

*A History Of*  
**Sandy Cross United Methodist Church**  
and  
**Sandy Cross Community**



*WELCOME*

To all who are weary and need rest; to all who are lonely and desire companionship; to all who mourn and want comfort; to all who sin and need a Saviour; and to whosoever will come, this Church opens its doors.

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### Sandy Cross Church's New Building

Groundbreaking for the new Sanctuary was August 19, 2001. Construction for the new building began April, 2002. Gary Smith was the NC Conference Contractor. Brian Wheeler was the supervisor. Tom Walden, coordinator of Lay Witness Mission in NC, Mission Team from Wilson, men of the church and community, the women of the church prepared food for the workers, people that donated monies to the building fund made this project a success. Without all these people, this building would not have been possible. **"Thanks to all of you."** Danny Batchelor, with the help of his mother Rachel, has decorated the front of the entrance of our church for Homecoming with beautiful fall arrangements. They have been doing this since 1982. Thank you, Danny and Rachel Batchelor.

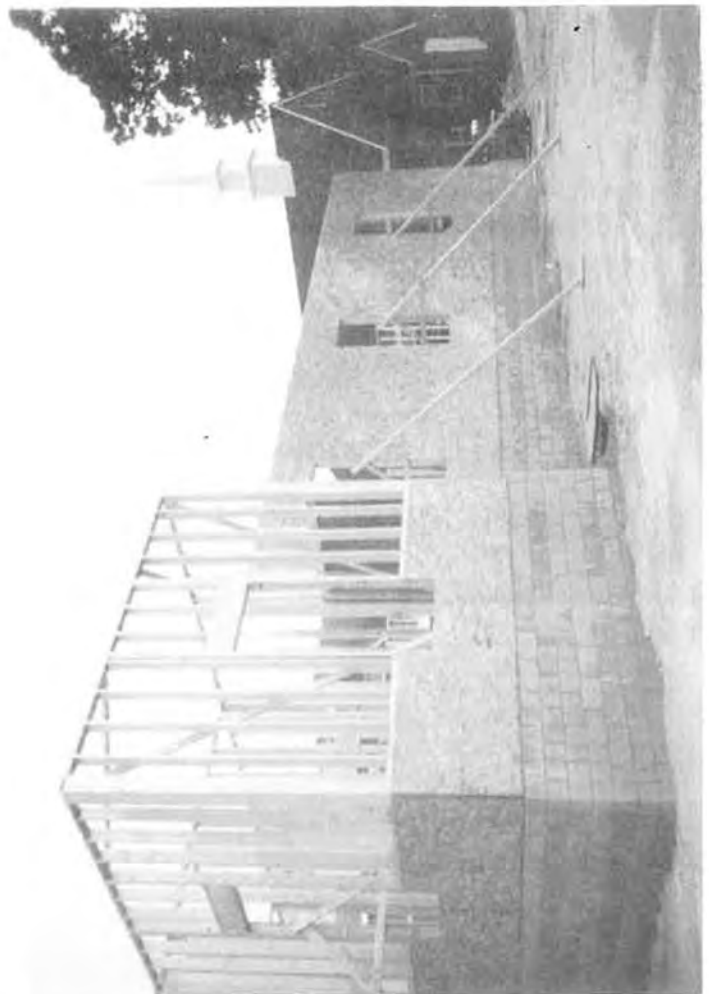
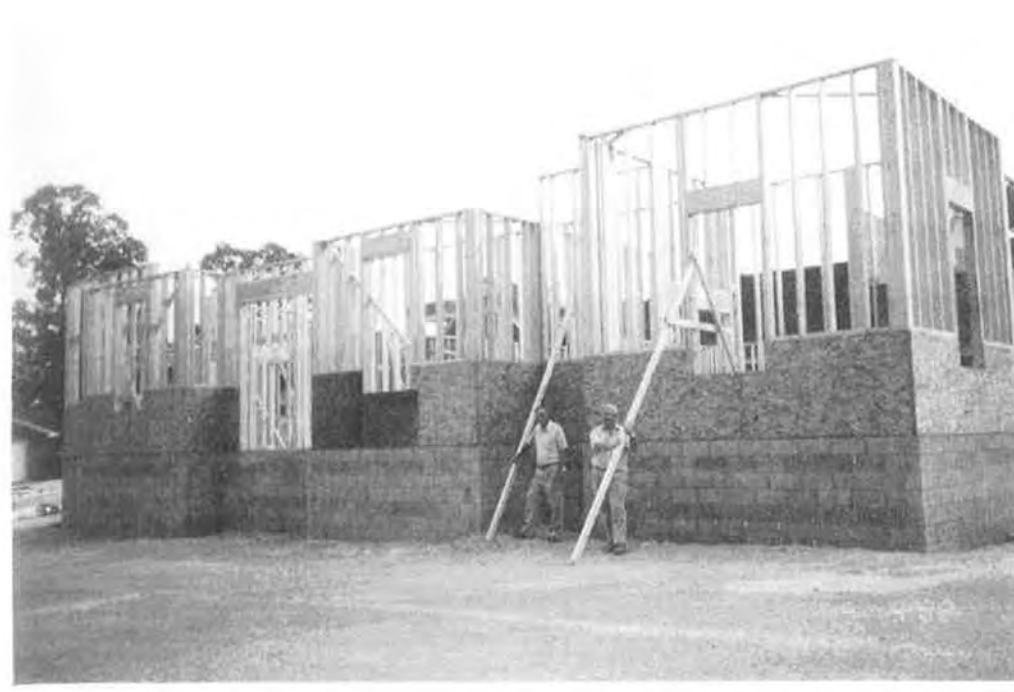




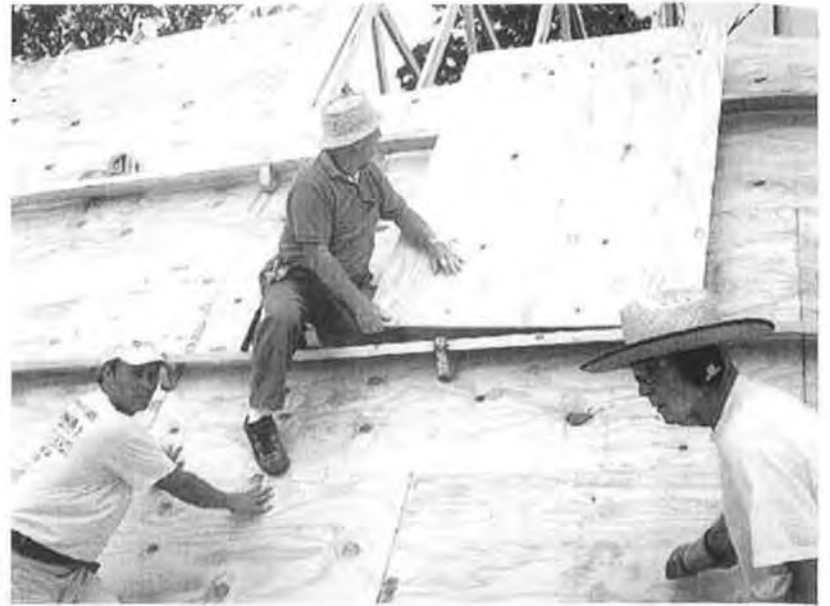


Ground breaking for the new Sanctuary of Sandy Cross Church, Aug. 19, 2001. Construction began April 2002.









Men working on the new Sanctuary are:  
Tom Walden, Bo Hackney, and Bryan Wheeler.



Left to right: These men are enjoying a meal after working hard on the church building.  
Bo Hackney, Ryan Smith, Bryan Wheeler, Tom Shreene, Larry Finn, Rev. Jimmy Reavis, Kenneth Baker, Owain Gruwell, Alvin "Bird" Bone, Billy Joyner, Gary Smith, Nick Lee, Shelton Baker, Tom Griffin, Arnold Joyner. Dolly L. Joyner was taking the picture.



Sandy Cross was glad to have Mr. and Mrs. Tom Walden as guests for our Homecoming Service. Tom Walden is Coordinator of Lay Witness Mission in N.C., Conference of the United Methodist Church, and a very active participant in our local building project. Mr. Walden preached the first sermon in the new, beautiful sanctuary Homecoming Day, Oct. 12, 2003, His message was "Giving, Forgiven, and Forgetting."

The young quartet was organized in February 1971: Kenneth Baker, Gary Joyner, Ernest Winstead, Shelton Baker and Teresa Sallee played the piano. They made their mothers proud to hear then sing once again in our new sanctuary.



Pete Flowers assisting Van Batchelor lighting a candle in memory of his wife, Julie Batchelor. Other candles were lit in loving memory were James B. Manning by Jay and Ellen Manning, Mary Rawlins-by her husband Emory Rawlins, and Evelyn Willis, the oldest member of the church, by Mary Frances Winstead.



Building Committee- Rev. Jimmy Reavis, Billy Joyner, chairperson, Jake Braswell, Shirley Barkley, Mary Frances Winstead, Arnold Joyner, and Kenneth Baker. Not shown- vice chairperson Travis Alford. Pictured was taken June 1, 2003 in front of the new sanctuary. Ground breaking for the new sanctuary Aug. 19, 2001. Construction began April 2002.



Pete Flowers is standing in the vestibule of the new sanctuary. The new kitchen is to the left.



Gray Batchelor daughter of Julie and Van Batchelor is holding the framed information of Thomas Ruffin Batchelor family. Lessie Batchelor had written her granddaddy's two wife's and children's names, births, spouses, etc on a large yellow envelope. Van Batchelor had this envelope framed. Thomas was the father of 22 children by his two wives. Fourteen of the children lived to be raised.





Singleton Langley was born 1821. His wife, Milbry was born 1817. They had six children which are William born 1843, George born 1848, Mary A. E. born 1850, Nancy R. born Sept. 8, 1852, Susan born 1856, and Roda Ann born 1859. Singleton was one of the founders of Sandy Cross Church. He was the first person to be buried in the church's cemetery. Singleton was a private in Co. I, 30th Regiment N.C. Troops. He resided in Nash County where he enlisted at age 40, Sept. 10, 1861. Present and accounted for until he was wounded in the hip in the Seven Day Battle at Malvern Hill, Va., July 1, 1862. He was hospitalized at Richmond, Va., where he died July 7, 1862 of wounds. Nancy R. Langley is great grandmother of Tony Antonelli. Tony gave me this information taken from the NC Census in Nash Co. page 58.



Thomas Ruffen Batchelor with second wife, Nancy R. Langley. Nancy was the daughter of Singleton Langley. Thomas was the father of twenty-two children, including twins. Thomas and his first wife, Delilah Taylor, raised six children. Thomas and second wife Nancy raised eight children. Eight of the children from both marriages died while quite small.

**Children by first wife, Delilah Taylor (born Sept. 2, 1837- died May 22, 1879)**

Mahala Thomas Batchelor	Born Sept. 12, 1861	married Dempsey H. Winstead
Salista Ann Batchelor	Born July 3, 1865	married John Vick
Rhoda Ann Tempy Batchelor	Born Aug. 17, 1866	married Davis Poland
John Thomas Batchelor	Born May 29, 1868	died young
Eliza Jane Batchelor	Born Sept. 1, 1869	married Wyley Batts
Henry James Batchelor	Born May 6, 1871	died young
Amanda Florence Batchelor	Born July 1, 1874	married Haywood Winstead
Mazura Alice Batchelor	Born Apr. 13, 1877	married Sid Baker

**Children by second wife, Nancy R. Langley**

Zebulon Vance	Born July 20, 1880	married Mattie Lou Viverette
Susan Hines	Born Jan. 7, 1882	married John Nick Viverette
Mary Ruffin	Born Aug. 18, 1884	never married
William Thomas	Born May 12, 1886	married Mary Frances Edmondson
Nancy Ella	Born Nov. 10, 1887	married Sidney Thomas Bone
Ida M. Thelma	Born May 11, 1889	never married
Hardy Bennett	Born Sept. 16, 1892	married Lou Viverette
Buddy	Born Dec. 23, 1894	died young
Jennings Bryan	Born Aug. 12, 1896	married Bertha Viverette

Thomas Ruffen was born Feb. 18, 1833 and died Dec. 29, 1907. Nancy R. Langley was born Sept. 8, 1852 and died 1911. Thomas Ruffen's parents were John and Rhoda Batchelor. Information is from the family Bible given to me by Tony Antonelli and Van Batchelor. Nancy Ella Bone is Tony's grandmother.



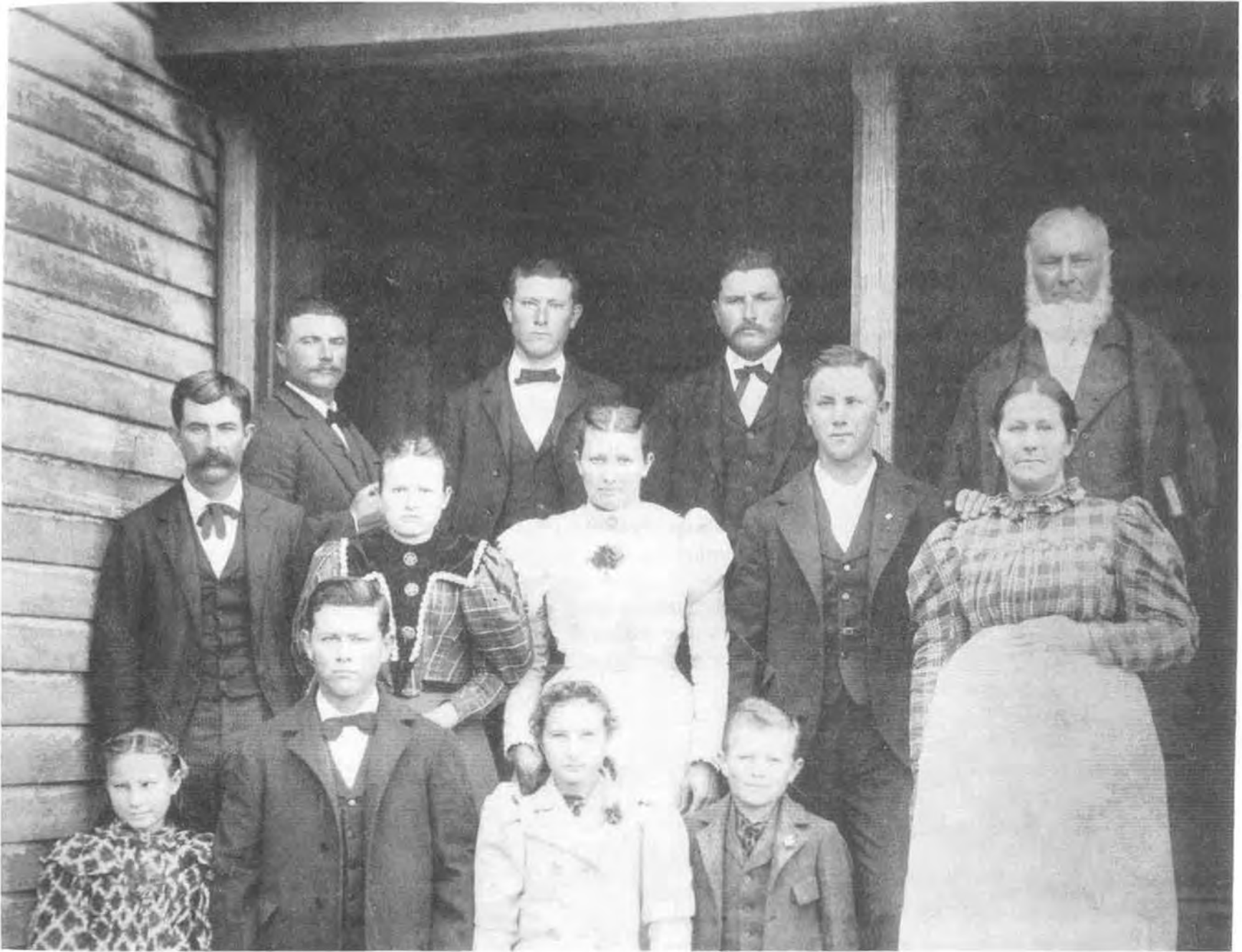
Mary Frances Edmondson and William Thomas Batchelor Sr. were married October 12, 1913. William T was the son of Thomas Ruffin and Nancy Langley Batchelor. Mary Frances and William had four children which are: Mary Lessie Batchelor, William Thomas "W. T." Batchelor, Vernon Batchelor and Myrtle Batchelor Vick. Richard "Pa" Winstead, Rhoda, William Batchelor and Mary had gone to Crocker Chapel, above Nashville to prayer meeting. They got caught in the dark coming home, the car didn't have lights, so Pa sat on the fender holding a lantern so William could see the road to drive home. Pa told me this story and Van Batchelor told this story in Sunday School one morning, so it must be true. William was born May 12, 1886 and died November 2, 1955. Mary was born September 26, 1889 and died October 24, 1970.



Mary Frances E. Batchelor, daughter Mary Lessie, and William Thomas Batchelor, Sr.



Mary Lessie Batchelor was born September 26, 1914, daughter of Mary and William Batchelor. Lessie and her mama Mary were very active in the church. Sandy Cross Church had a Lay Witness Mission in February 5-7, 1971. The witness team from Siler City stayed in the homes of the church members. Sue Siler stayed with Lessie. Lessie opened her home for one of the group sessions we had. Many of the young people accepted Christ during this Lay Witness Mission. Lessie died December 22, 1989



Front Row: (Lt-Rt) Ethel Mae, Kincheon, Rhoda, Edd Baker  
Second Row: William, Sudie, Atsey, Sam, Frances Brantley Baker (mother.)  
Third Row: Joe, Sid, Robert L., Calvin H. Baker (father). Not Pictured  
Dillie Baker married to Zeb Batts.



Robert L. "Bob" Baker operated a store in the corner of the yard when he owned the white house with the porch which he built. I was told by Bruce Baker and Joyce Smith that Millard Bone, when he was a little boy, dropped a rock in the pipe of the gas tank which exploded. This knocked him out and burnt him in the face.



Alice Land was the wife of Robert "Bob" L. Baker. Alice and Bob had five children; Russell, Hoyt, Lottie, Shelley and Leaston. Shelley died when she was about 6 years old. Leaston died young, as he was playing on a farm wagon, he fell from the wagon and broke his neck. Alice was born around 1875 and died 1950. Bob was born Jan 15, 1873 and died Dec. 15, 1943. His second wife was Betty Smith Baker.



Robert L. "Bob" Baker built the house on his farm for his family in 1916. He lost his farm to Federal Land Bank and First National Bank in 1925. He could not make the payments. Mr. John Bone, Winslow Bone's great granddaddy, bought the farm and house on Christmas Eve in 1929 from First National Bank and Federal Land Bank. Winslow's granddaddy was Richard Walter Bone. Winslow's daddy was J. Willie Bone. The Bone house burned January 7, 1999. The Prince family was living there at the time it burned. The children had just gotten home from school. The house burned so quickly the family lost everything even their two cars that were sitting close to the house.



Shelley, Hoyt, and Russell children of Alice Land and Robert L. "Bob" Baker.



**'A TRIBUTE TO**

**HOYT LEE BAKER  
MAYOR OF THE GALEBERRY  
FROM  
HIS FRIENDS IN  
NASH COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA  
THIS COMMEMORATIVE PLAQUE  
IS HEREBY PRESENTED TO HIM  
FOR HIS DEDICATION AND OUTSTANDING SERVICE  
TO NASH COUNTY  
AND THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
BY HIS UNSELFISH DEVOTION TO HIS COMMUNITY  
AND THE PERSONAL EXAMPLE HE HAS SET  
IN EVERYDAY CHRISTIAN LIVING.  
HE HAS MADE A GREAT CONTRIBUTION  
IN MAKING NASH COUNTY  
A BETTER PLACE IN WHICH TO LIVE.**

**PRESENTED THIS 24<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF OCTOBER 1974**

**BY**

**GOV. ROBERT W. SCOTT'**



Lottie and Hoyt Lee Baker children of Alice Land and Bob Baker.

Hoyt Lee Baker married Priscilla Bragg from Bailey, NC. He worked with the railroad. Hoyt built the two story house on his farm across from W.R. Winstead Store. Edith Bone owns the farm now. Hoyt told Bruce Baker that Emma Gardner had the most influence in his life. She taught him in Sunday School at Sandy Cross. Sandy Cross Church and community was dear to Hoyt. He supported both with giving of himself and monetarily. Hoyt went with Priscilla to her church in his latter days. He taught Sunday School and supported the Bailey Church, but would not change his membership from Sandy Cross Church. Hoyt was born 1905 and died Apr. 14, 1991. His wife who was bed ridden when he died, had his casket placed in her bedroom for the funeral. He wrote his own obituary and funeral arrangements. The young preacher from Bailey read the prepared message. Rev. Jimmy Reavis and Bruce Baker went to Hoyt's funeral. He was buried in the Bailey Cemetery.



Russell Baker, son of Alice Land and Bob Baker married Katherine Jones, a teacher at Sandy Cross School. They had one daughter Emily Inez. Emily married Robert Perry Hyatt Aug. 25, 1956. Katherine became a teacher in the Rocky Mount School System. She was the principal of Englewood Elementary School, when Nellie Rhea Gardner Winstead became a teacher and taught in the Rocky Mount School System. Gardner Cleve Winstead son of Nellie and Cleveland was a student at Englewood School 1969-1972. Katherine Baker retired from the Rocky Mount City Schools in 1971. Russell died Feb. 1980.



L. to R.-Katherine Jones Baker, Alice Land Baker, Russell Baker, Molly Land Baker, and Jim Baker. Alice and Molly are sisters. Alice is Bob Baker's wife and Molly is Jim Baker's wife. Jim was a Justice of the Peace. Katherine was Russell's wife.

Hoyt Lee Baker built to own this house and farm for some years located across from Winstead Store. Hoyt worked at the railroad, so he rented the farm out. William Lee and Bettie Bone rented the farm on halves from 1928-32. Hoyt's brother, Russell, and his wife, Katherine lived upstairs in this house for a short time. Joe and Rosa Carpenter moved into the house after the Joyners. Ruth said where the yard is now, there were a lot of oak and hickory trees. Hoyt lost the farm. Edith Bone is the owner now.







Betty Smith and Robert L. "Bob" Baker were married Feb. 7, 1928 in Nashville, NC. L.T. Shingeteton, ordained minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, performed the ceremony. Witnesses were Ellen Singleton, Clyde Singleton, and W. C. Baker. Duncan Baker's grandson Bob Baker accumulated several hundred acres of land and was one of the principle merchants in the area in the early 1900's. He operated a saw mill, a gristmill, a cotton gin, and a general store. Bob Baker is standing in the front of his store. Betty Smith Baker is standing in the door of the store. They lived in the side and back of the store. The store was located next to the Sandy Cross School building and the Sandy Cross Church yard.

Bob Baker is standing in front of the house he and Betty lived in where he died sitting in a chair with a heart attack on Dec. 15, 1943. The house was torn down in 1972 and was replaced with a double wide home. Joyce Smith lives there now. Information and the pictures were given to me by Joyce Smith quoting what her mama, Betty Smith, had told her. Robert L. Baker is buried in the Sandy Cross Church Cemetery. Rev. C. B. Peacock, Rev. J. N. Stancil, and Rev. Sidney Boone preached his funeral in the church. The pall bearers were Lotis Gardner, Oliver Ferrell, Marion Bone, Hubert Bone, Tommie Baker, and Theodore Baker.



Betty and Joyce "Piggie" Smith

Betty Smith Baker was born Oct. 28, 1897. She had one daughter, Elsie Smith. Joyce was born Feb. 10, 1945. Betty raised her niece Joyce from three months as her own little girl. They enjoyed going to Sandy Cross Church. Betty went to Sunday School for 17 years without missing a Sunday. Betty, Joyce, and Bruce Baker got more Sunday School pens than anyone else. Betty died Feb. 20, 1985. Rev. Jimmy Reavis and Lancy Joyner preached the funeral. She is buried in Forest Hills cemetery.





Wanda Hollifield and Kenneth Powell were married March 20, 1970. They have two daughters; Ashley married Andy Rayner and they have two children, Emily and Abigail. Stephanie married Jeff Page. Kenneth went to NC State. He is the director of field services with Farm Bureau. Wanda went to Atlantic Christian College and East Carolina University. She teaches at Coopers Elementary School. Kenneth and Wanda are very active in Sandy Cross Church. If you need a job done, you can count on these two. Kenneth was born Jan. 17, 1949 and Wanda was born Jan. 24, 1949.

Joyce Bone and Harvey Lee Joyner were married Jan. 20, 1956. They had four children, Teresa, Richard, Timothy, and Susan. Teresa married Steve Sallee. They have two daughters, Beth and Tammy. Richard married Lisa Lamm. They have one daughter, Lindsey. Timothy Lee had one son, Taylor. Tim died Nov. 8, 1999. Susan married Darcey Bass. They have two daughter, Grayson and Caley. Joyce and Harvey Lee have supported their children and grandchildren in music and in sports. They have been to many practices and ball-games. Harvey was a Coopers Volunteer fireman, but his talent was used with the people in the rest homes. He would visit the patients and get them involved in singing and other activities. They loved him and looked forward to him coming to see them. Harvey Lee started a ministry in 1970 of picking up the rest home residents in Nashville that wanted to and were able to come to Sandy Cross Church for worship. Volunteers would take turns going for them. Thomas Winstead said the people were all smiles when they were picked up, but were very sad when they had to go back to the rest home. Sometimes, a family in the community would invite them to eat with them for a cookout in their home or they would stay when the church had a dinner. Joyce was born April 13, 1935. Harvey was born Jan. 13, 1934 and died July 11, 2002.



Paul Joyner was born to John and Della Weaver Joyner on July 15, 1915. He married Ruby Baker on December 7, 1934. Paul and Ruby had seven children, Carol Taylor, Bobby, Billy, J. P., Larry, Rachel Griffin, and Ronnie Joyner. He has eleven grandchildren, eight great grandchildren, three step-grandchildren and three step-great grandchildren. His twin brother Silas "Red" Joyner died December 18, 1999. Paul farmed and did day work with J. W. Bone for many years. During the time the sanctuary (that was completed in 1941) was being built, he was sent to help with the building. After his retirement from farming he worked with Dale Bone Farms and I. C. Lamm Logging. In most recent years, he has filled his time with doing woodworking. He especially enjoyed building birdhouses and birdfeeders. He also built a butterbean sheller and a pea sheller. For many summers he shelled butterbeans and peas for people in the community and surrounding areas. During the winter months, he converted his shellers so that he could crack pecans. Paul is pictured above at the part of the sheller that he used to blow the trash out of the beans and pecans.





Nellie Rhea Gardner married Elmer Cleveland Winstead August 19, 1956 in Sandy Cross Church by Rev. Donald Lee Harris. Their son, Gardner Cleve was born May 19, 1963. Cleveland served on many committees in the church such as Parish Board of Trustees, Nominations and Personnel, Pastor-Parish, Chairperson of Parsonage Committee. He sang in the choir and the quartet with Rev. Bill Spencer, Bruce Baker, and George Joyner. When Don Sledge was pastor, he took Bill's place singing with the quartet. Cleveland was born Jan. 6, 1934 and died Feb. 16, 2001. Nellie Rhea was born Feb 25, 1933. Picture taken in 1988.

Lotis and Bettie Langley Gardner with Gardner Cleve Winstead. Lotis and Bettie were married Feb. 11, 1932. They had a daughter, Nellie Rhea, who was born Feb. 25, 1933. Lotis and Bettie were very active in the church. They donated the church stove and chimes in 1980. Bettie, Lotis, Myrtle, and Will Eason donated the church pew cushions June 1981. Bettie helped clean the church with Lucy Braziel and Odell Winstead. Lotis cut the parsonage's grass as well as the church's grass when Rev. Floyd Morrow was pastor. Bettie was born Dec. 1, 1908 and died Sept. 1, 1986. Lotis was born Oct. 1, 1911 and died Dec. 1, 1992. This picture was taken in 1967.



The Lum Gardner house was moved to its present place so the J. Willie Bone house could be built. Lum Gardner had the moving equipment to move houses. This was Lum's occupation along with farming. The Gardners lived in the house until Feb. 1949. The house was given by Lotis and Bettie Gardner to William and Ruby Lindsey for their lifetime. After their death, the house was purchased by Dale Bone.





Iver Pearl Sherrod and Joseph Walter Winstead were married June 24, 1917. Iver and Walter raised four children, Mabel, Beulah, Marvin and Hazel. J. Walter was the secretary of Sandy Cross Sunday School from 1908—1909. Walter was born May 31, 1882 and died Mar. 26, 1951. Iver was born Mar. 24, 1897 and died Nov.30, 1937.

Christopher Columbus "Lum" Gardner married Atsie Baker. Atsie Baker was the daughter of Frances Brantley and Calvin H. Baker. Lum and Atsie had four children, three died in early childhood, and the surviving son was Lotis Columbus Gardner. Lotis was born Oct. 1, 1911 and died Dec. 1, 1992. The teachers at Sandy Cross School lived with the Gardner family. Atsie was born May 16, 1872 and died Jan. 25, 1938. Lum was born Sept. 28, 1871 and died May 4, 1945.

David W. Gardner was the superintendent of Sunday School in 1908. David was the father of Lumm, Clem, and John Gardner. J. Walter Winstead was the secretary of Sunday School in 1908. J. Walter was Mable Baker and Beulah Price's father. W.F. "Frank" Ricks was the second superintendent of Sunday School in 1909. E.R. "Redmon" Winstead was superintendent June 21, 1925. Back then, the Sunday School superintendent would have a sermon like the preachers do today. The records show the attendance would be over 200 people. This information came from the Sunday School record books found in the attic of Sandy Cross Church. These books were given to Bruce Baker to keep.





Harriet Victoria Bone was born Nov. 2, 1883. She married Rev. J. Thomas Pittman of Sandy Cross. They had three children. They are Linda P. Turner, Irene P. Hunt, and James G. Pittman. Rev. Pittman died in 1915. Victoria was the last surviving widow of a NC Confederate soldier. Her second husband, Cyrus H. Stallings of Spring Hope was a private in Infantry Company A of the 70<sup>th</sup> NC Regiment. He died in 1929 after 15 years of marriage to Victoria. Mrs. Victoria was still receiving a state pension for the service of her husband who was part of a Nash County contingent present at the Battle of Petersburg, Va. Mrs. Victoria died June 28, 1986, at the age of 102. Her death ends the pension program. "She worked every day all her life until she fell and injured herself at age 95," said James G. Pittman, 74, her son from Wilmington. "She always worked for others and took care of her children. She used to walk half a mile to church every Sunday until she fell." Mrs. Victoria lived in Rocky Mount until her hip injury, then lived about six year in the Hillhaven Convalescent Home where she died. Mrs. Victoria was a member of the United Daughters of the Confederacy. She is buried beside her first husband, J. T. Pittman, in the Sandy Cross Church Cemetery. J. T. Pittman has a Woodman of The World tombstone. Nelson Bone is Victoria's great, great, grandfather. Information was given to me by Undine Lamm.



Dillie Mae Baker was the daughter of Frances Brantley and Calvin H. Baker. Dillie Mae married Zebedee D. Batts. Their children were: William Sidney married Fannie Vick, Minnie Eva married Stephen Felix Winstead Thuley Blanche married Callie A. Williford, Dovie Gertrude married Willie Barkley, and Effie Mae married John Luther Joyner. Zebedee was born Mar. 29, 1868 and died Jun. 8, 1946. Dillie was born Feb. 27, 1869 and died Jul. 18, 1931.



Dovie Gertrude Batts married William Benjamin "Willie" Barkley Dec. 27, 1934. They had one daughter, Shirley Mae born Oct. 13, 1935. They were active in the Sandy Cross Church. Dovie was born Jun. 11, 1898 and died Aug. 26, 1980. Willie was born Jun. 1, 1894 and died Apr. 17, 1968.



Gardner Family  
(L-R) Gladys, Agnes, Clem, James, and Atlas

Harriett Batchelor married Clem David Gardner. They had six children. They are Gladys Gardner Stewart, Harvard B., James David, C.D., Agnes Gardner Langley, and Atlas. Harriett spun the yarn, wove the material, and made the dress she is wearing in the picture. Harvard said his mama knitted their socks and made most of their clothes. Harriett's mother and father were Mahola A. Cockrell and James Wiley Batchelor. Harriett and Clem inherited the farm from her daddy, James W. Batchelor. They farmed the land from 1926-1944, until Clem died. Agnes bought out her sister and brothers' part, except Harvard's. Harvard owns wooded land. Agnes Gardner Langley sold William R. Winstead the house and farm in 1956. Clem's parents were Sallie Edwards and David W. Gardner. Sallie and David had seven children. They are-Lum, Clem, John, Spence, Ed, Sallie, and Lou. Harriett was born Sept. 9, 1882, and died Feb. 7, 1936. Clem was born Dec. 25, 1878 and died May 9, 1944. James Wiley was born Jan. 20, 1840 and died Nov. 13, 1920 and wife Mahola A. Cockrell Batchelor was born Nov. 27, 1847 and died Apr. 3, 1915. Sallie Edwards Gardner died in 1895, year of the shake. Atlas H. Gardner-Sgt. U.S. Army Air Corps was born May 8, 1916 and died Jan. 13, 1990. Information was given to me by James Gardner's daughter, Inez Ezzell, Harvard Gardner, and Lettie Joyner. Lettie Joyner is granddaughter of Lou Gardner and great granddaughter of David and Sallie Gardner.



Children of Harriett and Clem Gardner  
(L-R) Gladys Gardner Stewart, Harvard B., James David, C.D., and Agnes Gardner Langley.





Alice Batchelor married John Sidney Baker 1898 or '99. They had a son, Tommie Ruffin Baker, Sr. They acquired farm land in the Sandy Cross community about the time they were married. The land is now owned by Dale Bone. Alice was born Apr. 13, 1877 and died Nov. 24, 1969. Sidney was born Aug. 2, 1877 and died Aug. 7, 1941. Little Tommy was raised by his grandparents, Alice and Sidney Baker. Little Tommy's mother, Gertie Moss Baker died during childbirth.



Alice and John Sidney Baker's children are Ernest, Tommie, Girl ?, Melton, Ruth, Lee, and Guy. The picture of Alice and Sidney Baker in older ages was made in 1940. Information about Little Tommy and the Baker family was given to me by Barbara Baker Breedlove, Inez Ezzell, and Margaret Denton.



Gertie Moss was Tommie Ruffin Baker Sr.'s first wife. They had a son, Tommy Ruffin, Jr. Little Tommy was born Aug. 24, 1925. Gertie died during childbirth. Little Tommy was 8 yrs old when he was "discovered" by Billy Burke. Billy was a salesman from Richmond, Va. Billy took Little Tommy to Richmond for three months and began introducing him to show business people he knew. Tommy's dad signed a contract making Billy Burke Little Tommy's manager. Tommy went to New York for a time, then to Hollywood as a dancer. He played in the following movies: "The Little Rascals", as Porkie, "Tailspin Tommy," "Blue Bird" with Shirley Temple in 1939, "Coffin on Wheels," "Mr. Smith Goes to Washington," Roy Roger movies with Gabby Hayes, and he also played with Will Rogers and Milbourn Stone. Tommy joined the Merchant Marines in 1943. He was married to Glorie for 6 years. They opened a greenhouse they called the "Plant Hotel" in Mullins. Tommy also worked 20 years in a finance company and later sold mobile homes in Lumberton. Tommy died in Fayetteville Nov. 18, 1995. Information was given to me by Inez Ezzell, Barbara Baker Breedlove, and Margaret B. Denton.



Dorothy Burgess married Tommie Ruffin Baker, Sr. Feb. 18, 1932. They had six children which are Jean Baker Joyner, Barbara Ann Baker Breedlove, Billy Bernard Baker, John Calvin Baker, Margaret Baker Denton, and Patsy Baker Page. Dorothy and Tommie had a store and barber shop inside the store. Tommie cut hair for the community, as well as the people that came from other places. Dorothy and the children ran the store. If you wanted the latest news, just come to Baker's Store. Tommie was born June 22, 1901 and died Dec. 10, 1975. Dorothy was born Oct. 22, 1910 and died Aug. 14, 1991. Margaret Denton lives in the Baker's home house.

Picture of Tommie Baker's Store. The old store was torn down in Aug. 1990. Information and pictures given to me by Margaret Baker Denton and Barbara Baker Breedlove.



HOLLYWOOD DAYS — A young Tommie Baker with photo of Shirley Temple.



*Child Star Tommy Baker*



IN THE GREENHOUSE — Gloria and Tommie Baker share work in 'plant hotel.'



James R. "Jim" Baker and Mollie Land Baker had a son William Otho. Jim and Mollie were married 1892. Their son Otho was born January 9, 1893. Jim Baker was co-owner and treasury of Sandy Cross Telephone Company founded in 1913. Otho died May 14, 1967. Jim was born July 21, 1871 and died Nov. 27, 1933. Mollie was born July 18, 1872 and died September 7, 1949. W. Otho and wife Addie Baker are Duncan's grandparents. Jim and Mollie are Duncan's great grandparents. Mollie Land Baker and Alice Land Baker were sisters. Jim Baker and Bob Baker were first cousins. The information of Bob and Jim Baker's families and the Sandy Cross Telephone Company was given to me by Josiah Duncan Baker Jr.



James R. "Jim" Baker was co-owner and treasurer of Sandy Cross Telephone Company founded in 1913.

This "Milk House" originally sat on the property of R. L. "Bob" Baker at Sandy Cross. It was given to Duncan Baker's family when the R. L. Baker estate was sold in 1925. The "Milk House" was used before the invention of refrigeration. Here, milk and other perishables were stored. The "Milk House" roof was repaired entirely of 1931 license plates. It now sits at Duncan's grandparents home place where W. O. (Billy) Baker, Jr. lives.

Josiah Duncan Baker, Jr. is standing in front of the "Milk House." Duncan is the son of Buck and Deanie Pridgen Baker. He was born Aug. 22, 1959. Duncan is a remarkably young man. He is a farmer, historian, musician, and an actor. Duncan has supported me with pictures and information for this album. He is a good ole "country boy." Calvin Baker's daddy's name was Duncan. Jim Baker's daddy was named Josiah. Do you wonder where Buck and Duncan got their names from?






Sandy Cross Tele. Phone Co.  
 Feb 21 21 in Planters Bank

Recd of R. L. Baker March 15 1913	12 50 00	Paid For Recording Deed for Sandy cross Tele. Co.	1 25
For rents	6 25		
For poles	4 35	Paid to M. P. J. Williams	
Rec. of J. D. Jones March 15 1913		For rent to march 31st	4 00
For rents to april the 1	2 67	Toles	4 75
Rec. of W. M. Langley		Work on Line	3 50
For rent the time he held it	5 33	Labor	2 00
For Toles	10	Food for horse and driver	7 5
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Toles	40	M. P. J. Williams	
Rec. of J. R. Baker April		Toles for march	6 21
Toles	60	April 12	
Rec. of S. B. Weaver April		Paid to W. R. Dawes	
Toles	10	For Salves	2 80
Rec. of J. R. Langley to July 1 1913		April 12	
Rent	6 00	S. B. Weaver putting up	
		Food poles	2 76
		For work on line	3 15

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 May 9<sup>th</sup> 1913  
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Robert Franklin Ricks married Emma A. Langley, daughter of German D. Langley and Milbry Langley. They had a son, Wiley Franklin. Robert served in the Civil War. Emma was known for her alto voice.



Emma Langley Ricks was born Jan. 8, 1860. After Robert Ricks died, Emma married David W. Gardner. Emma Langley Gardner taught Sunday school 3<sup>rd</sup> class from Sept. 20, 1908 -1911, could have been more years. Miss Ida Winstead taught 1<sup>st</sup> class and Mrs. Mattie Winstead taught 2<sup>nd</sup> class. G.W. Gardner was Superintendent of Sunday school. J.W. Winstead was secretary of Sunday school in 1908. Emma died Sept. 2, 1936. German Daticce Langley II and David Gardner carved the wooden letters "God is Love" by hand and placed them in the first church behind the pulpit.



Emma Langley Ricks married David W. Gardner. This was second marriages for both. They had no children together. David was father of Lumm, Clem, and John. Emma was the mother of W. Franklin Ricks. The girl standing is believed to be Charity Langley Griffen. Emma was born Jan. 8, 1860 and died Sept. 2, 1936. David was born Sept. 7, 1842 and died in March ?. Emma and David are buried in the church cemetery.

David W. Gardner died  
March 27, 1912



Wiley Franklin Ricks, son of Emma Langley and Robert Franklin Ricks. He was born July 2, 1882 and died Dec. 6, 1939.



Eunice Watson married Wiley Franklin Ricks. They had three children; Edna Earl, Robert, and Palmer Douglas. Eunice was a school teacher. The Ricks family was very active in Sandy Cross Church and community. W. Franklin was the second superintendent of Sunday school in 1909. J.W. Winstead was the secretary of Sunday School 1908-09. W. Franklin was superintendent, conducted services, and taught Sunday school class from 1909-1926. He was assisted in conducting services by D.W. Gardner, D.C. Vick, and E.R. Winstead. Some of W. Franklin's pupils were Alice Lindsey, Lessie Batchelor, William Lindsey, Ruth Batchelor, Homer Manning, Woodrow Batchelor, Buddy Baker, Luther Braziel, William Langley, Robert Ricks, Bruce and Shelton Baker, Alton Braziel, and Russell Braziel. Eunice Roberta was born Jan. 11, 1899 and died Feb. 3, 1982. Wiley Franklin was born July 2, 1882 and died Dec. 6, 1939. Wiley Franklin and Eunice are buried in the church's cemetery. Information was obtained from old Sandy Cross Sunday School record books of the teachers, superintendents, and students.

Eunice Watson Ricks and Wiley Franklin Ricks in their later years.





Edna Earl Ricks was born 1922. She is the daughter of Eunice and Wiley Franklin Ricks. She used to play the piano for Sandy Cross Church and sing in the choir with Beulah House. Jan. 1931, Mrs. E.R. Winstead was Edna Earl's Sunday school teacher, also Robert and Palmer Ricks, Pauline Batchelor, Beulah House, Harvard Gardner, Atlas Bone, and Hubert Lindsey. She supported Sandy Cross Church as a young lady and also when she moved to Virginia by sending checks to the church treasure. Edna Earl lost her eyesight when she became so sick, but regained a little sight before her death. Edna Earl never married. She died Nov. 4, 1999. Pictures and information of the Ricks and Langley families was given to me by Robert Ricks, widower Margaret and Tassie Ree Langley. Tassie contacted Margaret in Virginia to get the Ricks family pictures. Thanks Tassie.



### Edna E. Ricks

Miss Edna E. Ricks, 77, a native of Sandy Cross in Nash County, and a resident of the Norfolk-Virginia Beach area since 1940, died Thursday, Nov. 4, 1999, after a long illness.

She was the daughter of the late Wiley Franklin Ricks and Eunice Watson Ricks. She is survived by her brother, Palmer D. Ricks of Virginia Beach; a sister-in-law (widow of her late brother, Robert) of Amelia, Va.; five first cousins, Bette Jo Paul of Powhatan, Va., Margaret Lewis of Stoney Creek, Va., Aubrey Cox Jr. of Myrtle Beach, S.C., Jack Cox of Disputanta, Va., and Joseph Watson Jr. of Aiken, S.C.; numerous more distant cousins; and many dear friends

including, especially her faithful next door neighbors, Emily and Everette Smith and all the owners and personnel at D.D. Jones Transfer and Warehouse Company, her employer for the past 59 years. She was a long time member of her childhood church, Sandy Cross Methodist Church in Rocky Mount and was at death a member of Norview Baptist Church in Norfolk.

A funeral service will be held 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 6, 1999, at Smith and Williams Funeral Home, Kempsville Chapel. Interment in Woodlawn Memorial Gardens. The family will receive friends at the funeral home today from 7 to 8 p.m.



The Ricks family lived in the house where Hubert and Lucille Bone built their house. The Ricks house was moved in 1950 to where it stands today, about a block behind where the house originally was located. The house was rented out until 1952. Bruce and Bonnie Baker were married Apr. 20, 1952, and moved in the Ricks house which the Bones had purchased. The Ricks family owned and ran a store on the spot the J.W. Bone Store was built. The Ricks store was used to teach classes when there was not enough room in the "big school." This is what the three room "Nuns school" was called before it was changed to Sandy Cross School. Bruce Baker went to school in the first grade in the Ricks Store in 1923. His teacher was Augusta Joyner, Willie Lee Little's aunt.

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**VIRGINIA BEACH, Va. - Palmer Douglas Ricks, 78,** formerly of Nash County, died Friday, Feb. 14, 2003. The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. today at Woodlawn Memorial Gardens in Norfolk, Va. Arrangements are by Smith and Williams Funeral Home in Virginia Beach.  
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German Datice Langley III , better known as Dee, married Mabel Batts July 23, 1914. They had fourteen children which are: Mae Lillie, Tommie, Doretha, German "G.D." IV, Delvin, Bennie, Irene, Tassie, Edith, Jennette, Janie, Grady, Jackie, and Wiley. Delvin and Jennette died young and are buried in the Sandy Cross Cemetery. Mae Little, Doretha, G.D., and Tommie went to Sandy Cross School. Mabel was granddaughter of Thomas Ruffen Batchelor. Dee was the song leader for Sandy Cross Church as a young man. He joined Sandy Cross and never changed his membership. Ten of his children were christened in the Sandy Cross Church. Mabel was active in the Women's Society and taught Sunday school. Dee was born 1888 and died Oct. 26, 1960. Mabel was born Oct. 23, 1899 and died March 6, 1986.



Tassie Ree Langley, Janie Langley Leegin and Jackie Langley Barnes, daughters of Dee and Mabel Langley. The girls used to sing trios, especially at Homecoming in the back end of a pick up truck. They are great granddaughters of German Datice Langley I





German Datice Langley II married Martha Pittman. They had three children, German Datice III, Charity Langley Griffen, and Lillie Langley Hunt. G.D. II was Emma Langley's brother. G.D. II was secretary of Sunday school in 1910. G.D. I was one of the founders of Sandy Cross Church. He attended Sandy Cross when it was a bush arbor where slaves also Attended, sitting in an area prepared for them. G.D I Was the doctor in this area prior to and during the Civil War when herbal medicine was greatly depended upon.



Doretha Langley Finn Coker  
daughter of Dee and Mabel  
Langley, mother of Larry Finn.



Benjamin J. Langley, son of Dee and  
Mabel Langley sang in a quartet with  
Leaston Winstead, Otha Parker, and  
Bruce Baker. Rev. Sidney Boone was  
pastor. Rev. Boone played the piano  
for the quartet.

Lillie Langley Hunt daughter of G.  
D. Langley II and Martha Pittman.



Charity Langley married May Griffen.  
Charity was the daughter of German Datice  
Langley II. She was the sister of G.D. and  
Lillie Langley Hunt. Ella Gardner was Charity's  
Sunday school teacher in 1915. Other pupils were  
Ernest Pittman, Ollie Joyner, Hubert Baker, Oliver,  
Agnes, Estelle, and Eula Gardner, Luther Bone,  
G.E. Winstead, G.D. Langley, Lillie Poland, and  
Sterlie Winstead. Charity is buried in the church  
cemetery. She was born 1883 and died in 1947.



Charity Langley Griffen, daughter  
of German Datice Langley II and  
Mae Lillie Langley daughter of  
Dee and Mabel Langley.





Dale, Lucille, Billy, and Hubert Bone  
Phyllis Joyner, Lucille's neice.

Hubert was a farmer and operated Bone's Store from 1949 until his death Aug. 26, 1964. If you needed anything from this store, and he did not have it, Hubert would order it for you. He had just finished putting in his last barn of tobacco for the season the night he died from a heart attack.



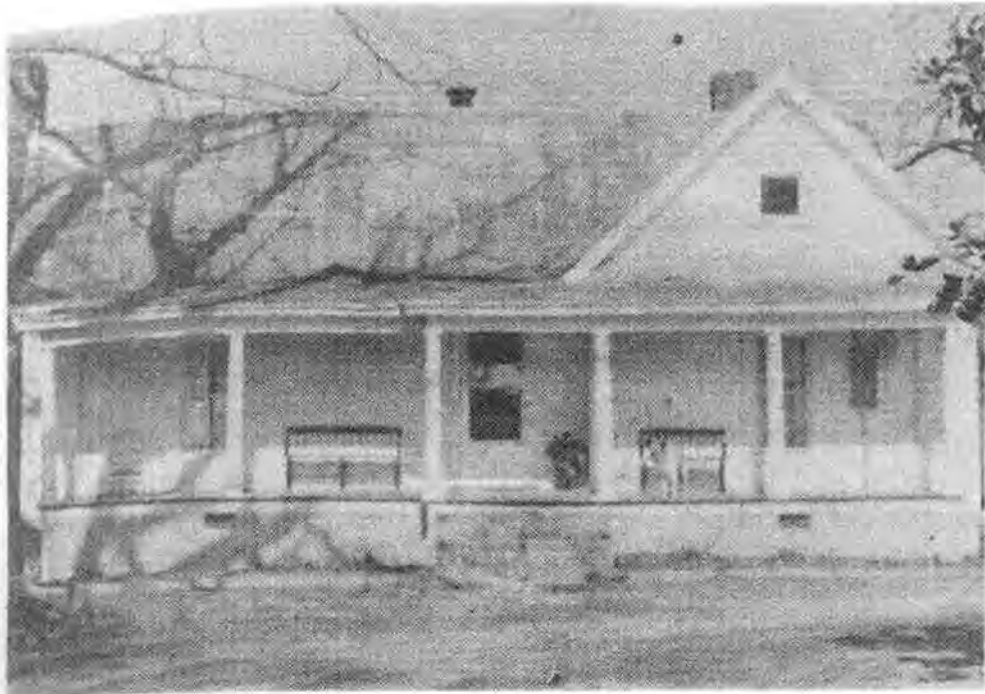
Friend, Mrs. Ethel Baker Bone attending  
Hubert and Lucille's house warming Oct. 20, 1952.



William Ralph "Billy" Bone and Mary Margie Joyner  
were married Jan. 17, 1965. Margie was born Apr.  
2, 1934. Billy was born Feb. 13, 1941 and died  
Nov. 12, 1993



Lucille, Billy, Hubert, and Dale Bone.  
The Bone family was celebrating Oct. 25, 1952  
in their new home. Their home hosted many preachers  
when they would preach revival or Homecoming  
services. The upstairs bedroom has access to the  
outside and the preachers could come and go as  
they needed. Lucille is a very good cook. Lucille  
was born Dec. 19, 1918; Billy was born Feb. 13,  
1941 and died Nov. 12, 1993; Hubert was born  
Apr. 29, 1917 and died Aug. 26, 1964. Dale was  
born July 21, 1943.



The original John Bone home was built in 1840. Some rooms have been added. The Bone home is featured in North Carolina Century Farms 100 Years of Continuous Agricultural Heritage. At the end of the Revolutionary War in 1776, John Jack Bone was 17 years old. John Jack took up parcels of land in 1780 situated on the southside of Sapony Creek. John Jack Bone married Elizabeth Winstead and they had two boys and three girls named: Nelson Bone, Wiley Bone, Polly Bone, Pheby Bone and Nancy Bone. Nelson Bone married Morning Ballard daughter of Nettie Ballard "friend of John Jack Bone." They had five children namely, David, William, Calvin, John, and daughter Rhoda. John married Martha Taylor of Nash County. They had four children. They were: Richard, William, Henry and daughter Morning. Richard Bone married Lou Winstead of Nash County. They had one son and four daughters. They were namely, Jettie William "Willie", Eula, Etta, Mattie, and Maggie. Richard died in the prime of life at about 40 with a stroke. He farmed, owned and operated a steam powered sawmill, along with a cotton gin. Also, Richard Bone and his father, John Bone planted apple orchards on the farm. They produced apple cider and operated a licensed bonded brandy still. Jettie "Willie" Bone married Ethel Baker of Nash County. They had five boys namely, Marion, Winslow, Hubert, Clarence, and Millard. He was a farmer all of his life, operated a farm supply (general merchandise) store for over 50 years and survived two depressions of 1920 and 1932. Winslow Bone married Etna Wayne Coppedge of Nash County. They had three boys and one girl, namely, Roger, Royce, Michael and Mary Ethel. The original home place is owned by Winslow Bone and has been operated by Bones for six generations producing lumber, wheat, cotton, corn, tobacco, cucumbers, soybeans, and sweet potatoes. Royce C. Bone married Faye Davis. They had two children namely, Tammy Bone Kiger and John Bone. Royce and Faye lived in the John Bone home prior to building a new home. They moved September 5, 1990. They were the last family to live in the house prior to it burning in March 19, 1997. They farm the land now.

John Bone wrote the Last Will and Testament for Odell Winstead's great, great granddaddy Nathan Gilbert Joyner Aug. 26, 1871. James W. Winstead and friend James E.R. Winstead witnessed the writing of the will. James E.R. Winstead was one of the leaders in constructing and building a larger frame church in 1896. John Bone is Winslow Bones' great granddaddy. James Walter Winstead was Mable Baker and Beulah Price's father's brother.



Mr. J. Willie Bone and John Wells attending Hubert and Lucille's house warming Oct. 20, 1952.



Lillie Joyner married Lee Bone. They raised six children: Eleanor B. Proctor, Juanita B. Flood, Lee Jr., Royce, Alma Bone, and Marie Bone. The Bones were very active in the Sandy Cross Church until 1950. Mr. Lee built Bone's Tabernacle Church. Mr. Lancy's mother "Ida" was Mr. Lee's sister. Lee Bone was born 1894 and died 1975, Mrs. Lillie was born 1894 and died 1986. Mr. Lee is one of the students in the Sandy Cross School picture.



Elizabeth "Lib" Reges

Elizabeth Griffin was born May 19, 1910. She married R.U. Reges, Jr., in 1941. They had a son, Roger Dixon. Roger married Claudette Deans. They have two daughters, Heather and Kristie. Mrs. Reges has two great-grandchildren, Anna Shaye and Brooke. Mrs. Reges taught school for 35 years. She taught at Red Oak, Middlesex, and 10 of those years, she taught the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade at Coopers Elementary School. Mrs. Reges loved all the people at Coopers and in the Sandy Cross community. Mrs. Reges said, "I have received an invitation every year to attend Home-Coming at Sandy Cross Church. I have missed a few. I loved every boy and girl that I taught. I give them my love even now that they are grown. I enjoy coming back to Sandy Cross's Homecoming and getting to see many of the students I taught and my old friends."



Vera Tassie Greene and Adolphus Ward Batchelor were married Dec. 22, 1950. They have two children. Edmond "Eddie" married Margaret Lyons and they have two children, Bryan and Stephanie. Arlene married Terry Smart and they have two children, Carrol and Samantha. Adolphus taught math and several social studies courses at Coopers High School from Sept. 1961-Feb. 9, 1964. He taught Driver's Education Feb. 10, 1964-June 30, 1991. Adolphus retired from teaching July 1, 1991. Vera worked at Spring Hope Devil Dog Manufacturing Company and was a homemaker. The Batchelors are very active in Holly Grove Baptist Church. Adolphus has taught Sunday School class for 36 years. Margaret Denton calls on Adolphus to have the devotions on the Senior Citizens travel trips. He was born April 7, 1930, and Vera was born June 2, 1931.



Mae Redmon was born May 5, 1894 in the Blue Ridge Mountains of NC. She came to the Sandy Cross Community to teach at the Pridgen School located across the road from Mt. Herman Church. Mae met Fonzie Ray Joyner and they were married May 1920. Mae and Fonzie had four children which are Willa Lee Joyner Little, William A. "Billy, Laura Jean, and Donald Ray. Laura and Donald died as babies. Fonzie was a farmer, president of the Nash County Farm Bureau, and chairperson of Nash County Soil Conservation. Billy Joyner was the first person to receive a basketball scholarship from Coopers School to go to Campbell College. Fonzie was born July 7, 1896 and died May 1951. Mae died January 1980.







Some of the students in the Sandy Cross School picture are: Dewey Pittman, twins-Rhoda and Martha Batchelor, Lee Bone, Johnny Bone, Ed Joyner, and Buck Joyner. Information was given by Rhoda Mae Bone and Rhoda Winstead.

**1902**

Above the door of this three room schoolhouse reads Coopers Township White (?) No. 2 Nun's School. The picture was taken about 1902. I am told the schoolhouse was built around 1895 to 1900. My uncle Ed Joyner and my daddy Buck Joyner are students in the picture. Mrs. Rhoda Winstead could name the teachers and many of the students. She gave me this picture after John and I were married.

Sandy Cross was originally named Nun's Crossing. No one seems to know when the name was changed, but we know why. Just be here at Sandy Cross on a windy March day. You cannot see across the road for the sand.



**Coopers School Grade 1B, 1931**

Back row L-R, Row 4, Row 3, Row 2, Row 1:

Pete Lindsey, ?, Otho Parker, Marshall Braziel, ?, Vernon Batchelor

?, Curtis Whitley, ?, ?, ?, Billy Pridgen

?, ?, Dorothy Vick Carpenter, ?, Tom Alton Langley

Madell Baker, Sally Parker, Eunice Joyner Robbins, ?, Rebecca

Pridgen Bone, ?, ?, ?, Sallie Ruth Pridgen, Gladys Viverette

Juston Richardson and Marvin Winstead, Teacher, Ella Mitchner, later married E. C. Pearce

**COOPERS HIGH SCHOOL, 10<sup>TH</sup> GRADE SPRING OF 1941**

Back row left to right: Russell Winstead, Bloomer Boone Baker, Alton Langley, Marvin Winstead, Vernon Batchelor, Leaston Winstead, Lucille Davis Lewis, Lowell Benton, William Daughtridge, Junior Vaughan, and Ruth Daniel

3<sup>rd</sup> row left to right: Madeline Baker Winstead, Pauline Batchelor, Mae Tyson, Studie Belle Baker, Catherine Weaver, Dorothy Carpenter

2<sup>nd</sup> row left to right: Violet Turner, Irene Cockrell, Louise Hendricks, Juanita Langley, Ruth Yount, Sallie Ruth Pridgen

1<sup>st</sup> row left to right: Frances Pridgen, Lena Hendricks Braziel, Jane Manning, Betty Lee Hanford, Florine Denton, Dorothy Mae Hanford, Annie Laura Joyner, Ruth Baker Christie





Mr. E. C. Pearce was the first principal of Coopers School 1929-1962. It was said that he came with the first load of bricks. He could call most students by name. If a student missed more than one day of school, he would go to their homes to see why they were not in school. He and Mrs. Pearce attended Sandy Cross Church. Some parents thought the Pearces should divide their going to church between all the students church. The Pearces came from Franklin County.

Mr. John F. Willey was the agriculture teacher at Coopers from 1948-59. Mr. Willey and his wife, Gretchen, came to the Winstead family reunion dinners. Mrs. Willey always brought a dessert to the dinners.

Their untiring efforts for and confidence in us have done much to encourage and inspire us. They have influenced us and loved us and unselfishly dedicated their time to building our spirits and molding our lives. For their unassuming and understanding ways, we, the Seniors Class of 1956, dedicate this edition of THE COHISAN to----

Mr. and Mrs. John F. Willey



Miss Ella M. Mitchner taught school at the Sandy Cross School. She taught 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grades at Coopers. She taught me "Odell" and my son Thomas Winstead in the second grade. She was then Mrs. Pearce. Mr. and Mrs. Pearce have a son William E. "Billy". The Coopers Ruritans gives a scholarship each year to honor and in remembrance of Mr. E. C. Pearce.







Julian Estelle Gibbs was born April 10, 1904. He was the Agriculture teacher a Cooper's High School, 1936-1946. We can give Mr. Gibbs credit for many of the agriculture boys table manners. He taught them the proper utilities to use, to pass the bowls around the table, instead of everyone grabbing for the bowls to fill their plates all at one time. John said, when they would go to a restaurant and the waitress did not put butter on the table he would give one of the boys the money to go buy butter. Mr. Gibbs owned a dairy farm in Edgecombe County off Tarboro Highway. He supplied milk for the Sealtest Company in Rocky Mount. He helped many farmers in the Coopers and Sandy Cross community. If a farmer had a sick animal or crop problems he would go to help find out what was wrong with the animal or crop. He would assist financially, so agriculture boys could go on field trips, fishing at Mattamuskeet Lake, and to White Lake. Mr. Gibbs also helped some to get a college education. His mother and sister lived with him. He attended most of the Winsteads family reunion. When Melton "Nottie Head" Winstead died, he bought black neckties for all of the Winstead boys. He also, ensured that all of the furniture was back in place, when the family returned from the funeral. He sold his dairy farm in Edgecombe County and bought a larger dairy farm in Franklin County. That's where he died on April 18, 1961. He is buried in Pineview Cemetery in Rocky Mount.



**COOPERS SCHOOL FACULTY 50 YEARS AGO** — Here is the Coopers School faculty of 1931. From left to right, front row, are Lizzie Mae Warren, Ida Lee Stone, Bessie Brantley, Principal E. C. Pearce, Viola Cooper and Ella Mitchner. Second row: Helene Toler, Tempie Colston, Sarah Stallings and Georgia Belle Cooper. Third row: Lucile Davis, Elizabeth Griffin and Betty Moore.

# Cuyler Best receives national recognition

• Southern Nash Sr. High School agriculture instructor will accept the 1992 Outstanding Service Citation Award in St. Louis.

Cuyler Best, agriculture teacher at Southern Nash Sr. High School, will travel to St. Louis in December to accept the 1992 Outstanding Service Citation Award from the National Vocational Agriculture Teachers' Association. NVATA's membership includes more than 7,000 teachers, state supervisors, and teacher educators.

Best's contributions to agricultural education at the school, regional, state, and national level during 30 years of service to Nash County Schools and now to Nash/Rocky Mount Schools are the significant benchmarks of his teaching career and merit this singular recognition by his colleagues.



Ruth Long and Billy J. Price, Sr. were married Dec. 31, 1955. They have three children, LaFran Price Canady, Billy J. Price, Jr., Barry Kent Price, grandchildren Christopher Daniel Canady and Brianna Lynn Price. Bill was born Feb. 24, 1933, Shelby County, Indiana. He graduated from Atlantic Christian College and got his Masters Degree from Appalachian State University, Boone, NC. He was teacher/coach 1 year at Coopers High School, teacher/coach, athletic director 12 years at Southern Nash Senior High School, teacher 8 years at Southern Nash Junior High. Officiated football, basketball, baseball, volleyball and softball for 17 years. Ruth was born March 29, 1935, in Columbus County, NC. She graduated from Tabor City High School. Ruth was a receptionist, bookkeeper, secretary for Optometrist for 5 years, reading tutor, 16 years in Wilson County Schools, homemaker and wife. Bill, Ruth and children were active and enjoyed membership and fellowship at Sandy Cross Church, from 1967 - 1972, when they moved to Wilson

## Extra effort

He has been a local, federation, and district Future Farmers of America advisor and has directed numerous district FFA rallies and leadership workshops. He has hosted and taught agricultural education workshops and helped to develop the state course curriculum in agricultural education. He has served on the FFA state board of directors and the state FFA Camp Committee. He is chairman of the vocational education department at Southern Nash and is a student teacher supervisor.

Best is past president and vice president of the North Carolina Vocational Agriculture Teachers' Association and former chairman of that organization's newsletter and Program of Work. He is a

member of the Nash/Rocky Mount Vocational Association, the North Carolina Association of Educators, and the National Education Association.

He has received the NVATA Professional State Association Award, the Teacher of Teachers

the board of directors, and program chairman for the Coopers Ruritan Club.

According to principal Jerry Congleton, "Mr. Best's teaching and his program are a source of pride for all of us here at Southern Nash Sr. High."



Mr. Cuyler D. Best was born Mar. 2, 1940. Cuyler taught agriculture at Coopers School 1962-1968. Southern Nash Senior High opened in 1969 and Cuyler was an agriculture teacher there from 1969-2000. He retired Aug. 1, 1998, but continued teaching two more years until June 2000. Cuyler was very active at Sandy Cross Church. He served on many committees such as Chairperson of the Administrative Board, Pastor-Parish Relations, Superintendent of Sunday School, and served as an usher. I remember when we were having our fall chicken pastry in the 70's, Cuyler wore overalls and Judy wore an old timey dress. They sold crafts, sweet potatoes, hand made straw brooms Myrtle Eason had made, can goods, Indian corn, and other items people had donated. The country store was located on the stage in the cafeteria of Coopers School. Someone had brought a beautiful ceramic cantsiter set they had made, Judy said she had to have this set, so she bought it. The UMW made \$150.00 on this project.







Linda Odell Burckhalter and Guilford Mooring were married July 25, 1964. They have three sons- Guilford II, William, and John. Linda and Guilford have eight grandchildren. Linda's grandparents are Louanna and Jerome Cherry "Gee" Taylor. "Linda Mooring" is the first woman ever inducted into the Coopers Ruritan Club on Jan. 18, 2001. She is an asset to the Ruritan Club. She is a busy lady- good worker and leader in any project she does. Linda works in Nash Health Care System. She graduated from Coopers High School in 1961. The Moorings live in the Gee Taylor homeplace built in 1917. Linda was born Nov. 22, 1942. Guilford was born June 20, 1942. Two more women have joined Coopers Ruritan Club- Elsie Bone and DeeDee Bone March 20, 2003.



Jerome Cherry "Gee" Taylor and Louanna Hendricks were married Dec. 14, 1904. They had one daughter, Beulah Taylor Burckhalter. Mr. Gee was a farmer. He was appointed Justice of the Peace for Coopers Township in 1901 and served to 1953. He tried small and petty cases, but he was known in the community as the "Marrying Magistrate." The "alter" at times was in his home or in the fields or on the side of the road or in a store yard. Anywhere a young couple wishing to tie the knot found him, he would stop and take the time to perform the ceremony. He was stopped on the road going to church one Sunday by J. Bert Winstead and Ruby Hinton wishing to be married. Rather than turn around and go back home, the vows were spoken there in the road with Bert and Ruby seated in their automobile. Jake Massey and Belle Joyner came from Wilson in Jake's surrey. They were married seated on the seat of their surrey. When couples saw "Cousin Gee" they knew he would be happy to perform the ceremony. He had just a monopoly on the marriage market that some area churches put on special drives to persuade their young members to have their marriages performed in their sanctuary by their pastor. Mr. Gee married W.T. Batchelor and Eunice Langley May 1, 1943 in his home he built in 1917. Eunice said Rev. Sidney Boone came to see them a few days after Mr. Gee married them. They were living upstairs in W.T.'s parent's home. He wanted them to let him marry them in the Sandy Cross Church, but they wouldn't. Mr. Gee performed shotgun weddings as well. Mr. Gee also married Eunice's mother and father, Willie Lindsey Langley and Emma Baker, Nov. 24, 1918. Grace Hyde and Hassell Sherrod were married May 22, 1937 by Mr. Gee in his house. Mr. Gee was born July 11, 1880 and died Nov. 16, 1966. Mrs. Louanna was born May 2, 1883 and died Jan. 16, 1973. Information was given to me by Mr. Gee's granddaughter, Linda Burckhalter Mooring.



Beulah Taylor married Avery Odell Burckhalter May 6, 1929. They have two daughters- Jean B. Holley and Linda B. Mooring. Avery was a farmer. Mrs. Burckhalter taught at Coopers the first year it opened in 1929-30. She then went to teach at Macedonia for 8 years coming back to Coopers in 1944. She retired from teaching at Coopers in 1972. Mrs. Burckhalter was a good teacher. She has taught many children in the 37 years she taught school. Her parents were Louanna and Gee Taylor. The Burckhalters lived in the Gee Taylor home. Beulah was born Oct. 10, 1907 and died Mar. 9, 1993. Avery was born Aug. 13, 1908 and died Nov. 22, 1977



## Where Four Died In Airplane Crash



Four persons were instantly killed yesterday afternoon in an airplane crash at Sandy Cross from Rocky Mount to Raleigh and had only been in the air a few minutes. The best recognition in the crash. In the above picture, taken a few minutes after the crash, is the wreckage. No reason for the crash had been given today by authorities. About Sandy Cross who was a witness, "the plane was flying along nicely, then went up field in a nose dive."

The airplane crashed Aug. 22, 1939. I was seven years old. My daddy, "Buck Joyner" carried me with him to see the airplane. The cars were lined up on both sides of Sandy Cross Road. My daddy walked to the sight, but would not let me get out of the car. All you could see from the car was the plane's tail sticking out of the ground.

## Four Lose Lives In Fatal Plunge of Plane

A tobacco field on the farm of J. W. Bone at Sandy Cross was the scene of one of the worst air crashes ever to occur in the state when the Ryan monoplane, belonging to R. E. Lee, manager of the Rocky Mount Municipal air port, and piloted by Walter Tharrington, young Nash County aviator, crashed Tuesday at 12:30, killing its four occupants instantly.

Victims of the horrible disaster were:

Walter Tharrington, farmer, tobacco buyer and pilot, of Nash County.

Dr. W. O. House, prominent surgeon and farmer, commander of the American Legion and head of the State Hospital Association of Tarboro.

H. H. Hicks, well known and popular insurance man of Tarboro.

Phil H. Koonce, well to do and successful farmer and lumberman of Leggett.

For more than an hour after the crash, coroner M. C. Gulley and a corps of workers were busy with hack saws and other tools in an effort to disentangle the maimed and battered bodies from the wreckage.

W. Pell Batchelor, local mail carrier, and W. B. Parker, Sandy Cross

farmer, were eyewitnesses to the tragedy and stated that the plane was flying along nicely when it started to make a circle as if returning to the air port, nosed upward and then went into a direct nose dive into the field, burying the engine of the ship completely in the ground. The plane was a total wreck, being torn into hundreds of pieces, and the bodies of the men were pinned beneath the twisted metal in a huddle and were maimed beyond recognition.

The party left the Rocky Mount air port around noon Tuesday for a trip to Raleigh when the fatal accident occurred. Air port authorities could give no reason for the crash.

Tharrington, 31, was unmarried and considered one of the best pilots in the state, is survived by five brothers and four sisters.

Dr. House, 45, leaves a wife and four children and Mr. Koonce is survived by his wife and two children.

J. C. Nall, Civil Aeronautics Inspector of Charlotte who was notified shortly after the fatality, arrived here about 6:30 Tuesday, and stated that a thorough investigation would be made in an effort to determine the cause of the accident. However, Mr. Nall said it would take several days to complete the investigation.

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**Hang this Birthday Calendar near your telephone and use it daily to remember and make happy one day in the lives of your friends**

The first meeting for Coopers community to discuss having a volunteer fire department was held July 1958. Coopers Volunteer Fire Department was organized with 27 charter members in November 1958, and was sponsored by Coopers Ruritan Club. Nash County contributed \$1,500.00 toward the purchase of a fire truck and building March 16, 1959 for use in the Coopers community and all sections of Nash County. F.B. Cooper, Jr., chairman of the Board of County Commissioners and W. W. Ward, clerk to the board of commissioners of Nash County signed the agreement. Lancy R. Joyner was president and John F. Willey was secretary of the Coopers Volunteer Fire Department also signed the agreement. The agreement was certified by Anabel Ross and L. M. Bone, notary public. Donations and assessments from people of the community totaled \$12,318.92. Frank H. Boone donated the land for the fire department as long as it was used for a fire department. The first fire truck was purchased for \$200.00. This truck was rebuilt and then equipped for a fire truck. Dyke Boone was the first fire chief, Monroe Boone was the second, and John T. Winstead was the third fire chief. When John was the fire chief, W. E. "Bobby" Joyner was rescue captain. After John retired from the fire chief, the fire chief and rescue captain were combined into one position. Bobby Joyner held the position for many, many years. Fire chief call was Number 15 and rescue chief was Number 15 R. Nash County gave Coopers Fire Department an ambulance in 1963. Stoney Creek was given an ambulance in 1959-60. Bobby Joyner and Alvin "Bird" Bone are the only living charter members of Coopers Volunteer Fire Department. The Coopers community is grateful for all the men that has served and given of themselves to the fire and rescue department. Thanks and God Bless. Information was taken from Nash County agreement and Bobby Joyner.

The first meeting of the Coopers Ruritan Club was held on March 20, 1952, in the old Coopers High School cafeteria. Officers were Durant Lewis, president and William A. "Billy" Joyner, vice-president. The Ruritans moved to the Sandy Cross Community Building in March of 1971. They started the community birthday calendar in 1961. The fire and rescue department and the Ruritan Club are an asset and a local icon in the Coopers community. Let's support them with our monies and give of ourselves.



**Back Row:** Left to Right. Dewey Lee Cooper, Alvin "Bird" Bone, George Joyner, and Harvey Joyner. **Second Row:** Frank Tyson, James Vaughan, Millard "Poss" Winstead, Durwood Parker, John T. Winstead, Bobby Joyner, John Carraway, and J. Earl Joyner. **Third Row:** W.E. "Bobby" Joyner, Henry Winstead, Hubert Vaughan, Jerry Waddell, Ronald Sanders, and Lawrence "Putchet" Viverette. Alvin "Bird" Bone and W.E. "Bobby" Joyner are charter members.





Ground breaking for the Coopers Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department's new station will be on Volunteer Road was May 2003.

L. to R.: Charter Members- W.E. "Bobby" Joyner and Alvin Bone. Members: Eric Boone, David Joyner, Cecil Williams, Brian Joyner, Chris Joyner-Chief, and Southern Bank Charlie Wells. Turn Key Contractors-Charles Dawson, and Southern Bank Mark Dickinson.



Marie Page and Theodore Monroe Boone were married Dec. 23, 1950. Their children are (1.) Debra Cheryl married to Will Overman. They have two daughters, Pamela and Katherine. (2.) Forrest Page married Brenda Edwards. They had one daughter, Brittney. (3.) Hunter Vincent married Judy Mills. Hunter is a logger. (4.) Jill Denise married Mike Bernd. They live in Germany. Monroe farmed and worked with Tink and Dyke. He also drove a truck for Dale Bone. Monroe was the second fire chief of Coopers Fire Department. Monroe was born June 20, 1921 and died June 13, 1989. Marie was born June 16, 1925. Brenda and Brittney died in a car wreck June 28, 2003



Frances Harrison married Dyke Franklin Boone. Children of Dyke and Frances are Carl Harrison, Joyce Kay, and Louis Burton. Dyke was a hog and crop farmer. Dyke, L.O. "Tink," and Monroe Boone ran a store, a corn meal and cucumber shed, and a saw mill. The Boones dressed the lumber for our house from trees John had cut from the woods that our house is built on. Dyke, Tink, and Monroe's daddy, Frank High Boone, donated the land for Coopers Fire Department. Dyke was the first fire chief for Coopers Volunteer Fire Department. He was born Sept. 1, 1912 and died Sept. 9, 1988. Frances is Lena Mae Joyner's sister. Frances was born Nov. 11, 1914 and died July 19, 1979.



Eddie Jean Wiggins married James Lewis "Jimmy" Reavis, Jr, Nov. 25, 1961, They had three sons- Michael James, Mark Edwards, and Craig Bailey. Jimmy came to Sandy Cross as our pastor in June 1984. Jimmy and Eddie Jean have served Sandy Cross Church for nineteen years. They are an asset to our church and loved by the church family and community. Jimmy was born Nov. 28, 1941 and Eddie Jean was born Mar. 9, 1943.



Danny Batchelor with the help of his mother Rachel Thompson Batchelor started decorating the front entrance of Sandy Cross Church for Homecoming in October 1982. Odell Winstead was chairperson of Homecoming. Rev. Clarence R. Breedin enjoyed coming back to Sandy Cross for this special day. He would go to visit the elderly people in the community before going back home to Littleton where he retired after preaching there for nine years. He wrote Parson's Particles in the Littleton Observer. Rev. Breedin wrote about decorating the churchyard for Homecoming. He said, he had never seen this before. Danny has decorated the churchyard for Homecoming, from 1982 - 2002. Thanks to Danny and Rachel for their beautiful work. Danny was born Jun. 21, 1951. Rachel was born Apr. 9, 1922.



Eddie Jean and Rev. Jimmy Reavis  
Homecoming Oct. 13, 2001





Mr. Bill Little was an outstanding leader in any project or committee he served on and he served on many. They include: Chairperson on the Administrative Board, Chairperson of the Pastor-Parish Relations, Secretary of Enlistment, Chairperson of the Trustees, and Adult-Family coordinator. Bill was chairperson of the light fixture purchased for the sanctuary in 1981. He taught the Adult Class for many, many years. Bill was the coordinator of the UMW's project of setting out the shrubbery and azaleas around the church building. He brought the compose needed to set out the shrubbery using Blanche Joyner's tiller in the fall of 1981 with the help of the UMW. Bill had to do a lot of traveling in his job. He was commodity director of the NC Farm Bureau Federation. Bill and Willa Lee were married Dec. 26, 1948. Bill was born Sept. 14, 1920 and died Jan. 25, 1984. Willa Lee was born May 4, 1921, and died Sept. 29, 1999.





Willa Lee Joyner Little was a person you could count on not only as president of the Women's Society, but also as a very active person in the Home Demonstration Club. The Home Demonstration Club and the Women's Society would serve meals for the Cooper's Ruritan meetings three or four times a year. Willa Lee was noted for her ham biscuits she made for the Coopers firemen to sell at the Spring Hope Pumpkin Festival.



Willa Lee, son-Billy, and Bill Little



**PETITION** — John Sledge (left), president, and Bill Little, commodity director for the N. C. Farm Bureau Federation, are shown outside the U. S. Customs office in Washington, D. C. just prior to presenting petition, and accompanying exhibits, to change the definition of 'scrap' tobacco. The petition claims that good quality imported tobacco is coming into this country under the guise of 'scrap' and is competing unfairly with domestic tobacco. Sledge is a native of Spring Hope and Little is a resident of Coopers community.



Sharon Hood and William Edward "Billy" Little Jr., were married Dec. 28, 2002. We are blessed to have Sharon in the church family. She assists in teaching the adult class and sings in the church choir. Sharon teaches in Wake County at Zebulon Middle. Sharon's daughter, Kensey, is a freshman at East Carolina University in Greenville. Billy is great in anything he undertakes. He is very active and supportive of Coopers Fire Dept. He served as president for four years and Fire chief for 6 year. Billy is a husband, a farmer, and Wilson County's Agriculture agent. Billy was born May 11, 1955. Sharon was born Mar. 27, 1951.



The UMW started the project of making Chrismons in 1985, A Chrismon tree was first used in the Sanctuary on the first Sunday of Advent in 1986.

Community Tree Lighting Service  
Sponsored by the UM Women, Dec. 1, 2002  
Marjorie B. Joyner and Joyce B. Joyner



## Dedication



To Mr. O. S. Taylor, whose unselfishness, kindness, and understanding have always been a source of inspiration to us, we, the Graduating Class of Coopers High School, gratefully dedicate this volume, our 1953 Cohisan.



Carol Joyner and Jimmie Hines Taylor were married on Jan. 15, 1955 at Sandy Cross Methodist Church. They were the first couple married by Rev. Don Lee Harris. Carol and Jimmie have one son James Oscar Taylor. James is married to the former Lynne Bunting. They have two daughters. Carol has assisted in the typing of the information in this album. She was a Sunday School teacher in the 1960's. Carol was born Oct. 1, 1935. Jimmie was born Jan. 21, 1931 and died Sept. 23, 2002.



This house was Coopers School Teacherage. The teachers would live here during the week, then go to their home over the weekend. Miss Olive Stokes was the last teacher to stay in the teacherage. She taught Ernest Winstead in the second grade in 1964. Miss Stokes taught Thomas Winstead in the third grade in 1962. She retired in 1972. The teacherage was rented out until 1974. Bruce and Bonnie Baker bought the house in 1974 as their home. They are still living there.

Oscar Singleton Taylor was the son of Joel and Susan Langley Taylor. He was married to Estelle Gardner. They had two children: Jimmie Hines Taylor and Myrna Lu "Peggy" Taylor Johnson. He was a member of the Sandy Cross Methodist Church. Mr. Oscar opened O. S. Taylor's Store (a general merchandise store) as a young man and continued to run the store until his death in 1961. Many of the teenage boys in the community worked in the store during the weekend and after school. Mr. Oscar was very active in helping anyone in the community. He was a member of the Coopers Ruritans and was involved in establishing the club. He was always ready to help at Coopers School. In 1953, the Senior Class of Coopers High School dedicated the "1953 COHISAN" (school annual) to Mr. Oscar as a tribute for his services to the school. He was born July 20, 1899 and died January 29, 1961.





Bonnie Edwards and Bruce Baker were married April 20, 1952. They raised three children, Bonita, Kenneth, and Shelton. The Baker family has hosted many ice cream socials with ball games, riding bicycles, and etc. for many years. The Baker family is a great supporter of the church and community. Bonnie was active in the UMW. She would cook food for the church and community when needed. Her specialty was homemade chocolate cake. Bruce has served as chairperson of the Administrative Board, Superintendent of Sunday School, and Lay delegate to Annual Conference for two years. He sang in the church choir. He was a member of the men's quartet started by Rev. Bill Spencer. The members of this quartet were Bill Spencer, Bruce Baker, George Joyner, and Cleveland Winstead. Bruce was born Oct. 11, 1917 and Bonnie was born April 17, 1920.



Bruce and Herman L. Baker



Bruce Baker's mother, Etta Bone Baker, taught the first class in Sunday School in 1911.



Baker Trio  
Kenneth Baker, Bonita B. Davis, & Shelton Baker



Julie "Bloomer" Baker and Bonnie Edwards Baker are being escorted by Herman L. Baker. Bruce and Bonnie had just gotten married Apr. 20, 1952.

Prior to 1973, Herman asked me to go with him to interview the elderly people in the community. Ethel Bone, Eula Gardner, Herman and me sat on the Bone porch one afternoon and talked. I can see Herman now with his pad taking notes about the history of the church and the Sandy Cross Community.

Herman and Ed Monahand September 1981  
Ed and Herman served in the service together. Ed lived in Boston, MA. He would come to visit Herman who would take him to the tobacco warehouse, cotton fields, and throughout the Sandy Cross community to show him how the "country folk" lived. Ed came from Boston to Herman's funeral in 1988. Herman died Aug. 10, 1988



Herman L. Baker was born May 18, 1920, along with his twin, Homer T. Their parents were Eddie Richard Baker and Mary Etta Bone Baker. Herman served in World War II from Oct. 1941 to Oct. 1945. He received a distinguished citation while serving in the South Pacific against the Japanese naval air and land attack. Staff Sergeant Baker also received a Bronze Star while serving in the Solomon Islands. Herman distinguished himself in the evacuations of his wounded men from Hill 260 through barbed wire entanglements on to safety behind the American lines. Herman was wounded while in the service with shrapnel throughout his body, especially around his head. He received a Purple Heart for this courageous act. Herman served his country well. He served on many committees in Sandy Cross Church, sang in the choir, and was church treasurer from 1965-1980. Two committees were very special to Herman. They were the History Committee of the church and the Homecoming Committee. I worked with Herman on both committees. He was a good teacher and taught me well. Herman loved his family dearly. He was loved and was greatly concerned for the elderly people in our Sandy Cross community. His favorite Bible scripture was Corinthians I : 13.





Dorothy Pittman married John Edward Carraway April 10, 1947. Dorothy and John had three daughters. Alice married Stephen Smith. Joyce married James R. Batts. Elaine married Robert "Robbie" Pate. The Carraways raised chickens, so they could not take the girls to Sunday School, so Mrs. Mattie Bone Joyner would give them a ride to church. John was committee chairman of the Sandy Cross Boy Scout Troop 607. John help to organize and was active in the Coopers Ruritan Club. Dorothy was born Sept. 21, 1918. John was born July 23, 1917 and died Jan. 5, 1994.

Dorothy died June 7, 2003.



Eva Winstead married George Luther Bone. They had three children Marjorie Bone Joyner, Joyce Bone Joyner, and Alvin Larkin Bone. Miss Eva and Mr Luther sang in the church choir. Their children sat on the front pew of the church. They were very active in the church. Eva was treasury of UMW 1940-1982. Luther served on many committees, chairperson of the administrative board. He taught the adult Sunday School class before Lancy Joyner. Eva was born Aug. 31, 1905 and died Feb. 21, 1995. Luther was born Oct. 4, 1899 and died July 11, 1966.



Ollie Joyner and Lonnie Freeman Joyner were married June 29, 1917. Ollie and Lonnie raised ten children in the Sandy Cross Community where they farmed for a living. The Joyner family were hard workers and raised good crops. Ollie was born Mar.17, 1901 and died Sept. 25, 1976. Lonnie was born Oct. 3, 1896 and died Nov. 17, 1955.





Pauline Batchelor and Luther C. Bone were married June 21, 1943. They raised three children- Carlton, Rex, and Martha Ann. Carlton is married to Elaine Lynch. Rex is married to Ann Thomas, and Martha is married to Steve Langley. There are six grandchildren. Luther was active in the Coopers Fire Department and Sandy Cross Church. Luther and his sons would direct traffic and park the cars at functions the church had. They also assisted the the fire department directing traffic for wrecks and fires. Pauline participated in the UMW, the chicken pastry suppers, and helped to clean the church. She was born Sept. 2, 1920. Luther was born Aug. 7, 1918 and died Jan. 14, 1991.



Mrs. Callie Dozier Batchelor was the daughter of Martha Goodrich and William Dozier. Callie Dozier married Joshua B. Batchelor Jan. 6, 1914. They had four children who are: Pauline B. Bone, Pocahontas B. Marshall, Millie B. Barnes, and Woodrow Wilson Batchelor. Mrs. Callie was a member of Sandy Cross Church. Callie was born Sept. 20, 1886 and died Aug. 7, 1965. Rev. William Spencer and Rev. Clarence Breedin preached the funeral.

Rhoda and Martha Batchelor were identical twins. Martha married Tinny Bone. Rhoda married Jack Bone on Sept. 27, 1921. They raised two children, Jack Lincoln and Rhoda Mae. They attended Sandy Cross Church. Rhoda started coming to Sandy Cross when she was a young girl. This picture was taken when Rhoda and Jack were celebrating their fiftieth wedding anniversary in 1971. Rhoda was born July 27, 1890 and died June 22, 1986. Jack was born July 30, 1894 and died Oct 5, 1972.





Evelyn Benton Willis was born Feb. 23, 1908. Evelyn was active in the affairs of the church and held a leadership role in the UMW during her younger years. Currently, she is living at Spring Arbor and enjoys the honor as the oldest member of Sandy Cross Church. She married Dewbose Willis of Morehead City, NC, and spent some time living there. Evelyn taught at Coopers Elementary School and completed her career at Beaufort Elementary School.

Evelyn Benton Willis died Aug. 11, 2003 – age 95. Rev. Jimmy Reavis preached the funeral in the Sandy Cross Church Aug. 13, 2003. Mrs. Willis was buried in Bayview Cemetery, Morehead City, NC.

Mary Benton Griffin was the daughter of Lillie and Frank Benton. Prior to her marriage to Curtis W. Giffin, son of Mac and Mavis Griffin, Mary taught Sunday School at Sandy Cross Church. When her girls, Marvis Griffin Bissette and Mary Frances Griffin Winstead, were young Mary again taught classes at Sandy Cross. She was born Oct. 18, 1913, and died Nov. 13, 1990.



Mrs. Ina Maye Benton was secretary of the Women's Society in 1945. This group of women met in the "Benton" home because Evelyn Benton Willis was active and a leader in the early Women's Society organization. She was born Aug. 2, 1896, and died Dec. 10, 1981.





Ms. Ollie J. Joyner and Lonnie lived and farmed in the Sandy Cross community all their lives. They had twelve children and raised ten to adults. Ms. Ollie was a quite, gentle, hardworking woman. She helped clean the church with Mrs. Alice Pridgen and Mrs. Thelma Langley. My first memory of Ms. Ollie is her standing at the stove attending the pastry pots. She worked at the very first pastry supper put on by the Women's Society. Ms. Ollie was very active in this group. She was born March 17, 1901, and died Sept. 25, 1976.



Mrs. Thelma Langley was quite a faithful person to Sandy Cross Church. She worked at the first chicken pastry supper and was a member of the UM Women. Thelma helped clean the church with her partners Mrs. Ollie Joyner and Mrs. Alice Pridgen. She was born May 2, 1916 and died April 15, 1996



Mrs. Alice Lindsey Pridgen worked at the first chicken pastry supper. Her job was attending the pastry pots on the stove. I was told Mrs. Ollie had to hide the black pepper box from Mrs. Alice because she was heavy handed with the black pepper. She was a good faithful person to her church. She cleaned the church with her partners, Mrs. Ollie Joyner and Mrs. Thelma Langley. Mrs. Alice taught the primary Sunday school class after Mrs. Mable Langley moved from the Sandy Cross Community. She was born March 21, 1910 and died December 29, 1980.





Norman Lee Pridgen and Genevieve Joyner were married Dec. 21, 1957. They both grew up in the Sandy Cross Church being very active in the church, Sunday School, and MYF. Genevieve served as Secretary-Treasurer of Sunday School during her teenage years. She was also active in the UMW and worked at the pastry suppers by rolling and making doughballs. She played the piano for Sunday School when needed. Genevieve loves to cook and help others. Norman enjoyed playing ball and fishing. They were married in the church by Rev. Dewey Tyson and had two children. Don Lee was born July 1, 1959, and Gayle Olivia was born Oct. 4, 1968. Genevieve believes in Faith, Hope, and Love. Strong faith will give comfort, Hope for the best is yet to be, and Love for and from everyone. Genevieve was born Jan. 30, 1938. Norman was born Sept. 4, 1937 and died Oct. 9, 1980.



**Mrs. Ollie Joyner and Mrs. Alice Pridgen attending their children's wedding. Genevieve Joyner was married to Norman Pridgen on Dec. 21, 1957. They were married by Rev. Dewey Tyson.**





William and Pauline L. Winstead, Ruby Carpenter and William Lindsey. They were neighbors and close friends. They would go on vacations together and would share many meals with each other. William and Ruby came to church regularly. They would help people in need, help clean the church, and the church yard. William cut the hair of many of the children and men in the community. He cut Thomas and Ernest's hair for the first time and they didn't even cry. William was gentle and easy with children. When Lotis and Betty Gardner built their new house, they gave the Lum Gardner house to William and Ruby for their lifetime because William had worked for them on the farm. After William and Ruby's death, the house was purchased by Dale Bone. William worked for Clinton Brazier for many year helping build houses. William did a lot of painting of the houses, he was a good painter. William and Ruby were married Dec. 4, 1933. William was born Aug. 23, 1912, and died Feb. 3, 1997. Ruby was born Aug 21, 1915 and died Sept. 20, 1995.



Richard and Rhoda L. Winstead were married May 29, 1912. They raised ten sons, so we know there was a lot of food to be cooked. Mrs. Rhoda kept one of the boys to help her with the cooking and house work. They came regularly to church when they were able. I remember Pa always sat on the outside on the third pew from the front on the right side. Mrs. Rhoda loved to sing. She enjoyed listening to the church's choir with Barbara Marrow playing the piano and singing. Most of all, Mrs. Rhoda enjoyed the little children singing in the church. Pa and Mrs. Rhoda are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary. Richard was born May 29, 1889 and died March 11, 1970. Mrs. Rhoda was born Nov. 13, 1894 and died Jan. 18, 1985.





**Bill and Geraldine Langley**

Mr. C.R. (Bill) Langley was contracted to curb and pave the church's parking lot in Oct. of 1975. Bill donated this project, except for the cost of the materials. Bill and Geraldine's love for Sandy Cross was expressed by the wonderful contribution. Geraldine taught 3rd grade Sunday School Class about 1965. Bill was born Dec. 8, 1923 and died Oct. 5, 1999. Geraldine was born Sept. 30, 1927.



Doxie Joyner and John William Langley were married May 11, 1914. They were born and raised in the Sandy Cross community. They were parents of twelve children. Three died as infants. The Langleys were hard working people and farmed for a living. I can remember going to Mrs. Doxie's house on Thanksgiving night for a prayer meeting. This was a yearly ritual for her. Everyone was invited to come. Doxie was born Dec. 18, 1896 and died May 27, 1979. John William was born Oct. 22, 1893 and died Dec. 18, 1958.



**Mary Maggie Langley and Edward Joyner** were married Feb. 14, 1958. These two are faithful supporters of Sandy Cross Church. They worked at the chicken pastry suppers. Maggie rolled out the pastry and Edward helped to wash and dry the dishes. Maggie was born May 29, 1919 and Edward was born Oct. 28, 1922.

Maggie and Edward are Laypersons of the Year for 2003.



**William and Margie Langley** Married May 17, 1946. William was born May 19, 1915, Margie was born July 16, 1914.





Eula Bone married John Bailey Gardner. John died at a very young age and Eula was left to raise two children, Oliver Bailey Gardner and Estelle Gardner William. Another child, Richard Clarence Gardner died at the age of two. Eula taught Sunday School from 1921-1925. Some of her students were Alice Lindsey, Lessie Batchelor, William Lindsey, Ruth Batchelor and Homer Manning. She was active in the Women Society at Sandy Cross. Bonita Baker Davis told me Miss Eula told her when Eula was about six years old, the people in the community gathered to build the one room old Sandy Cross Church. The women brought food to serve the workers. Someone brought brandy peaches-she ate so many it made her sick. Eula was born Oct. 4, 1887 and died May 25, 1980. John Bailey died about 1912. In the picture, Eula is holding Rachel Joyner Griffin's daughter Stephanie G. Cockrell.

Ruby Baker and Paul Joyner were married Dec. 7, 1934. They raised seven children. They are: Carol J. Taylor, Bobby Lee Joyner, Billy Dale Joyner, Jimmy Paul "J.P." Joyner, Larry Richard Joyner, Rachel J. Griffin, and Ronnie Wayne Joyner. Ruby was active in the Women's Society. She worked at the first chicken pastry supper. She worked with Mrs. Ollie Joyner and Mrs. Alice Pridgen, attending the pastry pots. If Ruby was not in Sunday School and Church, you knew she was sick. She was a person you could depend on for her services and for food needed in the community. She was a good cook and a good worker. Ruby was born Jan. 6, 1920 and died Jan. 27, 1997.



Estelle Gardner married Oscar S. Taylor. They had two children, Jimmie Hines Taylor and Myrna Lu "Peggy" Taylor Johnson. Estelle attended Sunday School as a child at Sandy Cross. She was active in the Women's Society. Her second marriage was to David A. Williams. Estelle was born Feb. 23, 1910 and died April 21, 1972.





Judy Green and Albert Batchelor have three great children they are proud of, Stephanie, Jennifer, and Brian. Albert is a teacher and a farmer who has raised many grand champion hogs. Stephanie, Jennifer, and Brian brought home many ribbons as children from showing hogs or cows at the fairs. Albert promised John Winstead he would see that his grandsons, Dale and Daniel, would show grand champion hogs at fairs. He has kept his word. Dale and Daniel have won many grand champion ribbons. Daniel's hog won grand champion at the State Fair in 2000. Albert raised that hog. The Winsteads "Thank you, Albert." Judy helped to organized the youth choir in Nov. 1985-92. Those on the committee were: Judy Batchelor, Janice Joyner, Peggy Tyson, Tammy Warren, Carl and Susan Batchelor, Teresa Duke, and Joyce Joyner. This

church is blessed with our young people. Judy helped clean the church with Eunice and Lula Batchelor and Myrtle Vick. Judy accepted the job of attending the pastry pots when Mrs. Ollie, Mrs. Alice, and Mrs. Ruby Joyner had to retire. It is unusual for a young person to be able to do this job and Judy was real young when she accepted this job. Judy and Albert were married Aug. 15, 1970. Judy was born Aug. 12, 1950 and Albert was born Feb. 3, 1948.



Eunice Langley Batchelor is dedicated to helping people. She loves her church and her family. If you need food cooked to serve families in the community, you can call on Eunice. She remembers making her "Old Timey" dresses out of feed sacks. She worked at the first chicken pastry supper serving tea. This picture was taken at her and W.T.'s 50th wedding anniversary. They were married on May 1, 1943, Her son, Wayne, with his wife Martha and family, cooked a barbecue for the family celebration. Eunice's granddaughter Mary Kincheloe is in the background.



John T. Winstead and Odell J. Winstead were married Jan. 19, 1952. They raised two sons, Thomas and Ernest. Thomas married Peggy Whitehurst and their children are our grandson, John Thomas, and our granddaughter, Brandy. Ernest married Joyce Vick and they had two boys. Our grandsons' names are Dale and Daniel. John loved his family. "Old Man" got this nickname from Peggy. He loved Peggy and Joyce as his daughters. Odell was chairperson of the Parsonage Committee in 1965. Rev. William C. Spencer was the pastor. John set out the oak tree in the parsonage's yard. He also put up the clothes line for Rev. Spencer's wife, Peggy. She liked to hang her baby clothes in the

fresh air. Peggy was pregnant with Renee when Bill became pastor in June of 1965. Renee was born Aug. 13, 1965. John helped with the John Wesley Day Dinner. He would pick up the barbecue for the Homecoming dinners. The barbecue was purchased from the Murphy House in Louisburg from 1980-84 and then from Bill's Barbecue in Wilson from 1985-1998. John would fill the bowls for the serving ladies. After John's death, his son Thomas accepted the job. Due to the flood, Bill's Barbecue was destroyed. Thomas started getting the barbecue from Parker's Barbecue in Wilson 1999-02. John was born June 9, 1925, and died Sept. 5, 1996.



Joyce Vick Winstead substitute teaching the adult class. She has taught the young adult class, two Bible classes-Book of John and Experience God. She is a member of the UMW. Joyce served as vice president in 1984-85. Photo Album 1983-85. She has filled in for taking part in the pulpit.



Myrtle Langley Eason was a faithful steward of the Sandy Cross Church. She was very active in the UMW. She was willing to give of her self and produce from her garden to friends or those in need. She planted a garden every year until her health prevented her from doing so.

Myrtle would donate her can goods to the church's bake sales. She was a wonderful cook and one was always welcome to eat at her table. Myrtle was born Mar. 14, 1921 and died Nov. 3, 2000.





Juanita "Nita" Waldron and Laurell John "Joe" Mobley were married Oct. 7, 1945. Nita's home was Hemingway, SC Joe's home was Americus, GA. We are glad they decided to make NC their home. Joe was a Mason and a Ruritan. He retired from the railroad with 40 years of service. Joe and Nita is a good worker in the church. Nita worked with the Ruritans and fire department chicken dinners. Nita is noted for her pies and candied yams. She would remember the sick and those in need with a pie or a jar of her can goods. Most of us, at one time or the other, has received some of her goodies. Nita is a good neighbor and knows her flowers and shrubbery. Her yard looks like a picture in a magazine. Joe was born Mar. 5, 1916 and died Jan. 20, 2002. Nita was born Apr. 25, 1920.



Lucy Walker Williams married Clinton Braziel Feb. 6, 1954. They had one daughter, Linda Braziel Langley. Clinton helped raise Lucy's five other children as his own. They are Jerry, David, Beverly Williams Raynor, Barbara Williams Joyner, and Phyllis Williams Bastuba. Clinton was a good man. He was a dedicated member of Sandy Cross Church. He served on many different committees such as- Chairman of Finance Commission, Board of Stewards, and Co-Chairman of the Education Building. Clinton was a contractor of homes and buildings and built many homes in the Sandy Cross area. When Clinton built something, you got your monies worth. He and the men of the church built the church's storage building. Clinton had many friends and could say some of the wittiest remarks. His daughter, Linda, has his wit. Clinton's hobbies were hunting and fishing. Lucy was born Aug. 6, 1916. Clinton was born May 28, 1916 and died April 20, 1994.



The Ruritan Club presented a plaque to Lucy Braziel in memory of her husband, Clinton Braziel. It reads, "The Builder" of Buildings and Homes = of Community and Church = Many Hours of Service = Of Character = Little League Coach = Of Family = Loving Husband = Father = And Grandfather of Coopers Ruritan Club = Charter Member = Trustworthy = Dependable = #1 Salemen in Ticket Sales "When He Built Something, It Was Built Right." 1916-1994



Marjorie Bone and George A. Joyner were married Oct. 6, 1951. They lived in the W.F. Ricks's house for about three years. Sandra and Phyllis were born while they were living there. The Ricks house was used as a two apartment house. Bruce and Bonnie moved into the front apartment when they got married in 1952. George & Marjorie raised six children. They are Sandra Joyner Manning, Phyllis Joyner Cecchini, Gary, Morris, Thomas, and Angela Joyner Holley. The Joyner family is very active in the church. Marjorie taught and assisted teaching Sunday School classes until she joined the Adult Class. In her younger years, Marjorie played the piano for the Women's Society and church. Marjorie and George have served on many committees of the church. George sang in the church choir and in the men's quartet with Bruce Baker, Cleveland Winstead, and Rev. Bill Spencer. Bill started the quartet while he was pastor at Sandy Cross. When Donald D. Sledge became our pastor, he too sang in the quartet. George was born Aug. 11, 1929 and died June 14, 1980, the day before Father's Day. He had eaten supper and was driving his truck back to his tobacco field where he was irrigating his tobacco. He died of a heart attack. He has been missed by his family and his church family. Marjorie was born Oct. 27, 1930.



Picture taken of Ruth in 1935 and 1970. Ruth Bone and Otho Jackson Joyner were married Sept. 9, 1939. They raised nine children, which are Jeannette Cooper Stark, Jackson, Arnold, Betsy Daughtride, Carson, Herbert, Tony, Myrtle Flowers, and Bonny Boone. Ruth has three step-children which are Otho and Shellie's children, they are, Johnnie, Edna Evans and Willow Ray Bowen Sutton. Ruth played the piano for Sandy Cross as a teenager in 1930-31. We know where Jackson got his talent. Ruth's daddy was William Robert Lee Bone. Ruth was born July 26, 1915. Otho was born Oct. 9, 1911 and died March 10, 1983.



Deloris Cockrell married Floyd Parker May 24, 1956. Floyd was active in Sandy Cross Church as a teenager. He accepted Christ and joined the church. Deloris was established in the Baptist Church so when Floyd and Deloris married, he went with her to church and became very active members. They started Del Flo Printing in 1990. The shop is located in their back yard. Del Flo printed the history of Sandy Cross Church in 1994. Floyd and Deloris are dedicated to their church, their work, and doing an excellent job in whatever they do. Their hobby is music and square dancing. They attend on Tuesday night at the Practice Dancing Club of Wedgewood. The club has a convention every August in Raleigh. Del Flo will be making a booklet of this history photo album. Floyd was born Sept. 3, 1937. Deloris was born Dec. 10, 1937.

Leah Vick was born June 23, 1920. She graduated from The Nashville School. Her daddy was Benjamin Smith Vick. He ran Vick's Café in Nashville. Leah married James Bolliver Manning. James B. was born June 11, 1918. They had one son, Joseph Clifton (J.C.). J.C. married JoAnnWhitley and they have one son, Jay. Jay married Ellen Winstead. They have one daughter, Mary Anne. J.B. started working with the state at the age of 17 in Maintenance and Construction on the highway in 1935. In Feb. 1943, he worked part time as superintendent of Public Works in Nashville while still working with the state. He retired in 1995. Leah had a sewing shop in her home. She was very interested in flowers and herbs. Rev. Roy L. Wells started Leah on a Bible plant garden. She made medicine from her garden that she gave to neighbors and friends. Leah used herbs for insect control along with many other uses. She likes Ralph Waldo Emerson's saying, "If a man can write a better book, preach a better sermon, or make a better mouse trap than his neighbor, though he builds his house in the wood, the world will make a beaten path to his door." Leah refers to her garden as the "Beaten Path." Leah has proved this to be true. Leah and her friend, Doris J. Matthews wrote a book in April 1995, entitled "From Sparrow Hill Garden to Samaritan Garden." This was printed by Floyd Parker. Doris J. Matthews's daughter, Anna, married Leland Joyner. They have one son, Matthew Leland.



J. B. Manning died Aug. 20, 2003



Linda Leigh Braziel and Ralph Edward Langley were married July 27, 1974. They raised two sons Brent Morgan and Lindsey Brooks. Brent has two children, Grace Anne and Benjamin Michael. Ralph leased and operated the Winstead Store from William Winstead- Feb. 1978-86. W. Richard Winstead built The store in Dec. 1945. William operated the store from Jan. 6, 1946-Jan. 1978. Ralph built a new store and service station Jan. 1987. Ralph's Country Store is a great service to the Sandy Cross community. When there is a death in the community, Ralph is there with soft drinks, ice, etc. When you are stranded on the road, you know you can depend on Ralph's Wrecker Service and garage. Ralph's Wrecker Service sponsors the 4 H Showmanship Incentive in the annual Eastern Carolina Meat Animal Show. Linda helped the community when she opened her beauty Shop Dec. 1982. Linda is a busy lady, she is a shelf representative for Proctor & Gamble covering the major retail chains east of Raleigh. Linda still finds time to pursue her hobby of bowling on a team in Rocky Mount. Linda was born Oct. 4, 1954, Ralph was born Aug. 3, 1949, Brooks-Jan. 25, 1980, Brent was born June 27, 1977. Grace Ann-Mar. 20, 1998, and Benjamin Michael- Feb. 25, 2000.







Eleanor Bone Proctor was the first president of the Women Society 1940-41. Eleanor taught Sunday School for many years. Picture taken 1946.



### *Celebrates Golden Anniversary*

Reverend and Mrs. Benford L. Proctor of Nashville, celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary on November 29, 1992 at a reception at the Nashville Baptist Fellowship Hall and hosted by their children. Their children are Inis Chappell and husband, Harold of Raleigh and Ted Proctor and wife, Robbie, of Sherman, Texas. They have two grandchildren. The Proctors were married on November 30, 1942 in Rocky Mount. The ceremony was performed by the late Dr. C. B. Peacock.



Rev. Jimmy Reavis, Etna Wayne and Winslow Bone. Etna Wayne and Winslow are celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary. November 1988.

Etna Wayne C. and Winslow Bone were married Nov. 24, 1938. They raised four children: Roger, wife-Reba; Royce, wife-Faye; Mary Ethel Mansfield, husband-Virgil; and Mike, wife-Jo Lynn. They have eleven grandchildren. Winslow was born June 4, 1914.

Etna Wayne Bone and her mother, "Mrs. Mary Coppedge" organized the "Women Society of Christian Services in 1940. Etna Wayne served in the capacity of vice-president and secretary over the years. She as secretary of the Administrative Board for many years. Etna Wayne was Lay Person of the Year in 1990. She was a faithful servant to Sandy Cross Church and loved children of all ages. Etna Wayne taught kindergarten class for many years until her health prevented her from continuing. She is best remembered for opening the door to the sanctuary and sticking her head in to see if the adult class was adjourned and saying, "We can go in now." Etna Wayne was born Sept. 8, 1912 and died July 21, 1998.



Mattie Atara Bone Joyner was the second president of the Women Society. She served from June 1941-42. Mattie was dedicated to serving others and she supplied the flowers from her yard for Sunday worship and for many weddings. Miss Mattie never drove a car, so her daughter, Christine, would drive her to deliver fresh vegetables, flavoring, or flowers, to her customers at Belk Tylers in Rocky Mount. Mattie prepared food for those in need and served on the Parsonage Committee. Mattie's brother, J.W. Bone, made arrangements to rent a house in Nashville on Womble Street for the parsonage while the new parsonage for Sandy Cross was being built. Miss Mattie, Christine Vester, and Marjorie Joyner worked diligently as they painted and redecorated this house for the Harris family. Furniture was provided by donations or loans. Ms. Mattie provided a house across the highway from her home for Rev. Don Lee Harris and Rev. Clarence Breedon (1954-60). Besides her leadership in the church, Miss Mattie is probably best remembered for hosting Sunday dinners and revival suppers for the minister. She was a Sunday School Teacher in the nursery (primary) group as long as she was able. Besides the church, her second organization close to her heart was the Home Demonstration Club. The group met in her home and later at the Sandy Cross Club House which is now the home of the Coopers Ruritan Club House. The dress she is wearing was purchased to wear to celebrate the opening of the Sandy Cross Club House.



Marjorie B. Joyner served as president of UMW Society 1952-53. She helped serve at the first chicken pastry supper and often played the piano for entertainment at the UMW meetings.



Christine Joyner Vester served as president of the Women's Society from 1953-54. The meetings consisted of reading of the scriptures, a devotional program, discussing business matters concerning the Women's Society, and ending with music and singing. Marjorie Joyner or Joyce Joyner would play the piano as accompaniment to the women singing. Christine was president when study courses became part of the Women's Society programs. She helped clean the church on Friday or Saturday with her mama, Mrs. Mattie Joyner and Mrs. Eva Bone. Christine taught Sunday School for about 10 years.



Willa Lee Joyner Little served as president of the Women's Society June 1954-1959. The first Chicken Pastry Supper was held in November 1944 at the Sandy Cross clubhouse under the leadership of Willa Lee. The ladies dressed in old-fashioned dresses and bonnets. The supper was served by oil lanterns. Don Lee Harris was the pastor. Tickets were \$1.00 for adults and 50 cents for the children. Total proceeds from this supper was \$172.30. Total expenses of this supper was only \$10.21, practically everything for the supper was donated by the women of the church and the community.



Miss Lena Winstead was president of the Women's Society in 1960-61. Rev. John Hezekiah White was pastor. Miss Lena taught Primary Sunday School class.



Lucy W. Braziel served as president of the UMW from 1962-72. In February 1972, the name "Women Society of Christian Services" changed to the United Methodist Women. Lucy worked hard at the first chicken pastry supper pouring tea. Lucy helped clean the church with Odell Winstead and Betty Gardner. Lucy's hobby is bowling and she is a very good bowler too.



Jeanette Baker Bone Cantrell served as president of the UMW from 1973-79. She also served as vice-president.





Dolly J. Joyner served as president of UMW from Jan. 1984-89. She has also served as vice-president. Dolly has been chairperson of Homecoming for the last 11 years.



Odell J. Winstead served as president of the UMW from Jan. 1980-83. She also served as vice president and secretary. Odell was Lay Member to Annual Conference for five years. She is also on the church's history committee.



Mrs. Eva Winstead Bone loved her church and her family. When the church doors opened, she was there with Mr. Luther and her children. When she cleaned the church with her partners, Ms. Mattie Joyner and Mrs. Christine Vester, her children were with her. I remember Miss Eva and Mr. Luther singing in the choir. Their daughters, Marjorie and Joyce, got their talent for the piano from their mother for she could play beautifully. Mrs. Eva really enjoyed playing the piano. Mrs. Eva worked at the first chicken pastry supper in Nov. 1954. Her job was slicing cake to serve the customers that came to eat and fellowship. Those that wanted to buy a cake to carry home could. Mrs. Eva was the first treasurer of the Women's Society in 1940. She remained treasurer through 1982. Mrs. Eva was born Aug. 31, 1905 and died Feb. 21, 1995.



Steve and Martha Langley escorting Rev. Wesley and his family to church on September 15, 1985.

August 1985 Rev. Jimmy Reavis made a promise to the Sandy Cross congregation. If they met or exceeded the attendance goal of 150 for worship service and 100 for Sunday School, the next Sunday he would dress as John Wesley, ride a horse to church, and preach one of John Wesley's sermons. The membership went to work preparing for "that" Sunday. On Sept. 8, the count for Sunday School attendance added up to be 114. Sure enough the attendance for worship service was 214. Jimmy kept his promise. The first John Wesley Day was on Sept. 15, 1985. The men cooked two pigs and barbecued chickens. The women prepared the potatoes, slaw, tea, lemonade, and desserts. Dinner was served on the church grounds. The women dressed in long dresses and bonnets. The men dressed in the 18<sup>th</sup> century style. A good time was had by everyone.



Arnold and Dolly's son Richard Joyner holding horse, Rev. Wesley "Jimmy" riding horse. Mark, Eddie Jean, and Craig Reavis.



Methodists are members of a Protestant denomination which grew out of the preaching and organizing of John Wesley, a clergy of the Church of England in the 1700's.

Doctrine- Methodist churches are evangelical. They stress salvation through faith in the forgiveness of sins by Jesus Christ as more important than formal doctrine. Methodists stress personal religious experiences and love of God and the necessity of joining the Christian fellowship with all believers. They accept the Bible as the supreme rule of faith and everyday religious practice.

For 10 years, John Wesley tried unsuccessfully to find religious satisfaction by following strictly the rules and ordinances of the Church of England or also known as the Anglican Church. The turning point came in a meeting in London in 1738 in which Wesley said his heart was "strangely warmed." This was when he discovered that inner peace comes not through personal efforts, but by faith in God's mercy and grace.



Mrs. Libby Baker was treasurer of the UMW in 2001-03. She has served as secretary of the Administrative Board for many years. Libby served on the UMW History Committee 1991-94.

Mrs. Phyllis Rhea was president of the UMW 1995-98. She is serving as secretary in 2002-03. Phyllis also served as treasurer of th UMW.

Dolly L. Joyner served as president of the UMW 1991-94. We had our last chicken pastry supper March 1994. She has served as secretary for many year when she was not serving as president. Dolly is serving now as president 2001-2003.



The United Methodist Women having their monthly meeting Jan. 6, 2003.  
 President- Dolly L. Joyner  
 Treasurer- Libby Baker  
 Secretary- Phyllis Rhea



Peggy Whitehurst Winstead has served on the History Committee since 1980. She has been chairperson since 1990. Peggy has typed all the information for the photo album as well as the history of the church. She has been chairperson of the serving bowl committee for Homecoming for many years. Peggy served as UMW treasurer 1983-85.





Will and Myrtle Eason were devoted stewards of the church. They donated a dishwasher for the parsonage May 4, 1980. Pew cushions were donated by Bettie and Lotis Gardner and Myrtle and Will Eason in June 1981. Myrtle and Will Eason donated the church steeple on September 19, 1992. Myrtle always gave goodies from her pantry and garden for the bake sales. Myrtle was a good cook and you were always welcome to eat at her table. Myrtle was born March 14, 1921 and died Nov. 3, 2000. Will Washington Eason, Jr. was born Sept. 4, 1922 and died April, 17, 1993.



### To be honored

Sandy Cross United Methodist Church is honoring their pastor, Rev. Jimmy Reavis and family with an Appreciation Day on Sunday, July 25. A special worship service is planned at 11 a.m. and an Appreciation Reception from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. in the church fellowship hall. The public is invited to attend.

Rev. Reavis graduated from Duke Divinity School with a master of divinity degree. He came to Sandy Cross in 1984 after serving several churches in the Henderson area.

Rev. Reavis is married to the former Eddie Jean Wiggin and they have three sons, Michael, Mark and Craig.



Appreciation Day celebrated  
July 25, 1993



The church steeple was installed on September 19, 1992. This was donated by Will and Myrtle Eason in honor of their children and grandchildren. Dedication services were held on November 1, 1992. Picture taken July 23, 1993.



Adult Sunday School Class Christmas Party 1992  
Mary Frances Winstead, Eddie Jean Reavis, Lancy Joyner,  
Lena Mae Joyner, and Reverend Jimmy Reavis



Jackson Joyner and his family are faithful leaders in Sandy Cross Church. Jackson serves as the Parish Financial Treasurer and Stewardship along with the Homecoming committee. He is a person you can depend on for anything and does a good job on any job he takes. Jackson has been church treasurer since Jan. 1, 1980. Sandy Cross is blessed to have Jackson as their treasurer. He puts in many hours each week keeping accurate records of the monies collected and spent in the church. Jackson is active with the United Methodist Men. "Thanks, Jackson, for all your dedicated service.

**Ushers for 2003**

- January Edward Joyner and Dempsey Lindsey
- February Chris Joyner and Mark Reavis
- March Jason Flowers and Pete Flowers
- April Kenneth Powell and Emory Rawlins
- May Billy Joyner and Owain Gruwell
- June Larry Finn and Mack Vester
- July Matthew Bone and Rex Bone
- August Carlton Bone and Thomas Joyner
- September Jamie Baker and Craig Reavis
- October Taylor Joyner and Steve Sallie
- November Darcey Bass and Josh Warren
- December Van Batchelor and Jackson Joyner
- Alternates Alvin Bone and John Deringer



Thomas Joyner and Darcey Bass  
Ushers for the month of November  
counting the contributions for the day.



Lena Mae Joyner is a faithful steward of Sandy Cross church. When she is not at church services, you know its because she is sick. She was active in the UMW and has cooked many dishes of food for the church and the community when needed. Lena Mae helped clean the church one month each year She has been serving as Membership Secretary as well as Secretary of Enlistment for many, many years. Lancy and Lena Mae have been great supporters of the Sandy Cross Church community for many years. Lena Mae and Lancy were married May 25, 1941. She was born Jan. 23, 1918.





Mary Elizabeth Toole married Emory Merle Rawlins Aug. 15, 1952. They had three children. They are: Mary Elizabeth "Beth" Ezzell, Janet Marie Snead, Emory M. "Rusty" III. Emory is active in Sunday School and the UMM. Mary and Emory celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary in 2002. Emory was born July 9, 1932. Mary was born Jul. 24, 1934 and died Nov. 16, 2002. Their son Rusty died Jan. 7, 1984.

Myrtle Jean Joyner and Lindsay Harold "Pete" Flowers were married March 6, 1971. They have two children Patrick Jason, born Dec. 18, 1974, and Jennifer Leigh born Jan. 23, 1977. The Flowers family is very active and supportive in the church. Myrtle gives the children's sermon when called upon. Pete serves on many church committees, which are chairperson of the Administrative Board and the UMM, Ecumenical and Interreligious Concerns. He serves on Finance Committee, an usher, and teaches Elementary 3 & 4. Pete was Lay Person of the Year in 1992. Myrtle was born May 16, 1950. Pete was born Dec. 31, 1947. Jason serves as an usher.



Christine Horner and Austin Durant Lewis were married November 21, 1954. They raised three children Leah Chriscoe, Julia Sampair, and Martha Lewis. Durant was chairperson of the organ committee in 1956. The organ was purchased for \$592.31 which was the balance of the mortgage that was owed to People's Bank and Trust Company. The organ was valued at twelve to fourteen hundred dollars. First meeting of the Ruritans was held March 20, 1952 in the Old Coopers High School cafeteria. Officers were Durant Lewis, president; William A "Billy" Joyner, vice-president. Durant was a great-grand son of Redmond D. Wells, who in 1854 donated the land for the church and was one of the original founders. Durant was born Dec. 27, 1919 and died Nov. 13, 2003 in Wake Medical Center after a 2 weeks stay from a massive heart attack. Durant's funeral was the first to be held in the new Sandy Cross sanctuary. Rev. Jimmy Reavis and Rev. Donald Lee Harris conducted the service. The pallbearers were Pete Flowers, Jackson Joyner, Billy Joyner, Arnold Joyner, Kenneth Baker, Kenneth Powell, Robbie Bissette, Millard "Poss" Winstead. Durant was buried in the Evergreen Memorial Park, Wilson, NC. Christine was born December 28, 1930.





Shirley Joyce Bone married Harvey Lee Joyner Jan. 20, 1956. They had four children. Teresa Joy married Steve Sallee, Richard Duane married Lisa Lamm, Timothy Lee, and Susan Denise married Darcey Bass. Joyce has served on the Community Food Committee for many years. She directs the church choir and plays the piano for church services. Timothy Lee died Nov. 8, 1999 and Harvey died July 11, 2002.

Diane Joyner married Benny Vester Jan. 21, 1968 and they have three children. Robin, who married Jennifer Winstead, Kristina and Jonathan. Diane was President of the UMW 1999-2000 and secretary of the UMW 1997-1998. She is chairperson of Social Concerns and sings in the choir.



Lay Person of the Year was started in October 1985.

Joyce B. Joyner - Lay Person- 1987  
 Dolly J. Joyner - Lay Person- 1988  
 Jackson Joyner- Lay Person -1985 & 2001

Dolly L. Joyner was born Aug. 28, 1941. She is president of United Methodist Women, plays the organ for worship service and sings in the choir.



Arnold Joyner- Lay Person- 1989  
 Dolly L. Joyner -Lay Person- 1991

Diane Vester- Lay Person- 1993  
 Bonita B. Davis- Lay Person- 1994

Bonita Baker married Ray Davis. They have two children, Baker and Georgia. Georgia is a representative of the UMY. Bonita is active in the UMW. She has served as Vice President of the UMW 1988-1990, served on the Program Committee, and assisted in organizing the photo album. She is chairperson of Council on Ministries and serves on the Financial Committee, as well as sings in the choir and teaches the adult Sunday school class.



Patricia S. Joyner- Lay Person- 1996  
Shirley Barkley- Lay Person- 1995

Shirley Barkley's home was the school bus stop in the early 1040's. The bus stops were not close together in the early days. Some of us had to walk a mile or more to catch the bus. Mr. and Mrs. Barkley were kind, good people. We would gather in their yard or on the large porch to wait for the bus. If it was real cold or raining, Mrs. Dovie would insist we come into her house. I was 11 and 12 years old and I saw how much dirt we would leave in her magnificently clean home, so I didn't want to go in, but she would insist. I won't ever forget the Barkley's kindness. Memories like this has stuck with me throughout the years.



Billy Joyner- Lay Person-1998  
Peggy B. Tyson- Lay Person-1999  
Van Batchelor- Lay Person- 2000



Kenneth Powell- Lay Person- 2002  
Presented to Kenneth by Arnold Joyner





Lancy Ray Joyner, Sr.

Mr. Lancy was honored by the Adult Class with a luncheon at the Golden Corral, Sept. 3, 2000. He was presented a group picture and plaque for the dedicated service of teaching the Adult Class for 43 years. He was honored as the Church's Special Person, Oct. 6, 1991, for the love and dedication he had for his church by serving the positions of Lay Leader for 34 years. Mr. Lancy also served as chairman of the Administrative Board, Chairman of Evangelism, head usher, and the first president of our Sandy Cross UM Men fellowship group. It was reported that when Mr. Lancy was asked for gift suggestions for himself, his response was, "All I want or need it your love and nothing else."



Graphic photo by Hal Sharpe

## *Oak Barbecue*

Coopers Ruritan members had a barbecue recently wherein they got the oak and coal stove going. From left are Edward Daniel, J. P. Rowe, Lancey Joyner, and President, Randy Batts.



L.-R.: Dolly J. Joyner, Dempsey Lindsey, Jackson Joyner, Gladys Harper, Lancy Joyner, Lena Mae Joyner and Pauline Bone.



**Lancy Joyner and Jamie Baker**  
Lancy Joyner taught the Adult Class for 43 years.  
He was chosen Lay Person of the Year for 1986.

**Sandy Cross Adult Sunday School Class- July 29, 2000.**  
Teachers-Lancy Joyner and Jamie Baker



**Jamie Baker taught the Adult Class for 19 years.**  
Jamie was Lay Member to the Conference for 2 years.  
He was also Lay member for 2003.



Teachers of the Adult Class

Kenneth Powell, Bonita B. Davis,  
and Sharon Hood Little







### Young Adults

Teachers – Julie Batchelor, Libby Baker,  
Karen Hendricks, Thomas Joyner,  
Wayne Jones and Elaine Pate

Julie Batchelor died Aug. 18, 2003. She is going to be missed by her family, friends, and church family. Julie was a special person and would do anything for you to help you.  
I Corinthian 13:3-5 Psalms 34:4



### Senior High

Arnold Joyner-teacher, Ginger Warren, Candace Joyner, Shannon Perry, Beth Sallee, Jessica Bone, Lindsey Joyner, and Van Batchelor-teacher.



### Intermediate A

Teachers- Dolly L. Joyner and Eddie Jean Reavis.  
Students- Ryne Cooper, Ashley Carpenter, Brittany Alford, Taylor Joyner, Mary Ann Manning, Daniel Winstead, and Tyler Hendricks.



**Elementary 5 & 6**  
 Teachers- Anne Bone and Tammy Warren  
 Students- Sarah Joyner, Katie Vester, Paige Perry, and Tiffany Alford.



**Elementary 3 and 4**  
 Pete Flowers-teacher, Matthew Jones, Shana Tyson, Grayson Bass, Thomas Phillip, Emily Jones. Not Shown- Melissa Joyner-teacher and Anita Branch-teacher assistant.



**Elementary 1 & 2**  
 Teachers- Ellen W. Manning and Ava J. DeMarco.  
 Students- Caley Bass, Abby Joyner, Gray Batchelor, Madison Tyson, and Jay Hendricks.



**Kindergarten Class**  
 Teachers-Emily J. Perry and Dolly J. Joyner  
 Students- Clay Batchelor, Carly Batchelor,  
 Justin Jones, Preston Wilder, Noah Joyner,  
 Bryson, Reavis and Ashlee Pate.



**Nursery**  
 Teachers- Peggy Tyson, Joyce Joyner, and  
 Teresa Joyner Sallee.  
 Students- Nicolus Tyson, Storm Tyson,  
 Caitlin Jones, and Payton Bass.





Gina and Travis Alford, directors of UMY, are doing a terrific job with the youth in our church. Their activities include beach trips, roller skating, Fall Festival, and much more. This is one of the many reasons they were chosen Lay Person for 1997. Gina is young adult member on the Council of Ministry. Travis is vice-chairman on the Building Committee

Gina and Travis Alford -Lay Persons- 1997



**United Methodist Youth**

Front Row: Georgia Davis, Lindsay Joyner.  
 Second Row: Beth Sallee, Shelly Baker, Ginger Warren, Candace Joyner, and Ashley Carpenter.  
 Third Row: Anna Joyner, Brittany Alford, Mandy Baker, Jessica Bone, and Mary Ann Manning.





Kenneth Powell is a leader, a mentor, and a great asset to Sandy Cross Church. He brings messages to the pulpit, teaches the Adult Sunday School Class, is chairperson of Age Level Coordinators, Evangelism, and Pastor Parish Relations Committee. He plans bus trips for the people in the church and community. No wonder Kenneth was the Lay Person for the Year 2002. He serves and love God and his family.

The Sandy Cross church had an "Ole Time Prayer, Food, and Fellowship Hour," Tuesday night, Jan. 28, 2003. Each person brought one can of vegetable beef soup and one sandwich cut in half. Kenneth Powell brought the message. After the message, three or four people gave a personal testimony. A good crowd attended with everyone enjoying the message, food, and fellowship.



Miss Ashley Carpenter brought the morning message Jan. 26, 2003. The points she brought out in her message were, "We are to get the board out of our own eyes, before we ask another person to get the speck out of their eye. Do not judge people, for God is our judge." The church was celebrating Student Day. The service was conducted by students from our church. We want to thank each student for taking a part in the worship service. Job well done!







**Children's Choir**  
 Gray Batchelor, Laura Beth Jones, Emily Jones,  
 Caley Bass, Jay Hendricks, Madison Tyson,  
 George Joyner, Abby Joyner, Karen Hendricks-  
 director.

**Youth Choir**  
 Tiffany Alford, Mandy Baker, Marcy Baker,  
 Mary Cecchini, Sarah Joyner, and Katie Braswell  
 Directors: Susan Bass and Lindsey Joyner



Teresa Joyner Sallee and Joyce B. Joyner  
 with Mary Brooke Cecchini singing a solo.



**Sandy Cross Church Choir**  
 Rev. Jimmy Reavis, Tammy Warren, Arnold Joyner, Diane Vester, Kenneth Baker, Sharon Little, Mary Frances Winstead, Beulah House, Shirley Barkley, Bonita Davis, and Louise Joyner. Not pictured: Shelton Baker and Dolly L. Joyner. Dolly L. Joyner and Joyce Joyner plays the piano and organ.

Dolly Dean Langley married Richard Arnold Joyner Aug. 16, 1964. They have two sons, Richard Dean and Matthew Leland. Leland married Anna Arnold Matthews. Leland and Anna has a son Matthew Leland Joyner. Arnold and Dolly are very active in the church. Arnold is Church Lay Leader, serves on Pastor-Parish Relations, Building Committee, Vice-superintendent Sunday School, alternate member to Annual Conference, sings in the choir and teaches the Senior High Sunday School Class. Arnold was born Aug. 21, 1941.



Patricia Smith Joyner and Billy Joyner were married Sept. 6, 1964. They have two children Patricia Lynn and Christopher Dale. Patricia Lynn was born May 7, 1967. She is married to Michael Cooper. Christopher Dale was born Feb. 13, 1970 and is married to the former Wanda Brown. Their son, Spencer Dale, was born Nov. 1, 2001. Billy and Patricia are very active in church. Patricia is active in the UMW, has worked at the chicken pastry suppers, and has helped clean the church. Patricia taught 3-4 Sunday School class in the 1970's with Beverly Raynor and Barbara Williams. Patricia is at the present time serving on the Pastor-Parish Relations Committee, the Finance Committee, and is Secretary-Treasurer of Sunday School. Patricia was born Sept. 27, 1940 and Billy was born May 3, 1940.





#### Owain Gruwell

I think we all are glad the Gruwells left Delaware to come to North Carolina and choose the Sandy Cross community as their home. They are an asset to our church. They are willing to serve the church and the community any way possible. The report Owain gave during the worship service on Feb. 2, 2003, of his experience going to Costa Rico with the mission team from Wilson, Jan. 11-23, was very interesting. There were seventeen people (12 men, 5 women) that went to build a church for those people that had prayed for ten years to get a church. The mission team adopted a logo from one of the men in Costa Rico that always greeted them with his thumbs up which meant, "Crazy for Jesus." The Wilson team and Don Evans, the crew chief, came to help build Sandy Cross's new sanctuary. Owain has been a hard-worker in building our sanctuary. I am sure the workers enjoy the good food the ladies cooked and the desserts Rosemary brought. Owain was born Apr. 18, 1939 and Rosemary was born Sept. 1, 1946.

Rosemary and Owain Gruwell were married June 24, 1991. Their children: Eva K. Shahan, Kimberly G. Sterling, Angela R. Rohner, and E. Alan Stolzenbach. Rosemary is active in the UMW. She is willing to serve the church where she is needed.

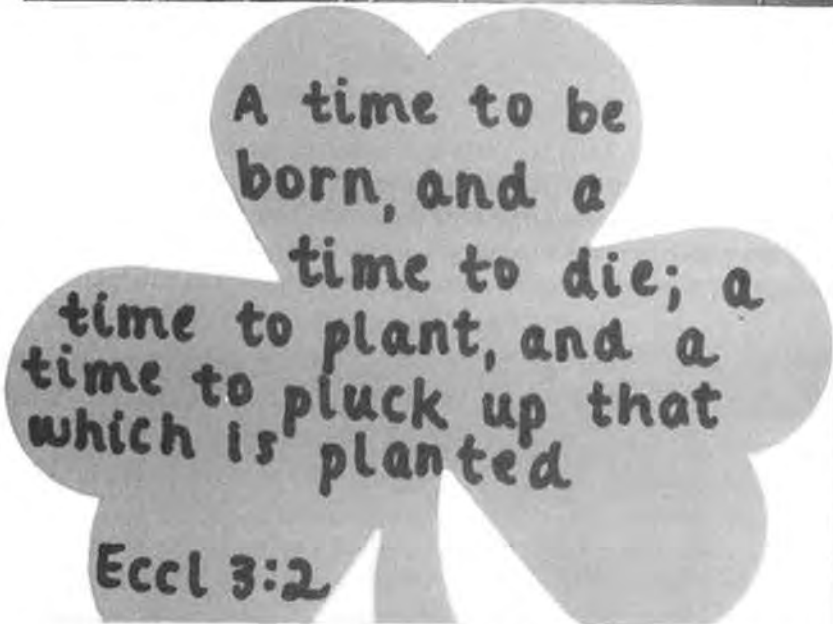


Picture of the church Owain and the mission team from Wilson went to build in Costa Rico for the people.





The Senior Citizens of the Sandy Cross UM Church were given a dinner on Saturday night, Mar. 15, 2003. It was hosted by the Age Level Coordinators Kenneth Powell, Donna Wilder, Joyce Joyner, and Gina Alford. The UMY that helped were Brittany Alford, Georgia Davis, Mandy Baker, Lindsey Joyner, Taylor Joyner, and Beth Sallee. The food was delicious and the place was decorated to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. Entertainment was provided by Elsie Clark as Minnie Pearl. The Senior Citizens thank you for the night out. We really enjoyed it!



We were honored and entertained at the Senior Citizens dinner by Elsie Clark as Minnie Pearl.





Worship service on Mar. 16, 2003 was honoring the Senior Citizens of Sandy Cross Church. The UMY gave a presentation as a tribute to let the Senior Citizens know how important they are to them. They gave each Senior Citizen a gift, a pen with praying hands. Georgia Davis and Lindsey Joyner sang a duet entitled "Grandpa."





Pete Flowers and Dempsey Lindsey are the cooks for The United Methodist Men's breakfast. Pete and Dempsey are very good cooks. You can count on these two men to serve where ever they are needed.



The United Methodist Men- president- Pete Flowers, secretary- Jackson Joyner, meet on the first Sunday of the month with breakfast, fellowship, and business. They have two dinners a year, one in the spring and one in the fall to support the church and community when there is a need. Men that attend the breakfast are David Chartier, Arnold Joyner, Jackson Joyner, Carlton Bone, Owain Gruwell, Forrest Boone, Alvin Bone, Winslow Bone, Pete Flowers, Larry Joyner, Rev. Jimmy Reavis, Van Batchelor, Kenneth Powell, Emory Rawlins, Dempsey Lindsey, and Billy Joyner. Members not pictured are Rex Bone, Chris Joyner, Thomas Joyner, and Mitchell Tyson.





**Mother and daughter taught us all some of the most important things about life. . .**

It is impossible to measure the impact people have on the lives of those around them. Brenda and Brittney Boone would have been surprised at the hundreds of people who came to offer comfort and support to their family several weeks ago after their deaths. They would have been amazed at the flowers, cards, and number of people who loved them and who were in some measure changed by knowing them. Those of us who worked with them or were their family and friends were not surprised at all. For years we have received their gifts, flowers, words of encouragement, and prayers.

Brenda and Brittney did everything together. If you saw one the other was sure to be close by. Initially this was a necessity since Brittney needed so much help to compensate for the many challenges of cerebral palsy. It wouldn't take anyone long to see, however, that Brenda and Brittney would have been close companions no matter what the circumstances. They were just too interested in each other to do otherwise. Brenda loved her daughter deeply and she and her husband, Forrest, taught Brittney how to give and accept love from the very beginning. Brenda took tremendous pride in each of Brittney's accomplishments and cried many tears with Brittney when physical limitations left her frustrated and hurt.

I have never known a woman who loved her family, her husband, and her daughter more than Brenda. Though gentle and quiet by nature, over the years she became a relentless advocate for her daughter. When experts gave her advice or gloomy forecasts that Brittney would not walk or talk or read, she listened politely and then she searched for ways to help Brittney do all these things. She searched the Internet, made telephone calls, read articles, and sought out other parents. Most of all she prayed. Brenda's strong faith in God helped her to meet obstacles with determination and hope. As she told me on many occasions, "God will not give anyone more than they can bear." She kept dreaming with Brittney through years of setbacks, operations, and therapies. She always told Brittney that one day, in this life or the next, we would all be healed. Though she often chastised herself for past mistakes, for not helping more people, and for what she perceived as a lack of faith, Brenda was constantly striving to be a better person.

Brenda Edwards Boone was an immaculate housekeeper, a lover of flowers, a talented craftswoman, a great cook, and a curious, kind southern gentlewoman. She loved to travel; she loved her friends and family. She was proud to be Forrest's wife and Brittney's mother.

Like her mother, Brittney was proud to be a Boone and an Edwards. She loved music, movies, the mall, ranch dressing, and boys. She loved her mom, who also happened to be her best friend. Brittney always said her dad was "good looking" and that she looked like him. She was absolutely normal and absolutely special at the same time. Cerebral Palsy was a constant obstacle to Brittney and yet it was no obstacle at all. Everything she did required her to work harder than it did for most of us, but her mind was sharp and her determination unwavering. Brittney did things she wanted to do whether they were easy for her or not. With the constant encouragement of her parents and the help of her school friends, Brittney simply disregarded the CP.

Though her mother was quiet and gentle, Brittney was boisterous and outgoing. She loved people. Sitting in the SNHS lunchroom with a crowd of teenagers talking about music, movies, and boys or walking the malls with her girlfriends was definitely her element. Brittney was not afraid to test limits. This was sometimes challenging for her teachers and her parents. She was not afraid of making mistakes. You see, Forrest and Brenda always gave Brittney unconditional love and acceptance. Brittney knew that she would be loved for who she was no matter what she did. She learned to accept the inevitable consequences of mistakes and try to move on. It was impossible not to love her.

Yes, this June 28 we lost two dear friends who left their imprint on each of us in different and very special ways. All of us who knew them continue to remember and share stories about Brenda and Brittney that would make us smile and laugh and cry. I think we will be doing this for a long time. I hope Brenda and Brittney know how much we miss them; and how much they have taught us all about love, acceptance, and perseverance. Let us all strive to cultivate these characteristics. If we do, Brenda and Brittney's impact on our community will continue. What a wonderful legacy.

Kathy Snipes  
Exceptional Education Teacher  
Southern Nash High School



Jimmy, son Mark, Laney, Bryson, Collin and Jamie  
 Jamie Spain and Mark Reavis were married June 25, 1994.  
 They have three children, Laney, Bryson, and Collin. Mark  
 serves as an usher, assists in teaching the college level  
 Sunday School class, and serves as a member of the Admini-  
 strative Board. Marks works in Nash County as a Com-  
 munication Shift Supervisor and Jamie is a Registered Nurse  
 with Boice Willis Clinic for Dr. May. Mark was born Aug.  
 2, 1971. Jamie was born June 6, 1972.

Brenda Edwards and Forrest Boone were married  
 May 3, 1983. They had one daughter, Brittney who  
 was born May 3, 1986. Brenda was born Feb. 21,  
 1960 and Forrest was born Jan. 10, 1957. He works  
 with Edwards Inc. Brittney was a happy young girl  
 who enjoyed painting her fingernails in many  
 shades of polish. She also liked bright colors. We  
 lost Brenda and Brittney in a car wreck June 28,  
 2003. They are dearly missed by their family, their  
 church family and the community. Brenda and  
 Brittney will remain in our hearts forever.



Myrtle Kathryn Batchelor and Ronald Glenn Vick were married  
 Jan. 9, 1960. They have two daughters, Alesia Kathryn , who  
 was born Oct. 23, 1960; and Karen Frances who was born Aug.  
 18, 1970. Alesia works at QVC as a Senior Training Specialist.  
 Karen teaches at Nash Central Middle School. Myrtle's grand-  
 parents were Nancy Langley and Thomas Ruffen Batchelor.  
 Glenn was a DJ that played good country music every Saturday  
 morning. Glenn was a good sport. He was our Santa Claus at  
 the UMW Christmas party. When Glenn and Myrtle were  
 married, they started a hog farm and raising Jack Russell terriers.  
 Myrtle's hobby is horses. She rode horses in shows starting as  
 a young girl. Karen rides in shows now and loves horses as much  
 as Myrtle does. W. T. raised horses and would give people rides  
 in his cart. W.T. would get someone to ride and show his horses  
 at the State Fair in Raleigh. Glenn and Myrtle would have Sunday  
 School Class picnics at their house. She would let the class  
 members and friends ride her horses. Myrtle use to work in Peoples  
 Bank Trust Department. She is a substitute teacher in the Nash  
 Rocky Mount School System. Glenn was born Jan 29, 1931 and  
 Myrtle was born Nov. 9, 1927.







Nell McGlohon and Dr. Joseph Thomas Liverman were married Nov. 24, 1949. They have two children, Dr. Joseph Thomas "Tommy" Liverman, Jr. and daughter, Kennie, who is a nurse. Tommy married Anita Luper and they have one son, Dylan. Kennie married James Thomas. They have a daughter, Meredith. Dr. Joseph Liverman graduated from Wake Forest College May 30, 1949. When he finished working his first day, Dec. 28, 1956 in Nashville, he told pharmacist, Rex Paramore, he was afraid he couldn't make a living on what people could pay him and that he would have to leave Nashville, that was 47 years ago. Dr. Liverman is a dedicated family doctor that goes the extra mile for his patients. He loves and cares for everyone. Dr. Liverman gives each patient individual care by taking the extra time to talk at length with them. He stays at his office until every person is seen, even if it is late at night. Dr. Liverman spends his nights and Sundays to contact his patients about their lab reports or test results. If Dr. Liverman can not take care of his patient's problem, he will send them to someone that can. The Winsteads consider Dr. Liverman as part of their family. Dr. Liverman was born Nov. 14, 1928, and Nell was born Feb. 17, 1928.

Kenneth, Gary, Ernest, Shelton, and Teresa  
The young quartet was organized about the same time Sandy Cross had the Lay Witness Mission in February 1971. Not only did these five sing in our church, but they were asked to sing in others church and revivals. They have children of their own now about the same age they were in the group. Kenneth married Janet Hines. They have two daughters, Mandy and Marcy. Gary married Betsy Snipes. They have two daughters, Rachel and Laura. Ernest married Joyce Vick and they have two sons, Dale and Daniel. Shelton married Libby Burns and they have a one daughter, Shelley. Teresa played the piano for the quartet. Teresa married Steve Sallee. Their daughters are Tammy and Beth. Carl Batchelor would fill in when needed if one of the members had to be absent. The children of all original quartet members are very active in our church now. Gary, Ernest, Shelton, and Cecil Williams were the FFA Quartet at Southern Nash High School. Their quartet won two contests, county and federation, qualifying them for the state finals in Raleigh. They came in third place in the state. They continued the quartet for 1974-75 with Denise Winstead replacing Cecil Williams.



The College Level Sunday School Class  
Teacher – Joyce Winstead. Other teachers not pictured are Sharon Little, Mark Reavis, and Donna Wilder. Students: Kristina Vester, Lindsey Joyner, and Georgia Davis. Not pictured: Kelly Joyner, Josh Warren, Pam Page, Shelly Baker, Crystal Joyner, and Stephanie Joyner.





### Romeos (Retired Old Men Enjoying Old Songs)

The Romeos give the Senior Citizens and music lovers a chance for a relaxing Tuesday night out from 7-9:15 at the Opry House on Highway 301 across from Joyner's Furniture. L.R. Glenn Rogers is the organizer for the Romeo. Glenn and Calvin are the only two original Romeos. Glenn plays a Gibson electrical guitar and is also a collector of guitars. Calvin Lancaster plays a Gibson guitar, Chet Atkins electric; Charles Gooch plays a Esphone electric bass; Johnnie Umphlet plays a Fender electric and sings; Terapin Winstead plays the harmonica and drums; Adolphus Batchelor plays a Gibson acoustic and sings; Robie C. Lamm plays an Oscarschmidt Delta King and is a smooth singer like Jim Reaves; Jim Proctor plays a Ibanez acoustic and sings. Gospel and country music is played and a joke is thrown in now and then. Glenn's wife, Barbara, is the MC. Barbara and daughter, Anita Parker, gives the Romeos's Opry House that extra touch with the curtains, decorations, pictures of the Romeos members, and Nashville Tennessee stars. They also run the concession stand. Nelson Radford is the door keeper and videos the program. The video is shown on Channel 17, WHIG on Mondays 9-11 AM.



Mary Frances Griffin and Richard Winslow "Terrapin" Winstead, Sr., were married Dec. 25, 1958. They had four children which are Frances Lynn (stillborn), Mary Ellen, Richard Winslow "Rich" Jr., and Jennifer. Ellen married Joseph "Jay" Manning. They have one daughter, MaryAnn. Jennifer married Robin Woodrow Vester. They have one daughter, Olivia Robyn who was born Nov. 21, 2002. Terrapin is a cancer survivor. He has had a hard battle with cancer, but he is a fighter and has not given up. Terrapin's hobby is playing the drums and blowing on the harmonica. He has played with bands in Nashville, Tenn., the Nashville Opry, Temperance Hall, and with the Romeos. Terrapin was born Jan. 20, 1936. Mary Frances "Sam" was born Aug. 31, 1939.

Joe Tripp sings gospel songs. Terrapin plays harmonic and drums, Eugene "Hootie" Bone sings all kinds of songs. Some are real oldies. Glenn asked him where he got some of the songs he sings for he is 73 years old and he hasn't heard of them.



The United Methodist Youth had a jail-a-thon Oct. 25, 2003 to raise money for a large screen TV for the church. Deputy John Thomas Winstead and Sergeant William Murphy would arrest the "criminals" and bring them in the police car to the jail in the church yard. Their fine was to raise one \$100 before they were released. For a donation of ten dollars, you could have a person put in jail. Deputy Winstead has Pansy "Shug" Braswell in leg shackles and handcuffs. Prisoners in the striped shirts, Mary Ann Manning and Marcy Baker, are telephoning people for pledges. Proceeds for the jail-a-thon came to over \$2,500. Fun was had by the police officers, spectators, and the "jail birds."

Southern Nash High School sponsored The Red Cross Blood Drive Oct. 27, 2003. Principal Tommy Finch said, "Ginger Warren has recruited many people to come and give blood." Lyn Batchelor, man in the blue shirt bent over in the picture, was one of the people taking the blood. Wendy Aman was one of the nurses also taking blood pressure and checking blood for an iron sample in order to give blood. SNHS was one of three high schools chosen to have The Red Cross Blood Museum visit its campus.



Rev. Jimmy Reavis, wife Eddie Jean, and son Craig moved in their new home the last week in July 2003. Their home is located on the Bend of the River Road. History has been made by the Reavises serving the Sandy Cross Church for 20 years. They have chosen to live in this area for their retirement years. We are glad you decided to make your home in Sandy Cross.



Brandy Melissa Winstead and John Daniel Fraizer were the first couple to be married in the new sanctuary at Sandy Cross United Methodist Church on July 17, 2004 at 5:00 p.m. Rev. Jimmy Reavis and Rev. Vernon Potter performed the ceremony. The wedding director was Mrs. Judy Joyner. (L to R) John Thomas Winstead, Thomas Winstead, Rev. Jimmy Reavis, Brandy and John Frazier, Rev. Vernon Potter, Mr. Kelton Fraizer, Adam Walker, Jamie Kennedy, Lauren Brantley, Mary Katheryn Stokes, and Miss Darby Robbins. Brandy is the daughter of Thomas and Peggy Winstead and has a brother John Thomas Winstead. Brandy is a teacher at Southern Nash High School. John Daniel Fraizer is the son of Kelton and Victoria Fraizer. He has three sisters: Donna Castano, Kelly Robbins, and Sarah Frazier. John is fulfilling his dreams as a young boy as a fireman working at The Town of Nashville Fire Department.





John and Brandy Frazier are cutting their wedding cake on July 17, 2004 JoAnn Manning made and decorated this beautiful cake.



Judy Hendricks and Willie Joyner were married Sept. 25, 1977. Willie, a farmer, was born Oct. 27, 1954 and his wife Judy, a seamstress, was born Jan. 24, 1958. Judy and Willie have two daughters. Kelly was born Dec. 10, 1981, and is a NCSU graduate. She is employed with BB& T. Candice was born Nov. 25, 1985, and attends ECU and works at Pets Mart. She is holding their pet, Gabby.



The worship service on Jan. 9, 2005 focused on renewing one's commitment to God. Pastor Will is making a cross on Robbie Pate's forehead as he pronounces, "Remember your baptismal and be thankful. Brandy and John Frazier and Audrey Jones are pictured as well. Robert (Robbie) Pate, born March 3, 1955 and wife Elaine Carraway, born Dec. 9, 1955, were married Sept. 13, 1975. They have two daughters, Heather and Holly, and three grandchildren, Ashlee, Daleigh, and Connor. Robbie is a fire inspector for the City of Rocky Mount. Elaine works in Rocky Mount as a Engineer Technician.



Cathy and Lee Otha Boone are waiting in line for Pastor Will to make a cross with his finger dipped in the water from River Jordan on their forehead. Cathy and Lee Otha were married April 11, 1975. They have a daughter, Sherry, who works with speech communication, and a son, Brooks, who is currently in the Army. Cathy was born April 29, 1951 and works with the Nash Rocky Mount School System. Lee Otha was born Jan. 9, 1952 and works at CSX Railroad in Rocky Mount.



William Sidney Hoyle, Jr. was born in Rocky Mount, NC, on Feb. 10, 1970. He graduated from Rocky Mount Academy in 1988. He entered Architect School at UNC-Charlotte. Will received a call into the ministry at age 19, after a conversion experience and invited Christ into his heart in his dorm room alone one night. Will graduated from UNC-Charlotte in 1992 with a Bachelor's degree in history and entered Duke Divinity School. It was there Will became the Student Associate pastor for Bailey UMC with Rev. Branson Sheets and his ministerial formation began to take shape. Will left Duke to finish his studies at Asbury Seminary in Wilmore, Kentucky. He graduated from Asbury in 1997 and returned to NC where he was pastor of Kenly UMC and Buckhorn UMC in Johnston and Wilson County. Will moved to Carolina Beach in 2000, where he was pastor of St. Paul UMC. He moved to Zion UMC in 2003.

Carrie Elizabeth was born September 13, 1974. Her parents are Phyliss and Rev. Lynn Wilbur from Virginia. Carrie is a graduate of Ferrum College a United Methodist college in Virginia. She is currently a purchasing agent with the Department of Transportation in Raleigh, N. C. Will and Carrie have a beautiful daughter Sarah Elizabeth born June 11, 2002. Pastor Will preached his first sermon at Sandy Cross UMC, June 27, 2004. We had a luncheon following the service. Emory Rawlins and Kevin Boone are in the picture. We are glad to have the Hoyle family at Sandy Cross.



Pastor Will's parents Mr. & Mrs. William S. Hoyle, Sr. came to hear their son preach his first sermon, June 27, 2004 at Sandy Cross UMC. Pastor Will has one sister, Kathy. In the picture is Bonita Davis, Will's father, an attorney in Rocky Mount, his mother Linda, and Billy Joyner.



Rev. E. Marvin Hoyle, Sr. married Olive Leola Turner of Dunn, N.C. on December 8, 1904. Their children are Ruth Cathey, Rev. E. Marvin Hoyle, Jr., Robert Turner, Jonathon Vernon. Not pictured was David Wade, who was born after Rev. E. M. Hoyle Sr's death at age 38.

Carrie Wilbur and Rev. Will Hoyle were married on November 18, 2000 at Oak Park UMC by Will's uncle Rev. John William Hoyle. Pastor Will has Methodist ministers in his family in both conferences in N. C. going back over 120 years, his great-grandfather being the last. Pastor Will was ordained as a full elder at annual conference on June 9, 2001.





The year 2004 was a terrifying year for many people across the world. Hurricanes, floods, war, bombings, death and sickness were faced by many. People throughout the world have donated food, money, and their time to help those in need. Sandy Cross UM Church helped by filling buckets with cleaning supplies to send to Florida and collected money to send to the tsunami victims overseas. Pictured are (L-R) Katie Vester, Brittany and Tiffany Alford, Taylor Joyner, Sarah Joyner, and Mandy Baker. Jamie Baker is sitting on the bench.

The Nash Rocky Mount Board of Education met Dec. 6, 2004. The board recognized students and teachers for their accomplishments. Mr. Mike Bartholomew of Southern Nash High School was named county wide Teacher of the Year. Local students included for their achievements are as follows: Andrew Strickland and Jeffery Boykin-Agriscience Fair: Engineering (State of NC- First Place; National – Third Place,) Dale Winstead, AgriEntrepreneurship (State of NC- First Place,) Ashley Carpenter, Andrew Strickland, Stephan Tyson, and Dale Winstead, Agronomy Career Development (State of NC- First Place), Seth Everett, American FFA Degree, Clark Adams, Mike Bartholomew, Daniele Kidd, and Joan Stone, FFA Chapter Advisors, Southern Nash High School (State of NC- First Place; Finalist- Top 10 in Nation.)



William R. Winstead is receiving the Coopers Ruritan of the Year Award for 2004 from his son, Harold Winstead, who is vice-president. William recruited more new members for the Coopers Club. William and Calvin Horne did not miss a meeting in 2004. Charter members still living are: Winslow Bone, Billy Joyner, and Edwin Daniels. Coopers Ruritan Club invited all the people that helped with the Ruritan suppers to dinner at Silver Lake, Nov. 18, 2004. Entertainment was provided by Rick Privette and Tarapin Winstead.



Jesse Smith took this picture, April 15, 1973. The state was taking part of the church yard for widen the Sandy Cross road to West Mount.



On Dec. 24, 2004, Christmas Eve night, the church celebrated the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ in a service of Holy Communion, Scripture lessons, hymns and singing to candlelight. Volunteers set out luminary bags that encircled the church. Pastor Will is wishing Billy Little, Mary Brooks, Phyllis, and Heather Cecchni a Merry Christmas as they leave the ceremony.

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This book of local history is dedicated to **Bruce and Bonnie Baker**. This book would not have been possible without their knowledge and hard work. Also, YOU, the People, have given many pictures and much needed information to include in this history photo album. Peggy Winstead and Carol Taylor did the typing and Del Flo Printing published the album. Thank you for helping make this possible through all your support from my church and community family.

God Bless You!  
Odell Winstead