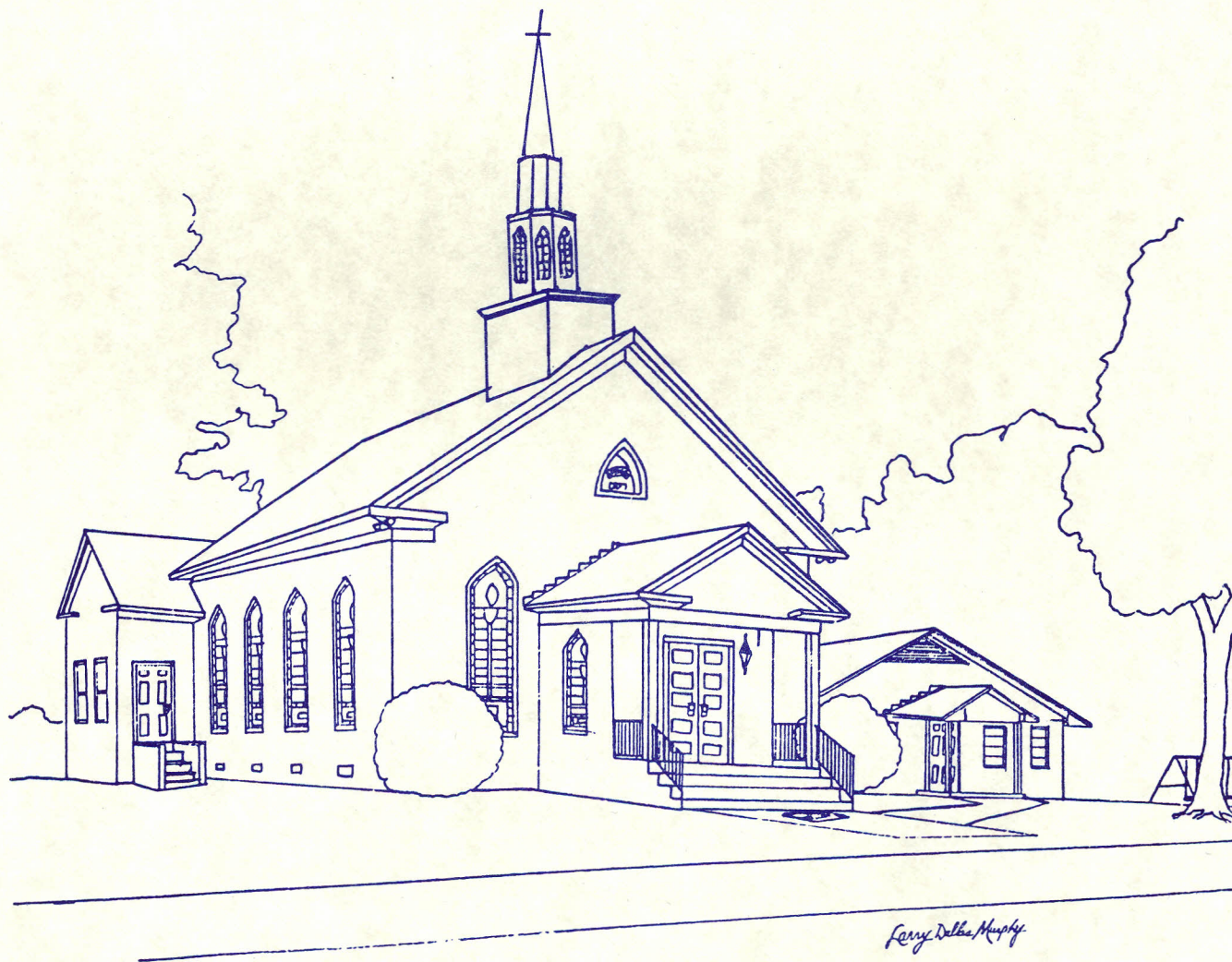


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About the Author

Virginia R. Teague, daughter of the Late Maude Dowdy and William A. Roberson was born April 28, 1927, in the Chatham Methodist Church Community near Pittsboro, N. C., which she attended from childhood and joined at an early age. She is a 1944 graduate of Pittsboro High School and received her secretarial education during her senior year in High School. She worked at the ASCS Office in Pittsboro, N. C., for several years and on October 6, 1951, she accepted a job as the first secretary of the Siler City Branch Office of what was then Graham Production Credit Association, but is now called Farm Credit Service. She retired in 1981 after 30 years with the company.

She and her husband, Floyd Teague, Jr., have a daughter, Diane Teague Campbell, and a son, Donald Ray Teague, and 6 grandchildren - Jay, Kevin, and Jennifer Campbell - and Gregory, Christopher, and Brittany Teague.

In 1948, when she and her husband were married, she moved her membership to Sapling Ridge Church where she became active in church affairs. She is presently serving her 8th year as membership secretary and is in her 9th year as Church Historian. She served as Communion Steward from 1969 until 1990.

She has no particular hobby, but enjoys cooking and sewing for her family and doing things for her friends, especially sharing her Sour Dough Bread.



A Message of Appreciation

It is with grateful heart that I express my appreciation and thanks to all the people who helped make this book possible. I am most thankful to the late Mr. James L. (Mr. Jim) Self for talking with Junior and me and telling us about the early history of Sapling Ridge Church. Mr. Jim was born July 1, 1875, and met an untimely death on January 13, 1973. When we talked with him in 1969, his mind was very clear as he told us about the early history. Until then, we had nothing to go on to write a history of Sapling Ridge Church. As you read these pages, you can see the influence Mr. Jim had on the book, and also the love he had for his church.

Besides the committee already mentioned, I would like to express my appreciation to the following people who loaned pictures and other information included in this book:

Mrs. Edith Campbell
Ms. Rachel Whitehead
Mrs. Margaret Self Bennett
Mrs. Dixie Woody Lindley
Mrs. Helen Clark Self
Mrs. Mamie Self

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Perry
Mrs. Doris Perry Thomas
Ms. Judy Johnson
Mrs. Hannah Johnson
Mrs. Jeanette Campbell Phillips

I am also thankful to our former pastors and/or wives who responded to my letters and sent pictures and information about our church.

It is my earnest prayer that this book will be something all of you will enjoy and treasure for years to come. Our forefathers left us a great legacy and we should cherish it as I am sure all of you will.

Virginia R. Teague



Sapling Ridge in 1949



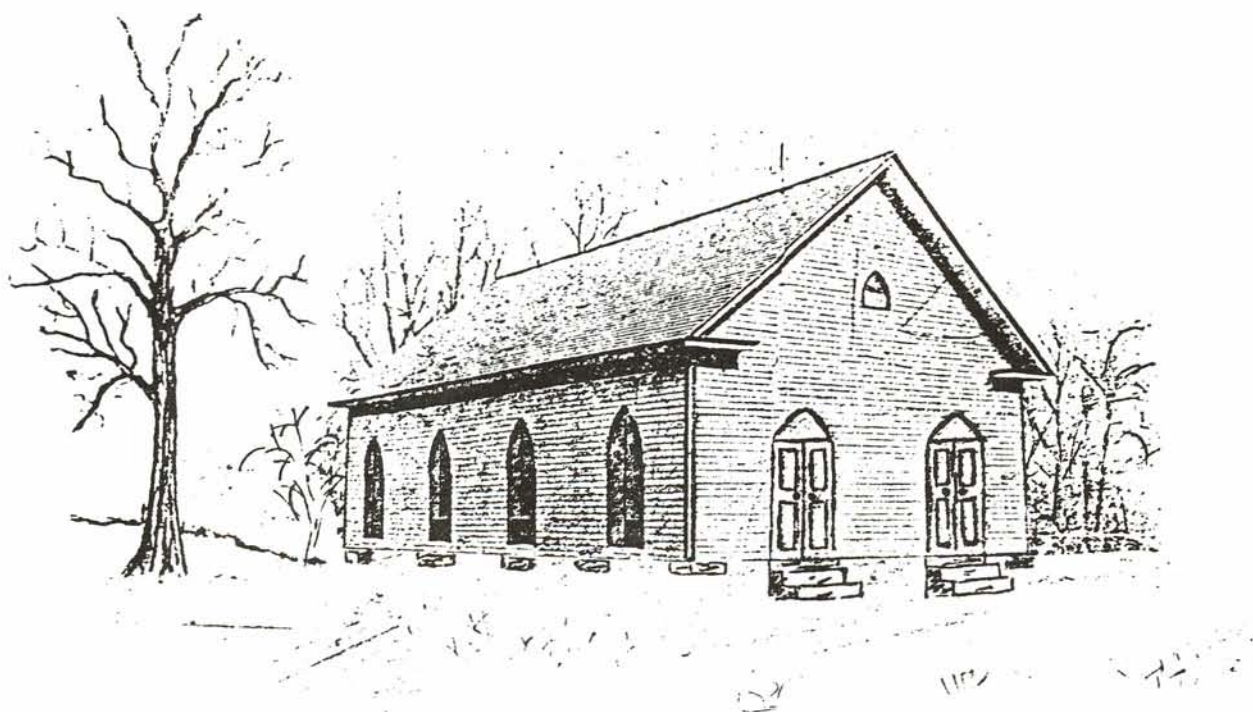
Sapling Ridge in 1961

According to Conference Historial Directory, Sapling Ridge Methodist Protestant Church was founded in 1841, in a log building which was used during the week as a school and as a church on Sunday. Elisiah Straughn was the school teacher. This property was first deeded to a school committee made up of William P. Hadley, O. S. Evans, and O. B. Henderson on June 11, 1841.

This tract of land contained 2 acres, more or less together with a passage to the spring on the east side. This spring supplied water to the church and school. The deed also specified that so long as the school system operated or a minister in standing could preach there. Should all this cease to be, the land would revert back from whence it was given, but the house thereon would be disposed of to the use of the contributors who built it. Grantors for this land were Hezekiah Henderson and Joshua Johnson. Witnesses for this Deed were Oliver McMath and William Johnson.

There is no record at the Court House in Pittsboro, N. C., of the land ever being deeded back to Joshua Johnson and Hezekiah Henderson. However, on the 28th day of May 1889, Joshua Johnson deeded to Columbus Johnson, Hiram Johnson, W. H. Clark, Alfred M. Self, and William F. Stone, Trustees of the Sapling Ridge Methodist Protestant Church, the same property containing the same two acres as had been formerly deeded for the school and church. According to Mr. Jim Self, a church was constructed in 1881. The school house-church building was torn down and the present church was built on the same site over the same foundation. The foundation from the first building is still visible under the church today.

James L. (Mr. Jim) Self gave us the early history of Sapling Ridge Church. However, he did not know that Sapling Ridge was registered as a church in 1841. He thought it was first registered in 1881, when the present church was built.



SAPLING RIDGE METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH - 1881

According to the history of *ONE JOHNSON FAMILY OF CHATHAM COUNTY*, A. David Johnson married Ruth McPherson, daughter of William McPherson and Phoebe Passmore. Their son, Joseph Johnson, married Rebecca Crutchfield on January 1, 1814. Joseph Johnson died in 1821 leaving Rebecca with three small boys, Hiram, James, and Joshua Johnson. The land in and around Sapling Ridge Church seems to have belonged to Joseph at one time. Joshua is one of the grantors for the first land deeded to Sapling Ridge Church.

David Johnson and Ruth McPherson Johnson also had a daughter named Mary (Polly) who married James McMath. Oliver McMath was one of their sons.

From this Johnson Family, the history is traced to almost every family of Sapling Ridge Church: Campbell, Clark, Cook, Johnson, Lindley, Perry, Self, Stone, Teague, Webster, and Woody.

A copy of this Johnson history is filed with Sapling Ridge Church records.

Another tract of land deeded to Sapling Rige Church was on the 27th day of December, 1911, from A. Carl Perry to the Trustees of Sapling Ridge Church. Trustees were: R. R. Smith, A. C. Johnson, O. Henry Johnson, Alfred V. Ferguson, and Eddie Self. This tract contained 5/8 acres.

In 1956 Edwin Perry, Mary Frances Lindley, and Alfred Lindley deeded a one-acre tract of land to the Trustees of Sapling Ridge Church making a total of 3-5/8 acres of land owned by the church. The date of this deed was March 8, 1956. Trustees were: H. Kiah Webster, Frank T. Webster, Gerald Perry Johnson, James L. Self, Roy Self, and Arthur White.

According to Mr. Jim Self, some of the early church members besides Trustees mentioned, include: Joshua Johnson, William Woody, Josiah Stone, Mahlon Woody, Mrs. Malissia Hadley Green, Mrs. Emma Johnson Clark, Augusta Johnson, and Ann Johnson.



Mr. James L. (Mr. Jim) Self

Early records owned by the late Mrs. Bessie Self Clark, showed that the ladies of the church made up money and bought 92 chairs @ .60 each for a total of \$55.20 for the Sunday School rooms. According to Mrs. Nena Woody, Mrs. Jennie Webster Johnson headed up this worthy project and when she was notified that the chairs were ready to be picked up in High Point, she wondered how they would solve that problem. The Lord always provides for us if we just trust Him. Floyd Woody owned a truck and offered to go and get the chairs but he did not have money for gas. According to Ms. Nena, the amount needed for gas was \$2.50. She stated that her Mother, Mrs. Lula Guthrie Lindley, said that the Lord spoke to her plain as day, and instructed her to send the money to Mrs. Johnson, which she did. Surely that was a happy day when those ladies received their chairs and knew that their prayers had been answered.

No records are available showing that Sapling Ridge Church ever borrowed any money until 1958 when the Educational Building was constructed and \$5,000.00 was borrowed. Then in 1974, \$15,000.00 was borrowed for additions and improvements. From all records, it was mostly a pay-as-you-go thing.

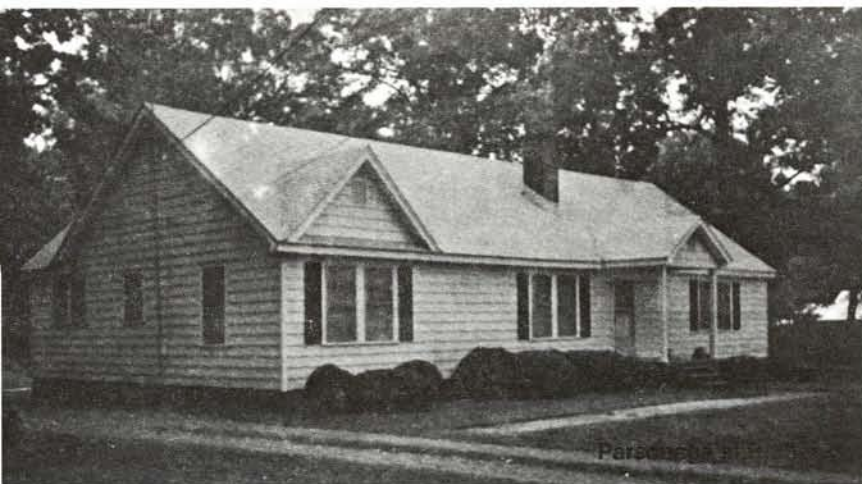


**Mr. Percy Lindley holding daughter
Emma Lindley Perry,
and Mrs. Lula Guthrie Lindley holding daughter
Nena Lindley Woody.**

According to Mr. Jim Self, one of the first Sunday School Superintendents at Sapling Ridge Church was Alfred M. Self. Dick Smith was one of the first Sunday School teachers. Preaching was held once a month with preachers coming by horseback. One of the first preachers was Rev. Amick from Liberty who was a saddle maker by trade. These early preachers preached on Sunday and did other work during the week. In 1913, Mr. Jim Self was a delegate to conference which was held in High Point. Rev. Ledbetter was the preacher to come to Sapling Ridge Church to preach. He served five churches including Flint Ridge, Rock Creek, Bethel, Center and Sapling Ridge.

For some time before 1917 the Alamance Charge had maintained a parsonage in Liberty, N. C. From 1917 to 1940 the pastors lived in their own homes. During this time, the parsonage at Liberty was sold. Sapling Ridge was in the Burlington District.

According to Rev. Henry B. Lewis, a former pastor, the Unification Act was passed in 1939, and the Charge had to provide a parsonage for the pastor. That is when the parsonage at Bethel was built and Mr. Lewis and his family were the first occupants. Unification was the joining of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South; Methodist Episcopal Church, North; Methodist Episcopal Church; Methodist Protestant Church; into The Methodist Church. Sapling Ridge Church has always been Methodist Protestant. In 1968 we became The United Methodist Church.



Mr. Lewis stated that he served the five churches from November 1941 until November 1943 and he entered the service as a chaplain. During the 40's, pastors did not serve very long due to the draft.

The last pastor to serve the Alamance Charge with the five churches was Rev. Buel E. Bingham (1952-1954).

Mr. Bingham passed away in January 1987 at the age of 86. Mrs. Bingham was also an ordained minister.

Sapling Ridge Church left the Alamance Charge in 1955 and joined the Silk Hope Charge which is made up of Center Church, Mt. Vernon Church, and Sapling Ridge Church. Rev. E. R. Clegg served as interim pastor until Rev. J. C. Gilland and his family came in 1956. They were the first to live in the new parsonage. Land was donated for the parsonage by Tom Lindley, Isaac Lindley and wife Elizabeth Petty Lindley on July 28, 1955, containing one acre, more or less. Said land was deeded to Wade H. Perry, Grant Tinnin and J. Vann Smith, Trustees of Silk Hope Circuit of the North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Church of Chatham County and State of North Carolina. We are now in the Sanford District and our District Superintendent is Rev. Dr. Roger V. Elliott.

Prior to 1968, our charge was a student pastorate, but we employed a full time pastor in 1968 with Rev. Harold Pickett being our pastor. His salary was \$5,300.00. This plan did not prove very satisfactory, so the charge went back to a student pastorate in 1979 with Larry Murphy as pastor.

Sapling Ridge was in the Burlington District until 1972. At a Board Meeting on June 14, 1972, the Board approved giving a brief report of each meeting to the congregation. Starting January 1, 1973, conference year runs from January to January.

When the Silk Hope Parsonage was built in 1955, records show that a donation of \$750.00 was given by Quarterly Conference with the stipulation that if the building ceased being used for such purpose, money would be due with interest. Trust Agreement was signed by W. C. Perry from Mt. Vernon; Wade H. Perry from Sapling Ridge, and Newlin Shaw from Center.

IMPROVEMENTS TO PARSONAGE

In September 1987 a new roof was added to the parsonage at a cost of \$2,300.00.

Additions were made to the parsonage in 1989 at a cost of approximately \$15,000.00; \$5,000.00 from each of the 3 churches.



From the minutes of Orange Circuit, we find that at Salem on April 30, 1836, the following plan of preaching places was adopted:

First	Sunday	Salem
	Monday	Chestnut
	Tuesday	Rehoboth
	Wednesday	rest
	Thursday	rest
	Friday	Fogleman School House (Now Friendship)
Second	Saturday	rest
	Sunday	Mt. Hermon
	Monday	rest
	Tuesday	rest
	Wednesday	Mt. Pleasant School House
	Thursday	Siler City
Third	Friday	Tabernacle
	Saturday	rest
	Sunday	Shilow
	Monday	Bethel
	Tuesday	Mountain School House
	Wednesday	Sapling Ridge
Fourth	Thursday	Grays Chapel
	Friday	rest
	Saturday	? (unable to read)
	Sunday	Piney Grove
	Monday	Hickory Grove
	Tuesday	Foust's Old House
	Wednesday	Lindley's Camp Ground (Center)
	Thursday	Cook's
	Friday	Foust's
	Saturday	rest

In 1861 Orange Circuit was divided and Alamance Circuit was formed. Appointments for Sabbath preaching were to be at Mt. Hermon, Bethel, Rock Creek, and Concord and week-day appointments were left discretionary with the pastor for the following places:

Fogleman's Camp Ground
Center
Salem
Tabernacle
Friendship
New Union
Sapling Ridge



*Different Views
of Cemetery*

Alamance Charge

Pastors since 1878:

1878-79	Rev. William W. Amick
1880-82	Rev. Cicero F. Harris
1883	Rev. John Henry Totten
1884	Rev. George Washington Bowman
1885-86	Rev. John N. Garrett
1887-90	Rev. William W. Amick
1891-92	Rev. John N. Garrett
1893-94	Rev. D. A. Highfill
1895	Rev. William F. Ashburn
1896-99	Rev. William F. McDowell
1900-01	Rev. T. F. McCulloch
1902	Rev. J. A. Moton
1903	Rev. W. Lat Harris
1904	Rev. O. P. Routh
1905-07	Rev. W. C. Lassiter
1908-12	Rev. William Pike
1913-16	Rev. J. A. Ledbetter
1917-24	Rev. George W. Holmes
1925-33	Rev. John A. Burgess
1934-37	Rev. Hubert L. Isley
1938	Rev. George R. Brown
1939-40	Rev. George L. Reynolds
1941-43	Rev. Henry B. Lewis
1943	Rev. Ernie Phifer
1944	Rev. Ray Rowland
1945-46	Rev. Donald W. Durham
1947	Rev. William A. Seawell
1948	Rev. William M. Wells
1949-51	Rev. John D. Cranford
1952-54	Rev. Buel E. Bingham

Silk Hope Charge

1955	Rev. E. R. Clegg
1956	Rev. J. C. Gilland
1960	Rev. Robert M. Drew
1963	Rev. James L. Bryan
1965	Rev. John D. Mitchell
1968	Rev. Harold T. Pickett
1971	Rev. Orville Leonard
1974	Rev. Clarence O'Briant
1977	Rev. Robert MacLean
1979	Rev. Larry Murphy
1983	Rev. Jeff Marshall
1987	Rev. Joel Guillemette
1991	



Present District Superintendent
Rev. Doctor Roger V. Elliott



Former District Superintendent
Rev. James C. P. Brown and wife



Resident Bishop
Carlton P. Minnick

Early Members



Mr. E. Lester Johnson



Mr. & Mrs. Wade H. Perry, Sr.



Mable Self Clark



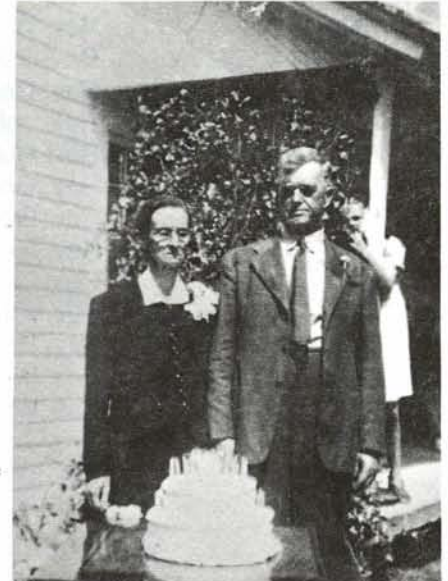
Bessie Self Clark



Mr. & Mrs. Burdett Woody



Mr. & Mrs. James Woody



Mr. & Mrs. Eddie Self



Mr. & Mrs. H. H. Whitehead



Mr. Alfred V. Ferguson



Charlie Johnson



Robert Paul Johnson



**Seated from left to right: Nancy Johnson Woody, Mandy Woody Andrews, and William Woody.
 Standing, from left to right: Edd Woody, Mahlon Woody, Joseph Woody, Susie Woody Buckner,
 James Woody, Burdett Woody, Milton Woody, and Lewis Woody.**



**Mr. Gad Campbell, seated;
 Edd Campbell standing,
 holding
 Jeanette Campbell Phillips**



**Mrs. Lucy Crutchfield Campbell
 holding granddaughter
 Jeanette Campbell Phillips**



**H. Kiah Webster and wife
Dora Cook Webster**



Cloyce Woody



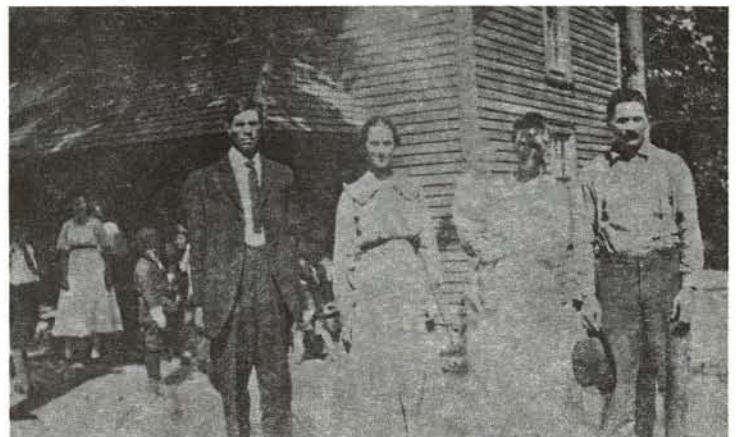
Left to right:
**Colon, Henry, and Ann Johnson
at home place**



**Oldest living member
of Sapling Ridge Church,
Mrs. Clatie Woody Cook,
who was born April 4, 1901.**



Mrs. Daisy Hughes



Left: **Sam & Dora Cheek**
Right: **Lucy & Gad Campbell**

Former Pastors



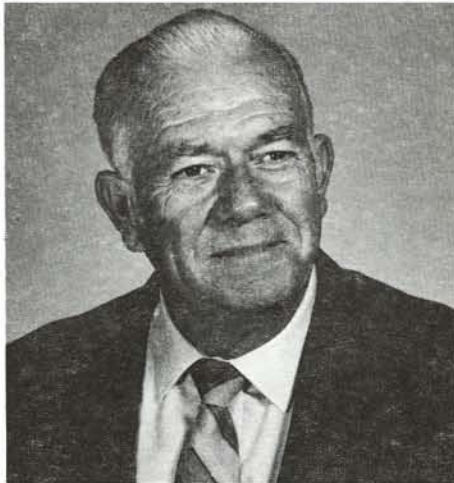
Rev. H. L. Isley
1934-37



Rev. Ernie Phifer
1943



Rev. Donald W. Durham
1945-46



Rev. William W. Seawell
1947



Rev. William M. Wells
1948



Rev. Buel E. Bingham
1952-54



Rev. E. R. Clegg
1955



Rev. J. C. Gilland
1956-60



Rev. Robert M. Drew
1960-63

Former Pastors



Rev. James L. Bryan
1963-65



Rev. J. D. Mitchell
1965-68



Rev. Harold T. Pickett
1968-71



Rev. Orville Leonard
1971-74



Rev. Clarence O'Briant
1974-77



Rev. Robert MacLean
1977-79



Rev. Larry Murphy
1979-83



Rev. Jeff Marshall
1983-87



Rev. Joel Guillemette
1987-91

INFORMATION OF INTEREST FROM REV. ERNIE PFIFFER, A FORMER PASTOR

Budget for Alamance Circuit 1943-44

	<u>Bethel</u>	<u>Center</u>	<u>F. R.</u>	<u>R. C.</u>	<u>S. R.</u>	<u>Total</u>
Pastor	\$500	\$370	\$ 28	\$326	\$376	\$1600
District Superintendent	35	26	2	22	27	112
Bishop's Fund	12	6	1	7	10	36
Conference Claimant	35	26	2	22	27	112
Gen. Adm. Fund	3	3	0	2	2	10
District Work	5	4	1	3	3	16
Ministers' Retirement Fund ...	5	4	1	3	3	16
Sustentation Fund	20	15	1	12	16	64
Orphanage	69	51	5	48	50	223
W.S. & Conf. Bene.	180	135	11	115	135	576
TOTALS	\$864	\$640	\$52	\$560	\$649	\$2765

	<u>Active Members</u>	<u>Per Member</u>	<u>Total</u>
Bethel	168	\$5.15	\$ 864
Center	124	5.15	640
Flint Ridge	10	5.15	52
Rock Creek	109	5.15	560
Sapling Ridge	126	5.15	649
TOTAL	537		\$2765

EXPLANATION OF BUDGET -- First three items self-explanatory

CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS -- "Retired Ministers, the widows of Ministers during their widowhood, and dependent children of deceased Ministers are Conference Claimants." Discipline, Par. 1315

GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE FUND -- "The G.A.F. shall provide for the expenses of the Judicial Council, the sessions of the General Conference, such General Conference Commissions and Committees as may be appointed, and for authorized interchurch activities." Discipline, Par. 848

DISTRICT WORK -- Upkeep and maintenance of district parsonage, the home of the District Superintendent.

MINISTERS' RETIREMENT FUND -- Each minister contributes 1% of his salary to this fund each year. Likewise each charge is asked to contribute a sum equal to 1% of their pastor's salary. On retiring from active work, if he has been active for ten years or more, the minister received \$1000 to aid him in getting settled for the remainder of his life. He has no claim on this fund any more.

SUSTENTATION FUND -- A sum equal to 2% of total money raised previous year, minus money raised on buildings, debts, etc. A fund raised to help give all ministers at least a minimum salary: Unmarried ministers \$1200, married ministers without children \$1350, married ministers with children \$1500.

ORPHANAGE -- All offerings taken, including fifth Sunday offerings, apply on the amount asked of our charge.

WORLD SERVICE AND CONFERENCE BENEVOLENCES -- Missionary work of various kinds. World Service covers all the work done by our General Missionary Board. This includes both foreign and home missions.

THOUGHTS AND INFORMATION ABOUT FRIENDS AND FORMER PASTORS

Oliver McMath - According to Ms. Edna Perry Johnson, wife of the late Charlie H. Johnson, Oliver McMath told his family that when he died, if it was a busy season, to just bury him and get on with the work. When the crops were "laid by" then they should celebrate his death with an all-day affair.

Ms. Edna, who was 95 years old on June 27, 1990, attended this affair along with her Mother and they did gather at the family cemetery and had an all-day affair with lunch on the grounds, furnished by the family. Friends and neighbors did not bring food. Logs were cut and fixed for seats. Three preachers were present. One preacher, in his remarks, stated that Mr. McMath was a good father, neighbor, husband, and friend, but where his soul was, only God knows. Ms. Edna said she would never forget those words.

According to the McMath history book, Oliver McMath was a fun-loving person and like to dance and have big parties. He ran a government still and liquor store with J. E. Weaver as clerk. Mr. McMath had Mr. Weaver buried in the McMath cemetery. Mr. McMath put away a five gallon keg of liquor to be given to the two men who dug his grave.

Mr. McMath was a witness to the signing of the first tract of land deeded by Hezekiah Henderson and Joshua Johnson for the school house-church on June 11, 1841, and is the great-great-grandfather of Floyd Teague, Jr.

REV. J. A. BURGESS - He was ordained in 1908 at Western North Carolina Conference, and served Sapling Ridge Church in 1925-1933. He died in 1962.

REV. H. L. ISLEY - Mr. Isley served at Sapling Ridge Church from 1934-1937. He is deceased, but his wife is still living, at the Methodist Retirement Home in Durham, N. C. After Mr. Isley died, Ms. Oda married John S. Strowd. Mr. Strowd died around 1980 and in 1983, Ms. Strowd moved to the Retirement Home.

REV. G. R. BROWN - He was ordained in 1886 at Western North Carolina Conference, and served at Sapling Ridge Church in 1938. He died in 1953.

REV. HENRY B. LEWIS - Mr. Lewis stated that the Conference Journal for 1942 shows the following information for Sapling Ridge Church: total membership 133; value of church and furnishings \$4,000.00; total church school membership 69; pastor paid \$360.00; benevolences \$127.00; church school supplies, orphanage support, and other items not listed \$400.00; making a total of \$877.00. Rev. Lewis is retired and lives in Raleigh.

REV. ERNEST PHIFFER - According to Mr. Phiffer, he was pastor at Sapling Ridge Church in 1943, and was living in the parsonage at Bethel. At Christmas, he went home to Texas to visit his family. Before leaving, he asked a neighbor to watch after the parsonage. Upon Rev. Phiffer's return and opening of the door, water covered almost the entire house. A pipe had burst and the well pump pumped water into the house as fast as it ran into the well. It was a nauseating sight, according to Mr. Phiffer. He cut off the water and called the neighbor. When the neighbor saw it, he said, "Please don't tell the ladies."

They swept out the water and the beautiful hardwood floors had buckled in several places. Mr. Phiffer lit the fires and kept them on until it was completely dry. The floors went back into shape and no one could tell that anything had happened.

Mr. Phiffer was ordained in 1945 at Texas Conference. He was pastor of several churches, including Sapling Ridge, Center, Flint Ridge, Bethel, and Rock Creek as well as other churches. He last served as District Superintendent of the Houston Northwest District, Houston, Texas, retiring June 1, 1990.

According to Mr. Phiffer, there was a great loyalty on the part of the people on the charge when he was here. Even with the shortage of gasoline due to the war, everyone was faithful in attendance not only for worship, but also for Board and Committee meetings.

REV. RAY ROWLAND - He was pastor of Sapling Ridge Church in 1944 on the Alamance Charge. He was ordained in 1947 in Holston, Virginia Conference but he left the ministry in 1974.

REV. DONALD DURHAM - He was pastor at Sapling Ridge Church in 1945-46 on the Alamance Charge. He stated that he had many wonderful memories while he was at Sapling Ridge Church. He had just been married one year before moving here and his oldest daughter, Karen, was born while they were here. He stated that he didn't know how good a pastor he was, but he learned many valuable lessons while at Sapling Ridge, which enabled him to be a better pastor in the churches which he has served since. His wife, Jean, passed away in February of 1990 from cancer.

Mr. Durham was ordained in 1946 at the Kentucky Conference and is now serving as Executive Director of Methodist Home in Kentucky.

REV. J. D. CRANFORD - Mr. Cranford was pastor at Sapling Ridge Church from 1949 until 1951, and has always been remembered as saying from the pulpit, "I would like to have something to register the thoughts of each one present here this morning." Rev. Cranford was ordained in 1925 at Western North Carolina Conference. He died in 1964.

CLARENCE O'BRIANT - Mr. O'Briant had 3 boys from a previous marriage (his first wife had passed away) and Ruth O'Briant had 2 girls and 1 boy (her first husband had passed away). When they were here on the Silk Hope Charge 1974-77 they were called "The Brady Bunch." A real nice family.

REV. ROBERT M. DREW - Mr. Drew died in 1979. Mrs. Drew lives at Fairmont.

REV. E. R. CLEGG - Mr. Clegg died February 8, 1970. Mrs. Clegg died May 30, 1967.

REV. JAMES A. LEDBETTER - Mr. Ledbetter died suddenly in 1927 at the age of 59.

*Different Views
of Cemetery*



Music

Mrs. Louise Fox Campbell received well-earned recognition on January 8, 1989, as pianist and organist of Sapling Ridge Church. Among the gifts and words of thanks from everyone, she received a plaque with the inscription:



Louise Fox Campbell

Given with heartfelt thanks and love for forty years of service to

Sapling Ridge Church

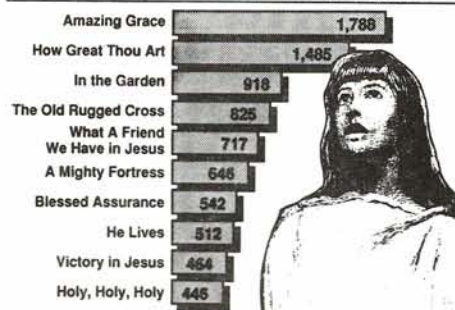
as pianist and organist. "We continually remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ."

1 Thessalonians 1:3

New hymn books were purchased in 1989, with 135 books being purchased at a cost of \$1,589.36. Some books were paid for by families in memory or in honor of loved ones. According to the Christian Advocate on February 2, 1990, a poll was taken of the ten best loved hymns in the new book. Those ten and the number of votes are listed here:

Most Popular Hymns

The 10 hymns that received the largest number of votes in the NEA Hymn Poll.



Ms. Rachel Whitehead

The Sunday School and Church Treasury were consolidated in 1967 with Rachel Whitehead being appointed to this job, which she held until 1988. On Sunday, March 15, 1987, she was presented a plaque honoring her for 21 years of loyal and devoted service as Secretary and Treasurer of Sapling Ridge United Methodist Church.



IMPROVEMENTS TO THE CHURCH

PICTURE OF CHURCH WITH NEW STEEPLE

The beautiful steeple was added to the church in 1986 at a cost of \$7,085.10.

Siding was put on the wood trim of the church in 1987 at a cost of approximately \$5,650.00. It was decided that siding would be more practical than having to paint so often.

The carpet was cleaned in the church and Educational Building in 1988 at a cost of \$761.00

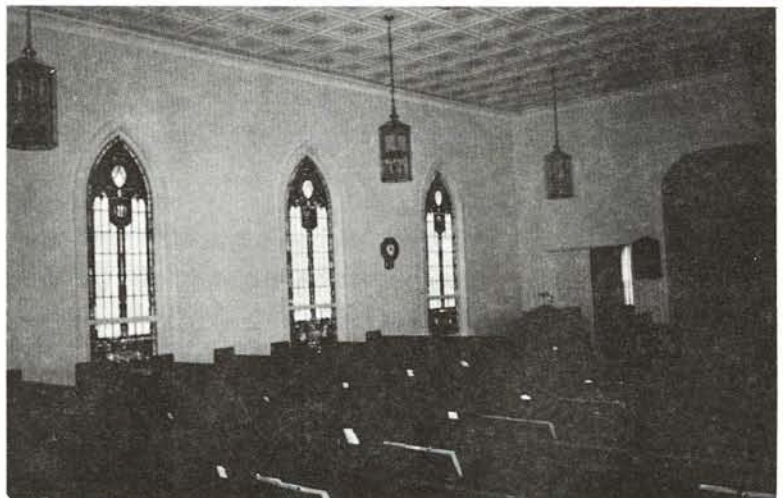
A real showing of love for church and cooperation of members was shown in 1977 when the Trustees reported that our church needed a new roof on it. An estimate of \$2,350.00 was given for the job. This price was quoted to the congregation and it was decided to set aside one Sunday to take up a collection and see how much we could collect, and if not enough, take the balance out of the church treasury. When the collection was taken and counted, to everyone's surprise and joy, we had collected nearly \$2,600.00. Freeman Webster covered the church.

The Maness Brothers dug a well at the church in 1981 at a total cost of \$2,481.55. Prior to this, water was obtained from a spring located on the property adjoining the church and owned by K. C. and Luta White.

The handicap rail was built at the church in 1985.

New lights were placed in the church and 3 Sunday School rooms in 1989 at a cost of \$2,200.00. Wiring and installation was given free by Ed Smith and Son, Edd R. Smith. Diane Campbell, Secretary to the Administrative Council, was asked to write a letter of thanks and appreciation to the Smiths, which she gladly did.

The inside of Sapling Ridge Church was painted in April 1990 by Thomas Paint and Paper Company for a cost of \$2,303.00.



INSIDE VIEW OF THE CHURCH



Sapling Ridge Methodist Protestant Church

REMODELED AND BRICK-VENEERED IN 1930

**IDENTIFICATION OF MEN ON PICTURE OF SAPLING RIDGE CHURCH
AT DEDICATION SERVICES HELD ON JULY 11, 1931 -**

Mrs. Buena Ferguson Whitehead wrote down the names of the men on the picture, but unfortunately, she passed away before she could identify each one.

Mrs. Nena Woody identified all of the men except two. They are listed below:

FRONT ROW, left to right: Alfred V. Ferguson, Rev. Taylor or Rev. W. C. Lassiter, I. E. Self

SECOND ROW, left to right: Rev. Asheburn, Rev. Taylor or Rev. W. C. Lassiter

THIRD ROW, left to right: Rev. J. A. Burgess, Arlie Self, Rev. W. M. Pike, Joe Woody, Rev. George W. Holmes, Mahli

FOURTH ROW: Mr. Jim Self

Sapling Ridge Church was remodeled and brick veneered in 1930, adding 3 Sunday School rooms to the back of the church. Mr. Alfred V. Ferguson furnished the brick for the building and Mr. Jim Self furnished the lumber. Floyd Woody sawed the lumber. The members of the church furnished a large portion of the labor. However, according to records, the brick work was done by outside help. M. W. Rooch and Tom Lindley did the brick work, and records show that Mr. Rooch was paid \$117.00 and Tom Lindley was paid \$38.25. According to Mrs. Charlie Johnson (Ms. Edna), as their part in helping to pay for the church work, they boarded Mr. Rooch, giving him a place to stay and 3 meals a day while he was helping with the brick work at the church. Ms. Edna said that Uncle Charlie called it, working on the "Temple." The building was dedicated July 11, 1931.

The building committee at that time was Jim Self, Arlie Self, O. Henry Johnson, and Mahlon Woody.

SAPLING RIDGE BUDGET FOR YEAR 1942-43

Pastor \$374, District Superintendent \$26, Conference Claimants \$26, Bishops' Fund \$8, General Administrative Fund \$2, District Work \$3, Ministers' Retirement Fund \$3, Sustainment Fund \$15, Orphanage \$52, W.S. \$135, Total \$644.

Desiring to share in the financial work of the Church, I will endeavor to give this year the sum of \$4.00. I will give this by the mo., quarter, year (underline one). If for any reason, I am unable to give this amount, I am released from this promise.

Signed: H. H. Webster

Please make your payments to Steward

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Desiring to share in the financial work of the Church, I will endeavor to give this year the sum of \$12.00. I will give this by the mo., quarter, year (underline one). If for any reason, I am unable to give this amount, I am released from this promise.

Signed: H. H. Webster

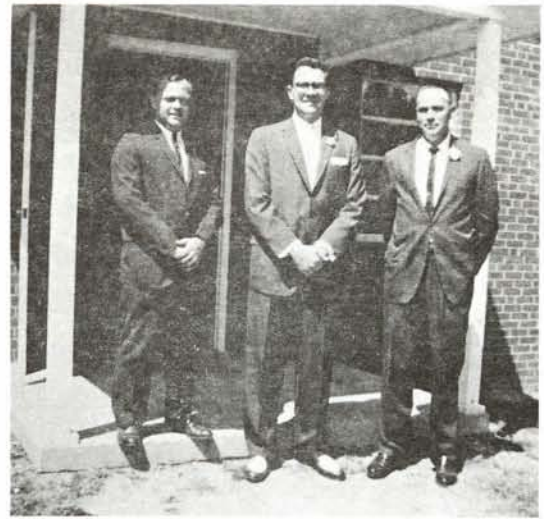
Please make your payments to Steward

Mahlon Woody

At one time, members of Sapling Ridge Church made pledges in their giving, but that practice is no longer used. These are samples of pledges from Frank & Lessie Webster.

EDUCATIONAL BUILDING CONSTRUCTED

Due to an increase in attendance by 1958, we realized the need for more space. This was discussed with the members and it was decided to construct an Educational Building for additional classrooms as well as space for fun and fellowship. Plans for the building were drawn by Alton G. Campbell. The cost of the building was approximately \$11,237.00. \$5,800.00 was borrowed from THE CHATHAM BANK in Siler city, N. C. The building was constructed of brick and the building contains a kitchen and rest rooms, 2 classrooms, and a large auditorium which can be divided into three classrooms. Trustees at this time were: Frank T. Webster, E. Lester Johnson, and Walter H. Campbell; Floyd Teague, Jr. was building fund treasurer. No help was received from Duke Endowment. The debt was paid in full on March 11, 1963. At our annual Homecoming Day in May 1963, the building was dedicated. Rev. James C. Gilland, who was pastor when the building was constructed, was on hand for the dedication. Rev. James L. Bryan was our pastor at that time.



Rev. James L. Bryan, Rev. J. C. Gilland, and
Floyd Teague, Jr.

ADDITIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS TO EDUCATIONAL BUILDING

In 1974, four additional Sunday School rooms were added to the Educational Building. At this time also, the vestibule was added to the front of the church. Total cost of these additions was \$22,775.00. \$15,000.00 was borrowed from HOME SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION in Siler City, N. C., to complete these additions and this debt was paid in full on November 1, 1978. Trustees at this time were: E. Lester Johnson, Epps Clark, Walter H. Campbell, Harry Perry, Floyd Teague, Jr., and Wade H. Perry.

Also, in 1974 Miller Heating and Air Conditioning Company installed heat in the Educational Building for a cost of \$3,320.00.

The Educational Building roof was reroofed in 1980 at a cost of \$1,625.00.

Carpet was placed in the Educational Building in 1981 at a cost of \$2,165.95.

The refrigerator was bought in 1982 at a cost of \$627.64.

An Electrolux Vac was bought in 1984 at a cost of \$550.00. In 1985 Miller Heating and Air Conditioning Company installed air-conditioning in the Educational Building for a cost of \$2,693.00.



EDUCATIONAL
BUILDING



FIRST-TIME EVENTS HELD AT SAPLING RIDGE CHURCH

YOUTH SUNDAY - Held April 25, 1982, with Charles Perry delivering a most inspiring message, especially to the young people.

LADIES DAY - Held March 2, 1986, with Virginia Teague, Libby Lindley, and Audrey White Gilliland Pilkington delivering sermonettes.

WORSHIP SERVICE OUTSIDE THE CHURCH - Held July 4, 1986, with Jeff Marshall delivering the message.

WORSHIP AND COMMUNION SERVICE OUTSIDE THE CHURCH - Held July 5, 1987, with Joel Guillemette delivering the message and serving communion.

Beginning with the service in 1987, communion is served each year with the outside service.

BREAKFAST FOR TEACHERS - First held in the Educational Building October 25, 1987.

BREAKFAST FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS - First held in December 1987 in the Educational Building.

These events have been made a part of our history and continue to be observed each year.



In 1984, the Silk Hope Charge celebrated 200 years of Methodism which took place at Center Church. Brief histories of each church were presented by: Annie Ruth Fox from Mt. Vernon; Virginia Teague from Sapling Ridge; and Mrs. Mary Frances Lindley from Center.

Church directories were made in September 1988, and were received in January 1989. The directories are very useful as they provide names and addresses of members and friends of the church. Also, picture of interest are included.



IMPROVEMENTS TO THE CHURCH

The state began keeping up the road into the church in 1968.

In 1974 carpet was installed in the sanctuary by the Vernon Equipment Company at a cost of \$1,807.56. This also included the pulpit area.

Also, in 1974 Miller Heating and Air Conditioning Company installed heat and air-conditioning in the church at a costs of \$3,957.00

A central vacuum system was installed by Bobby Gee in 1976 at a cost of \$620.00 with electric wiring for it by Chatham Electric Co. for \$20.60.

Grass carpet was placed on the front steps in 1977 for \$111.58.

In 1970 the church purchased a Hammond organ for \$2,000.00. A new piano was purchased in 1981 for \$1,545.00 and Wayne Campbell purchased the old one for \$425.00.

New Communion Cloths were bought November 8, 1976, at a cost of \$99.40.

Pew cushions were placed in the church and around the alter in 1984.

Clyde Johnson painted the church and Educational Building in 1984 for \$1,602.94.

SAPLING RIDGE MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION

In 1966 we felt a need for plans to be sure that our cemetery would always be taken care of, so with a nice contribution from an anonymous donor, our Memorial Association Trust Fund was started. First officers included Floyd Teague, Jr., President; Harry Perry, Vice President; Rachel Whitehead, Secretary; and Doris Perry Thomas as Treasurer. There were 80 members the first year who paid a minimum of \$2.00 per person.

The Association pays for the fertilizer and mowing and upkeep of the cemetery.

Walter Hugh Campbell, Frank Webster, and Floyd Teague, Jr. were named permanent cemetery custodians.

In the beginning, it was voted to use the money collected for the Memorial Association Trust Fund to pay for cemetery needs, but should the need ever arise, funds would be taken from the regular treasury.

Dues were increased in 1988 to \$5.00 per member.

Markers in the cemetery were cleaned in 1989 at a cost of \$1,400.00. Money was used from the Memorial Association operating fund.

Over the years, money has been given to the Trust Fund in memory of loved ones and our Trust Fund has grown to \$17,445.57 as of April 30, 1990.

In lieu of flowers when a member of the church dies, the church makes a contribution to the Memorial Association Trust fund in memory of that member.

In 1990, the Administrative Council voted to have the church take on the expense of the care and upkeep of the cemetery and grounds on a 50/50 basis, with the Memorial Association Trust Fund.

The first grave to be dug in Sapling Ridge Church cemetery was on February 2, 1899, for James Johnson. Prior to this, people were buried in private or family cemeteries.

STAINED GLASS WINDOW MEMORIALS IN

Sapling Ridge Church

James, Christina, Alfred M., Mary A., and Charlie G. Self.

James, Pattie, Henry, Anne, Willie, Augusta, and Emma Johnson
by children and grandchildren.

William Woody and wife.

Alfred V. Ferguson and wife, Martha J. McDaniel Ferguson.

Joshua, Emily and Susan Johnson.

William and Hannah Hadley.

In memory of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Teague, Sr.
by the Payne Collins family and the Floyd Teague, Jr., family.

Freeman and Alice Cook.

John B. and Martelia Campbell.

Hiram, Christine, Elizabeth, Columbus and Della Johnson.

In memory of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Petty
by Harold and Rita Rogers.

In memory of Lillian Johnson Perry.

In memory of Edward Lester Johnson and Berta Fox Johnson

BURIALS AT SAPLING RIDGE CHURCH

NAME	DATE OF BIRTH	DATE OF DEATH	NAME	DATE OF BIRTH	DATE OF DEATH
Campbell, Alford Gad	1-3-1876	8-24-40	Johnson, James (first grave)	6-2-1817	2-2-1899
Campbell, John Ward	3-4-10	10-1-73	Johnson, James Wilbert	7-20-19	3-22-46
Campbell, Joseph J.	6-24-1878	3-6-27	Johnson, Jennie Webster	5-26-1870	9-21-31
Campbell, Josie Lindley	5-7-10	12-28-82	Johnson, Jenny Lind	3-22-29	4-26-53
Campbell, Lexie G.	11-8-08	12-16-09	Johnson, Jonathan E.	9-26-23	4-6-82
Campbell, L. Martelia	8-2-12	12-16-12	Johnson, Joshua	1-22-1820	10-10-06
Campbell, Lucy Crutchfield	3-19-1879	6-19-39	Johnson, Lizzie Perry	8-14-1886	8-26-47
Campbell, Luther Edd	12-27-07	6-2-81	Johnson, Millard F.	7-17-1883	10-22-38
Campbell, Martelie	11-10-1851	4-20-18	Johnson, O. Henry	11-12-1868	7-10-31
Campbell, V. Duly	7-30-05	4-20-75	Johnson, Otto	8-7-09	3-16-68
Campbell, Walter T.	3-2-1881	12-16-57	Johnson, Pattie E. Johnson	10-20-1887	5-24-58
Campbell, Willie L.	1-3-18	1-3-18	Johnson, Rebecca	1844	9-10-18
Clark, Bessie Self	6-25-1894	7-1-78	Johnson, Richard G.	2-27-42	6-18-44
Clark, Mable Self	8-7-04	8-26-87	Johnson, Robert (Rob)	12-3-1887	10-18-65
Clark, T. M.	4-24-1896	5-3-70	Johnson, Robert Paul	1-24-17	6-29-87
Cook, Alice E.	3-28-1860	3-23-34	Johnson, Rufus G.	8-6-1885	12-31-57
Cook, Arlie	3-1-1899	4-15-60	Johnson, S. D. Wright	1842	11-5-10
Cook, Ernest R.	9-14-1889	12-8-52	Johnson, Susan	11-26-1828	7-13-07
Cook, Fred	1-20-1894	8-3-63	Johnson, Tyree	8-24-14	12-25-73
Cook, Gertie Self	4-25-01	4-23-60	Lindley, John Percy	4-4-1882	6-29-53
Cook, Ida Barker	5-11-1895	12-22-83	Lindley, Lula Guthrie	8-22-1886	6-4-63
Cook, Murph Coy	12-1-1896	10-19-68	Lindley, Varnie Davis	1-11-22	12-2-77
Cook, R. Freeman	5-23-1856	7-21-08	McManus, Cara Ferguson	9-16-1889	7-14-81
Cook, Wilbur	11-7-22	9-6-86	Perry, Dana A.	6-1-1888	7-26-61
Copeland, Philmore	4-16-1850	8-23-06	Perry, Lillian Johnson	7-2-03	5-8-44
Cox, Delcie Johnson, Johnson	2-22-1894	4-15-79	Perry Maleta J.	5-22-35	5-29-35
Ellington, Henry Cyde	1904	not on stone	Perry, Rosa White	1873	1945
Ellington, Louise Pugh	1908	1944	Perry, Wade H., Sr.	7-2-02	2-24-79
Ferguson, Alfred V.	4-28-1853	6-22-35	Perry, Wava Norris	11-18-26	12-13-26
Ferguson, Martha J. McDaniel	1-9-1857	9-4-46	Perry, Waylon W.	11-18-26	12-8-26
Ferguson, Nonie	3-23-1892	10-16-81	Petty, Betty Henderson	5-20-1898	7-29-72
Fogleman, James Ezra	5-18-28	8-22-90	Petty, Ernest G.	4-7-1897	5-28-59
Fogleman, J. Clifton	8-8-01	7-27-76	Pugh, Lala Durham	9-26-1884	9-19-60
Gaines, Walter Mac	1-6-42	12-22-70	Pugh, William A.	11-3-1872	2-11-40
Hughes, Daisy Clark Woody	8-22-1888	3-29-82	Robbins, infant son of		
Johnson, A. C.	5-8-1845	6-28-18	Barbara Johnson Robbins and Ted Robbins		7-20-56
Johnson, Ann Johnson	7-19-1855	9-9-21	Self, Alfred J.	4-9-12	6-7-39
Johnson, Berta Fox	9-22-02	7-18-85	Self, Alfred M.	4-16-1836	6-23-14
Johnson, Betty Justice	5-13-1884	11-1-69	Self, Annie Virginia (Dennie)	1857	9-12-46
Johnson, Benard	1-23-05	1905	Self, Arlie A.	1868	1944
Johnson, Carey L.	12-13-1889	2-21-23	Self, Carrie Perry	7-23-1871	1944
Johnson, Carey Lee, Sr.	6-7-23	1-20-71	Self, Charles G.	2-25-1866	5-2-03
Johnson, Charles Avon	8-19-18	3-10-44	Self, Christina	1870	11-5-06
Johnson, Charlie H.	3-26-1894	2-23-74	Self, Ellie Henderson	10-3-1870	6-1-64
Johnson, De-Lesseppe	6-29-1879	1-16-57	Self, Ida Justice	12-21-1879	10-5-42
Johnson, Devotos	12-22-12	12-22-12	Self, Isaac Eddie	4-19-1870	3-12-43
Johnson, Edward Lester	9-22-1897	6-8-67	Self, James L. (Mr. Jim)	7-1-1875	1-13-73
Johnson, Effie Teer Perry	7-30-1880	1-17-44	Self, Lela Woody	3-29-02	10-11-74
Johnson, Eleanor	10-21-26	11-9-89	Self, Lucy Elmore	10-7-03	8-10-85
Johnson, Elizabeth	12-11-1836	1-5-10	Self, Mary Henderson	2-5-1832	8-9-06
Johnson, George W.	12-21-07	10-19-63	Self, Mary Ruth	6-20-02	8-12-13
Johnson, Henry	10-28-1857	12-19-13	Self, Mathus Isaac	10-1-1900	2-16-56
Johnson, Henry W (Henry Boy)	5-6-1898	12-16-47	Self, Pamela Ann	3-31-53	6-30-73
Johnson, Isabella	1833	6-18-13	Self, Ralph C.	4-4-02	9-13-67
Johnson, James (Jim)	7-9-1879	12-14-39	Self, Roy J.	12-27-1897	7-10-80

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Stone, Daisy Johnson Campbell . .	4-2-1883	6-20-62	Woody, Alton	12-14-09	4-10-78
Stanton, Louis Avon	11-12-07	5-20-78	Woody, Burdett W.	11-10-1875	10-30-43
Teague, Floyd, Sr.	11-15-1895	1-21-69	Woody, Cloyce	7-4-1898	3-12-87
Teague, Julia Perry Johnson	6-4-1897	9-13-68	Woody, Eura Durham	11-24-1878	4-8-63
Webster, Dora Cook	10-20-1880	11-10-54	Woody, Floyd	7-26-1899	3-15-70
Webster, Edward E.	12-18-06	4-1-07	Woody, Gertrude Fesmire	8-1-1879	1-3-51
Webster, Frances Henderson	8-6-1839	3-23-15	Woody, Joseph O.	1-5-1873	4-6-51
Webster, Frank T.	2-7-04	7-5-77	Woody, LaVerne	9-22-06	9-24-53
Webster, H. Kiah	8-29-1880	5-1-64	Woody, Lewis L.	1884	1945
Webster, Lessie Lindley	1-16-08	11-1-90	Woody, Mae Gilmore	6-3-12	2-9-48
Webster, Norman A.	5-25-1843	11-14-13	Woody, Mahlon Hugh	1-22-1877	2-29-56
White, Emma Carol	4-8-43	4-8-43	Woody, Martha Ellen Andrew	9-12-1877	5-28-38
White, Kenneth Charles	10-23-46	5-7-69	Woody, Mossie Johnson	10-29-13	3-7-87
White, Lorene Perry Harris	6-5-02	10-20-75	Woody, Nancy Johnson	7-26-1848	4-30-16
Whitehead, Buena Ferguson	4-13-1898	9-14-83	Woody, William	3-13-1846	10-27-22
Whitehead, Henry H.	2-18-1894	1-12-86	Woody, William Durham	2-25-14	not shown
Whitehead, Ina Mae	4-22-32	9-3-32			



*Different Views
of Cemetery*





Charles Phillips Perry, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Perry of Rt. 3, Siler City, N. C., is a 1983 graduate of Jordan-Matthews High School. On March 10, 1983, Charles joined the U.S. Army under the delayed entry program enrollment. After his graduation, he entered the army on July 18, 1983, and received his basic training with A Company 9th Battalion 2nd Training Brigade at Fort Jackson, S. C.

After two months of training there, he was transferred to Fort Sam Houston, Texas, for advanced individual training for 3 months, from September 1983 until December 1983.

His first duty assignment was litter bearer from December 1983 until June, 1985, with B company 8th Medical Battalion 8th Infantry Division (Mechanized), Mainz, West Germany. He achieved the rank of Specialist 4 in 1984.

On June 29, 1985, Charles married Sandra Louise Harris at Sapling Ridge Church.

Charles' second duty assignment was flight medical aidman in July 1985 until April 1988 with D

Company 326th Medical Battalion 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) Fort Campbell, Ky. He achieved the rank of Sergeant on September 1, 1987.

His third duty assignment was also flight medical aidman from April 1988 until April 1989 with the 377th Medical Company (Air Ambulance) 18th Medical Command K-16 Airbase, Songnam, South Korea.

From May of 1989 until May 1990 Charles had achieved the title of Aide Evacuation Leader, Company training non-commissioned Officer, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3rd Battalion 69th Armored Regiment, 24th Infantry Division (Mechanized) Fort Stewart, Ga.

On August 2, 1990, Charles was called to active duty, and is now stationed in Saudi Arabia. He left for overseas on August 13, 1990.

Charles joined Sapling Ridge Church by profession of faith on October 29, 1978, and is currently the only member of Sapling Ridge Church serving in the U. S. Armed services.

*Different Views
of Cemetery*



SAPLING RIDGE PERFORMS MISSION IN KOREA

During the Korean War, a member of Sapling Ridge Church, Julius W. Woody, was stationed in Korea. During his stay there, he witnessed the great need for a lot of things we in the United States take for granted.

A letter home to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Newton Woody, expressed his concern for these people and asked that the church consider helping them. Julius stated that no matter where you went, you would see hundreds of homeless children running loose like dogs, looking for food and a place to get out of the weather. They ranged in age from practically babies on up. They were homeless and had no parents. They lived in holes dug in the ground and in the wreckage of bombed out buildings. They were half starved, half naked, and a lot had various diseases.

Julius went on to state that one cold winter day, he was in Seoul. It was bitter cold. He said that he had on about all the clothes a person could wear and still be able to move around and he was still about to freeze. He said that while he was waiting for transportation back to his unit, he couldn't help but watch all those children walking around barefooted, their arms and legs bare and the clothes they did have were so thin and ragged you could see through them. The temperature gets twenty to thirty degrees below zero there at times and that's pretty cold, even if you have a warm house and plenty of clothes.

The American soldier is known the world over as being soft and kind hearted and Julius's Second Infantry Division responded to them as did other units. Julius asked that Sapling Ridge Church members look around and find some old clothing that was not needed and send them to these children. He stated that if we could just mail them to him, he would see that everything was put to good use. Sapling Ridge Church members were very responsive to this cause and collected lots of clothing which was in turn mailed to Julius. Later a letter was received from Washington thanking all the people who took part in this great mission.





Mission

WORK CONTINUED

For many, many years Sapling Ridge Church has been giving to missions, at home and abroad. Some worthy missions in our county are Hospice and Aid to the Elderly, which shows in our community and church as it benefits many people we all know. Also, another worthy mission we support is for members or friends in the community who have sickness and lots of medical bills as well as doctor bills. Sometimes, neighbors lose their home and everything they have by fire. A love offering is usually taken for them.

At Thanksgiving, Sapling Ridge Church members have been preparing baskets for the sick and shut-ins for many, many years; also, canned goods are collected during the month of November to help the needs.

Sapling Ridge Church has helped to finance a child at the Methodist Home in Raleigh for well over 40 years. Members did, at one time, invite the child we chose to help to come and spend a week-end with families in the community and members of that particular committee would spend a day taking the child shopping for clothes. No doubt that was a highlight in that child's life. The church had to stop that practice because it was permitting one child to have more than some of the other children, so the practice now is to just send a donation.

In 1989, the Methodist Home celebrated 90 years of service.

The Woman's Missionary Society was active as far back as the 1930's forward, according to records, but was dropped in the late 70's due to lack of interest. It was called the Woman's Society until 1972; then it was changed to Methodist Women. It is now called UMW, or United Methodist Women.

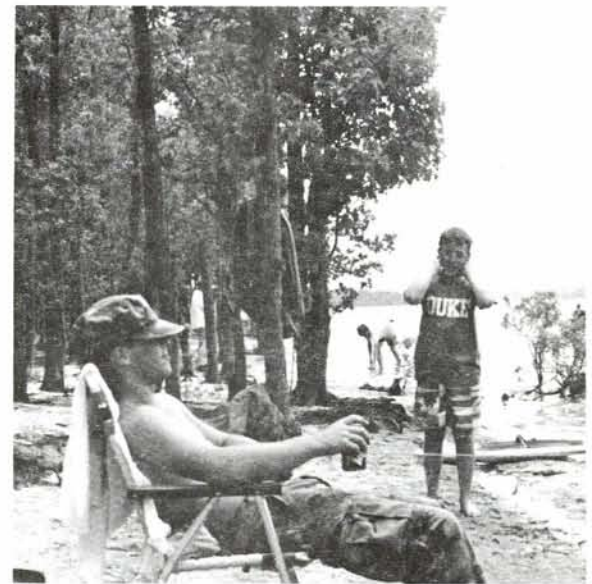
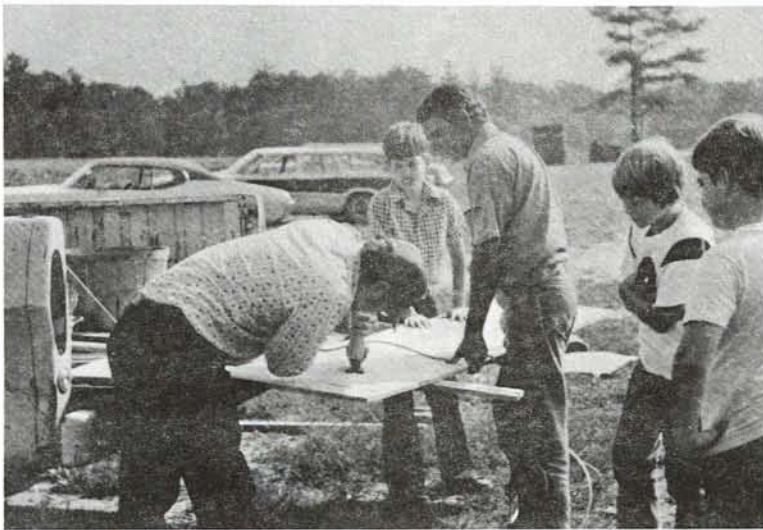
Methodist Men's Club was active in the 1960's but is no longer active.

The Methodist Youth Fellowship or MYF has been active in the past, but most of our young people have married and several are in college, so at this time, we do not have very many to take part. MYF was started back in the 1940's, according to past counselors. At Christmas time, they take fruit baskets and visit shut-ins and the elderly and sing Christmas songs.

Bible School has been very active each year for well over 25 years. In the beginning, it was held in the mornings, but as more and more people, ladies in particular, took on public jobs, there were not enough teachers to help that time of day, so the time was moved to evening, 6:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m.



**Epps Clark and Barbara Profitt
presenting Bible to Mary Martha Class at Sapling Ridge Church
in memory of
Mable S. Clark, Wife and Mother
Receiving on behalf of class, Mamie Self, Nena Woody.**



*Carnival for
Multiple Sclerosis*

M Y F

Bible School



**Happy Birthday to MYF Counselor,
Wayne Campbell - 1979**

Fellowship meals have always been very popular among Sapling Ridge Church members. For many years an annual fish supper was held in the early fall. More recently other items, including chicken, hot dogs, and oysters have been added to the menu.

Fifth Sunday covered dish meals have been very popular for many years. This occasion is held to honor our senior citizens.



*W*hen God does not immediately respond to the cries of His children, it is because He wants to accomplish some gracious purpose in their lives. If you are waiting for an answer of some heartfelt petition don'ts become impatient. Commit the matter into the hands of your loving Father and trust His wisdom.





Christmas



Christmas





Christmas







Fun Times



KNOWN WEDDINGS PERFORMED AT SAPLING RIDGE METHODIST CHURCH

NAMES	DATE	PRESIDING MINISTER
Wade Hampton Perry, Jr. Doris Eleanor Hargrove	6-17-43	Rev. Henry B. Lewis
Arlie Leroy Self Helen Marie Clark	12-13-47	Rev. Donald W. Durham
Benjamin Payne Collins Doris Mae Teague	11-10-50	Rev. William Seawell
Gurney Lewis Phillips Mary Jeannette Campbell	12- 3-55	Rev E. R. Clegg
Richard Clapp Mary Jo Harris	6- 7-58	Rev. E. R. Clegg
Lemuel Richard Dixon Melba Emma Campbell	6-17-61	Rev. J. C. Gilland Rev. Robert Drew
Alton Rayvon King Berta Faye Johnson	6- 6-64	Rev. James L. Bryan
Harold Lance Rogers Rita Paige Lindley	8-15-64	Rev. James L. Bryan
William Lance (Billy) Dixon Lucy Janice Campbell	9-18-65	Rev. J. D. Mitchell
Melvin Wayne Campbell Brenda Diane Teague	6-10-67	Rev. J. D. Mitchell
Walter Mac Gaines Lula Malinda Lindley	6-16-67	Rev. J. D. Mitchell Rev. Junior Kidd
Earl Field Shelby Brenda Karen Webster	6-17-72	Rev. J. D. Mitchell
Lee Gilliland Audrey Jane White	8-14-74	Rev. Clarence O'Briant
Donald Ray Teague Cathy Tripp	12- 9-78	Rev. Robert A. MacLean
Charles Phillips Perry Sandy Louise Harris	6-29-85	Rev. Jeff Marshall Rev. Larry Murphy
William Donald White Mary Elizabeth Dunn	12-21-85	Rev. Jeff Marshall
Michael Joseph McGee Helen White	5-24-86	Rev. Jeff Marshall
Steven Scott Perry Susan Anne Harvey	6-14-86	Rev. Jeff Marshall
Jerry Lynn Johnson Cynthia (Cindy) Denise McLaurin	4-25-87	Rev. Jeff Marshall
Todd Lewis Woody Lona Deann White	1-23-88	Rev. Joel Guillemette
Vander Ray Mote Cynthia Linette Pendergrass	2- 5-89	Rev. Joel Guillemette
Milton Wade Brown Colette Dawn Dixon	12- 2-89	Rev. Michael Kirby Johnson Rev. Joel Guillemette

Sapling Ridge Church Couples who have been married *Fifty Years or More*



Newton & Nena Woody
married 11-30-28



Louise & Walter Campbell
married 3-21-36



Harry & Notie Perry
married 12-14-29



Wilson & Mable Lindley
married 12-11-37



Welford & Edith Campbell
married 12-17-38



Edith & Irvin Lindley
married 3-9-40

Sapling Ridge Church Couples
who have been married
Fifty Years or More



Norman & Edna Webster
married 4-12-41



Left & Right: Welford & Edith Campbell
Center: Mrs. Edna P. Johnson



Mabel & Epps Clark
50th Anniversary - August 14, 1986



Mr. & Mrs. Wilson Lindley
50th Anniversary
December 11, 1987



*E*very morning you are handed 24 golden hours. They are one of the few things in this world that you get free of charge. If you had all the money in the world, you wouldn't buy an extra hour. What will you do with this priceless treasure? Remember, you must use it, as it is given only once. Once wasted you cannot get it back.

MEMBERSHIP ROLL FOR SAPLING RIDGE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

★★ Denotes Veterans

Boren, Kathy	Johnson, Richard Gail	Smith, Billy
Boren, Patty	★★ Johnson, Robert H.	Smith, Cheryl McPherson
Boren, Penny	★★ Johnson, Russell J.	Smith, Edward
Brower, Kendra Dixon	Johnson, Sarah Shoffner	Smith, Joyce
Campbell, Alta Webster	Lindley, Billy	Smith, Richard
Campbell, Carolyn Stone	Lindley, Edith Buckner	Shuskey, Cleo
Campbell, Diane Teague	Lindley, Elizabeth Paschal (Libby)	Shuskey, Delene
Campbell, Edith Love	★★ Lindley, Garvin	Stanton, Ferbie
★★ Campbell, Howell	Lindley, Hazel	Stout, Debbie Perry Johnson
Campbell, Jeffrey Todd (Jay)	Lindley, Irvin	Teague, Donald Ray
Campbell, Keith Love	Lindley, Kathryn	Tegue, Floyd, Jr.
Campbell, Kevin Matthew	Lindley, Laura	Teague, Thomas Gregory
Campbell, Louise Fox	Lindley, Mabel Petty	Teague, Virginia Roberson
Campbell, Tess	★★ Lindley, Wilson	★★ Thomas, B. G. (Bill)
Campbell, Viola Webster	Lopassay, Doris	Thomas, Doris Perry
Campbell, Walter Hugh	Lopassay, Virginia	Thurman, Malinda Lindley, Gaines
★★ Campbell, Melvin Wayne	Markovsky, Cathy McLaurin	Vickery, Helen Fogleman
Campbell, Welford	Martin, Gina Elkins	Warren, Freddy
Cheek, Verena	McGee, Helen White	Webster, Bernice Griffin
Clark, B. Epps	McLaurin, Michael	★★ Webster, Freeman
Cohen, Cynthia Strang (Cindy)	McLaurin, Shelby Campbell	★★ Webster, Norman, R.
Cook, Betty Lou	Moon, Jerry	White, Arthur
Cook, Clatie Woody	Moon, Sandy	White, Carol Finn
Cook, Estelle Johnson	Moore, Cherie Cheek	White, Donald
Dixon, Jack	O'Briant, Paul	White, Evelyn
Dixon, Janice Campbell	★★ Perry, Bryant E.	★★ White, K. C.
Dixon, Jason	★★ Perry, Charles Phillips	White, Kevin
Dixon, William Howard (Billy)	Perry, Emma Lindley	White, Lula Margaret Perry
Dorsett, Annette Phillips	Perry, Harry	White, Luta Self
Elkins, Rachel Fogleman	Perry, Henry Kiah	★★ White, Raymond L.
Elkins, Tony	Perry, James	White, Ronald Gail
Fogleman, Betty Petty	Perry, Notie Webster	★★ White, Wayne
Fogleman, Eva	Perry, Otis Pickard	Whitehead, Rachel
Fogleman, Timmy	Perry, Sylvia	Woody, Deanne White
Gaines, Carrie Fogleman	★★ Perry, Vann	★★ Woody, Julius
Gaines, Mark	★★ Perry, Wade H., Jr.	Woody, Nena Lindley
Gaines, Phil	★★ Phillips, Gurney Lewis	Woody, Newton,
Groce, Fatima Teague	Phillips, Jeanette Campbell	
Haith, Pauline Stone Johnson	Phillips, Mona Jo	
Hale, Porter Stone	Proffitt, Barbara Teague	
Harris, Joan Cook Smith	★★ Proffitt, Ray	
Harris, Nancy Boren	Pugh, Douglas	
Hayes, Sylvia Perry Pendergrass	Pugh, Peggy Marley	
Johnson, Betty Harris Perry	Robbins, Barbara Ann Johnson	
Johnson, Bryan Sidney	Rogers, Dana Lynne	
Johnson, Clara Cook	Rogers, Harold Lance	
Johnson, Cynthia McLaurin (Cindy)	Rogers, Michael	
Johnson, Estelle Cook	Rogers, Rita Lindley	
★★ Johnson, Eugene	Sadler, Lori	
Johnson, Hannah Scarlette	Sadler, Joe	
Johnson, Jerry Lynn	Sadler, Velma	
Johnson, Judy	Self, Helen Clark	
Johnson, Michael Bryan	★★ Self, Leroy	
Johnson, Neal Eugene	Self, Mamie Jones	
Johnson, Randy Allen	Self, Mary Ann Stanton	



PREPARATORY MEMBERS

Campbell, Pamela Dawn
Cohen, Murray Alan, Jr.
Cohen, Hannah Joy
Gaines, Shannon Chad
Johnson, Joshua Russell
Smith, Brandon Kane
Smith Jonathan Edward
Smith, Zachary Todd
Pugh, Stacy Allison
Vickery, James Harold III

★ VETERANS ★
BURIED AT SAPLING RIDGE CHURCH

NAME	DATE OF BIRTH	DATE OF DEATH
Cook, Murph C.	12-1-1896	10-19-68
Fogleman, James Ezra	5-18-28	8-22-90
Gaines, Walter Mac	1-6-42	12-22-70
★ Johnson, Charles Avon	8-19-18	3-10-44
Johnson, Charlie H.	3-26-1894	2-23-74
Johnson, Tyree	8-24-14	12-25-73
Teague, Floyd, Sr.	11-15-1895	1-21-69
Woody, Alton	12-14-09	4-10-78
Whitehead, Henry H.	2-18-1894	1-12-86

★ Killed in action, Italy

Pugh, Robert W. (Bobby) 3-7-29 11-22-90
(Member of Sapling Ridge Church, where services were held, but buried elsewhere.)



I am the Cross.

My arms held the
dying Christ. And
yet, I knew He would
not perish. Nor will I. For I am the witness of
His fearless death, the symbol of His infinite
love, the key to the soul's sanctity in Him.

In me there is victory
and peace and love,
for I am a token of
His last promise . .
forgiveness. In for-
giveness there is
victory and peace
and love. I am the
way to Christ, the
son of God

I am the Cross.

*Our Friends =
Especially our Parents*

*F*or all the times you held us close
When we were sick and a child
And rushed away many a tear
With just a single smile
For all the times you stayed up late
Waiting our return
For all the unyielding faith and love and concern
Mom, for all the clothes you had to wash
The many meals to prepare
The prayers spoken on our behalf
And most of all the care
For all the times we did not show it
Nor respond to your gentle touch
We love you for shaping our lives
We love you, oh, so much . . .

Sapling Ridge Youth Day

April 25, 1982