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**INTERESTED IN HISTORY?**

The following are the names of pastors who served the Baptist church in Shelby from its organization to the present time. to wit:

Rev. James Webb, of Rutherford county was elected its first pastor on Aug. 14th, 1844 and served as pastor until Dec. 23rd, 1849. He preached in this church monthly from the time it was erected until he was elected pastor, as aforesaid. Rev. M. C. Barnett followed Rev. Webb and was chosen pastor and served as such until November, 1851, when the Rev. Wade Hill was elected pastor and served for one year. On Dec. 25th, 1852 A. J. Cansler was called as pastor and served until December, 1857 when Rev. T. Dixon was called as pastor for the year 1858 and was recalled for the year 1859. The second Sunday in February, 1860 Rev. Wade Hill was again called as pastor of the church and served one year. In December 1860 Dr. Crawley was called as pastor for the year 1861. He served as pastor of the church until the third Sunday in February, 1863 when Rev. T. R. Gains was called as pastor. He served until September 3rd, 1864 when Dr. Crawley was called as pastor for the balance of that year. On the 4th Sunday in January, 1866 Rev. M. C. Barnett was again called as pastor for the year 1866 and served as such pastor until the close of the year 1870 when he was succeeded by Rev. N. B. Cobb who served the church as pastor until Aug. 11th, 1872 when he resigned, but continued to serve as its pastor until close of said year. On the 4th Sunday in November, 1872 Rev. Wade Hill was again elected pastor and served as such till the close of the year 1875. Rev. A. L. Stowe was then chosen as pastor and served till the close of the year 1879. On Feb. 5th J. B. Richardson was called as pastor, but he declined to accept the call and the church was without a pastor until about the middle of March, 1880 when Rev. J. A. White was called as pastor and served as such until Aug. 26th, 1880. On Aug. 26th, 1880 Dr. W. A. Nelson having been elected pastor, took charge as such and served until the last of September, 1883, when he resigned. The church was then without a pastor for a little while, but during this time Rev. R. D. Malary, who was at that time residing in the town of Shelby and was president of the Female College, served the church as pastor until Jan. 1st, 1884 when Rev. B. W. Bussey was chosen as pastor and he served as such till Sept. 2nd, 1885 when he resigned. Rev. Malary then supplied the church until pastor could be obtained and on Nov. 1st, 1885 Rev. W. H. Strickland was chosen pastor and served as such until the 27th of June, 1887. The church was without a pastor again for a little while and the Rev. R. D. Malary on the 10th, of Aug. 1887 was again elected temporary pastor and served as such until about the middle of November, 1887 when the Rev. J. M. McManaway was called pastor and he served as such till June, 1890. Rev. G. P. Hamrick was then called as pas-

tor and served the church as such from the 1st Sunday in July, 1890 until Feb. 1st, 1892. He resigned and Rev. J. L. Sproles was then called as pastor and served until March 25th, 1894. Dr. J. D. Huffman was then called as pastor on May, 1894 and served until Oct. 1st, 1896. The church was without a pastor from that date until Jan. 22nd, 1897. Rev. R. F. Tredway was elected pastor who took charge on Feb. 28th, 1897. Rev. Tredway resigned as pastor on the 12th of December, 1902 when Rev. W. D. Hubbard was elected as pastor on Jan. 11th, 1903 and he served as such until Sunday morning Feb. 14th, 1904. On Feb. 24th, 1904 Rev. M. E. Parrish was called as pastor. His resignation took effect Nov. 1st, 1908. The church was then without a pastor for quite a little while. On the 21st day of March, 1909 our present pastor, Rev. C. A. Jenkins, was called and on the 31st day of March, 1909 he wrote us he would accept the call, since which time he has been preaching to us faithfully. I make the statement unhesitatingly that no church in North Carolina has had pastors for the same length of time more able and consecrated than those who have served the Shelby Baptist Church since its organization.

The following are the present deacons of the church: J. S. Wray, C. B. Suttle, M. N. Hamrick, H. D. Wilson, J. H. Quinn, Geo. L. English, T. D. Lattimore and Dr. T. E. Hamrick.

We lay the cornerstone of our new church this the 16 day of July, 1910. Let us hope when it is completed it will be a beautiful, well arranged, and comfortable building and when it shall have been dedicated to God and His cause may the living church within its walls, the members who may worship therein be as a great light set upon a hill, giving light, power and strength to all those who may come within the touch of its rays.

Jas. L. Webb.