

but in 1884 a church was organized at Palmerville, and practically all our members up the river took letters and went to Palmerville. It so weakened us for the time being that our pastor, who was also called to serve the new church at Palmerville, advised us to disband and all go together. But during the year 1894, the wooden structure that we now worship in was built.

December 10, 1916, the church by unanimous consent decided to build a commodious brick structure, which at this date is in process of construction. The following are the building committee: W. K. Littleton, Ed F. Smith, R. R. Ingram, and Rev. J. M. Arnette, Pastor.

*Pastors*

The following pastors served the church while they worshiped in the log house: Benjamin Lanier, A. Kinney, S. P. Morton, Wm. A. Morris, David Wright, and J. W. Littleton.

The following pastors served the church while they worshiped in the house planked up and down: G. O. Wilhoit, J. W. Littleton, J. R. Littleton, J. W. Dunn, Jas. Jordan, W. M. Bostick, W. B. Harrill, J. C. Denny, and Haywood Morris.

The following pastors have served us since we have been in the house we now worship in: J. W. Suttle, Haywood Morris, J. F. Davis, J. E. M. Davenport, W. E. Watkins, John R. Miller, D. W. Arnette, J. F. Kirk, C. E. Edwards, E. M. Brooks, and J. M. Arnette, who is our present pastor.

*Bits of Interesting History*

The church from its beginning baptized its members in the Yadkin River, near the head of the Narrows. It was an ideal place for baptizing, and known thruout the whole country 'round about as the baptizing place.

It was a custom in these earlier days for the minister who performed the rites of baptism to read, at the water's edge, the leading scriptures on the subject of baptism, and then follow the same with a lengthy discussion which almost invariably gave great offense to those of other beliefs. If he failed to make anybody mad, he felt greatly mortified over the matter, and thought he had signally failed to give a proper interpretation of the Scriptures. The church in its earlier history met in conference once a month, usually on Saturday preceding the Sunday preaching. They had a regular order of business.

First, The door of the church was open for reception of members, either by letter, experience, or restoration.

Second, References were called for, which meant business brought over from the preceding conference.

Third, The health of the church was inquired into, which was understood to have a spiritual application. If any brother or sister had been offended, and had taken Gospel steps in the matter, it was ready to be brought before the church.

Fourth, New Business was called for. The conferences in those days were by no means dull. They usually had business of a disciplinary character to look after. If a member swore, or got drunk, he was at once taken up and dealt with, and if he failed to make satisfactory acknowledgments to the church he was excluded.

From the old records, it seems that the church excluded and restored members almost monthly. Difficulties between members which were considered of a private nature were usually re-

ferred to an investigating committee, and the matter committed to them was gone into very thoroly, and the church usually acted in accordance with their recommendation. While those old brethren were strict in their religious duties, and scrupulously honest in all their dealings with their fellow-men, yet some of them did not regard it as anything wrong to have their fruit made into brandy, and take a little occasionally for the stomach's sake.

This church has sent out the following ministers: William Solomon, J. W. Littleton, A. G. Calloway, Jas. R. Littleton, and Jas. L. Jenkins.

*The Land*

The church when it was organized did not own the land on which it built, but in the year 1857, twenty-one years after it was organized, Gen. Alfred Dockery, a prominent and wealthy Baptist of the State, deeded the church one acre of land.

On March 8, 1876, J. M. Jenkins and wife deeded the church one-half acre of land opposite the church lot, just across

