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C. A. JENKINS

Twenty-second Pastor

In calling Rev. C. A. Jenkins as our twenty-second pastor from the First Baptist Church of Statesville, N. C., the man and the opportunity met. Rev. Jenkins was a builder of houses of worship, he came to us at a time when our need was greatest, and it was largely due to his initiative and enthusiasm that the present auditorium was built in 1911, it is a monument to his memory. Rev. Jenkins was a courageous champion of the right, as he saw it. After leaving Shelby, he served as pastor at Clayton, N. C. until his death on December 15, 1922.

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22nd pastor

CHARLES AUGUSTUS JENKINS

Charles Augustus Jenkins was pastor of this church from 1908 until 1911. He was born on January 20, 1850 at Yazoo City, Mississippi.

He was graduated from the University of Virginia. It was while a student at the University that he left the high Episcopal Church and joined the Baptist Church. This was considered a disgraceful act by his family! However, he was ordained a Baptist minister. He also met Lily Cocke while at the University and after they were married, they moved to North Carolina.

Warsaw, North Carolina was the young preacher's first pastorate. Other pastorates included Louisburg, Statesville, Goldsboro, New Brunswick, New Jersey, Oxford, Chapel Hill, Newbern and back to Goldsboro. His last active pastorate was in Shelby.

After retirement, they moved to Clayton, N. C. where their rose garden, grape vineyard, beautiful lawn and rare vegetables were known and acclaimed far and wide. His retirement was short-lived, however, because he accepted a call to the Mt. Morrah Baptist Church five miles from Clayton. Later he served the Zebulon Baptist Church which was twenty-five miles from Clayton. While standing in this pulpit on April 9, 1922 a messenger arrived to tell him that his wife had suddenly passed away. Five years later Charles Augustus Jenkins died.

The present church where the auditorium is was built while Rev. Jenkins was here in 1910 and 1911