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# Funeral Today



DR. ZENO WALL

The man, who through 62 years of ministering to the spiritual needs of others, Dr. Zeno Wall, died Tuesday morning at the Wesley Nursing Center in Charlotte.

Dr. Wall, a native of Rutherford County, has shared with thousands the sorrow of death, sickness and hardship. He has also shared their joys of success, birth and their new lives through Christianity.

Dr. Wall began his ministry after being ordained at the Cliffside Baptist Church in 1906. He served in many churches and in many capacities, but he is best known for the 23 years he spent as pastor of Shelby's First Baptist Church. When he took over as minister of the church in 1925 there were some 600 members. At his retirement in 1948 there were 2,600 members.

A graduate of Mars Hill College and the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky, Dr. Wall served as president of the State Baptist Convention from 1923-1936 and as president of Gardner-Webb College from 1930-1932. The author of several books of sermons, Dr. Wall was the superintendent of the Children's Home from 1948-1950, and his retirement years since 1948 have been filled with service to the people he loved so dearly.

A friendly, loving man, Dr. Wall carried the confidence of many of this state's great men in politics and commerce. He has been credited over the years with "swinging" elections for men he considered able and interested in "his" people. His influence was felt at all levels of society and throughout the western part of North Carolina.

He is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Ollie Harris of Kings Mountain and Mrs. Walter Fanning of Ridgewood, New Jersey, three sons, Zeno Wall, Jr. of Myrtle Beach, S. C., Yates Wall of Columbia, S. C., and Woodrow W. Wall of Newnan, Georgia.

Funeral services will be held this morning at First Baptist Church.

The pallbearers will be Robert Barnett, James Rucker, J. L. Suttle, L. T. Hamrick, A. V. Hamrick, E. C. McClain, Cline Hendrick and Hogue Mull. Honorary pallbearers will be members of the Kings Mountain Baptist Association.

Interment will be in the Elizabeth Baptist Church cemetery.