

JOHNSTON COUNTY

A. Present Churches

ANTIOCH: On U.S. Highway 70 just north of Strickland's Crossroads; Founded in 1878 according to a church deed; Earliest deed January 3, -1878, Book Q-3, Page 251; Membership 71.

* BENSON: 205 East Church Street in Benson; Founded September 16, 1891 according to a printed history; Earliest deed March 7, 1894, Book K-6, Page 449; Membership 249.

CALVARY: On County Road 1715 near the junction of County Road 1700 threemiles north of Clayton; Founded in 1921 according to a church history; Earliest deeds October 24, 1925 for two adjoining tracts recorded in Book 150, Page 165 and Page 168; Membership 18.

* CLAYTON: HORNE MEMORIAL: Corner of Second Street and Church Street in Clayton; Founded in 1859 according to a printed history; Earliest deed April 15, 1859, Book 0-3, Page 250; Formerly Clayton Methodist Church, became Horne Memorail in 1913; Membership 410.

* CORINTH: On U.S. Highway 301 near the junction of U.S. Highway 701; Founded in 1881 according to a cornerstone; Earliest deed December 10, 1874, Book Z-4, Page 607; Membership 177.

* EBENEZER: Near the junction of County Roads 10438 and 1009 between Bentonville and the Wayne County line; Founded in 1896 according to local church information; Earliest deed October 23, 1895, Book 1-7, Page 322; This church probably a successor to Bentonville Methodist Church which burned in 18,65; Membership 88.

- * ELEVATION: Intersection of County Roads 1308 and 1362 four miles northeast of Benson; Founded in 1861 according to a personal recollection and a corner stone; Earliest deed April 18, 1887, Book 1-5, Page 575 "for land on which Elevation Church now stands"; Membership 85.
- * ELIZABETH: On County Road 1010 seven miles west of Smithfield; Founded for camp meeting purposes in 1839 according to early records and the Smithfield Church history; Church building dedicated May 17, 1857 according to Annals of Southern Methodism, Duke University Library; Earliest deed June 4, 1879, Book S-3, Page 152;. Membership 79.
- FELLOWSHIP: On County Road 2320 one and a half miles east of the Wayne County line; Founded in 1916 according to local church information; Earliest deed January 18, 1918, Book 41, Page 420; Membership 104.
- FOUR OAKS: On U.S. Highway 301 in the Town of Four Oaks; Founded in 1892 according to a church deed; Earliest church records 1919; Earliest deed February 26, 1892, Book E-6, Page 6; Membership 241.
- KENLY: Corner of State Road 222 and Second Street in Kenly; Founded in 1889 according to a church deed; Earliest deed April 1, 1889, Book Q-5, Page 171; Membership 173.
- MICRO: On U.S. Highway 301 in the Community of Micro; Founded about 1875 as Zion Methodist Church according to local church information; Earliest deed November 15, 1875, Book K-3, Page 150; Moved to Micro in 1918 according to a deed October 23, 1918, Book 59, Page 186; Became Micro between 1922 and 1926; Membership 147.
- * MOUNT ZION: On State Road 50 one mile east of the Wake County line; Founded by tradition about 1809 with earliest records existing in 1825 according to local church information; Earliest reference to property January 15, 1840, Land Division Book A, Page 235 for two acre exception where Mount Zion Church then stood; Earliest deed September 2, 1944, Book 451, Page 229; Membership 275.
- PINE LEVEL, FIRST: Corner of U.S. Highway 70-A and Church Street in Pine Level; Founded October 2, 1955 according to church records; Earliest deed April 29, 1958, Book 565, Page 554; Membership 72.
- * PRINCETON: Corner of First Street and South Center Street in Princeton; Founded in 1855 according to local church records; Earliest deed September 28, 1863, Book A-3, Page 87; Membership 255.
- SANDERS CHAPEL: On County Road 1007 four miles east of Smithfield; Founded in 1860 according to a church history; Earliest deed April 19, 1881, Book C-4, Page 253; Membership 168.

- * SELMA, BREITZ MEMROIAL: 910 West Railroad Street; Founded in 1957 according to local church information; Predated by an interdenominational Sunday school as early as 1915; Earliest deed July 15, 1957, Book 550, Page 578; Membership 94.
- * SELMA, EDGERTON MEMORIAL: Corner of Anderson Street and Sumner Street; Founded in 1869 according to "The Johnstonian" November 9, 1967; Earliest deed September 2, 1871, Book K-3, Page 406; Another site April 1, 1880, Book X-3, Page 84; Was Selma M.E. Church, South, became Edgerton Memorial in 1910; Membership 291.
- SMITHFIELD, ASBURY: Corner of U.S. 301 and Carolina Avenue; Founded June 12, 1955 according to local church records; Earliest deed June 18, 1955, Book 527, Page 94; Membership 74.
- * SMITHFIELD, CENTENARY: 138 East Market Street; Founded in April, 1839 according to a printed history; Earliest deed October 15, 1839, Book T-2, Page 56; Formerly Smithfield Methodist Church, became Centenary in 1939; Membership 988.
- * SMITHFIELD, WHITLEY MEMORIAL: On County Road 1913 in West Smithfield, Founded April 24, 1956 according to local church records; Earliest deed December 31, 1958, Book 565, Page 302; Formerly West Smithfield Methodist Church, became Whitley Memorial in 1965; Membership 120.

B. Former Churches

BATTEN CROSSROADS: Earliest deed January 12, 1923; Book 114, Page 314; Methodist Episcopal, South.

CHURCH AT THE MEADOW: Earliest deed May 7, 1863; Book A-3, Page 28; Methodist Episcopal, South.

EARPSBORO: Earliest deed July 28, 1885; Book Q-5, Page 521; Methodist Episcopal, South.

JOHNSONS CROSSROADS: Earliest deed April 3, 1916; Book 22, Page 204; Methodist Episcopal, South.

STEVENS CHAPEL: Earliest deed Page 187; Methodist Episcopal, January 16, 1901; Book X-7, South.

WELLONS CHAPEL: Earliest deed Page 126; Methodist Episcopal, November 20, 1911; Book Q-11, South.