice Green Hawkins, and Lonnie Benjamin Green.

According to Esther's notes, Christian Endeavor Societies were a large part of the church in the years 1931 to 1935. Christian Endeavor was an association in evangelical Protestant Churches for strengthening spiritual life and promoting Christian activities among its members. According to Laura Bailey at the North Carolina Methodist Conference Archives in Raleigh, Methodist Women's organizations over the years included the following:

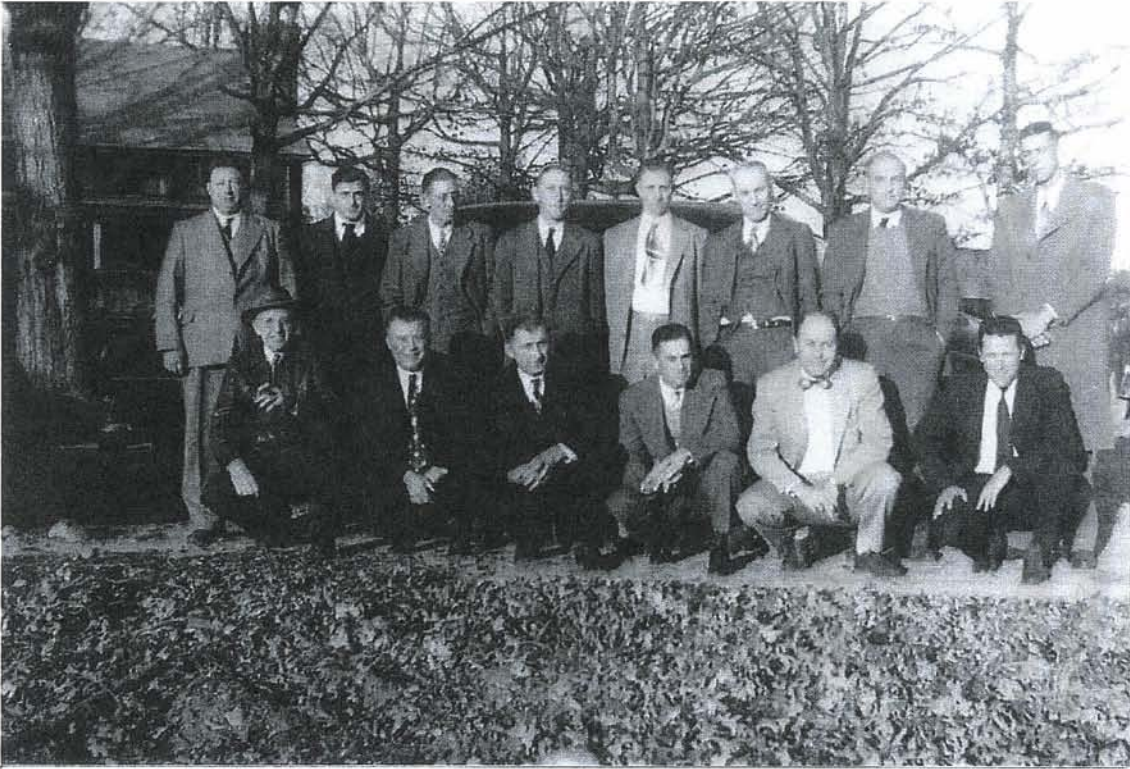
- 1869 – Woman's Foreign Missionary Society
- 1893 – Woman's Home Missionary Society (Methodist Protestant)
- 1939 – Wesleyan Service Guild
- 1942 – First Assembly of the Woman's Society of Christian Service
- 1968 – Women's Society of Christian Service Wesleyan Service Guild
- 1972 – United Methodist Women

Other names of societies and organizations that have been a part of the Methodist Church over the years, according to Laura Bailey are:

- Christian Endeavor Societies formed as early as 1892 in the Methodist Protestant Church
- Epworth League formed in the Methodist Episcopal Church in 1899
- 1939 – Methodist Youth Fellowship
- 1968 – United Methodist Youth Fellowship
- 1968 – Methodist Men became United Methodist Men

Additional information can be found at various web sites and publications.

The organized unit of United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose PURPOSE is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church. Joyce Pittard Cobb is the current UMW President at Hawkins Chapel. Her father, Ambrose Pittard, was also an early leader in the church.



At the Home of Jack Hawkins, Who was ill

L-R kneeling: John Lucas, George Arrington, Edward Hawkins, Hyder Crawley,  
John Joyner, Lonnie B. Green

L-R standing: George Thompson, Alvah Hawkins, Herbert Harris, Clifton Hawkins,  
Clarence Hawkins, Johnnie Smith, Otis Hawkins, Willis Hawkins

In 1936, under the leadership of Dr. T. M. Johnson, retired minister in the Western North Carolina Conference, plans were made to add Sunday School rooms to the church. At that time, the Hawkins Chapel school building stood across the road at the east end of where the cemetery is now located. By this time, the two-room, two-teacher school had been consolidated with the Aurelian Springs School. It was decided that the school would be taken down and that the lumber would be used to help build a Sunday School addition to the church. Joseph Hawkins recalls that his uncle Howell Hawkins had a truck and that his truck was used to move the lumber across the road from the school building to the church. The rolling partition from the school was used to separate the two Sunday School rooms from the sanctuary. Additional Sunday School rooms were subsequently added across the back of the church.



On the Steps of Hawkins Chapel School

Top Row: Jim Hawkins, Connel Sisters, Mamie Pepper, Jennie Faucette, Nettie Hawkins,  
Ambrose Pittard

Seated: Eugenia Hawkins

Standing: Esther Hawkins, Clyde Hawkins, Mae Belle Hawkins,  
William Wyatt Hawkins, Susan Hale Hawkins



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## THE METHODIST CHURCH

In 1939 the Methodist Episcopal Church, the Methodist Episcopal Church, South and the Methodist Protestant Church merged. At that time, Hawkins Chapel Methodist Protestant Church became Hawkins Chapel Methodist Church. During the late 1930's, 1940's, and early 1950's, there were several church realignments. In 1956, during a charge realignment, Hawkins Chapel was placed on a two-church charge with Tabor Methodist Church, formerly Tabor Methodist Episcopal Church, South. A complete list of church alignments and pastor assignments is found in Chapter III.

It was during the pastorate of D. D. Broome, 1938-1942, that the wooden, weather boarded church was brick veneered. According to the Roanoke Rapids DAILY HERALD, the building, consisting of a sanctuary and five Sunday School rooms, was dedicated on Easter Sunday, 1941, and burned one week later.

Following the Annual Conference, Rev. Daniel C. Boone came to serve in November, 1942. During his first service at 11:00 a.m., the church burned again, this time completely to the ground, starting with a chimney fire in the attic. Only the piano, some hymnals, the church Bible, and a few pews were saved. However, God's Holy Spirit was alive and active among the congregation, and this loss was accepted as a challenge.



The Remains of Hawkins Chapel Methodist Church  
Following the 1942 Fire



Janice Hawkins Pittard and her brother, Edward Deward Hawkins, Jr., survey the ruins of Hawkins Chapel Church

In a letter to the Second Quarterly Conference, dated May 30, 1943, Rev. Boone wrote the following regarding the desire to rebuild:

“Hawkins Chapel has plans to begin soon to rebuild their church. They have \$4300 insurance money, \$1000.00 promises from Duke University and a promise of some help from the Board of Church Extension of our church, and the community pledged \$515.00 Sunday Morning and raised a portion of this in cash, and have pledged themselves to raise one thousand dollars. Plans are being drawn and will be presented as soon as finished. We would ask the conference to take what action is necessary in this matter.”

According to minutes of the Quarterly Conference, dated September 24, 1943, the church received favorable responses to Rev. Boone’s request. The church trustees were granted \$2,300.00 from the Duke Endowment and \$200.00 from the North Carolina Conference Board of Church Extension “for the purpose of rebuilding the church that was destroyed by fire in Nov. 1942.”

With God's guidance and help, the church was rebuilt. This new building consisted of a brick sanctuary with four Sunday School rooms across the back. In conversations with Lynnette Hawkins Williams and Margaret Pittard Hawkins, it was discovered that a house belonging to Willie Green located on Highway 903 a short distance South of Highway 48 was offered for use as a place to worship while the church was being rebuilt.



Nearly Rebuilt!

In a letter from Rev. Boone to Rev. T. M. Grant, Superintendent, dated January 28, 1944, he wrote that attendance had been down due to severe whooping cough and a flu epidemic. He also wrote that "Hawkins Chapel is being completed this week except some painting and sanding of floors that will be finished in a few days." In a subsequent letter to Rev. Grant, dated September 2, 1945, he noted that membership at Hawkins Chapel was 199 and that repairs had been made to the parsonage.

In late 1945 or early 1946, electric power was provided to Hawkins Chapel. The exact date is not known; however, information from REA Power Company indicates that the Lonnie B. Green home, located a short distance away, was wired December 5, 1945.



Youth at the Home of Jack Hawkins

L-R Front: James Hawkins, Ann Hawkins, Louise Hawkins,  
Henry Green, Wade Smith, Gene Smith

L-R Back: Janice Hawkins, Shirley Hawkins, Doris Crawley,  
Deward Hawkins, William Crawley

In 1946, under the leadership of Rev. E. H. Measamer, the Youth Fellowship was organized at Hawkins Chapel. This is noted in the Pastor's Report to the Quarterly Conference, dated October 6, 1946. At this conference, he also reported the gift of one acre of land by Jesse Pittard across the road from the church for use as a cemetery. It was also noted in the report that the men of the church had begun to clear the land of trees and stumps.

On March 6, 1947, the official deed for the gift of one acre of land by J. D. Pittard and Grace E. Pittard "to be used as a cemetery for the said church" was recorded. This deed is filed in Book 562 Page 453 at the Register of Deeds, Halifax County, North Carolina. In a discussion with Margaret Pittard Hawkins, she noted that, when her father gave the land for the cemetery, he never thought that his brother, Andrew Pittard, would be the first to be buried there. Some years later, additional gifts of land for the cemetery were made by W. B. Green and heirs of Otis Hawkins to square the corners of the original

acre. A complete description of all three deeds and additional cemetery information is included in the chapter entitled Deeds and Plats (Chapter IX).

It was also in 1947, according to the Pastor's Report to the Quarterly Conference on September 7, 1947, that Rev. E. H. Measamer reported that new pulpit furniture had been purchased at a cost of \$241.20. In his report to the Conference on December 28, 1947, he noted that gutters had been put on Hawkins Chapel Church at a cost of \$280.00.

According to Virginia Griffin, Mrs. J. B. Hurley, wife of Pastor J. B. Hurley, held an organizational meeting to begin the first Women's Society of Christian Service organization in 1949, later to be called United Methodist Women. The meeting was held in the home of Baldy and Lily Green. Virgie Morgan Hawkins, Sue Bet Vincent, Mrs. J. B. Hurley, Lily S. Green, and Virginia Faucette Griffin were at the meeting. The first officers elected to serve the society were Virginia Mae Faucette Griffin, President; Evelyn Hawkins Crawley, Vice-President; Cloy Green Thompson, Treasurer; and Helen Hawkins Joyner, Recording Secretary. Meetings were held once a month in different homes. Virginia Griffin served as President for two years, followed by Helen Joyner as the second President.

In the Pastor's Report to the Second Quarterly Conference, dated March 13, 1949, Rev. J. B. Hurley noted that the method of making monthly payments on the budget with the use of envelopes had been initiated.

At the time of Baldy Green's death in 1951, he had served as Sunday School Superintendent for many years according to his daughter-in-law, Dorothy Green. Mrs. Green is the widow of William Baldy "Bill" Green, Baldy's son. She also noted that Lily S. Green, Bill's mother, contributed immensely to the music at Hawkins Chapel. A graduate of Louisburg College, Mrs. Lily Green returned to teach music in the Roanoke Rapids Schools. Lily Green was devoted to teaching Hawkins Chapel children to play the piano, teaching music lessons in her home. She served as the Hawkins Chapel pianist for many years and coordinated special children's programs for many occasions. This provided a very fruitful experience for all – Lily playing and children singing! Baldy and Lily Green were also the parents of Dorothy Green Hockaday and Mary Green Jones and the uncle and aunt of Lonnie B. Green, Cloy Green Thompson, and Eunice Green Hawkins.

The 1925 METHODIST PROTESTANT, NORTH CAROLINA, ANNUAL CONFERENCE JOURNAL identified Mr. Green as Sunday School Superintendent. Superintendents who preceded him were Confucius Hawkins, recognized as the first, and, according to the JOURNAL, Ezra Pair (1917 – 1919) and (1921), B. W. Pepper (1920), and J. Ambrose Pittard (1922). Following Baldy Green's long tenure as Sunday School Superintendent, there have been many capable people who have held this position. Among them are Johnnie B. Griffin, John Joyner, Edward Hawkins, Sr., Agnes Hawkins Joyner, Joyce Pittard Cobb, Margaret Pittard Hawkins, Keith Rudd, and Kathy Shaw Liles, the current Superintendent. The Sunday School at Hawkins Chapel has been very fortunate to have had the leadership and guidance of these special individuals.



Baldy Green  
1889 – 1951  
Sunday School Superintendent  
For Decades



Lily S. Green  
1894-1963  
Pianist and Music Director



Kathy Liles  
Current Sunday School Superintendent



**REVIEW GOLDEN TEXT**

And they were astonished at his doctrine, for his word was with power.

Luke 4:39.

**BIBLE SCHOOL PICTURE CARDS.**

Lesson XIII. (Vol. 8, No. 3, Part 38.) Sept. 23, 1906.

(Some one at home should teach the child the lesson.)  
 Jesus told his disciples they must become as little children in order to enter the kingdom of heaven.  
 He taught that we must forgive others, if we expect God to forgive us.  
 The Good Samaritan teaches us that the one in need is our neighbor.  
 We should pray, for God is as willing to give as parents are to their own.  
 Jesus taught it is right to do good on the Sabbath.  
 Men often make false excuses for not entering the kingdom of heaven.  
 God is as willing to receive the returning sinner as a father is to receive a lost son from a far country.  
 We should not be afraid to pray, because God loves and wants to bless us.  
 We should not trust in riches, but in Jesus.  
 Jesus always stood ready to heal and save the lost.  
 Jesus rode into Jerusalem as though he were a king going to a throne.  
 Jesus was wise enough to silence his enemies.

What must we do to enter the kingdom? Why forgive others?  
 What does the Good Samaritan teach us? How willing is God to answer prayer?  
 What may we do on the Sabbath? What excuses are made?  
 How willing is God to receive the returning sinner? In whom should we trust? What was Jesus ready to do?  
 How did Jesus go to Jerusalem? How wise was he? Quarter's Teaching.—Jesus was the divine man.

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**PAUL'S SECOND MISSIONARY JOURNEY  
 (ANTIOCH TO PHILIPPI)**

Acts 15:36 to 16:15.

GOLDEN TEXT:—Come over into Macedonia, and help us.

Acts 16:9.

**BIBLE SCHOOL PICTURE CARDS.**

Lesson I. (Vol. 11, No. 3, Part 1.) July 4, 1909.

Paul made three missionary journeys. To-day we begin the study of the second. We studied the first last quarter and will have the third before this quarter is over. Paul and Silas went down to the sea coast, because the Spirit of the Lord would not permit them to go elsewhere. Here they had a vision of a man from Macedonia, a province of Greece. He asked them to come over into Macedonia and help them. They crossed over the sea to the city of Philippi, one of the chief cities of this part of Greece. Here the gospel was preached for the first time on the soil of Europe. There was no synagogue in this city, so they preached by a river side to the women that gathered there. The first convert was Lydia, a seller of purple cloth or dyes. When she had been baptized she received the apostles into her home and cared for them. She thus showed that she had the true Christian spirit of hospitality.

How many missionary journeys did Paul make?  
 Three, as told in Acts.  
 What did Paul have at Thessa?  
 A vision of a man of Macedonia.  
 What did he say?  
 "Come over into Macedonia and help us."  
 To what city did they go?  
 To Philippi, a chief city in this part.  
 Where did they preach Christ?  
 To the women by the riverside.  
 Who was the first convert in Europe?  
 Lydia, a seller of purple.  
 Lesson Teaching.—God guides his own.

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Land for a new parsonage to serve Hawkins Chapel and Tabor churches was deeded to the Hawkins-Tabor Methodist Charge by A. W. Liles and his wife, Julia Dewar Liles on July 2, 1958. Hawkins Chapel Trustees at that time were T. B. Hawkins, Van Hawkins, Clarence Hawkins, Willis Hawkins, and Clifton Hawkins. Maynard Gupton, F. H. Cullom, H. T. Hawkins, Sr., B. B. Liles, and James F. Shaw were Trustees of Tabor Methodist Church. A complete description of this deed is included in the chapter on Deeds and Plats (Chapter IX).



Hawkins – Tabor Parsonage  
Located near Aurelian Springs on Justice Branch Road

A quitclaim deed was executed on September 25, 1958, to transfer title of the old parsonage in Littleton from the Littleton Circuit to the Calvary Charge Methodist Church. Trustees of the Littleton Circuit who signed the deed were: Mrs. Herbert Riggan, Surviving Trustee, Methodist Protestant Church, Littleton Circuit; Clifton Hawkins, Trustee of Hawkins Chapel Methodist Church; and James Frank Shaw, Trustee of Tabor Methodist Church. Reverend Max W. Dulin, Pastor of Hawkins Chapel and Tabor Charge, also signed the deed. Trustees of the Calvary Charge were Frank Parks, L. G. Jenkins, B. F. Morris, and T. W. Duncan. This deed is found in Book 195, pages 321 and 322 in the Register of Deeds Office, Warren County, Warrenton, North Carolina. A copy



is included in the Chapter on Deeds and Plats (Chapter IX). The original parcel of land for the parsonage was deeded on January 20, 1903, by John P. Leach and his wife, Ellen D. Leach of Warren County to John H. Harrison, William N. Thornton, and A. E. Carter, Trustees of and for the Methodist Protestant Church for \$125.00 “. . . for the sole and separate use, benefit, and advantage of the Methodist Protestant Church and to such use or uses as the said church shall appoint.” This deed is recorded in Deed Book 70, pages 476 and 477, in the Register of Deeds Office, Warren County, Warrenton, North Carolina. A copy of this deed is also included in the chapter entitled Deeds and Plats (Chapter IX).



The Old Parsonage in Littleton

On July 19, 1958, an addition of 1.22 acres of land was given by Joseph A. Parrott and Sophie J. Parrott for a sum of ten (\$10.00) dollars to the trustees of Hawkins Chapel Methodist Church to enlarge the area around the church. Trustees of the church who accepted this gift were Tommie Hawkins, Van Hawkins, and Edward Hawkins. The

Parrotts had bought land behind the church from Billy Cullom and his wife Sallie Parker Cullom. Lonnie B. Green is the nephew of Billie and Sallie Cullom. Again, a complete description of this deed is included in the chapter on Deeds and Plats (Chapter IX).

On May 10, 1964, Rev. R. M. Gradeless wrote in the Pastoral Report: "Our good people of Hawkins will never forget that by the grace of God they were able this year to pay off their indebtedness on the parsonage." This must have provided great joy and satisfaction for the people at Hawkins Chapel.

After a few years, plans were made to dig a basement at the church. The basement was dug beneath the existing Sunday School rooms, and a folding partition was used to divide the basement into two additional Sunday School rooms, making a total of six. Additional remodeling consisted of replacing windows in the sanctuary with stained glass memorial windows depicting the life of Christ and replacing the pews, each in honor or memory of family members and loved ones. Each window and pew with donor names is described in more detail in the chapter entitled GIFTS (Chapter VI).

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## THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

On April 23, 1968, the United Methodist Church was created. It was at this time that Bishop Reuben H. Mueller, representing the Evangelical United Brethren Church, and Bishop Lloyd C. Wicke of The Methodist Church agreed at the constituting General Conference in Dallas, Texas. Much information about this merger can be found at the [www.umc.org](http://www.umc.org) web site. Of course, it was at this time that Hawkins Chapel Methodist Church became a member of the United Methodist Church. Reverend J. Thomas Smith, who served during the years 1964-1968, was pastor at the time.

The remodeled building was dedicated in April, 1973, during the pastorate of Rev. Willie Evans. Within a little over two years following the dedication, under the leadership of the Rev. Ray Phillips, the membership voted to add an Educational Wing to the church, consisting of bathrooms, two small classrooms, a kitchen and a fellowship hall. Construction was begun in 1976 after the contract was awarded to Rufus B. Hux & Son, General Contractors. The total cost of this addition was \$56,000. The Duke Endowment assisted in this project by contributing \$8,000.00 toward the cost. The debt was paid within six years, four years ahead of schedule! Following completion of the building, the yard was landscaped, concrete walks were installed, and gravel was placed in the parking lot. The old shrubbery was removed and new shrubbery was added.

The Baldy Green family donated a large stew pot which was placed below the parking lot behind the church. The pot was bricked in and a flue was built by Rufus Hux. Lonnie Green and Clarence Hawkins, along with other members, built a shed over the stew pot, and tables were built by Louis Hawkins for use in cooking and serving stew, holding bazaars, and Homecomings. The stews and bazaars were used to assist in paying for the

construction of the Education Wing. The Education Wing has been, and continues to be, a great asset to the Hawkins Chapel congregation and community.



Hawkins Chapel United Methodist Church Today

The Education Wing was dedicated in a Service of Dedication on Sunday, October 16, 1983. The service was conducted by Dr. Jack Hunter, Rocky Mount District Superintendent, assisted by Hawkins Chapel Pastor Rev. Bobby Smith. The Building Committee which was responsible for the planning and construction of the Education Wing included Joseph R. Hawkins, Edward D. Hawkins, Sr., John H. Joyner, Mrs. A. Gene Cobb, Sr., and Mrs. Willis Hawkins. A picture of the church, including the Education Wing, and a short article appeared in the Roanoke Rapids DAILY HERALD on Tuesday, December 13, 1983. The Reverends Ray Phillips, Ralph Hill and Bobby Smith served as pastors of Hawkins Chapel United Methodist Church during the planning and construction of this addition.

In 1984 Hawkins Chapel, along with other Methodist churches, celebrated the Bicentennial of two hundred years of Methodism in America. This very important milestone was celebrated with a banner designed and made for the occasion by Karen Hawkins, a member of the United Methodist Women. A cake was decorated and served for the 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, along with other activities.

Because of the significance of each, other chapters will include more specific and additional information about those in the community who have participated in the military, the cemetery, deeds and plats, gifts, the oldest Bible, pastors who have served the church, and reflections.

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## CHRONOLOGICAL MEMBERSHIP ROLL

There was a sincere desire to include complete membership rolls that would incorporate names of members from the beginning of Marsh Chapel to present day Hawkins Chapel, and an exhaustive effort was made to find these names. However, this was not possible. Only one list, which was included in some church records and Quarterly Reports, was found. With special thanks to Joy Hawkins Harvell, who graciously shared these records, a chronological roll which was prepared for 1970-71 was located and is included in the following pages. Obviously, some of the names of older members have been purged and names of more current members have not been added, which is regrettable.

Available records identify two of the oldest known members and supporters of the church. Nannie Glasgow Pepper lived to be 101 years old, the oldest member. James Madison "Jim" Hawkins lived to be 100 years, nine months, and fifteen days. Both of these devoted members of Hawkins Chapel, along with many others, have left a legacy of strong support for the church for others to emulate. The oldest current member of the church is Cloy Green Thompson, born November 21, 1909, to George and Tennie Cullom Green.

HAWKINS CHAPEL CHRONOLOGICAL ROLL

1970 – 1971

- |                            |                          |
|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Pepper, Nannie Glasgow  | 22. Hawkins, Clifton     |
| 2. Hawkins, Phillip        | 23. Hawkins, Mamie       |
| 3. Hawkins, Bertie         | 24. Cullom, Willie       |
| 4. Hawkins, Fitzhugh       | 25. Green, Lonnie        |
| 5. Hawkins, Roger          | 26. Green, Helen         |
| 6. Hawkins, Paul, Sr.      | 27. Hawkins, Edward, Sr. |
| 7. Pair, Hilda             | 28. Joyner, John         |
| 8. Hawkins, Irene          | 29. Joyner, Agnes        |
| 9. Hawkins, Carrie         | 30. Griffin, John        |
| 10. Aycock, Pearl          | 31. Griffin, Mae         |
| 11. Hawkins, Annie         | 32. Nethery, Fannie      |
| 12. O'Briant, Mrs. John B. | 33. Hawkins, Joseph      |
| 13. Hawkins, Tommie        | 34. Hawkins, Tillison    |
| 14. Hawkins, Myrtie        | 35. Hawkins, Virginia    |
| 15. Hawkins, Mae Belle     | 36. Shaw, Woodrow        |
| 16. Harris, Herbert        | 37. Shaw, Elizabeth      |
| 17. Harris, Myrtle         | 38. Pittard, Mattie      |
| 18. Hawkins, Clarence      | 39. Morgan, Burnette     |
| 19. Hawkins, Beatrice      | 40. Hawkins, James Otis  |
| 20. Thompson, George, Sr.  | 41. Hawkins, Roy Lee     |
| 21. Thompson, Cloy         | 42. Smith, John, Sr.     |

43. Smith, Ila
44. Pittard, Ambrose
45. Pittard, Elsie
46. Strickland, Mary
47. Inscoe, Sol
48. Inscoe, Essie
49. Hawkins, Willis E.
50. Hawkins, Lorena
51. Arrington, George
52. Arington, Esther
53. Hawkins, Van, Sr.
54. Hawkins, Eunice
55. Smith, Josephine
56. Carpenter, Nettie
57. Hawkins, James A.
58. Hawkins, Margaret
59. Lucas, Elizabeth
60. Jones, Mary Frances
61. Hockaday, Dorothy
62. Pearce, Frank
63. Pearce, Maggie
64. Pittard, Lucretia
65. Pittard, Etta Lou
66. Cullom, Roy Lee
67. Cullom, Jimmy, Jr.
68. Cullom, Estelle
69. Hawkins, Clyde
70. Vincent, Robert
71. Vincent, Doris
72. Pegram, Ralph
73. Pegram, Marjorie
74. Hawkins, Louis
75. Hawkins, Julia
76. Hawkins, Raymond
77. Mosely, Walter, Sr.
78. Mosely, Marjorie
79. Pittard, Vernon
80. Pittard, Janice
81. Crawley, Marian, Jr.
82. Pittard, David
83. Hale, Janie
84. Butler, Juanita
85. Hawkins, Willie C.
86. Porter, Irma
87. McCammon, Blanch
88. Pepper, Waverly

89. Pittard, Leila
90. Alston, Hattie
91. Elias, Virginia
92. Shaw, Jesse
93. Shaw, Bessie
94. Shaw, Marjorie
95. Smith, Wade
96. Smith, Gene
97. Pair, Burter
98. Hawkins, Effie
99. Hawkins, Leonard
100. Babb, Lucille
101. Cobb, Joyce
102. Hawkins, John
103. Crawley, Marian, III
104. Thompson, George, Jr.
105. Griffin, Arnold
106. Neville, Esther
107. Pittard, Inez
108. Rudd, Bettie Jean
109. Hawkins, S. Gene
110. Rose, Gloria Dean
111. Hawkins, Walter
112. Harris, Tom J., Jr.
113. Hawkins, Cleveland
114. Hawkins, Edward, Jr.
115. Dill, Martha Sue
116. Morgan, Bryan
117. Morgan, George
118. Pittard, Dock
119. Green, Henry
120. Morgan, Shirley
121. Hawkins, James McArthur
122. Powell, Louise
123. Joyner, Maneric
124. Pearce, James
125. Smith, Ann
126. Norman, Jacqueline
127. Pittard, Douglas
128. Kornegay, Edith
129. Powell, Judith
130. Shaw, Patricia
131. Spencer, Caroline
132. Hawkins, Richard
133. Hawkins, Hubert
134. Hawkins, Nettie

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|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 135. Smith, Arlene          | 152. Sexton, Mrs. Josephine |
| 136. Taylor, Faye           | 153. Craft, Edward          |
| 137. Smith, Dianne          | 154. Craft, Velora          |
| 138. Edwards, Hazel         | 155. Craft, Jay             |
| 139. Taylor, Mrs. Jimmie H. | 156. Craft, Sharon          |
| 140. Pearce, Clarice        | 157. Craft, Diane           |
| 141. Hawkins, Jerry         | 158. Aycock, Luther         |
| 142. Mosely, Walter, Jr.    | 159. Kerr, Edward           |
| 143. Hawkins, Vicky         | 160. Kerr, Charlotte        |
| 144. Hawkins, Miranda       | 161. Kerr, Sheila           |
| 145. Wrenn, Eddie           | 162. Joyner, Carolyn        |
| 146. Pittard, Cynthia       | 163. Pittard, Linda         |
| 147. Shaw, Kathy Jean       | 164. Hawkins, Debra Van     |
| 148. Cobb, Gene             | 165. Hawkins, Hilda Jean    |
| 149. Green, Barbara         | 166. Bennett, Ollie Mae     |
| 150. Green, Glendora        | 167. Hawkins, Margaret Ann  |
| 151. Sexton, Andrew C.      | 168. Hawkins, Dorothy       |
|                             | 169. Miles, Wesley          |



HAWKINS CHAPEL CHURCH NON-RESIDENT ROLL  
1970 – 1971

Butler, Juanita	Kornegay, Edith
Crawley, Marian, Jr.	Lancaster, Virginia
Crawley, Marian, III	McCammon, Blanche
Deberly, Margaret	Neville, Esther
Dickens, Russell	Pegram, Ralph
Dill, Martha Sue	Pegram, Marjorie
Edwards, Hazel	Pepper, Waverly
Griffin, Arnold	Rose, Gloria Dean
Hawkins, Cleveland	Rose, Myrtice
Hawkins, Effie	Sexton, Mr. & Mrs. A. C.
Hawkins, James	Taylor, Mrs. Jimmie H.
Hawkins, Otis	Zeiler, Katherine
Hawkins, Roy Lee	
Hawkins, John	
Hawkins, Raymond	
Hawkins, Sanford Gene	
Hawkins, Walter	
Hoggard, Arlene	
Jones, Mary Frances	



Hawkins Chapel School  
1918 - Grades 1-7

First Row, from left: Lucretia Pittard, Gaynelle Green Denton, Cloy Green Thompson, Arlene Shearin Bradshaw, Beatrice Hawkins, Mae Bell Hawkins, Wilbert Cullom, Jessie Faucette, Wallace Shearin and Erma Hawkins Porter;  
 Second Row: Clarence Hawkins, Edward Hawkins, Clifton Hawkins, Lorenzo Pittard, Waverly Hawkins, Claude Hawkins, Burnette Morgan, Robert Faucette, Edward Green, Bertha Woodruff Morgan and Fannie Faucette Nethery;  
 Third row: Margaret Hawkins Pearce, Effie Pepper Hawkins, Janie Faucette Hale, Mattie Mae Morgan Pittard, Roxie Collins Mabrey, Lottie Mabrey, Mollie Hawkins, Myrtle Green Harris, Arthur Hawkins, Willie Hawkins and Maude Hawkins Steele;  
 Fourth row: Annie Lucas Hawkins—teacher, Bessie Green Butts, Nettie Hawkins Carpenter, Etta Pittard, Carrie Hawkins, Amy Pittard, Gertie Pepper King and Callie Hux Dickens—teacher.

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## WHAT NEXT?

It is obvious that Hawkins Chapel United Methodist Church, previously called Marsh Chapel Church, Hawkins Chapel Methodist Protestant Church, and Hawkins Chapel Methodist Church has been the center of the community for many years. Since its early days as a brush arbor church with hand-hewn pews to the beautiful, modern church it is today, it has provided strength, inspiration, and guidance for many people for many years and has been the anchor for a community of people noted for their dedication to hard work and strength of character. Because of the unselfish acts of many people along the way, Hawkins Chapel has flourished and grown and remains the beautiful “little brick church in the wildwood.” We do not know what the future holds, but it is clear that this church is still a focal point in the community and deserves the continued support and involvement that it has known for many years. Those who preceded us who gave their all to support this church deserve our acknowledgement and appreciation to them and our continued efforts to grow the church to even greater position in the community. In this, and in all walks of life, this is how we repay those who have provided so much for us. As Lonnie Green so aptly stated as he reflected on the past, “back then some people would walk further to church than they will drive a car today.” This is unfortunate but true. Hopefully, that will change and our pews will be overflowing once again!

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*Now therefore ye are no  
more strangers and foreigners,  
but fellow citizens with the saints,  
and of the household of God;  
And are built upon the  
foundation of the apostles and prophets,  
Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone;  
In whom all the building fitly framed together  
groweth unto a holy temple in the Lord;  
In whom ye also are builded together for a  
habitation of God through the Spirit.  
Ephesians 2:19-22 (KJV)*

## CHAPTER II

### REFLECTIONS

*I WILL extol thee, my God, O king;  
and I will bless thy name for ever and ever.  
Every day will I bless thee;  
and I will praise thy name for ever and ever.  
Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised;  
and his greatness is unsearchable.  
One generation shall praise thy works to another,  
and shall declare thy mighty acts.  
I will speak of the glorious honor of thy majesty,  
and of thy wondrous works.  
And men shall speak of the might of thy terrible acts:  
and I will declare thy greatness.  
They shall abundantly utter the memory of thy great goodness,  
and shall sing of thy righteousness.  
Psalm 145:1-7 (KJV)*

Everyone who has been a part of Hawkins Chapel United Methodist Church has developed fond memories, and each has a unique story to tell. Many of the values that have been so critical and fundamental to the development of this community have been instilled in its citizens through interaction with the church. The church has been the “hub” of this community for many years, and lessons learned there, friendships developed there, respect for the past earned there, hope for the future instilled there, love for others built there, and the understanding of church as the whole community learned there have all been molded in each of us to make us a better and caring person. Who can forget the imprint the various pastors have made on us? Who can forget the overflowing crowds who would fill the church on numerous occasions? Who can forget the simpler things like the aroma of freshly baked homemade pies, prepared homegrown butterbeans, freshly made stew, and other delights waiting for one to sample as soon as the sermon was concluded at homecoming on the second Sunday in August? Of course, we all carry our memories of these and many other things about Hawkins Chapel.

As we all know, Hawkins Chapel has its own unique and interesting history. In an effort to gain a better understanding of the past, it is best to listen to those who have experienced more history in the church than most of us. Several of these members have agreed to share their experiences, thoughts, reflections, and their insight. For that, we are indeed fortunate.

**Joseph Hawkins**, born January 30, 1919, stated that he was always told that the early church started as a bush arbor and that it was started further down Halifax Road. His understanding was that the location of the church was later moved because of a gift of land in the present location. Asked why it was called Hawkins Chapel, he said he always thought it was because of “so many Hawkins around here.” Early leaders of the church in his memory were Confucius Hawkins and Ezra Pair. In the early days, men had the leadership roles. Sometimes women taught Sunday School.



As many have pointed out, one of his fondest memories was Homecoming, always the second Sunday in August. He noted that it seemed like everybody around came and that there was plenty of good food. There would be preaching in the morning, preaching and singing in the afternoon, and plenty of good food in between!

He recalled that the church burned when he was overseas in the Army Medical Corps in World War II. Prior to going into service, he remembers that the large wood heater that was used to heat the church was placed on the left in the front where the choir sits now. Prior to that, however, the heater was on the right, and a long pipe ran across to the flue on the left side. He remembers oil lamps on mantels for lighting. He also noted that at that time there were two sets of entry doors in the front of the church and that families sat together. The early windows were glass windows which could be raised up and down.

Joseph recalled that there was an old school, called Hawkins Chapel School, which sat across the road from the present church below the East end of where the cemetery is located now. There was a partition which could be raised up and down to make two rooms or open it up to one large room. He recalled the first grade teacher being Ethel Warren. Ethel married Willie Hawkins, a son of Richard Davis “Captain” and Virginia Green Hawkins, and they are the parents of Larry Hawkins and the late Ellen Hawkins McLean. The school had been closed due to consolidation, and he remembered helping to tear down the old school building.

The material in the old school was brought over to the church site and used in rebuilding the church. His Uncle Howell Hawkins, his father’s brother, had a truck which was used to transport the lumber.

The first parsonage that Joseph can remember was at Littleton. At that time, there were several churches on the charge – Hawkins Chapel, Corinth, Weavers Chapel, Littleton, and Vaughan. However, the first preacher that Joseph remembers is Reverend O'Briant, and he did not live in the parsonage. He lived in his own home. Of Rev. O'Briant, Joseph said, "I think every person in Hawkins Chapel liked him. He was there a long time."

Joseph is the son of Roger and Nora Carlisle Hawkins and the grandson of William Wyatt and Susan Hale Hawkins. He was married to the late Marian "Teenie" Hawkins, and they have two children, Caroline and Richard.

Do all the good you can,  
By all the means you can,  
In all the ways you can,  
In all the places you can,  
At all the times you can,  
To all the people you can,  
As long as ever you can.

John Wesley



**Virginia Mae Griffin**, born May 31, 1912, is very proud of her heritage in the Hawkins Chapel Community. Her grandfather was Robert Hawkins, who was blind, and her grandmother was Frances Estelle Powers. He was blind when she married him. They had one child, Leathy Estelle "Hessie" Hawkins, who was Mae's mother. Her father was Newell Edward Faucette. He was forty-five years old and she was twenty-five when they married. Mae was married to the late Johnnie B. Griffin, a former Sunday School Superintendent. They had three daughters, Geraldine, Esther and Joyce and one son, the late Arnold Griffin. She stated that she was named for Virginia Green Hawkins, who was a close friend of her mother.

One of Mae's fondest memories is Homecoming at Hawkins Chapel on the second Sunday in August. A favorite story about Homecoming is about her grandparents, who attended Hawkins Chapel and always went to Homecoming. Her grandmother would prepare to carry dinner in a straw basket with a handle on it. They lived several miles from church and their means of transportation was by walking. Her grandmother would place the basket on a stick by running the stick through the handle. Her grandmother would hold the front end of the stick and lead her grandfather, who would hold the rear end of the stick. Together they would walk through the path to church carrying their lunch basket between them. They even had to cross a creek on the way.

She recalled her own early experiences of attending Homecoming. She went with her family on a wagon pulled by mules. They would spread a quilt over the bottom of the wagon where they rode and tie the mules to a tree at the church during the day. At lunch, they would place a table cloth over the quilt in the wagon on which they placed their food. At the conclusion of the day, they would board the wagon and return home. As Mae so aptly put it, "There were no cars. One either walked or rode a wagon." She also attended all the revivals and home-comings at surrounding churches, with Quankie, Hawkins Chapel, Bethlehem, and New Hope in that order.

The first person she remembers to have a car was Ambrose Pittard, with Phillip Hawkins having one soon thereafter.

Her first Sunday School teacher was Vanna Shearin. Her second Sunday School teacher was Myrtle Green Harris, mother of Bettie Harris Rudd.

Mae's favorite hymns are "Showers of Blessings" and "When the Roll is Called Up Yonder." Her favorite scripture is the ninety-first Psalm. She remembers that Reverend O'Briant baptized her and that he served six years. As she stated, "You won't ever forget the one who baptizes you." As others also stated, she noted that Preacher O'Briant did not live in the parsonage. He lived in his own home and farmed. He preached at Hawkins Chapel, Corinth, Littleton, Weavers Chapel, and Vaughan. Preaching at Hawkins Chapel was always once a month, on the second Sunday, with Sunday School every Sunday.

Some of the early Sunday School Superintendents that she remembers were Confucius Hawkins, Ezra Pair, Vernon Pepper, Baldy Green, John Joyner, and Johnnie B. Griffin.

Mae vividly recalls the beginning of the Women's Society in 1949. In that year Mrs. Hurley, Reverend Hurley's wife, called an organizational meeting at the home of Baldy Green. She recalls Virgie Hawkins, Sue Bet Vincent, Mae Griffin, and Mrs. Hurley as those who were at the meeting. Mae was elected as President, Evelyn Hawkins Crawley as Vice-President, Cloy Green Thompson as Treasurer, and Helen Hawkins Joyner as Recording Secretary. Meetings were held monthly. For seventeen years she was the Spiritual Growth Leader, and she held every office except Treasurer. Over the years she also taught most Sunday School classes.



In the early years, Mae recalls that the women sat on one side of the church and men on the other. However, she also recalls that Robert Vincent broke that tradition when he came to church and sat with his wife, Sue Bet.

Also, in the early years, she recalls that there was an A-men Corner, where many of the older men sat. It was in the choir area.

Mrs. Lily S. Green, wife of Baldy Green, was instrumental in the music of the church and with assisting the children of the church with learning music and preparing for Children's Day. Mae noted that Mrs. Green always gave her a speaking part because she just couldn't sing.

*He that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High shall  
abide under the shadow of the Almighty.  
I will say of the LORD, He is my refuge and my fortress:  
my God; in him will I trust.  
Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler,  
and from the noisome pestilence.  
He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust:  
his truth shall be the shield and buckler.  
Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night;  
nor for the arrow that flieth by day;  
Nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness;  
nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday.  
A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand;  
but it shall not come nigh thee.  
Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the reward of the wicked.  
Because thou hast made the LORD, which is my refuge,  
even the Most High, thy habitation;  
There shall no evil befall thee,  
neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.  
For he shall give his angels charge over thee,  
to keep thee in all thy ways.  
They shall bear thee up in their hands,  
Lest thou dash thy foot against a stone.  
Thou shalt tread upon the lion and adder:  
the young lion and the dragon shalt thou trample under feet.  
Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him:  
I will set him on high, because he hath known my name.  
He shall call upon me, and I will answer him:  
I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and honor him.  
With long life will I satisfy him,  
and show him my salvation.*

*Psalm 91 (KJV)*

**Elizabeth Hawkins Lucas** stated that she is 93 years old and “just getting ready for old age.” Elizabeth was born on December 5, 1913. According to Elizabeth, the first church at the present location was a brush arbor. Following the brush arbor, a little one-room house was built. It had benches on each side, and men sat on the right side and women sat on the left side. She vividly recalls an older lady who was blind who had a place in the choir and that that instilled in her a great horror of being blind.



In the early days a preacher would come once a month to preach. People in the community would provide meals and lodging for the traveling preachers. There was no parsonage in the early days. Later on, she vividly remembers Reverend O'Briant, whom she recalls as being very well liked by everyone. He preached at five different churches and lived in his own home and farmed.

She noted that her husband, John, could sing well and was “the best tenor singer she knew of. Roy Rogers and Gene Autry had no better voice.” He would often sing at other churches. She said that they would ask him how in the world he ever found her when she couldn't even carry a tune, to which he replied “I just felt sorry for her.” In addition, he played a fiddle and called square dances all around.

Elizabeth's grandfather was James Madison Hawkins, a very early leader in the church and community. He lived to be one hundred years, nine months, and fifteen days old. When asked to state what he attributed his longevity to, Elizabeth stated that his answer always was “Live and do the best I can and let the Lord take care of the dying.” She recalls being told about her grandfather helping to build a brush arbor in the very early days of the church and helping to shape pine logs for benches to sit on.

Confucius Hawkins, Elizabeth's father, was one of the early leaders in the church. He was a class leader and Sunday School Superintendent, and his lifetime hobby was working in the church. According to Elizabeth, he always read one or two chapters from the Bible every night no matter how tired he was and talked to them about it. Elizabeth stated "That's how I feel like I know the Bible." Confucius kept a Sunday School Book. The names in the records reflect that he recorded the names of those who were absent rather than those who were present.

Elizabeth's favorite scripture is the Twenty-Third Psalm. Her favorite hobby is needle work, especially knitting and embroidering.

Her four children are Mary Frances, J. W., Sue, and Danny.



James Madison (Jim) Hawkins

This is Elizabeth's grandfather who helped with the Brush Arbor Church. James M. Hawkins was also a Trustee named on the First Land Deed for Hawkins Chapel in 1885.



Confucius (Fush) and Ella King Hawkins  
They were the parents of Alvah and Elizabeth Hawkins Lucas.  
Confucius was a very early leader at Hawkins Chapel Church.  
Elizabeth believes that her father was the first Sunday School Superintendent.



Esther Hawkins Arrington, born September 9, 1915, like so many others, remembers a time when the pace was much slower. She remembers both walking to church and riding a mule and buggy. She quickly added that they had to use a mule after the horse snapped his neck and broke it. She vividly remembers the little church with no Sunday School rooms and different groups gathering in different places in the sanctuary for individual classes. The early church was lighted by oil lamps which sat up on columns in the church. The women sat on one side of the church and the men sat on the other side during services, she recalled. She remembers when there was preaching only one Sunday each month. However, there was Sunday School every Sunday. Early class leaders were her uncle, Ezra Pair, who was married to her Aunt Hilda, and Confucius Hawkins. She remembers that Ezra Pair “prayed a very long prayer” and that Confucius Hawkins ended all of his prayers with “World Without End, Amen.”

At Homecoming, always on the second Sunday in August, some would spread a cloth on the ground for dinner. People would come from other churches for miles around to attend Homecoming. Some would walk, some rode carts, some rode on wagons, and others had buggies. There would always be large crowds, often spilling out into the yard around the church.

People from Hawkins Chapel frequently visited other churches at revival time. She remembers that it was very common for people to visit back and forth at churches, regardless of the denomination. "Methodists will go to any of them," she declared. She recalled one occasion when they were going to the revival at Tabor. Of course, they were going on a wagon. During the trip, a terrible rain storm developed. "We pulled up quilts to try to keep dry, but we kept on going," declared Esther.

"When we needed to go somewhere, Mama hitched up the mule and buggy. But sometimes we walked - walked to school and walked to church. We even walked to night meetings. Now we just get in the car and go." Those were Esther's thoughts on the dedication people had in the early days, despite the difficulties, compared to the relative ease of today.

Her Uncle Howell was the first person she knew who had a surrey. She vividly recalled that it had fringe around the top and that it was pulled by two horses. She believes that her father, Jack, was the first person in her family to own a car. It was a 1924 Ford.

Esther recalled that in the early days before there was a parsonage, pastors traveled and spent the night with different people in the community. For example, she recalled that they stayed at her "daddy's mamma and daddy's house," which would have been William Wyatt and Susan Hale Hawkins, "at Aunt Jennie's house," which would have been Virginia Green Hawkins, and "at her mamma's home place," which would have been the home of Ambrose and Mary Elizabeth Barnes Hawkins. Of course, they stayed and ate at many other homes in the community as well.

In the early days, Hawkins Chapel was a part of the Methodist Protestant Church. By comparison, today's sister church, Tabor United Methodist Church, was a part of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South in the early days.

"There was a time when the entire community was family," declared Esther. "Nearly everybody went to church." She pointed out that most people went to church when they were young. There was no going to a ball game, fishing, hunting or any other diversion during church time. "You went to church!"

When asked about her favorite hymn, Esther mentioned several. "One Day at a Time," "I Need No Mansion Here Below," "There's a Land That is Fairer Than Day (Sweet By and By)," "When the Roll is Called Up Yonder," "Showers of Blessings," and "Revive Us Again" were quick responses. "To me there is a sermon in song," Esther said enthusiastically. She recalled singing in the choir for a long time, beginning as a child. When they were small, they did not have a different choir, she said. Mrs. Lily Green was a wonderful leader and teacher of music for children, declared Esther. She used a metronome to teach timing in singing and was very patient, doing it over and over until it was right. She remembered vividly her Uncle Wyatt Hawkins singing tenor in the song, "Sweet By and By."

Esther shared a book, copyright 1877, entitled Practical Harmony and Composition, which was used by A. N. Cullom to teach singing by note to the people of Hawkins Chapel. According to a description in the book, it is designed for teacher's use and student's self-improvement. The purpose is to teach chords in different keys, how to harmonize, etc. The name W. W. Hawkins is written on the inside back cover, which indicates that it probably belonged to Esther's Uncle Wyatt. When speaking about the teacher, Esther stated that "All the Culloms could sing."

Esther's favorite Bible selection is the Twenty-Third Psalm. Of course, she likes them all.

Esther vividly remembers the old Hawkins Chapel School which was across the road from the church. Standing below the present-day cemetery on the East end, she recalled a building with one front entrance door, a large entrance hall, two entrance doors into one big room with a large rolling partition in the center, and a stage which went across one end and was used for school programs and community events. Several years after the school was closed, the partition, which rolled up and down, was moved to the church. It was positioned near the pulpit and, when rolled down, provided space for two additional Sunday School rooms. Her recollection of teachers at Hawkins Chapel School included Myrtle Green Harris, Ethel Warren Hawkins, Annie Lucas Hawkins, Callie Mae Hux Dickens, Belle Wood, Mamie Liles Bailey, Mary Berryman Hux, Lois Brett, Ivory Cox, and Emma Pittman Crawley.

As the long-time Church Historian, Esther has accumulated a wealth of historical information about Hawkins Chapel Church. It is because of her tireless work that a written history of the church is possible.



Ezra and Hilda Pair  
Ezra served as Sunday School Superintendent for many years.  
They are Esther's aunt and uncle.  
Hilda and Eugenia Hawkins were sisters.





William Wyatt Hawkins    and    Susan Hale Hawkins  
Oct. 10, 1854 – Apr. 6, 1932      July 17, 1851 – Jan. 10, 1929

They were Esther's grandparents who housed traveling preachers.



**Lonnie B. Green**, born September 19, 1913, remembers that the first church at the present location had two entry doors at the front, one on each side. It was lighted by oil lamps which were on columns down the middle of the church. A wood heater was used to heat the church. At one time, the heater was at the front on the right side of the church, near where the organ sits today. A long pipe stretched across the church to the chimney. The next heater was placed at the front on the left side, near the location of where the piano sits today. This is where the heater was located when the church burned in 1942.

Lonnie very proudly recalls that his father, George Green, served the church as Sexton for many years. Although the precise number of years was not stated, it was for quite a long time. He kept the church prepared for the services and would go to the church one to two hours before everyone else to light the lamps, build the fire, open the windows, or whatever the situation called for at the time. When he left to go to the church, he would say "Boy, I'll see you at church," Lonnie recalls.

He reflected on walking with his mother to church an hour or two after his father had left. There was a wagon path that led to the church which they had to follow. A creek ran through the wagon path, and the only way to cross it was to walk across a log. They would hold hands until he was larger. "It was tough when there was ice," he mused. "People today don't know hard times."

The first church building had clear glass, double hung windows. They were later changed to hazed glass, double hung windows. Of course, when the church was remodeled in later years, stained glass windows were installed. He also recalls that the old church had old-type benches which were long and green and without padding.

Lonnie recalls being told that the very first church was located on what is now Highway 903 toward Halifax on Marsh Swamp. According to what he was told, many wanted the church in a different place. That is when it was moved to the present location.

An old school sat across the road at the foot of the present cemetery. Sometimes the church would be overfilled and another preacher would take a group to the old school.

Homecoming was always on the second Sunday in August. In the old days, however, Homecoming lasted a whole week, and the ladies fixed dinner for the entire week. "Back then

they had some real good cooks – they did it the old way,” he stated. But he quickly added “but there are still some good cooks today.” People came to church from all around the area and stayed all day long, he recalls. “Back then people had no other place to go and had no way to get there except by horse and buggy. They just got there and stayed,” he stated. “Back then people would ride a horse and buggy further than some people today would drive a car.”

In the early days, there was no parsonage and preachers had to travel. Families took care of the preacher. They would feed him and give him a place to sleep. Sometimes one family would feed him and another would provide lodging.

His Uncle, Baldy Green, was Sunday School Superintendent for many years. Two other leaders in the early church that he recalls were Ezra Pair and Confucius Hawkins.

Lonnie reflected on being brought up singing in church. Asked about his favorite hymn, he simply replied, “All the old ones.” He fondly recalled being a member of a quartet with Hyder Crawley, Willis Hawkins, and John Lucas. Sometimes Burnette Morgan and others sang as well. He noted that they sang at many different churches and often sang acappella. He is very proud of his Aunt Lily Green, who taught music at home, played the piano at church, and assisted with activities for children in the church.

When asked about his favorite scripture in the Bible, Lonnie simply said, “All the books of the New Testament. I like the writings. All are good.” He has no particular favorite verse.

Needless to say, Lonnie has been an inspiration to all who know him. His leadership has been vitally important to Hawkins Chapel. He summed it up very well when he stated “Hawkins Chapel has been the Church in my life.”

*For God so loved the world  
that he gave his only begotten Son,  
that whosoever believeth in him should not perish,  
but have everlasting life.*

*John 3:16 (KJV)*



George Green  
October 17, 1878 – April 24, 1931

Tennie Cullom Green  
October 12, 1881 – December 30, 1948

George Green served as sexton of Hawkins Chapel Church for many years.  
He performed this duty faithfully and meritoriously.

George and Tennie Green were Lonnie Green's parents.  
They were also the parents of Cloy Green Thompson and  
Eunice Green Hawkins.

Tennie is holding their young daughter, Cloy.

## Additional Reflections



Richard Davis Hawkins and Virginia Temperance Green Hawkins  
1857 – April 30, 1912      Aug. 4, 1869 – Nov. 4, 1957

This family, along with many other families,  
provided lodging for traveling preachers.  
Their sons Phillip, Paul, Tommie, Willie, Arthur, Claude and Clifton  
worshiped at Hawkins Chapel Church.  
Willie married the Hawkins Chapel School teacher, Ethel Warren.  
Paul married the Hawkins Chapel School teacher, Annie Lucas.



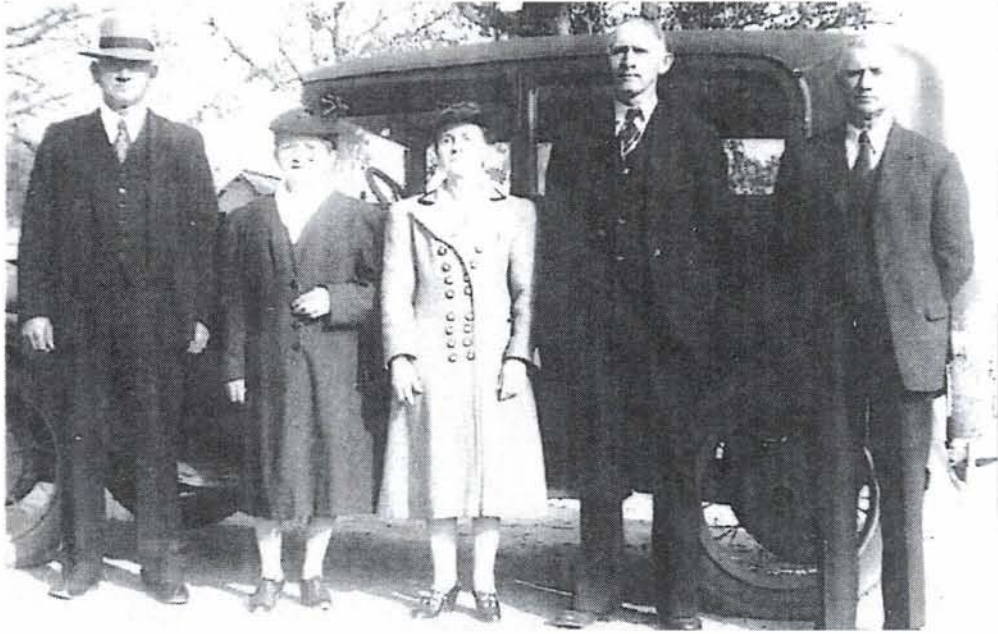
Myrtie Keeter Hawkins      and      Tommie Benjamin Hawkins  
Dec. 15, 1903 – July 28, 1976      Oct. 5, 1894 – Mar. 28, 1979

Tommie Hawkins served as a Trustee of Hawkins Chapel.

He was a Trustee at the time of the Parrott Deed  
and when the property was deeded for the parsonage.

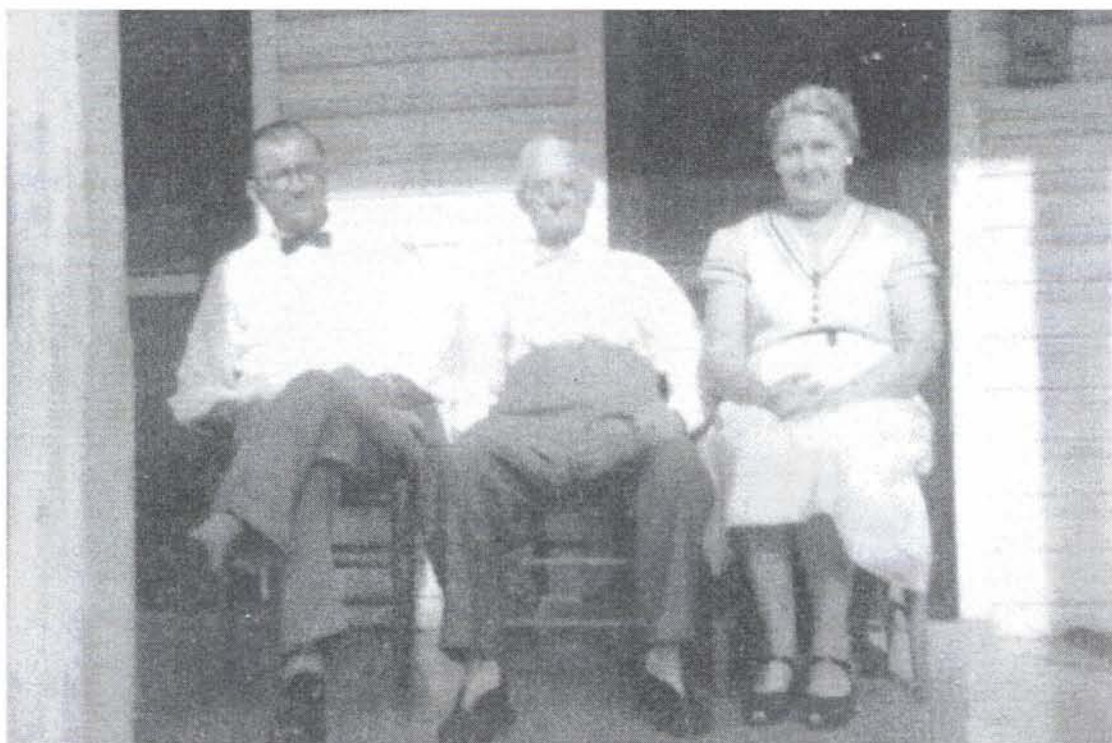
Tommie and Myrtie Hawkins were the parents of  
Cleveland Melvin Hawkins.

Tommie was also the father of Lynette Hawkins Williams  
and the late Richard Marvin Hawkins, Sr.



L-R: Jack E. Hawkins...Mar. 8, 1882 – July 6, 1952  
Eugenia Hawkins...Dec. 18, 1881 – Dec. 31, 1963  
Annie Pepper Hawkins...Oct. 5, 1895 – Oct. 12, 1971  
Fitzhugh L. Hawkins...Mar. 2, 1891 – Feb. 8, 1980  
William Wyatt Hawkins, Jr. ...Aug 9, 1884 – Dec., 27, 1955

Jack, Fitzhugh and William Wyatt were brothers.  
They were three of the children of William Wyatt and Susan Hale Hawkins.



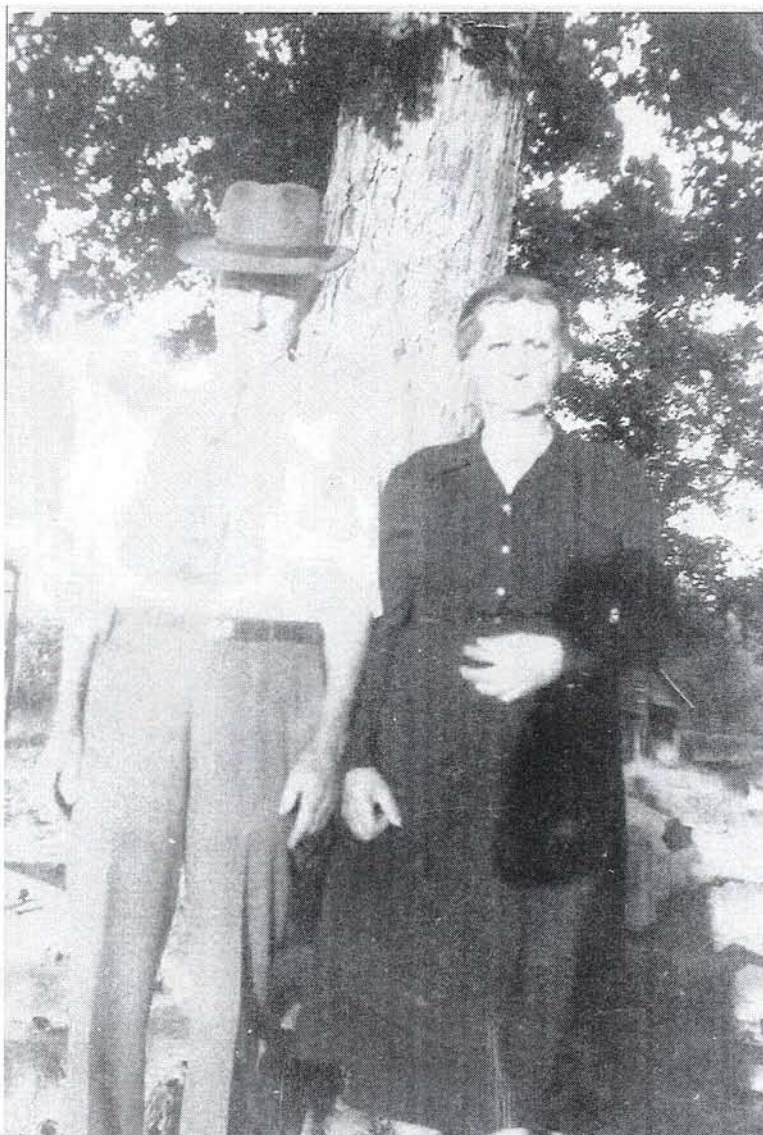
L-R: Edward Hawkins, Sr. ...Oct. 28, 1907 – Dec. 15, 1997  
Daniel Ralph Keeter...Jan. 8, 1874 – Feb. 2, 1960  
Maidie Keeter Hawkins...July 16, 1910 – June 26, 1965

Edward Hawkins served as Sunday School Superintendent,  
Sunday School Teacher and as a Hawkins Chapel Church leader.

Daniel Ralph Keeter was Maidie's father.

Edward and Maidie were the parents of  
Janice Hawkins Pittard and the late Deward Hawkins.





Zeb Vance Hawkins  
1881 – 1966

Bertie H. Hawkins  
1886 – 1975

Bertie was the wife of Zollie Hawkins (1884 – 1923).  
Zeb was Zollie's brother and a leader at Hawkins Chapel.

Bertie and Zollie were the parents of Irma Hawkins Porter (1910 -1974),  
Clara Hawkins Inscoe (1915 – 2007) and Willis E. Hawkins (1919 – 1988).



### Conversing After Preaching

L-R: Louise Hawkins (Powell), standing with  
Annie Lucas Hawkins...Oct. 10, 1894 – May 18, 1971  
(Mrs. Paul E. Hawkins, Sr.)  
And Eugenia “Genie” Hawkins...Dec. 18, 1881 – Dec. 31, 1963  
(Mrs. Jack E. Hawkins)



Sunday Morning at Hawkins Chapel

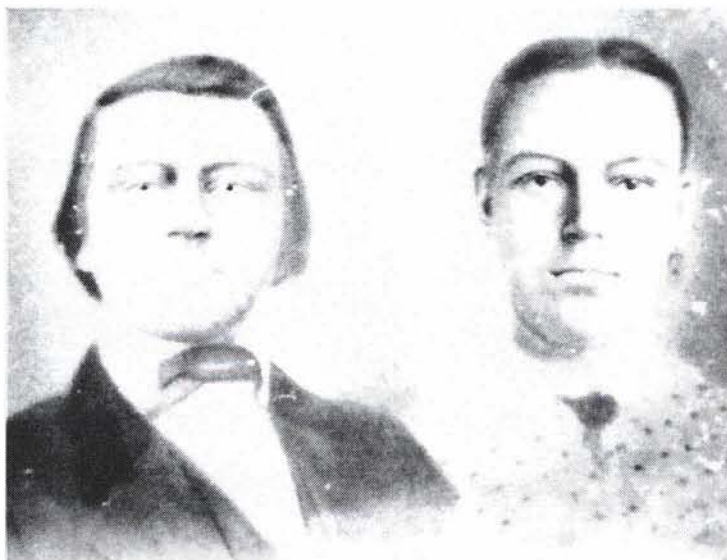
L-R: Beatrice Hawkins      Mar. 31, 1906 – Feb. 15, 1999  
(Wife of Clarence Hawkins)

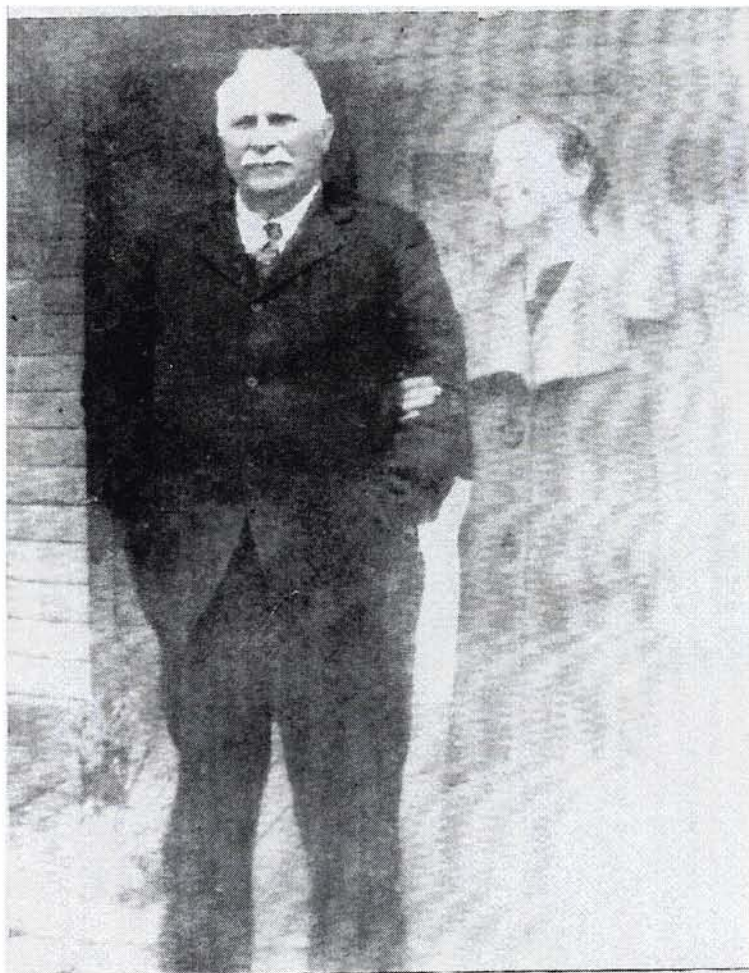
With her children Louis Hawkins and Louise Hawkins (Powell)



Above: Benjamin Warren "Ben" Hawkins  
Abt. 1812 – January 7, 1895  
Father of James T. Hawkins and Brother of James M. Hawkins

Below: James T. Hawkins and Second Wife Tabbitta Pittard  
Married October 6, 1875  
The first wife of James T. Hawkins was Martha Ann Jenkins, and their children were  
Zollie, Zeb, Wilson, Anga, Della, Sanford, Sarah Belle, Jim and Claudia.  
James T. Hawkins was a Trustee named on the First Land Gift Deed  
For Hawkins Chapel Church.





Rev. Horatio Seymore Blair Thompson  
February 29, 1868 – November 19, 1949  
And wife Bessie Lewellen  
Rev. Thompson served as Pastor of Hawkins Chapel Church  
From 1893 – 1895.

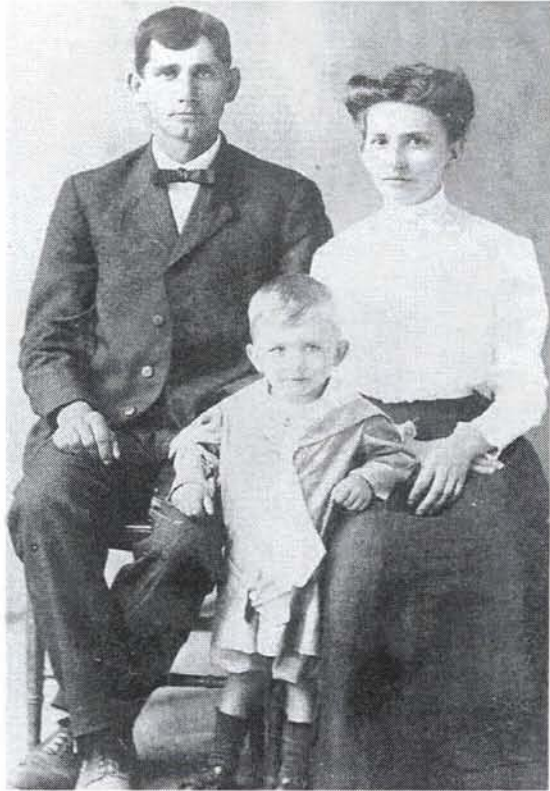


Margaret Pittard Hawkins, Leila Smith Pittard, Hattie Pittard Alston  
Long-time Faithful Members of Hawkins Chapel  
Margaret's Parents, Jesse and Grace Pittard, donated land for the Cemetery.  
Hattie's Father and Leila's Father-in-Law, Andrew Pittard, was the first to be buried in  
the Cemetery.



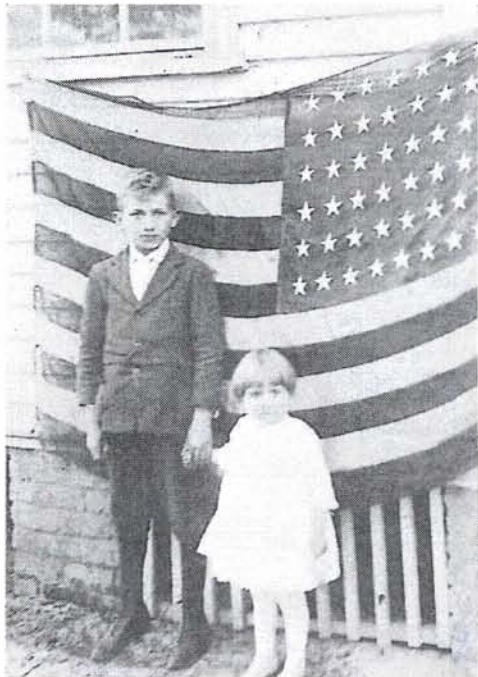
### Dedicated Law Enforcement Officer

He gave the supreme sacrifice...his life in the line of duty. A member of the Halifax County Sheriff's Department, he was killed while making an arrest on February 27, 1916. He is memorialized on a plaque at the entrance to the Halifax County Courthouse. He was the son of Ambrose and Mary Barnes Hawkins.



John Ebenezer (Jack) Hawkins, Eugenia (Genie) Hawkins, Edward Hawkins

Edward Hawkins with Sister, Esther  
At Hawkins Chapel School







Mamie Shaw Hawkins and Ambrose Clifton Hawkins  
Clifton was a long-time Trustee and was Trustee when the old parsonage was sold.  
Parents of Ann Hawkins Smith

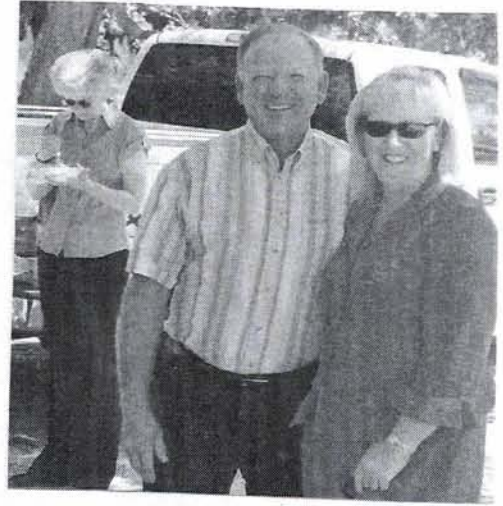


Myrtle Green Harris  
Long-time Sunday School Teacher and Church Treasurer  
Wife of Herbert Harris and Mother of Bettie Harris Rudd

HOMECOMING 2007  
MORE THAN A CENTURY OF TRADITION







**CHAPTER III**  
**PASTORS**  
**OF**  
**HAWKINS CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

*How then shall they call on  
him in whom they have not  
believed?  
and how shall they believe  
in him of whom they have not heard?  
and how shall they hear without a preacher?  
Romans 10:14 (KJV)*

Listed below are pastors who have served Hawkins Chapel, with years of service noted for each. Records denote that a Methodist Church called Marsh Swamp preceded Hawkins Chapel.

During the years between 1840 and 1877, the years of Marsh Swamp Church, Reverends R. W. Gigram, R. H. Wills, Christly Andrew Pickens, David Alexander Fishel, and Dr. Johnson served as pastors. In 1877 Reverends D. A. Fishel and William Latimus Harris served the church. In the missing years, research did not identify the name of a pastor.

In memoirs written for D. A. Fishel and C. A. Pickens, Fishel was assigned to the Littleton Mission from 1877 until 1881 and C. A. Pickens was a "Circuit Rider" in 1889 assigned to Littleton.

Conference Journals were researched extensively to determine pastor assignments. Originally, Annual Conference was held in early November. Pastors usually began preaching in their new location a couple of weeks later. It was observed in the Conference Journals that the conference was held in late October in 1952 and 1954. Beginning in 1955, the Conference was held in June, a practice that continues even until today.

**Hawkins Chapel Methodist Protestant Church**  
(Until 1939)

**Littleton Charge**

The following names and dates are from notes of Esther Hawkins Arrington, with additional information from memoirs and obituaries printed in Conference Journals:

1877-1881	Reverend David Alexander Fishel
1886-1888	Reverend William Latimus Harris
1889	Reverend Christly Andrew Pickens, "Circuit Rider"
1893-1895	Reverend Horatio Seymour Blair Thompson
1896	Reverend Carey Hamilton Whitaker Reverend H. L. Powell Reverend James E. Hartsell
1895-1898	Reverend C. H. Walker
1898-1904	Reverend H. G. Bauell

The following names and dates were obtained from Conference Journals:

1908-1910	Reverend Rollins C. Stubbins
1910-1911	Reverend Dr. S. W. Taylor
1911-1912	Reverend J. A. Ledbetter
1912-1915	Reverend Charles Javan Edwards
1915-1918	Reverend Dr. W. E. Swain
1918-1921	Reverend D. M. Loy

**Littleton Circuit**

Corinth, Hawkins Chapel, Littleton, Vaughan, Weavers Chapel

1921-1927	Reverend John Benjamin O'Briant
1927-1928	Reverend M. I. Crutchfield *
(*Notes indicate the name Reverend Nate M. Harrison for this year, also)	
1928-1930	Reverend C. I. Smith
1930-1933	Reverend P. E. Bingham
1933-1935	Reverend R. L. Vickery
1935-1936	Reverend T. M. Johnson
1936-1938	Reverend James Henry Trolinger

## **1939...Hawkins Chapel Methodist Church**

(Until 1968)

### **Rocky Mount District**

#### **1938 Littleton Charge:**

College St., Corinth, Hawkins Chapel, Vaughan, Weavers Chapel  
(Please note that the Conference Journal, Methodist Protestant Church, 1938, p. 90, apparently shows the name of the church at Littleton as College Street. A copy of this page follows the list of pastors for the reader's information.)

1938-1939 Reverend Dewey Dosson Broome

#### **1939-1940 Littleton Circuit:**

Corinth, Friendship, Hawkins Chapel, Vaughan, Weavers Chapel  
(Please note that the North Carolina Conference Journal, Methodist Church, 1940, shows two Littleton Charges. One is Littleton Bethel and the other is Littleton Ct.-Chase City, VA. Hawkins Chapel is in the latter. Also, note that one of the churches is called Friendship. A copy of this page is also included following the list of pastors for the reader's information.)

1939-1941 Reverend Dewey Dosson Broome

#### **1941 -1954 Littleton Circuit:**

Corinth, Tabor, Hawkins Chapel, Vaughan, Weavers Chapel

1941-1942 Reverend Dewey Dosson Broome

1942-1945 Reverend Daniel Clifton Boone

1945-1948 Reverend Elwin Harrell Measamer

1948-1952 Reverend John Bascom Hurley

1952-1955 Reverend Zebulon Vance Cowan

#### **1955 Littleton-Tabor:**

Corinth, Hawkins Chapel, Tabor, Vaughan, Weavers Chapel

1955-1956 Reverend Zebulon Vance Cowan

#### **1956 Hawkins-Tabor:**

Hawkins Chapel and Tabor

1956-1958 Reverend James Braxton Speight, Sr.

1958-1960 Reverend Max Wade Dulin

1960-1964 Reverend Robert Marriner Gradeless



## **1968...Hawkins Chapel United Methodist Church**

### **Hawkins Tabor Charge**

1964-1968	Reverend John Thomas Smith
1968-1970	Reverend Etheridge M. Rhiner
1970-1971	Reverend Durwood T. Goodwin
1971-1973	Reverend William C. Spencer
1973-1975	Reverend Willie J. Evans
1975-1976	Reverend Percy Ray Phillips
1976-1980	Reverend Ralph M. Hill
1980-1984	Reverend Bobby E. Smith
1984-1985	Reverend Dr. John T. Maides
1985-1988	Reverend John M. Bowman
1988-1993	Reverend H. Dennis Draper, Jr.
1993-1999	Reverend W. Christopher Aydlett, Jr. (Chris)
1999-2001	Reverend James David Pearson (Jim)
2001-2003	Reverend Joseph Gouveneur (Joe)
2003-	Reverend Robert Dan Rose (Bob)

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**HONOR ROLL OF CHURCHES AND CHARGES**

CHARGE OR CHURCH	Pastor's Salary	World Service	Conference Expense	Conference Debt	Church Extension	High Point College	Superannuates	Religious Education	Herald Subsidy	Herald Quota
<b>Haw River:</b>										
Fair Grove.....	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Friendship .....	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Midway .....	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Mizpah .....	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
<b>Henderson</b> .....										
<b>High Point:</b>										
First .....	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Lebanon .....	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Rankin .....	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Welch .....	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Kannapolis .....	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
<b>Kernersville-S. Winston</b>										
Kernersville .....	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Pine Grove.....	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
South Winston.....	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
<b>Lexington-Mt. Carmel:</b>										
First .....	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Mt. Carmel.....	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
<b>Liberty-Siler City:</b>										
Hope .....	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Liberty .....	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Piney Grove.....	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Siler City.....	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
<b>Lincolnton-Bess Chapel:</b>										
Bess Chapel.....	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Fairfield .....	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Lincolnton .....	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
<b>Littleton:</b>										
College St.....	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Corinth .....	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Hawkins Chapel.....	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Weavers Chapel.....	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Vaughn .....	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Mebane .....	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
<b>Mecklenburg:</b>										
Beulah .....	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Antioch .....	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
New Hope.....	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Stallings .....	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
<b>Midway:</b>										
Mill Grove.....	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
<b>Mocksville:</b>										
Bethel .....	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Elbaville .....	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Moriah .....	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*

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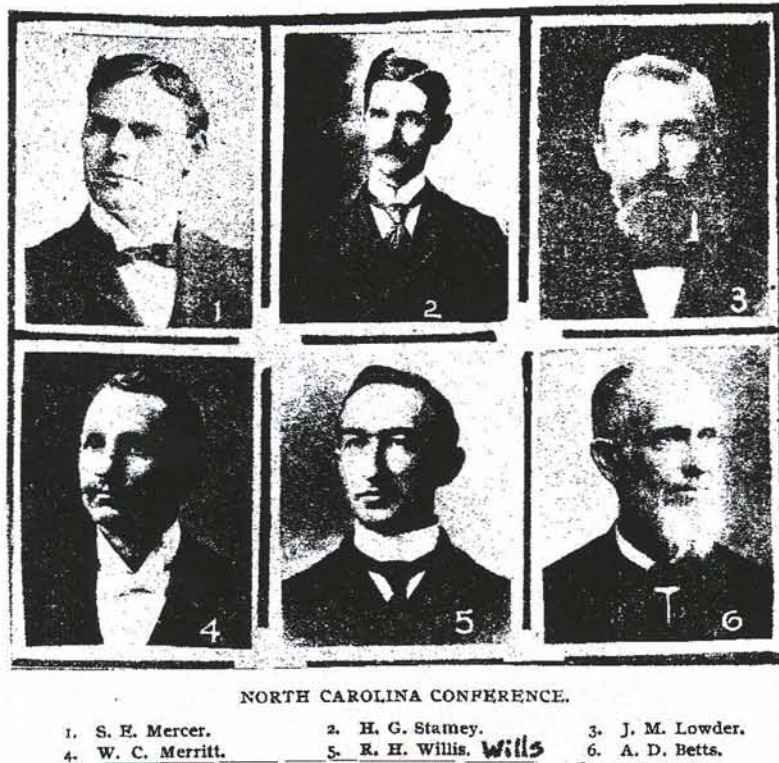
Table Four

ROCKY MOUNT DISTRICT—(Continued) TABLE NO. 4—REPORTS OF INDIVIDUAL CHURCHES NOT ELSEWHERE LISTED

CHURCHES	Members Reported Last Year	Additions on Profession of Faith	Additions by Certificate and Otherwise	Removals by Death and Otherwise	Total Membership Including Local Preachers	Value of Buildings and Equipment	Indebtedness	Value of Other Church Property	Insurance Carried	Conference Organ	Members Women's Missionary Society	Members Wesley Brotherhood	Members Epworth League	Officers and Teachers in Church School	Total Enrollment in Church School	No. Church School Pupils Joining Church	Raised on Church School Day	Presiding Elder Apportioned	Presiding Elder Paid	Preacher in Charge Apportioned	Preacher in Charge Paid	General and Conference Work Paid	District Work Paid	Orphanage Special	Raised for Incidentals and Other Objects	Amount Raised for Church and Pastorage	Insurance Premiums Paid	GRAND TOTAL Raised for Year
Garysburg	66	8	4	8	70	3000				8	13			7	63	7		26	26	325	325	32	3	33	3	40	589	
Oak Grove	72	6		9	69	2000				9				6	45			20	15	250	180	20	4	26	19		296	
Shiloh	199	2		73	128	4000				9				7	68	3		37	27	353	335	38	4	53	23		533	
Hallfax—Caledonia	28				28													3	2	100	24	10		10			47	
Central Cross	77			77																								
Ebenezer	265			4	261	2000								9	56			24	24	300	300	34	3	30	69	35	461	
Halifax	206		3	3	206	4000					19			10	67			52	52	650	650	75			100		866	
Pierce's	110	7	1		118	2000								6	16	7		16	9		117	20		10			177	
Tabor	288			1	287	5000								7	17			46									784	
West Halifax Ct.—Bethesda				77	76	2000					12			4	14			32	32	400	400	38	4	40	56	206	599	
Eden		164		8	156	2000	500				31			4	46			43	43	532	560						1100	
Hollister		114			119	5000				1	22			8	69	5		21	7	264	201						332	
Ringwood			41		41	1000												7	7	72	72						82	
Union			32		32	1000					13			4	25			8	8	108	108						190	
Whitakers Chapel			46	2	44	2000												19		240	210						375	
Kenly—Buckhorn	159		2	4	157	4000				1				9	85			46	46	575	575	41		25	5	259	989	
Kenly	113	3	3	6	113	10000		1000			27			10	66		2	50	50	650	650	51		61	191	20	1057	
Lucama	84	2	1	1	86	6000		2000			29			8	75			22	22	275	275	65		28	112		515	
Littleton—Bethel	51			1	50	3000		2000						5	34			32	32	275	275	25		28	16		392	
Calvary	134	3	4	6	135	4000					15			7	64		7	26	26	325	325	50		65	48	25	737	
Littleton	258	3	47	22	286	19000		12000			53			8	160	3	9	100	100	1250	1250	150	13	186	292	319	67	2764
Littleton Ct.—Chase City, Va.																												
Corinth		7	91		103	2000				1	12			8	83			14	14	200	200	10		16	30		272	
Friendship		1	94		95	2500								8	97	1		11	11	150	150	10		35	113	5	345	
Hawkins Chapel		5	184	2	187	3000								9	95	3		21	21	300	300	18		15	115	250		723
Littleton																												
Vaughns		2	48		48	2000				1				7	48	1		7	7	100	100			4	24		136	
Weaver's Chapel			137	4	133	1500					19			8	72			15	8	216	104			8	34	90	256	
McKendree—Conetoe	63	2	1	1	65	4000		2000						6	58			10	10	150	164	15		15	22	6	312	
McKendree	55				55	2000		1000										21	21	247	247	18		25	18		331	
Pinetops	161	6	2	2	167	12000		6000			22			9	96	5		53	53	686	686	70		67	76	12	1185	
Temperance House	54				54	1200								9	73			12	12	152	76	8		1	10		118	
Middleburg—Cokesbury	261	13	8		282	5000	3000				33			9	129	13		33	33	487	487	88	4	49	65		834	
Drewry	212	1	46		89	1800									35			14	14	185	185	25		2	19	90	331	
Middleburg	108	4	8		3	117	5000	3000			32				55	4		37	37	533	533	96	6	53	50		900	
Shocco	180	1		45	136	4000		2000			32				74	1		29	28	374	374	70	4	38	70		702	
Tabernacle	155	3		10	148	4500					34			6	39	3		23	23	321	321	61	3	35	575		1093	

Much information about pastors was garnered by reviewing conference journals. The character sketch written for Rev. W. H. Wills, the pastor who delivered the first sermon using The Gift Bible, is included in Chapter V.

The North Carolina Handbook, North Carolina Conference, 1903, pictured early Methodist preachers. Among those included is Rev. R. H. Wills, the oldest son of Rev. W. H. Wills. He was one of the earliest pastors to serve Marsh Swamp Church. Rev. R.H. Wills is shown as number 5. He is incorrectly identified in the handbook as Willis.



Following are character sketches, memoirs or obituaries of pastors who served Hawkins Chapel. Each is reprinted, with permission, from Conference Journals. Among those are the following, with their birth and death dates noted:

Rev. Christly Andrew Pickens.....	Feb. 24, 1824 – Mar. 3, 1908
Rev. William Latimus Harris.....	1854 - Dec. 22, 1910
Rev. James E. Hartsell.....	Oct. 30, 1841 - Dec. 12, 1912
Rev. W. E. Swain, D. D.....	July 26, 1856 - Aug. 11, 1923
Rev. John Benjamin O'Briant.....	Apr. 19, 1863 - Sept. 1930
Rev. Charles Javan Edwards.....	Mar. 27, 1875 - May 5, 1933
Rev. David Alexander Fishel.....	Dec. 6, 1849 - Dec. 27, 1933
Rev. Carey Hamilton Whitaker.....	Nov. 30, 1860 – Aug. 18, 1935
Rev. Horatio Seymour Blair Thompson.....	Feb. 29, 1868 - Nov. 19, 1949
Rev. James Henry Trolinger.....	July 1, 1890 – Oct. 2, 1959
Rev. Dewey Dosson Broome.....	July 4, 1899 – Apr. 29, 1968
Rev. Zebulon Vance Cowan.....	Nov. 28, 1905 - Jan. 10, 1973
Rev. Robert (Bob) Marriner Gradeless.....	Mar. 10, 1908 - July 8, 1984
Rev. John Bascom Hurley.....	June 12, 1892 - Aug. 25, 1987
Mrs. Daisy Fuqua Hurley.....	Mar. 25, 1898 - June 4, 1987
Rev. James Braxton Speight, Sr.....	June 11, 1928 – Dec. 10, 1990
Rev. Elwin Harrell Measamer.....	Feb. 3, 1904 – Mar. 2, 1992
Rev. Daniel Clifton Boone.....	Nov. 8, 1902 - July 16, 1993
Rev. Max Wade Dulin.....	Nov. 4, 1932 - Oct. 16, 2005

The memoir for Rev. Christly Andrew Pickens states that Rev. Pickens served Littleton in 1889. Following is his memoir that appeared in the Conference Journal, Methodist Protestant Church, pp. 41-44, 1908:

Report No. 26.

**MEMOIR OF REV. C. A. PICKENS.**

Christly Andrew Pickens, the subject of this memoir, was born at Weaverville, Buncombe County, N. C., Feb. 24, 1824. He was born and reared in a godly home and in an eminently religious community. His mother, Caroline Weaver Pickens, was a pious, faithful woman, and his father, Rev. Andrew Pickens, for nearly half a century, was a useful minister in the M. E. Church, South, and then he became a member and minister in the M. P. Church. His older brother, Robert Pickens, was an itinerant minister in the M. E. Church, South, and under the circumstances it is not surprising that in his early manhood he gave his heart and life to the service of God.

He was converted at the age of 20 years and joined the M. E. Church, South. In 1853 he withdrew from the M. E. Church and joined the M. P. Church at Mt. Zion, which was the first church of that denomination organized west of the Blue Ridge in North Carolina, and is still a part of Buncombe Circuit.

He was licensed to preach in 1856. (His marriage to Miss Sophina Dillingham, of Buncombe County, occurred on April 4, 1854. This marriage was happy and harmonious, and she was indeed a true helpmeet in every sense. He attributed much of his success in life to her, and often spoke of her many virtues.)

After he was licensed to preach he worked as unstationed preacher for about eight years, keeping up a number of regular appointments, and devoted as much time to the work as circumstances would allow.

In his boyhood he took advantage of the best educational facilities at his command. He attended the district free schools in his neighborhood, and later on went to Tennessee, and attended an academy six months and a high school five months. After this he returned to North Carolina and taught school two years before entering on his life work.

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Rev. C.A. Pickens memoir continued:

He began this work when circuits were very large, and when to be a "circuit rider" meant toil, labor, travel, and privation. But he spent the best years of his life in this great work of the itinerant ministry. He served the following charges, viz.: 1864, Buncombe Circuit, part of the year; 1865 and 66, Cleveland; 1867, Tar River; 1868-70, Halifax; 1871-74, Winston; 1875-79, Haw River; 1880-81, Mocksville; 1882-83, Mecklenburg; 1884, Cedar Falls; 1886-87, Flat Rock; 1889, Littleton; 1890-91, Orange; 1893, Burlington Mission; 1894, Davidson; 1895-96, Guilford; 1897, Mecklenburg; 1898, Lexington and Shiloh; 1899, Richland, part of the year, filling out the work after the death of the lamented Dr. Lineberry. In 1885, 1888 and 1892, he was left without appointment at his request. He served on the Winston Circuit five years, and the same on Haw River Circuit, being the first member of the Conference to serve one charge consecutively this long, after the limitation of four years was removed.

In 1872 he moved his family to Yadkin College for the purpose of educating his son, his daughter being educated in the Asheville Female College. He interested himself very much in the success of Yadkin College, and always gave to it his loyal support. No doubt many of the former students remember with grateful hearts his fatherly counsel and loving advice, and the help he gave them.

In 1875 his heart was made very sore by the untimely death of his only daughter Emma, a lovely and accomplished girl just blooming into womanhood, and it may be this sore was not fully healed while he lived.

Then again in July, 1897, while the family lived in Lexington, a more sad and heart-breaking bereavement came upon him in the death of his wife, the fond, loving companion of his youth. From this time he was depressed in heart, and his health seemed to fail gradually, until the Conference of 1899, when he retired from the active work and the following year went to make his home with his son and wife in Lexington, removing with them to High Point about two years before his death.

Bro. Pickens in his life work was intimately connected with and linked to the pioneers of Methodist Protestantism in North Carolina in the formative period of the church, and devoted the best years of his life and strength to its advancement. He was among the last of the old pioneers, who by their noble sacrifices and untiring labors paved the way for better things for the present generation, who owe to them a lasting debt which can never be paid.

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Rev. C.A. Pickens memoir continued:

Bro. Pickens, as is known, was a good preacher, and in his manner and preparation of his sermons was very original, and he preached with great earnestness and fervor.

His daughter-in-law, with whom he lived and in whose home he died, and who knew him so well, says in his obituary published in Our Church Record: "Possessed of a bright, happy disposition, his genial nature endeared him to all with whom he came in contact. He looked on the sunny side of life and added much to the happiness of others by his humorous stories, for which he was proverbial.

A great lover of little children, his chief delight in his latter years was his grand-children, to whom he was devotedly attached. He had great faith in his fellowmen, always showing the charity that "thinketh no evil," and believing that the good in us all far outweighs the bad. His gentle kindness to the erring was one great secret of his power to draw men to God.

"His faith in God and His Word and promises was absolute, and his daily walk was in obedience to the precepts of the Bible. I have often been struck with the certainty of his belief, and I am sure that he never was perplexed by doubts, as most of us are prone to be.

"In early years he was especially gifted in song, and drew many to Jesus by his wonderful voice in the old time camp-meetings and revivals. His services as an exhorter and helper in these meetings were always eagerly sought by other ministers. He was an ideal pastor, his genial, kindly nature making him welcome in every home.

"About four years before his death he suffered a partial stroke of paralysis, from which he never fully recovered. His speech was affected, and it was a source of much sorrow to him that he could not preach as in the olden days. On Tuesday, March 3, 1908, after eating his usual hearty breakfast, he and his little three-year-old grandson went to spend the day with his friend, Rev. J. H. Moton, and he was in excellent spirits all day. While returning home, he was taken ill on the street, and was brought home on a buggy. About thirty minutes after reaching his room, without pain, and with scarcely a struggle, the gentle spirit went back to God who gave it. I can but think he would have preferred it so, no lingering illness, no weary suffering, no care for loved ones. It was a fitting close to a well-spent life. During the day, in the midst of buoyant health and spirits, and as the evening shadows lengthened, he walked with God, and was not, for God took him. The sweet influence of his godly life will long be a benediction in our home, where he is sadly missed.



Rev. William Latimus "Lat" Harris served the Littleton Charge 1886, 1887 and 1888. The Memorial of Rev. William Latimus Harris as it appeared in the Conference Journal, Methodist Protestant Church, 1911, pp. 54-55 follows:

*North Carolina Annual Conference*

**MEMORIAL OF REV. WILLIAM LATIMUS HARRIS.**

When I first knew "Lat" Harris, as he was familiarly called, he was going in the wrong direction. That course he pursued for some distance. Then he saw "the error of his way;" and he had the power of will to change it. For thirty-five years of his life he journeyed toward the "Celestial City;" and during all those years he persuaded and constrained others to go with him. His efforts were attended with success. After he attained to man's estate "he saw in the way a light from heaven." Feeling the need of education he attended college thereafter, for five years, during all which time he applied himself diligently to study and meditation. In the year 1883 he joined the N. C. Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church, and for twenty-seven years he did what he could to serve it and to draw men and women into the kingdom.

For ten of those years he served charges in different sections of the conference and state. The other seventeen years he dwelt among his own people ministering to the churches and people of our denomination in his native county of Granville and Vance, formed from Granville and Halifax.

In the year 1910 he was smitten by the "great white plague," and after lingering a few months departed this life Dec. 22, 1910 at his home in Henderson, in the 56th year of his life.

Bro Harris was twice married, both wives being daughters of our highly esteemed brother Ferdinand H. Whitaker of Halifax county. Sarah survives him and also Edith, the only surviving child of Lelia who died in the year 1897.

Though he dwelt among and served his native people, he was not without honor among them; this is attested by his long pastorate in Halifax. He was not an explorer in creeds or doctrines. (His thoughts and discourses were not as original or novel as those of some others.) He believed and preached and lived the old fashioned religion in the old fashioned way. It was good enough for him and for a great majority of those who came within the sphere of his influence.

As the result of his ministrations, a great number of people found better ways of living; became servants of God and supporters of his cause.

Rev. William Latimus "Lat" Harris memoir continued:

It occurred unto him as unto many others; "his life contains no material for eminent distinction, or great fame, or perhaps for long remembrance; but it does contain the material and present the scene for a normal human development kindly led by the divine spirit through mingled joy and sorrow, labor and rest, adversity and success, through the tender loves of childhood and mature years. And in the day of his strength while life was yet full of its legitimate interests and satisfactions, and he was yet "alluring to brighter worlds and leading the way," he passed into the voiceless mystery of death. We cannot but believe that it is for countless quiet, simple lives like his that God made and upholds this earth. Viewing his career at its close, we label it in cleric phrase: "Servant of God well done."

Rev. W. L. Harris joined conference in 1883 and since then has served the following charges:

1884, 1885, Tar River; 1886, 1887 and 1888 Littleton; 1889 and 1890 N. Granville, now Vance circuit.

1891, 1892 and 1893, LaGrange. 1894 and 1895, Granville.

1896, Roanoke. 1897, Surry.

1898 and 1899, Halifax. 1900, Winston Station.

1901, Gibsonville. 1902, Winston Station.

1903, Without work at his own request.

1904, Alamance. 1905 and 1906 Flat Rock.

1907, Oak Ridge. 1908, 1909 and 1910, Halifax.

His health failing during 1910 he asked to be left without work for 1911 and died early during the Conference year.

Rev. James E. Hartsell was listed among the earlier pastors to serve Hawkins Chapel; however, the Littleton Charge is not reflected in his character sketch. Because of reliable notes from former church historians, the character sketch for Rev. James E. Hartsell that appeared in the Conference Journal, Methodist Protestant Church, 1913, pp. 71-72 appears below:

1913.]

METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH

REV. JAMES E. HARTSELL.

BY REV. D. A. HIGHFILL

Rev. James E. Hartsell was born in Stanly county, N. C., on Oct. 30, 1841. His parents brought up a large family. One of his sisters married Rev. Henry Garmon, and is the mother of Rev. H. D. Garmon.

During the trouble between the States Bro. Hartsell enlisted as a soldier and served in the Confederate army. Later he moved to Maryland and worked in a bakery in Baltimore. It was here that he met and married Miss Annie Morn, a lady who came from Ireland. In his family were eight children, seven of whom survive him. One of his sons is Rev. H. J. Hartsell of Seattle, Washington, and another, Dr. W. K. Hartsell, resides in Greensboro, N. C.

At one time Bro. Hartsell was engaged in the mercantile business at Locust Level, in Stanly county. It was at this period of his life that he began his ministerial career, and preached for a while on Monroe circuit. Later he was assigned to Cleveland circuit, where he remained nine years. His next charge was Buncombe circuit, the next Tabernacle where he remained for six years, from thence he went to Lincoln circuit, and his last charge was Vance circuit.

At the Annual Conference held at Liberty in 1908 his health was so impaired that he requested to be placed on the superannuate list. He moved to Seattle, Washington, and spent a year with his son. He returned to North Carolina somewhat invigorated by the year's rest from the regular work, and would have taken up active work had the Conference needed his services at a place where it was practicable for him to go.

He now located at Toluca, in Lincoln county, near the home of his daughter, Mrs. Andy Sain, and engaged in the mercantile business. He remained at this place until his death, which occurred Dec. 12, 1912. In his last years he would frequently preach at the different churches that were in reach, and assisted in special meetings at a number of places.

One who knew him well has said: "I esteemed Bro. Hartsell very highly, and looked upon him as an earnest, fervent, faithful, and an eminently useful preacher. And he was certainly highly esteemed in social life. I am satisfied that he was one of the most patient men I have ever known. I am glad to have known him, glad to have been his friend and to have had his friendship and Christian love."

Rev. James E. Hartsell character sketch continues:

Another brother says: "Bro. Hartsell was one of the most congenial men I ever knew. As a friend and a companion in the work of the ministry I think that his superior would be exceedingly hard to find. He was always so agreeable, yet always firm for the right. His preaching was of a character to lift one up to a higher life. At times, as a successful man in persuading the lost to accept Christ, I have never seen his equal."

(Signed) W. C. Kennett, J. R. Hutton, T. F. McCulloch.

## Our Sainted Dead



REV. J. E. HARTSELL.



REV. P. D. MOORE.



REV. J. W. HEATH.

### SERVICE IN MEMORY OF OUR HONORED DEAD.

On Sunday afternoon, Nov. 23, 1913, at High Point, N. C., occurred a most impressive memorial service, President C. A. Cecil presiding. Obituaries were read as follows: Rev. P. D. Moore by Rev. J. H. Moton, Rev. John W. Heath by Rev. T. F. McCulloch; Rev. J. E. Hartsell by Rev. D. A. Highfill. After these papers were read a number of beautiful tributes were paid to these brethren by members of the Conference.

Rev. W. E. Swain, D. D. served as pastor of the Littleton Charge from 1915 to 1918. Following is the obituary for Rev. Swain as it was printed in the Conference Journal, Methodist Protestant Church, 1923, pp. 99-100:

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**OBITUARY OF REV. W. E. SWAIN, D. D.**

Rev. W. E. Swain, D. D., was born in Washington County, N. C., on July 26, 1856. After passing through the public schools, he spent four years at Yadkin College in preparing for his life work. On December 23, 1890, he was united in marriage to Miss Tamah Wood of LaGrange, N. C. To them were born three children, James Wood of Greensboro, N. C., Lynette (Mrs. V. F. Voss) of Wilson, and John Paris of Raleigh, N. C. On August 11, 1923, Dr. Swain fell asleep in Jesus at the home of his daughter in Wilson, N. C. Dr. Swain's official record is as follows, as nearly as we have been able to trace it: He began his work in the ministry by serving Batavia circuit, as supply, in 1884. Subsequently, he served as follows: LaGrange, 1885, 1886, 1887; Winston Station, 1888, 1889, 1890; North Granville, 1891, 1892, 1893; LaGrange, 1894, 1895, 1896; without appointment, 1897; Mt. Hermon circuit, 1898, 1899, 1900, 1901, 1902, 1903; Asheboro, 1904, 1905, 1906, 1907. At the annual Conference held in Grace Church, Greensboro, 1907, he was elected President of the Conference and served for five years, the full constitutional term. He served Mebane 1913, 1914, 1915; Littleton, 1916, 1917, 1918; Haw River, 1918, 1919; North Davidson, 1920, 1921. At the Conference held in Burlington, 1921, Dr. Swain's health had failed to the extent that it was necessary for him to ask for Superannuated relation to the Conference. He sat in our midst with bowed head and streaming eyes, while a member of his class of five asked the Conference to grant him this relation. It was at Flat Rock church, Flat Rock circuit, in the fall of 1887, that he, together with Revs. J. H. Moton, W. M. Pike, J. F. Dosier, and W. F. Kennett, were ordained Elders in the church of God. This was the first class to take the full course of study leading to ordination in the North Carolina Conference, and Dr. Swain was the first one of the class to complete his labors and enter into rest. After his superannuation, he repaired to the home of his daughter in Wilson, N. C., where a faithful and loving wife and children did all they could for his comfort. While with sad hearts they watched the great light of his life grow less and less and less until on August 11, 1923, the Chief Shepherd appeared and gave unto him a crown of life which fadeth not away. This earthly house of his tabernacle was dissolved and his spirit went home to God. There he rests from his labors and his works do follow him. Dr. Swain was truly a remarkable and many sided man. He possessed a strong body and

Rev. W. E. Swain, D. D. obituary continued:

brilliant intellect. His memory was remarkable. He loved a joke and never forgot the humorous incidents of life that came under his observation. He probably caused more people to laugh than any other man in our Conference. There was not smut—just that fun-loving side of life which is relished by the best and wisest men. Rev. J. H. Moton says of him, "Brother Swain was an ideal man to me. He was not only a clean man, but one of our best preachers. He was safe and sane in doctrine and could preach with greater ease than most men." Rev. J. F. Dosier says of him, "In our private conversation he often told of his struggles in early life and how he prayed and worked his way through great difficulties." And he adds, "Dr. Swain was a more deeply spiritual man than the fun-loving side of his life indicated."

While as a pastor, he was never a great visitor, yet he always won and held the love and admiration of his people. Brother Green A. Nicholson, of Mt. Hermon, where Dr. Swain was pastor for six years, says of him, "He was truly a brother to me and I do not possess words to express my love and admiration for him."

It was perhaps in the pulpit that Dr. Swain excelled. Sometimes, yea often, he preached the Gospel with almost marvelous eloquent, swaying, delighting, and uplifting his audience. Mr. S. R. Harris says of him, "I counted him a brilliant preacher, a fine reader, a charming companion, and a delightful friend. It was always a distinct pleasure to hear him preach or to have him in my home. We have had no more eloquent man in our ministry in my day."

While we regret his passing we feel sure of his abundant reward. Dr. Swain, first and last, served his conference in almost every capacity. Five times he was a member of the General Conference. For three years he was Secretary of the North Carolina Conference. He served on many committees, and to every trust committed to his care, he was diligent, faithful and efficient. Truly his record is an enviable one, and one of which his brethren, his friends, and his loved ones may be justly proud.

We believe that at the end he heard the Master's voice saying unto him, "Well done, thou 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."

Thanks be unto God who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

W. F. KENNETT,  
J. H. MOTON,  
J. F. DPSIER,

W. M. PIKE,  
S. R. HARRIS,  
G. A. NICHOLSON,  
H. A. GARRETT.

Rev. John Benjamin O'Briant was assigned as pastor of the Littleton Circuit from 1922 to 1927. Rev. O'Briant, without doubt, must have been the epitome of an outstanding preacher. During interviews with earlier church members, his name always surfaced quickly as each recalled their fondest memories of Hawkins Chapel. He was truly a legend in his time and apparently made a lasting impression with all who were fortunate enough to have known him. His obituary reflects many of the admired qualities of Rev. O'Briant. Following is his obituary as it appeared in the Conference Journal, Methodist Protestant Church, 1930, pp. 104-05:

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### REV. J. B. O'BRIANT

John Benjamin O'briant was born in Guilford County, about twelve miles from Greensboro, April 19, 1863; departed this life September 20, 1930, aged 67 years, 5 months and 11 days.

On August 9, 1891, he was married to Miss Sophonia Petty, of Greensboro. To this union were born two children: Conrad L., of Havana, Cuba, and Talton L. of Norfolk, Va.

When a young man in his teens, he professed faith in Christ and joined Lowe's Lutheran Church. At the age of twenty-five he moved to Ossippee Cotton Mills, and accepted a position as overseer. He immediately moved his membership from Lowe's Church to Fairview Methodist Protestant Church, and was elected Sunday School superintendent. During his stay at Ossippee he lost his companion, and was left with his two children. It was here he felt the call to preach, and attended school at Yadkin College, to prepare for this work; but the way looked dark. After spending some time in school, he moved to Roanoke Rapids where he accepted another position in the mills.

He soon organized and had running a full-grown Methodist Protestant Sunday School. With the hope that the North Carolina Annual Conference would help organize a Methodist Protestant church, but his dreams were never realized.

He was married again on December 20, 1904 to Miss Nellie P. Faison, of Roanoke Rapids, who made him a congenial companion; but he could not get away from the call to preach, so he gave up a good job which paid him a good salary, sold his home and gave up all to become one of us, to help save a lost world, and entered Conference in 1911. He was ordained in 1917.

Rev. J. B. O'Briant obituary continued:

His first work was Randleman Charge, which he served for six year. He served Spring Church Charge four years; Littleton Charge six years; Chase City Charge one year; and was finishing up his work on Greenville Charge, when the Lord called him and said, "It is enough, come up higher."

Your Committee first knew Brother O'Briant as Sunday School superintendent of Fairview Methodist Protestant Church. It was there as boys that at least two of your committee, learned to love him. He loved God best of all. He had great faith in God. It was he who taught us to say the little speeches in Easter and Children's Day services. We are greatly indebted to this godly man for his advice and help.

His deep spiritual and consecrated life made a lasting impression on our young minds. He had his faults, for he was human; but we confess that from our boyhood days, we never knew them. We wished many times then and since, that we could be as good as he.

He was a good pastor. When we say, "a good pastor," we mean all that the phrase implies. He was a good preacher, and was loved by all who knew him. He made those who would be his enemies love him. He loved God best of all. He had great faith in God, and believed much in prayer; this was demonstrated in the last trying scene of his life, as he went on his knees beside the operating table, and prayed divine guidance for the surgeon, nurse and himself.

To show how they loved him in the community in which he lived, more than 3,000 people came to pay their last tribute at the sunset of a noble life, well-lived.

His voice will answer no more to the Roll Call, for on September 20, he was transferred to that eternal Conference, and answered "Present" there, and joined with the others who have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb; and will go no more out; but will remain with a new song in his heart, and praise on his lips for Him who conquered all, and is alive forevermore.

Signed by the Committee,

R. S. TROXLER,  
L. W. GERRINGER,  
E. L. PEARSON.



According to Conference Journal pastor appointments, Rev. Charles Javan Edwards was assigned to the Littleton Charge from 1912 to 1915. (This obituary reports the years as 1912-1914.) Following is the obituary for Rev. C. J. Edwards as it appeared in the Conference Journal, Methodist Protestant Church, 1933, p. 68:

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### REV. C. J. EDWARDS

Charles Javan Edward, born March 27, 1875, in Bethel Township, near Waynesville, in Haywood County, N. C., son of Thomas and Rhuetta Gill Edwards. At the age of three years his parents moved to Weaverville, in Buncombe County, N. C., where he spent all of his early life until he entered the ministry of the Methodist Protestant Church.

He first attended Monticello Grammar School near his home. Upon the completion of his grammar school work he entered Weaverville College, from which he graduated in 1902. Some years later he entered Westminster Theological Seminary, and graduated in the class of 1907.

He attended and was a member of Clark's Chapel, near Weaverville and it was under the ministry of Rev. J. H. Moton, then pastor, that he dedicated his life to the Gospel ministry.

On June 27, 1907, he was united in marriage to Miss Alice Ogburn Powell, of Henderson, N. C. To this union were born two children: Powell E. and Elizabeth Pickens Edwards.

On Friday morning, May 5, 1933, he was suddenly called home while about his duties near Edenton, N. C. His passing occurred several miles from his home, as he resided in Washington, N. C. He was buried at Henderson, N. C.

He is survived by his widow and daughter, Mrs. B. B. Rogerson, both of Washington, N. C., and by the son, Powell E., of Lumberton, N. C. Also by the following brothers: W., Guy, Frank C., and Fred P. Edwards, all of Weaverville, N. C., and one sister, Mrs. Lillie Spratt, of Knoxville, N. C.

In 1902 Brother Edwards was assigned to the Ivey Circuit and took charge in May of that year. At the next Conference he was assigned to Plymouth and Edenton, and served for two years. At the Conference of 1904, he was released to attend the Seminary at Westminster, Md., and graduated from that institution in 1907. He was next assigned to Anderson, S. C., was elected to Elder's orders and to membership in the Conference and reassigned to Anderson.

Rev. Charles Javan Edwards obituary continued:

Further assignments were as follows: 1908, 1909, Liberty; 1910, 1911, Mebane; 1912-14, Littleton; 1915-17, Roanoke; 1918, Fallston; 1919, Mocksville; 1920, Haw River; 1921, Oak Ridge; 1922, Fairview; 1923, Gibsonville. From Gibsonville he went to Bath, N. C., and preached for two years under the direction of the M. E. Church, South. During recent years he has resided in Washington, N. C.

It should be said of Brother Edwards that he was a man of great energy and courage. One has said of him that he succeeded in doing some things that other men would not have undertaken. Perhaps the most notable was the building of the Enfield and Whitakers Churches, carrying on both projects at the same time. He also built the first unit of Fountain Place, Burlington; and a parsonage at Greenville, S. C. He also had to do with the building of the church at Edenton.

The sympathy of the Conference is hereby extended to his family and loved ones.

T. M. JOHNSON  
N. G. BETHEA  
J. A. BURGESS

Rev. David Alexander Fishel served the Littleton Mission from 1877 to 1881. Following is the obituary for Rev. D. A. Fishel that appeared in the Conference Journal, Methodist Protestant Church, 1934, pp. 75-76:

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### REV. D. A. FISHEL

Rev. David Alexander Fishel was one of a large family—twelve children—born December 6, 1849, to Alexander and Susan Woosley Fishel, and reared on a farm in North Davidson County.

In his early twenties he was married to Miss Laura Hanes, of the above county, and reared, no doubt in the same community where he grew to manhood. This happy relation was interrupted by her untimely death which occurred less than a year after their marriage.

In 1877, in his 26th year, Brother Fishel married his second wife, who was Miss Emma Jane Nicholson, of Warren County, N. C. This was a long and happy union, broken after fifty years, by the death of Sister Fishel in February, 1925. Ten children blessed this union, six of whom survive.

The religious life of Brother Fishel must have begun in his early years. At about the age of twenty-five he began preaching. His first charge seems to have been Pigeon River in Western North Carolina. His next charge was Littleton Mission where he served four years in succession, from 1877 to 1881. It was while serving this charge that he was ordained an elder. This took place at the Temple Conference, Edgecomb County, in 1879. From the Littleton Charge Brother Fishel went to North Granville, where he served six years in succession, from 1881 to 1887. It appears from the records that about 1887 North Granville Charge was divided, and Granville Charge created. For the two years, 1888 and 1889, he served this new charge. He then went to the Greenville work for the two years of 1890 and 1891.

So far as we have been able to search the records this last pastorate ended the active ministry of Brother Fishel, though it did not end his preaching. He filled many appointments on our eastern charges, by invitation, and assisted the brethren in revival meetings.

For quite a number of years, and up to the time of his death, his relationship to the Conference was that of Supernumerary on Littleton Charge. So as we are informed, he never asked for nor desired to be superannuated.

Brother Fishel was a man of marked native ability, though he never had the advantages of the schools. As a preacher he was scriptural, clear, deliberate, and forceful. His long pastorates indicate his acceptableness as a preacher, and his ability to win and hold the esteem of his congregations. He was a close observer, and a learner all of his life. The vigor of his mind was unabated, even to the last.

Obituary for David Alexander Fishel continued:

His memory was remarkable. He could recount, with vivid recollection and minute detail, many things that came into his experience and under his observation in the more remote periods of his life. He delighted in these reminiscences, and recounted them in the most interesting and entertaining manner. He was witty, and possessed of a vivid imagination. His sense of humor was fine and his fellowship delightful.

It may be said of Brother Fishel that he had the spirit and the courage of a pioneer. He could not be content with things as they were. His mind and body were both active, and he was always forging ahead for something better. He was interested in things, and people, and kept up with what was going on in the world. And of course he was interested in the church. He would often talk of the ministers of the Conference, especially those he knew and those who were his contemporaries during his active pastorate. He was devoted to his family, and provided well for his home, and for the education of his children. He drew his family to him in an esteem and affection that was noticeable and pleasing. For more than fifty years he lived at Vaughn, Warren County, N. C., and during that time he formed wide acquaintances and made many friends who honor his memory. At the grave, after I had attempted to make a brief appraisal of the character and life of Brother Fishel, Judge and Congressman Kerr came to me to say that he endorsed all that I had said. Mr. Kerr had known Brother Fishel for many years, and held him in high esteem.

The death of Brother Fishel was tragic, and occurred December 27 of last year. A servant boy, occupying a room on the back side of the house, accidentally turned over a lamp, and from this the house was set on fire. When Brother Fishel found out what had happened, he hurried to the back of the house and down a flight of steps to call for help. He then turned to go back into the house, and fell at the top of the steps. He was quickly moved to the home of a neighbor and a physician summoned. But to no avail. Brother Fishel was not, for "God took him." Thus ended the long earthly life of a good, useful, and honorable man. At different times during the protracted illness of his old age he told Miss Pearl, his devoted daughter and nurse, that he was just waiting for his summons to go.

His exact age is 84 years and 21 days.

The funeral service was held at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Paul A. Johnson, Littleton, N. C., and at the grave in the Littleton Cemetery. The service was simple, and in keeping with his modest spirit, and unpretentious life. The service was in charge of Rev. S. W. Taylor, who was assisted by Rev. Francis Joyner of the Episcopal Church; Rev. Rufus Bradley of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and by Rev. R. L. Vickery, pastor of the Littleton Charge. His body was committed to the earth by the side of that of his devoted wife, and beneath a covering of flowers we left it there to await in peace the triumph and glory of the resurrection morn.

To the bereaved family we extend tenderest sympathy, and commend them to God for comfort and peace.

S. W. TAYLOR	R. L. VICKERY
H. L. POWELL	W. T. CARTER
The Committee.	

The following memoir for Rev. C. H. Whitaker appeared in the North Carolina Annual Conference Journal, Methodist Protestant Church, 1935, pp. 74-75. Rev. Whitaker was pastor of Hawkins Chapel in 1896.

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REV. C. H. WHITAKER

Reverend Carey Hamilton Whitaker was born in the Whitaker's Chapel community, near Enfield in Halifax County, on November 30, 1860, and departed this life to be with those who have been promoted from the church militant to the church triumphant from his home in Winston-Salem, N. C., August 18, 1935.

The time and place in which one is brought up have something to do with one's after life. Brother Whitaker was brought up in the troublesome times following the Civil War, and from his earliest days he learned the lesson of struggle. He united with Whitaker's Chapel when he was only eight years old; and it was said of him that he would not be turned aside from his desire to join the church simply because his widowed mother was not able to buy shoes for him to wear while he was joining the church. As he grew to young manhood, he shouldered a great deal of the responsibilities of the home, and helped support his mother and his younger brothers.

After leaving the schools of his community, Brother Whitaker went to Western Maryland College, where he remained for two years. He was in college with Dr. A. Norman Ward, of sainted memory, who, on hearing of Brother Whitaker's death, wrote; "He was one of the finest men who ever came to College Hill, and I loved him dearly."

His first work in the ministry was in Washington County, in 1893, and his last regular work was the West Forsyth Charge, in 1928. During his lifetime as a minister, Brother Whitaker was interested in the young people. **Our Church Record**, now **The Methodist Protestant Herald**, in an issue printed in 1901, refers to the fact that he had delivered an address before the State Christian Endeavor Convention which was declared to be one of the best delivered. As a preacher he was earnest and sincere. He realized the high calling of the preacher of the Word, and he gave himself to that task without stint. While he was a good preacher, he was also a good pastor. One of our ministers recently wrote of him: "He was the best pastor I ever saw. From his earliest days in the ministry, I took lessons under him."

While he was pastor at Littleton, the church there was begun. While he was pastor at Graham, the church there was built. At many other places he had a profitable ministry. It is true that the charges he served never paid large salaries; but he did not slacken his interest because of that. He was willing to serve wherever he was sent.

Obituary for Rev. C. H. Whitaker continued:

Being brought up near the place where our Annual Conference was organized, and among a people who could remember very distinctly the circumstances leading up to the organization of our church, it is not to be wondered at that Brother Whitaker was one of the most loyal men we ever had. He loved his church, and he knew what it stood for. Few men, if any, took the work of an Annual Conference more seriously. When the Conference adjourned, he knew what had been done. For a long period of years he was a member of the Conference Faculty. If any man had a right to be on the Faculty, he did; for when he was a student in the Course of Study, he mastered it in one year.

Brother Whitaker was superannuated in 1928, and the remaining years of his life were spent in Winston-Salem, where he took a great interest in the work of our First Church, evangelistic clubs, and any other work he was able to do. At the time of his death, Sanford Martin, Editor of the *Winston-Salem Journal*, paid him this tribute: "Death has called home another faithful minister in the person of Rev. C. H. Whitaker, retired, of the Methodist Protestant Church. Mr. Whitaker was a minister of the old school; his work in the divine service carrying him to many points. For years he served as a circuit rider, glorying in the hard tasks which fell upon his shoulders as a guide to the higher ideals among the rural people of the State."

Brother Whitaker was a man who made friends and kept them. He was often referred to as a sweet-spirited man. Those who have been associated with him in the ministry these many years will sorely miss him; but we shall still think of him as a brother beloved, a friend, a servant of God, a Christian gentleman; and we hope to meet him on the other shore.

He is survived by his widow, who before her marriage was Miss Elizabeth Speight, of Edgecombe County, and who resides with three of her children at 111 Gloria Avenue, Winston-Salem, namely Cary, Jr., Richard S., and Emma Lewis; One daughter, Miss Alice Whitaker, lives in Washington, D. C., and another, Mrs. G. D. Horne, in Venezuela, South America.

A brief funeral service was held in honor of Brother Whitaker at a funeral home in Winston-Salem, and was conducted by Rev. R. A. Hunter. The funeral and interment were held at Whitaker's Chapel, and was conducted by Rev. J. E. Pritchard and Rev. R. C. Stubbins.

J. E. PRITCHARD

J. D. WILLIAMS

R. A. HUNTER

Horatio Seymore Blair Thompson served the Littleton Charge from 1893 to 1895. It was noted earlier, and worthy of repeating, that Rev. Thompson was the father of the late George Thompson, father-in-law of Cloy Green Thompson, and great-grandfather of Keith Browder, a current church leader. The memoir for Rev. H. S. B. Thompson as it appeared in the Conference Journal, Methodist Church, 1950, pp. 160-61 follows:

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### Memoirs



**REV. H. S. B. THOMPSON**

**By J. E. Pritchard**

Horatio Seymore Blair Thompson was born in Alamance County, N. C., February 29, 1868, and departed this life at his home in Seagrove, N. C., November 19, 1949. Had he lived a few more weeks he would have been 82 years old. He was the son of Sebert and Louzenia Blair Thompson of Alamance County. He attended school at Bethel Academy, High Point High School and Yadkin College. In 1893 he was admitted on trial in the North Carolina Annual Conference of the former Methodist Protestant Church and was ordained an Elder in 1895. Brother Thompson was twice married. The first marriage was to Miss Maud Hanner, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. R. R. Hanner. In a few years she was claimed by death, leaving two small boys. On the ninth of July, 1902, Brother Thompson was united in marriage with Miss Bessie Lewallen, daughter of Zemri and Sara Gray Lewallen of near Asheboro. Surviving are his widow who lives at Seagrove, N. C., and the following children: Robert of Greenville, Lloyd of Durham, George of Roanoke Rapids, Mrs. C. I. Johnson of Asheboro, Alson of Baltimore, Md., Merle of Denver, Col., and Blair of Roanoke Rapids. Also surviving are 17 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

Brother Thompson's active work was in the former Methodist Protestant Church, having retired in 1928. Charges served by him were: Littleton circuit, Spring church, Randolph, Richland, Stanley, Cleveland, Saxapahaw and Randleman. Following his retirement he lived near Roanoke Rapids for a number of years, later moving to Seagrove.

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Rev. H. S. B. Thompson memoir continued:

Funeral service were held in the Central Methodist Church in Asheboro on November 21. The services were under the direction of the pastor, Rev. Walter R. Kelly, assisted by Rev. J. A. Burgess, Dr. S. W. Taylor and the writer. In speaking of the deceased, Rev. J. A. Burgess said: "For several years I was his pastor. I never had a more regular attendant on the services nor a more attentive and helpful listener nor a larger contributor of his means according to his ability." In speaking of Brother Thompson's beliefs, Mr. Burgess said: "He believed in God. God was as real to him as the air he breathed or the water he drank or the solid earth on which he walked. Nor was his God a blind impersonal force. His God was the source of all life; He was personal, present and accessible. He believed also in Jesus Christ as the God man. He believed in Him as the one in whose unique personality the nature of God and the nature of man were perfectly blended. He believed in Him as God's gift to a lost world to save the world."

Dr. S. W. Taylor, who had a long acquaintance with the deceased, has this to say: "My acquaintance with Brother H. S. B. Thompson began when we were school boys at Yadkin College. He was blessed with a strong body, an active mind and deep religious convictions. As a minister he was thoughtful, earnest and scriptural. He preached a high standard of Christian living and was intolerant toward wrongdoing. His faith in the Bible as the word of God was securely founded, and the gospel was to him the certain and only remedy for individual and social redemption. He believed in a regenerated heart and a consecrated life and that both are the heritage of everyone through Jesus Christ. His religion and the assurance of the gospel were his anchor through all the vicissitudes of his long life and his comfort for his enfeebled old age. Brother Thompson made his contribution to his day and generation, and after long years of earnest service he passed on in the triumphs of Christian faith from the church militant to the church triumphant."

His body was laid to rest in the Oaklawn cemetery in Asheboro to await the resurrection morn.



Rev. H. S. B. Thompson memoir continued:

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**H. S. B. THOMPSON**

**By Mrs. H. S. B. Thompson**

Early Saturday morning, November 19, 1949, he whispered to me saying, "I'm going Home, I'm going Home, and I'm almost there now." I didn't realize at this time he was so near Home—the one we spoke of so often, our Heavenly Home. His going leaves me sad and lonely.

For a precious one from me is gone,  
A voice I loved so much is stilled,  
A place is vacant in my home  
That never can be filled.

The loneliness in my heart,  
Is all I can bear,  
I miss you each day, dear,  
Since God called you to His care.

You are not dead—not lost,  
But gone on before,  
You live with me in memory  
And will forever more.

God needed another angel,  
To worship before His throne,  
So, He looked down from Heaven  
And called my loved one Home.

Time has past since that sad day,  
The one I loved was called away,  
God took you, it was His will,  
But your memory lingers still.

More and more each day I miss you, dear,  
Friends may think the wound is healed,  
But they little know the sorrow  
That lives in my heart concealed.

Yes, God took you Home, it was His will,  
And in my heart your memory liveth still,  
But only a star shines over the grave,  
Of the one I loved, and could not save.

Rev. James Henry Trolinger served as Hawkins Chapel pastor from 1936 to 1938. The following memoir appeared in the Minutes of the 1960 Annual Session, Western North Carolina Conference, pp 294-95:

### JAMES HENRY TROLINGER

July 1, 1890—October 2, 1959

James Henry Trolinger was born July 1, 1890, in Alamance County, North Carolina; the son of James Henry and Bell Catherine Trolinger. He had been in poor health for five years, and in critical condition for seven weeks, when he passed from this life at the Randolph Hospital in the early morning on Friday, October 2, 1959.

He often stated he felt a definite call to the ministry at the age of fourteen. In preparation for this ministry he attended the Haw River School, Elon College, and took one year of work at Westminster Theological Seminary. On December 28, 1920, he was married to Ethel Inez McLean of Rockingham. To this union was born one son, James Henry III, who did not survive. This wife preceded him in death on February 23, 1942. On March 23, 1948, he was married to Thelma Wright of Coleridge, and to this union was born one daughter, Jane Catherine, on September 14, 1952. His wife and daughter survive. In addition, he is survived by two brothers, John and Luke Trolinger; two sisters Mrs. E. H. Meeks and Mrs. Clyde Lowman; and his stepmother, Mrs. Roxie Trolinger.



He joined the North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church in 1917 and became a member of the Western North Carolina Conference at unification. He served the following appointments: Rockingham Circuit, Anderson Circuit in South Carolina, Greenville Circuit in Virginia, Randleman Circuit, Chase City Circuit in Virginia, Rockingham Circuit, Midland, Littleton, Seagrove-Lovejoy, Coleridge, Randleman Circuit, Advance Circuit, Mount Pisgah in Greensboro, Cleveland Circuit, Flat Rock, St. Paul's in Greensboro. He retired in 1954 because of ill health and was not permitted to be active during his five years of retirement. For the first two years after retirement he made his home in Rockingham and then he moved to Randleman, where he and his family lived at the time of his passing.

Funeral services were conducted on Monday, October 5, 1959. A service in the Mount Lebanon Methodist Church, Randleman, was conducted by J. Clay Madison, O. C. Loy, and John Edwards. A service was then conducted in the Pee Dee Methodist Church, Rockingham, by John Edwards, Herbert Penry, Foster Loffin, and William A. Rock, Jr. Interment was in the Northam Cemetery, Rockingham. Fellow ministers stood an honor guard.

Rev. James Henry Trolinger memoir continued:

After experiencing his call to the ministry he often expressed his greatest ambition was to know the Bible, to preach it, teach it, and to lead the unsaved to Christ. He was known by many across the years as "The Bible Preacher" and "Man of Prayer." His custom was never to leave his home, or the homes of his members, without praying. He was a good man, brotherly toward his fellowman, sincere in his convictions, earnest in his desire to further the Kingdom of God, and unusually consecrated to his calling. He loved people and especially children. In making pastoral calls the children would often gather around to hear him tell Bible Stories. He spent many happy hours after his retirement with his young daughter, explaining the Bible and seeking to plant in her young life faith in Christ and a love for God.

At his funeral a minister friend who had known Brother Trolinger through the years, characterized his life as one who had a strong faith which began early in his life; as one who enjoyed his faith and sought to bring that joy to others; and as one with an evangelistic zeal. While pastor of the church at Chase City, Virginia, the building was completed and a revival was held at which time one hundred and four persons were received into the Church.

"Sunset and evening star,  
And one clear call for me!  
And may there be no moaning of the bar,  
When I put out to sea.

"But such a tide as moving seems asleep,  
Too full for sound and foam,  
When that which drew from out the boundless deep  
Turns again home.

"Twilight and evening bell,  
And after that the dark!  
And may there be no sadness of farewell  
When I embark.

"For tho' from out our bourne of time and place  
The flood may bear me far,  
I hope to see my pilot face to face  
When I have crossed the bar."

—W. A. ROCK, JR.  
O. C. LOY

Rev. Dewey Dosson Broome was pastor of Hawkins Chapel Church from 1938 to 1942. This memoir appeared in the Annual Conference Journal, Western North Carolina Conference, 1968, p. 337.

## WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE

### 7. Memoirs

#### DEWEY DOSSON BROOME

July 4, 1899 - April 29, 1968

Quietly and peacefully Dewey Dosson Broome slipped away from this earthly scene on the evening of April 29, 1968, after several months of serious illness. Born on July 4, 1899, in Union County, North Carolina, he was educated at Duke University, Wofford College, and High Point College. While at High Point he met Ethel Virginia Blackwelder, and they were married on May 16, 1929. To this union were born three children: Mrs. Annette Payne, Ernest, and Frank—all of whom survive and live in High Point.



Brother Broome joined the North Carolina Methodist Protestant Conference in 1928, was ordained a deacon that same year, and was ordained an elder in 1931. In 1962 he was forced to retire because of rheumatoid arthritis, an affliction which brought great suffering for the last twenty years of his ministry. Several times during this span of time he had been forced to give up his work for short periods of rest, but always he came back to preach the gospel he loved so well. Appointments served by him included Cross Anchor, S. C., Kernersville Charge, Guilford Circuit, Vance (Hendersonville) Circuit, Littleton, Laurel Hill, Faison, Maysville, Lebanon, High Point; Bethlehem, Union County; Ramseur-Franklinville; Mocksville Circuit, and Laboratory-Landers, Lincolnton.

Through the years D. D. Broome gave of himself in an unselfish and untiring manner. Many of these years were indeed difficult years—serving small charges, having a growing family, and being beset by the pains of arthritis. In describing these years, he once said: "They were not easy. There were times when I was tempted to give up, but when you are called, you can't! And the best part of it all was that the Lord blessed me through it all." These are the words of a true soldier, for a true soldier always mans his battle station; he remains loyal to the end; he never gives up the fight. In retirement he still witnessed to a firm faith, a hearty hope, and a living love. "How's the church going?" were often his words to younger ministers who stopped to visit—an old soldier still concerned about the battle!

Rev. Dewey Dosson Broome memoir continued:

His life in many ways resembled that of the Apostle Paul. He, too, was a builder. Many churches bear the nails he drove, and always he built a loving spirit among people. He, too, bore a thorn in his flesh and still carried on. Like Paul he went to many out-of-the-way places to preach and share the gospel of his Lord. He was a workman that "needed not to be ashamed." He suffered and endured hardship like a good soldier. He admonished younger men to keep the faith and carry on the work! Among his last words were these spoken to a relative: "There's so much work to do." He never gave up; he simply passed the torch on to others as he passed on to his eternal reward that night at Wesley Nursing Center. Funeral services were conducted in High Point by this writer and Dr. Russell Montfort. Interment was in Guilford Memorial Park.

As we look back upon the life of this one who served God so fearlessly, fought such a good fight, and who now has finished the course, some words penned by the late Bishop Ralph S. Cushman seem fitting:

"Renew their breed; we owe them more  
Than we can pay with whines or tears;  
Almighty God, renew in us  
The spirit of the pioneers."

—EDGAR H. NEASE, JR.

Rev. Zebulon Vance Cowan served as pastor of Hawkins Chapel – Tabor from 1952 to 1956. The memoir for Rev. Cowan as it appeared in the Conference Journal, North Carolina Conference, United Methodist Church 1973, pp. 163-64 follows:

**ZEBULON VANCE COWAN  
1905 – 1973**

Zebulon Vance Cowan, son of William E. and Ida Cavanaugh Cowan, was born in Swansboro, Onslow County, North Carolina, November 28, 1905. He passed away on January 10, 1973 at Route 1, Trenton, North Carolina. Burial was in Westview Cemetery, Kinston, North Carolina.



He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Dorothy Hugins Cowan; a daughter, Mrs. Ray (Daphnie) Taylor of Route 3, Wake Forest, North Carolina; a son, Stanley Cowan, Route 5, Wetumpka, Alabama; one sister, Mrs. Robert Eakins of Burgaw, three brothers, Paul of Watha, Thomas and Allen Cowan of Burgaw; eight grandchildren. The funeral service was conducted from Howard and Carter Funeral Chapel, in Kinston, North Carolina, January 12, 1973, by the Reverend Robert Rätz and the Reverend John D. Long.

Brother Cowan entered the Methodist Ministry in 1942 and was appointed to Carver's Creek. Other appointments following were: City Road – White Memorial, Henderson; Pasquotank, Littleton Circuit, Clark Street, Rocky Mount; Milton, Goldston and Shady Grove. He retired in 1965 due to failing health.

Brother Cowan possessed many excellent qualities. One, he was a giant in faith, faith in God and in people; a giant in

love, love for God, the church and humanity; a giant in listening and understanding when someone was in trouble. The Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi so beautifully pictures the life of Brother Cowan:

“Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace.  
Where there is hatred, let me show love.  
Where there is injury, pardon.  
Where there is doubt, faith.  
Where there is despair, hope.  
Where there is darkness, light.  
Where there is sadness, joy.  
O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek  
To be consoled as to console,  
To be understood, as to understand,  
To be loved, as to love.  
For it is in giving that we receive;  
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;  
And it is in dying, that we are born to eternal life.”

—John D. Long.

Rev. Robert Marriner Gradeless was assigned as pastor of Hawkins Chapel – Tabor in 1960. He continued to serve these two churches until 1964. The memoir for Rev. Gradeless follows as it appeared in the Conference Journal, North Carolina Conference, United Methodist Church, 1985, p. 209:

ROBERT MARRINER GRADELESS

1908 - 1984



When Brother Bob Gradeless died, I lost one of the dearest friends I have been privileged to know and love. The genuineness of his lifestyle was the thing that drew me to him when we first met.

Whenever I recall him and our friendship, I remember something about that expression, "The Greeks had a word for it".

Imagine with me. A customer takes a statue or an ornament made of marble, simple stone or the like, to be repaired by the sculptor. The work is done by the workman's use of wax rather than the material needed. In time, the deceit, as well as the flaw, becomes obvious.

Repairs done properly were said to be made "sine cera", that is, without wax. From this we get one of the most beautiful words in the English language, sincerity. To the best of my knowledge, Robert Gradeless lived a life completely "without wax" in relationship to all individuals. He was sincere and utterly free from disguise. His absolute contempt for dishonesty and fraud was well known by everyone who knew and loved him.

Robert Marriner Gradeless was born March 10, 1908, in Belhaven, NC to George J. and Jane Hodges Gradeless.

On September 15, 1934, he married Alice Cuthrell of Aurora and Bethel. They had a very special marriage and life together, and God blessed them with two children, James Hodges and Eleanor Jane.

Additional survivors, after 50 years of exemplary marriage, include five grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Rev. Robert Marriner Gradeless memoir continued:

Brother Bob attended John Wilkerson High School in Belhaven, Louisburg College, Duke Divinity School and Candler School of Theology at Emory.

He entered the Methodist ministry in 1950 and his appointments were Chowan, Bridgeton, Red Oak-Yorks, St. John in Kinston, Hubert, Hawkins-Tabor, Evansdale-Black Creek, Chadbourn, Shady Grove, Ocracoke, Trenton, and Williston-Smyrna.

Brother Bob retired in 1974, having chosen his hometown for retirement, the place where he grew up and dearly loved. He died July 8, 1984, in Pungo District Hospital, Belhaven. His body was laid to rest, July 10, in the family cemetery at Belhaven. Funeral services were conducted by the Reverend Tom Hollis, pastor of Trinity United Methodist Church, Belhaven, the Reverend Dr. Julian Scott of Kinston, and this writer.

This memoir would not be fair to Robert Gradeless if it also did not include the fact that, to those familiar with the political scene, local and beyond, he was affectionately known as "Mr. Republican".

His church life and his political life were very much alike in that both were based on honesty of intentions and an obvious lack of false pretense.

Our Conference has lost a Christian gentleman and spokesman for our Lord, and I have lost a personal friend. One day we shall meet again.

In appreciation,  
Ralph I. Epps

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Rev. John Bascom Hurley served as pastor of Hawkins Chapel – Tabor from 1948 to 1952. The memoirs for Rev. Hurley and his wife, Daisy Fuquay Hurley, follow as they appeared in the Conference Journal, North Carolina Conference, United Methodist Church, 1988, pp. 240-41:

## **JOHN BASCOM HURLEY**

**1892 - 1987**

## **DAISY FUQUA HURLEY**

**1898 - 1987**



Everyone loved John and Daisy Hurley. The Reverend John Bascom Hurley and his wife, Daisy, could very well have been "role models" had the NC Conference wanted to recognize a couple who epitomized service to our Lord through their service to the local churches and their communities. Their faith was well rooted. Their dedication and loyalty to The United Methodist Church was paramount. The love and warmth they spread for many years through eighteen Conference appointments all over eastern North Carolina has made a difference and will continue to do so for generations to come.

John Bascom Hurley was born on June 12, 1892, in Montgomery County, NC. He was the son of John Bradley Hurley and Tabitha (Tabby) Bruton Hurley, and had seven brothers and one sister.

Daisy Fuqua Hurley was born on March 25, 1898 in Person County, NC. Her parents were John William Fuqua and Mary Alice Satterfield Fuqua.

John was ordained as a deacon in Greenville during the Annual Conference in 1917 and was admitted into the Conference in full connection in 1921. During the Conference in 1917, the ladies of the host church decided to play "matchmaker" for the bachelors in the Conference by inviting them and the student teachers from nearby East Carolina Teachers College to a church social. John and Daisy did not realize that when they met that evening they were beginning their loyal service to The United Methodist Church and to each other. They were married June 12, 1919 shortly after John finished Divinity School at Trinity College.

For the next forty-two years, they served Clark Street South, Rocky Mount, Elm City, Moyock, Roanoke Island, Milton, Bahama Circuit, Rougemont, Roper, Murfreesboro, Halifax, Rowland, Seaboard, Snow Hill, Cedar Grove, Littleton Circuit, Robersonville, and Burlington Circuit. John and Daisy retired in Apex, NC in 1957 after serving their last charge. They were married for nearly 68 years.

Rev. John Bascom Hurley memoir continued:

John and Daisy enjoyed playing games with their children and grandchildren. Their favorites were Chinese checkers and dominoes. Both also possessed a great love of music and John's rich bass voice was heard and enjoyed not only in the churches but at home as well.

One of John's more memorable sermons occurred when he attended homecoming at his beloved birthplace, Wadeville, NC in 1983. The scheduled preacher did not show and when the minister recognized John, who was sitting in the congregation with members of his family, he not only stood to be recognized but proceeded to preach his favorite sermon on salvation while standing at his pew. Although he physically could not see, his message was very clear and so wonderfully presented that all in the church were noticeably touched. The local minister, who was not prepared to preach, was doubly blessed.

Until his death, John held seniority in the Conference. Visiting friends and colleagues at Annual Conference was an event that both John and Daisy loved so much. He attended his last Conference in Fayetteville in June of 1987, ten days after Daisy's funeral, and was warmly received by Bishop Minnick and the delegates with a standing round of applause.

John and Daisy were blessed with five children. They have two daughters, Nita (Mrs. Juanita H. Page of Jacksonville, NC), and Doris (Mrs. Doris McKellar of Jackson, NC); and three sons, Bob (Robert B. Hurley of Myrtle Beach, SC), Bill (John W. Hurley of Fayetteville, NC), and Darel C. Hurley of Lillington, NC. They have 13 grandchildren, and 11 great-grandchildren.

Daisy Fuqua Hurley died on June 4, 1987 in Lillington, NC, and the funeral service was held on June 6, 1987. John Bascom Hurley died on August 25, 1987 in Fayetteville, NC, and the funeral service was held on August 28, 1987. The services were conducted at Lillington United Methodist Church by the Reverends Jimmy Tatum and Jack Benfield. Graveside worship was led by Dr. John Bergland. John and Daisy are buried in LaFayette Memorial Park in Fayetteville, NC.

We should note here that John is survived by his youngest brother, George Hurley of Charlotte, who is also a very active United Methodist.

Perhaps John and Daisy's greatest legacies, other than their service to our Lord, was their gentle, sweet spirit, highlighted by a strong, positive attitude. Like John's role model, older brother and fellow Conference member, B. T. Hurley, the family emphasis was always placed on service, love and respect for others; but, above all, "Live life according to the word of our Lord, Jesus Christ".

We miss them so.

The Children

Rev. James Braxton Speight, Sr. was appointed as the Hawkins Chapel – Tabor pastor from 1956 to 1958. Below is the memoir for Rev. Speight as it was printed in the Conference Journal, North Carolina Conference, United Methodist Church, 1991, p. 277.

## **JAMES BRAXTON SPEIGHT, SR.**

**1928 - 1990**



The Reverend James Braxton Speight was born June 11, 1928 in Sunbury. He was the son of Harvey W. and Mary H. Speight. He had four sisters, one of whom survives, Willie Lee Lancaster of Charlotte, and two brothers, both surviving, Edwin Parker Speight of Sandston, VA, and Frank H. Speight of Sunbury. He is also survived by his mother, Mary Helen Speight of Sunbury. He had four children, also surviving, Janice L. Barrett of Raleigh, Judy L. Gillikin of Otway, Jerry R. Speight of Wanchese, and James B. Speight, Jr. of Southern Pines.

"J. B." as he was called by his close friends and relatives, attended school in Gates County. He furthered his education at Louisburg College in Louisburg. From there he went on to receive his Bachelor of Arts at Asbury College in Wilmore, KY, and attended Duke Divinity School where he was ordained into the ministry.

He started his ministry in Trenton at Shady Grove, Foy's Memorial, and Cypress Creek Methodist churches. His charges continued with Tabor Methodist Church, and Hawkins Chapel Methodist Church in Littleton. Next, he pastored at Evansdale, and Black Creek in Wilson, Pine Forest in Goldsboro, and four years in Henderson. Butner UMC in Butner became his next charge, followed by Oak Grove UMC, and Union Chapel in Roxboro. He served at Culbreth Memorial in Fayetteville, Pleasant Hill in Robbins, Aurora UMC and Hobukin UMC in Aurora, Belhaven UMC in Belhaven, and finally in Beaufort at Core Creek, Merrimon and Tuttle Grove UM churches.

J. B. had a gift for working with his people in the church, especially young people. He was always encouraging and supportive of their efforts and their work. He also made an effort to visit everyone in the church when he first arrived at the new charge.

At the time of his death at 62 years of age, he was residing at 4537 Parkwood Circle in Fayetteville. He was a member of Culbreth UMC. A graveside service was conducted by the Reverends Daniel Bowman of Gatesville, and Keith Nanney of Culbreth UMC in Fayetteville, with a special tribute offered by the Reverend Maness Mitchell. The service was held at the Holly Lawn Cemetery in Suffolk, VA, where he was buried. This service took place on December 13, 1990.

Janice L. Barrett

Rev. Elwin Harrell Measamer was appointed to the Hawkins Chapel – Tabor Charge from 1945 to 1948. It was during his pastorate that Jesse and Gracie Pittard gave one acre of land to be used as a church cemetery. Following is the memoir for Rev. Measamer as it appeared in the Conference Journal, North Carolina Conference, United Methodist Church, 1992, pp. 253-54:

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## **ELWIN HARRELL MEASAMER**

**1904 - 1992**



Elwin H. Measamer was born in Union County on February 3, 1904, and moved at an early age to Sanford. His parents were Lewis A. and Nancy Starnes Measamer. He was educated in the Lee County Schools and later at John Brown Academy in Siloam Springs, AR; Weaver College in Weaverville; and Duke Divinity School in Durham. He took correspondence work from Emory University in Atlanta, GA and UNC - Chapel Hill. He married his first wife on December 25, 1927, the former Una Mae Elder of Chanute, KS, who shared the many years of his active ministry, but died in 1980.

The Measamers had two daughters, Anne Measamer Thompson of Chesapeake, VA, and Nancy Measamer Grady who died in 1981; five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

After his retirement, Elwin married Mary Blanche Stokes on September 28, 1980, who was a member of the last church that he served. She survives him and is a resident of the Methodist Retirement Community in Durham. Other survivors include a brother, Percy Measamer of Sebring, FL.

Elwin was admitted into the NC Conference in 1930 and served for 40 years, more than half of that time in churches of the Rocky Mount District. His appointments included Town Creek, 1930; Newport, 1932; Rougemont, 1934; Fairfield, 1936; Dover, 1937; Laurel Hill, 1938; Orange, 1942; Littleton Circuit, 1945; Whitakers, 1948; Kenly, 1953; Aulander, 1958; Spring Hope, 1960; Wilson: First (associate), 1963; Middlesex, 1965; and Pinetops, 1967. After his retirement in 1970, he continued to live in the Pinetops Community until moving to the retirement home in 1983.

Elwin loved the NC Conference as a covenant community; he eagerly attended its sessions as long as he was physically able.

He died in Durham on March 2, 1992. A memorial service was conducted at St. John's Chapel in the Methodist Retirement Community on March 8 by the Reverend Diane M. C. Blanchard and the Reverend Dr. Gayle C. Felton.

Rev. Elwin Harrell Measamer memoir continued:

If being a minister means above all to be a representative of Jesus Christ, then Elwin Measamer was one of the finest ministers that this Conference has ever known. In John 12, some Greeks came to Jerusalem telling the disciples that they wished to see Jesus. When Elwin preached, people saw Jesus - not simply in what he said, but more in who he was. His power came not from unusual learning or from extraordinary eloquence, it came out of the intimacy of his relationship with Christ. He manifested the presence and radiated the love of God as we know that love in Jesus Christ. He recognized, like John Wesley, that the mission of the church to the world was to "offer them Christ." When his church members hesitated to witness to their faith and to visit from house to house, he would acknowledge the many objections that people voice against the church. Then, in his meek and humble way, he would reply: "People can come up with all kinds of excuses when you invite them to come to church. What we need to do is to go out and invite them to come to Jesus." This he did throughout his long ministry.

Elwin lived for many years with constant pain and nagging disability which made him unable even to tie his own shoes. He evinced quiet courage and simple trust in God whose answer to him was the same as it had been to Paul: "My grace is sufficient for you; my strength is made perfect in your weakness." He was enabled to maintain his patience, his perseverance, his smile. To see him move about with cane or walker was to receive a sermon in how Christians can deal with adversity.

His life was a blessing; his ministry, a vehicle of grace; his death, a triumphal celebration of resurrection into life eternal. As Elwin Measamer enters the gates of heaven, surely he hears the voice of God saying to him: "Well done, thou good and faithful servant, enter now into the joy of your Master."

Gayle C. Felton

Rev. Daniel Clifton Boone served as pastor of the Hawkins – Tabor Charge from 1942 to 1945. It was during his pastorate that the church burned to the ground and was re-built. His widow, Ruth, currently resides in Halifax, NC. The following memoir of Rev. Boone appeared in the Conference Journal, North Carolina Conference, United Methodist Church, 1994, pp. 339-40:

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## **DANIEL CLIFTON BOONE**

**1902 - 1993**



The Reverend Daniel Clifton Boone, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Porter Boone, a native of Northampton County, was born November 8, 1902 and died July 16, 1993 in Halifax Memorial Hospital in Roanoke Rapids. He was remarkably active for a man of his age, attending church and periodically laboring in his home and church yards. When friends predicted that he might live to be 100 years old, his simple reply was, "I am going to try." These words were in line with what he and his wife considered the most favorite sermon he ever preached under the title: "Keep on Keeping on."

Dan was a graduate of Elon College and he also did pastoral studies at the Divinity School of Duke University. His fine home library was evidence that he continued to be a student beyond his formal days of education.

Dan married Ruth Evelyn Cullipher of Williamston on October 24, 1940. Ruth continues to make her home among their friends in Halifax. Other survivors include two daughters: Patricia Britt of Rockingham, and Mary Tillery of Tillery; and two sons: Dan Boone, Jr., of Lake Norman, and James Boone of Raleigh. He is survived by three brothers: George Boone and J. P. Boone, both from Suffolk, VA, and Simon Boone of Portsmouth, VA. He also is survived by five grandchildren: Lisa Britt, Elizabeth Britt, Nechol Boone, Leigh Tillery, and John Tillery.

Rev. Daniel Clifton Boone memoir continued:

Dan served two years in the VA Conference before transferring to the NC Conference, where his charges prior to his retirement in 1968 included the following: Walstonburg, 1937; Robersonville, 1938; Littleton Circuit, 1942; Person Street, 1945; Bynum, 1946; Garland, 1948; Dover, 1949; Pink Hill, 1950; Pinetops, 1953; Bladen, 1955, Moncure, 1958; Norman, 1961; West End, 1963; and Halifax, 1964. However, even after officially retiring, his sense of calling was so strong that he served other charges: Stokes for six years, Bath for three years, and Jamesville for four years. He and Ruth finally gave up the itinerant ministry and settled in Halifax, where they purchased the old Halifax Methodist parsonage, renovating and beautifying it into a very attractive home, where Ruth continues to live.

A worship service for Brother Dan was held in the Halifax UMC with Rocky Mount District Superintendent Caswell E. Shaw presiding. The Reverend Charles M. Herrin, pastor of Halifax UMC, preached a most unique and appropriate sermon. The Reverends John Smith and Wade Goldston also assisted in the service. Interment was at the Halifax Cemetery.

The writer of this memorial first met Dan in the early 1930's in Rocky Mount. He assisted me in voluntary lay ministry at Clark Street Church. This was the beginning of a wonderful relationship with Brother Dan and lasted over his long life. He was an understanding shepherd of the people he served, a compassionate and challenging preacher of the Word of God, and a gentle but firm guide to his children. Of the 90 years he lived, he preached 45 of them. His wife Ruth, several years younger, was a most caring "helpmate, especially during his later years. Much of heaven was reflected in their lives, individually and together.

Wade Goldston

Rev. Max Wade Dulin served as pastor of Hawkins Chapel – Tabor from 1958 to 1960. Following is the memoir for Rev. Dulin that was printed in the Conference Journal, Western North Carolina Conference, United Methodist Church, 2006, p. 337.

**MAX WADE DULIN**  
November 4, 1932 – October 16, 2005



Max Wade Dulin, son of Rev. Grady Nicholson and Clara Abercrombie Dulin, was born in Waynesville, North Carolina, on November 4, 1932, the youngest of four children. He died on August 16, 2005, in Asheboro. At his request, there was no formal funeral service. On October 11, 2005, his family and friends met for a brief committal service at Wildcat Rock, on the Blue Ridge Parkway, where, according to long-standing instructions, his ashes were scattered. It is a place he loved to visit.

Max's early life was typical of that of parsonage children. He often spoke of the various places the family had lived, developing life-long relationships along the way. He finished high school at Reeds, in Davidson County, in 1951 and continued his education at High Point College, now University (B.A., 1955), and the Course of Study School at Duke Divinity School.

While a student at High Point, Max made the decision to enter the ministry and was licensed to preach on May 11, 1954. As a student, he served Grace Chapel, in the Statesville District, 1956-57. He was admitted on trial to the North Carolina Conference of The Methodist Church in 1957 and served several appointments

in eastern North Carolina before transferring to his home conference in 1968. His appointments included West Rowan, 1968-69; Palmyra-Hickory Grove, 1969-70; Mt. Carmel (Northeast District), 1970-74; Concord-Hopewell (Statesville District), 1974-75; Rutherford College: Abernethy Memorial, 1975-77; Lowell-McAdenville, 1977-79; Mount Airy: Rockford Street-Oak Grove, 1979-82; Greensboro: Proximity, 1982-84; Shiloh Wesley Chapel, 1984-87; Mt. Shepherd-West Chapel, 1987-92; and Fairview (Lexington District), 1992-94. He retired in 1994 and served Asheboro: Legend Park during his first year of retirement. He also served briefly as associate at Flag Springs-New Hope in 1997.

Max met Mary Eggleston Perrow, a nurse from Alta-Vista, Virginia, while he was a student at Duke, and they were married by his father at Abernethy Memorial Church, Newton, on September 4, 1956. Their union was blessed by the birth of five children, Max Wade, Jr., on June 14, 1957; Michael Patrick, on July 14, 1958; Mary Kay, on June 8, 1960; James Perrow, on December 10, 1962; and Leeanna, on April 26, 1966. Mary's interest in and appreciation of his work, as well as her care for him through a long illness, demonstrate the character that she brought to their home.

In retirement, Max made his home in Asheboro, where he had a small workshop and continued practicing the skills of a gunsmith, which he had developed early in life. He did excellent work crafting flintlock rifles and reproductions of other early arms. He was quite knowledgeable on the subject, and his advice was sought out by collectors and historians. He had a love of history and was skilled in finding the seemingly forgotten events of an era. Once, during a Bible study, one of the participants asked, "Where in the Bible might I find the story of Jonah?" After pointing out that the story might be found in the book of Jonah, Max commemorated the event by placing lovely silver engravings on his next flintlock production, depicting Jonah going in and coming out of the mouth of the big fish. His sense of humor was superb.

As a minister's son, Max learned about church work at an early age. He knew the *Discipline* of the church and insisted that the churches he served work in that context. Mary commented that "he always wanted to do the right thing, even though it might be at personal expense." He had a grasp of the practical and was quick to point out possible solutions to problems throughout his ministry. His concern for people became evident when he would discuss the happenings in the congregation he was serving at the time.

Through his ministry, Max made a difference in our world. He was a friend to many, including this writer, who remembers him with great appreciation for his life and work.

Edwin Garber Needham



**CHAPTER IV**  
**PASTORS**  
**FROM**  
**HAWKINS CHAPEL CONGREGATION**

*And how shall they preach,  
Except they be sent? As it is written,  
HOW BEAUTIFUL ARE THE FEET  
OF THEM THAT PREACH THE GOSPEL  
OF PEACE, AND BRING GLAD TIDINGS  
OF GOOD THINGS!  
Romans 10:15 (KJV)*

Through the years, Hawkins Chapel is proud  
that four members have emerged from  
its congregation to become pastors.

**Reverend Jesse Leo Pittard**

Following is an interview with Margaret Pittard Hawkins  
as she reflects on her brother, Leo.

Included also is the memoir of Rev. Jesse Leo Pittard  
that appeared in the 1989 Conference Journal  
Western North Carolina Conference  
United Methodist Church.

**Reverend Hyder Ferguson Crawley**

Rev. Hyder Crawley was the second pastor  
to come from this congregation.

Included is his memoir that appeared in the  
1989 Conference Journal  
North Carolina Conference, United Methodist Church.

A brief bio is included of pastors three and four  
from Hawkins Chapel...

**Reverend Arnold Gene Cobb, Jr.**

**Reverend Stanley Arrington Lewis, Jr.**

**Reverend Jesse Leo Pittard**  
November 2, 1912 – May 1, 1988

Jesse Leo Pittard was the first person to become a minister who grew up in the Hawkins Chapel Church. He was the youngest son of Jesse Dudley Pittard and Grace Emma Green Pittard. Brothers Ambrose, Lorenzo, Earl, and Royal were older. However, Leo had three sisters who were younger than all of their brothers. These siblings were Grace, Madeline and Margaret. Margaret affectionately referred to Leo as her “Baby Brother.”

Leo attended Hawkins Chapel School and graduated from Aurelian Springs School, when the completion of only eleven grades was required for graduation. Leo always aspired to becoming a minister; therefore, after high school graduation, he attended High Point College followed by his attending seminary at Duke University.

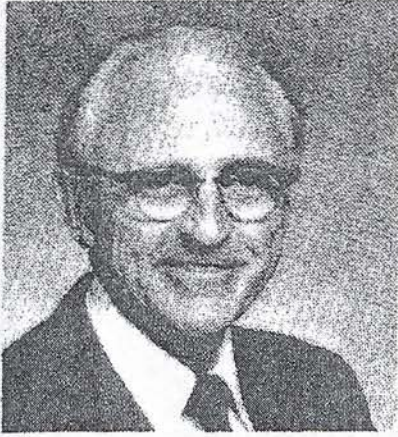
Leo married Margaret Smith, who was from the Winston Salem vicinity. They became the parents of Jerrie Lynn, Michael “Mike” Larry, and Jesse Calvin.

During World War II, Leo served as a chaplain in Alaska. He later joined the Western Conference and served churches in the surrounding areas of Charlotte, Greensboro and Gastonia.

Reverend Jesse Leo Pittard is buried in Winston Salem.

*The information about Reverend Jesse Leo Pittard was provided by his sister, Margaret Pittard Hawkins.*

**JESSE LEO PITTARD**  
November 2, 1912-May 1, 1988



Jesse Leo Pittard combined unusual qualities. He was successful, but I never thought him pretentious. He was insightful, but I seldom discussed intellectual issues with him. He held strong emotions, and I frequently saw him laugh in a contagious way, but I never heard him say a harsh word. He was solely obsessed with God's call through Christ, to whom he was fully devoted, but he was also one who enjoyed cars, sports, and especially his grandchildren. He was an exceptional pastor who focused on reaching the lonely and bereaved and inspiring his congregations, and he felt that those dimensions of the ministry were more important than any other. Most of all, he was beloved by his peers, who gravitated to him, especially during breaks in our conference's schedule. To walk with him was to move through this world with one who was touched by God and through whom the power and grace of

God could be felt.

His humble beginnings belied his promise. He was born on November 2, 1912, in Halifax County, North Carolina, to Jesse Dudley and Gracie Green Pittard. During his youth, he attended Hawkins Chapel Methodist Protestant Church and was its first member to enter the ministry. He earned his A.B. degree from High Point College in 1936 and, four years later in 1940, the B.D. from Duke Divinity School. He was admitted on trial in the North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church in 1934. On November 19, 1938, he was married to Margaret Louise Smith, of Winston-Salem, North Carolina, whom he met in college. While at High Point and Duke, he served student appointments as a member of the Methodist Protestant conference in Chase City, Virginia (1934-35), and at Brown Summit (1935-36) and Moriah (1937-40) churches in the Greensboro, North Carolina, area. Moriah was also his first full-time appointment. He was ordained elder and admitted to full connection at the uniting conference in Greensboro in 1939 and became a member of the Western North Carolina Conference.

During World War II, Leo served as a chaplain with the 153rd Infantry, U.S. Army, on the west coast at Yakutat and Anchorage, Alaska. While in Yakutat, he also served as special services officer. After his discharge in 1945, he served Hoyle Memorial, a new church in Shelby, North Carolina, for six months until conference. During that brief time, he helped the people obtain a suitable lot for the church building and a small parsonage.

His next assignment, 1945-49, was to Ebenezer in Belmont. In 1949, he moved to Faith Church (formerly East End), Gastonia. Construction on a new building had been halted because of the illness of the pastor and a lack of money. Leo was able to persuade a prominent Methodist layman to offer his business as collateral, and then the church was built. In 1952, he was assigned to Commonwealth in Charlotte. Mortgages on existing structures were paid and a new education building erected. By this time, Leo, in addition to being loved and respected by his congregations, had gained a reputation as a "church builder."

His move in 1957 to Centenary Church, Greensboro, was perhaps his biggest challenge. Centenary was to be relocated from the town center, and a lot had already been purchased. Using his gifts of foresight and persuasion, he initiated a change of location to Friendly Avenue, where the impressive buildings now stand.

Memoir for Rev. Jesse Leo Pittard continued:

In 1961, Leo moved to Hickory Grove in Charlotte, where he served as a pastor without the demands of construction. Next, 1963-67, came four years at Abernethy Memorial in Newton. For the next six years, he presented the morning devotions over a Statesville radio station. In 1967, he went to Calvary in Charlotte for ten years. One of the reasons Calvary is now prospering in Charlotte is because he and the church leaders decided not to move from what was a threatening and changing neighborhood. His last assignment, 1977-79, was to First-Puett, Bessemer City.

In 1979, Leo and Margaret retired to Winston-Salem, where they purchased a home. He continued to preach, teach, and serve as volunteer hospital chaplain. He also continued to be active in the Scottish Rite in Charlotte. After a long battle with cancer, he died on May 1, 1988. He is survived by his wife, Margaret; his daughter, Jerrie Lynn Charlesworth (born April 10, 1942); his two sons, Michael L. Pittard (born March 23, 1946) and Jesse C. Pittard (born November 2, 1951); six grandchildren (Marian and James Pittard; Michelle, Eve, and James Charlesworth; and Jonathan Pittard); and three sisters (Grace Inscoe, Madeline Crawley, and Margaret Hawkins).

The funeral service was held at Centenary United Methodist Church, Winston-Salem, with George P. Robinson, Dallas M. Rush, and Newell C. Bush officiating. Interment was in Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church cemetery with Masonic rites and a prayer by J. Silvester Higgins.

Many times, Leo would close a memorial service with these words:

What must it be to step on shore and find it heaven;  
To take hold of a hand and find it God's hand;  
To breathe a new air and find it celestial air;  
To feel invigorated and find it immortality!

James H. Charlesworth

Rev. Jesse Leo Pittard, Conference Journal, Western North Carolina Conference, United Methodist Church, 1989, p. 352-353.

## HYDER FERGUSON CRAWLEY

1914 - 1989



Hyder Ferguson Crawley was born August 13, 1914, to Albert Ellis and Nora Hux Crawley, natives of Halifax County, NC. Hyder was the sixth child born into a family of five sisters and four brothers, two of whom died in early childhood. As a boy he attended the Ebenezer Methodist Church.

His early education was received in the Halifax County schools. Continuing his education in later years, he earned an Associate of Arts degree from Louisburg College, attended the Pastors School at the Duke Divinity School, and completed additional studies through Emory University.

On January 16, 1938, Hyder married Mary Madeline Pittard, daughter of Jessie D. and Grace Green Pittard also of Halifax County. It was in this same county that they lived and worked on their farm providing for themselves and their two children.

During this time, Hyder became very active in the Hawkins Chapel Methodist Church, located just a mile from his home. After serving in several capacities as a layman, he felt called to enter the ministry. In October of 1954, he was issued a local preacher's license. Shortly thereafter, he was given his first appointment. In 1956 he was ordained a deacon and in 1958, an elder. In June of 1960, he was admitted into the NC Methodist Conference on trial, and into full connection in 1962. Hyder always looked upon this accomplishment as a great milestone in his life.

His appointments were Wesley Memorial Charge 1954-1959; Jamesville Charge 1959-1963; Eureka-Yelverton 1963-1968; Kenly: Kenly-Buckhorn 1968-1972; Washington: Asbury 1972-1974; Morehead City: Franklin Memorial 1974-1979; Rainbow 1979-1984. Upon retiring in 1984, he returned to his farm in Halifax County. Although officially retired, he willingly continued to serve as pastor of the Seaboard Charge for an additional year.

During his life he worked as a cook, a farmer, a storekeeper, and a minister. Of all these jobs, the one that brought him the most joy and satisfaction was that of serving the Lord as a Methodist minister. He was never particular about where he was appointed but asked only for a place to serve and preach the gospel of Christ. Although Hyder may have retired from the active ministry, he continued preaching whenever he was needed, even after his health became very fragile. For as long as he was able, he faithfully ministered on a part-time basis to the people at the Guardian Care Nursing Home of Roanoke Rapids, NC.

Memoir for Rev. Hyder Crawley continued:

After several years of declining health, Hyder died on Friday evening, April 14, 1989, in Halifax Memorial Hospital, Roanoke Rapids, NC. Survivors include his wife, Madeline; one son, William J. Crawley of Charlotte, NC; one daughter, Doris C. Hawkins of Wilson, NC; four grandchildren, Donna Lynn C. Melton and William Alan Crawley of Charlotte, NC, Robert Eugene Hawkins of Virginia Beach, VA, and Lois Carol Hawkins of Wilson, NC; one brother, William T. Crawley of Richmond, VA; and four sisters, Jeanette Hatley of Rocky Mount, NC, Madie Dickens of Roanoke Rapids, NC, Nora Chichester of Littleton, NC, and Grace Taylor of Enfield, NC.

Funeral services were held on April 17, 1989, at the Hawkins Chapel UMC. The officiating ministers were the Reverends Dennis Draper, pastor of the church; Bryan Gregory, a minister friend; and Arnold Gene Cobb, Jr., a member of the family. Nephews in the family served as pallbearers and a host of Methodist ministers also served as honorary pallbearers. Both the ministers' presence and their fervent singing with the congregation offered a great source of support and encouragement to the family members. As the church choir sang the words, "...Earth has no sorrow that heaven cannot heal", sorrow gave way to victory. Hyder's joy could be felt by everyone in attendance as his granddaughter's husband sang the words of one of his favorite songs - "...Jerusalem, Jerusalem, lift up your gates and sing. Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna to your King!" In lieu of flowers, memorials were given to Hawkins Chapel and Ebenezer United Methodist Churches. Burial was in the family plot of the church cemetery.

We, the family members, appreciate his example of being obedient to God's call. We gain comfort in knowing that he indeed "fought the good fight, he finished the race, he kept the faith". It seems that we can still hear him say, as he always said to his minister friends, "Keep up the good work"! Although we miss him greatly, we still feel his love and we rejoice in his final victory.

The Crawley Family

Rev. Hyder Ferguson Crawley, Conference Journal, North Carolina Conference United Methodist Church, 1989, p. 261

**Reverend Arnold Gene Cobb, Jr.**

July 9, 1958 –

Reverend Arnold Gene Cobb, Jr., son of Joyce Pittard Cobb and the late Arnold Gene Cobb, Sr., was the third person to become a minister from Hawkins Chapel Church. Thus far, there is a common thread that runs through the first three ministers who have derived from Hawkins Chapel Church. Joyce Pittard's father was Ambrose Pittard, brother of Jesse Leo Pittard, therefore; Leo was a great-uncle of Gene Cobb. Also, Hyder Crawley married Madeline Pittard, sister of Ambrose Pittard; therefore, Hyder was Gene's great-uncle, by marriage.

Gene's siblings are Steven Maddrey Cobb and Laura Ellen Cobb Faulkner. He is married to Brenda King Cobb of Paris, Mississippi. He is the father of John Marlow Cobb, Jefri Ann Cobb, Jordan Rae Cobb, and Tres Newman Cobb. His step-children are Brandi Clark Cobb, Kimberly Paige Massey, Jeffrey Blake Massey, and Lori Anne Massey.

Gene attended the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in religion. While a student at UNC-CH, he was the statistician for the Varsity Basketball team from 1977 through 1979, under the Tarheel's legendary Coach Dean Smith. In 1983, Gene earned a Masters degree from Duke Divinity School. On February 24, 2007, he will become a candidate for the Doctor of Ministry Degree from Hood Theological Seminary, Salisbury, NC.

Rev. Gene Cobb, Jr. has served the following churches:

Durham 2004 –

Louisburg, 1999 – 2004

Winstead: Wilson 1995 – 1999

First/Zion: Mt. Gilead, 1992 – 1995

Christ/Cedar Cliff: Graham, 1990 – 1992

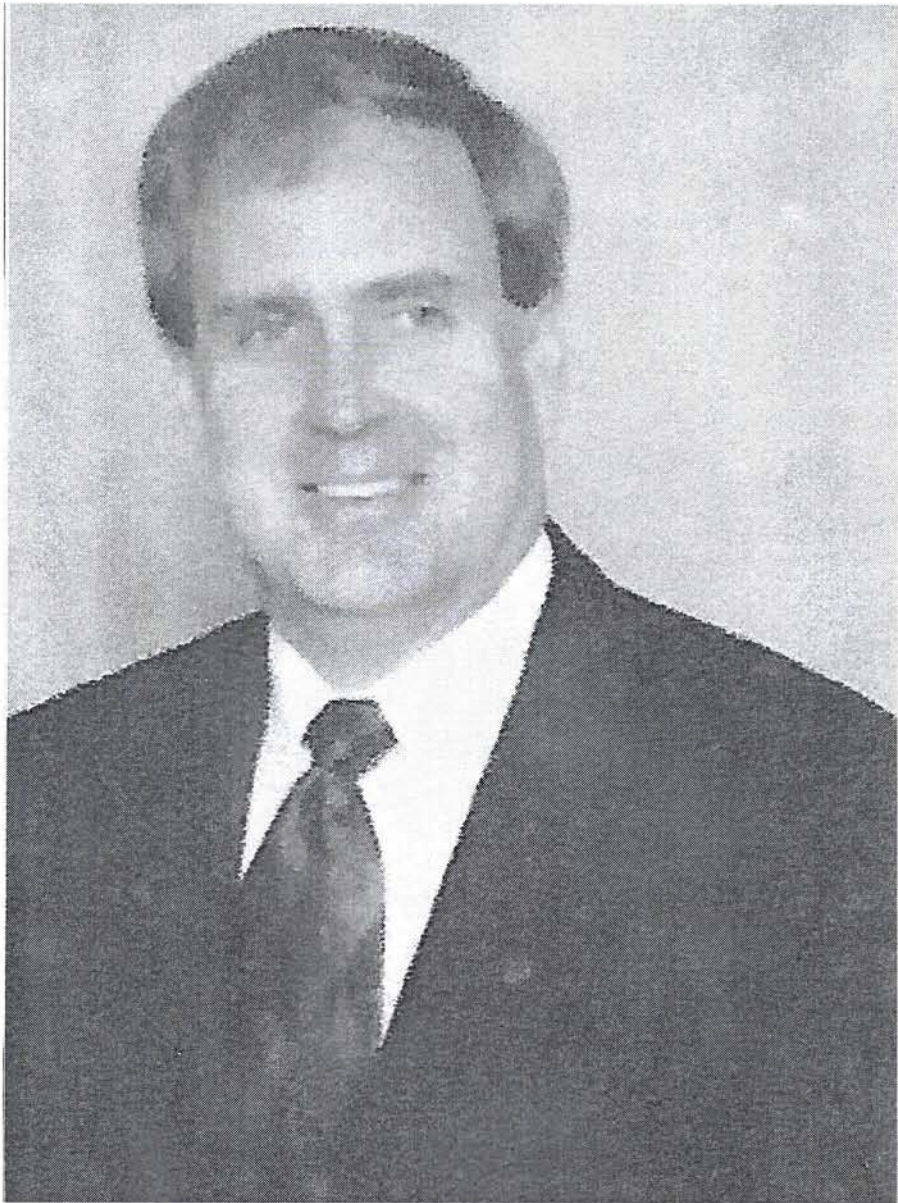
Temperance Hall, Marvin, McKendree, 1987 – 1990

Norlina, 1984 – 1987

Student Pastorates 1979 – 1984

Coin collecting is his hobby of great interest. He also loves to dance with his wife. Rev. Cobb is an active Freemason serving in both local lodges and in the state as Grand Chaplain on a number of occasions.

*Information provided by Rev. Gene Cobb, Jr. Appreciation is extended to his mother, Joyce Pittard Cobb, who was the source of contact.*



Reverend Arnold Gene Cobb, Jr.  
*Photo provided by Rev. Gene Cobb, Jr.  
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**Reverend Stanley Arrington Lewis, Jr.**

February 28, 1964 –

Reverend Stanley Arrington Lewis, Jr. is the fourth minister from Hawkins Chapel Church. Stan is the son of Doris and Stanley Lewis, Sr. He has one sister, Pam.

Stan attended Halifax County Schools: Aurelian Springs Elementary, William R. Davie Middle, and Northwest High School. Following graduation, he attended North Carolina State University where he received a Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Science. He holds a Masters of Divinity from Asbury Theological Seminary, Wilmore, Kentucky.

As teens, Stan and Teresa Smith began dating. They were also attending the same church. In August, 1986, Stan and Teresa were married at Hawkins Chapel United Methodist Church. Teresa is the daughter of Gene and Arlene Shaw Smith. Stan and Teresa have no children.

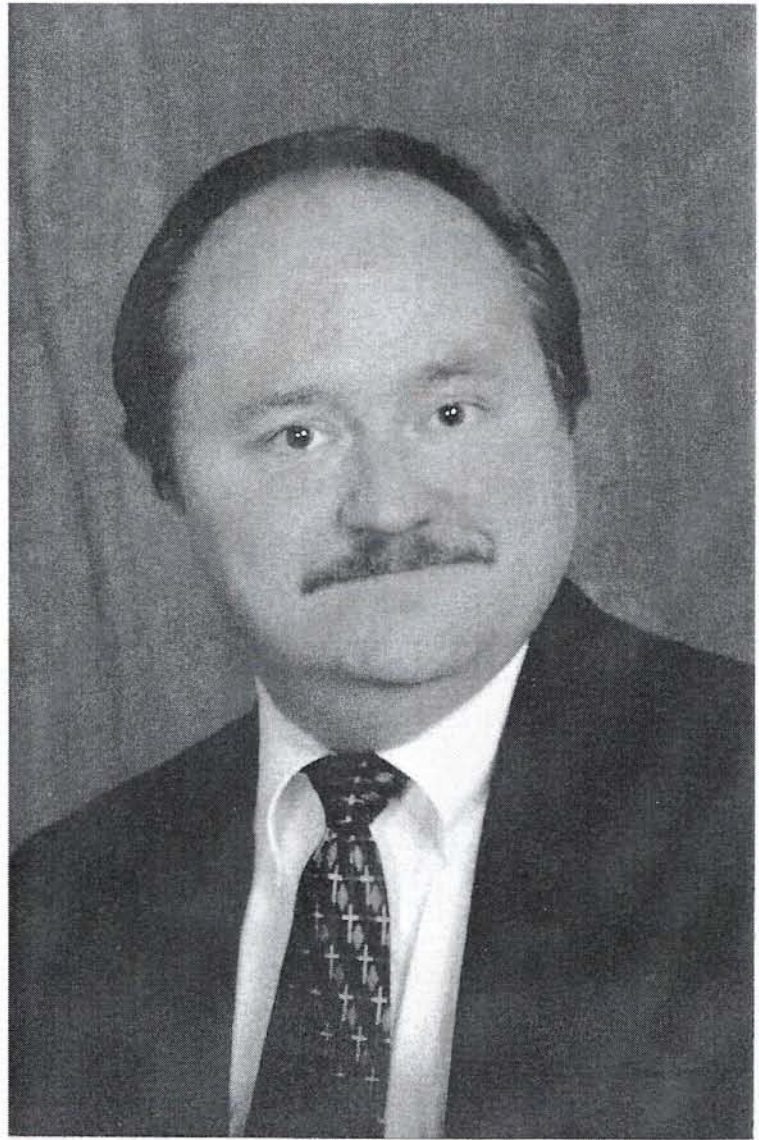
Before entering the ministry, Stan worked with US Air, Lowe's and BB&T Bank. Neither of these filled the niche for Stan Lewis.

Stan has served many churches since becoming a minister. Among those are Center UMC at Snow Camp, Rose Hill UMC, Ebenezer, Pearce's Campground, Halifax United Methodist Church, and Calvary, Corinth and Weaver's Chapel United Methodist Churches.

Stan has many hobbies. Of a special interest is building and flying model airplanes, growing coral and working on lawnmowers. He also built a laser to use for cutting.

Arlene Smith says that her son-in-law likes "to tinker." She lovingly and proudly describes Stan as a smart, well-rounded young man.

*Information about Reverend Stanly Lewis, Jr. was provided by Rev. Lewis, Stan Lewis, Sr. and Arlene Shaw Smith, his mother-in-law.*

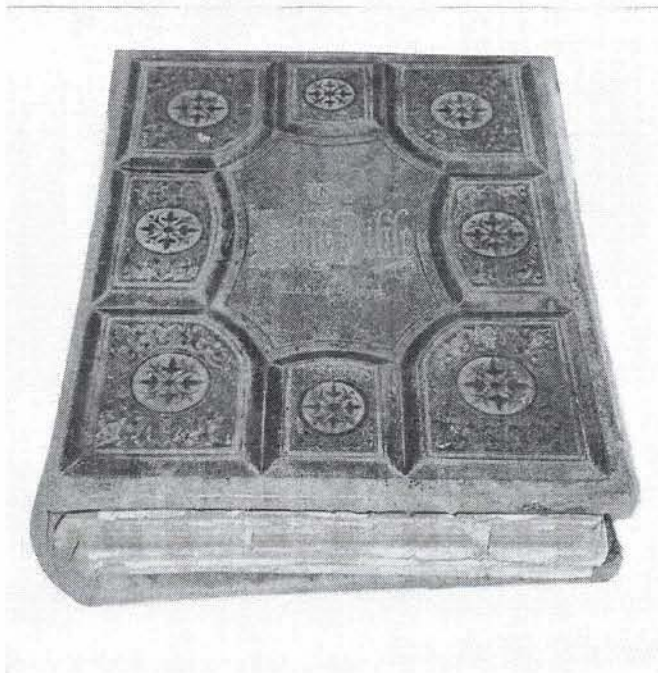


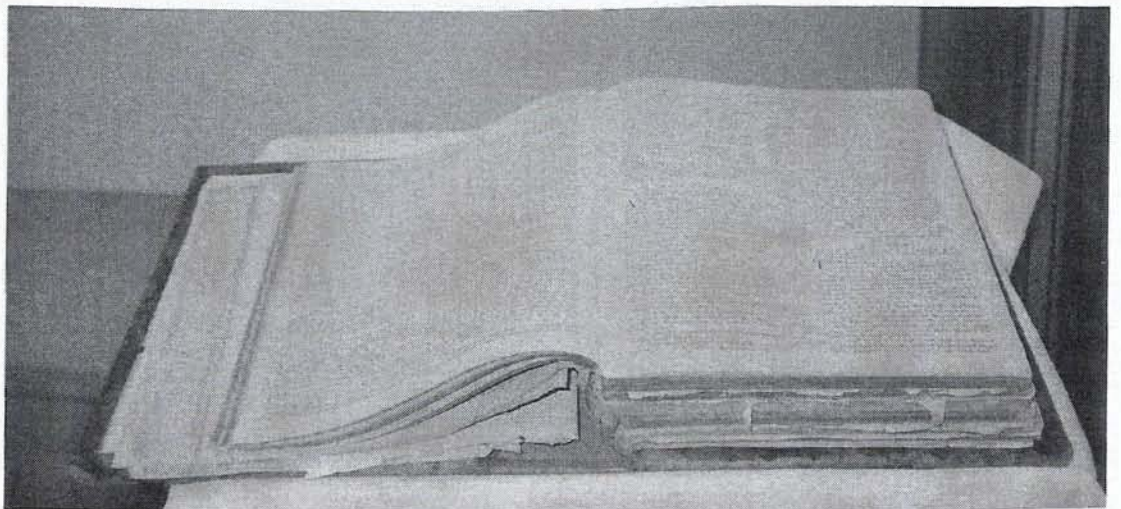
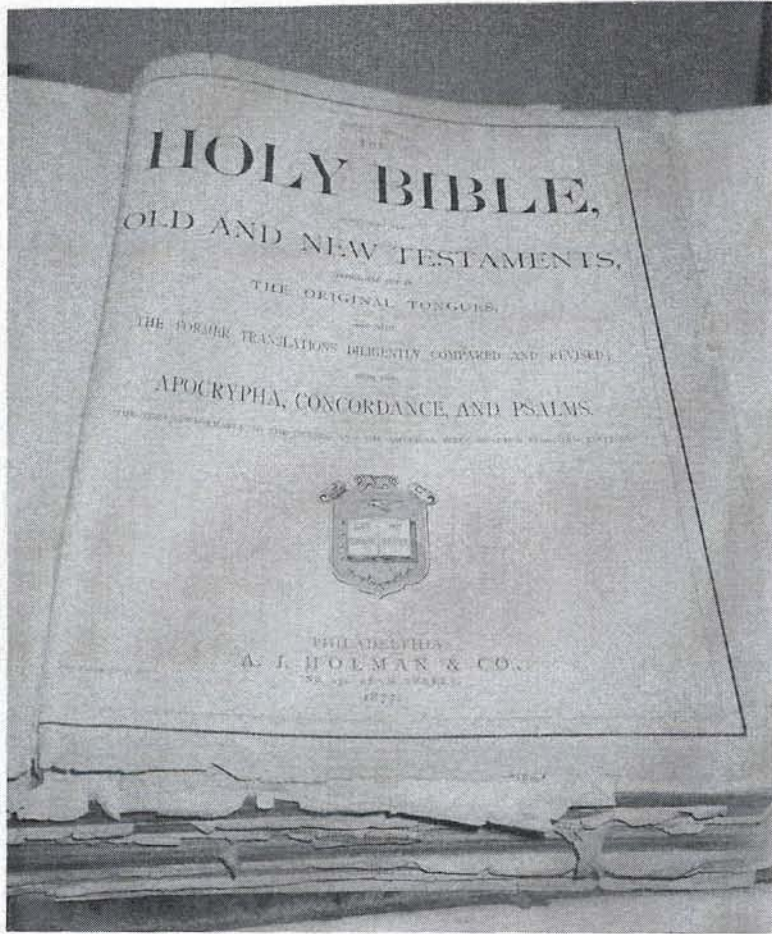
Reverend Stanley Arrington Lewis, Jr.  
*Photo provided by Rev. Stan Lewis*  
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## CHAPTER V

### THE BIBLE ...A Very Special Gift

*But be ye doers of the word,  
And not hearers only, deceiving  
Your own selves.  
James 1:22 (KJV)*





Perhaps the oldest and most fitting gift that can be identified at Hawkins Chapel United Methodist Church is a Bible. This gift was presented to Hawkins Chapel Methodist Protestant Church on May 25<sup>th</sup>, 1877, the year it was published by A. J. Holman & Co., 930 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Written in front of the Bible is the following:

Hawkins Chapel  
M. P. Church  
May 25<sup>th</sup>, 1877

W. H. Wills, Superintendent  
D. L. Fishel, Assistant

Conference Year 1877

May God Bless and Serve the Children.

First Sermon preached from this Bible by the Superintendent of Littleton Circuit May 27<sup>th</sup> 1877

This Bible was given to Hawkins Chapel by the children of the Congregation whose names follow:

John Brewer	W. T. Hawkins
Jas. A. Brewer	A. D. Hawkins
R. W. Brewer	B. S. Hawkins
M. A. Brewer	J. D. Hawkins
A. E. Brewer	Anna Glasgow
L. C. Barnes	Moses Glasgow
L. B. Barnes	L. Glasgow
Fanny B. Barnes	R. K. Hawkins
Vicky King	E. W. Hammill
W. E. Hux	T. J. Hammill
C. F. Hawkins	Wm Pittard
M. J. Shearen	Bernard Pittard
T. I. Pepper	E. A. Pepper
L. Hudson	W. R. Johnston
G. E. Powers	Joseph Aaron
A. D. White	Jno. W. Hale
? ? White	Ida R. Hale

(The following four names were written, vertically, along the right side of the page.)

B. Pittard	J H. Pair	L. E. Hawkins
D. Pittard		Total 38

Note: L. E. Hawkins named on the previous page was identified as Leathy Estelle Hawkins who married Nevelle Faucette. They were the parents of Virginia Mae Griffin, a life-time member of Hawkins Chapel Church, who is now 94 years of age.

The following hand-written notes were placed in front of the Hawkins Chapel Bible. It appears that they were used in preparation for a sermon.

Isaiah 3: 10, 11     Say ye to the righteous  
that it shall be well with him for they shall eat  
the fruit of their doings: - Wo unto the wicked  
it shall be ill with him for the reward of his

hands shall be given him

the righteous are these persons

1. Who fears God
2. Repents from evil
3. Walks according to the testimony of God
4. And expects & prepared for a glorious  
immortality.

Wo unto the     Wicked

The wicked are those

Who are 1<sup>st</sup> Evil in his heart

Evil in his purposes

Evil in his life

As he is wicked he does that which  
is wicked. – Influenced by the  
wicked one of whom he is a servant  
& the son It shall be ill with  
him = of him you can speak  
no good – To him no good –  
all is evil in him. Before him,  
after him – around about him,  
below him = Evil in time –  
Evil through eternity.

The Bible says:

“The reward of his hands

What he has deserved he shall get

-He shall be paid that for which

He has labored = cursed in time

& accursed through eternity”

- But the righteous =

It shall be well with him \*

- 1<sup>st</sup> in prosperity – shall prosper what ever he doeth
- 2 in adversity – I will never leave thee nor forsake thee
- 3 in sickness
- 4 in health

5 in death -     ? troubles

6 in judgement – He that is not ashamed of me before men

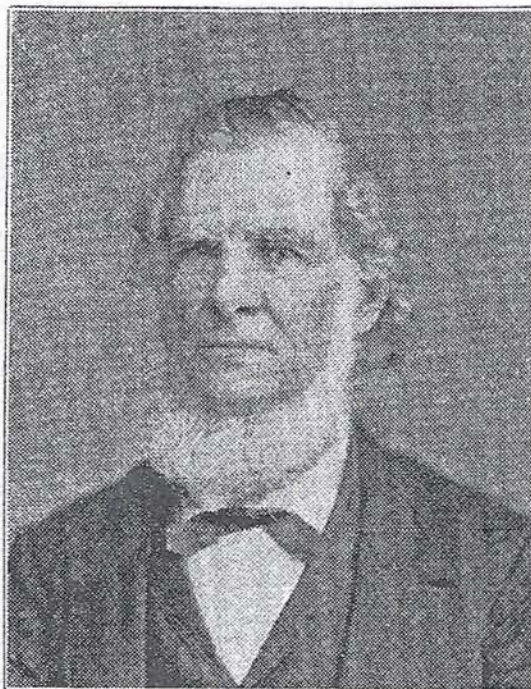
7 through eternity

In every case, occurrence, &  
circumstance. He shall eat the  
fruit of his doings =

Rev. William Henry Wills, Superintendent of Littleton Circuit, preached the first sermon using this gift Bible on May 27, 1877. Rev. Richard Henry Wills, the oldest son of Rev. W. H. Wills, also preached at Hawkins chapel in the early years of the church. Following is the character sketch for Rev. William Henry Wills, Conference Journal, Methodist Protestant Church, pp. 71-73, 1914:

1914]

METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH



REV. W. H. WILLS

WILLIAM HENRY WILLS

William Henry Wills, one of the pioneers in the Methodist Protestant Church and for fifty-eight years a minister in the North Carolina Conference, was born August 4, 1809, in Tarboro, Edgecombe County. His father, a prosperous merchant of Tarboro, died suddenly in 1817, leaving his wife and William, the only child. Being defrauded of her inheritance, she was left to maintain herself and her son by her own efforts. The mother and son were finally taken into the family of Spencer D. Collins, a near kinsman and a well-to-do business man of Tarboro, who gave them a home and the son a practical business training. This was so thorough that through his life he ordered his affairs with an exactness and a system that marked him as a man of rare efficiency.



## Character sketch for Rev. William Henry Wills continued:

He was, in 1830, converted at a revival meeting, and joined the Methodist Protestant Church at Whitaker's Chapel, Halifax County. On the 18th of April, 1831, he was licensed to preach. He preached his first sermon May 22, 1831, in the "Old Hebron Church," Edgecombe County. During the latter part of this year, all of 1832 and 1833, and until October 1, 1834, he was actively engaged in preaching.

On May 13, 1835, he married Anna Maria Baker, the oldest daughter of Dr. Cary Whitaker, of Halifax County.

In 1842, largely with the fees he received for administering the Cotten Estate, he purchased about a thousand acres of land in the neighborhood of Brinkleyville, Halifax County, where he made his home with his family during the rest of his life. Here he and his wife reared their nine children—three sons and six daughters. The oldest son, Richard Henry, followed his father's steps into the Methodist Protestant ministry, and preached in the North Carolina Conference from his twentieth year until his death in his fifty-sixth year. The latter's son, J. Norman Wills, a layman of Greensboro, maintains the standard of the two preceding generations in his high-toned Christian life and his devoted service in the Methodist Protestant Church.

Although it was not until the conference of 1844 that William H. Wills definitely entered the itinerant ministry, he had been actively identified with the church and its work since preaching his first sermon. He was secretary of the annual conference of 1832; and a lay delegate and secretary to that of 1833, where he was elected deacon and ordained. During the years 1832-1844 he was a part of the time in charge of circuits, a part of the time listed as an "unstationed minister." From 1844, however, until his death he was actively preaching, except during a few scattering years when ill-health prevented him from doing so. His services to his church were in every field. Besides being secretary of the annual conferences of 1832 and 1833, he was also secretary of that of 1853, and president during 1849, 1850, 1860, 1869, and 1870. He was elected president for 1851 and 1861; but, on account of ill-health, he resigned without serving. He represented the North Carolina Annual Conference in the General Conference which met in Cincinnati in 1846; in Baltimore in 1850; in Steubenville, Ohio, in 1854; in Lynchburg, Va., in 1858; in Georgetown, D. C., in 1866; in Baltimore in 1870; and in Pittsburgh in 1880. He was secretary of the conference in Steubenville, and was elected secretary of that in Lynchburg. Illness, however, prevented his serving the latter. He was president of the conference in Georgetown, and in this capacity the spokesman for the body when it was received by the President of the United States. His address to the President on this occasion, though brief, was noteworthy for its clear and incisive style and dignity of tone.

### Character sketch for Rev. William Henry Wills continued:

In 1867 Mr. Wills was a delegate to a convention of the Methodist Protestant Church which met in Montgomery, Ala., to consider a proposed union with the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and was a member of the special commission which was to arrange, if possible, with a similar commission from the other side, the terms of the union. In 1877 he was a member of the Convention in Baltimore which brought together the two branches into which the Methodist Protestant church had been divided before the Civil War by the "slavery question."

Here, again, he was one of the commission to arrange the terms of reunion. His relation to this movement showed him in one of his most striking traits of character—his readiness to efface himself in the interest of his church. Personally he was opposed to this reunion. When, however, he found that a large majority of both wings favored the reunion, he withdrew his objections and labored to bring together the two branches upon terms that would secure the best results.

His service to the North Carolina Conference during the first fifty years of the Methodist Protestant Church was invaluable.

## CHAPTER VI

# GIFTS PRESENTED TO HAWKINS CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

*Every good gift and every  
perfect gift is from above, and cometh  
down from the Father of lights,  
with whom is no variableness,  
neither shadow of turning.  
James 1:17 (KJV)*

*A gift is as a precious stone  
in the eyes of him that hath it;  
whithersoever it turneth, it prospereth.  
Proverbs 17:8 (KJV)*

Through the years, the members and friends of Hawkins Chapel United Methodist Church have been very generous in their offering of gifts. The contributions from benevolent individuals and groups have been many. It is not the intent to omit any tokens presented to the church through the many years of service; however, unfortunately, records are sometimes lost or destroyed. It is also known that, with use, items frequently become worn out or broken, outdated, or simply need to be replaced. The main objective for including gifts was to create awareness of names associated with Hawkins Chapel, particularly the earlier years.

Gifts of land are excluded from this chapter. Those gifts are included, with deeds and plats, in a separate portion of this history.

On the following pages, gifts that have been identified and/or recorded through the years are listed.

## Stained Glass Memorial Windows

Hawkins Chapel's remodeled sanctuary was dedicated in April, 1973 with Rev. Willie Evans as pastor. This improvement project included replacing the pebble-textured, colorless glass, double-hung windows with stained glass memorial windows. These vibrant hued windows, in sequence, so aptly depict the life of Christ. Included, in parenthesis, is the name(s) of the giver; however, this is not indicated on the windows.

*The following two windows are located in the vestibule:*

**Shell with Dripping Water** - This window signifies the sacrament Baptism.

Roger A. Hux, 1906 – 1964

(Given by Lorena Hawkins)

**Chalice Entwined with Grapes** - This window depicts the Eucharist or Holy Communion.

Zeb. V. Hawkins, 1881 – 1966

(Given by Bertie Hawkins, Willis and Lorena Hawkins)

*The following eight windows are located in the sanctuary:*

### **The Nativity**

George Green, 1878-1931 and Tennie C. Green, 1881-1948

(Given by their children: Lonnie Green, Cloy Green Thompson, and Eunice Green Hawkins)

### **Christ in The Temple**

George W. Pittard, 1929 – 1966

(Given by Inez Green Pittard Woodruff)

### **The Baptism**

Jack E. Hawkins, 1882-1952 and Eugenia H. Hawkins, 1881 – 1963

(Given by Esther H. Arrington)

### **The Sermon on The Mount**

Edward D. Hawkins, Sr., 1907-1997 and Maidie K. Hawkins, 1910-1965

(Given by Edward D. Hawkins)

### **Feeding The Thousands**

Robert Vincent, 1889-1978 and Sue Bet Vincent, 1896-1957

(Given by Their Children: Doris Vincent, Marjorie Pegram, Virginia Lancaster and Beth Dubberly)

**The Last Supper**

Baldy Green, 1889-1951 and Lily S. Green, 1894-1963  
(Given by their children: Dorothy Green Hockaday, Mary Green Jones, and William "Bill" Baldy Green)

**The Crucifixion**

Melvin E. Green, 1937-1961,  
(Given by Lonnie & Helen Green)

**The Ascension**

Ezra Pair, 1880-1964 and Hilda H. Pair, 1885-1974  
(Given by Hilda H. Pair)

At a service on October 16, 1983, the newly added Education Wing was dedicated. The following two stained-glass windows are in the corridor:

**The Good Shepherd**

George E. Arrington, 1916 – 1975  
(Given by Esther H. Arrington)

**Christ Knocking**

Sanford Gene Hawkins, 1938 – 1975  
(Given by Doris Anne Crawley Hawkins, Robert Eugene Hawkins and Lois Carol Hawkins (Wiley))

**Church Pews:**

Twenty new hardwood pews replaced the older pews during the 1973 remodeling.

Given by W.S.C.S. 1967

In honor and memory of Jessie and Grace G. Pittard Given by The H. F. Crawley Family

In memory of Shirley B. Fowler 1892 – 1964 Given by Mrs. Grace Fowler

In memory of Richard and Virginia G. Hawkins Given by Children

Given by The George L. Thompson Family

In memory of Newell Elmo Faucette Given by Walter and Marjorie Mosley and Fannie F. Nethery

In memory of Frank W. and Mollie P. King Given by Nick and Ola Mae Mustian

In memory of Robert Edward Green 1871-1917 and Frances H. Green 1872-1939

In memory of Baldy and Lily S. Green Given by William B. Green and Family

Church pews continued:

In memory and honor of Rev. and Mrs. J. B. O'Briant

In honor of Lonnie B. and Helen F. Green Given by Glendora, Henry and Barbara Green

In memory of Lethia H. Faucette 1875 – 1947 Given by The Griffin Family

Given by Gene and Joyce Cobb and Family

In memory of Charlie, Eudora P. and Ethel Hawkins And Sanford Hawkins  
Given by Clarence and Beatrice Hawkins

In memory of Zollie and Zeb Hawkins Given by Bertie Hawkins and children

Given by Van J. Hawkins Family

In memory of Joe and Lula P. Shaw Given by Marjorie Shaw and Sadie S. King

Given by L. Wilber Hyde Family

Given by Ambrose & Elsie & Family

J. H., Mary G, and Forrest S. Hawkins Given by James and Frank Pearce

**Additional Gifts to Hawkins Chapel United Methodist Church**

**Altar Candelabra**

Given in memory of Sue Bet Overstreet Vincent, 1896-1957  
By The Women's Society of Christian Service, now known as the United Methodist Women

**Baptismal Font**

In memory of Susan Ellen Hockaday, 1961 – 1967 Given by Dr. & Mrs. W. S. Jones

**Brass Offering Plates**

Given by Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Pittard (Elsie) And Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Hawkins (Lorena)

**Brass Offering Plates**

In Memory of Luther Aycock By Grandchildren and Great-Grandchildren

**Brass Offering Plates**

In Loving Memory Of Our Parents Van and Eunice Hawkins  
Given by Their Children April, 1996

**Brass Communion Set**

In Loving Memory of Rev. Jesse Leo Pittard By His Wife and Children

**Bricked Church Sign**

Special Dedication Service on October 16, 1988

Given in Honor of Janice H. Pittard and

In Memory of Edward D. Hawkins, Jr. and Nita T. Hawkins

Given by Edward D. Hawkins, Sr.

**Chair Cushions**

Given to Class #1 In Memory of Mrs. Strickland, by her daughter, in 1989

**Chair Cushions**

Given to Class #2 by Esther Arrington in 1987

**Coat Rack**

In Memory Of Leonard L. (Leroy) Hawkins, 1921-1981

Given by Miles Thomas, Benny Lynch, Carlton Butler, Ralph Bickie, John Gebbie,  
and Ronnie Walker

**Coat/Hat Rack Stands (two)**

In Memory Of Fitzhugh L. (Lee) Hawkins 1891 – 1980 By Class #2 Bible Class

**Communion Table Cloths**

Given by Elsie Pittard in 1991

**Draperies**

Given by Sunday School Classes in 1990

**Flags and Flag Stands:****United Methodist Flag and Stand**

To The Glory of God And in Memory of John H. Joyner, Teacher, 1920-1985

Given by Class #1 (John Joyner Class)

**American Flag and Stand**

Given in Honor of Edward D. Hawkins, Sr., On his 82<sup>nd</sup> Birthday, Oct. 28, 1989

By Class # 2 Bible Class,

Friends and Members of Hawkins Chapel United Methodist Church

**Flood Light**

An automatic sensor light was placed above the Sunday School room door by Lorena Hawkins and Elsie Pittard in 1990.

**Footed Brass Flower Holder**

In Honor of Elsie H. Pittard In Memory of J. A. Pittard  
Given by George and Jackie Norman 8 – 03

**Framed Oil Painting Aerial View of Hawkins Chapel United Methodist Church**

Given by Esther H. Arrington, 4-3-88

**Framed Blueprint of Cemetery Plots**

Given By Lonnie B. Green, 1986

**Framed Photo Taken from Mount of Olives**

In Memory of E. M. and Verna Rhiner

**Memorial Vases**

In Memory of Mollie Pittard King 1880–1954 (Known as Mrs. Frank King)  
By Ola Mae King Mustian, Daughter

**Memorial Cross**

In Memory of Evelyn Hawkins Crawley 1915 – 1959  
By Women's Society of Christian Service

**Organ**

In Memory of Arthur Lee Glasgow, Sept. 13, 1883 – July 25, 1960  
Given By The Glasgow Estate

**Organ**

In Loving Memory Of Hyder Ferguson Crawley, August 13, 1914–April 14, 1989  
Given By Family and Friends To The Glory Of God

**Piano**

Given by donations from members and friends

**United Methodist Hymnals (100)**

Given in honor or memory of loved ones by members and friends of Hawkins Chapel  
United Methodist Church

These hymnals were first used and dedicated to the glory of God at Homecoming in  
1989.

**Holy Bibles, New Revised Standard Version**

**The Cokesbury Worship Hymnals**

**The Faith We Sing, Pew Edition**

Multiple copies of each of the above given in honor or memory of loved ones by  
members and friends of Hawkins Chapel United Methodist Church



**Shelter**

Lonnie Green and Clarence Hawkins, with the help of others, built a shelter over the stew pot and tables.

**Tables**

Louis Hawkins constructed the tables located beneath the church shelter, for use in cooking and serving stews, homecoming and other activities.

**Wrought Iron Stew Pot**

Donated by the Baldy Green Family

The pot was bricked in, with a flue, by Rufus Hux

**Pictures and Plaques of Ministers From Hawkins Chapel:**

**Reverend Jesse Leo Pittard**, First Minister from Hawkins Chapel Church

November 2, 1912 – May 1, 1988

Given by Sisters – Grace P. Inscoe, Madeline P. Crawley, Margaret P. Hawkins

**Reverend Hyder F. Crawley**, Second Minister from Hawkins Chapel Church

August 13, 1914 – April 14, 1989

Given by His Family

**Reverend A. Gene Cobb, Jr.**, Third Minister From Hawkins Chapel Church

July 9, 1958 –

Given by Joyce Cobb

**Reverend Stanley Lewis, Jr.**, Fourth Minister From Hawkins Chapel Church

February 28, 1964 –

Given by Arlene Shaw Smith and Family

### **Four Honor Plaques**

These plaques display multiple engraved plates to denote names of persons who are honored or memorialized through contributions of at least \$25. The names, as they appear on the plaques, are listed below. Some plates contain more than one name.

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**Hawkins Chapel United Methodist  
This Plaque Is Presented  
In Honor Of  
Lonnie B. Green  
1992**

**Given by Esther Arrington and Lorena Hawkins**

The following names are etched on small brass plates on this plaque:

In Memory of Rev. Hyder F. Crawley, 8-13-1914 - 4-14-1989, 2<sup>nd</sup> Minister

In Honor of Madeline P. Crawley, 1992

In Memory of Maidie K. Hawkins, 7-16-1910 - 6-26-1965

In Memory of Edward D. Hawkins, Jr., 7-18-1939 - 3-7-1981

In Memory of Nita T. Hawkins, 12-21-1902 - 5-21-1987

In Honor of Janice H. Pittard, 1992

In Honor of Vernon R. & Deborah M. Pittard, 1992

In Memory of Wm. Wyatt Hawkins, Jr., 8-9-1884 - 12-27-1955

In Memory of Susan H. Hawkins, 7-17-1851 - 1-10-1929

In Memory of Jack E. Hawkins, 1882-1952 & Eugenia H. Hawkins, 1881-1963

In Memory of George E. Arrington, 7-9-1916 - 5-27-1975

In Honor of Esther H. Arrington, 1992

In Memory of Eunice G. Hawkins, 1921-1991

In Memory of G. Herbert Harris, 1900-1979

In Memory of Myrtle G. Harris, 1898-1978

Lonnie B. Green Plaque continued:

In Memory of Zollie Hawkins, 1884-1923 & Bertie H. Hawkins, 1886-1975

In Memory of Zeb Vance Hawkins, 1881-1966

In Memory of Curtis Porter, 1898-1960 & Irma H. Porter, 1910-1974

In Memory of Willis E. Hawkins, 1919-1988

In Honor of Lorena H. Hawkins, 1992

In Memory of Mark A. Morgan, 5-1-62 - 6-7-90

In Memory of A. Clifton Hawkins, 12-14-1906 - 10-28-1990 &  
Mamie S. Hawkins, 2-23-1907 - 1-7-1977

In Memory of Fitzhugh L. Hawkins, 3-2-1891 - 2-8-1980 &  
Annie P. Hawkins, 10-5-1895 - 10-12-1971

In Memory of Leonard L. Hawkins, 10-14-1921 - 7-15-1981

In Memory of Robert Vincent, 1889-1978 & Sue Bet O. Vincent, 1896-1957

In Memory of Helen F. Green, 5-12-17 - 12-7-87

In Memory of Melvin E. Green, 2-15-37 - 4-17-61

In Memory of George C. Green, 10-17-1878 - 4-24-31

In Memory of Tennie C. Green, 10-12-1881 - 12-30-48

In Memory of Andrew D. Pittard, 9-24-1881 - 2-17-1947 &  
Rosezettie G. Pittard, 5-1-1984 - 12-6-1969

In Memory of David F. Pittard, 10-3-24 - 6-26-1969

In Memory of Albert J. Pittard, 5-6-1935 - 12-7-1958

In Memory of Jack C. Alston, 9-23-1913 - 8-21-1975

In Memory of Stella Mae A. Hawkins, 3-10-1928 - 10-20-1948

In Memory of Ezra B. Pair, 8-12-80 - 11-14-64 & Hilda H. Pair, 6-7-85 - 5-30-74

Lonnie B. Green Plaque continued:

In Memory of James M. Hawkins, 11-19-1820 - 9-3-1921

In Memory of R. Roger Hawkins, 1888-1972 & Nora C. Hawkins, 1891-1981

In Memory of Philip A. Hawkins, 9-9-1889 - 3-1-1975 &  
Vergie M. Hawkins, 10-19-1893 - 9-7-1966

In Memory of M. Perkins Crawley, Jr., 1-22-1915 - 9-9-1972 &  
Evelyn H. Crawley, 12-15-1915 - 2-8-1959

In Memory of Rev. H. S. B. Thompson, 2-29-68 - 11-19-49

In Honor of George L. Thompson, Sr., 12-13-06

In Honor of Cloy G. Thompson, 11-21-09

In Memory of John H. Joyner, 4-5-1920 - 10-11-1985

In Memory of Willie C. Hawkins, October 28, 1901 – January 1, 1973 &  
Ethel W. Hawkins, October 24, 1903 – August 21, 1971

In Memory of Tommy B. Hawkins, 10-5-1894 - 3-28-1979

In Memory of Myrtie K. Hawkins, 12-15-1903 - 7-28-1976

In Memory of J. Ambrose Pittard, 8-14-1899 - 4-28-1988

In Honor of Elsie H. Pittard, 1992

In Honor of Janie Faucette Hale, 1992

In Memory of Joe B. Hale, 11-27-1896 - 1-21-1970

In Memory of Walter L. Moseley, 2-28-1925 - 4-2-1990

In Memory of Woodrow W. Shaw, 12-27-1912 - 11-10-1990

In Honor of Elizabeth H. Shaw, 1992

In Honor of Lonnie B. Green, By Daughter, 1992

In Honor of Edward D. Hawkins, Sr., 1992

In Honor of Clarence & Beatrice H. Hawkins, 1992

Lonnie B. Green Plaque continued:

In Memory of Mae Belle H. Hawkins, 12-25-1906 - 8-3-1991

In Honor of Van J. Hawkins, Sr., 1992

In Honor of Doris C. Hawkins, 1992

In Honor of Margaret P. Hawkins, 1992

In Memory of Jesse D. Pittard, 1876-1969 & Grace G. Pittard, 1877-1962

In Memory of Johnny B. Griffin, 9-14-1910 - 9-3-1990

In Memory of Confucius "Fushi" Hawkins, 1864-1951 &  
Ella K. Hawkins, 1876-1960

In Memory of John L. Smith, Aug. 19, 1904 – Nov. 15, 1974 &  
Ila K. Smith, Oct. 1, 1905 – Feb. 12, 1989

In Memory of Hubert J. Hawkins, Sept. 28, 1917 – July 31, 1987 &  
Nettie Mae D. Hawkins, Sept. 27, 1919 – April 8, 1974

In Memory of Brenda F. Shaw, 9-18-1954 - 9-10-1986

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**Given to  
Hawkins Chapel United Methodist Church  
In Memory of  
Edward D. Hawkins, Sr.  
Given By The  
Adult Bible Class  
1998**

The following names appear on this plaque:

In Honor of Rev. James D. Pearson and June A. Pearson, 2000

In Honor of Rev. Joe Gouverneur, Erica and Family, 2003

In Honor of Rev. Stanley Lewis, Jr., 2006

In Honor of Rev. Bob and Penney Rose, 2003

In Honor of Rev. W. (Chris) Aydlett, Jr., Angie, Rachel & Benjamin, 1998

In Honor of Vernon & Janice Pittard, 2000

In Honor of Mike & Jean W. Pittard, 2000

In Honor of Gregory Allen Pittard, 2000

In Honor of Eric Douglas Pittard, 2000

In Honor of Virginia F. Griffin, Birthdate: May 31, 1912

In Memory of Edward D. Hawkins, Sr., 10-28-1907 to 12-15-1997

In Memory of Clarence Hawkins, 11-3-1906 - 6-2-1998 &  
Beatrice Hawkins, 5-21-1921 - 3-31-1999

In Memory of Thomas G. Crawley, August 6-1932 - January 28, 2000

In Memory of Fannie F. Nethery, 3-19-1907 - 1-30-2000

In Memory of G. L. Thompson, Jr., 10-4-1931 - 1-8-2004

Edward D. Hawkins Plaque continued:

In Memory of Inez Green P. Woodruff, 8-3-32 - 2-7-04

In Memory of Agnes H. Joyner, Oct. 1, 1924 - July 1, 2006

In Memory of Virginia Pittard Elias, July 2, 1919 - October 24, 2006

In Memory of Arnold Benjamin Griffin, November 29, 1935 - April 15, 1992

In Memory of Marion "Teeny" H. Hawkins, 9-16-1925 - 5-1-2007

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**This Plaque Is Being Presented To  
Acknowledge the Contributions  
To the  
Pew Cushion Fund By The Faithful Members  
And Friends Of  
Hawkins Chapel Church**

The following names are inscribed on the individual brass plates:

Given In Honor of Mr. Van J. Hawkins, Sr. And In Memory of Mrs. Eunice G. Hawkins  
By Shorty & Miranda Parrish

Given In Memory of George L. Thompson, Sr.  
By D. S. & Vivian T. Browder, Donna B. Conwell,  
Keith & Patsy Browder

Given In Memory of Clifton & Mamie Hawkins And Johnnie & Ila Smith  
By Wade & Ann Smith

Given In Honor of Mr. Van J. Hawkins, Sr. And In Memory of Mrs. Eunice G. Hawkins  
By Vicky H. Lucas

Given In Honor of Edward D. Hawkins By Adult Bible Class

Given In Memory of R. Roger & Nora C. Hawkins By Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Hawkins

Given In Honor of Jessie & Bessie Shaw By Edward B. & Kathy S. Liles

Given In Memory of Mattie Mae Pittard & Annie Pittman By Susan Hawkins

Given In Memory of Herbert & Myrtle G. Harris By Bettie H. Rudd

Given In Honor of Louis & Julia Hawkins By Linda Hawkins

Given In Memory of Gene Cobb, Sr. By Joyce Cobb

Given By Mr. Ed. Kerr

Given By James Kerr

Given By Dorothy Hockaday

Given By Dock Pittard



Pew Cushion Fund continued:

Given By Esther Arrington

Given By Jackie & George Norman

Given By Charlotte Crawley

Given By Louis & Julia Hawkins

Given By Oldin W. & Catherine C. Hux

Given By The United Methodist Women

Given By Agnes Joyner, Margie Moseley, Leila Pittard, and Hattie Alston

Given By Janice Pittard, Chris Aydlett, Bradford Wrenn, Lee Peterson

Given By Lorena Hawkins, Brian & Shirley Morgan, and David & Faye Pepper

Given By Hyder Crawley

(Note at bottom of this plaque)

**The Pew Cushions and Altar Pads were  
Purchased by the Carpet Committee In The  
Fall of 1994, New Carpet Was Purchased Earlier  
In the Year. Serving on the Carpet Committee Were:  
Esther Arrington, Keith Browder, Linda Hawkins,  
Joan Kerr & Dock Pittard**

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**Given To  
Hawkins Chapel Church  
In Honor and Memory Of The  
Building Committee of 1976  
Edward D. Hawkins      John H. Joyner  
Joseph R. Hawkins      Lorena H. Hawkins  
Joyce P. Cobb  
1992  
Given by Lorena Hawkins and Edward Hawkins**

The following names are engraved on the brass plates exhibited on this plaque:

In Memory of Baldy Green, 1889-1951 & Lily S. Green, 1894-1963

In Memory of Luther D. Aycock, 12-12-1894 – 10-21-1973 &  
Pearl Aycock, 5-11-1899 - 11-13-1992

In Memory of Burnette Morgan 10-21-1904 - 1-18-1986 &  
Bertha W. Morgan 6-5-1907 - 5-31-1988

In Memory of Margaret H. Pearce 5-14-1904 - 10-4-1973

In Honor of Keith E. Browder, Sr. and Patsy L. Browder, 1992

In Honor of Robert H. & Joy H. Harvell, 1993

In Honor of William C. & Bettie H. Rudd, 1993

In Honor of David B. & Faye H. Pepper, 1993

In Honor of Burnette B. & Shirley H. Morgan, 1993

In Honor of Clarice J. Pearce, 1993

In Honor of Joseph R. Hawkins, 1993

In Honor of Eddie & Ann A. Godsey, 1993

In Honor of James (Ed) & Charlotte P. Kerr, 1993

In Honor of Hattie P. Alston, 1993

Building Committee Plaque continued:

In Honor of Elizabeth H. Lucas, 1993

In Honor of Edward B. & Kathy S. Liles, 1993

In Honor of Jessie & Bessie H. Shaw, 1993

In Honor of Inez G. P. Woodruff, 1993

In Honor of Thomas G. (Tom) Crawley & Charlotte E. Crawley, 1993

In Honor of Charlie J. Elias & Virginia P. Elias, 1993

In Honor of Oldin W. & Catherine C. Hux, 1993

In Memory of Josephine H. Sexton, 6-14-1908 - 4-27-1991

In Honor of Ann H. Smith, 1993

In Honor of Clyde V. Hawkins, 1993

In Honor of Rev. H. Dennis Draper, Jr. & Kathy P. Draper, 1993

In Honor of Agnes H. Joyner, 1993

In Memory of Mary Ida Shearin, 10-9-1875 - 1-1-1970

In Memory of Thomas J. Carpenter, 12-23-1891 - 5-8-1974 &  
Nettie H. Carpenter, 3-23-1902 - 7-30-1975

In Honor of Larry F. Hawkins, 1994

In Memory of Nellie H. Johnson Byerly, 4-3-1925 - 11-27-94

In Memory of William Bradley (W.B.) Hux, 7-24-1935 - 4-16-1995  
Son of Rufus B. & Sarah Hux

In Memory of Sarah P. Hux, 5-31-1919 - 8-29-1988

In Honor of Rufus B. Hux, 1992

In Memory of Irvin G. Hawkins, 3-14-1910 - 8-12-1982 &  
Susie H. Hawkins, 12-23-1914 - 6-16-1995

Building Committee Plaque continued:

In Memory of Jim Davis Hawkins, 7-15-1876 - 2-11-1960 &  
Carrie H. Hawkins, 12-3-1902 - 11-15-1971

In Memory of Van J. Hawkins, Sr., 3-5-1923 - 7-14-1995

In Memory of Rev. Jesse Leo Pittard, 11-2-1912 - 5-1-1988, First Minister

In Memory of James Edward "Ed" Kerr, 4-16-1931 - 1-27-1995

In Memory of James Alvah Hawkins, August 7, 1917 - March 20, 1995

In Honor of Louise H. Powell, 1995

In Honor of Dock E. Pittard, 1995

In Honor of Frank Pearce, 1995

In Memory of Elizabeth H. Shaw, 8-2-1918 - 1-3-1996

In Memory of Janie F. Hale, 9-5-1901 - 1-23-1997

In Memory of Annie Bell P. Pittman, 1-9-1924 - 8-23-1993

In Memory of Frank Pearce, 11-10-1906 - 2-7-1997

In Memory of Catherine C. Hux, 2-2-27 - 1-28-01 & O. W. Hux, 9-7-26 - 6-20-97

In Honor of Bettie Ann Cobb, 1997

In Honor of Rev. A. Gene Cobb, Jr., 3<sup>rd</sup> Minister

In Memory of Bettie Ann W. Cobb, 6-20-1951 to 10-27-1997

In Memory of Charlie J. Elias, 4-24-1919 - 4-5-1997

In Memory of Doris A. Vincent, 4-16-1924 - 1-21-1997

In Memory of Lawrence A. Denton, 9-6-1904 - 9-6-1967 &  
Gaynelle G. Denton, 11-1-1909 - 6-14-1998

In Memory of Frances G. Jackson, 5-21-1928 to 1-18-1998

In Memory of William C. Rudd, 9-25-1938 to 5-2-1998, John H. Joyner Class #1

In Honor of Gary B. & Yvonne H. Morgan, 1998

Building Committee Plaque continued:

In Honor of Mitchell A. Morgan & Megan W. Perry, 1998

In Honor of Meleah B. Morgan, 5-12-2000

In Honor of Amber D. Evans, 1998

In Honor of April D. & Jeffery N. Taylor, 1998

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**CHAPTER VII**  
**MILITARY SERVICE**  
**And**  
**HAWKINS CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

*Have not I commanded thee?  
Be strong and of a good courage;  
be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed:  
for the Lord thy God is with thee  
whithersoever thou goest.  
Joshua 1:9 (KJV)*

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Hawkins Chapel United Methodist Church is to be honored for its many men and women who have served in the military from this church and community. From this small, rural area, many have rendered their service to aid in gaining our nation's independence, supporting our right and freedom to worship and to defending "The Land of the Free."

Even before Marsh Swamp Methodist Protestant Church or Hawkins Chapel Methodist Protestant Church was formed, members of the community were serving their country. Two such examples were George Green who was a soldier in the Revolutionary War and Gabriel Hawkins who served in the War of 1812. Each has many descendants who live in the Hawkins Chapel Community and currently attend Hawkins Chapel United Methodist Church.

Joyce Pittard Cobb, Bettie Harris Rudd, and Kristi Rudd Johnson are members of the Elizabeth Montfort Ashe Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution. In addition, the late Inez Green Pittard Woodruff and Gaynelle Green Denton were also DAR members. Dr. Cleveland M. Hawkins and George Steven Pittard are current members of the Halifax Resolves Chapter, National Society Sons of the American Revolution. All of these members are George Green descendants. The DAR and SAR are patriotic organizations that honor those who contributed to the American Revolution. Members must be direct descendants of a Revolutionary War participant.

The Elizabeth Montfort Ashe Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution marked the grave of George Green at 3:00 PM on Sunday, November 15, 1992. His grave is located on the James Pearce farm, on Highway 903, a short distance from Highway 48.

United States Daughters of 1812 is another patriotic organization for descendants. Kristi Rudd Johnson and Bettie Harris Rudd are former members. The late Inez Green Pittard Woodruff was also a member.

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Hawkins Chapel had many who served during the The Civil War between 1861 and 1865. Among those who left their families during this war were:

Ambrose George Green, Co. K 1<sup>st</sup> NC Infantry  
Ambrose Hawkins, Co. G 61<sup>st</sup> VA Infantry  
Howell Reddin Hawkins, Co. F 43<sup>rd</sup> NC Infantry  
James T. Hawkins, Co. D 24<sup>th</sup> NC Infantry  
William E. Hawkins, Co. I 12<sup>th</sup> NC Infantry  
Wyatt Hawkins, Co. G 61<sup>st</sup> VA Infantry

Brothers Ambrose Hawkins, Howell Hawkins, William Hawkins and Wyatt Hawkins were sons of Wyatt and Martha Williams Hawkins. Of the four, Ambrose Hawkins survived and returned to his family, Hawkins Chapel and his Halifax County home. His granddaughter, Esther Hawkins Arrington, continues to serve as a very active member of Hawkins Chapel United Methodist Church.

The United Daughters of the Confederacy, UDC, is an organization formed of women who descend from Confederate soldiers. Many members are or have been a vital part of the Hawkins Chapel Community. The following are among those: Esther Hawkins Arrington, Joyce Pittard Cobb, Laura Cobb Faulkner, Bettie Harris Rudd, Kristi Rudd Johnson, Virginia Dare Hawkins, Cindy Pittard Forsyth, and the late Inez Green Pittard Woodruff and Gaynell Green Denton. The United Daughters of the Confederacy Chapter #2332 of Roanoke Rapids has had four Programs of Ceremony of Bestowal of Crosses. The ceremonies were held on the following Sundays: December 6, 1987, June 11, 1989, January 21, 1990 and June 10, 1990.

Veterans, or their families, who have been awarded the Cross of Military Service served our country during World War II, Korean and Vietnam conflicts. Only the veteran may wear the pin that is awarded during this ceremony. Following are the names of those who have received this distinguished honor:

**World War II**

George Arrington  
Bert Edward Butts  
Edward Green  
Lonnie Benjamin Green  
Hubert Jimmy Hawkins  
Joseph Roger Hawkins  
Richard Marvin Hawkins  
Jesse Leo Pittard

**Korean War**

Melvin Eugene Green  
Louis Weathers Hawkins  
George Wilson Pittard

**Vietnam War**

Henry Lafayette Green  
Ralph Wade Smith

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The following chart lists names of members of the Hawkins Chapel Church and Community who have been identified as serving our nation during times of peace and times of conflict. Perhaps names of deserving individuals have been unintentionally omitted; therefore, space is allotted for writing missed names. This will also provide space for adding names of those who serve in the future. All of these men and women are to be saluted, appreciated, and commended for their acts of bravery.



Arrington, George E.	PFC U.S. Army, WW II, Germany Drafted Feb. 9, 1942, Discharged Sept. 1945
Aycock, Luther Dock	PVT U.S. Army, WW I
Browder, Jr., Doniphon S.	Staff Sgt. U. S. Air Force, 1951-1955
Carpenter, Thomas J.	ENG 1 U. S. Navy
Carter, Bobby	U. S. Army, 1959
Crawley, Thomas Graham "Tom"	AIC U. S. Air Force, Korea
Dickens, Russell Lee	Sgt. U. S. Army, WWII
Fowler, Henry T.	SSGT U. S. Army
Green, Ambrose George	Sgt. Co. K 1 <sup>st</sup> NC Infantry, POW at Elmira, NY, Civil War
Green, Edward	U. S. Army, +WW II
Green, George	Revolutionary War, Battle of Guilford Courthouse and Camden, SC
Green, Henry Lafayette	SP5 (E5) U. S. Army Air Corps, 245 Spc Major Command Fort Rucker, Alabama and Vietnam
Green, Lonnie Benjamin	Staff Sgt. U. S. Army, Co. A, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Bn, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Platoon, Camp Wheeler, Ga., WWII
Green, Melvin Eugene	A2C/A3C U. S. Air Force, Senior Airman, 38 <sup>th</sup> BWG TAC USAFE Keesler Air Force Base, Mississippi
Griffin, Arnold Benjamin	U. S. Air Force, Secret Service, 1955-1959
Guinn, Billy	LCPL, Desert Shield
Hawkins, Ambrose	VA Inf., Co. G, 61 <sup>st</sup> Regiment, at Appomattox when Lee surrendered, Civil War
Hawkins, Gabriel	Pvt., Second Company, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Regiment NC Volunteers, Halifax County, War of 1812
Hawkins, Howell Reddin	Co. F 43 <sup>rd</sup> NC Infantry, Died at Martinsburg, W VA, July 20, 1863, Civil War
Hawkins, Hubert Jimmy	Corporal U. S. Army, 24 <sup>th</sup> Armored Engineer Battalion, 1942-1945, Received Bronze Star, Purple Heart, and 5 Major Battle Pins, WWII
Hawkins, James Alvah "Slue"	F2 U. S. Navy, WW II
Hawkins, James T.	Pvt, NC Inf., Co. D, 24 <sup>th</sup> Regiment, Civil War
Hawkins, Leonard Leroy	U. S. Army, WW II
Hawkins, Louis Weathers	Specialist III U. S. Army, 7 <sup>th</sup> Army 40 <sup>th</sup> Battalion Signal Corps, Feb. 22, 1954 – Feb. 11, 1956, 19 months in Germany
Hawkins, Jr., Paul	PFC U. S. Army, Co H., 168 <sup>th</sup> Inf. 34 <sup>th</sup> Div., Wounded Feb. 8, 1944 in an attack on Monte Cassino, Received Purple Heart, The Presidential Unit Citation, Bronze Star with one Oak Leaf Cluster, WW II

Hawkins, Richard Marvin	Private First Class, a scout with Company "G" of Victory Division's veteran 34 <sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment, WWII
Hawkins, Russell Davis	SGT. U. S. Army, Co. F, 1301 <sup>st</sup> Engineers, Construction Foreman, Battles and Campaigns: Normandy, Northern France, Ardennes, Rhineland, Central Europe and The Battle of the Bulge, Decorations and Citations: EAMET Campaign Medal with 5 Bronze Service Stars, Asiatic-Pacific Theater Campaign Medal, Good Conduct Medal AR 600-68, and Victory Medal, WWII
Hawkins, Sanford Gene	SP5 U.S. Army
Hawkins, William E.	Pvt. Co. I 12 <sup>th</sup> NC Infantry, POW, Civil War
Hawkins, Wyatt	Co. G. 61 <sup>st</sup> VA Infantry, Killed in Petersburg on the Weldon Railroad, Civil War,
Hux, Oldin W.	PFC U. S. Army, WWII
Joyner, John H.	PFC U. S. Army, M. P., 1943-1945, Stationed in Texas, WWII
King, Mary Frances Lucas	U. S. Air Force, Nurse, Daughter of Elizabeth Lucas
Lucas, J. W.	U. S. Army, Son of Elizabeth Lucas
Morgan, Benjamin	U. S. Navy
Morgan, Bryan	National Guard, 1955-57, Navy, 1957-61
Morgan, Gary	Navy, 1986-91, Desert Storm
Pittard, Albert J.	PFC U.S. Army, Korea
Pittard, David	PVT U. S. Army, WWII, Co. C 261 <sup>st</sup> Inf. Regt., Rifleman 745, Purple Heart, GO 42 Hq 67 <sup>th</sup> GH 45, European African Middle Eastern Theater Medal, Lapel Button issued, Certificate of Disability for Discharge, Camp Pickett, VA 26 Sept., 1945
Pittard, George Wilson	U. S. Army, 151 <sup>st</sup> FA Battalion, 47 <sup>th</sup> Division Artillery, MED. DET., Germany, 1951-1953
Pittard, Jesse Leo	Captain, Chaplain U. S. Army, 153 <sup>rd</sup> Infantry, WWII, 1941-1945
Shaw, Johnie S.	U. S. Navy, WWII
Smith, Alfred Lewis	U. S. Army
Smith, Ralph Wade	U. S. Air Force, 1963-1967
Thompson, Jr., George L.	PFC U. S. Army, Korea
Thompson, Lynwood Lee	U. S. Army, Specialist III, Co. H 6 <sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment, 1954-1956
Williams, Richard Morris	Sgt. U. S. Army, Co. B, Tank Commander, 31 <sup>st</sup> Tank Battalion, 7 <sup>th</sup> Armored Division which Spearheaded Patton's 3 <sup>rd</sup> Army, Battle of the Bulge
Wrenn, Donald E.	U. S. Army, Vietnam

Keith Browder prepared a power-point presentation that was used during a Sunday worship service in celebration of Veteran's Day in 2006. He unselfishly shared a copy of his research for this project. Through his effort, many of the previous names were identified.

In addition, tombstone inscriptions were used for information. Also, family members and friends willingly provided names and pertinent information to bring homage to those who so richly deserve our recognition.

## CHAPTER VIII

### HAWKINS CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH CEMETERY

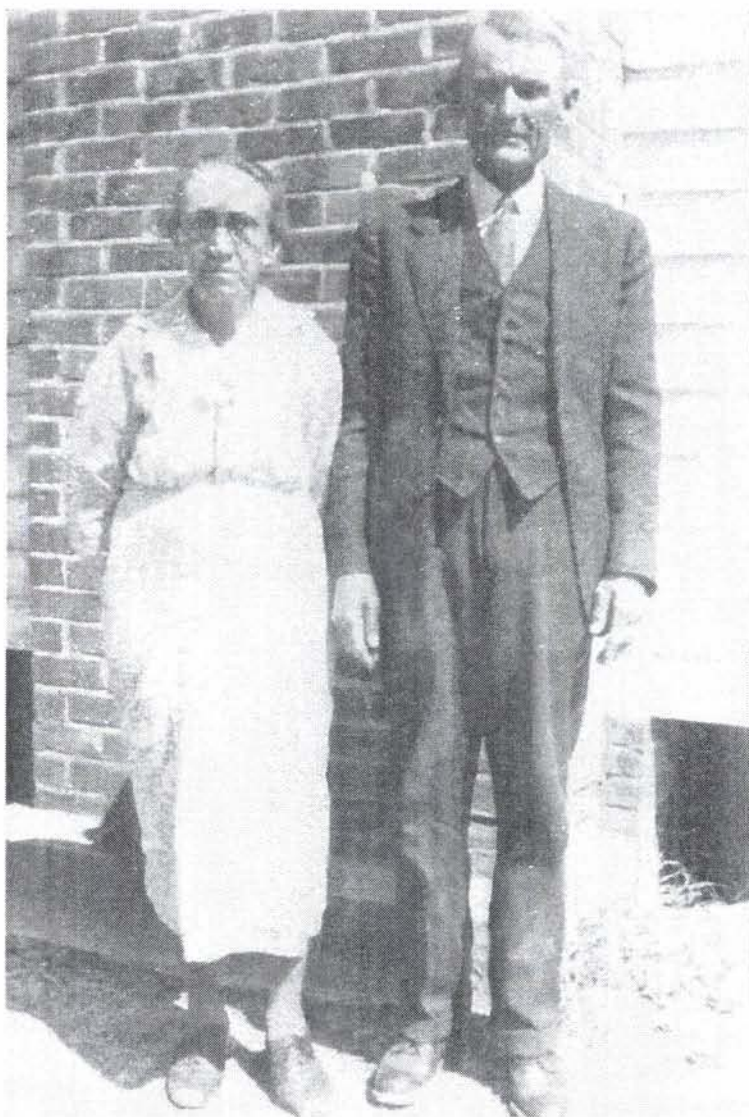
*I am the resurrection, and the life:  
He that believeth in me,  
though he were dead, yet shall he live:  
And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die.  
John 11:25-26 (KJV)*

The original cemetery was a gift to Hawkins Chapel Methodist Church by Jesse and Grace Green Pittard. This gift of one acre is described in Deed Book 562, Page 453 dated April 11, 1947 "between J. D. Pittard and wife, Gracie E. Pittard ... and the trustees of the Hawkins Chapel Methodist Church of the Littleton Circuit, their successors and assigns in office, for the use and benefit of the said Hawkins Chapel Methodist Church of the Littleton Circuit." A complete description of this deed can be found in a subsequent chapter. In the Pastor's Report to the Quarterly Conference dated October 6, 1946, Rev. E. H. Measamer wrote, "Brother Jesse Pittard has given us an acre of land for a cemetery at Hawkins Chapel. It is across the road from the church. We are grateful for this gift. The men of the church have cleaned this ground except for a few stumps."

Margaret Pittard Hawkins, daughter of Jesse and Grace Pittard, stated, "Papa said that when he gave the land for a cemetery he never realized that his brother would be the first one to be buried there." This statement refers to Jesse's brother, Andrew D. Pittard.

In 1995, two additional gifts of smaller tracts of land were made to make the ends of the cemetery parallel. According to Deed Book 1665, Page 543, William B. Green and Dorothy I. Green gave a 0.07 acre triangular shaped parcel of land on the east end of the existing cemetery. Heirs of James Otis Hawkins gave a 0.11 acre triangular shaped parcel of land on the west end of the existing cemetery. This tract has two deeds. One is recorded in Deed Book 1665, Page 535. The second is recorded in Deed Book 1665, Page 539. The referenced deed books are in the Register of Deeds Office, Halifax County, North Carolina.

To identify who is buried in the Hawkins Chapel United Methodist Church Cemetery, the deceased are charted alphabetically by last name, with the husband or parent named first. Bold type indicates individual tombstones. When a tombstone is engraved with more than one name, the last name is repeated but not in bold type. The lot # denotes the specific grave location and is indicated on a diagram of the cemetery plots. A copy is included in this chapter. The original framed chart is displayed in the church corridor between the sanctuary and the education building.



Grace Green Pittard and Jesse Dudley Pittard  
Hawkins Chapel Church Cemetery Benefactors

*...because I live, ye shall live also.  
John 14: 19 (KJV)*

<b>Lot #</b>	<b>Last Name</b>	<b>First, Middle, Maiden, Middle I.</b>	<b>Birth Date</b>	<b>Death Date</b>	<b>Specific Notation</b>
28B	<b>ALLEN</b>	Charles E.	Nov. 18, 1899	Jan. 26, 1964	
28B	Allen	Frances F.	Mar 10, 1898	June 22, 1970	
24B	<b>ARRINGTON</b>	George E	July 9, 1916	May 27, 1975	PFC US Army World War II
24B	Arrington	Esther H.	Sept. 9, 1915		
30	<b>AYCOCK</b>	Luther Dock	Dec. 12, 1894	Oct. 21, 1973	North Carolina PVT US Army World War I
30	Aycock	Pearl Hawkins	May 11, 1899	Nov. 13, 1992	
34B	<b>BLYTHE</b>	Doris C.	Oct. 30, 1934		
34B	Blythe	Barbara Lynn	Mar. 4, 1962	Dec. 8, 2003	
41	<b>BRIDGES</b>	Billy T.	Aug. 14, 1932	Aug. 5, 2001	Wed July 3, 1954
41	Bridges	Lois M.	Sept. 14, 1937		
34A	<b>CARPENTER</b>	Thomas J.	Dec. 23, 1891	May 8, 1974	ENG I US Navy
34A	Carpenter	Nettie H.	Mar. 23, 1902	July 30, 1975	
2	<b>COBB</b>	Arnold Gene	Jan. 23, 1936	Mar. 1, 1991	Wed July 30, 1954
2	Cobb	Joyce Pittard			
42	<b>COBB</b>	Arnold Gene, Jr.			
42	Cobb	Bettie Ann Wilkerson	June 20, 1951	Oct. 27, 1997	Married Apr. 27, 1989
1	<b>CRAWLEY</b>	Rev. Hyder F.	Aug. 13, 1914	Apr. 14, 1989	
1	Crawley	Madeline P.	June 25, 1918		
23	<b>CRAWLEY</b>	Marion Perkins, Jr.	Jan. 22, 1915	Sept. 9, 1972	
23	Crawley	Evelyn Hawkins	Feb. 15, 1915	Feb. 8, 1959	
60	<b>CRAWLEY</b>	Thomas Graham	Aug. 6, 1932	Jan. 28, 2000	AIC US Air Force Korea
60	Crawley	Charlotte Elias	July 16, 1941		

33	<b>CROWDER</b>	Virginia L.	Oct 13, 1923	June 18, 2000	
21B	<b>CULLOM</b>	George W. S.	Jan. 6, 1870	Dec. 22, 1932	
21B	Cullom	Eliza Ann	June 2, 1878	Mar. 25, 1967	
21A	Cullom	Estelle Echo	July 26, 1906	Nov. 25, 2002	
21B	Cullom	Lee Roy	Feb. 7, 1904	Feb. 10, 1977	
21A	Cullom	Jimmie H.	Oct. 28, 1912	Oct. 21, 1966	
21A	Cullom	Jimmie H., Jr.	July 15, 1932	Aug. 5, 1995	
21B	Cullom	Richard D.	June 28, 1914	July 22, 1988	
21B	Cullom	Willie Willman		1974	
14A	<b>DENTON</b>	Lawrence A.	Sept. 6, 1904	Sept 6, 1967	Masonic Order
14A	Denton	Gaynelle G.	Nov. 1, 1909	June 14, 1998	DAR and UDC
25B	<b>DICKENS</b>	Fletcher L.	June 18, 1916	Apr. 16, 1982	
61	<b>DUGGER</b>	Melinda "Lindy" Rose	Nov. 28, 1964	July 23, 2005	
60	<b>ELIAS</b>	Charlie Joseph	Apr. 24, 1919	Apr. 5, 1997	
60	Elias	Virginia Pittard	July 2, 1919	Oct. 24, 2006	
18	<b>FOWLER</b>	Shirley B.	May 17, 1892	Apr. 12, 1964	
18	Fowler	Grace B.	Oct. 2, 1895	Feb. 19, 1976	
18	<b>FOWLER</b>	Henry T.	Sept. 10, 1914	Dec. 14, 1974	SSGT US Army
21A	<b>GREEN</b> (CULLOM STONE)	Annie Lou C.	Mar. 15, 1900	Mar. 2, 1991	
17	<b>GREEN</b>	Helen F.	May 12, 1917	Dec. 7, 1987	
17	<b>GREEN</b>	Melvin Eugene	Feb. 15, 1937	Apr. 17, 1961	NC A3C US Air Force
22	<b>HALE</b>	George B.	July 16, 1924	Mar. 12, 1980	
20	<b>HALE</b>	Samantha G.	1884	1957	
10	<b>HALES</b>	Erin Kate Whatley	Apr. 5, 1971	Oct. 31, 2003	Stone Placed In Memory Of
27	<b>HARRIS</b>	Dorothy P.	May 5, 1922	July 18, 1962	
8	<b>HARRIS</b>	George Herbert	May 15, 1900	May 19, 1979	
8	Harris	Myrtle Greene	Dec. 1, 1898	Feb. 7, 1978	
2	<b>HAWKINS</b>	Arra Pittard	Aug. 17, 1872	Feb. 2, 1949	
5B	<b>HAWKINS</b>	Clarence W.	Nov 3, 1906	June 2, 1998	
5B	Hawkins	Beatrice H.	Mar. 31, 1906	Feb. 15, 1999	
5A	<b>HAWKINS</b>	Clyde Verna	Sept. 26, 1909	Oct. 16, 2002	
11	<b>HAWKINS</b>	Confucius C.	Apr. 14, 1864	Aug. 10, 1951	
11	Hawkins	Ella K.	July 4, 1876	Nov. 16, 1960	
1	<b>HAWKINS</b>	David Wayne	Oct. 20, 1962	Oct. 20, 1962	
24	<b>HAWKINS</b>	Edward D.	Oct. 28, 1907	Dec. 16, 1997	
24	Hawkins	Maidie Keeter	July 16, 1910	June 26, 1965	
24	<b>HAWKINS</b>	Edward Deward, Jr.	July 18, 1939	Mar. 7, 1981	
16	<b>HAWKINS</b>	Fitzhugh L.	Mar. 2, 1891	Feb. 8, 1980	
16	Hawkins	Annie P.	Oct. 5, 1895	Oct. 12, 1971	

33	<b>HAWKINS</b>	Hubert Jimmy	Sept. 28, 1917	July 31, 1987	TEC 5 US Army World War II
33	Hawkins	Nettie Mae	Sept. 27, 1919	Apr. 8, 1974	
7	<b>HAWKINS</b>	Irene G.	1886	1979	
22	<b>HAWKINS</b>	Irvin G.	Mar. 14, 1910	Aug. 12, 1982	
22	Hawkins	Susie H.	Jan. 23, 1914	June 16, 1995	
16	<b>HAWKINS</b>	Leonard L.	Oct. 14, 1921	July 15, 1981	US Army World War II
19	<b>HAWKINS</b>	James Alvah "Slue"	Aug. 7, 1917	Mar 20, 1995	F2 US Navy World War II
61	<b>HAWKINS</b>	James Otis	Jan. 2, 1911	Feb. 26, 1984	Mausoleum
61	Hawkins	Roy Rose	June 2, 1915	Mar. 29, 1981	
23	<b>HAWKINS</b>	Philip A.	1889	1975	
23	Hawkins	Vergie E.	1893	1966	
26	<b>HAWKINS</b>	Richard Roger	Nov 10, 1888	Aug. 28, 1972	
26	Hawkins	Nora Carlisle	Sept. 22, 1891	Dec.14, 1981	
26	Hawkins	Virginia Dare	May 19, 1916		
26	Hawkins	Wm Tillson	May 4, 1926	July 24, 2004	
19	<b>HAWKINS</b>	Robert Wayne	June 4, 1953	June 4, 1953	
1	<b>HAWKINS</b>	Sanford Eugene	May 24, 1938	Apr. 8, 1975	SP5 US Army
12	<b>HAWKINS</b> (HAWIKNS)	Stella Mae Allen	Mar 10, 1928	Oct. 20, 1948	
12	<b>HAWKINS</b>	Van J., Sr.	Mar. 5, 1923	July 14, 1995	
12	Hawkins	Eunice G.	Apr. 11, 1921	Oct. 22, 1991	
9B	<b>HAWKINS</b>	Willis E.	Apr. 8, 1919	Apr. 19, 1988	
9B	Hawkins	Lorena H.	Apr. 26, 1922		
10	<b>INSCOE</b>	James Melvin	Dec. 27, 1920	Mar. 5, 1997	
10	Inscoe	Grace Pittard	Dec. 20, 1915	Sept. 3, 2002	
10	<b>INSCOE</b>	Essie Lambert	May 5, 1903	Nov. 29, 1985	
10	Inscoe	Sol Mitchell	May 24, 1902	Dec. 21, 1995	
10	Inscoe	Willie Draper	Aug. 6, 1898	July 9, 1986	
7	<b>JOYNER</b>	John H.	Apr. 5, 1920	Oct. 11, 1985	PFC US Army World War II
7	Joyner	Agnes Hawkins	Oct. 1, 1924	July 1, 2006	
10A	<b>LAMBERT</b>	Patti Riggan	Feb. 16, 1868	Nov. 15, 1955	
13	<b>LUCAS</b>	John Baker	Oct. 3, 1897	Sept. 26,1978	
13	Lucas	Elizabeth Hawkins	Dec. 5, 1913		
18B	<b>MORGAN</b>	Burnette B., Sr.	Oct. 21, 1904	Jan. 18, 1986	
18B	Morgan	Bertha W.	June 5, 1907	May 31, 1988	
9B	<b>MORGAN</b>	Mark A.	May 1, 1962	June 7, 1990	



16	<b>MORRIS</b>	Arthur Elmo	Jan. 23, 1910	Feb. 23, 1985	
16	Morris	Mildred Hawkins	June 4, 1917	Nov. 2, 2000	
10A	<b>ODOM</b>	Ruth Lambert	Aug. 5, 1887	Jan. 12, 1961	
5A	<b>PAIR</b>	Ezra B.	Aug. 12, 1880	Nov. 14, 1964	
5A	Pair	Hilda H.	June 7, 1885	May 30, 1974	
3	<b>PEARCE</b>	Frank	Nov. 10, 1906	Feb. 7, 1997	
3	Pearce	Margaret H.	May 14, 1904	Oct. 4, 1973	
6	<b>PITTARD</b>	Andrew D.	Sept. 24, 1881	Feb. 17, 1947	
6	Pittard	Rosezettie G.	May 1, 1894	Dec. 6, 1969	
6	Pittard	Albert J.	May 6, 1935	Dec. 7, 1958	PFC US Army Korea
6B	<b>PITTARD</b>	David	Oct.3, 1924	June 26, 1924	PVT US Army Purple Heart
29	<b>PITTARD</b>	George Wilson	July 8, 1929	June 20, 1966	North Carolina PFC US Army
2	<b>PITTARD</b>	J. Ambrose	Aug. 14, 1899	Apr. 28, 1988	
2	Pittard	Elsie H.	Mar. 7, 1918		
2	<b>PITTARD</b>	Jesse D.	1876	1969	
2	Pittard	Grace G.	1877	1962	
27	<b>PITTARD</b>	Sterling W.	Dec. 25, 1901	Jan. 16, 1968	
27	Pittard	Mattie M.	May 9, 1901	July 1, 1978	
27	<b>PITTMAN</b>	Annie P.	Jan.. 9, 1924	Aug. 23, 1993	
43	<b>POWELL</b>	L. Wayne	Jan. 3, 1940	June 21, 2001	
61	<b>ROSE</b>	Gloria Hawkins	Dec. 16, 1939	Mar. 4, 1987	
8	<b>RUDD</b>	William Clinton	Sept. 25, 1938	May 2, 1998	
8	Rudd	Bettie Harris			
29	<b>SEXTON</b>	Andrew C.	May 7, 1902	Jan. 31, 1973	
29	<b>SEXTON</b>	Josephine Elva Harper Green Mayes	June 14, 1908	Apr. 27, 1991	
32	<b>SHAW</b>	Brenda F.	Sept. 18, 1954	Sept.10, 1986	
32	<b>SHAW</b>	Johnie S.	Apr. 28, 1922	Dec. 5, 2000	US Navy World War II
20	<b>SHAW</b>	Leon Nelson	1938	2006	
28	<b>SHAW</b>	Luther I.	Oct.1, 1899	Feb. 6, 1970	
28	Shaw	Lillie M.	Feb. 8, 1896	Oct. 13, 1959	
20	<b>SHAW</b>	Woodrow W.	Dec. 27, 1912	Nov. 10, 1990	
20	Shaw	Elizabeth Hale	Aug. 2, 1918	Jan. 3, 1996	
20	<b>SHAW</b>	Beverly Lynn	Sept. 22, 1973	Sept. 22,1973	
11	<b>SHEARIN</b>	Mary Ida	Oct. 9, 1875	Jan. 1, 1970	
4	<b>SMITH</b>	John L.	Aug. 19, 1904	Nov. 15, 1974	
4	Smith	Ila Keeter	Oct. 1, 1905	Feb. 12, 1989	



Cemetery plots identified by number:

Hawkins Chapel Cemetery											
59	58	57	56								
Shawson, Olo and Stimley	Spaul, Remond M.	Blair, Remond	Spencer, Joseph P.								
60	45	44	49	40	39	38	37	36	35	34	33
Leas, Agnes	Mygale, A.B.	Stewart, J.W.	Stewart, J.W.	Stewart, J.W.	Stewart, J.W.	Stewart, J.W.	Stewart, J.W.	Stewart, J.W.	Stewart, J.W.	Stewart, J.W.	Stewart, J.W.
61	44	44	49	40	39	38	37	36	35	34	33
	Mygale, A.B.	Stewart, J.W.	Stewart, J.W.	Stewart, J.W.	Stewart, J.W.	Stewart, J.W.	Stewart, J.W.	Stewart, J.W.	Stewart, J.W.	Stewart, J.W.	Stewart, J.W.
62	44	44	49	40	39	38	37	36	35	34	33
	Mygale, A.B.	Stewart, J.W.	Stewart, J.W.	Stewart, J.W.	Stewart, J.W.	Stewart, J.W.	Stewart, J.W.	Stewart, J.W.	Stewart, J.W.	Stewart, J.W.	Stewart, J.W.
63	44	44	49	40	39	38	37	36	35	34	33
	Mygale, A.B.	Stewart, J.W.	Stewart, J.W.	Stewart, J.W.	Stewart, J.W.	Stewart, J.W.	Stewart, J.W.	Stewart, J.W.	Stewart, J.W.	Stewart, J.W.	Stewart, J.W.
64	44	44	49	40	39	38	37	36	35	34	33
	Mygale, A.B.	Stewart, J.W.	Stewart, J.W.	Stewart, J.W.	Stewart, J.W.	Stewart, J.W.	Stewart, J.W.	Stewart, J.W.	Stewart, J.W.	Stewart, J.W.	Stewart, J.W.
65	44	44	49	40	39	38	37	36	35	34	33
	Mygale, A.B.	Stewart, J.W.	Stewart, J.W.	Stewart, J.W.	Stewart, J.W.	Stewart, J.W.	Stewart, J.W.	Stewart, J.W.	Stewart, J.W.	Stewart, J.W.	Stewart, J.W.

## HAWKINS CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH CEMETERY BYLAWS

1. In keeping with the original understanding concerning the cemetery, the cemetery is open for the use of church members and their families.
2. The cemetery is open for the use of ministers and former ministers of Hawkins Chapel United Methodist Church and their families.
3. All graves are to have markers. NO HEAD STONE SHALL EXCEED 40-48 INCHES IN HEIGHT.
4. All markers are to be placed in straight lines with existing markers.
5. Any stone in addition to the family stone is to be a footstone.
6. All foot stones are to be of the ground level type ONLY.
7. All walls offsetting graves or family plots are to be of the ground level type. No lot or grave shall be defined by railing, coping, fence, or hedge.
8. Before laying off a grave, a representative of the cemetery committee shall be present to supervise as to insure the correct location.
9. The placing of stones requires that a representative of the cemetery committee be present to insure the proper alignment.

THE ABOVE BYLAWS ARE RENEWED AS OF MARCH 1, 2005.

### FURTHERMORE -

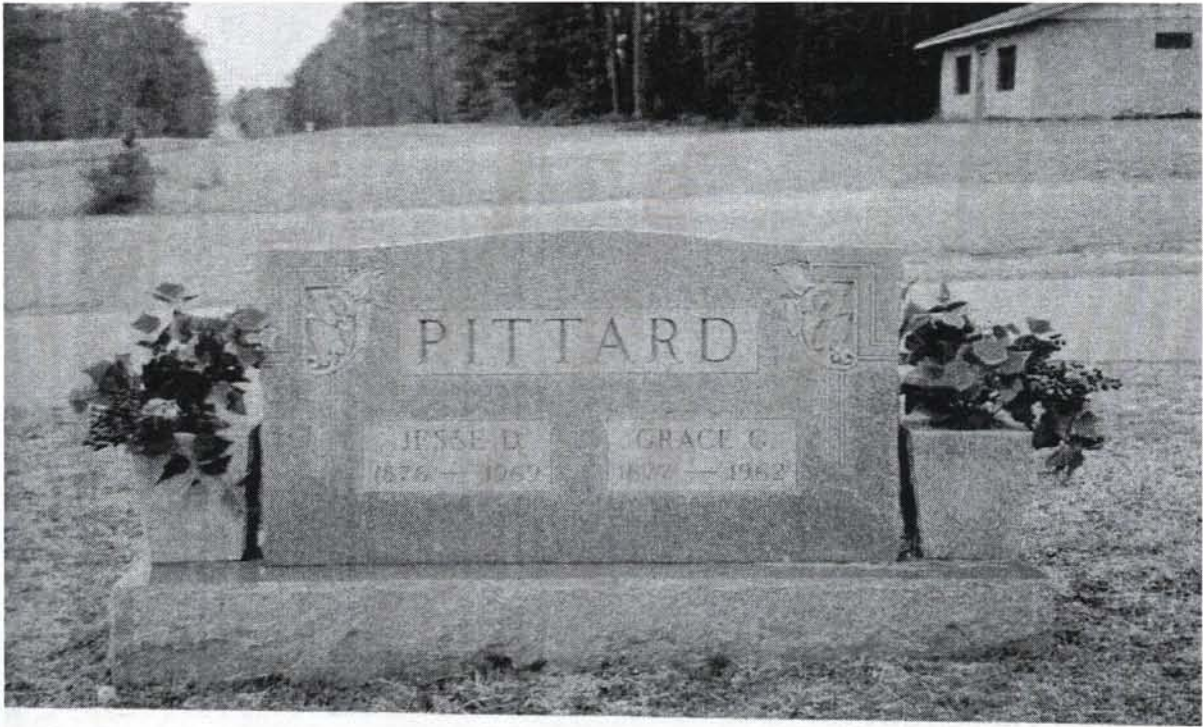
No person will be recognized as owner or part-owner of a lot unless his name appears on the records and/or cemetery map as shown.

Boxes, shells, toys, wire screens, arbors, trellises, chairs, benches or objects of similar nature of any kind whatsoever will not be permitted on any lot or grave.

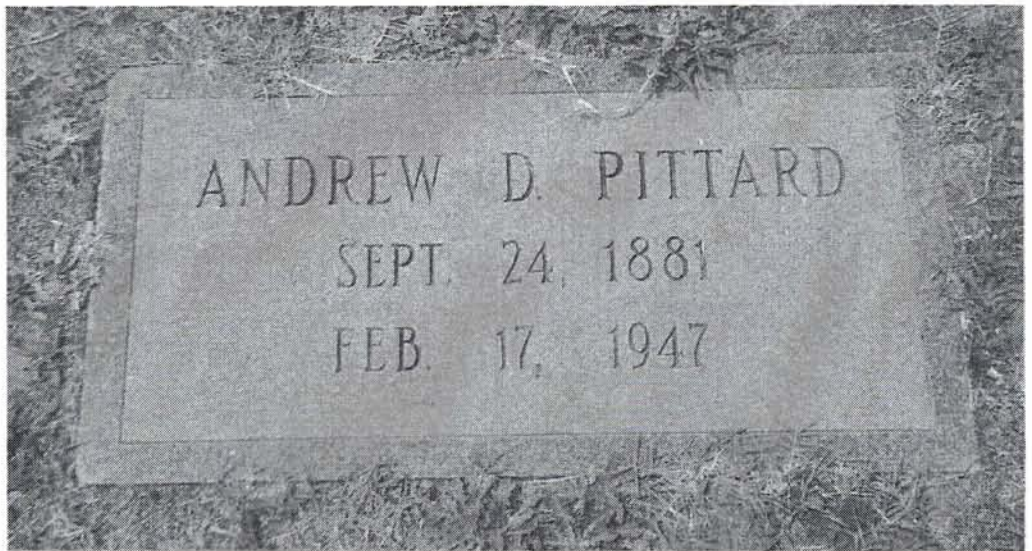
Cut flowers, potted plants, memorial wreaths, sprays, baskets and vases may be placed on graves at any time.

The cemetery committee shall have the authority to remove flowers, floral designs, plants, containers, etc., from a lot when in their judgement the article has become weather worn and distracts from the general appearance of the cemetery.

General maintenance to the cemetery shall consist of cutting the grass, filling in sunken graves, re-sodding and other measures in keeping the cemetery neat, clean and in good order.



This tombstone is located at the burial site of Jesse Dudley Pittard and Grace Green Pittard. They are buried in lot #2. Jesse and Grace gave the one acre of land that became the original cemetery of Hawkins Chapel Church.



Andrew D. Pittard, brother of Jesse Pittard,  
was the first person buried in Hawkins Chapel Cemetery.  
He was the husband of Rosezettie Green Pittard.  
They were the parents of Josephine Smith (Lawrence),  
Hattie Alston (Jack), Virginia Elias (Charlie),  
David (Leila Smith) and Albert.



Hawkins Chapel Church Cemetery



## CHAPTER IX

### DEEDS and PLATS

*I have showed you all  
things, how that so laboring ye  
ought to support the weak, and to  
remember the words of the Lord  
Jesus, how he said, It is more  
blessed to give than to receive.*

*Acts 20:35 (KJV)*

The church which we all have come to know and to love has evolved and developed because of the foresight, kindness, benevolence, and hard work by our forefathers who saw the need for a church in their community. From its simple beginnings at Marsh Chapel to its relocation to Hawkins Chapel, they saw a need for spiritual development for themselves and for all their offspring to follow. From its early beginnings as a brush arbor church with circuit riding preachers, we now have a beautiful brick church, a well-kept church cemetery, and a parsonage which serves two churches. How fortunate we are that we have a very comfortable church with cushioned pews and Sunday School rooms to serve the various ages of the congregation. How fortunate we are to have a home for our preacher to live so that he can live in the community and minister to the people on a constant basis. How fortunate we are to have a cemetery in which members may choose to be buried so close to their church. Indeed we are fortunate, and we owe a great deal to those who, because of their kindness and generosity, gave the land on which the church is built and the cemetery is located. In the pages that follow, copies of deeds and plats are presented which reflect these acts. Let us never forget the greatness of their generosity.

#### **Indenture for Marsh Chappel (sic) Church**

An indenture was made August 20, 1874, between the Protestant Methodist Church, known as the Marsh Chappel (sic) Church, and Marion R. and Sarah M. Powers, Halifax County, North Carolina for the purpose of erecting a house of worship.

This indenture was found in the trunk of Lucius Hawkins, son of Ambrose and Mary E. Barnes Hawkins.



### **Deed for Methodist Protestant Church**

A deed was made April 15, 1885 by David Parker and wife Sarah M. to James M. Hawkins, John Hamill, Henry Pair, James T. Hawkins and William H. Glasgow, trustees for the Methodist Protestant Church for five dollars. This property was to be used, kept, maintained and disposed of as a place of Divine Worship for the use of ministry and membership of the Methodist Protestant Church forever.

This deed describes the same parcel of land that is referenced in the Marsh Chappel (sic) Indenture previously. No record was found to indicate that the indenture was ever recorded. It is believed that this deed was written and recorded to document church ownership of this tract of land.

From the descriptions of the location of the above land, one would conclude that what was first known as Marsh Chappel (sic), became the Methodist Protestant Church and later became Hawkins Chapel Methodist Protestant Church. Today the church is affectionately called Hawkins Chapel United Methodist Church.

This deed is recorded in Deed Book 73-B, page 182, Register of Deeds Office, Halifax County, North Carolina.

### **Deed to Hawkins Chapel Methodist Church**

A deed was made and entered into on July 19, 1958 between Joseph A. Parrott and Sophie J. Parrott his wife and Tommie Hawkins, Van Hawkins and Edward Hawkins, Trustees of Hawkins Chapel Methodist Church for the sum of ten dollars. This parcel of land contains 1.22 acres, more or less, and adjoins the back of the original tract on which Hawkins Chapel Church is built.

This deed is recorded in Deed Book 637, Page 467, Register of Deeds Office, Halifax County, North Carolina.

### **Deeds for Hawkins Chapel Methodist Church Cemetery (Three Parts)**

#### **Part I.**

A deed was made and entered into on March 6, 1947 by and between J. D. Pittard and wife Gracie E. Pittard and the Trustees of the Hawkins Chapel Methodist Church. This one acre tract of land was west of the old school lot. It was across the old Halifax-Warrenton Road from the church. Today, Highway 48 divides the church grounds and the cemetery.

This deed is recorded in Deed Book 562, Page 453, Register of Deeds Office, Halifax County, North Carolina.

## **Part II.**

A tract of land containing 0.11 acre adjoining the north end of the existing Hawkins Chapel United Methodist Church cemetery was deeded to Hawkins Chapel United Methodist Church on October 31, 1995 by the James Otis Hawkins heirs.

Two deeds were recorded. They are as follows:

Deed Book 1665, Page 535 lists the grantors as Robert Eugene Hawkins, Lois Carol Hawkins Wiley and husband, Raymond Lee Wiley. (Robert and Lois are children of Otis Hawkins' son, Sanford Gene Hawkins, deceased.)

Deed Book 1665, Page 539 lists the grantors as James McArthur Hawkins and Jenny Leigh Rose and Penny Marie Rose and Melinda Rose Sutherland and husband, Thomas O. Sutherland, and Cynthia Rose Green and husband, Tony Ray Green; and Sanford Eugene Rose and wife, Amy B. Rose.

(James McArthur Hawkins is a son of James Otis Hawkins.

Heirs of Gloria Dean Hawkins Rose, deceased daughter of James Otis Hawkins, are her children Jenny Leigh Rose, Penny Marie Rose, Melinda R. Sutherland, Cynthia R. Green, and Sanford Eugene Rose.)

## **Part III.**

A deed made February 17, 1995, by and between grantors William B. Green and Dorothy I. Green, his wife, and grantee Hawkins Chapel United Methodist Church designates a triangular tract of land to adjoin the southeast corner of Hawkins Chapel United Methodist Church Cemetery.

This deed is recorded in Book 1665, Page 543, Register of Deeds Office, Halifax County, North Carolina.

## Deeds for Parsonages

### Old Parsonage

A deed for the land for the parsonage which was used by the Littleton Circuit for many years was executed on January 20, 1903. The parsonage at that time was in Warren County on College Street in Littleton. The deed was made by John P. Leach and his wife Ellen D. Leach of Warren County, State of North Carolina, parties of the first part to John H. Harrison, William N. Thornton, and A. E. Carter, Trustees of and for the Methodist Protestant Church, parties of the second part, for the sum of \$125.00. The deed is recorded in Deed Book 70, pages 476-477, Register of Deeds Office, Warren County, North Carolina.

A quitclaim deed was executed on September 25, 1958, in which Trustees for Hawkins Chapel and Tabor transferred ownership of the parsonage to the new Calvary Charge. Clifton Hawkins was the Trustee from Hawkins Chapel and James Frank Shaw was the trustee from Tabor. This deed is recorded in Deed Book 195, pages 321-322, Register of Deeds Office, Warren County, North Carolina.

### Current Parsonage

A deed dated July 2, 1958 between A. W. Liles and wife, Julia Dewar Liles, parties of the first part and T. B. Hawkins, Van Hawkins, Clarence Hawkins, Willis Hawkins, and Clifton Hawkins, Trustees of Hawkins Methodist Church and Maynard Gupton, F. H. Cullom, H. T. Hawkins, Sr., B. B. Liles and James F. Shaw, Trustees of Tabor Methodist Church, acting as Trustees for the Hawkins – Tabor Methodist Charge.

“The premises shall be held, kept, and maintained as a place of residence for the use and occupancy of the ministers of the Methodist Church. . .”  
This is the site of the current parsonage.

This deed is recorded in Deed Book 637, Page 257, Register of Deeds Office, Halifax County, North Carolina.

### **Deed of Trust**

A Deed of Trust was made and entered into on August 28, 1958, by and between T. B. Hawkins, Van Hawkins, Clarence Hawkins, Willis Hawkins, and Clifton Hawkins, Trustees of Hawkins Methodist Church, and Maynard Gupton, F. H. Cullom, H. T. Hawkins, Sr., B. B. Liles, and James F. Shaw, Trustees of Tabor Methodist Church, acting as Trustees for the Hawkins – Tabor Methodist Charge, parties of the first part, to Jacob C. Taylor, Trustee, party of the second part, and the Bank of Halifax, Littleton, North Carolina, party of the third part of Halifax, North Carolina.

“Hawkins – Tabor Charge became indebted to the Bank of Halifax for the sum of seven thousand (\$7,000) dollars. . .” The final payment on this loan was recorded as May 19, 1964.

This Deed of Trust is recorded in Book 636, Pages 190-192, Register of Deeds Office, Halifax County, North Carolina.

### **Copies of Deeds**

For complete information and reference, copies of the following deeds are included:

#### **Church Property**

- A. Marion R. and Sarah N. Powers  
Indenture for Marsh Chappel (sic) Church
- B. David Parker and wife Sara M.  
Deed for Methodist Protestant Church
- C. Joseph A. Parrott and Sophie J. Parrott, his wife  
Deed for additional property behind the church

#### **Cemetery**

- D. J. D. Pittard and wife Gracie E. Pittard  
Deed for original church cemetery
- E. Robert Eugene Hawkins, Lois Carol Hawkins Wiley  
and husband, Raymond Lee Wiley  
Deed for cemetery expansion
- F. James McArthur Hawkins, Jenny Leigh Rose, Penny Marie Rose, Melinda Rose Sutherland and husband, Thomas O. Sutherland, and Cynthia Rose Green and Tony Ray Green and Sanford Eugene Rose and wife, Amy B. Rose  
Deed for cemetery expansion
- G. William B. Green and Dorothy I. Green, his wife  
Deed for cemetery expansion

Parsonages

H. John P. Leach and wife, Ellen D. Leach

Deed for old parsonage property

I. Mrs. Herbert Riggan, Clifton Hawkins, James Frank Shaw, M. W.

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Quitclaim Deed for old parsonage

J. A. W. Liles and wife, Julia Dewar Liles

Deed for parsonage property

K. Deed of Trust

For the current parsonage construction

This indenture made this 20<sup>th</sup> day of August eight  
teen hundred and seventy four between the  
Protestant Methodist Church known as the north  
Chappel Church of the one part and Marion R  
and Sarah H Powers of the other part all of the county  
of Halifax & State of North Carolina Witnesseth that  
the said Marion R & Sarah H Powers has this day  
given to the above named Church one acre of land  
for the purpose of erecting a house of worship on  
and bounded as Beginning at Green & Powers Corn  
on the road that leads from Walkers crop Roads  
to Halifax thence along said line seventy yards  
thence West seventy yards thence North seven  
to the above named Road thence down the Road  
to the beginning to have and to hold the said land  
as long as it is use for the use of said church  
as a house of worship In Witness whereof we  
have hereunto set our hands and seals the day  
and date above written

Witness  
James H Pittard  
Jas Pittard Jr

Marion R. Powers (Seal)  
Sarah H Powers (Seal)

David Parker }  
 & wife, }  
 To Halifax County, }

James M. Hawkins  
 et al. Trustees.

This Deed, made, this the fifteenth day of April A.D. one thousand eight hundred and eight-five, by David Parker and wife Sarah M., of Halifax County, and State of North Carolina, to James M. Hawkins, John Hamill, Henry Pair, James T. Hawkins and William H. Glasgow, Trustees in trust for the Methodist Protestant Church, of said County and State, Witnesseth: That the said David Parker and wife, Sarah M., in consideration of the love they bear for the Cause of Christ and a desire for the promotion of the Methodist Protestant Church, and in further consideration of five dollars to them paid by the said James M. Hawkins, John Hamill, Henry Pair, James T. Hawkins and William H. Glasgow, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, have bargained and sold, and by these presents do bargain, sell and convey to the said James M. Hawkins, John Hamill, Henry Pair, James T. Hawkins and William H. Glasgow, Trustees in trust for the Methodist Protestant Church, and their successors in office, a certain tract of land in Catterwood township, Halifax County, adjoining the lands of said David Parker and wife, Sarah M., and others, and bounded as follows:

Beginning at Green's and Parris's Corner and running down the line South 70 yards; then west 70 yards; then north to the public road leading from Walker's X roads to the town of Halifax; then down said road East 70 yards to the beginning, being the land on which Hawkins' Church now stands, and containing one acre, more or less. To have and to hold, the aforesaid tract of land and all privileges and appurtenances thereto belonging to the said James M. Hawkins, John Hamill, Henry Cair, James J. Hawkins and Williams H. Blagrove, trustees in trust for the Methodist Protestant Church; and their successors in office, that the said premises shall be used, kept, maintained and disposed of as a place of Divine Worship for the use of the ministry and membership of the Methodist Protestant Church forever; subject to the discipline, usage, and ministerial appointments of said Church; as from time to time authorized and declared by the General Conference of said Church, and the annual conference within whose bounds said premises are situate. And the said David Parker and wife, Sarah M. Covenant, that they are seized of said property in fee, and have the right to convey the same in fee simple, that the same are free from all incumbrances, and that they will warrant and defend the said title to the same, to the said Methodist Protestant Church, against the claims of all persons whatever. In testimony whereof, the said David Parker and Sarah M. Parker, his wife, have hereunto set their hands and seals, the day and year above written.

Attest.

C. H. Nelson.

David Parker (seal)  
Sarah M. Parker (seal)

North Carolina, Halifax County.

I A. E. Carter, Justice of the Peace, do hereby certify that David Parker and Sarah M. Parker, his wife, personally appeared before me this day, and acknowledged the due execution of the within deed of conveyance; and the said Sarah M. Parker being by me privately examined, separate and apart from her said husband, touching her voluntary execution of the same, doth state that she signed the same freely & voluntarily, without fear or compulsion of her said husband or any other person, & that she doth still voluntarily assent thereto. Witness my hand & private seal, this 17<sup>th</sup> day of April, A.D. 1885.

A. E. Carter, J.P. (seal)

North Carolina, Halifax County.



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NORTH CAROLINA  
HALIFAX COUNTY

THIS DEED, made and entered into this 19th day of July, 1958, by and between JOSEPH A. PARROTT and SOPHIE J. PARROTT, his wife, of Halifax County, North Carolina, parties of the first part, and TORRIS PANKINS, GAB HAWKINS and EDWARD HAWKINS, Trustees of Hawkins Chapel Methodist Church, Halifax County, North Carolina, and their successors in office, parties of the second part,

W I T N E S S E T H:

THAT for and in consideration of the sum of TEN (\$10.00) DOLLARS paid to the parties of the first part by the parties of the second part, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, and for other good and valuable considerations, said parties of the first part have bargained and sold and by these presents do bargain, sell and convey unto the said parties of the second part, their successors and assigns, the following described real property, to-wit:

That certain tract or parcel of land in Faucetts Township, Halifax County, North Carolina, beginning at a stake on the southern margin of North Carolina State Highway No. 48 between Roanoke Rapids and Aurelian Springs, which said stake is on the western boundary line of the Hawkins Chapel Methodist Church property and the eastern boundary line of the property herein described, and running thence along said margin of said state highway S. 73° 33' W. 6 feet to a concrete monument; thence continuing along margin of said state highway S. 71° 55' W. 105 feet to a stake on the eastern margin of a dirt county road; thence along said county road S. 22° 55' W. 161 feet to an iron pipe; thence a new made line S. 34° 30' E. 118 feet to an iron pipe; thence another new made line N. 75° 04' E. 297 feet to an iron pipe in the western boundary line of the lands of Shirley Fowler; thence along the line of the said Shirley Fowler N. 3° 30' E. 105 feet to an iron pipe, corner for the Hawkins Chapel Methodist Church property; thence along said church property S. 73° 33' W. 210 feet to an iron pipe; thence continuing along said church property N. 3° 30' E. 157 feet to a stake, the point of beginning, and containing 1.22

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acres, more or less, according to map of J.C. Shearin, C.E., and Cyril Waters, R.S., dated July 5, 1958, "Showing Land To Be Acquired By Hawkins Chapel Methodist Church From J.A. Parrott"; and being a part of the property conveyed unto the said J.A. Parrott by deed of Allie B. Thompson et ux, dated February 2, 1956, and of record in the office of the Register of Deeds for said Halifax County in Book 620 at page 365. Reference to said map and deed is hereby made for greater certainty of description.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the above described real property, together with all the privileges and appurtenances thereto belonging, unto the said parties of the second part, their successors and assigns, in fee simple forever.

The parties of the first part covenant to and with the said parties of the second part, their successors and assigns, that they are seized of the above described real estate in fee and have a perfect right and power to convey the same in fee simple; that the same is free and clear of any and all encumbrances, and that they will forever warrant and defend the title thereto against the lawful claims of all persons whomsoever.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the said parties of the first part have hereunto set their hands and affixed their seals, this the day and year first above written.

Joseph A. Parrott  
Sophie J. Parrott

(SEAL)  
(SEAL)

NORTH CAROLINA  
HALIFAX COUNTY

I, \_\_\_\_\_, a Notary Public in and for the aforesaid County and State, do hereby certify that JOSEPH A. PARROTT and SOPHIE J. PARROTT, his wife, personally appeared before me this day and each acknowledged the due execution of the foregoing deed of conveyance for the purposes therein expressed.

Witness my hand and Notarial Seal, this the 19th day of July, 1958.

(Notary Public Seal)  
My commission expires: 2-17-60.

George B. Wilkes, Jr., Notary Public

NORTH CAROLINA SUPERIOR COURT  
HALIFAX COUNTY) 9-11-1958

The foregoing certificate of George B. Wilkes, Jr. Notary Public of Halifax County is adjudged to be in due form and according to law. Let the instrument with the certificate be recorded.

Marie E. Spraggins, Deputy Clerk Superior Court.

Filed for Registration and Recorded 2:10 o'clock P.M.  
Sept. 11, 1958 in Book 637 page 467  
P. D. Wilson, Register of Deeds, Halifax County.

## PITTARD to TRS OF THE HAWKINS CHAPEL METHODIST CHURCH

NORTH CAROLINA  
HALIFAX COUNTY

This deed made and entered into this 6th day of March, 1947, by and between J. D. Pittard and wife Gracie E. Pittard, parties of the first part, and the Trustees of the Hawkins Chapel Methodist Church of the Littleton Circuit, their successors and assigns in office, for the use and benefit of the said Hawkins Chapel Methodist Church of the Littleton Circuit, WITNESSETH:

THAT the said parties of the first part for and in consideration of the sum of ONE DOLLAR to them in hand paid, and other good and valuable consideration to them moving, the receipt of all of which are hereby specifically acknowledged, have bargained and sold, and by these presents do give, bargain, sell, and convey unto the said parties of the second part, and their successors and assigns in office, the following described real estate to be used as a cemetery for the said church:

Beginning at a point on the North side of the old Halifax-Littleton road at a point on said road 300 feet West of the old school lot, thence N 1-30 145.2 feet to a stake in the J. D. Pittard land; thence N. 69-45 E 300 feet to a stake in the said J. D. Pittard property; thence S 1-30 W 145.2 feet to the said old Halifax Littleton Road; thence along the said road S 69-45 W 300 feet to the point of beginning. This lot fronts 300 feet on the said North side of the said old Halifax Littleton Road, and extends back in a Northerly direction between parallel lines 145.2 feet, and is bounded as follows: On the North by the J. D. Pittard property; on the East by the said old school lot, on the South by the said old Halifax-Littleton Road, and on the West by the property of J. D. Pittard, and comprising one (1) acre, as shown in a survey made by J. C. Sheerin under date of Jan. 1947.

TO Have and to hold unto the said parties of the second part, and their successors and assigns, for the purpose hereinabove set forth, in fee simple, forever.

AND THE SAID parties of the first part covenant to and with the said parties of the second part, and their successors and assigns, that they are seized of said premises in fee simple and have ample right to convey the same in fee simple; that same is free and clear of all liens, judgments, taxes thru the year 1946, and all other incumbrances of every kind; and that they will forever warrant and defend the title thereto against the legal claims of all persons whomsoever.

IN WITNESS whereof the said parties of the first part have hereunto set their hands and caused their seals to be affixed this the day and year first above written.

Grace E. Pittard  
J. D. Pittard

(SEAL)  
(SEAL)

NORTH CAROLINA  
HALIFAX COUNTY

Personally appeared before the undersigned Notary Public in and for the said State and County, J. D. Pittard and wife, Gracie E. Pittard, grantors of the foregoing deed of conveyance and acknowledged before me the due execution of the same for the purpose therein expressed.

WITNESS my hand and Notarial Seal this 24th day of March, 1947.

(Notary Public Seal)  
My commission expires: 9-24-47.

Bessie L. Cofield Bishop, Notary Public

NORTH CAROLINA) SUPERIOR COURT  
HALIFAX COUNTY) April 11, 1947.

The foregoing certificate of Bessie L. Cofield Bishop Notary Public of Halifax County is adjudged to be in due form and according to law. Let the instrument with the certificate be recorded.

Clemie Read, Deputy Clerk Superior Court

Filed for Registration and Recorded at 9 o'clock A.M.  
Apr. 11, 1947 in Book 562 Page 453.  
F. D. Wilson, Register of Deeds, Halifax County.

VERIFIED

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FILED FOR REGISTRATION AND RECORDED  
2:35 O'CLOCK PM  
March 18 1996 IN BOOK  
1665 PAGE 535  
T. J. Evans - Barker  
Register of Deeds, Halifax County

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Tax Lot No. .... Parcel Identifier No. ....  
Verified by ..... County on the ..... day of ....., 19 ....  
by .....

Mail after recording to James, Wellman & White, P. O. Drawer 666, Weldon, NC 27890

This instrument was prepared by William O. White, Jr., Attorney

Brief description for the Index

### NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL WARRANTY DEED

THIS DEED made this 31st day of October, 1995, by and between

**GRANTOR**

~~DORIS CRAWLEY HAWKINS, widow,~~  
ROBERT EUGENE HAWKINS, unmarried  
LOIS CAROL HAWKINS WILEY and husband,  
RAYMOND LEE WILEY

**GRANTEE**

HAWKINS CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
RT 2 BOX 441 R  
ROANOKE RAPIDS NC 27870

Enter in appropriate block for each party: name, address, and, if appropriate, character of entity, e.g. corporation or partnership.

The designation Grantor and Grantee as used herein shall include said parties, their heirs, successors, and assigns, and shall include singular, plural, masculine, feminine or neuter as required by context.

WITNESSETH, that the Grantor, for a valuable consideration paid by the Grantee, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, has and by these presents does grant, bargain, sell and convey unto the Grantee in fee simple, all that certain lot or parcel of land situated in the City of ---, Faucetts Township, Halifax County, North Carolina and more particularly described as follows:

All that certain tract or parcel of land lying and being situate in Faucetts Township, Halifax County, North Carolina more particularly described as follows: BEGINNING at a point in the Northern right of way of NC Highway 48, said point being the Southwest corner of the Hawkins Chapel United Methodist Church Cemetery (see Deed recorded in Deed Book 562, Page 453, Halifax Public Registry) and said point being located further 334.35 feet, N. 75° 00' E., from an existing concrete monument, said existing concrete monument being located in the Northern right of way of NC Highway 48; thence along the Northern right of way of NC Highway 48 S. 75° 00' W., 24.30 feet to a new iron pipe, a new corner; thence along a new made line, N. 11° 29' W., 120.60 feet to a new iron pipe, a new corner; thence along a new made line N. 80° 27' E., 59.20 feet to a new iron pipe, said iron pipe being the Northwestern corner of said Hawkins Chapel United Methodist Church Cemetery; thence along the Western line of said Hawkins Chapel United Methodist Church Cemetery S. 05° 07' W., 122.20 feet to the point of beginning, containing 4962 square feet or .11 acres, more or less; and being the identical real property shown and designated on that map or "Plat Showing Property Surveyed For Hawkins Chapel Church," Faucetts Township, Halifax County, North Carolina, prepared by Jonathan C. Waters, Registered Land Surveyor, dated August 14, 1994; and being a portion of the identical real property conveyed unto James Otis Hawkins and wife, Roy Rose Hawkins, by deed of J. D. Pittard et ux, dated June 24, 1958, recorded in Book 637, Page 239, Halifax Public Registry; reference to said map and deed being made hereby for a greater certainty of description.

The said Roy Rose Hawkins died testate on March 29, 1961, devising all her property to her husband, James Otis Hawkins (See File No. 84-E-130). The said James Otis Hawkins died testate on February 26, 1984, devising all his property to his wife, Roy Rose Hawkins (See File No. 84-E-68). Since Roy Rose Hawkins had predeceased her husband, upon the death of James Otis Hawkins, all the property owned by James Otis Hawkins at the time of his death passed to his heirs at law. Three children were born of the marriage of James Otis Hawkins and Roy Rose Hawkins, namely: James McArthur Hawkins, Gloria Dean Hawkins Rose, and Sanford Gene Hawkins. Gloria Dean Hawkins Rose died intestate on March 4, 1987, survived by her children, namely: Melinda Rose Sutherland, Cynthia Rose Green, Penny Marie Rose, Jenny Leigh Rose and Sanford Eugene Rose, as her only heirs at law. Sanford Gene Hawkins died intestate on April 8, 1975, survived by his widow, Doris Crawley Hawkins, and his two children, namely: Robert Eugene Hawkins and Lois Carol Hawkins Wiley, as his heirs at law.

The property hereinabove described was acquired by Grantor by instrument recorded in Book 637, page 239, Halifax Public Registry.

A map showing the above described property is recorded in Plat Book ..... page .....

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the aforesaid lot or parcel of land and all privileges and appurtenances thereto belonging to the Grantee in fee simple.

And the Grantor covenants with the Grantee, that Grantor is seized of the premises in fee simple, has the right to convey the same in fee simple, that title is marketable and free and clear of all encumbrances, and that Grantor will warrant and defend the title against the lawful claims of all persons whomsoever except for the exceptions hereinafter stated. Title to the property hereinabove described is subject to the following exceptions:

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Grantor has hereunto set his hand and seal, or if corporate, has caused this instrument to be signed in its corporate name by its duly authorized officers and its seal to be hereunto affixed by authority of its Board of Directors, the day and year first above written.

(Corporate Name)
By:
President
ATTEST:
Secretary (Corporate Seal)

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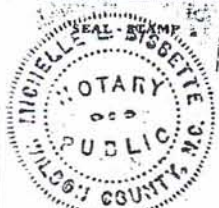
~~Doris Crawley Hawkins~~ (SEAL)
Robert Eugene Hawkins (SEAL)
Lois Carol Hawkins Wiley (SEAL)
Raymond Lee Wiley (SEAL)

(Corporate Name)
By:
President
ATTEST:
Secretary (Corporate Seal)

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NORTH CAROLINA, \_\_\_\_\_ County.

I, a Notary Public of the County and State aforesaid, certify that Doris Crawley Hawkins, wife  
Grantor,  
personally appeared before me this day and acknowledged the execution of the foregoing instrument. Witness my  
hand and official stamp or seal, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of February, 1996.  
My commission expires: \_\_\_\_\_ Notary Public

NORTH CAROLINA, Wilson County.

I, a Notary Public of the County and State aforesaid, certify that Robert Eugene Hawkins,  
unmarried Grantor,  
personally appeared before me this day and acknowledged the execution of the foregoing instrument. Witness my  
hand and official stamp or seal, this 17th day of February, 1996.  
My commission expires: April 27, 1998 Michelle A. Bissette Notary Public

NORTH CAROLINA, Wilson County.

I, a Notary Public of the County and State aforesaid, certify that Lois Carol Hawkins Wiley  
and husband, Raymond Lee Wiley Grantor,  
personally appeared before me this day and acknowledged the execution of the foregoing instrument. Witness my  
hand and official stamp or seal, this 17th day of February, 1996.  
My commission expires: April 27, 1998 Michelle A. Bissette Notary Public

SEAL - STAMP

NORTH CAROLINA, \_\_\_\_\_ County.

I, a Notary Public of the County and State aforesaid, certify that \_\_\_\_\_  
Grantor,  
personally appeared before me this day and acknowledged the execution of the foregoing instrument. Witness my  
hand and official stamp or seal, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_.  
My commission expires: \_\_\_\_\_ Notary Public

SEAL - STAMP

NORTH CAROLINA, \_\_\_\_\_ County.

I, a Notary Public of the County and State aforesaid, certify that \_\_\_\_\_  
personally came before me this day and acknowledged that \_\_\_\_\_ he is \_\_\_\_\_ Secretary of  
\_\_\_\_\_ a North Carolina corporation, and that by authority duly  
given and as the act of the corporation, the foregoing instrument was signed in its name by its \_\_\_\_\_  
President, sealed with its corporate seal and attested by \_\_\_\_\_ as its \_\_\_\_\_ Secretary.  
Witness my hand and official stamp or seal, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_.  
My commission expires: \_\_\_\_\_ Notary Public

SEAL - STAMP

NORTH CAROLINA, \_\_\_\_\_ County.

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President, sealed with its corporate seal and attested by \_\_\_\_\_ as its \_\_\_\_\_ Secretary.  
Witness my hand and official stamp or seal, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_.  
My commission expires: \_\_\_\_\_ Notary Public

The foregoing Certificate(s) of Michelle A. Bissette  
NP of Wilson County

are certified to be correct. This instrument and this certificate are duly registered at the date and time and in the Book and Page shown on the first page hereof.

By Judy Evans Barber REGISTER OF DEEDS FOR Halifax COUNTY  
Wanda M. Petrick Deputy/Assistant-Register of Deeds.

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2:35 O'CLOCK PM  
March 18, 1995 IN BOOK  
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Judy Evans-Rubec  
Register of Deeds, Halifax County

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This instrument was prepared by William O. White, Jr., Attorney  
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### NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL WARRANTY DEED

THIS DEED made this 31st day of October, 1995, by and between

**GRANTOR**

JAMES MCARTHUR HAWKINS: and  
JENNY LEIGH ROSE: and  
PENNY MARIE ROSE: and  
MELINDA ROSE SUTHERLAND and husband,  
THOMAS O. SUTHERLAND: and  
CYNTHIA ROSE GREEN and husband,  
TONY RAY GREEN; and  
SANFORD EUGENE ROSE and wife,  
AMY B. ROSE

**GRANTEE**

HAWKINS CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
RT 2 BOX 441 R  
ROANOKE RAPIDS NC 27870

Enter in appropriate block for each party: name, address, and, if appropriate, character of entity, e.g. corporation or partnership.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Grantor has hereunto set his hand and seal, or if corporate, has caused this instrument to be signed in its corporate name by its duly authorized officers and its seal to be hereunto affixed by authority of its Board of Directors, the day and year first above written.

.....  
(Corporate Name)

By: .....

..... President

ATTEST: .....

..... Secretary (Corporate Seal)

.....  
(Corporate Name)

By: .....

..... President

ATTEST: .....

..... Secretary (Corporate Seal)

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*James McArthur Hawkins* (SEAL)  
James McArthur Hawkins

*Penny Marge Rose* (SEAL)  
Penny Marge Rose

*Jenny Leigh Rose* (SEAL)  
Jenny Leigh Rose

*Melinda Rose Sutherland* (SEAL)  
Melinda Rose Sutherland

*Thomas O. Sutherland* (SEAL)  
Thomas O. Sutherland

*Cynthia Rose Green* (SEAL)  
Cynthia Rose Green

*Tony Ray Green* (SEAL)  
Tony Ray Green

*Sanford Eugene Rose* (SEAL)  
Sanford Eugene Rose

*Amy B. Rose* (SEAL)  
Amy B. Rose

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NORTH CAROLINA, HALIFAX County.  
I, a Notary Public of the County and State aforesaid, certify that James McArthur Hawkins, Penny Marie Rose, and Jenny Leigh Rose Grantor, personally appeared before me this day and acknowledged the execution of the foregoing instrument. Witness my hand and official stamp or seal, this 12th day of February, 1996.  
My commission expires: 10/08/2000 Carolyn C. Aycock Notary Public



NORTH CAROLINA, HALIFAX County.  
I, a Notary Public of the County and State aforesaid, certify that Melinda Rose Sutherland and husband, Thomas O. Sutherland; Cynthia Rose Green and husband, Tony Ray Green Grantor, personally appeared before me this day and acknowledged the execution of the foregoing instrument. Witness my hand and official stamp or seal, this 12th day of February, 1996.  
My commission expires: 10/08/2000 Carolyn C. Aycock Notary Public



NORTH CAROLINA, HALIFAX County.  
I, a Notary Public of the County and State aforesaid, certify that Sanford Eugene Rose and wife, Amy B. Rose Grantor, personally appeared before me this day and acknowledged the execution of the foregoing instrument. Witness my hand and official stamp or seal, this 12th day of February, 1996.  
My commission expires: 10/08/2000 Carolyn C. Aycock Notary Public

SEAL - STAMP

NORTH CAROLINA, \_\_\_\_\_ County.  
I, a Notary Public of the County and State aforesaid, certify that \_\_\_\_\_ Grantor, personally appeared before me this day and acknowledged the execution of the foregoing instrument. Witness my hand and official stamp or seal, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_.  
My commission expires: \_\_\_\_\_ Notary Public

SEAL - STAMP

NORTH CAROLINA, \_\_\_\_\_ County.  
I, a Notary Public of the County and State aforesaid, certify that \_\_\_\_\_ Secretary of \_\_\_\_\_ a North Carolina corporation, and that by authority duly given and as the act of the corporation, the foregoing instrument was signed in its name by its \_\_\_\_\_ President, sealed with its corporate seal and attested by \_\_\_\_\_ as its \_\_\_\_\_ Secretary. Witness my hand and official stamp or seal, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_.  
My commission expires: \_\_\_\_\_ Notary Public

SEAL - STAMP

NORTH CAROLINA, \_\_\_\_\_ County.  
I, a Notary Public of the County and State aforesaid, certify that \_\_\_\_\_ Secretary of \_\_\_\_\_ a North Carolina corporation, and that by authority duly given and as the act of the corporation, the foregoing instrument was signed in its name by its \_\_\_\_\_ President, sealed with its corporate seal and attested by \_\_\_\_\_ as its \_\_\_\_\_ Secretary. Witness my hand and official stamp or seal, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_.  
My commission expires: \_\_\_\_\_ Notary Public

The foregoing Certificate(s) of Carolyn C. Aycock N.P. of Halifax County

are certified to be correct. This instrument and this certificate are duly registered at the date and time and in the Book and Page shown on the first page hereof.

By Judy Evans - Burkert REGISTER OF DEEDS FOR Halifax COUNTY  
Wanda M. Petuck Deputy Assistant Register of Deeds.

BOOK 1665 PAGE 543

FILED FOR REGISTRATION AND RECORDED  
2:35 O'CLOCK PM  
March 8, 1996 IN BOOK  
1665 PAGE 543  
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Register of Deeds, Halifax County

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Recording Time, Book and Page

Tax Lot No. .... Parcel Identifier No. ....  
Verified by ..... County on the ..... day of ....., 19 ....  
by .....

Mail after recording to .....

This instrument was prepared by ..William O. White, Jr.

Brief description for the Index



### NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL WARRANTY DEED

THIS DEED made this 17th day of February, 1995, by and between

GRANTOR

GRANTEE

William B. Green and Dorothy I. Green,  
his wife

Hawkins Chapel United Methodist Church  
RT 2 BOX 441R  
ROANOKE RAPIDS NC 27870

Enter in appropriate block for each party: name, address, and, if appropriate, character of entity, e.g. corporation or partnership.

The designation Grantor and Grantee as used herein shall include said parties, their heirs, successors, and assigns, and shall include singular, plural, masculine, feminine or neuter as required by context.

WITNESSETH, that the Grantor, for a valuable consideration paid by the Grantee, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, has and by these presents does grant, bargain, sell and convey unto the Grantee in fee simple, all that certain lot or parcel of land situated in the City of ..... Faucetts ..... Township, Halifax ..... County, North Carolina and more particularly described as follows:

All that certain triangular shaped tract or parcel of land lying and being situate in Faucetts Township, Halifax County, North Carolina more particularly described as follows: BEGINNING at a point in the Northern right of way of NC Highway 48, said point being the Southeast corner of the Hawkins Chapel United Methodist Church Cemetery and said point being located further 105.47 feet, N. 6° 09' E., from an existing iron pipe in the Southern right of way of NC Highway 48, said iron pipe being the Northeastern corner of the land conveyed to Hawkins Chapel Church by deed recorded in Book 73-B, Page 182, Halifax Public Registry; thence along the eastern boundary of said Hawkins Chapel United Methodist Church Cemetery, N. 05° 07' E., 145.20 feet to a new iron pipe, a new corner; thence along a new made line S. 13° 21' E., 140.92 feet to a new iron pipe in the Northern right of way of NC Highway 48, a new corner; thence along the Northern right of way of NC Highway 48, S. 80° 37' W., 46.08 feet to the point of beginning, containing 3239 square feet or .07 acres, more or less; and being the identical real property shown and designated on that map or "Plat Showing Property Surveyed For Hawkins Chapel Church," Faucetts Township, Halifax County, North Carolina, prepared by Jonathan C. Waters, Registered Land Surveyor, dated August 14, 1994; and being a portion of the identical real property conveyed unto William B. Green by deed of Lily S. Green, dated January 12, 1959, recorded in Book 641, Page 305, Halifax Public Registry; reference to said map and deed being made hereby for a greater certainty of description.







Mrs. Herbert Riggan, Trustee, et al :  
To : Quitclaim Deed  
Frank Parks, Tr., et al :  
.....

Register of Deeds  
Warren County, N.C.  
195/321-322

NORTH CAROLINA  
WARREN COUNTY

THIS QUITCLAIM DEED, made and executed this 25th day of September, 1958, by Mrs. Herbert Riggan, surviving Trustee of the Methodist Protestant Church, Littleton Circuit, Clifton Hawkins, Trustee of Hawkins Chapel Methodist Church, James Frank Shaw, Trustee of Taber Methodist Church, and M. W. Dulin, Pastor of Hawkins Chapel and Taber Charge Methodist Church, parties of the first part, to Frank Parks, Trustee, L. G. Jenkins, Trustee, B. F. Morris, Trustee, and T. W. Duncan, Trustee, all of whom (with the exception of Frank Parks) have been designated as Parsonage Trustees of the Calvary Charge Methodist Church, parties of the second part;

W I T N E S S E T H

THAT WHEREAS on January 20, 1903, John P. Leach et ux. conveyed to John H. Harrison et als, Trustees of and for the Methodist Protestant Church, the lands hereinafter described by deed recorded in Book 70, page 476, Warren County Registry;

AND WHEREAS thereafter during the year 1939 or thereabouts, the said Methodist Protestant Church and other religious organizations merged into the Methodist Church;

AND WHEREAS Hawkins Chapel Methodist Church and Taber Methodist Church, formerly components of the Littleton Circuit Methodist Protestant Church, which was formerly seized of the property hereinafter described, are no longer affiliated with the reconstituted Charge, now known as Calvary Charge, and the parsonage Trustees of said Hawkins Charge and Taber Charge, being duly authorized and empowered by their respective congregations and the Quarterly Conference, are desirous of releasing and quitclaiming unto the parties of the second part all such interests, if any, which they might have in and to the property hereinafter described;

AND WHEREAS Mrs. Herbert Riggan is the sole surviving Trustee of the Littleton Circuit Methodist Protestant Church and likewise desires to release and quitclaim unto the parties of the second part all such interest, if any, which the Littleton Circuit Methodist Protestant Church might have in and to the property hereinafter described;

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the premises, the purposes aforesaid, and in further consideration of the sum of ONE DOLLAR (\$1.00) to each of the parties of the first part paid, the receipt of which is acknowledged, the said parties of the first part do hereby forever release, confirm and quitclaim unto the parties of the second part, their successors and assigns, all of their right, title, interest and estate in and to the following described land in the Town of Littleton, River Township, Warren County, North Carolina:

Beginning at Mrs. Elizabeth Whitaker's corner on the South side of College Avenue, thence a southerly course along her line to a corner in said Whitaker's and Leach's garden about 203 feet; thence nearly West about 50 feet to a corner in Mrs. Mary A. Moore; thence following her line to said Avenue to a corner, and thence to the beginning, containing about 10,100 square feet.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the above described premises, together with all privileges and appurtenances thereto belonging, unto the said parties of the second part, their successors and assigns, so that neither the parties of the first part nor any person, firm or corporation claiming by under her through them shall ever assert or claim any right, title, interest or estate in or to said land, but they and every of them shall by these presents be forever barred.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties of the first part have hereunto subscribed their names and affixed their seals, all by authority of their respective churches duly given, on the day and year first above written.

MRS. HERBERT RIGGAN

Mrs. Herbert Riggan, surviving Trustee,  
Methodist Protestant Church, Littleton Circuit

CLIFTON HAWKINS

Clifton Hawkins, Trustee of Hawkins Chapel  
Methodist Church

JAMES FRANK SHAW

James Frank Shaw, Trustee, Taber Methodist  
Church

MAX W. DULIN

M. W. Dulin, Pastor, Hawkins Chapel and  
Taber Charge, Methodist Church.

NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF WARREN

195/322

I, Annie Harvey Price, a Notary Public of said County and State, do hereby certify that Mrs. Herbert Riggan, surviving Trustee, Methodist Protestant Church, Littleton Circuit, this day personally appeared before me and acknowledged the due execution of the foregoing and annexed quitclaim deed.

Witness my hand and notarial seal, this 9 day of October, 1958.

(N. P. Seal)

Annie Harvey Price  
Notary Public

My commission expires Jan 27, 1959.

NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF WARREN

195/322

I, Annie Harvey Price, a Notary Public of said County and State, do hereby certify that Clifton Hawkins, Trustee of Hawkins Chapel Methodist Church, this day personally appeared before me and acknowledged the due execution of the foregoing and annexed quitclaim deed.

Witness my hand and notarial seal, this 9 day of October, 1958.

(N. P. Seal)

Annie Harvey Price  
Notary Public

My commission expires Jan 27, 1959.

NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF WARREN

I, Annie Harvey Price, a Notary Public of said County and State, do hereby certify that James Frank Shaw, Trustee, Taber Methodist Church, this day personally appeared before me and acknowledged the due execution of the foregoing and annexed quitclaim deed.

Witness my hand and notarial seal, this 9 day of October, 1958.

(N. P. Seal)

Annie Harvey Price  
Notary Public

My commission expires Jan 27, 1959.

NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF WARREN

I, Annie Harvey Price, a Notary Public of said County and State, do hereby certify that M. W. Dulin, Pastor, Hawkins Chapel and Taber Charge, Methodist Church, this day personally appeared before me and acknowledged the due execution of the foregoing and annexed quitclaim deed.

Witness my hand and notarial seal, this 9 day of October, 1958.

(N. P. Seal)

Annie Harvey Price  
Notary Public

My commission expires Jan 27, 1959.

NORTH CAROLINA  
WARREN COUNTY

The foregoing and annexed certificates of Annie Harvey Price of Warren North Carolina, Notaries Public, are adjudged to be in due form, correct and sufficient.

Let the instrument, with the certificates, be registered.

Witness my hand, this 20th day of November, 1958.

Lanie M. Hayes  
Asst Clerk of Superior Court

Filed for record this the 20 day of Nov., 1958 at 9:45 o'clock A. M., and duly recorded and verified.

S. E. Allen, Register of Deeds.



NORTH CAROLINA  
HALIFAX COUNTY

This DEED, made this the 2nd day of July, 1958, by A.W. Liles and wife, Julia Dewar Liles, parties of the first part, to T.B. Hawkins, Van Hawkins, Clarence Hawkins, Willis Hawkins, and Clifton Hawkins, Trustees of Hawkins Methodist Church, and Maynard Gupton, F.H. Collow, E. T. Hawkins, Sr., B.B. Liles, and James P. Shaw, Trustees of Tabor Methodist Church, acting as Trustees for the Hawkins-Tabor Methodist Charge, and their successors in office and their assigns, parties of the second part, all of Halifax County, North Carolina;

## WITNESSETH:

That the said parties of the first part for and in consideration of One (\$1.00) Dollar to each of them in hand paid by the said parties of the second part on behalf of the Hawkins-Tabor Methodist Charge, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, have bargained and sold, and by these presents do bargain, sell and convey unto the said parties of the second part, acting as Trustees for the Hawkins-Tabor Methodist Charge, and their successors in office and their assigns, in fee simple forever, a lot or parcel of land lying and being in Butterwood Township, Halifax County, North Carolina, described as follows:

Beginning at an iron stake on the North side of the road leading from Webb's Cross Roads to old Aurelian Springs, the said stake being 30 feet from the center of the said road and 108.8 feet from an iron stake that marks the corner of the property of C.L. Kelly, Sr. and A.W. Liles, thence along the northern right of way of the beforementioned road North 60 degrees 15 minutes West 140 feet to an iron stake in a ditch that leads from a pipe under the road, thence at right angles to the road North 29 degrees 45 minutes East 307 feet to an iron stake, thence at right angles south 60 degrees 15 minutes East 140 feet to an iron stake, thence at right angles south 29 degrees 45 minutes West 307 feet to the point of beginning, containing one (1) acre according to that certain map or plat entitled "Plat of Hawkins-Tabor Parsonage Lot" made by C.F. Gore, Registered Engineer, dated June 7th, 1958, recorded in Plat Book 8, page 93, Office of the Register of Deeds of Halifax County, North Carolina, to which said plat reference is hereby made for greater certainty of description of the above described lot or parcel of land; the above described lot or parcel of land being a part of that certain tract or parcel of land described in that certain deed from Person F. Harris and wife, May L. Harris, to A.W. Liles and wife, Julia Dewar Liles, dated February 5th, 1958, recorded under date of 4:30 P.M., February 6th, 1958, in Book 632, page 323, aforesaid Public Registry, reference to which said deed is also hereby made for greater certainty of description.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the aforesaid lot or parcel of land and all privileges and appurtenances thereunto belonging to the said parties of the second part, acting as Trustees for the Hawkins-Tabor Methodist Charge, and their successors in office and their assigns, in fee simple forever.

IN TRUST, that such premises shall be held, kept, and maintained as a place of residence for the use and occupancy of the ministers of The Methodist Church who may from time to time be entitled to occupy the same by appointment; SUBJECT to the Discipline and usage of said church, as from time to time authorized and declared by the General Conference and by the Annual Conference within whose bounds the said premises are situated. This provision is solely for the benefit of the grantees, and the grantor reserves no right or interest in said premises.

AND the said parties of the first part do covenant that they are seized of said premises in fee and have the right to convey the same in fee simple; that the same are free from encumbrances; and that they will warrant and defend the said title to the same against the claims of all persons whatsoever.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the said parties of the first part have hereunto set their hands and seals the day and year first above written.

A.W. Liles  
Julia Dewar Liles

(SEAL)  
(SEAL)

NORTH CAROLINA  
HALIFAX COUNTY

I, P.C. Crawley, NOTARY PUBLIC, in and for the aforesaid County and State, do hereby certify that A.W. Liles and wife, Julia Dewar Liles, personally appeared before me this day and each acknowledged the due execution of the foregoing and annexed conveyance.

WITNESS my hand and Notarial Seal, this 8 day of July, 1958.

(Notary Public Seal)

My commission expires: July 31, 1958.

P.C. Crawley, Notary Public

NORTH CAROLINA) SUPERIOR COURT  
HALIFAX COUNTY) 7-9-1958

The foregoing certificate of P.C. Crawley Notary Public of Halifax County is adjudged to be in due form and according to law. Let the instrument with the certificate be recorded.

Clemie Read, Assistant Clerk Superior Court.

Filed for Registration and Recorded 9 o'clock A.M.  
July 9, 1958 in Book 637 page 257  
F. D. Wilson, Register of Deeds, Halifax County.

BK 636  
P. 190-192

HAWKINS ET AL TRS

to

TAYLOR TR

NORTH CAROLINA  
HALIFAX COUNTY

This DEED OF TRUST, made and entered into this 26th day of August, 1958, by and between T. E. Hawkins, Van Hawkins, Clarence Hawkins, Willis Hawkins, and Clifton Hawkins, Trustees of Hawkins Methodist Church, and Maynard Cupton, F. E. Cullom, H. T. Hawkins, Sr., E. B. Liles, and James P. Shaw, Trustees of Tabor Methodist Church, acting as Trustees for the Hawkins-Tabor Methodist Charge, parties of the first part, to Jacob C. Taylor, Trustee, party of the second part, and The Bank of Halifax, Littleton, North Carolina, party of the third part, all of Halifax County, North Carolina,

WITNESSETH:

Whereas the said Hawkins-Tabor Methodist Charge is indebted to the said Bank of Halifax, Littleton, North Carolina, in the sum of SEVEN THOUSAND (\$7,000.00) DOLLARS money loaned this day evidenced by one (1) promissory note, under seal, of even date herewith, due and payable December 15, 1958, with interest thereon until maturity till paid, at the rate of five (5%) per centum per annum, payable quarterly, the principal whereof the said Hawkins-Tabor Methodist Charge is anxious to secure by the conveyance of the land hereinafter described.

Now, therefore, in consideration of the premises and for the purpose aforesaid, and for the sum of ONE (\$1.00) DOLLAR to the parties of the first part, acting as Trustees as aforesaid of Hawkins-Tabor Methodist Charge, said by the party of the second part aforesaid, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged by said T. E. Hawkins, Van Hawkins, Clarence Hawkins, Willis Hawkins and Clifton Hawkins, Trustees of Hawkins Methodist Church, and Maynard Cupton, F. H. Cullom, H. T. Hawkins, Sr., E. B. Liles and James P. Shaw, Trustees of Tabor Methodist Church, acting as Trustees for the Hawkins-Tabor Methodist Charge, have bargained, sold, given, granted and conveyed, and by these presents bargain, sell, give, grant and convey to said Jacob C. Taylor, Trustee, his heirs and assigns a tract or parcel of land lying and being in Butterwood Township, Halifax County, North Carolina, described as follows:

Beginning at an iron stake on the North side of the road leading from Webbs Cross Roads to old Aurelian Springs, the said stake being 30 feet from the center of the said road and 108.8 feet from said stake, the said stake marks the corner of the property of C. L. Kelly, Sr., and A. W. Liles, thence along the northern right of way of the beforementioned road North 60 degrees 15 minutes west 307 feet to an iron stake in a ditch that leads from a pipe under the road, thence at right angles North 29 degrees 45 minutes east 307 feet to an iron stake, thence at right angles South 0 degrees 15 minutes east 140 1/2 feet to an iron stake, thence at right angles South 29 degrees 45 minutes west 307 feet to the point of beginning, containing one (1) acre according to that certain map or plat entitled "Plat of Hawkins-Tabor Parsonage Lot" made by J. C. Taylor, Registered Engineer, dated June 7th, 1958, recorded in Plat Book C, page 93, Office of the Register of Deeds of Halifax County, North Carolina, to which plat reference is hereby made for greater certainty of description of the above described lot or parcel of land; and being the identical lot or parcel of land described in that certain deed from A. W. Liles, et al, via Dewar Liles, to the parties of the first part herein, acting as Trustees of the said Hawkins-Tabor Methodist Charge, dated July 2, 1958 and recorded under date of 9:00 A. M., July 9th, 1958 in Book 637, page 257, aforesaid Public Registry, to which reference is also here made for greater certainty of description.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD said land and premises with all rights, privileges, and appurtenances thereunto belonging to him, said party of the second part, his heirs and assigns forever, upon the trust and for the uses and purposes following and none other, that is to say:

If the said Hawkins-Tabor Methodist Charge shall fail or neglect to pay interest on said promissory note as the same may hereafter become due, or both principal and interest at maturity of the said promissory note or any part of either, or any note or bond given in renewal

in whole or in part therefor, or any amount expended for insurance or taxes as herein provided then on application of said party of the third part, The Bank of Halifax, Littleton, North Carolina, assignee, or other person who may be entitled to the moneys due thereon, it shall be lawful for, and the duty of, the said party of the second part, to advertise said land in some newspaper published in said County of Halifax at least once a week for four successive weeks; or if there be no newspaper published in said county, then in three or more public places in the county aforesaid, for thirty days, therein appointing a day and place of sale, and at such time and place to expose said lands at public sale to the highest bidder for cash, and upon such sale to convey title to the purchaser.

And the said Jacob C. Taylor, Trustee, first retaining (out of the proceeds of such sale) five (5%) per cent commission on the sale of the whole of said land sold, as a compensation for making such sale, shall apply so much of the residue as may be necessary to pay off and discharge said promissory note and all interest then accrued and due thereon, and all sums expended for taxes and insurance as herein provided, together with all necessary expenses of advertising and selling; and shall pay the surplus, if any remain, to said Hawkins-Tabor Methodist Charge.

It is understood and agreed between the parties to this deed, that the parties of the first part shall pay all taxes within the time prescribed by law, and shall keep the buildings on the said premises insured in some reliable insurance company having an agency in the said County of Halifax in the sum of \$11,000.00, which said policy shall be payable to the party of the third part, as its interest may appear, and deposited with The Bank of Halifax, Littleton, North Carolina, to be applied, in case of loss, as far as it may extend to the satisfaction of this trust. And if the parties of the first part shall fail to pay said taxes or to insure said buildings for ten hours the party of the third part or the trustee shall be at liberty to pay said taxes or effect such insurance, and the amount so expended shall be deemed principal money, bearing 6% interest per annum, and be payable when the next installment of interest becomes due.

It is further stipulated and agreed, that any statement of facts or recital by said Trustee in his deed in relation to the nonpayment of the money secured to be paid, the amount due, the advertisement, sale, receipt of the money, and the execution of the deed to the purchaser shall be received as prima facie evidence of such fact.

And it is stipulated and agreed, that if said Hawkins-Tabor Methodist Charge shall pay off said promissory note and interest, and discharge fully the trusts herein declared before such sale, or the same shall be done by a sale of part of said lands, then so much of said lands as may not have been sold and are not required to meet any of said trusts shall be conveyed to said Hawkins-Tabor Methodist Charge or the title thereto vested in them according to the provisions of the law.

And the said Hawkins-Tabor Methodist Charge, party of the first part, doth covenant to and agree with said party of the second part, his heirs and assigns: That they are the owners and are seized of said premises in fee simple; that they have the right to convey the same; that the same are free from encumbrances whatsoever; that they will forever warrant and defend the title to the same from the lawful claims of all persons whomsoever; and that they will execute such further deed or deeds as may be necessary or proper to carry out the true intent and purpose of this trust.

The execution of this Deed of Trust and the Note thereby secured was authorized and approved by a Resolution adopted at a Special Session of the Hawkins-Tabor Methodist Charge Quarterly Conference, duly and regularly called, held on Sunday, August 17th, 1958, in which said Resolution the undersigned Rodger Gupton and John Joyner were authorized to execute "any necessary written instrument pertaining" to the loan hereby secured "by and on behalf of" the Hawkins-Tabor Methodist Charge and stating that "any written instrument so executed shall be binding and effective as the action of Hawkins-Tabor Charge", in pursuance of which said Resolution the aforesaid Rodger Gupton and John Joyner join with the acting Trustees for the Hawkins-Tabor Methodist Charge in the execution of this Deed of Trust and the Note thereby secured; A copy of the aforesaid Resolution, the original of which has been made a part of the permanent records of the Hawkins-Tabor Methodist Charge Quarterly Conference, is to be furnished to the Bank of Halifax, Littleton, North Carolina, on or before the date of the delivery to it of the within Deed of Trust and the Note thereby secured.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the parties of the first part herein, acting as Trustees for the Hawkins-Tabor Methodist Charge, together with Rodger Gupton and John Joyner also acting for and on behalf of the Hawkins-Tabor Methodist Charge, pursuant to the aforesaid Resolution, have hereunto set their hands and seals the day and year first above written.

ACTING TRUSTEES OF THE HAWKINS-TABOR METHODIST CHARGE

By:  
T. B. Hawkins, Trustee of Hawkins Methodist Church (SEAL)  
Van Hawkins, Trustee of Hawkins Methodist Church (SEAL)  
Clarence Hawkins, Trustee of Hawkins Methodist Church (SEAL)  
Willis Hawkins, Trustee of Hawkins Methodist Church (SEAL)  
Clifton Hawkins, Trustee of Hawkins Methodist Church (SEAL)  
Maynard Gupton, Trustee of Tabor Methodist Church (SEAL)  
F. H. Cullom, Trustee of Tabor Methodist Church (SEAL)  
H. T. Hawkins, Sr., Trustee of Tabor Methodist Church (SEAL)  
B. B. Liles, Trustee of Tabor Methodist Church (SEAL)  
James F. Shaw, Trustee of Tabor Methodist Church (SEAL)  
Rodger Gupton, acting by & on behalf of the Hawkins-Tabor Methodist Charge (SEAL)  
John H. Joyner, acting by & on behalf of the Hawkins-Tabor Methodist Charge (SEAL)

NORTH CAROLINA  
HALIFAX COUNTY

I, P. C. Crawley, NOTARY PUBLIC, in and for the aforesaid County and State, do hereby certify that T. B. Hawkins, Van Hawkins, Clarence Hawkins, Willis Hawkins and Clifton Hawkins.

Trustees of Hawkins Methodist Church, and Maynard Gupton, F. H. Cullom, H. T. Hawkins, Sr., B. B. Liles and James F. Shaw, Trustees of Tabor Methodist Church, all of whom are acting as Trustees for the Hawkins-Tabor Methodist Charge, and Rodger Gupton and John Joyner acting by & on behalf of the Hawkins-Tabor Methodist Charge, personally appeared before me this day and each acknowledged the due execution of the foregoing and annexed Conveyance for the purposes therein expressed.

WITNESS my hand and Notarial Seal, this 4 day of September, 1958.

(Notary Public Seal)  
My Commission Expires: July 31, 1960

P. C. Crawley, Notary Public

NORTH CAROLINA) SUPERIOR COURT  
HALIFAX COUNTY) Sept. 4, 1958.

The foregoing certificate of P. C. Crawley, Notary Public of Halifax County is adjudged to be in due form and according to law. Let the instrument with the certificate be recorded.

Catherine P. Rothrock, Deputy Clerk  
Superior Court

Filed for Registration and Recorded at 4:15 o'clock P.M.  
Sept. 4, 1958 in Book 636 Page 190.  
F. D. Wilson, Register of Deeds, Halifax County.

\* to an iron, cornering; thence east a straight line, new made for Johnnie Hedgepeth

## **Plats**

Following is a plat that shows the two parcels of land on which the church is located. This same plat shows the original cemetery and the two additional parcels which were later added to enlarge and to parallel the east and west boundaries of the church cemetery.

In addition, a copy of the plat for the parsonage lot is included. This is recorded in Plat Book 8, Page 93, in the Register of Deeds Office, Halifax County, North Carolina.

REF. PLAT

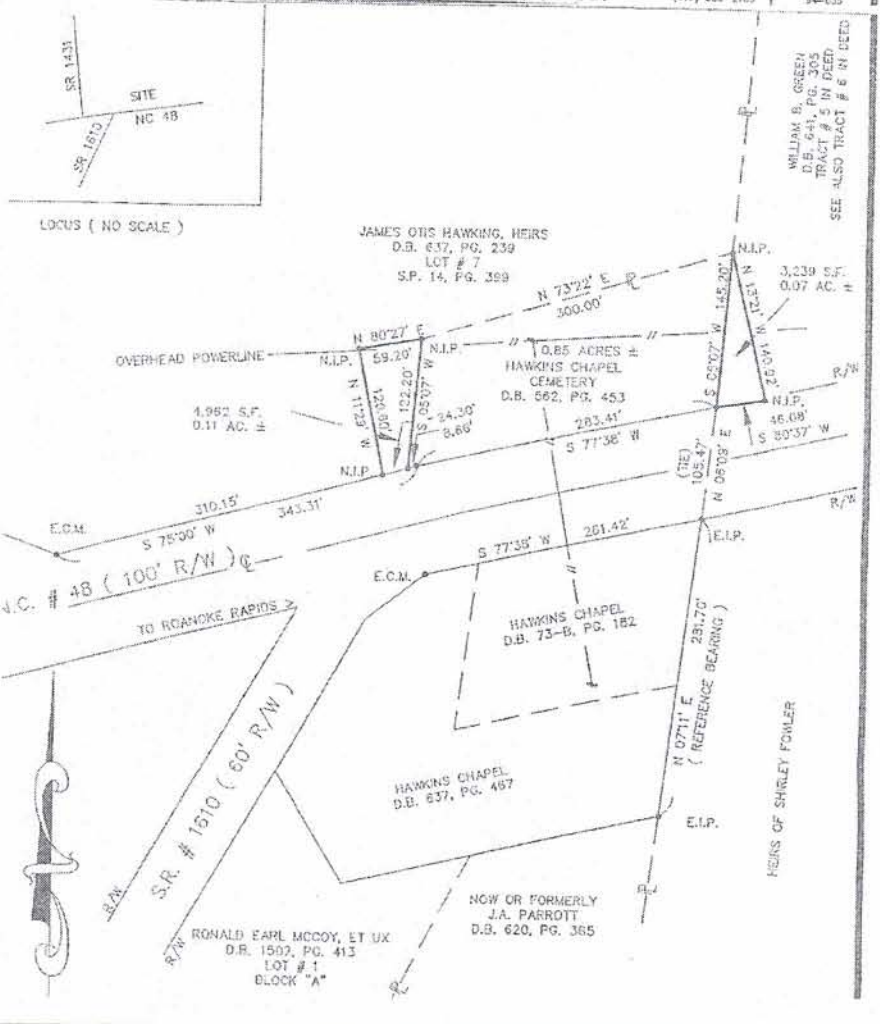
REFERENCE:  
 1.) PLAT SHOWING PROPERTY OF HAWKINS CHAPEL METHODIST CHURCH; DATED NOVEMBER 7, 1975, J.C. SHEARIN, C.E. & SURVEYOR. ( UNRECORDED )  
 2.) AS NOTED.

LEGEND  
 E.I.P. = EXISTING IRON PIPE  
 E.I.R. = EXISTING IRON ROD  
 N.I.P. = NEW IRON PIPE THIS SURVEY  
 N.I.R. = NEW IRON ROD THIS SURVEY  
 E.C.M. = EXISTING CONCRETE MONUMENT



0-15-94

Plat Showing Property Surveyed For <b>HAWKINS CHAPEL CHURCH</b>		
Township: Fayette	County: Halifax	State: N.C.
Scale: 1" = 100'	Date: August 14, 1984	
Jonathan C. Waters Registered Land Surveyor		For Map No. 215 Parcel No. Drawing No. 94-035
P.O. Box 2109 Roanoke Rapids, N.C. 27870	PHONE/FAX (919) 396-2103	



NORTH CAROLINA  
HALIFAX COUNTY

The foregoing and annexed affidavit of \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_, Surveyor, and the Jurat of \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_, a Notary Public, are indorsed and  
in due form and according to law, and the record thereon  
is adjudged to be duly proven.

Let the foregoing map or plat, together with the  
note or affidavit and jurat and this certificate, be recorded.

Witness my hand this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 1958

Deputy Clerk Superior Court

July 2 1958 111 BODK  
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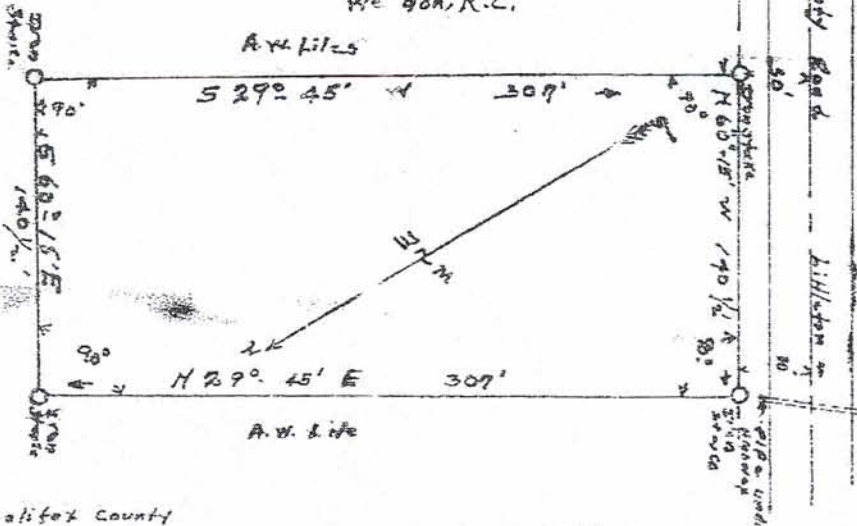
plot of  
Hawkins - Taber Parsonage Lot

A. W. Liles and wife Julia Liles  
Area = 1.0 Acre

Scale 1" = 60'

Surveyed & Plotted June 17, 1958

By C. F. Gore, Registered Engineer  
Weldon, N.C.



Halifax County

C. F. Gore being duly sworn deposes and says that he is a Registered Engineer Residing in Weldon, N.C. and that the lot of the Hawkins-Taber Parsonage Lot, upon which this affidavit is written, is in all respects true and correct and was prepared from an actual survey by him made June 17, 1958. The variation of the Magnetic Needle on that date was 4° 50' West from True North.

C. F. Gore

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 7 day of June, 1958

J. H. Leland  
Notary Public

My Commission Expires July 25 - 1969



### LARRY HAWKINS

A true reflection, appreciation, and love for  
Hawkins Chapel United Methodist Church  
is seen in Larry's eyes and on the front of the shirt  
he proudly wears.

Larry is unwavering in his open display of affection for  
**OUR CHURCH.**

He is the epitome of Hawkins Chapel!



## FINAL THOUGHTS

### OUR CHURCH

From Marsh Swamp to up the road,  
And preachers from afar.  
From brush and benches hewn from logs,  
We've come to where we are.

Within the walls of OUR CHURCH,  
There's sweat, and tears, and love.  
This church was built for all of us  
With guidance from above.

Through troubled times when things were bleak,  
They met the challenge square.  
Where ashes lay in ghostly walls,  
They rebuilt better there.

Now the church is left to us;  
That surely was their will.  
It's up to us to do as they --  
And make it better still!

Cleveland M. Hawkins, Ed. D.

*I was glad when they said unto  
me, Let us go into the house  
of the Lord.*

*Psalm 122: 1 (KJV)*

*A Prayer for America*

*“Almighty God; We make our earnest prayer that Thou wilt keep the United States in Thy holy protection; that Thou wilt incline the hearts of the citizens to cultivate a spirit of subordination and obedience to government; and entertain a brotherly affection and love for one another and for their fellow citizens of the United States at large. And finally that Thou wilt most graciously be pleased to dispose us all to do justice, to love mercy, and to demean ourselves with that charity, humility, and pacific temper of mind which were the characteristics of the Divine Author of our blessed religion, and without a humble imitation of whose example in these things we can never hope to be a happy nation. Grant our supplication, we beseech Thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.”*

*George Washington*

This final thought is President George Washington’s prayer for America, and thus for us even today. This Prayer is inscribed on a cornerstone in the Washington Monument, Washington, D. C.

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