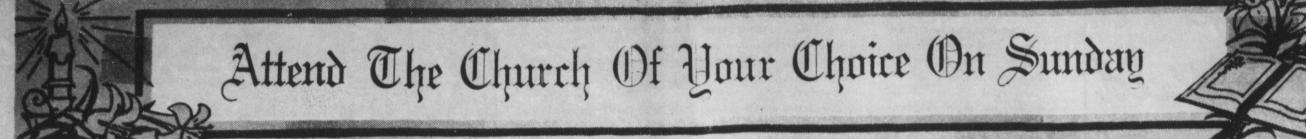
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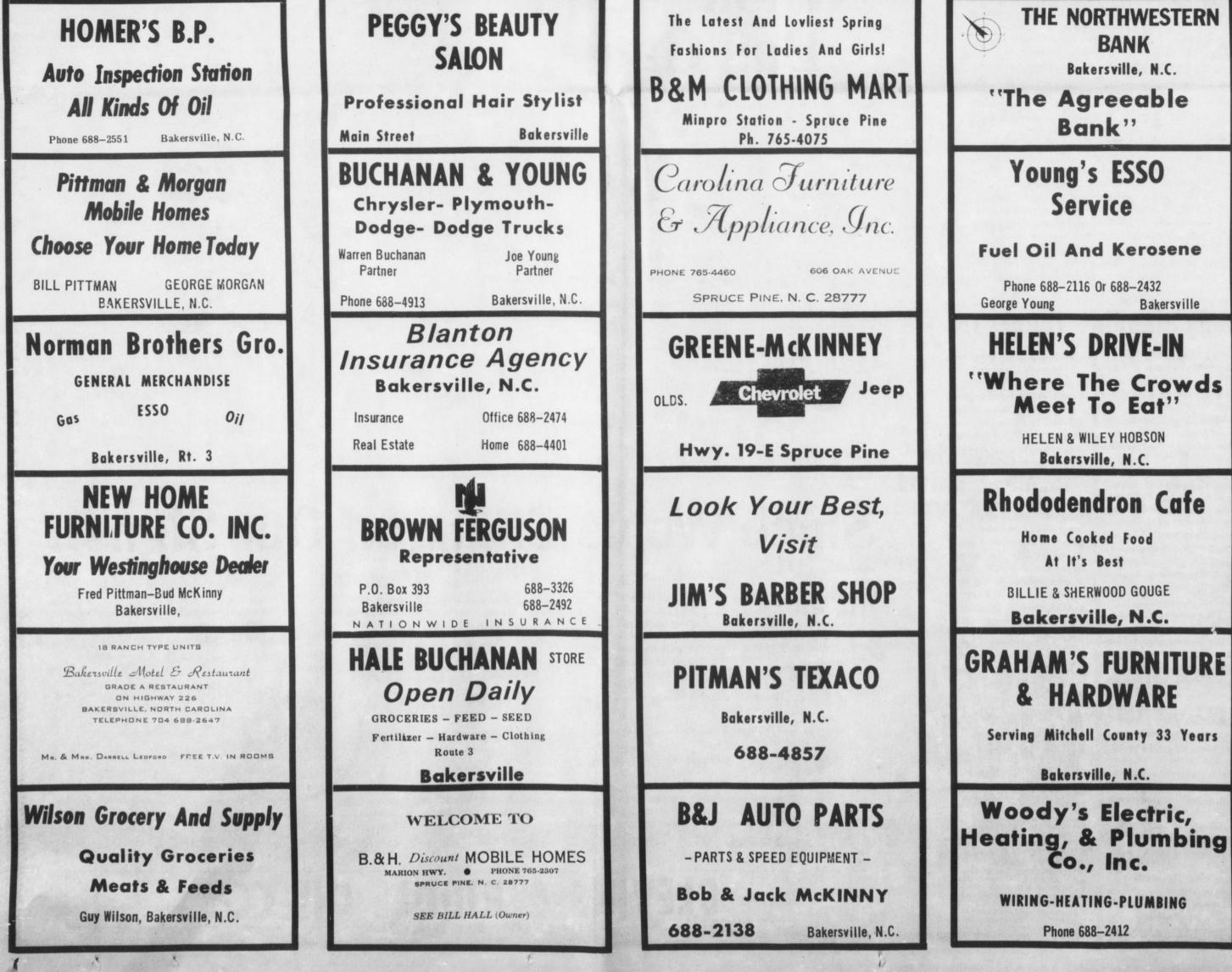
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## Altapass **Church** Is More Aware

In the year of 1925, under the direction of Rev. Don Hall, a very small group of people met in a former school building and organized the Altapass Baptist Church. Two of the charter members, Mrs. Lora Jane Hefner and Mrs. Blanch Hefner, are still faithfully attending each church service. In the year of 1948, under the leadership of Rev. J. H. Henline, the need for a new church building was urgently felt. The construction of a new building was begun , and most of the labor and lumber to construct the new building

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cent addition to the church grounds has been the erection was given freely by some of of a new church sign, conthe men of the church and structed of matching brick, community. In February, which was sponsored and paid 1949, the building was comfor by the Youth Sunday pleted and services began at School Class (ages 15-17). the present location. Further Services at the church proimprovements have continued vide Christian training and

of a baptistry. The most re-

to be made, which include teaching through the Sunday the addition of new classrooms, School, Worship Services, the paneling, light fixtures, carmid-week Prayer Service, the peting, and the installation

M.U. The present membership is around 140. Many dedicated ministers have provided leadership for the church since it was organ-

ized, some of these being the Rev. Don Hall, Rev. Charlie Parker, Rev. Hotart Glass, Rev. B. B. McGuire, Rev. Astor Buchanan, Rev. J. H. Henline, Rev. Roby Painter, Rev. MacMurray, and Rev.

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pastor is Rev. Bruce Buchanan, and he has been a very dedicated and faithful pastor since 1961. Under his capable leadership the church has grown in many ways. The church has become much more aware of its commission to "... Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel ... "and to reach the lost people in the community and surrounding

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