

Church Notices

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
The Rev. E. F. Troutman, pastor.
Coffee hour at 9:30 a. m.
Serving are Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Sink.

ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
The Rev. W. Todd Ferneyhough, priest-in-charge.
Holy Communion at 8 a. m.
First and third Sundays, Holy Communion at 10:30 a. m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Blowing Rock
The Rev. George D. Hyler, pastor.
Sunday—Worship Service at 9:00 a. m.; Sunday School at 10:00 a. m.; Morning Worship at 11:00 a. m.; Training Union at 6:30 p. m.; Evening Worship at 7:30 p. m.

WATAUGA METHODIST CHURCH
William H. Key, Minister.
Piney Grove, 9:30 a. m. first Sunday; 2:30 p. m. third Sunday.
Valle Crucis, 11:00 a. m. first and third Sundays.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
The Rev. J. Boyce Brooks, pastor.
9:40—Sunday School.
11:00—Morning Worship.
6:00—Evening Worship.

GAP CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. Raymond Hendrix, pastor.
Robert Hartzog, Superintendent.
Sunday School—10:00 a. m.
Worship Services first and third Sundays at 11:00 a. m.

CATAWBA VALLEY UNITARIAN FELLOWSHIP
102 North Woodhaven Drive.
Lower Creek Section, Lenoir.
Church Service, Sundays, 10:30 a. m.
Church School, Sundays, 10:30 a. m.

BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH—Big Hill Road
Rev. William E. Smith, pastor.
Sunday School—10:00 a. m. each Sunday.
Worship Service—11:00 a. m. second and fourth Sundays; 7:30 p. m. first and third Sundays.

RUMBLE MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Blowing Rock
The Rev. A. Blake Brinkerhoff, pastor.
Sunday:
Men's Class Coffee Hour—9:30.
Church School—10:00.
Morning Worship—11:00.
Youth Fellowship Program—6:00.

POPLAR GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. Raymond Hendrix, pastor.
Ernest Dancy, Superintendent.
Sunday School at 10:00 a. m.
Worship services each second and fourth Sundays at 11:00 a. m.

BOONE METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. Preston Hughes, Jr., pastor.
Sunday:
9:00—Early Worship.
9:45—Church School.
11:00—Worship.
5:00—Wesley Foundation supper and program.
6:30—Junior and senior high youth fellowship.

BOONE METHODIST CIRCUIT
The Rev. R. H. Ballard, pastor.
First Sunday—Bethelview, 11:00 a. m.
First Sunday—Pleasant Valley, 2:30 p. m.
First Sunday—Hopewell, 7:30 p. m.

GREENWAY BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. C. O. Vance, pastor.
Sunday School at 9:45 a. m.
John B. Robinson, superintendent.
Worship Services, 11:00 a. m.
Training Union, 6:30.
Worship Service, 7:30.
Family Night—Wednesday—7:00.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
The Rev. J. K. Parker, Jr., pastor.
Sunday School at 9:45 a. m.
Morning Worship at 11:00 a. m.
A nursery is kept for small children during the worship service.

MT. CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH—Banner Elk
Rev. Elliott Hayes, pastor
10:00—Sunday School
11:00—Morning Worship
7:00—Training Union
Prayer Service Wednesday evening at 7:00; choir practice at 7:45.
WMS first Thursday evening, 7:30.
Visitors welcome.

CHURCH OF CHRIST—Boone
Sunday meetings—10:00-12:00 a. m. Bible study, worship, preaching, Lord's supper each Lord's day. 7:30 p. m. evening meeting.
Thursday—7:30 p. m.—Bible study.
ADVENT CHRISTIAN CHURCH
pastor.
The Rev. Floyd N. Boston, Sunday School—9:45 a. m.
Morning Worship—10:45 a. m.
Youth Fellowship—6:30 p. m.
Evening Worship—7:30 p. m.
Wednesday:
Prayer Meeting—7:30 p. m.

PROFFITT'S GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH
Herbert McCoy, pastor.
Sunday School each Sunday at 10:00 a. m.
Worship each first and third Sundays at 11 o'clock; Conference Saturday night before 3rd Sunday.
Frankie South, superintendent of Sunday School.

THREE FORKS BAPTIST CHURCH
Julian S. McGuire, Sunday School Superintendent.
Morning Worship, 11:00 a. m.
Sunday School, 10:00 a. m.
Baptist Training Union, 6:30 p. m.
Evening Worship, 7:30 p. m.
Prayer Service, 7:30 p. m., Wednesday.
Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 p. m., Wednesday.

ANTIOCH MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
Elder Carl Wilson, pastor.
Preaching service every first Saturday and Sunday at 11 a. m. and every third Sunday night.
Sunday School 10 a. m.
Prayer meeting each Thursday night.
Howard Cable, superintendent; Dwight Cable, choir leader.
Everybody welcome.

DEERFIELD METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. Joseph C. McMurry, pastor.
Church School—10:00 a. m.
Worship Service—11:00 a. m.

ST. ELISABETH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
Sunday Mass at 9:00 a. m.
Newman's Club meets at 10:00 a. m.

A Warm Winter Fire... And 75 Years Of Memories

Baptist Minister Has Pastored 21 Churches

By DALE GADDY
A crackling fire from a pot-bellied stove echoed against the walls of the Zionville farm house as the tall, aging minister rocked slowly to and fro in his hand-made rocking chair.
"I first began preaching back in 1914," he said in his mountain drawl. "In all, I've pastored 21 churches in my lifetime." It was the Rev. R. C. Eggers who spoke as he continued rocking.

A big man with a worn copy of the Holy Bible clutched in his stout hands, he epitomized the very spirit of his Watauga homeland founders.
"All but two of the churches have been in this county," he continued. "The ones outside is just across the line," he said, pointing a broad finger towards the Tennessee-North Carolina boundary. "And all of 'em (have) been Baptist churches," he added with a proud smile.

Currently he is the pastor at Mt. Vernon Baptist Church, a church which he once headed as a younger man for 17 consecutive years. Also he is now the pastor at the Roan Creek Baptist Church in Tennessee.
At 75, the Rev. Mr. Eggers has refused to slow down his hectic pace. In addition to his heavy schedule of church functions, he is an ardent outdoorsman. In fact, as he rocked in his chair he occasionally applied a sterile pad to an open cut on his lip sustained a few weeks before while chopping a tree down. ("A splinter of wood flew up and hit me," he explained, almost apologetically.)

The minister let the chair come to an easy halt, leaned his snow-white head against the high back of the chair, and reminisced of time past.
"Back in the olden times it used to take a whole day to go from Zionville to Boone. Took two days to go to Lenoir by wagon," he mused.
"And there's right many folks still around who remember Boone when all the streets were of dirt and the sidewalks were of wood.

"They haven't had paved streets too long," he added as he shifted his position in the rocker. "And lamplights—why, I can remember the days when gas lamplights was a great improvement!"
The Eggers have lived in the now old farm house since 1910. "That's when we were married," he said with a boyish twinkle as he turned his head in the direction of the kitchen. "Mama," he called. "Step here a minute."

An Ingraham clock ticked a lazy tock on the fireplace mantle.
"It was June 5, 1910 when we got married, wasn't it?" the minister asked.
His wife, her warm face aglow with the kindness which sometimes escapes others of like age, entered the living-room and smiled at her husband's ability to forget their anniversary date. "That's just like a man!" she joshed, after confirming the date.

Mrs. Eggers sat in a straight-back chair near her husband. The preacher smiled a proud smile as he turned his head towards her again and said, "She has read the Bible through from cover to cover some 29 or 30 times now, haven't you, Mama?"
"Thirty-one times," she said humbly, dropping her eyes to the flowered design of her apron. The smell of beans and corn cooking in the nearby kitchen crept into the living room.

The blue-eyed lady busied herself by idly, almost unconsciously pinching small plectes in the edge of her apron as she listened passively to her husband who resumed talking.
"We have four children and two grandchildren," Rev. Mr. Eggers stated. The children are Ernest Eggers of Kingsport, Tennessee, Dwight Eggers of Pennsylvania, Mrs. Ella Thomas of Maryland, and Mrs. Pauline Sherwood of Zionville.

The elder Eggers himself was born June 30, 1888, four days before the first issue of the Watauga Democrat came off the press. (I've been a subscriber to the Democrat for more than 50 years," he mentioned later in the conversation.)
"My great-great-grandfather—Landrine the first—came to America from London, England. They settled in this same vicinity."

Landrine I begat the generation of Landrine II who begat the generation of Landrine III (a soldier in the Civil War) who begat John L. Eggers, father of Preacher Eggers.
"My father was a saw mill man," Rev. Mr. Eggers said. "I was born just across the hill here. Had two brothers and a sister."

Receiving his schooling in Watauga County and "at the Mars Hill school for preachers," the minister has headed as many as four churches at one time. He traveled by horse back from church to church and was able to preach at each of the four churches once a month.
Other than a few attacks of mild fever several decades ago, the only real sickness Rev. Mr. Eggers has had was a case of pneumonia in 1918. "I came near to losing my life then," he observed as his wife listened. "I weighed more than 200 pounds when I took sick. I lost about 50 pounds before I got well."



THE REV. AND MRS. R. C. EGGERS

mor, Rev. Mr. Eggers began telling of various humorous experiences which have happened over the years.
"I've seen men at outs with each other," he began. "You know, like extreme Democrats or extreme Republicans. Well, once there were two such men in my congregation. They fought and argued constantly."

"One day I made them a proposition," continued Eggers as a grin crept onto his face. "I told them that if they could shake hands with each other and forget the past, I'd be glad. One of the men said, 'Okay, let's lay down all that's in the past and forget it.' The other one replied, 'Yes, and let's pray for more to come!'"

Tugging at his dark suspenders, the minister continued, "Then there was the time when I was walking to a revival meeting. I had stopped in the woods to pray, and while I was kneeling down I happened to look up at this limb right in front of my face. There was the biggest black snake I've ever seen, staring me right in the eyes."

"I can tell you now, I didn't pray any more just then. I grabbed me a limb and clubbed that snake to death. Then I changed my place of prayer!"
Weddings can often lend themselves to odd and humorous situations. "Like one not too long ago," the preacher stated. "A young couple came here to the house wanting to get married. I asked the groom if they wanted a long wedding or a short wedding. The fellow said, 'Short, very short!'"

As the morning slipped by, the preacher and his wife unspun countless yarns of their experiences. They laughed heartily at their jokes and mused thoughtfully at the more serious talk. They told of one man who testified that he had been swept up into heaven in a funnel and had talked with the Lord. They told of numerous funerals and weddings and revivals and other church functions they had gone to and had participated in.

Time and again, though, they repeated, "And good we may have done wasn't our doings. It was the Lord's."

Remembering the dinner which was cooking, Mrs. Eggers rose from her chair, excused herself, and returned to the kitchen.
"Shes been a big help to me," the white-haired minister said as he moved toward a box of coal near the glowing stove. "Shes been a big help."

Picking up a chunk of the black fuel, the preacher opened the stove door and dropped the coal inside.
And the farm house walls echoed anew with the sounds of a crackling fire.

World Day Of Prayer Services.

A World Day of Prayer Union service will be held this Friday evening, March 1, at the Advent Christian Church of Boone. The service will be conducted by the ladies organizations of the various churches of Boone.
The people of Boone are invited to attend the service to be held at 7:30 p. m.

CARD OF THANKS
We wish to express our heartfelt appreciation to our many friends and neighbors for their many deeds of kindness during the illness and death of our dear loved one, Edgar Gleen. May God bless each of you.—His wife, Bertha; his mother, brothers and sisters.

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