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## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH OF ZENO WALL, Sr.

"Wall, Zeno, clergyman; b. Mooresboro, N.C. Aug. 20, 1882; s. S.F. and Elora Jane Robinson W.; student Mars Hill college, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary; Doctor of Divinity of Mississippi College; m. Ada Kate Ramsey May 4, 1911; children--Zeno, Jr., Abbie Jane (Ollie Harris) Yates, Woodrow, Ada Ramsey (Walter Fanning) Ordained to the ministry, Cliffside Baptist church, July 8, 1908." From 1918-49 edition of "Who's Who in America."

### Pastorates:

Marshall, N.C. 1908-1910  
Mt. Olive Baptist ch., Mt. Olive, Miss., 1911-1914F  
1st Bapt. Ch., Columbia, Miss., 1915-1916  
Clinton Baptist church---home of Miss. College and Hillman College 1916-1922

Worshipped in college chapel

First Baptist Church, Goldsboro, N. C., 1922-1925  
First Baptist Church, Shelby, N. C. 1925-1948---twenty three years  
While here he started two missions which are now full-time  
Baptist churches: Highland, and Calvary.  
Elizabeth Baptist Church 1952-1958.

### Other Services:

Chaplain, 140 Field Artillery 1917-1918  
General Supt. N.C. Baptist Orphanage 1948-1950  
Pres. Boiling Springs, Jr. college 1930-1932. This was the most trying years of my whole ministry as we had just built the educational building of the First Baptist church, and had to borrow \$50,000.00 and the depression was on, and thousands of people came to our church for food and clothing and funds. All I could for the college was to serve gratis, conduct a few chapel services, and preside over the important meetings. But we were faithful---did our best.  
Enlistment Secretary of the Home Mission Board 1914-1915  
Broadman Press published their books of sermons for me: "Heartening Message," "Verities of the Gospel," and "A Day for God-Called men,"

Helped three churches "get to gather" and call good ministers, since retiring.

### Honors:

"Doctor of Divinity" conferred upon him by Mississippi College 1917  
"Loving Cup" given him by Student Body of Mississippi College 1922  
Men of my regiment (World War I) gave a banquet for me at Jackson, Miss. in 1948 and gave me a \$1000.00 War bond  
Vice President of N. C. Baptist Hospital  
President Board of Trustees of the N. C. Baptist Orphanage for many years  
President of N.C. Baptist State Convention 1933, 1934, 1935, 1936.  
Led inaugural prayers for two governors: Hon. O. Max Gardner, and Hon. Clyde R. Hoey when the Hon. Joseph Daniels said: "You have made history in N.C. No other preacher has ever been so honored."  
Place in 1948-1949 edition of "Who's Who in America."  
Pastor Emeritus of the First Baptist Church of Shelby, North Carolina