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## EDITORIAL BREVITIES

From The Pastor's Pen

### In Retrospect

Our 1962 Youth Camp is now history. As I look back upon it, I know that a great deal of real good was accomplished through it, in spite of the rain.

The church is deeply indebted to its Youth Director, Miss Carole Pearson, for the work which she did in planning and conducting the camp. The full results of the week will be known only in eternity; however, we know enough now to be able to say that God was with us during the week.

### Think-Nics

Thus far during the month of June we have had a special emphasis for our children (V.B.S.); we have had a special emphasis for our intermediates and young people (our Youth Camp); now we are to have an emphasis of special interest to our adults. However, our young people and intermediates are urged to attend.

This emphasis is our annual Think-Nics. Mrs. Roland Leath, who has no peer as a Bible teacher, is to teach. The study course book to be used as a background is "From Joshua to David."

Certainly this emphasis, which is to begin Monday night, June 25, will be a highlight in the program of our church this year. The Think-Nics will be held at homes of various members on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday nights, and at the church on Wednesday. It is hoped that many of our people will choose to attend and participate in this spiritual emphasis.

### Vacation Time

Laura and I will be leaving on July 2, for our vacation. We will be away from Shelby for three Sundays. The Pulpit Supply Committee has done a superb job in securing outstanding men to supply the pulpit in my absence.

On July 8, Dr. Duke McCall, president of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and an outstanding preacher, will be with us. On July 15, George W. Schroeder, Executive Secretary of the Baptist Brotherhood of the South, is to be with us. On July 22, Dr. C. C. Warren will be our visiting minister. The prayer meetings will be conducted by the Reverend C. O. Greene, our Associational Missionary.

As can be observed, our church is in for a real spiritual blessing. I do hope that all of our members will take advantage of the opportunities afforded.

## SUMMER THINK-NICS SET FOR NEXT WEEK

Next week - June 25-29 - we will be meeting for our Summer Think-Nics. In past years this event has been very helpful and enjoyable to all who participated.

Mrs. Roland Leath will teach the book "From Joshua to David" which covers the Biblical events between these two Old Testament characters.

These are the meeting places for each night:

Night	Home	Address
Monday	Mr. and Mrs. Mal Spangler, Sr.	Mt. View Farm
Tuesday	Mr. and Mrs. Hoyt Keeter	Country Club Acres
Wednesday	Meet in the Chapel	
Thursday	Mr. and Mrs. John Whisnant	800 Phillips
Friday	Mr. and Mrs. Lowery Austell	205 S. Thompson St.

Each night we begin at 7 o'clock.

In the event of rain the meeting will be in the Chapel. The Nursery will be open at 6:45 for children 4 years of age and under.

## CHURCH 115 YEARS OLD JUNE 19, 1962

Many people will find this brief sketch of the history of our church intensely interesting. We are indebted to Mr. Hubbard Hamrick, Church Historian, for gleaning these facts from our past. Express your thanks to Mr. Hamrick.

### CHURCH ORGANIZED

In the year 1846 a meeting house was erected for public worship and religious services were conducted at various times by Drury Dobbins, J. M. Webb and others, until the 19th of June 1847, when the Shelby Baptist Church was formally organized. Drury Dobbins, J. M. Webb and several other ministers and deacons from the surrounding churches and twenty five persons dismissed from other churches around constituted the Shelby Baptist Church.

William Roberts, J. R. Logan and David Warlick were the first deacons. Thomas Williams was the first clerk. James M. Webb was chosen as the first pastor and William Roberts and J. R. Logan were appointed as delegates to represent the church in the Broad River Association and ask for admission into that body, where it remained until 1856, when it joined the Kings Mountain Association.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL ORGANIZED

The Sunday School which has always been a very important factor in this church was first organized in 1864 during the pastorate of Edmund A. Crawley who was also principal of the Shelby Female Academy at that time. Rev. G. M. Webb, a son of the first pastor, was the leader of Sunday School organization in this section. During these early times and for sometime thereafter there were no Sunday School lesson books or literature. Teaching was done using the Bible with each teacher making his own selection of Scripture.

In the beginning there were no organized classes or departments.

### SEVERAL BUILDINGS

The first church was a wooden building painted white. It was said to be a very comfortable building and was able to seat about 200 people.

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**CHURCH DIRECTORY**

John E. Lawrence, Pastor  
 Roland Leath, Education and Music  
 Carole Pearson, Youth Director  
 Mary Sue Thompson, Secretary  
 Mrs. Blake McWhirter, Secretary  
 Mrs. Reid Crawford, Secretary  
 E. L. Brown, Building Supt.  
 Mrs. Plato Grigg, Hostess  
 Mrs. H. S. Plaster, Organist  
 Paris Yelton, Chairman of Deacons  
 Mrs. Paris Yelton, WMU President  
 W. D. Kiser, Training Union Director  
 J. C. Bisette, Brotherhood President  
 The Church Telephone 482-3467

**Sunday School Report**

Enrollment ----- 2208  
 Attendance, June 17 ----- 1204

**Training Union Report**

Enrollment ----- 739  
 Attendance, June 17 ----- 299

**OUR VERY NEWEST**

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Bob  
 Barnette on the birth of their daughter.

**PHONE NUMBER****CHANGED****AGAIN****THE****NEW NUMBER****IS**

**482 - 3467**

**LOOKING AT YOUTH**

By Carole Pearson

One-hundred and thirty-three Intermediates and Young People are back from a wonderful week of camping. There are many of us who are sad because we just were not ready for the week to end. We had some rain but it didn't seem to dampen the spirits of our campers very much. I wish you could have seen our Couples Softball game!!!! or maybe I should say - you should have seen our couples when the game was over!! Couples came to the game in old clothes and barefoot and literally slid around in the mud for about an hour - - more fun!!

The high point of our week came when eight of our young people presented the play, "The Challenge of the Cross." The cast included, Ann Putnam, Barry Hambrick, Jane Gardner, Joanne Smith, John Lawrence, Jr., Don Patrick, Myra Malone and Conrad Martin. Many important decisions were made this year at camp and we are thankful for them. We know that many of you were praying for our camp - please continue to pray for young people as they try to live Christ-like lives here in Sheiby.

Mr. Lawrence and Dub Kiser presented our camp awards on Friday night after our International Banquet. **Superlatives around camp** this year were:

**Honor Campers** - Ann Putnam  
 Mike Young

Most Dignified - Al Hamrick  
 Cutest Girl - Pam Pernel  
 Cutest Boy - Don Yelton  
 Craziest - Grant Grigg  
 Most Ladylike - Ann Putnam  
 Friendliest - Martha Rose Hamrick  
 Don Patrick  
 Most Gentlemanly - Danny Limerick

We had some beautiful work in **Crafts** this year. Many thanks for the counselors who spent so much time helping the campers with their crafts.

Needlepoint - 1st - Melissa McSwain  
 2nd - Nancy Hand  
 Lanyards - 1st - Morris Hudson  
 Copper Tooling 1st - Beth Daves  
 2nd - Karen Waldrop  
 Metal Engraving 1st - Claire Lohr  
 2nd - Sandra Eskridge

Our two teams this year were Asia and Europe with Europe coming out the winner for the week.

Individual awards in sports events:  
 Ping Pong Singles - Morris Hudson  
 2nd Place - David Cox  
 Ping Pong Doubles - Morris Hudson  
 Buddy Hamrick  
 2nd Place - David Cox  
 Ken Kiser

Archery Singles - Rusty Hamrick  
 2nd Place - Jimmy Crawford  
 Archery Doubles - Rusty Hamrick  
 Bobby Lutz  
 2nd Place - John McGraw  
 Jimmy Crawford

Horseshoe Singles - Rusty Hamrick  
 2nd Place - Dean Philbeck  
 Horseshoe Doubles - John McGraw  
 Dean Philbeck  
 2nd Place - Rusty Hamrick  
 David Ellis

**Swimming**

Backstroke - Don Yelton  
 Breaststroke - George Putnam  
 Underwater - Mike Grigg  
 Freestyle - Mike Young  
 Diving - Danny Mitchell

**TEN COMMANDMENTS OF HUMAN RELATIONS**

1. Speak to people. There is nothing as nice as a cheerful word of greeting.
2. Smile at people. It takes 72 muscles to frown, only 14 to smile.
2. Call people by name. The sweetest music to anyone's ears is the sound of his own name.
4. Be friendly and helpful. If you would have friends, be friendly.
5. Be cordial. Speak and act as if everything you do is a genuine pleasure.
6. Be genuinely interested in people. You can like almost everybody, if you try.
7. Be generous with praise—cautious with criticism.
8. Be considerate with the feelings of others. There are usually three sides to a controversy: yours, the other fellow's, and the right one.
9. Be alert to give service. What counts most in life is what we do for others.

Add to this a good sense of humor, a big dose of patience, and a dash of humility and you will be rewarded many-fold.

—Selected.

**MULTIPLYING OUR STRENGTH**

"Ten men banded together in love can do what ten thousand separately would fail in."

"Eat your bread alone, and you will be fed, but share your loaf if you would know the flavor of good bread."

"We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give."

**"IT'S TRUE!"**

For every evil under the sun

There is a remedy or there is none.

If there is one, find it

If there is none, never mind it!

—Selected.



# Church 115 Years Old June 19, 1962

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It had a balcony where the slaves of that day sat during the worship period. This church remained in use until 1889 when it was torn down and a brick structure was built. This second church was built during the pastorate of J. M. McMannaway. This second church building was used until 1910 when it was torn down and a new building was erected.

The first service was held in the third church building on June 25, 1911. Where the present auditorium is, was used for the preaching and Sunday School purposes until 1928, when the auditorium was remodeled and the educational building was built. The first service held in the new educational building was March 31, 1929.

## SOME INTERESTING AND HUMOROUS NOTES

J. W. Webb, first pastor, was a native of Rutherford County. His old home still stands and his grave is nearby. He was in the State Legislature and at one time was clerk of court of Rutherford County.

Dr. Zeno Wall held the longest pastorate which covered a period of 22 years and 4 months. A total of 3,579 people joined the church during this pastorate. Dr. Wall served as President of the Baptist State Convention and after retirement from this pastorate was Superintendent of the N. C. Children's Homes. On July 10, 1927, after the revival led by Dr. L. R. Scarborough, Dr. Wall baptized 65 people.

The largest number of additions in any year was in 1930 when 254 people were received. This was a depression year and points up the fact that people were conscious of their need of God in such a time.

The Baptist State Convention met here four times 1875, 1890, 1913, 1929.

The Church was excluded from the Kings Mountain Association in 1858 for "inviting a preacher of another denomination to assist in a service." (The church was re-admitted to the association in 1871.)

The shortest pastorate was that of J. A. White who served from March 15, 1880 to August 26, 1880.

On July 9, 1902 Pastor R. F. Treadway asked the deacons to buy a wire fence to put around the church "to keep stray cows and mules from the church yard."

Several instances are recorded in the history of members being excluded - one reason was for non-attendance.

One member asked for his letter because he could not "fellowship" another member.

First person baptized in the church baptistry was July 16, 1871. Prior to this people were baptized in the river.

The first B Y P U was organized in 1914 by E. A. Ruppe, the first Educational Director, who now lives in Parsons, Kansas. The first adult B. T. U. was organized in August 1928.

The first parsonage was built in 1905 and the present parsonage was completed in 1924.

The pipe organ was first used on September 6, 1911.

Rev. John E. Lawrence is our 29th pastor. His ministry began Feb. 15, 1954. During this pastorate a total of 1,417 people have united with the church - 516 by baptism and 901 by letter. The church is second in the state in gifts to missions; first in Training Union attendance; third in Sunday School attendance and sixth in total membership.

## COMPLETE LIST OF PASTORS

James M. Webb - June 19, 1847 - Dec. 23, 1849.  
 M. C. Barnett - (Dec. 31, 1849 - Nov. 30, 1850) -  
 (Jan. 22, 1866 - Dec. 31, 1870)  
 Wade Hill - (Jan. 1851 - Dec. 1851) (Feb. 10, 1860 - Dec. 31, 1860) -  
 (Nov. 25, 1872 - Dec. 31, 1875)  
 A. J. Cansler - Jan. 1, 1853 - Dec. 31, 1856.  
 Thomas Dixon - (Jan. 1857 - Dec. 1857) - (Jan. 1859 - Dec. 1859).  
 E. A. Crawley - (Jan. 1, 1861 - Feb. 15, 1863) -  
 (Sept. 3, 1864 - Jan. 1, 1865).

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## STANDING ALONE

It is human to stand with the crowd; it is divine to stand alone. It is manlike to follow the people, to drift with the tide; it is God-like to follow a principle, to stem the tide. It is natural to compromise conscience, and follow the social fashion for the sake of gain or pleasure; it is divine to sacrifice both on the altar of truth and duty.

—Jonathan Edwards

Surely there is something in the unruffled calm of nature that overawes our little anxieties and doubts: the sight of the deep blue sky and the clustering stars above seem to impart a quiet to the mind.

—Bessie A. Stanley

He has achieved success who has lived well, laughed often, and loved much; who has gained the respect of intelligent men, and the love of little children; who has filled his niche and accomplished his task; who has left the world better than he found it, whether by an improved poppy, a perfect poem, or a rescued soul; who has never lacked appreciation of earth's beauty or failed to express it; who has always looked for the best in others and given the best he had; whose life was an inspiration; whose memory a benediction.

## SENTENCE SERMONS

Five most important words: I am proud of you!

Four most important words: What is your opinion?

Three most important words: If you please!

Two most important words: Thank you!

Least important word: I

Take responsibility on your shoulders and it will leave no room for chips.

If you're not as close to God as you once were, make no mistake about which one has moved.

A good example is the best sermon.

The greatest use of a life is to spend it for something that outlasts it.—William James.

**VACATION TIME:** Someone has described a vacation in this manner, "A vacation is a short period of recreation, preceded by a period of anticipation and followed by a period of recuperation." Many of you will be taking a vacation soon, when you do "keep in touch" with us here.

## MEMORIAL FLOWERS

Flowers will be placed in the sanctuary Sunday in memory of Alex Harmon on the first anniversary of his death by his brother, Joe Harmon.



# BRING YOUR FAMILY TO SUNDAY SCHOOL

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T. R. Gaines - (Feb. 15, 1863 - Sept. 3, 1864).  
 Needham B. Cobb - Jan. 1, 1870 - Dec. 31, 1872.  
 A. L. Stough - Jan. 1, 1875 - Dec. 31, 1879.  
 J. A. White - March 15, 1880 - Aug. 26, 1880.  
 W. A. Nelson - Aug. 26, 1880 - Sept. 30, 1883.  
 R. D. Mallory - (Sept. 30, 1883 - Jan. 1, 1884) - (Sept. 1, 1885 - Nov. 1, 1885) - (Aug. 10, 1887 - Nov. 15, 1887).  
 W. B. Bussy - Jan. 1, 1884 - Sept. 2, 1885.  
 W. H. Strickland - Nov. 1, 1885 - June 27, 1887.  
 J. M. McManaway - Nov. 15, 1887 - June 1, 1890.  
 G. P. Hamrick - July 1, 1890 - Feb. 1, 1892.  
 J. L. Sproles - Feb. 1, 1892 - March 25, 1894.  
 J. D. Hufham - May 1, 1894 - Oct. 1, 1896.  
 R. F. Treadway - Feb. 28, 1897 - Dec. 12, 1902.  
 W. D. Hubbard - Jan. 11, 1903 - Feb. 14, 1904.  
 M. E. Parrish - Feb. 24, 1904 - Nov. 1, 1908.  
 C. A. Jenkins - April 3, 1909 - Oct. 31, 1911.  
 L. W. Swope - Jan. 1, 1912 - Oct. 29, 1916.  
 Lee M. White - March 1, 1917 - June 15, 1918.  
 J. Marcus Kester - April 15, 1919 - Dec. 31, 1922.  
 Robert L. Lemons - March 1, 1923 - Sept. 1, 1925.  
 Zeno Wall - Oct. 1, 1925 - Feb. 1, 1948.  
 Harlan Harris - March 15, 1948 - Nov. 30, 1953.  
 John Lawrence - Feb. 17, 1954.

*Same*

## Love Suffereth Long

The unforgiving spirit! It splits churches, destroys friendships, and extinguishes the glow of Christian radiance. It is a disease that chokes the voice of witness like diphtheria, that paralyzes the ministry like polio, causes a rash of dissension like smallpox, gnaws the vital organs like ulcers, isolates like leprosy, perverts judgment like insanity, and finally kills all joy and usefulness like cancer at its worst!

And what is the cure for such a dread infection of the soul, Two simple little words spoken sincerely from the heart, the

two little words "forgive" and "forget." For some they are two bitter pills; for others just to speak them requires some serious surgery. But for the Christian, who has accepted so freely God's immeasurable forgiveness for unnumbered sins, there can be no human offense so heinous, no human hurt so deep, no human failure so final that it does not pale into insignificance beside the debt we owe our Christ. What love gives is remarkable, but what love forgives is almost unbelievable!

—Sibyl B. Townsend.

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## OUR CHURCH CALENDAR

### SUNDAY, JUNE 24, 1962

9:40—Sunday School  
 11:00—Morning Worship  
 6:00—Singspiration  
 6:45—Training Union  
 8:00—Evening Worship

### MONDAY, JUNE 25, 1962

7:00—Boy Scouts  
 7:00—Summer Think-Nics

### TUESDAY, JUNE 26, 1962

7:00—Summer Think-Nics

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27, 1962

5:55—Fellowship Supper  
 6:15—Sunbeams, R.A.'s, G.A.'s, Y.W.A.'s, Young Men's Brotherhood  
 6:20—S. S. Period around the tables  
 6:40—S. S. Period in Departments  
 7:00—Summer Think-Nics

### THURSDAY, JUNE 28, 1962

7:00—Summer Think-Nics

### FRIDAY, JUNE 29, 1962

7:00—Summer Think-Nics

## NEW MEMBERS

- (114) Billie Pendleton, 106 Edgemont, by profession  
 (115) Walker Lee Lucas, Route 1, by profession  
 (116) Wanda Kay Hambright, 815 Churchill, by profession  
 (117) Peggy Lee, 329 E. Warren, by profession  
 (118) Sara Lillian Lutz, 514 W. Sumter, by profession  
 (119) John Whisnant, 800 Phillips, from Yates Baptist Church, Durham, N. C.  
 (120) Barry Hambright, 317 Clegg, from First Baptist, Jefferson City, Tenn.  
 (121) Michael Champion, 521 S. LaFayette, from Second Baptist Church, Shelby, N. C.

## VISITORS

We are happy to have had these worship with us recently:

Mr. and Mrs. George Coy, St. Louis; Miss Marilyn Taft, McKeesport, Pa.; Miss Mary Sandra Schulken, Miss Lois Ruff, Charlotte; Joe Camp, Chapel Hill; Pat Philbeck, Fayetteville; Anita McKinney, Swannanoa; Pam Kohl, Sumter; Pamela Jean McQueen, E. Tallassee, Ala.; Mrs. Addie W. Harrelson; Miss Clyde Willis, Shelby; Benjie Jenkins, Asheboro; Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Harris, Forest City; Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Philbeck, Danny Philbeck, Fayetteville; Miss Naomi Edens, Miss Ruth Randall, Kings Mountain; Helen Oliphant, Mooresville; Rose Mildred Steele, Statesville; Joyce Ann Harris, Indian Trail; Mrs. R. K. Houston, Bay Springs, Miss.; Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Yearout, Albuquerque, N. M.; Mrs. Evelyn Dean, Cincinnati; Miss Deborah Sparks, Spartanburg; Mr. and Mrs. Adrian Blanc, Jr., Jefferson City.