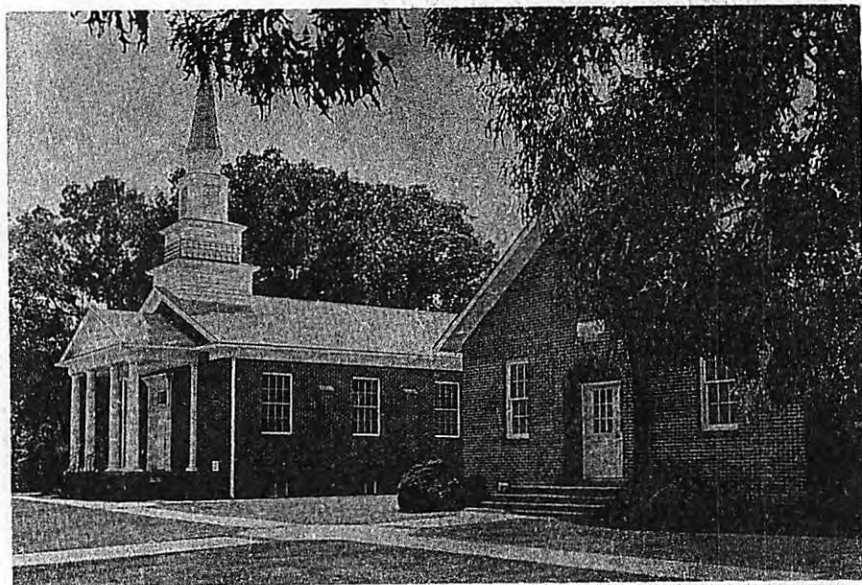


# **A History of** ***Zion Baptist Church***

**Brownsville, Tennessee**



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**To**  
**The Memory of**  
**My Father**  
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**and**  
**My Mother**  
**Elizabeth F.Gordon Cobb**



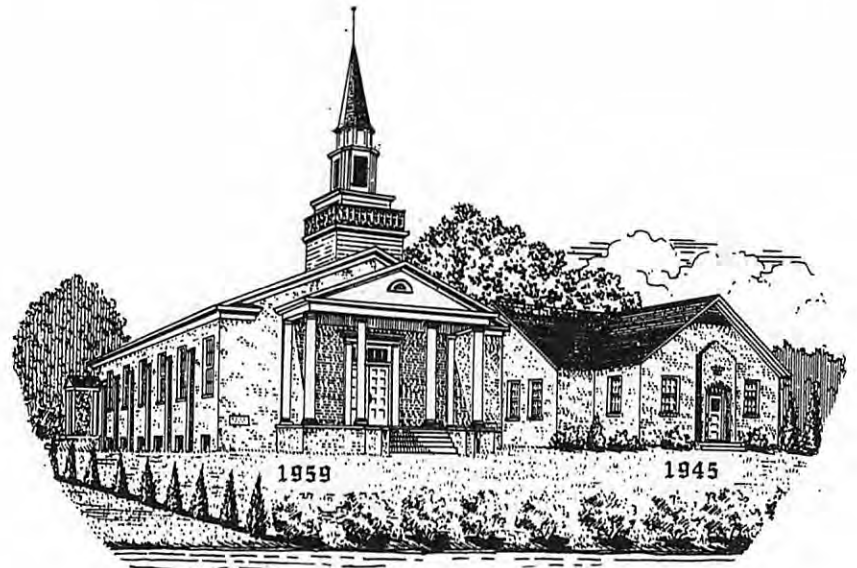
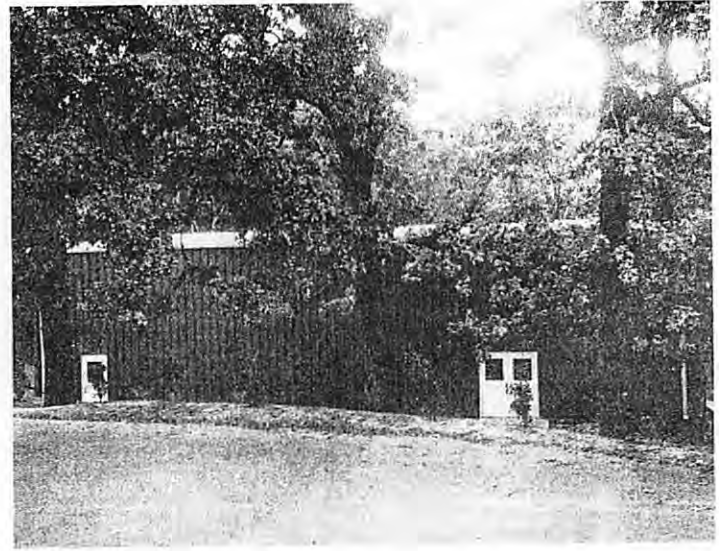
ZION BAPTIST CHURCH  
1836



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## Preface

The authority and attempt to which I dedicate my efforts was predicated upon the sanction and directive of Zion Baptist Church. that I write it's 150 year history. The wisdom of their choice, or the lack of it, will be astounding to you as it was to me. You may, as I did, accuse them of derelict of duty, in such a choice, but please do not remind me, as some did, that I'm the only one left maintaining attendance there for half its period of existance. This is my alibi for their condescension in choosing one of my limitations to prepare and write this history.

Preliminary research in contemplating this awesome venture only presented the seemingly insurmountable task involved. Serious meditation seem to transport each day's discourse into golden eras of the past, as I would read again and again, then type and retype, revise and type again the manuscript. A choice of omitting much subject matter of exciting interest to me, became a regrettable imperative, that the context might be as brief as possible. Extreme difficulty was encountered in the deleting process of many great deeds and actions of the first Christians.

If we believe there is a God who rules in the kingdom of men, we must look for his providential hand in human history as our foreparents did. But as a prominent and inevitable object in this line of thought lies inquiry of the past, evaluation of the present, what providential design we might expect of the future and what grand purpose God has to work out through this goodly heritage of ours.

In the solid and sober realm of search for factual substance relative to Zion History, many delightful surprises awakened my sense of gratitude for the indomitable spirit, aims and objectives of our early pioneer families. Great effort has been made to evade history of government, political economy, statistics and geography in dealing with unparalleled progress and noble achievements of our forefathers who established the first "Meeting House" as they called it.

To those who claim literary talent and skill in writing of history, I wish to make apology for the lack of appeal these volumes may contain. Little, if any, classics you will herein discover. This book has been written for general reading and to share with all who are persuaded by sincere reason and interest, the many delightful and rewarding experiences occasioned by the privilege of this task.

May you be rewarded, for whatever your cost of reading it, as I have been preparing it for you.

## Prologue

### Before Zion was a Church

Homes of the 1831 period in which people of Zion community assimilated to nurture their spiritual lives never appeared bleak and empty. Though many houses were hewn out of poplar logs, in them prevailed an atmosphere of consecration, because people worshiped there. In those homes the concept and spirit of a Church was born in hearts and lives of faithful servants, who envisioned with hopes and aspirations the church building which was erected five years later and named "Zion."

Our enterprising foreparents discovered Haywood County to be the utopia, or "perfect place" for their future and set anchor here. They considered it a place of perfect bliss, a paradise, the seventh heaven, an earthly Eden under God's protection. They bequeathed to us a deep abiding faith and an indomitable courage. As their decendants, we have a sacred trust. It is our duty to preserve this heritage and pass it to our children.

In reviewing the oral and written history of their noble triumphs, a tinge of guilt shrouds our souls as we lay claim to the vestige of Christian heritage they bequeathed to Zion Meeting House, as they called it. It's still there, after 150 years. But they wouldn't know how to worship in it today because it is not a one room affair built of logs and putty - rather, red carpet, lights, running water and padded seats for pews. Neither would they have the slightest use for, or know just what to do with the new Family Life Center, except stock it with hay and corn where the mules, cows, hogs and chickens could be housed from the rigors of winter's wind.

If on resurection morning as they arise from their graves across the road, they get a glimpse of the present Meeting House, they may start praising God for a view of Heaven. No doubt, any would recognize it to be the same hill on which they started doing public business for the Lord 150 years ago.

At least, we hope our efforts to perpetuate their heritage in church work will be pleasing to them and acceptable to our Lord. Our great challenge has and will continue to be, in measuring up to the purity we discover in the lives of our foreparents. In these aspirations, we acquire virtue and quality of life worth striving for. An atmosphere of Christian citizenship pervaded those modest and unpretentious homes. But not for long was the home to contain their ambitions for a central place to worship.

## Before Zion was a Building

As we review this portion of our family history, may we transport our lives to join the immigrants who planted their roots in the soil of Haywood County, which grew to be the heritage of the Christian faith we embrace today. Their lives were motivated by aim and purpose to achieve a goal. That goal was to establish and provide adequate institutions of learning, and the development of moral and spiritual values. This requirement was first, the proper home environment, then the church and schools.

But how could people with no formal training do all this, we ask? Well, the fact is, they had learning, to realize the need for more. Beside, they had culture, character and self-control that makes us ashamed. They seem to have had plenty of everything they needed to sustain a plain and simple life, and weren't harassed by challenges of the morally pernicious social standards so prevalent in our society of today. In fact, there was no better blood in the colony of Virginia than the fine old English strain which our Forefathers brought to America. they soon became allied in marriage with other notable families whose names appear in public records as earliest English settlers along the James River and its tributaries. In tracing our blood lines across the Atlantic, just for curiosity's sake, a brief sketch indicates our influence and culture. To my father, T. A. Cobb, and my mother, Elizabeth Francis Scottish, Hollandaise, French and etc. and some attending Oxford University. Inflated land prices in England were prompting land hungry farmers and merchants to explore dreams of owning land in America, at all risks that might be encountered.

In 1606 two companies were formed to begin this venture: the Virginia Company of Plymouth and the Virginia Company of London. The first newcomers in 1607 seems now, to have received land grants for the most desirable farming section, which is located in the James River Valley. Tobacco and cotton became the most enterprising and profitable businesses. These immediately resulted in development of large plantations with mansion dwellings and commercial development.

The territory west of the Mississippi River was then unclaimed, except by the Spanish, French and Indians. Thus, it was considered open territory to any Englishman who dared to cross the river and start meddling. It wasn't too long until David Crockett, Sam Houston and General Custer did just that.

## Acknowledgements

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Mrs. Mable Ruth Marbury, a former school teacher, did proof reading of the first draft and pronounced it very good "considering the author".

The patience and tolerance of my wife, Mildred, two sons: Bernie, Jr. and Lynn, and my daughter-in-law, Brenda, are to be commended. The sharing of my time with them the past twenty months, has been somewhat limited and particularly true, with my two grandchildren, Berkley, 15, and Julie, 13. This, however, is my own evaluation. They all seem to understand, the old man was doing something he thought was important and wouldn't dare disturb him.

Now that the work is finished, they wish to join me in an expression of gratitude and indebtedness to Zion folks, for the rare privilege and honor of writing the history of our church.

No language can express to Zion Church, the love and gratitude of my soul, for its contribution to whatever good the world judges of me. From a diaper baby to an old man, it has been a sustaining and mutually restraining influence in the choice of each rung on the ladder of life.

To my older brother, Jesse T. Cobb, and younger sister, Mrs. David E. Stewart, I wish to acknowledge with pride and gratitude the inspirations of their moral and ethical standards and consistency in support of their church home.

To my father, T. A. Cobb, and my mother, Elizabeth Francis Gordon Cobb, no other parents would I have chosen, "had the choice been mine". My Dad expired when I was eleven years old, leaving my mother with the double responsibility of parenthood. Her goal and task was to maintain a gentle Christian environment in our home. This doctrine, she felt, would fortify our lives against attacks of the outside world and to discipline our personal conduct. She was always last to lower the wick and blow out the dim light after all others were tucked in bed. Then through darkness, to the bedside,

where in humble posture on her knees, we heard our mistakes and needs lifted to Heaven. These paternal lessons, together with the pious and memorable souvenirs of homely firesides, were indelibly stamped in our souls, never to be erased from our memories.

## **Dr. Jonas L. Stewart**

**Executive Secretary and Treasurer of  
TENNESSEE BAPTIST FOUNDATION**



Dr. Stewart's nativity began in Zion community, on the second hill from the church facing the sunrise and in view of the steeple like a fore-finger pointing to heaven. Except that no steeple was then on the old one room meeting house. There were however, two front doors through which radiated the Godly spirit of love and fellowship which permeated the community with courage and hope for those challenged to professional status, beyond local environment.

Here a placid atmosphere prevailed, as to allow the young and enterprising, with visions and aspirations for a broader life, to seriously meditate in humble servitude, as to the proper course in persuing it. There have been many noted personalities throughout

our land who saw their first sunrise from some vantage point among Zion hills, then watched its shadows fade into darkness at eventide, while toiling in the fields of labor. Here, close to nature, family, friends and God, was serenity unexcelled among all vocations. It was among these environs that the hand of destiny called upon families to share with the world some of its wisdom, skill virtue and talent.

As the young went forth to prepare for professional service, many remaining wondered just how a hillside plow-boy, who would grab a persimmon sprout to keep from falling off the farm, could ever be transformed into a teacher, preacher, doctor, lawyer or scientist.

Dr. Jonas Stewart, son of Lynn and Julie Thomas Stewart, was among those who responded to the call of service. Restoring the souls of humanity to a pleasing relationship with God has, and always will be, his soul objective. His life and ministry approaches perfection in the manner of perpetuating the tradition of his family church home, Zion.

The journey from the cotton field to the largest assembly halls in the U.S.A., is filled with such struggles and challenge, that only the brave persevere in arriving there to celebrate the triumphant victory. His name is among those that did.

With ultimate aim and dominant motive, he blazed the way that carried him, with a message, among the poor, humble, meek and weak, to the highest and most prominent positions among men, in the Lord's work. Today he is recognized among the greatest exponents of the Gospel of Jesus Christ in America. People and churches throughout the southland are proud and honored to claim his friendship. No doubt remains that he has the widest pulpit acquaintance of any preacher in the state, because he always would and still does, preach anywhere, any time, to any congregation for any reason.

Though he preaches in the largest churches of our nation, and intimately associated with executives in government, business and professional life, we must conclude Zion church, from its state of being a log cabin with an earthen floor, has remained a hallmark in his memories to motivate through stress and strain of life.

His love for Zion was so vividly and appropriately expressed. On hundreds of brochures to be distributed in all churches of Tennessee,

Dr. Stewart put on the cover page, the colored picture of "his Church, Zion. They are still in circulation, to make Zion the most featured church and somewhat synonymous with his name throughout the state of Tennessee. This brochure was one of the publications relative to business of the Tennessee Baptist Foundation. He himself never craved attention, like being the corpse at every funeral, or the bride at every wedding. This spark of humility coupled with his indomitable spirit that never buckled under stress, or bowed to defeat, indicated a rare and exceptional quality of leadership and accomplishments, for which, we at Zion felt he deserved recognition.

The title of "Honorary Pastor", was the merited and exalted tribute we imagined might confer our regard for him in recognition of the notable and distinguished career he had attained as an evangelist. Yet this sudden, unexpected and noble gesture seemed to produce a momentary dilemma, as to just what it all involved. He'd never heard of such action being taken by any church before. Neither had we! However, he was put at ease to learn that on every occasion when we were without a pastor, he wouldn't be required to do all the preaching for us. This clarification prompted the immediate and gracious acceptance of whatever honor we intended by the title, "Honorary Pastor". His modesty since, has suggested that we intended the word to be "Honery Pastor", as if we didn't know the difference.

Dr. Stewart's illustrious career is distinguished in varied fields of performances, with roots of each deeply imbedded in a connotation of evangelical concept. In considering the Executive Position with Tennessee Baptist Foundation, he said, "If this job interferes with my preaching, I wouldn't consider it. The Lord called me first to preach, and to this, I pledged my entire life."

During his entire ministry, he was never "caught looking for a church" to pastor, otherwise he would have been pastoring Zion. His thirty years as a pastor and fourteen years (at this writing) never left him too busy to share times with us for revivals and other special occasions.

His picture appears in this history. Neither prejudice nor favoritism entered the choice at the exclusion of all other great ministers, who preached here during the 150 year period. The task of obtaining them all, and space of entry, disallowed the efforts. The hordes who have passed to Glory, leaving their blessings with Zion, will join the throngs of former pastors now living, in declaring Dr. Jonas L. Stewart the favorite son of Zion Baptist Church.



***Earlier Patriots  
and  
Pioneers***

Most citizens constituting the early church were explorers from Virginia and North Carolina, some of whose family names are inscribed on a bronze plaque at Jamestown, Virginia, and only a few yards distance is the bronze statue of Pocahontas. One hundred and five people arrived there in 1607 on three small boats, the Saraconstant, Discovery and the Godspeed. They had left England a few months before in search of a new land in which they might work and worship a God, according as their conscience dictated.

This place looked to them as a Garden of Eden as they rushed from aboard the ships to kneel, pray and kiss the earth of a free country. Their first endeavor was to build a church in which to praise and worship GOD. This church stands there today as a memorial to the eternal vigilance of our first settlers. In this church met the first legislative assembly ever to convene in America. The location later became known as Jamestown, Virginia, in which was located the first Capitol of the United States.

Virginia was untouched by Christianity at the time. The 1607 colonist did not set out to escape their Church, as many other Pilgrims had done, but came with the intention of transplanting it as well as the English brand of civilization

In later years while traveling through this country I've noticed such family names where in phone directories and inscribed on tombs in cemeteries, as were documented among our early settlers at Jamestown, Virginia and Windsor, North Carolina. To have a blind fold removed from your eyes, and begin reading inscriptions and epitaphs on tombs in Windsor, North Carolina, Bertie County, you would declare it was Zion or Holly Grove graveyards.

At Jamestown in 1619, the first ship load of slaves arrived and believed to be the first brought to America. Later on that same year, we can imagine their delight to observe a ship load of women sent from England to become their wives.

In the summer of this same year, was a most significant scene of earnest simplicity. Governor Sir George Yeardley, dressed in handsomely silk double britches, strode into the old wooden church. Behind him came the six members of Virginia's Council, wearing hats and carrying swords. While Yeardley took his seat in the Governor's pew near the pulpit, his council flanked him. Behind them, on rough-hewn benches, sat 22 tobacco farmers who had been elected as burgesses from the eleven "principle plantations," or settlements in the 12 year old colony.

The constitution of the Baptist Church  
to Zion Meetinghouse, constituted the  
fourth Lords day in June 1836 -  
Brothers Peter Gale and ~~John~~ Lea  
Ministers of the gospel of the Baptist  
unomination. being present.  
The whose names are annexed having been  
regularly immersed in a profession of  
our faith in christ Jesus ~~our~~ our  
Saviour. believe it to be our duty to  
form ourselves into a church, to be  
governed by the scriptures, and not by any  
ecclesiastical power, and in view of the  
above, we give ourselves to god, promis-  
ing by the grace of god to help each  
other, bear each others Burdens, comfort  
the feeble minded, support the ~~weak~~  
Exhort each other to love good works  
Assembling ourselves together as practi-  
cable, for the worship of god,  
Zealously using all lawful means in  
accordance with divine institutions  
to advance the interest of the Kingdom  
of Christ, in the world, and each

member shall have the right to do  
what they may think proper relative to  
the Benevolent institutions of the day.  
The constituting Brethren approving the  
same and for the Edification of all  
who may ~~with~~ <sup>with</sup> further information  
relative to what we believe the word  
of God teaches we annex the following  
not as a confession of faith or creed  
but as part of what the word of God  
teaches according to the understanding  
of the Church

We believe that the scriptures of the  
old and new testament should be  
our councill. to govern as in faith  
and practice. that the scriptures  
teach that there is one God the Father  
Son and Holy Ghost

and that these three are one. no  
man is fallen and unable to extri-  
cate himself. that in the fullness  
of time Christe Dived and lived  
whom we reverence behaveth on him we  
live. that though the sword

of Christe alone. Salvation is proce-  
imed to last sinners by the sanc-  
tification of the Holy Spirit. that  
the Divinity is but a gain change  
from nature to grace. and from  
the Love of sin to the Love of  
Holyness. by the same Spirit. that  
then and not until then this indivi-  
ual is a fit subject for the Church  
of Christ. and the scripture further  
teaches that the Blessings of Salva-  
tion are begun carried on and  
finished by Divine grace. that  
by grace we are saved through  
faith. and that not of ourselves  
it is the gift of God. not of  
work. that any man should boast.  
and that we are saved in Christ  
Jesus unto God working with us  
God hath before ordained.

The scripture also clearly teaches  
that the Ordinance of Baptism  
and the Lords Supper should  
be strictly attended to. and both  
are the only proper means

Baptism. and Immersion is the  
only proper mode of Baptism  
and that Baptist Believers is the  
only qualified persons to participate  
of the Lords Supper. that the  
two teach the final perseverance  
of Saints. in grace to glory. that  
there will be universal resurrection  
of the righteous and wicked. that the  
penalty of the former and the punishment  
of the latter will be eternal

### Decorum of the church at Zion Meeting house.

A rule 1<sup>st</sup> if thy brother trespass  
against thee. go and tell him his fault  
between him and thee alone. If he will  
not hear thee. take one or two more with  
thee. If he will not hear them. then tell  
it to the church. and if he will not  
hear the church. let him be unto thee  
as a Heathen Man and a publican  
Matthew 18 Ch: 15-16 & 17 Verse 17  
2<sup>nd</sup> all motions made and seconded

shall be attended to unless withdrawn  
3<sup>rd</sup> Every male member has a title  
<sup>announced</sup> to speak once at a time. and Express  
his Views on any subject without in-  
terruption. unless he Departs from  
the subject

4<sup>th</sup> A majority in this church shall  
rule in all cases wherein fellowship  
is not concerned.

5<sup>th</sup> It shall be the duty of the Moder-  
ator to Make a fair and Im-  
partial statement to the church  
all such cases as may claim their  
attention. and after legal Debate  
upon Motion shall take the  
Sense of the

6<sup>th</sup> The Pastor is always Moderator  
If pleasant If not one may be ap-  
pointed

7<sup>th</sup> <sup>Sum</sup> Male members shall be suf-  
ficient to do church Business. with or  
without the Moderator.

8<sup>th</sup> It shall be the object of this  
church to heal and not to wound.

all such as may be overtaken in  
a fault. Exhortation 6<sup>th</sup> Ch. 1<sup>st</sup> V. 2  
9<sup>th</sup> If any member shall sin openly  
against the common cause

that member may be rebuked before  
all. First Timothy 5<sup>th</sup> Ch. 20<sup>th</sup> Ver  
10<sup>th</sup> No member can be Dismissed for  
this church by letter but in fellowship  
11<sup>th</sup> The clerk shall record all the  
important concerns and transac  
ons of this church

12<sup>th</sup> No member may not leave  
his or her seat in time of con  
fession without leave.

13<sup>th</sup> The 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday and Saturday  
before in each month is our  
Stated Meetings

14<sup>th</sup> This Article of Decorum  
shall be read once in three month  
from this time, which is 3<sup>rd</sup> Saty  
in March 1837

15<sup>th</sup> This church will commune  
the third Sunday in June next  
and quarterly for ever after

## Early History

Saturday before the 3rd Lord's day in November, 1836, the church convened in their new church building and conference was opened by prayer. The church then proceeded to elect a pastor. It was moved by Brother Leggett, and seconded by Brother Rooks, that Brother George Williams be our pastor for the ensuing year.

Brother Outlaw was instructed to write Brother Williams, informing him that he was chosen pastor of Zion Baptist Church, and requesting him to attend the next meeting.

Saturday, December 17, 1836, W. M. Watridge and Allen Leggett became deacons.

December 21, 1836 - an ammendment to Article II, of the decorum and other resolutions, leaves no one wondering about their most serious concern being for the protection and solidarity of their first church.

1837 - the following members were received by letter: Brother Charles Butterson and wife, Elizabeth Butterson, Sister Charlot Castellaw, and sister Rose, her servant woman, Brother David Outlaw and wife, Mourning.

July, 1837 - Brother Patrick Parret preached. Later on he preached again in meeting with Elder Arwin and Brother Davis who delivered the exhortation, after which a conference took place with a black sister who offered to join the church.

August, 1837 - Association of Big Hatchie held at Russell's Springs on October 1. Delegates appointed, but no names recorded.

1838 - John Lea elected church clerk.

1838 - Delegates to the Association at Cain Creek were: Redick Trotman, William Watridge, John Lea, and Sam Newbern.

George Williams elected pastor - Salary \$60.00 per year.

Letters of request to church in Suffolk, Virginia for Newbern family who had joined Zion.

January, 1839 - it was agreed that no minister of another denomination should preach in their Baptist Meeting house on days they occupied it. (Zion must have been the only one in this area.) Mathias Baker and Dempsey Nowell chosen as deacons.

July, 1839 - 22 members added to membership of church during revival.

William Bloodworth, James Booth, Howell Bright elected delegates to Association at Philadelphia, in Fayette County.

Joshua W. Smith elected clerk.

January, 1840 - a committee appointed to draft plans for an addition to church was, namely, Joshua Smith, Dempsey Sewell, David Outlaw, William Bloodworth and John H. Cobb.

August - church accepted by nay-yea vote work which was done. Then authorized Outlaw, Trotman and Baker to have same workman build benches for the new addition, but not to pay over 75 cents per bench.

The west door of the church house ordered moved.

1841 - George E. Thomas was licensed to preach.

1844 - W. M. Lea was licensed to preach.

1840 - Delegates to Association were: George Williams, Joshua Smith, David Outlaw. Rev. Hugh Coffey serves as pastor. He served through 1846.

1840 - David Outlaw elected as clerk.

Voted to make benches for the meeting house.

1841 - George Williams, George Thomas, William Watridge elected delegates to Association. Outlaw proposed a letter to accompany them.

1842 - a committee appointed to attend to foot washing. To bring 4 towels and bowls of sufficient size for that purpose.

Ichabod Herring appointed clerk in place of David Outlaw who resigned in 1843.

1843 - John H. Cobb elected clerk, served until 1848.

1843 - George Thomas elected moderator. Also to scour the floor during the year. William Watridge elected deacon to replace Matthias Baker, who resigned.

Changed time of prayer meeting from 1st Sunday to 4th Sunday in 1843. A charge was brought against a brother for falsehood against a sister.

Date of prayer meeting moved back from 4th to 1st Sunday again.

Agreed to extend an arm of her church body to neighborhood of Shepards Springs, with authority to receive members during 3rd Sunday in October, 1843 meeting. The following Sabbath the following brethren and sisters came forward: W. M. Sparkman, Ivey Sparkman, Nancy Sparkman, Mary Mullen. By giving a relation of their experience they were received. Also received were John Sparkman, Samuel Aikens, Susan Hargrove at Shepherds Springs.

1843 - Brother J. R. Lea laid a charge against himself of disorderly conduct.

1843 - the deacons still trying to raise money to pay 1841 pastor dues.

1844 - Two black sisters received into Zion Church at Sheppard Springs. Their names were Fillis and Veny.

September, 1844 - church voted to put an addition to the church for the benefit of the black people. Nowell, Trotman, Castellaw, Herring and Cobb to draw plans and subscribe the money for this project.

1844 - A. Freeman and Aaron Stratton, both ordained as deacons, at Sheppard Springs and ordered to act as such.

1845 - total membership: Whites - 188, Blacks - 24

1846 - Total membership: White males - 88, White females - 114, Blacks - 26.

1846 - Salary of pastor \$75.00 paid in installments. Brother J. D. Castellaw and Brother Mathias agreed to furnish a hand a piece to scour the meeting house and Brother Outlaw was to supervise.

May, 1846 - M. Rutledge and wife, Mary E., mother, Martha A. Landers, joined and were baptized into fellowship of Sheppards Springs Church.

September, 1846 - church again affirmed their previous action disallowing fellowship with anyone selling ardent spirits for a profit.

1846 - Hugh Coffey elected pastor for coming year. Thomas Freeman and William Watridge elected to attend the Association at Denmark.

1847 - Elder George Thomas elected pastor. Deacons elected were: D. Nowell, William Watridge and Ichabob Herring.

1847 - Total Membership: Whites - 175, Blacks - 26.

I. Herring, A. Freeman, G. E. Williams delegates to Association at Piney Grove in Hardeman County.

July, 1847 - Brother Outlaw petitioned for his name to be erased from the church list, but no attention was given to him. Brother Trotman and T. Vann did the same thing and received the same consideration.

August, 1847 - Brother Trotman, Thomas Vann and Robert W. Vann excluded upon their request, in opposition to church prohibiting members to sell ardent spirits for a profit.

September, 1847 - Article II was ammended, making it the duty of clerk to read minutes after each meeting.

September, 1848 - Brother W. M. Hafford and sister Margarette Hafford received as members of church by letter. Brother Robert Vann restored to fellowship after satisfactory confession.

November, 1848 - Watridge, Nowell, Jones, Cobb and Outlaw appointed a committee, to ascertain cost of improving and enlarging church house. Report made following month. Committee discharged. Nothing done.

1848 - John H. Cobb resigns as clerk. Edward R. Jones elected. George E. Thomas elected pastor.

April, 1849 - Brother George Williams wrote an Epistle of 3 pages, reminding church of preaching under the oak trees and reminding them to pray for the young people, that God would convert, prosper and keep them in Heavenly places.

1849 - George E. Thomas elected as pastor for coming year. Building Committee of ten men to secure bids for new building were as follows: Dempsey Nowell, William L. Harper, L. M. Allen, E. R. Jones, G. E. Thomas, Ichabob Herring, William Watridge, J. H. Cobb, T. J. Castellaw, and James Newbern.

Church adopted the GRAVES resolution on fasting and prayer.

Church moved to sustain the Building Committee in their efforts to build a new church, if the cost of same was in the bounds of reason.

A substantial member desired to have his name erased from the roll, but instead was excommunicated because he would not fellowship with a new member he opposed.

It was agreed that the 21st Article of the decorum be erased.

A colored brother named Anderson and belonging to Ben White was received into fellowship as a member.

Sister Sophia reported to the committee that she was not fittin' to belong to the church and never was. She had no trouble getting out.

Brother W. M. Lea petitioned the church for the priviledge of exercising his gift in public, which was granted. He felt imbued with the gift to preach.

While a white brother was being turned out for heresy, a colored sister was being received into fellowship (a servant).

Brother Watridge was appointed to take in hand subscriptions of 1828-39-40, to ascertain the probability or possibility of collecting the same, and report to next meeting.

Brother Watridge reported that the subscriptions put out for examinations, and called for was suppose to be \$8.00 in 1838, \$8.00 in 39, and \$1.00 in 1840, that was good. Also should be placed in hands of deacons for collection, then be brought into the church to be used as church thinks proper.

A colored Brother belonging to Brother Jones, named Walter, offered his experience, and was received into fellowship as a member. Also a colored Sister named Clarice received. There were six white members baptized during this service.

February, 1850 - Nowell and Outlaw authorized to have land on which church was to be build, surveyed. A committee appointed to accept bids for the building, to be let to the lowest bidder, sealed bids and let on March 16, 1850. Building committee consented to the structure, to be approved by another committee of Nowell, Newborn, Harper, Thomas, Herring, Trotman, Castellaw, and J. H. Cobb.

April, 1850 - contract was made with A. J. Outlaw to build the church. Committee then had to secure a road from Poplar Corner Road to the church.

Watridge, Nowell, Cobb and Herring appointed delegates to the Association.

1850 - E. R. Jones resigns as clerk. Edward Steel elected to serve. Brother Josiah Davis was ordained at Zion Meeting House in time of our protracted meeting, and set apart for the work of the ministry. Brother H. Coffey and Brother Thomas Owen and Brother Egbert Awsbon, together with our beloved John Lea and George E. Thomas, our pastor, were present. Two dozen or more, including other blacks, also joined Zion during this revival meeting, which continued for several days. This new minister was licensed to preach anywhere in the Big Hatchie Association. Brother Thomas J. Allen and sister Martha, joined church. Others joining were: C. Allen, Edward H. Smith, Unice E. Hodge, Matilda Powshel, William Jones and wife, Heathen, James and Fidelia Cody, Mary F. Jones, Mary C. Montgomery, Mary E. Brantley, Delily Rooks, Nancy A. Freeman, John Anderson, Benjamin Dickerson, James W. Richards, Mary Newbern, Margaret P. White, William C. Stewart, Alexandra Dons, Mary E. J. Nonen, and a black boy by the name of Allen, that lives with William Bombey White, were all received by baptism into the fellowship of the Church at Zion Meeting House. Brother Joseph J. Harper was also received by letter into fellowship.

May, 1850 - Cobb, of building committee, was requested to make contract for lumber and other articles for church building.

April, 1851 - Reufus, a black brother, belonging to Brother D. F. Hodge was received into fellowship of Zion Church 3rd Sabbath in April.

J. H. Cobb appointed to have spring or well cleaned out for the purpose of getting water during the protracted meeting.

Resolved to buy Bible and hymn book for the pulpit. Pastor Thomas to make the purchase.

1851 - William Richardson elected to attend West Tennessee Baptist Convention in Memphis, in September.

January, 1851 - the new Meeting House was ready for use. Resolved in a meeting that the old church building be sold for cash.

Delegates to the Association at Bolivar were: Josiah Davis, I. Herring, William Watridge, J. H. Cobb.

August, 1851 - Sister Ann Rebecca Stewart, wife of Brother Newton J. Stewart joined church by letter.

August, 1851 - a committee appointed to let the black persons know they must not bring, to eat or drink, anything on the church grounds to sell, and would be dealt with, if they did.

August 3, 1851 - those baptised members belonging to the church were: Andrew P. Steel, James L. Holand, Timothy Hunter, Francis White, William D. Herring, John W. Herring, William P. Steele, Newton J. Stewart, W. M. J. Watridge, Robert Wells, Edgar J. Nowell, Whitson W. Vann, and a black woman of Dr. William J. Newborn, Cynthia Ann.

1851 - George E. Thomas again elected pastor.

November, 1851 - Deacons meeting held to elect pastor for another year. Brother George Thomas called for another year.

1852 - Deacons, Nowell and Freeman held the election.

January, 1852 - a motion was made by A. W. Mills and seconded by John Rooks that John H. Cobb have the deed for the land that was given for the meeting house recorded at Brownsville, Haywood County, Tennessee; in the clerks office and the members of the church accompany him for it.

March, 1852 - Brother J. H. Cobb named to the church, that he had got the deed recorded in Brownsville according to request of the church, for the land the Meeting House sits on, and handed it to the church conference.

Brother W. M. Vann received back into fellowship of church, after remaining out because of grievances for a while.

Stewart and Harper to call upon a black brother concerning his unchristian conduct.

April, 1852 - Bishop M. E. Clay of New York, visited Zion and preached.



**DEED TO CHURCH PROPERTY**

**REGISTERED MARCH 8, 1852, 3:00 o'clock P. M.**

**The State of Tennessee No. 11922**

To: M. Watridge and Others

To all to whom these present shall come greetings.

That for and in consideration of the sum of the fees of office, paid into the office of the entry taken of Haywood County and entered into on the 13th day of June, 1830, pursuant to the provisions of an act of the General Assembly of said State, passed 2nd of November, 1847. By no, these is granted by the said State of Tennessee unto William Watridge, Ichabod Herring, Auspone Freeman, and Dempsey Nowell, deacons, and the Missionary Baptist Church called Zion. The tract, or parcel of land contained .6 and 58 acres, by survey dated the 11th day of March, 1850 lying in said County 160, Range 5, Secion 8.

Signed by William Trousdale, Governor of the State of Tennessee on February 1, 1851, and to the Independence of the United States.

June, 1852 - those elected to attend the Association at Macon, Fayette County, were I. Herring, L. W. Daniel, E. R. Outlaw.

September, 1852 - James Newbern and A. W. Freeman, elected as delegates to the West Tennessee Baptist Convention in Brownsville.

November, 1852 - Elder George E. Thomas elected Pastor for the following year.

1853 - Deacons elected were: D. F. Hodges, J. O. White and A. W. Mills.

April, 1853 - a colored brother named Jack, formerly belonging to Brother Dempsey Nowell, and a colored sister by the name of Myra, belonging to W. Sandy, were received into fellowship of church by letter.

May, 1853 - a committee appointed to reconcile two brethern whom were moderately feuding.

June, 1853 - another committee appointed to reconcile Brother Newt Stewart and H. Capel.

July, 1853 - D. E. Hodges, E. R. Jones and William Hopper, elected delegates to Association at Clover Creek Church in Hardeman County.

July, 1853 - Stewart and Capel made all necessary acknowledgment, then retained in fellowship of church, being perfectly reconciled.

August, 1853 - Brother Josiah Davis held a meeting of days, at Bluff Creek School House. Brethern, Cobb, Rooks, Brantley, Bright, Mills, Steele, Harper, Castellaw and Elder G. E. Thomas were a committee appointed to go there and received persons into the fellowship of church at Zion. They complied with request of Brother Davis, and the following persons were received by profession into the fellowship of church, when they are baptised: Levy Ann Wright, Martha Jarrett, Emily Carrol, Nancy Jane Jones, Lawrence B. Mills, James Jones, Josiah M. Taylor, James Carrol, Robert E. Crutchfield, Joseph D. Castellaw, Jael Sylvania, John R. Crutchfield, Morriah Lawizer Crutchfield, Mary C. Mills, Nancy Caroline Carrol, Mary Ann Taylor, Elisha N. Davis, Thomas R. Overton, Mary E. Davis, Martha Taylor, Miary W. Ricks, Barber T. Ricks, Sidney B. Jones, Lafayette A. Mills, William D. Wallace, T. W. P. Wright. Following they met at the water, with Brother Thomas administering the Ordinance of Baptism.

On account of much rain, but few came. A door was opened at the waters edge for reception of members. Brother William T. Cobb and Pelima, a servant of Brother Hobad Brights, came forward and was received into fellowship of the church by baptism. Brother Joseph D. Castellaw, and Miles, his servant, was received, also Sister L. J. Harper. On the following Monday, they again met at the school house when Brother W. M. Chandler, Richard Hudson, James M. Right, James L. Walker, Emily Jones, Catherine Wright all were received into fellowship of the church when they were baptized. Then they all retired to the water and the above named candidates were baptised by Brother Thomas.

September, 1853 - Zion authorized brethern east of Bluff Creek as an arm to the church in receiving members at Bluff Creek School House.

Resolved, that James Stewart have the nouse scoured before the June meeting, and to be paid for this trouble. Also resolved that the pastor commence preaching at eleven o'clock in the future, both Saturday and Sunday. Further resolved that each male church member be investigated by an officer of the church in an effort to get contributions for church support.

August, 1853 - William Herndon appointed as a delegate to the Convention in Madison County with the church at Spring Creek.

1854 - Josiah Davis, E. R. Outlaw and D. F. Hodges were elected delegates to the Association at Eudora Church in Shelby County.

1854 - Edward Steel resigned as clerk. Elisha Trotman elected clerk. A resolution by the church, that it would not be considered disorderly for a sister to leave her seat during a conference.

July, 1854 - the pastor Brother Thomas was authorized to call five other members to meet with him, when he thinks proper, as he preaches to the colored Brothers and Sisters on Sabbath evenings, for the purpose of receiving colored friends into the church.

July, 1854 - Resolved that the church clerk record on the book, that the difficulty between Brother James Whitehead and Brother James Newborn is finally settled.

August, 1854 - Upon resigning as clerk of church, Brother Edward Steele received commendation for his work.

October, 1854 - Resolved that it would not be out of order for a sister to leave her seat during conferences. John H. Cobb, Thomas Vann, John Rooks, Edward Steele and the present clerk, was a committee to investigate, to examine the church roll and report members who have been gone for sometime.

November, 1854 - George E. Thomas elected as Pastor for the ensuing year, at a salary of \$75.00.

December, 1854 - Resolved that church be dry scoured next year. Rev. Brother G. E. Thomas, awarded the job for \$5.00.

1855 - James Stewart to clean church as he did last year and the church recompense him, (if his work was satisfactory).

1855 - Elisha Trotman, George E. Thomas, L. A. Bridget elected as delegates to the Association at Durhamville.

1855 - E. Trotman resigns as clerk. A. P. Steel elected. Resolved that a majority shall rule on all cases except to receive members, then it shall be unanimous. Delegates to the convention were Thomas and Hodge. George E. Conner, pastor for ensuing year.

A member excluded from the church and from the community also.

The feuding of two church sisters was settled by finding both equally guilty. After making sufficient acknowledgement, was restored by extending a right hand of Christian fellowship. During the same conference thirteen members were excluded.

January, 1855 - A resolution concerning the letters being null and void twelve months after date, was adopted in the negative.

August 5, 1855 - Sara Jane Thomas, daughter of Brother George E. Thomas departed this life. Church returned her thanks to Brother E. Trotman for his service as clerk.

Malcolm Howard petitioned the church to grant him a letter of dismission, by letter. He was informed, by letter, the terms he must comply with, to obtain a letter. He was expelled for long absence.

October 4, 1855 - a beloved black sister, named Ginny, belonging to B. White, departed this life.

The church was no longer accountable for the conduct of a Sister who was expelled from church.

October, 1855 - Resolved that the clerk assisted by the pastor transfer the Constitution and rules of Decorum to new book. After much debate upon apportionment to raise money to pay a pastor.

November, 1855 - bounds were laid off by a committee of seven, to see each male member, subscribing something for support of the pastor of the present year.

Brother Day declined to serve as pastor, after being notified by Brother W. M. Watridge. Brother C. Cannon was then chosen.

December, 1855 - Pastor Brother Thomas was paid \$4.00 for attending to the meeting house for year 1855.

**So ends the romance, struggle and triumphs of a rural church during an era of time when great works were performed, by strength, perserverance, virtue and christian concept. Their designs were just and wise, search discovered.**

**Zion Baptist Church**

**History**

**1855 - 1888**

There was a need for a pond near the Meeting House, and it was often discussed. A pond and a well was in great demand for many years. The well problem was solved by certain individuals being laden with furnishing water and ice many times, on the occasions of their many all-day services, with dinner on the grounds.

Dancing and drinking seems to have been the most irresistible vice, and kept before the council, with someone or several who persisted in monkeying around with it.

February, 1857, Brother H. Coffey was excused from serving as pastor because he had sold his land and was moving west.

Black servants often joined the church along with their masters and mistresses. They always were received with courtesy and respect, being regarded as brothers and sisters in the Church.

Some of the best members who would occasionally request their names be removed from the church roll were never released without ascertaining why. They were then refused upon learning no immorality existed, just tension and strain under self-christian discipline and a yearning for moderation through a sense of unworthiness.

July, 1861, a black woman belonging to Brother William Smith, after relating her experience, was accepted into fellowship of the Church. her name was Hannah. Sophie, another woman belonging to Brother J. E. Castellaw, was received and baptized at this meeting, along with about 18 others of both black and white Christians.

Expulsion of a man and his sister for notoriously wicked conduct was noted.

The war by this time was seriously affecting the lives of all in our country. As thousands were dying daily on the battle fields to free the slaves, we discover at Zion the plan that would have prevented this bloody war - **The brotherhood of Christ in the hearts of men.** This endowment nullified the distant roar of cannons taking lives of people, who hated each other, because peace, without malice resided in the hearts of people at Zion, who all alike had struggled and were to survive.

Beginning in January, 1861, many Saturday afternoon conferences were "no Conferences". They would meet, but have no business and adjourn. Only six meetings in 1861. However, notes of deaths and etc. were recorded. We can imagine in fact, there was more devotion than usual among those left and nursing the survival of the church through the horrors of a war.

In 1863 D. F. Hodge agreed to take care of the meeting house.

Brother William Watridge became ill. The clerk recorded an account of deaths, and there were many. The usual procedure was for a committee to write an obituary of the deceased. This generally would consume a large page or more, with grandiloquent language. Brother William Watridge died January 2, 1864. Nothing demoralizes like war. It's a miracle our church records were not destroyed during these times. Fear of capture and reprisals no doubt restrained normal procedure and activities of church life, to a reasonable conclusion of maintaining and preserving their structure against irritated militants. Though dishartened, no regular scheduled meeting day ever passed without it being noted, "someone was there."

In 1864 Elder Joseph Grant began a meeting the third Sunday in July and continued through August 15, with 35 additions of which 11 were black.

Brother Steele was appointed to raise the preacher's salary.

1866 - colored brethren were given the privilege of using the church house for their meetings, but could attend the regular revival meeting with Zion congregation if they preferred.

During a protracted meeting at Holly Grove, six were added to the church by baptism.

July 20, 1867, Ichabod Herring, J. H. Cobb and H. Freeman were elected to layoff a portion of the church lot for a colored cemetery.

February, 1868 - several were excluded from the church because of lack of fellowship.

In 1868 a committee investigated what rights Zion Church had in the Bluff Creek Meeting House. Reported - none what-so-ever. Herring, Cobb and Outlaw were appointed to invite colored brethren to hold services in Zion Church if they so desired.

March, 1868, a colored Brother, Allen Chilton was scheduled to preach at Zion, in consequence of his wishing to be ordained as a preacher. In April, 1866, he was given permission to organize a church and if the colored brethren wished him ordained, they would do so.

Some of the colored brethren requested letters during 1870, to perhaps join Bluff Creek Church and Antioch, their own church, as the case may be. Letters were never granted to anyone who was not in good standing with his own church.

July, 1868, Brother Dempsey Rawls petitioned the church to grant them the privilege of attending a church to themselves at Bluff Creek. It was granted if there were no objections by the people in the neighborhood.

December, 1868, the church passed a resolution that the colored brethren of Bluff Creek Church should have the use of Zion Meeting House each 4th Sunday in each month to hold meetings, where all colored people could be together. Colored brethren agreed to keep it clean, take good care of it and wash it out when necessary.

In July, 1869, consideration was given to ceiling the meeting house.

November, 1869, J. H. Cobb resigned as clerk and was congratulated for his diligence. Mr. Cobb's health was failing.

Brother A. J. Outlaw was elected church clerk, replacing Cobb.

November, 1869, Brother Rev. Chilton's case was tried. He was silenced from preaching for 12 months.

In 1870 an attempt was made to change Saturday afternoon services, but failed.

In 1870 colored Brother Pompy White requested letters for himself and several other brothers and sisters.

June 18, 1870, Brother J. H. Cobb was appointed as a committee to ascertain the names of the brethren who organized this church. The ministers who composed the presbytery according to the request of the Big Hatchie Association.

July, 1875, the annual protracted meeting was postponed because the brethren were so far behind with their crops due to rain.

Young men of the church of 1876 were called upon to pay into the church, or be called before the church and give cause why they did not.

March, 1879 - systematic financing. Male members were to pay \$1.00 each and female members \$.50 each. Those not able to pay anything, others would pay for them.

In April, 1879, Brother W. T. Morris requested the privilege of exercising his spiritual gifts within the bounds of Zion Church.

January, 1880 - the oldest church members were presented a statement, pledging by their signature, the amount they would pay to the pastor.

In 1880 an Obituary book was ordered, in which now is recorded beautiful tributes of respect in memory of loved ones. (This book is a part of Zion's permanent records.)

1881 - the church drafted a resolution commending Elder A. P. Copeland for almost two years of outstanding service as pastor. As copy was sent to the Baptist paper at Memphis and to the Baptist and Reflector at Nashville, Tennessee. They highly honored and esteemed his good works.

A brother felt that he wasn't fit to belong to this church and wanted to join another, in which there was more unity and fellowship. He asked the church to deal with him as they saw fit. They did, by unanimously erasing his name from the church book.

April, 1883, Brother W. D. Joyner and sister, Eugene Lea, was appointed as a committee on missionary work and purposes.

June 16, 1883, it was agreed that Zion would establish a mission at Shady Grove School near Providence, and to provide mission funds for that purpose. At this place, Sister S. E. Steel, was appointed as one of the committee of three to serve this outpost.

October 8, 1883 - doors of Holly Grove School House were opened for reception of church members during a revival - 10 joined by baptism, 2 by letter and 2 restored.

The West Tennessee Convention was always well attended by delegates from Zion. Generally by the Pastor and others whose names were sometime omitted from the record.

October 8, 1883 - preaching at Holly Grove School House - several came forward on profession of faith and some baptised.

November 3, 1883 - a committee was appointed to buy stove pipe, but to raise the money first.

November 17, 1883 - a committee was appointed to raise money for the church from people who could pay as the Lord had prospered them.

May 17, 1884, the pastor was authorized to invite a young minister from Union University to assist him in protracted meeting and pay him what they could, that it might assist him in paying his tuition at Union. The committee to collect the money for this purpose was Brother Joyner and Sister Lea.

Zion always sent messengers to the Association, regardless of the distance to travel and some were quiet a ways off. Delegates always found hardy welcome in private homes of the host church.

August, 1884 - no limitation was placed on the duration of the protracted meeting. Many came for restoration and baptism. Brother Whittle was taken sick at the water's edge and baptizing had to be postponed.

September, 1884 - the question of exchanging some land belonging to Newton Stewart, for a portion of the church land. A. J. Outlaw was added to the committee, which was composed of all deacons of the church.

November 15, 1884 - the transaction of land between Newton Stewart and church executed and deeds ordered to be registered. The church returned hardy thanks to J. I. Shirley and N. Stewart for their donation of land occupied as a part of the cemetery. A committee was to call upon all interested parties for donations to repair the fence around the cemetery. A bill of cost was to be submitted as to cost of lumber to build a rostrum in the church for their pastors.

1884 - a portion of the land in the cemetery was acquired from J. R. Shirley and N. J. Stewart. (The last acre on the northeast corner was acquired as a gift from Herbert Sternberger in recent years.)

May, 1885, W. T. Morris, D. H. Watridge and K. H. Parker ordained as deacons. The sermon was delivered by Rev. J. P. Kencaid.

June, 1885 - records of church read to be determined who had, and had not paid into the church. Committee was to report cost of platform and stand for the minister.

September, 1885 - eight received into fellowship of church during a meeting at Holly Grove - Baptised in Forked Deer River.

Brother J. Jones was granted permission, upon request, for his daughter to teach school in the church house.

A letter of commendation for Brother F. G. Bozeman to attend Union University.

Brother J. T. Bozeman asked to exercise his talent in the ministry, in the bounds of this church, which was granted.

September 19, 1885 - services at Zion postponed because of the meeting at Holly Grove.

September, 1885 - 38 Zion members petitioned to go into the organization of Holly Grove Church.

September 21, 1885 - a protracted meeting was held at Holly Grove School House. Six joined by profession of faith, 1 restored and 1 joined on the bank of Forked Deer River at the baptismal services.

September 27, 1885 - several members of Zion petitioned letters of dismission for the purpose of organizing a church at Holly Grove. These included 17 men and 21 women.

F. G. Bozeman and J. T. Bozeman prepare for the ministry. Both prepared their essays as a demonstration of their talent.

Sister discharged for heresy. She joined a Methodist church.

November 7, 1885, those died-in-wool parliamentarians seemed to have reformed, but not for long. December 19th it all was rescinded.

November 15, 1885, J. C. W. Cobb made treasurer of home mission money, which was to be spent at home within the bounds at some appropriate place.

#### SEPTEMBER 27, 1885

Brother J. A. Thomas presented a list of names of the members of this church, petitioning letters of dismission for the purpose of organizing a church at Holly Grove, where upon, Brother J. Jones, in order to save the clerk from writing so many letters, moved that the names of the brethren and sisters who go into the organization of the church at Holly Grove be dropped from our roll book and the following brothers and sisters went into the organization. Adjourned.

M. Whittle, M.O.D. & Pastor  
J. T. Bozeman, CC  
assuming acting for A. J. Outlaw

## BRETHREN

J. W. Castellaw  
 J. A. Thomas  
 I. H. Carvan  
 Joshua Jones  
 G. W. Castellaw  
 G. R. Thomas  
 J. F. Castellaw  
 J. B. Booth  
 A. C. Booth  
 W. E. Williams  
 M. White  
 W. P. Outlaw  
 M. E. Lockard  
 J. W. Castellaw, Jr.  
 B. T. Hughes  
 J. G. Livingood  
 T. L. Rawls

## SISTERS

Mary C. Cravan  
 Jane Jones  
 M. A. Castellaw  
 M. C. Shaw  
 N. M. Castellaw  
 Nettie White  
 M. E. Castellaw  
 Catherine Booth  
 Lucy A. Castellaw  
 Lizzie Holland  
 M. J. Castellaw  
 M. E. Wateridge  
 S. E. Hall  
 A. E. Castellaw  
 Rebs M. Williams  
 A. T. Stuart  
 Elizabeth Thomas  
 R. C. White  
 Amanda Williams  
 C. E. Williams

A. J. Outlaw, C. C.

November 15, 1885, J. C. W. Cobb made treasurer of home mission money, which was to be spent at home within the bounds at some appropriate place.

Deacon Ichabod Herring, born in Wayne County, North Carolina, June 6, 1810, moved to Alabama in 1840, then to Haywood County Tennessee, where he resided until his death. A member of a Baptist Church for 38 years, and a deacon for many years of Zion Baptist Church, died March 26, 1880.

J. H. Cobb died April, 1880, age 82 years and 3 days. Born in Bertie County, North Carolina, April 5, 1798. He moved to Haywood County in 1834, near Holly Grove where he resided until his death, baptised into Zion Church and was a constant member from 1838 until his death.

In reading the many reports of obituaries, we learn much about the place or-origin of our predecessors who established Zion Church.

1887 - Free Masons were granted the privilege of holding their meetings in the church house.

1887 - a resolution, that the brethern who chewed chewing tobacco, would be required to bring spittoons and quit spitting on the floor. (I recall seeing signs of this, but then it wasn't so bad as you might think. A wide crack between the base board and wall allowed the stuff to flow gently to the ground beneath, once it landed above the crack.)

Brother Brown was so situated that he could not preach on Saturday, so it was arranged for him to preach on two Sundays each month.

June, 1887, it was decided to hold prayer meetings every Sunday afternoon at 3:00 P. M., except on the 3rd Sunday.

Brother W. D. Joyner ordained to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ.

## DEACONS 1855 - 1888

D. F. Hodges .....	1855
Henry Freeman .....	1865
James Stewart .....	1869
Edward Steel .....	1865
Jacob Jones .....	1869
J.C.W. Cobb .....	1873
G. D. Williams .....	1873
W. T. Morris .....	1885
D. H. Watridge .....	1885
K. H. Parker .....	1885

## SEXTONS 1855 - 1888

H. B. Falk .....	1887
R. A. Jacocks .....	1888
T. Brooks .....	1889
I. Stewart .....	1869
Mr. Jones .....	1880
J. T. Bozeman .....	1885

**TREASURERS**

I. Herring .....	1870
G. D. Williams .....	1880

**ZION MINUTES 1855 - 1888**

**PASTORS**

Brother Bishop C. C. Conner .....	1856
Elder G. E. Thomas .....	1857 - 1864
Brother W. Shelton .....	1865 - 1866
Brother G. E. Thomas .....	1867
Brother Joseph E. Turner .....	1867 - 1868
Brother F. M. Freeman .....	1869 - 1873
Brother C. C. Conner (died in February) .....	1874
Brother C. C. Conner (see resolution) .....	1875
Brother J. J. Greer .....	1875 - 1876
Brother John A. Yarbrough .....	1877 - 1879
Brother A. P. Copeland .....	1880
Brother J. J. Turner .....	1881 - 1882
Brother M. Whittle .....	1882 - 1886
Brother H. B. Folk (see notes) .....	1887
Brother B. W. Brown .....	1887 - 1889

**CLERKS**

J. H. Cobb .....	1857
W. Watridge .....	1858
A. J. Outlaw .....	Elected 11-20-1869 Resigned 8-21-1892

**TREASURER OF HOME MISSION MONEY**

J. C. W. Cobb .....	1885
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**WEST TENNESSEE BAPTIST CONVENTION**

**CONVENTIONS MEETING PLACES**

Bluff Springs, Gibson County .....	1856
Middleburg, Hardeman County .....	1857
Eudora Church, Shelby County .....	1857
Milan .....	1871
Brownsville .....	1873
Milan .....	1874
Memphis .....	1885
Brownsville .....	1866
Jackson .....	1868
Brownsville .....	1869
Prospect Church, Barlett .....	1870
Trenton .....	1870
Brownsville .....	1873

**Summary**

**ZION MINUTES 1855 - 1888**

**BIG HATCHIE ASSOCIATION MEETING PLACES**

Middleburg, Hardeman County .....	1856
Eudora Church, Shelby County .....	1857
Covington .....	
Ellen Chappel, Lauderdale County .....	1858
Collerville .....	1859
Covington .....	1861
Covington .....	1864
Jackson .....	1866
Trenton .....	1867
Bartlett, Prospect Church .....	1870
LaGrange .....	1871
Maple Springs .....	1872
Union City (November) .....	1872
Covington .....	1873
Bolivar .....	1874
Stanton .....	1876
Colerville .....	1877
Big Creek .....	1878
Woodlawn .....	1879
Bethel, Tipton County .....	1880



Mt. Morriah, Fayette County .....	1881
Brownsville .....	1882
Ripley .....	1883
Dyersburg .....	1884
Memphis .....	1885
Woodland .....	1886
Germantown .....	1887
Roan Baptist Church, Memphis .....	1888

**Zion Baptist Church  
History  
1889 - 1913**

1889 - tribute of respect to Bro. Jacob Jones ordered sent to West Tennessee Baptist Headquarters for publication.

Deacons ordered to buy new benches for church and to sell the old ones.

Baptising in Brother Morris pond on Sunday, September 4, 1889.

November, 1889 - a book was ordered for the Treasurer to keep account of all money collected, paid out, and who paid to.

Bro. J. C. Davis to have windows repaired in church building.

A member whose name had been erased for non-attendance restored, then given letter to join church at Alamo.

March, 1890 - a presbytery of R. P. Mahon; pastor, A. J. Barton, A. L. Davis, R. D. Wilson and Z. J. Amerson, met with Zion Baptist, and proceeded to examine F. G. Bozeman with a view of his formal ordination. The examination consisted of important questions on all cardinal doctrines of our baptist faith, and was entirely satisfactory, being received unanimously by both presbytery and Zion Church.

Sunday morning following, Elder A. L. Davis preached the ordination sermon to a large and attentive audience, after which Brother Bozeman was ordained to the gospel ministry by prayer and laying on of hands of the presbytery. The charge to the candidate was then delivered by Bro. Barton. The Bible was then delivered by Brother Amerson and Brother Wilson delivered the charge to the church.

Brother Johnson having lost his only horse, and in needy circumstances, Brothers G. D. Williams and P. E. Brooks appointed to solicit contributions for him.

1890 - D. A. Stewart, H. F. Russell and D. H. Watridge, delegates to Association at Brownsville.

1890 - Brother John A. Norris asked the church to give him the privilege to exercise his gift as a "licentiate" minister in the bonds of this church, which was granted.

Brother D. H. Watridge and Brother J. F. White appointed to call upon a brother in regard to his playing cards.

Brother M. M. Bledso asked the church to give him the privilege of exercising his gift as a license minister, within the bounds of the church, which was granted.

The card playing member failed to show up and give account of charges against him. Further charges of using profane language were alleged. This brought immediate action of dismissal from fellowship in his absence.

September, 1890 - A. J. Outlaw, S. A. Cobb and W. T. Morris, appointed to write obituary in tribute of respect to their beloved brother. D. H. Watridge.

Pastor R. P. Mahon resigns, reluctantly accepted.

William Russell, Minnie L. White, Sallie F. Watridge, Zula Z. Watridge, Ludy E. Outlaw and Rutha J. Cobb, baptised in Rock Trustle, on L. & N. Railroad, September 21, 1890, by Pastor Mahon.

Mahon called again as pastor.

January, 1891 - resolved to have decorum and church rolls read each January thereafter.

August, 1891 - Brother Morris preaches again. Remember his ordination? Brother S. Z. Cobb reads an article from the Baptist and Reflector on missions.

Four Sisters appointed to collect \$5.00 for missions.

July, 1892 - Brother D. A. Stewart, J. C. W. Cobb and G. D. Williams were appointed as a committee to confer with ministers to ascertain who they could procure to preach for them next year.

A. J. Outlaw resigns as clerk on August 21, 1892. D. A. Stewart elected. A resolution was adopted thanking Outlaw for the most efficient service.

A collection was taken to pay for services of the sexton and to buy wine for the church. \$1.15 was collected - 35 cents was for the wine.

Brother J. C. Davis was called as pastor, but declined to accept. Brother A. J. Hall was then elected. with earnest appeal, they give him sympathy, and hold him up in their prayers. His salary was \$100.00 per year, payable monthly, as much as they could. (Hall-Moody College, Martin, was named for him).

1893 - services on Saturday changed from 11:00 A. M. to 2:30 P. M. before the 3rd Sunday.

Committee on Missions reported to Association. Total Membership was 137.

November 4, 1893, Church worshipping at Zion met in annual conference at 10:00 A. M. with Brother W. T. Morris as moderator. Opened with prayer and singing. Brother Hall called again as pastor, salary \$100.00 per year. Treasurer J. C. W. Cobb made his report showing not quiet half of the pastors salary for the past year had been raised. A committee was appointed to assist the deacons in collecting balance due on pastor's salary. They were: E. B. Boren, J. W. Davis, and Sister Mattie C. Jones. Steel resigns as sexton. Paul Jones elected to take his place.

Hall resigns as pastor, but re-elected, and he accepted.

June, 1894 - J. W. Herring, Pul Jones and D. A. Stewart was the committee to select a proper place for a pool for the church and to do so before the 1st Sunday in June.

J. H. Cobb, C. D. Jacocks and W. P. Russell was appointed to collect salary for former sextons, P. O. Bond and C. W. Steele. .40 ¢ was collected but they then gave all of it to the present sexton, Bro. Paul Jones.

June 16 - the committee made their report. No suitable place close by for a pond. The idea of building a pool was dispensed with at the same time, and use the lumber bought for the pool to underpin the church, in order to keep the hogs and sheep from going under it.

Delegates to the Associatin were: C. D. Jacocks, J. W. Herring and D. A. Stewart.

Prayer meeting at 2:00 P. M. Sunday. A committee of 5 appointed to get subscriptions to cover church expenses, namely - D. A. Stewart, C. D. Jacocks, J. A. Gordon, Baker Borne and C. W. Steele.

December, 1894 - after Sunday School, J. C. W. Cobb conducted prayer meeting. Raised funds to pay for shingles on meeting house.

1895 - a committee of the following Sisters were appointed to raise money to fix up the inside of the church. Sister Emma Rooks, Lema Herrings, Geroline Parker, Allice Allen, S. A. White, Idella Cobb, W. A. Gordon, and Frankie Betts.

1895 - City Marshal, Dan Russell, recovered the stolen Bible. Bro. Paul Jones reimbursed money he had paid out in search of it. A resolution thanking the Marshal for his deligent efforts securing it.

1895 - A committee of seven to provide homes for the delegates to the Association: Paul Jones, D. A. Stewart, C. D. Jacocks, J. H. Cobb, J. C. Davis, L. B. Lovelace, and K. H. Parker.

1895 - J. H. Cobb reported the church was behind in preacher's salary for 1893, and had very little on salary for this year.

1895 - Delegates to the Association were W. P. Russell, J. W. Herring, C. H. White, W. T. Morris, J. A. Gordan, P. E. Rooks, Sisters Mattie C. Jones and S. T. White. A man was hired to furnish water for the associatin. A committee on painting and putting shingles on the church made reports. All finished and ready for the Associatin which met there in July, 1895. Total membership - 160.

September, 1895 - report was made of profits from lemonade stand at Association, \$3.05, \$3.00 paid out for hauling water.

1895 - a resolution was passed to withdraw fellowship from any member who would not pay to the support of the Pastor, unless excused by the church for inability. Action on all cases to be on next meeting day, November 16, 1895.

The next meeting day, it was resolved that the clerk keep a list of all moneys paid, where, by whom, and for what purpose. Said list to contain names of all members of the church, so as to show just who does and does not pay to the support of the church. Said list was to be read whenever called for by the church.

December 14, 1895 - the action of November 16th, relative to suspending delinquent church members was rescinded, after much discussion.

January, 1896 - assessment list was revised. Those able to pay more and willing, were assessed more. Decided to add three more deacons. Those nominated were: Paul Jones, Charles D. Jacocks, L. B. Lovelace, E. B. Boren and W. A. Herring.

Saturday, August 15, 1896, the following committee was appointed for each of the seven missions:

Home Missions  
Orphan's Home  
S. S. and Cooperative  
Foreign Missions  
Ministerial Education  
State Missions  
Ministerial Relief

L. B. Lovelace  
J. D. Davis  
Paul Jones  
C. D. Jacocks  
W. B. O'Conner  
Miss M. A. Herring  
Geraldine Parker

1897 - a faithful brother was overtaken and charged with drunkenness. A committee of three deacons was appointed by the church to counsel with him. He would become reformed, rehabilitated, or removed from fellowship! Then no person remained in the church which participating, knowingly and willingly in sin. These vices and sins seemed to get hold of most of them at times, but then there would always be some members who had evaded enough of them, to rescue the perishing.

The morally pernicious pursuits of the young people had become a disturbing element to the community, and the church passed a resolution as follows concerning dancing. Resolved: That the form of amusement engaged in by many young people of the community, called White Creek Buffalo, and similar games, is in our opinion revealing, and hence immoral, and will not be tolerated by this church, and if any member of this church should participate in such games hereafter, the church will take action against them.

May, 1897 - Brother Little of Brownsville requested a donation of \$5.00 toward a scholarship in the Female College in Brownsville. This, he said, was pledged at the last association by the church. No one would doubt this knowing how liberal they were toward missions. But then the clerk was instructed to write Brother Little, telling him the church had made no such pledge. I'll bet one of those seven formerly appointed to collect money for their favorite mission programs, and who at the slightest provocation, at any type meeting of sizable congregation, would jump up and pass their hat for a donation, had just forgotten his pledge to Brother Little.

May, 1897 - Sister Mattie Jones joined Brownsville Baptist Church.

A. J. Outlaw, J. C. W. Cobb, W.T. Morris, J. W. Herring and S. A. Cobb, ran into an unsurmountable problem. Two dear brothers, each claiming an apology, for what the other had said about them. They both probably denied saying anything in the first place, and no witnesses to prove they did or didn't. The patience of Job, or the wisdom of Solomon, couldn't pass judgement in this sort of case. By the time for their report to the church the matter was satisfactorily settled between them.

August, 1897 - Sister Jennie Estes united with Zion Church, having been a member of a Baptist Church which had gone down.

A collection was taken to buy wine for the church was .75 ¢.

September - Motion prevailed for monthly collection, or offerings hereafter.

November, 1897 - Treasurer reported. After which the pastor donated all past dues to the church up to the first of this year. Brother Hall, pastor.

Young members who persisted in dancing were required to appear before a committee, or be represented by someone and give a full report of their conduct.

Delegates to the Association in 1897 were: J. W. Herring, J. W. Davis, W. T. Morris, and Sister Mary Ann Herring.

An adult came forward and acknowledged he had been dancing, and felt he was not fit to belong to the church, which withdrew fellowship from him, from his own statement.

Saturday before the 4th Sunday in November, 1898, the church met in their annual conference. J. C. W. Cobb was chosen as moderator. Pastor A. J. Hall was re-elected by acclamation for another year. Salary, \$75.00 or as much more as they could pay. Brother Paul Jones was again elected as sexton. The following committee was chosen to raise money to buy new sashes for the windows, namely; Sister Emma Rooks, Chairwoman, Sister Lema Herring, Sister Frankie Betts, Sister Ella Cobb, Sister S. A. White, Sister Jeraldine Parker.

Brother E. B. Boren moderated a meeting in January, 1899, in which the deacons ordered a list of names be secured of those delinquent in payments of pastor's salary, and that they be urged to pay up very soon.

K. H. Parker, John Davis, John Gordon and P. E. Brooks, a committee to raise money to have windows fixed.

Delegates to the Association were: D. A. Stewart, J. C. W. Cobb and Pastor Brother Hall. The usual letter to the Big Hatchie Association giving in detail the statistics of last year's events reveal, among many things, the present membership of 132. Those attended as delegates were in addition to the above, H. T. Russell, W. T. Morris, J. A. Gordon.

November, 1899 - the treasurer made his report of the year as following:

Collection for pastor in 1898 .....	\$96.70
Collection for pastor in 1899 .....	22.00
Collection for Ministerial Education .....	20.00
Collection for State Missions .....	4.50

Committee to raise money to have windows repaired made their report.

Miss E. D. Cobb .....	\$10.85
Miss Emma Rooks .....	2.30

April, 1900 - a communication was read from S. W. Hampton, saying the Executive board of the Big Hatchie Association had appointed D. A. Stewart, J. C. W. Cobb and H. F. Russell, as a committee for Memorial work in the Association. Cobb being unable to serve, L. B. Lovelace appointed to take his place. Miss Frankie Betts was appointed to collect funds and a collection was taken for Home Missions amounting to \$1.80.

May, 1900 - Pastor Hall gave interesting account of his experiences at the Southern Baptist Convention, which was delightful and appreciated.

June, 1900 - Delegates chosen for the Big Hatchie Association were: N. J. Stewart, Farris Parker, C. D. Jacocks, S. A. Cobb, H. A. Jacocks, G. D. Williams.

October, 1900 - a committee was appointed to cooperate with a committee from Holly Grove and Woodland, to select a pastor to locate in their midst, to serve the three churches. The committee consisted of S. A. Cobb, Paul Jones and D. A. Stewart.

Collection after preaching for Orphan's Home - \$4.75.

October, 1901 - Cobb reported deed to church property had been recorded, and deed turned over to clerk. No fee for recording. Names of those who left Zion to join Allen Church in its organization were read and dismissed from the church. Namely:

C. D. Jacocks	Theodosia Jacocks
M. E. Jacocks	W. A. Herring
R. L. Herring	Nannie M. Herring
M. C. Carvin	Richie Duke
L. V. Watridge	S. A. White
M. A. Herring	

1901 - Pastor S. E. Tull called for ensuing year. Salary was \$100.00 per year with \$1.84 collected the 1st Sunday.

The committee on repairing the windows was so successful, they were appointed to paint the church.

Brother J. C. W. Cobb offered his resignation as treasurer. Brother Paul Jones elected as church treasurer in his place. Letter sent to the Association was generally read by the church clerk at the Association. It is regrettable that the places of their annual meeting gradually became omitted from their reports. I can recall latter days of horse and buggy, and the surrey mode of travel to distant places far for a return on the same day. This necessitated lodging in private homes near meeting places, for distant delegates who wore dusters to protect outer garments from elements of weather, which was either, dust, mud or rain. None of this was slightest deterrent to the excited anticipations, and experiences of attending those annual sessions.

Sunday School a regular observance. After preaching a collection of \$3.56 for the Orphan's Home.

March, 1901 - A committee of one was appointed in certain bounds of the church to see all members in their bounds, and insist on their regular attendance and support of the different institutions of the church. Namely, Paul Jones, K. H. Parker, S. A. Cobb, Phillip Brooks, C. W. Steele, Farris Parker, D. A. Stewart, Sister Lea Lockard, Mattie Wilson, Kate Gordon. Mission offering this morning was \$18.65 (Foreign Missions).

April - Services changed from third Saturday and Sunday to fourth of each month, as it pleased their pastor Brother Tull. Former Pastor Hall pays them to visit with suggestions to the Sunday School which was appreciated.

June, 1901 - Committee on Minister's Relief excused because of ill health. Roll was read and some were dropped because of non-attendance and non-affiliation. Treasurer's report.

June - L. B. Lovelace, D. A. Stewart, S. A. Cobb and K. H. Parker elected to attend the Association.

June, 1901 - The deacons were instructed to have the church land surveyed. Sunday School as usual. We might assume Brother Tull was also pastoring the Woodland Church, as letter from there indicated it. Folks of Church met to clean off the cemetery.

July, 1901 - A resolution that church letters granted be limited to 6 months duration Big revival, you may find relatives who joined then.

August, 1901 - There being certain members who wished to join a new church being organized at Allens Station, the church agreed for them to do so, when the time came, and then report to Zion, at which time their names would be dropped from the roll.

Third Sunday in August, 1901, they met at the waters edge at 3:00 P. M., where many were baptised who later became members at Allen's Station Church.

September, 1901 - J. H. Jacocks charged \$5.00 for surveying church land. Brother J. C. W. Cobb was to have deed recorded. Deacons were appointed to sell timber on church ground to pay surveyor Jacocks for his services.

Sunday morning, Sunday School, preaching by Dr. A. J. Holt, on missions. Collection for missions was \$16.65.

November, 1901 - Annual business meeting day to transact any business at hand. Principally, calling a pastor. S. E. Tull called, unanimously for ensuing year. Financial report showed \$13.25 behind on his salary, which will be raised soon. Next services, Sunday School followed by worship services. Collection for pastor was \$2.80.

A great many members were now joining Holly Grove and Allens who had maintained membership at Zion. Most of them you will remember, if you are about my age. Accessibility because of roads in many cases, were determining factors.

January and February few could attend services because of weather, yet someone was there to report whatever took place

March, 1902 - Union University reported donations for Ministerial Education of \$11.65.

Paul Jones authorized to replace a broken out window glass.

Sunday School collection to Foreign Missions was \$7.47.

Few meetings in which a committee was not appointed to write an obituary to a fellow member who had expired. They were beautifully worded. That's why the Association wanted some of them to write obituaries to the Annual meeting of those in the Association who had expired during the year.

July, 1902 - the committee on painting the church reports 20 gallons of oil, 100 lbs. of OKO, 20 gallons of paint, 2 brushes, 20 pounds of nails. Total cost: \$48.60. Total collected was \$54.91 for the job. Committee: L. B. Lovelace, B. E. Brooke, J. A. Gordon, J. W. Davis.

Paul Jones, treasurer, makes his report for one year's operation. Received and accounted for, with no balance on hand - \$234.77.

A motion to reinstate a brother was tabled. Pastor requested to see him, and urged his presence with his request, with a satisfactory statement.

September, 1902 - Pastor Tull resigns. Right hand of appreciation extended to him for his services, as in case of most pastors upon their leaving.

November, 1902 - Brother Martin of Stanton and Brother Baker of Brownsville, were put in nomination for pastor. Martin was unanimously elected for ensuing year. Allens and Holly Grove invited to join in mission meeting.

December, 1902 - Brother S. A. Cobb requested to go to Woodland Church and make report on 5th Sunday meeting.

December, 1902 - Third Sunday the usual annual mission day. All day services, dinner on ground and short talks in afternoon. \$18.46 collected for missions. A growing Sunday School being experienced.

June, 1903 - Brother K. H. Parker was appointed to procure the elements for the observance of the next communion and have them on hand.

September, 1903 - Brother Paul Jones reported there was insufficient funds to pay for ice and hauling of water at the Association.

September, 1903 - Brother Swain preached in revival and baptised Sister Etta Barcroft, Etta Thomas, Bulah Williams, Boyd Lovelace, Walter Lovelace, Edwin Stewart and Jacob Parker.

October, 1903 - Pastor Martin resigns. In November Brother Lawrence was put in nomination as pastor. Treasurers report. Third Sunday in November, all day missions meeting.

November 1903 - Brother A. J. Outlaw deceased. A committee to prepare an obituary, S. A. Cobb, and wife Sister Callie Cobb, and Brother J. C. Davis.

Third Sunday in December, 1903, 1:00 P. M. Sunday School, then preaching by Brother Lawrence. Obituary read of Brother A. J. Outlaw.

March, 1904 - J. C. Davis, D. A. Stewart and Paul Jones to search for another pastor. Brother Lawrence resigns after a short stay.

April, 1904 - Sister Emma Rooks, S. A. Rooks and Bettie Jones called for letters of dismissal.

H. T. Russell appointed delegate to the Association.

July, 1904 - a motion prevailed that people of Zion meet on Wednesday before the 3rd Sunday in June each year for the purpose of cleaning off the graveyard. The treasurer made his annual report as follows:

Church expenses .....	\$5.70
State Missions .....	6.49
Ministerial Education .....	.98
Home Missions .....	7.55
Foreign Missions .....	16.11

October, 1904 - after a ruling by Brother G. D. Williams that their discussion was out of order, and noting before the church, they agreed to have all day missions meeting on 5th Saturday and Sunday in October. Brother Paul Jones, J. C. Davis, L. B. Lovelace, K. H. Parker, Sister Tibitha Stewart, Alice Allen and Laura Jones be a committe for all purposes at the 5th Sunday meeting.

August, 1904 - Church decided to have all day services during the protracted meeting. Speakers were Brother Morris and Brother Davis of Union University.

Fifth Sunday meeting in October, began Saturday at 9:30 A. M. with singing and prayer. Brother H. P. Hudson in chair as moderator. Many different subjects discussed at length. Next day, Sunday Missions day. Preaching in the forenoon by Brother Morris of Brownsville. In the afternoon, Brother Davis of Union University. Collection for Foreign Missions was \$32.30.

November, 1904 - Eleven names, those who had left the country were dropped from the rolls.

April, 1905 - Preaching services dispensed with, owing to an uncomfortable situation and business to come before the church. The clerk was requested to write card of thanks to Chestnut Grove Church for the offer of their church to Zion members for worship services until Zion could be rebuilt. A card of thanks was sent to Allens Church, also.

In 1905 the church building burned. The Congregation met at Allens Church for services, and Centerville School House for business sessions on Saturday afternoon.

A building committee was then chosen to collect money and materials to build the church at the same place. They were: L. B. Lovelace, Chairman, Paul Jones, Secretary and Treasurer, D. A. Stewart, P. E. Brooks, J. C.W. Cobb, M. E. Lockard, J. A. Gordon, K. H. Parker. Adjourned to meet at Allens Church, Saturdy before the 3rd Sunday in May, 1905, at 2:00 P. M. Dr. Inman, moderator and L. B. Lovelace, C. C. Pt.

May 20, 1905 - Zion Church met at Allens Church Saturday before the 3rd Sunday in May in regular business session to attend to such matters as might come before the church. Brother J. C. W. Cobb in the chair. Secretary being absent, Brother C. H. White appointed secretary pro-tem. After some discussion a motion was made and carried to appoint a committee of two, to try to adjust the difference between two members whose relationship had grown at variance with each other. S. A. Cobb and W. P. Russell the committeemen.

The balance of \$2.50 in the treasury was added to the building fund. Amount reported for new building and donors were:

R. K. Parker .....	\$35.00
P. E. Brooks .....	22.00
Paul Jones.....	47.00
J. C. W. Cobb .....	55.00

Motion by Paul Jones that conference be held at Centerville, Saturday before the 3rd Sunday in June. This would be the regular church conference.

June - more added to committee in an effort to bring about the desired reconciliation between the two insolent members. Voted to have their July meeting at Centerville School House and Dr. Inman would do the preaching.

Third Sunday in July, 1905 - Church met at Centerville School. After preaching by Dr. Inman, they met in conference. The following delegates were elected to attend the Big Hatchie Association: J. C. W. Cobb, J. D. Williams, Claude White, Mattie Wilson and Frankie Betts, granted letters of dismissal.

The treasurer's report read as follows:

State Missions .....	\$5.90
Home Missions .....	5.00
Foreign Missions .....	28.35
Orphan's Home .....	3.65
Ministerial Missions .....	2.80

August 27, 1905 - Met at Centerville School House. Brother Bozeman preached. He and wife joined by letter. Brother Cleveland Parker applied for a license to preach, which was granted. J. C. W. Cobb, J. L. Betts and S. A. Cobb appointed to write obituary of Sister Amanda Williams.

Saturday before third Sunday in September Bozeman preached again. Lovelace, Jones, Cobb and Williams appointed to confer with preachers in search for a pastor and some one to preach a dedication sermon.

Saturday in October, Sister E. O Jones and S. A. Rooks received by letters from Allens Church. Building committee made their report, then turned the new church house over to the Deacons of the Church, on Saturday before the 3rd Sunday in October, 1905. Brothers L. B. Lovelace and Paul Jones was to have church building insured. All who were interested were invited to meet next Friday and clean off the cemetery. The clerk was instructed to write letters of gratitude to all who helped in any way in the rebuilding of their meeting house and have same published in the States Graphic. Sunday morning the church was dedicated by Dr. W. G. Inman, an excellent sermon from 1st Psalms, after which a collection was taken for missions. M. E. Rooks was received by letter from Allens Church. In the afternoon song services and enthusiastic talks were made by several brethren of other churches, mostly on subject of Missions of different kinds.

November 4, 1905 - Report of Brother Paul Jones, treasurer of the building committee. Cost of new church building as follows:

Cash collected .....	\$459.55
Cash paid out .....	439.59
Balance on hand .....	19.96

Work, Lumber and etc. ....	\$330.20
Total cost of Church .....	789.75

Committee of Paul Jones and L. B. Lovelace, were authorized to insure the new building for \$600.00. Collection for Brother Inman was \$20.75.

November 19, 1905 - After morning services, during which Pearl Gregory Cobb, H. D. Brantley and wife joined church. Pastor Inman rushed to catch the train. D. A. Stewart resigns as clerk. Paul Jones was elected. Brother C. L. Neal was called as pastor, on a salary of \$100.00 and traveling expenses per year.

December 17, 1905 - Sunday School, 10:00 A. M. Sermon by Brother Neal, Sister Bessie White joins by letter from Allen Church. The collection for missins was \$4.52. Neal has not decided to pastor church yet.

First Sunday in January, 1906- Neil declines to serve as pastor, and asked to send a good preacher to the next meeting day to preach for them, one who would accept the church (if they called him). They had a draw on the treasury to finish paying Dr. Inman's salary of \$5.28.

Church paid the newly licensed preacher, Brother Cleveland Parker, \$5.00 for a Bible. Brother K. H. Parker asked for letters for himself and wife, also Miss Nora, Mattie and Cleave.

A brother having been excluded from Holly Grove Church by an unscriptural action of the church, was accepted into full fellowship of Zion.

January, 1906 - Brother McNeely preaches a trial sermon and called as pastor. J. C. W. Cobb moved that the church elect four other deacons. W. P. Russell, J. C. Davis, M. E. Lockard, P. E. Brooks, D. A. Stewart, John Williams, J. A. Gordon and J. N. Morris.

February 17 - Election of deacons postponed for lack of large crowd.



May 17 - Deacons elected were Russell, Stewart, Davis and Morris. On this day it was discovered the church roll book was lost or misplaced. They then met at Brother Cobb's and made out another roll book from a list of names he had in his possession. Sister Emma Rooks and Brother C. H. White were appointed to write an obituary of Sister Brooks.

July 15, 1906 - Treasurer's report revealed that the money belonging to the church in the bank amounted to \$27.12. Delegates to the Association were: J. C. W. Cobb, H. D. Brantley, Paul Jones, Edwin Stewart, Claude White, and Sister Emma Rooks. Letters to the Association were read by the clerk and approved by the church. Services during the annual summer revival were to be as usual, morning and night. Forty-five song books were bought by Brother McNeely for the church for .16 cents each. A collection was taken to pay him for his services rendered, as organist during meeting, which was \$5.25. Also, a vote of thanks was rendered him by the church.

A member of long absence was restored into full fellowship of the church. After donation of \$5.00. it was resolved that collection on Sunday be appropriated toward Ministerial Education.

September 15, 1906 - It was decided to have all day services on Saturday and Sunday. After collecting \$2.05 for State Missions, they observed the Lord's Supper, sang a song and went out.

October 20, 1906 - Brother S. G. Haliburton was received by letter from the Woodland Church. Sunday School was at the usual time.

January 19, 1907 - It was resolved that the Deacons would see the members and try to raise the balance on the Pastor's salary for last year. A collection for missions was donated in the amount of \$1.95 by those present.

March 16 - The collection for missions was \$2.51. Brethern S. A. Cobb, M. E. Lockard and G. D. Williams were appointed delegates to the fifth Sunday meeting to be held at the usual hour on Sunday morning at Woodland Church. Collection for Missions was \$2.79.

Sunday, April 20, 1907 - The collection for missions was \$10.10. Sunday School and preaching as usual. Song services in afternoon. Money was contributed of \$9.15 to pay for a nurse for one of the Ministerial students who was sick at Union University.

May 18, 1907 - Pastor preached - a very good congregation. The collection for the Orphan's Home was \$5.55.

June 17- Brother Paul Jones elected to attend to the meeting house. He agreed to keep it in proper order. Brother Lockard wants all day meeting during the revival. Brother Cobb moved that his motion be deferred to a later date and carried. Collection for Home Missions was \$3.58. The Lord's Supper was then observed, sang a song and went out.

July 20 - Church decided to have both day and night services during their protracted meeting. Delegates to the Association were: M. E. Lockard, S.E.Cobb and L. B. Lovelace. Balance in bank - \$19.92. Revival lasted all week. Brother J. T. Early did the preaching and a glorious meeting. Fourteen by baptism and 3 by letter added to the church.

August - Brother Cobb asked tht Brother Jones be released from repairing the house, then a motion that Sister Nannie Gardner be elected to serve in his place, and be paid at least \$5.00 per year for her services. Motion prevailed. Collection for State Missions was \$2.37.

September 14, 1907 - Brother and Mrs. Walter Gordon accepted into the church. Brother J. D. Cobb asked through Brother Williams to be restored into fellowship of church. Resolved that Brother Cobb be requested to come before the church or write suitable acknowledgement for his conduct. Brother Williams was to notify him. Brother S. A. Cobb requested a committee be appointed to confer with other churches in regard to making arrangements to have the graveyard kept in order. The committee was G.D. Williams, John Davis, C. H. White. Collections for State Missions - \$2.80. Brother McNeely's salary raised to \$150.00 per year.

October 19, 1907 - Brother J. D. Cobb restored and granted a letter to join Johnson Grove Baptist Church in Crocket County. Voted to have an all day Mission meeting in November. Collection for Home Missions was \$3.55.

November 16, 1907 - Brother Holcomb preached two excellent sermons on Foreign Missions. Collected \$9.52. Collection for Orphan's Home was \$5.02. Also a large box was sent to Orphan's Home valued at \$12.80.

Saturday, April 18, 1908, Dr. Savage from Union University spoke on his trip to the Holy Land, after which the church donated \$25.00 for Ministerial Education.

July 18, 1908 - Delegates to the Association were: Brother D. A. Stewart, L. B. Lovelace, C. H. White, W. I. Brantley, and Mrs. Lema

Herring. The report to the Association was read and adopted. Voted to have both day and night services during meeting. Necessary things for the meeting were: 2 lamps, 1 gallon of oil, 2 window panes and putty, all total costing \$2.10. Collection for missions \$3.85. Protracted meeting continued all week. Brother J. T. Early doing the preaching. Ten added to church by baptism and 1 by letter. Seems that at every meeting, one of those mission minded committeemen or women, will pass a hat for collection.

September 20, 1908 - On Sunday afternoon the church met at J. H. Cobb's pond, where the ordinance of baptism was administered to four candidates, who were Brother and Mrs. George Gordon and daughter, Lizzie Cobb, and sister Volen White.

October 17, 1908 - Saturday afternoon, church meeting worshipping at Zion. The pastor present. Dr. J. B. Moody was also present and preached. The church then sat in conference. Minutes of the last meeting read and adopted.

Sunday, the annual all day foreign missionary meeting. Sermon in the morning by Dr. Moody. Collection for Foreign Missions \$21.25. Meeting adjourned for dinner which was spread on the ground. After dinner the crowd came in the house and had the privilege and pleasure of listening to Dr. Moody again.

November 26, 1908 - Pastor McNeely came down and preached for them on Thanksgiving Day. A collection was taken up for the Baptist Orphanage which amounted to \$6.55. Also a box was sent which was valued at \$14.95.

December 19 - another collection was taken and entire offering was sent to the Orphan's Home.

December 22, 1908 - contributions of provisions sent by Brother to the Ministerial students at Hall Moody Institute from Zion valued at \$17.00.

April 18, 1909 - time for the annual all day Foreign Missions Day. Brother F. L. Hall preached an excellent sermon and prayers offered for all foreign missionaries, especially Brother R. P. Mahon, a former pastor who went and was in Mexico at the time. \$21.54 collected for Foreign Missions. In the afternoon they came together again in the house and organized Sunday School. Brother V. E. Brantley was chosen Superintendent. Also, other officers and assistants were chosen.

May 15, owing to inclemency of the weather there was no meeting on Saturday before third Sunday. On Sunday morning there was Sunday School, after which the pastor preached the funeral sermon of Sister Mary Russell. Collection for the benefit of the storm was \$8.87.

July - delegates to Association were: H. F. Russell, R. E. Stewart, and W. P. Brantley.

July 17, 1909 - protracted meeting. Dinner on ground 1st Sunday. Brother Yarbrough assisted pastor McNeely in preaching. Brother Colie Parker joined by letter.

The Lord's Supper was observed regularly, four times annually.

January 15 - 16, 1910 - The church resolved to call the roll at their next meeting on Saturday announcing the amount each member has paid on pastor's salary.

February 19 & 20 - they decided to postpone roll calling to next meeting. Names of church members divided among deacons, who was to see every person on his list, for the purpose of ascertaining the amount each member will pay on the pastor's salary for the present year.

March 19 & 20 - a motion prevailed that, in calling the roll, the amounts paid by each person would not be called out. The roll was then called and those who had not paid, or contributed to the pastor's salary, the words "had not paid" called with name. Some requested their names be dropped from the roll, which was granted. Brother L.B. Lovelace offered his resignation as a deacon, which was accepted. Much regret was felt and expressed at the loss of a deacon who had been so faithful and efficient.

April 17 & 18, 1910 - no service on Saturday because of rain. Sunday morning was Sunday School as usual. Sermon by pastor. Collection for Foreign Missions was \$15.00. Dinner on the ground, afterward singing by the old folks. Brother and Mrs. Haliburton joined church by letter from Woodland Church.

May 14 & 15 - resolved that Brother John Davis keep in his possession the church list his father had. Sunday preaching by Brother Hutton at the usual hour. Brother A. E. Brantley and wife were received by letter from Allens Church. Collections for all known mission causes continued at most every session, though trouble reigned in the church over contributions lacking on pastors salary.

June 18 & 19 - Sunday morning devotional exercise at 11:00 o'clock, followed by fine talk by the pastor W. C. McNeely, on what he saw at the Southern Baptist Convention.

July 16 & 17 - report made to Big Hatchie Association. 137 members. Delegates were M. E. Lockard, S. G. Haliburton, D. A. Stewart, Pastor McNeely and Miss Clara Stewart. Invited Association to meet at Zion next year.

August 27 & 28, 1910 - revival preached by Brother Nichols, services morning and night. Those joining by baptism were: Lillie B. Simpson, Ernestine Allen, Bessie Tinsley, Mai Tinsley, Ethel Cobb, Gladys Brantley, W. C. Jeffries, Henry White, Roney McNeely, N. P. Steele.

September 17 & 18, 1908 - Saturday before the 3rd Sunday, worshipping at Zion meeting house Sister C. E. Brantley, Bother T. A. Cobb and Brother W. H. White received for baptism. The following day, Sunday Brother E. O. White was restored into fellowship, Brother Joe Worrell was received on forth coming letter, Brother M. L. Thomas was received for baptism. McNeely extended a unanimous call as pastor for another year, after which the observance of the Lord's Supper, then sang a song and went out.

Dinner was eaten on the ground. The church then went to a place where there was much water, for the purpose of baptising those who had been received for baptism. At the water the doors of the church were opened for members, Brother J. R. Cealley was received by letter. After appropriate remarks, Brother McNeely led the candidates, Brother T. A. Cobb, Brother M. L. Thomas and Sister C. E. Brantley down into the water and baptised them. The church then extended to them the hand of fellowship.

October 16 & 17, 1911 - the annual missions day. Pastor preached. \$30.17 for Foreign Missions. After dinner, pastor preached a very helpful sermon again.

November 19 - Brother Hutton preached. Collection for Orphan's Home - \$10.00.

January 14 & 15 - Pastor preached, Contributions to Ministerial Education - \$18.00.

February 18th - J. C. W. Cobb made a motion that a committee of seven be appointed by the moderator (Pastor). to collect money and

see about painting the church. The committee consisted of D. A. Stewart, J. W. Davis, Walter Brantley, Walter Gordon, I. M. Thomas, John Williams, and J. A. Gordon. Agreed that all money that shall be collected for pastor's salary, over the amount agreed upon, be handed over to him, as a gift.

March 18 & 19, 1911 - after sermon by the pastor, collection for Home Missions was \$7.10. After the Lord's Supper was observed, and a song, they went out.

April 15 & 16 - all day meeting, dinner on ground, Foreign Missions - \$18.12. Proceeded to have church painted. Ministerial Relief Collection - \$6.40.

July 15 & 16 - the committee reported the painting of church finished and all bills paid, except Brother D. A. Stewart and Brother Lovelace for work. Sister Gordon reported, as chairwoman of women's work, Brother Dell Cobb agreed to furnish water, and run the lemonade stand, and sell ice cream during the Association, with all proceeds going to the church. The Church accepted his proposition, provided expenses were taken out. John Allen Gordon and Oscar White were to repair the yard tables for the dinner to be spread. Letter to Association read and adopted. Report reveals total increase in membership of 18 to membership 147.

September 16 & 17, 1911 - a motion prevailed that the roll of the church be called on Sunday morning and the amount paid by each on pastor's salary be called out with the name.

October - an all day meeting into the afternoon. Minutes of last meeting not present. A motion ws made that the moderator appoint a committee of three brethren to build a parsonage. (They must have gotten cold feet about reading the roll and name calling.)

Sunday, October 17 - Brethern J. N. Morris, I. M. Thomas and Walter Gordon were appointed a committee to raise money to build a parsonage. Church dismissed for dinner on the ground. After dinner they assembled to hear a very good talk on education by Professor W. R. Bourne. Motion prevailed that calling the roll be postponed until the next meeting. Some of the deacons had not completed their list.

November - Brother L. B. Lovelace who was formerly appointed to represent the Orphan's Home, was handed a collection of \$8.86. Brother McNeely then announced he had accepted work in another

state. He wished to shake hands with all present. With sad faces and many weeping, they gave him the parting hand.

December, 1911 - Clerk authorized to correspond with ministers with a view to be called as pastor.

Deacons advised to furnish the clerk a copy of his list of names of those who had not paid on the pastor's salary, and the clerk reported the same to the church. Motin carried. A motin prevailed that on account of the age and febleness of Brother J. C. W. Cobb, he be released from collecting pastor's salary and his list be turned over to Brother T. A. Cobb.

January, 1912 - Brother Poag preached. After the church sat in conference and called him to be their pastor. Salary \$150.00 per year.

April, 1912- a sermon by a returned Missionary, Thomas Spight, who substituted for Pastor Poag. Collection for Foreign Missions \$26.25.

Motion carried that those who were to report to the clerk, the names of members who had not contributed to pastor's salary, report to the church instead.

May 18 & 19 - pastor present on Saturday and Sunday, collection for his salary - \$3.27.

Sunday, May 19, a sermon at the usual hour, collection for Orphan's Home - \$5.65. Observed the Lord's Supper and went out.

July 20 & 21, 1912 - delegates to the Associatin were L. B. Lovelace, Tabitha Dickerson, Bessie Tinsley, May Tinsley, D. A. Stewart, J. C.W. Cobb and Brother Poag, G. E. Williams and Walter Gordon Collected money for the Association. A committee appointed to collect money to furnish water and fix the tables for the Associatin. Committee, G.D.Williams and Dell Cobb, Preston Brantley, Walter Gordon, and M. E. Lockard. Total membership 142. Collection for Ministerial Relief - \$3.27.

August 17 - Church voted to raise a purse for Brother Thomas, for singing during the meeting, amounted to \$5.00. Sunday, pastor not being present, Brother Wheatley filled the pulpit, morning and evening. Meeting continued until Friday evening, held by Brother Carmack. Sixteen additions to the church. Eleven by baptism, five by letter. A purse of \$21.91 was raised for Brother Carmack at the

close of the meeting. Sunday morning collection for State Missions was taken amounting to \$4.35. Poag resigned at the close of the meeting to be effective in September, the 3rd Sunday.

September 14 & 15 - Brother Wheatley called as pastor. Church voted again to dig a pond. Paul Jones, Walter Brantley and Linnie Stewart to be the committee to raise money to dig said pond, motion carried. Sunday morning names of those joining church by letter were: Mrs. M. A. Pittman, Mrs. Nettie Davis, Mrs. Mamie Covington, Mrs. Ed Patterson, Miss Elizabeth Patterson. Joining by baptism were: Alma Covington, Grace Pittman, Minnie Mae Parker, Fannie Bell Davis, Etta Stewart, Elizabeth Lovelace, Arthur Lovelace, Willie Steele, Mrs. Stanfield, Miss Alice Lovelace, Mrs. Irvin.

October 19 & 20, 1912 - Motion was made to continue committee toward digging the pond. Motion carried. Collection for State Missions \$5.65.

November 16 & 17 - Sunday School after which there was a Missionary sermon by Professor Guthrie. Collection for Foreign Missions \$20.00. Brother Wheatley sent in his resignation, effective at once, on account of ill health. Church accepted his resignation, then proceeded to elect Professor Guthrie as their pastor for the ensuing year. The congregation went out and partook of an ample dinner which was spread on the church grounds. After dinner they again assembled in the house and listened to another excellent sermon by Professor Guthrie.

Persons who joined the church on forth coming letter were put on a Watch Care List. In due time, if the letter failed to arrive, then the church would vote to drop their name. Few appear in the records:

July, 1913 - a committee to repair tables and furnish water for the meeting was M. E. Lockard, John Davis, R. E. Stewart and L. N. Stewart. A motion prevailed that the church build a platform for the organ. The committee appointed for this was Claude White, Murry Davis, Walter Gordon and Paul Jones.

July 20, 1913 - a committee was appointed by the Big Hatchie Association for the purpose of making arrangements for an all day meeting at Zion on September 23. A motion prevailed that Zion invite the said brethern to meet with them. Delegates to the Association were: M. E. Lockard, Edward Davis, Alma Covington and Fannie Bell Davis. The report to the Association was the expenditures of funds, deaths, new additions and etc. Membership was 154.

**1889 - 1913**

The term "dismissal from church roll" was obviously an expression that the member had joined fellowship with another church. While the term "dismissal from fellowship" of church, was a positive intention to sever all church relationship, until such time that the delinquent had repented of his wrongdoing and upon an earnest appeal to again be restored into church fellowship. Relatively few ever stayed away for very long to suffer such devastating experiences. The humility of making a public confession with sincere pleadings for restoration, was the minimum penalty which was chosen, rather than suffer the loneliness and embarrassment of being ostracized by the best folks in the community.

Their personal conduct and deportment then, as to compare to present day, we could consider in contrast. If the sternous and rigid rules which they applied and without favoritism, were suddenly invoked and applied in the same manner among Baptist Churches of today, there wouldn't enough people attending to pay the heating bill that would keep the mice warm. For most Baptist Churches to suddenly resolve to put in vogue such stringent rules of personal conduct by which its members must abide, would be the most disastrous experience, for the individuals, but perhaps, good for the church. Perhaps all would remain away for a Sunday or two wondering what to do.

Those with fewest faults and under lightest burdens of sin, would be the first to return in repentance to confess with pleadings to be restored into proper relationship with the brethren and sisters. But then there would be no brethren and sisters there. Maybe a hand full and the preacher for sure, because none were left to run him off.

I envision the ladies as being the first mourners in this traumatic transition from drifting with purposeful intent to worship in the church, because they are the beginning of all great things, and never command, until giving their promise to obey. Though they were forbidden to speak in the early churches, Christianity lifted them to a new place in the world where God esteems their efforts. Though their hearts may be like the moon, always changing, and their decisions may be without conscious reason, we must realize the past and best source of knowledge was shut off from them by man. The privileges and honor which women of today now have, they owe to the gospel of Christ which took those qualities that had been counted weak and unworthy, and gave them substance in the body of the church.

## **Zion Baptist Church**

### **History**

**1913- 1927**

## STATISTICS

### PASTORS

1914	J. O. Yates
1915	W. A. Gardner
1916	W. A. Gardner
1917	W. A. Gardner
1918	J. W. Joyner
1919	J. W. Joyner
1920	J. W. Joyner
1921	J. W. Joyner
1922	J. W. Joyner
1923	J. W. Joyner
1924	J. W. Joyner
1925	J. W. Joyner
1926	J. W. Joyner
1927	R. J. Williams
1927	Rev. Ury

### MEMBERSHIP

1915	150
1916	167

### DEACONS

1915	John Davis
1915	Walter Gordon
1915	E. L. Covington
1916	Walter Gordon
1916	R. E. Stewart

(Covington and Davis withdrew their names before ordination.)

Large numbers added in summer revivals.

Associational letters reveal losses.

Treasurer in 1921 - Walter Gordon, Clerk - R.E. Stewart

Big Hatchie met at Henning in 1921, Brownsville in 1922 and in Ripley in 1925.

**NOTES:** McDowel, \$9.62 who was a great sufferer.

December, 1921 - offering \$1.81. Money was no bother. It was the lack of it.

Balance due on Brother Guthrie's salary for last year - \$21.00.

Collection for Orphan's Home - \$9.00.

April, 1914 - All day, semi-annual mission meeting. Dinner on the ground.

### MINISTERS WHO PREACHED AT ZION

1913 - Brother Couch, Brother Gardner, Brother Harris, Brother Yates from Martin.

1914 - Brother Yates, Brother W. H. Morris, and Brother W. C. M,cNeely.

1915 - Brother Ragsdale of Jackson, Brother Skinner of Jackson, Brother W. A. Gardner, and Brother E. L. Atwood.

1916 - Brother Naylor, Brother Atwood on foreign missions, Bro. E. L. Atwood, Brother B. A. Powell, Brother Graves, and Rev. A. E. Lassiter.

1917 - Brother J. W. Joyner of Martin and Brother Keathley of Kenton.

1918 - Brother Woolridge.

1919 - Rev. M. C. Vick (ordination service), and B. Centi, offered ordination prayer.

1920 - W. T. Morris (layman), Brother Vick (revival).

1922 - Brother M. C. Woolridge, Dr. Hooker (Missionary from Mexico, and Brother Miller.

1923 - Brother J. E. Wood (trial sermon).

1924 - Rev. Woodcock (Brownsville, on missions).

1925 - Dr. Penick (revival), Brother Dearing, Brother Woodcock (revival and October on missions), Mr. W. D. Hudgins of Sunday School Department of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, Brother Woodcock, Brother R. J. Williams, and Rev. Howse.

1927 - Brother Williams called as pastor, resigned same year, Rev. Dearing, and Dr. Waters, (revival - President of Union University.)

## MISCELLANEOUS DATA FROM 1913 - 1927

1915 - Brother Murry Davis resigned as collector for the church.

July, 1919 - Lynn Stewart, Raymond Joyner and Dell Cobb, were elected deacons, to be ordained later.

1922 - Membership was 187, Total Budget was \$288.92.

1923 - Membership was 199, Collection was \$901.22.

1924 - Membership was 183.

1923 - Association met at Zion.

1925 - Association met at Ripley.

1926 Association met at Woodland.

1927 - Association met at Antioch.

Mrs. R. E. Stewart, "Methodist" wrote the minutes for many years.

Sunday School Convention in Jackson. Lockard sent in 1925.

May, 1925, 5th Sunday meeting of Association at Zion. \$22.50 for Orphan's Home. Value of Meeting House in 1924 was \$1,200.00.

## 1913 - 1927

August 17, 1913 - a comprehensive financial report made. A photostatic copy, in separate binder furnished for your information. Two dozen song books ordered for Sunday School. Brother Lockard handed to clerk \$9.50 to pay for lumber to make platform for organ.

September 20, 1913 - Brother Charles Steele and wife, and John Williams to write obituary of Sister Ella Jeffries. Brother Guthrie resigns as pastor.

October, 1913 - H. D. Brantley and wife, and John Williams to write obituary of Sister Pearl Cobb and J. D. Castellaw. Balance due on Brother Guthrie's salary was \$21.00.

July, 1913 - the church list which Brother Will Russell had, be given over to Brother Charles Steele. Collection for Orphan's Home was \$9.00.

January, 1914, Brother J. O. Yates of Martin unanimously elected to serve as pastor. Collection for Ministerial Education was \$5.05.

March, 1914 - resolved to elect officers and teachers of Sunday School. Brother D. A. Stewart elected Superintendent. Collection for Missions - \$3.00. Last Sunday collection for Orphan's Home was \$3.00. The Lord's Supper then observed.

April 18, 1914 - There were no services because Sister Nancy Bozeman was buried at Zion Cemetary. April 19, Sunday, after Sunday School, the semi-annual Missions Day was observed with dinner on the ground after which there was preaching by Pastor Yates and a talk by Brother. W. H. Morris, he also made a morning talk.

May 16 & 17 - the usual meeting Saturday afternoon. The pastor present. Minutes of last meeting read and adopted. A committee of Brother Paul Jones, D. A. Stewart, and Sister Laura Jones was appointed to write the obituary of Sister Nancy Bozeman. May 17th, Sunday School as usual. Ministerial Relief collection was \$2.30. A motion was carried that on account of Brother Charles Steel's health, his church list be given to Brother Pat Steele. (This list was of church members to collect dues from, to be applied on pastor's salary.)

3rd Saturday in June - The committee to write the obituary of Sister Bozeman reported, and was dismissed. Their report received

and adopted. Delegates elected to the Association were: D. A. Stewart, John Williams, T. A. Cobb, Sister Lee Lockard, and V. E. Williams. Pastor Yates also added to the committee. Session dismissed with prayer by Brother Joe Morris.

Next day, Sunday School as usual. Preaching by pastor, collection of Orphan's Home \$5.28. Church then observed the Lord's Supper, sang a song and went out.

July 18 & 19 - Saturday a motion prevailed that they have all day services during the protracted meeting. Brother Walter Gordon was to furnish water and ice during the meeting, and the church pay for same. D. A. Stewart and Paul Jones to write the obituary of Brother J. C. W. Cobb. The committee was Paul Jones, Laura Jones and D. A. Stewart. Report made to the Association. (See book of minutes.

August 16, an immense crowd came to hear former pastor McNeely preach the revival meeting. He preached at the morning services and again in the afternoon. Dinner was served on the ground by the good sisters. The meeting continued all week, two sermons each day. On Saturday morning the church met at the waters edge. Then the candidates for baptism were baptised by the pastor. Those baptised were: Clay Marbury, Herman Davis, Annie Pearl Mann, Bessie Gordon, Blanch Sullivan, Nora Marbury and Brother Lee Covington. Brother Covington was received in the watch care of the church until his letter was obtained. Sister Annie Irvin asked for a letter to join Woodland Church, which was granted. The church made up for Brother McNeely \$19.00. Cost of water and ice was \$9.00.

September 19, 1914 - committee to write obituary of Brother J. C. W. Cobb accepted and committee discharged, after making report. The committee previously selected to put lights in the windows, were urged to put them in right away. Adjourned by singing "Amazing Grace". Collection for State Missions was \$2.75.

January, 1915 - preaching by Brother Ragsdale of Jackson. A committee of Paul Jones, J. W. Davis and wife to write obituary of Brother N. J. Stewart.

March, 1915 - Brother Skinner preached. Brother D. A. Stewart, M. E. Lockard and Sister Lockard to write obituary of Brother Charles Clairborne. Brother Covington received into full fellowship, the church to which he previously having been abandoned, and unable to procure a letter. Amount sent to Orphan's Home, box with money enclosed - \$16.40.

April, 1915 - Brother W. A. Gardner preached and was called as pastor for the year. Sister Ellison granted a letter.

July 17 & 18, 1915 - delegates to the Association were: D. A. Stewart, L. B. Lovelace and Pat Steele. Brother R. E. Stewart was appointed to collect money for the minutes of the Association. Report to the Association was total membership - 150. (Statistics can be seen in selected notes of photostat copies, which is a part of this history.) Brother Walter is to furnish water and ice for the meeting.

August - a motion prevailed that the following brethren be elected deacons: John Davis, E. L. Covington, Walter Gordon, M. L. Thomas and Murray Davis. Murray Davis resigned as collector for the church. His resignation accepted, on account of his going away to school. Church decided to have day services during protracted meeting, the pastor doing the preaching. Collection for State Missions \$3.50. Names of those added to church during the protracted meeting were, by baptism: Elmir Lovelace, Raymond Covington, Milton Davis, Arthur Ford, John Stewart, Robert Stewart, Jack Stewart, Tom Gordon, Henry Brantley, Mrs. Pauline Lovelace, Mrs. Aileen Thomas, Zuline Davis, Mildred Steele, Lorine Williams, Minnie Mullens, Beluah Jink and Sallie B. Mann. By letter, Brother J. M. Ford.

September 18 & 19, Saturday afternoon, preaching by Brother E. L. Atwood. Brother John Davis, Walter Gordon and E. L. Covington elected deacons.

Sunday, the 19, Brother Atwood preached again. Brother S. P. Musgrave joined by letter from Woodland Baptist Church. His wife also joined at the same time. Ordination of deacons set for 5th Sunday in October. Financial report for August and September, expenses for protracted meeting:

Paid to Brother Gardner .....	\$9.50
Paid to Brother McNeely .....	3.50
Paid to Brother Atwood .....	4.75
Paid for ice and water .....	6.25

October 16 & 17 - the regular annual deacons meeting was set for Saturday, November 6th. Present at the 30 and 31st meeting were many present to hear interesting discussion on most important matters, by member of visiting brethren. Brother Gardner called to pastor church next year.



November 13th - Sister J. D. Worrell requested letter, which was granted. A motion carried to invite Allens and Holly Grove Churches to see about getting a preacher stationed in the community. Pastor Gardner appointed. John Davis, M. E. Lockard and L. B. Lovelace to meet with Allens 3rd Sunday, and Holly Grove on 4th Sunday afternoon for this purpose.

December 12 - preaching at usual hour. Collection .75 cents for Orphan's Home.

January 8, 1916 - Saturday afternoon, a motion prevailed that the church, within the first three months in the year, collect the pastor's salary for the entire year. Frank Eaves given the three hickory trees standing in the cemetery if he can move them without the slightest damage to the grave yard.

Next day, Sunday, the committee appointed to see each member and learn how much each would give were: I. M. Thomas, M. E. Lockard, Preston Brantley, John Davis, D. A. Stewart, Walter Gordon, Floyd Stewart, and John Williams. They were to collect the money, put it into the bank, and check it out monthly to the pastor. Collection for Orphan's Home \$2.81.

February, 1916 - Hattie Ford joined church. Committee to collect pastors salary, given another month. Paul Jones appointed chairman of the committee to receive the money collected for pastor's salary. Clerk authorized to write Johnson Grove Church for Brother Ford's letter.

March 11 & 12 - another death, for which a committee was appointed to write an obituary. (Permit me to refer you to the book in which is recorded the names of the deceased and the names of the committee members whom the church always appointed to write their obituaries. This is to avoid repetition, which I fear would become a bit tiring for you to read, because they appear quite numerous in the minutes.)

April, 1916 - two deacons, R. E. Stewart and Raymond Joyner were elected to be ordained on next regular appointment. Sister Blanch Rooks Brown requested a letter which was granted. Collection for Foreign Missions \$2.35.

May, 1916 - ordination of deacons postponed. All day services, dinner on the ground. Sermon afterward by Brother Naylor and Atwood. Collection for Foreign Missions \$11.50.

June, 1916 - two brethren, Brother Walter and R. E. Stewart, on Saturday afternoon, were ordained deacons. Pastor Gardner, Brother E. L. Atwood, pastor of Brownsville Church, and deacon B. A. Powell of Brownsville Church, all were participants in this service. W. E. Graves invited to conduct singing for the protracted meeting.

July - delegates to the Association were: W. Gordon, M. E. Lockard, Irma Brantley, and wife, Walter Brantley, and Miss Gladys Brantley. Report to Association was 167 members.

August, 1916 - there were nine additions during the protracted meeting, by baptism, namely Louie Gordon, Willie Brantley, Geraldine Parker, B. A. Pittman, Audrey McCage, Mrs. Josie Evans, Vernon Lovelace, D. O. Rector, Mrs. Molly Parker. Walter Gordon furnished the water and ice. Brother Graves conducted the music.

September 9 - Brother Claude White was to see about putting in new windows and the cost. Brother Atwood preached in the afternoon, Saturday. Brother Ford, who had been under the watch care of the church, at last received his letter from Johnson Grove Church, which was read and accepted.

October 8 & 9, 1916 - Brother Lassiter filled appointment on both Saturday afternoon and Sunday services. Committee on windows reported.

November 4 - Brother Gardner again elected pastor. D. A. Stewart, John Williams, and M. E. Lockard appointed to assist deacons to collect pastor's salary. A motion prevailed to repair the windows, at a cost of \$100.00, and the above committee collect the same. The committee to have the work done immediately were: J. W. Davis, Claude White and S. Halliburton.

December, 1916 - Brother W. T. Morris was received by letter from church at Bells. Collection for Orphan's Home - \$2.47.

February 10, 1917 - preaching by Brother J. W. Joyner from Martin. After preaching church sat in conference. Minutes of last meeting were read and adopted. Brother W. E. Parker granted letter. Brother Gardner having resigned as pastor, the church elected Brother J. W. Joyner for the unexpired term. Brother Walter Gordon in chair as moderator. On account of the funeral services and burial of Mrs. Will Outlaw, the meeting closed very abruptly. Church clerk Brother Paul Jones was instructed to reimburse \$2.75 to treasurer

which had been advanced to pay rail-road fare for the pastor, J. W. Joyner. Collection for Orphan's Home \$3.00. L. B. Lovelace to have obituary of Sister Harold White written.

June 9 & 10 - committee on obituaries of Dolly White and Martha Marbury reported and dismissed. Collection for Missions \$5.85.

July, 1917 - report to Association - 174 members. Delegates to the Association were: John Stewart, Edward Davis, G. D. Williams, R. E. Stewart, Lee Covington, I. M. Thomas, and wife. Collection for foreign missions was \$5.85.

July 29, 1917 - protracted meeting began and running through the week with pastor, J. W. Joyner, doing the preaching. Three received into the church. Expense for oil, lamps and wicks - 50 cents. Collection for Christian Education - \$8.15.

August 11 & 12 - Sunday morning, preaching as usual, with collection for missions at \$3.67. Church adjourned and met at the water's edge where Sister Minnie White, Clara Brantley and Lessie Stewart were baptised into full fellowship of the church.

September - Brother Keathley of Kenton, Tennessee, preached to fill the pastor's regular appointment. Collection for State Missions - \$5.50.

October - Brother J. W. Joyner called to pastor church next year. Salary of \$200.00.

November, 1917 - the committee formerly elected to collect the pastor's salary were authorized to continue their work. Sunday the next day, pastor J. W. Joyner and wife, and their two daughters, Willie D. and Fannie May were received into the watch care of the church until their forth coming letter arrived. Collection for foreign missions - \$5.12.

February, 1918 - Brother D. A. Stewart asked for, and was granted letter. Brother Van Davis was received by letter from Halls Church. Collection for Orphan's Home - \$8.05. Pastor authorized to choose one to assist in protracted meeting.

April - deacons to have windows painted and church would pay for it. Time set for protracted meeting. Collection for Missions \$17.73.

May - Milton Davis and wife received letter to join Woodland Church. Obituary on Tiney White asked for more time. Collection for Orphan's Home \$5.25.

July - report to the Big Hatchie Association read and adopted. Sister Alice Allen, Paul Jones and wife to write the obituary of Sister Cleo Felker. Delegates to the Association were J. W. Joyner, R. E. Stewart, J. W. Davis, J. N. Norris, Fannie Bell Davis, and Bessie Gordon. Report to the Association:

State Missions .....	\$10.00
Foreign Missions .....	20.32
Home Missions .....	7.73
Incidentals .....	.50
Extra Purse.....	30.00

Total Membership .....

July - Sister Garrett granted letter. Collection for Missions - \$3.76

August, 1918 - letters granted to Ethel Lee Cain, W. P. Jeffries, R. W. Marbury and wife. Pastor and wife appointed to write obituary of Sister Lee Lockard. Brother Thomas to do the singing during the protracted meeting, which begins Sunday, 18th. Dr. Woolridge did the preaching. Sixteen joined. Ministerial Relief collected \$5.70. Names of those additions: Robert Parker, Mrs. Ola Parker, James Lovelace, Mrs. Ruby Lovelace, Joseph Brantley, Alton Brantley, Guy Brantley, Odie White, Calvin Thomas, John A. Gordon, Anna Mae Cobb, Murial Cobb, Josephene Stewart, Elvie Castellaw, Maude Mullen, Vera Davis. Paid Brother Thomas for singing - \$14.50. Paid Brother Woolridge for preaching - \$27.90.

September, 1918 - Sister Bertha Mann accepted into church. Brother Reginald Brantley and wife asked for letters to join another church. Letters granted. Paint for the windows, \$6.60. \$5.50 for Ministerial Education, sent to Hall Moody and Jackson Schools (as usual). Church adjourned and met at the water in afternoon to baptise Sister Bertha Mann.

October, 1918 - by request of the Board of Health. on account of an epidemic in influenza, church services were abandoned.

November 9 & 10, 1918 - Brother J. W. Joyner, unanimously elected pastor for another year. Bessie Gordon, Emma Gordon and Mal Thomas appointed to write obituary of Sister Alma Stoots. Obituary of Mrs. Hopkins to be written by Mrs. John Gordon and Lizzie Cobb. Obituary of Brother Henry Brantley be written by Brother Billy Morris and Brother G. D. Williams. Motion carried to set a day for the deacons to meet to see about members that failed to pay the pastor.

Sunday, November 19, 1918 - collections for Missions \$9.13. Following Saturday morning set for deacons meeting.

December 7 - R. E. Stewart and Lee Covington appointed to write obituary of Brother Simpson. Collection for Orphan's Home \$5.10.

January 11 & 12, 1919 - R. E. Stewart and W. T. Morris, to write obituary of Elmer Lovelace. Collection for Christian Education \$4.00

April - a committee of John Betts, Paul Jones and W. T. Morris to write obituary of Brother G. D. Williams. Walter Gordon and Ed Marbury to write obituary of Brother Reginald Brantley. Collection for Foreign Missions \$5.60. A move to organize Sunday School next Sunday.

May 10 & 11, 1919 - L. B. Lovelace and C. H. White to write obituary of Sister Sallie Ann Rooks. Sunday, all day services, dinner on ground, sermon by pastor. Song services in afternoon. Collection for Orphan's Home \$20.00.

July, 1919 - delegates to the Association were: J. W. Joyner, I. M. Thomas, and wife, Lee Covington and wife, W. T. Morris and Bessie Gordon. The following brethren were nominated as deacons, to be ordained later, Lynn Stewart, Raymond Joyner, Dell Cobb or T. A. Cobb, as heretofore referred to. Brother M. E. Lockard was appointed to collect money for the Associational minutes and clerk. The carpet committee was granted privilege of disposing of ole carpet. R. E. Stewart and Irma Brantley elected to conduct song services during the protracted meeting. Collections for Missions \$5.45. Report to Association was received by baptism 17, and by letter 6. Eight died.

Never a meeting of any kind, during which there was not a collection for some sort of missions. Remember the seven individuals appointed to collect for the seven mission programs? Perhaps at least one of them, performing in like manner, might keep the pastor's salary out of the red. But then, no one ever heard the pastors complain about this.

August 9 & 10, 1919 - during this summer revival, 11 were joined to the church by baptism. Namely, Jessie Cobb, Doyle Joyner, Homer Pittman, Deward Thomas, Norvell Stewart, Cecil Marbury, Leslie Williams, Era May Covington, Beatrice Edwards, Mrs. Elizabeth Allen, Mrs. Vera Williams. Mrs. Hattie Stewart asked for her letter, granted. \$14.00 to singers and \$6.00 for song books.

September 13 & 14 - Mrs. Julie Stewart received into church. Mrs. Rosa Thomas and Howell McMurry was received into the church. Then a conference to raise the pastor's salary \$100.00. J. W. Joyner was pastor. The church then met at the water where baptizing took place.

October - Sister Hester Gardner joined by letter.

November - Brother J. W. Joyner called to pastor church for an indefinite time. Brother Raymond Joyner and wife, and son Doyle, requested letter, granted. They had moved to Mississippi.

November, 1919 - church roll was called and several names were dropped. Deacons furnished list of members names to see just what each would contribute to pastor's salary. Motion carried that balance on pastor's salary be paid at once. Building was to be insured. Paul Jones to look after this matter. Walter Gordon was to look after the communion service. Sister Belch joined under watch care of church, until her letter can be procured. Brother Lee Covington and Robert Parker were elected to be ordained as deacons. A beautiful dinner was served on the grounds.

In the afternoon they proceeded to ordain the deacons, Brother L. N. Stewart, Lee Covington and Robert Parker. Rev. M. C. Vick of Brownsville preached the ordination message. Brother J. R. Butler delivered the charge to the deacons. Brother J. W. Lyner, the charge to the church. B. Centi, of Brownsville the ordination prayer.

Saturday, December - due to bad weather and roads there was no services on December 14. Mrs. Tibertha Dickerson granted letter.

February 7 & 8, 1920 - Sister Essie Cobb Williams, Sister Kate Gordon was appointed to select some one to assist in writing obituary of Sister Mary Stelle. Sister Etta Thomas and Suda White chosen. J. W. Davis and M. E. Lockard were chosen to write obituary of Brother T. A. Cobb (my father), who expired on February 2. Sunday, Sister Mildred Jacocks asked for letter, which was granted. Motion carried that church take collection, regularly, at each meeting for incidental expenses. Collected at this meeting \$9.07. \$4.07 was paid on insurance and \$5.00 deposited in bank.

April - letter granted to Arthur Lovelace. Pastor preached to a large crowd. Subject, "A Discouraged Man". Text, I Kings 19:14.

During the years 1918 - 1920 a few citizens moved to Mississippi and Louisiana. Jacocks families, Simpsons, White, Joyners,

Garretts, Hills, Brantleys and others perhaps, some of whom belonged to Zion Church.

May, 1920 - a motion carried that church sell some trees on the church ground and appropriate the money toward improvement of the building.

July 10 - Sisters Rosa Thomas, Emma Davis and Alice Allen elected to write obituary of Alsie Marcum. Report to Association read and adopted. Present membership 179. Sent to the State Board on 75 million campaign \$365.57. Delegates to the Association were: Claude White, Mrs. Hester Gardner, Irma Brantley and wife, Mrs. Etta Thomas, R. E. Stewart, Fannie Bell Davis and Bessie Gordon. Voted to have both morning and night services during meeting. Fifty song books bought for \$18.00.

August 7 & 8, 1920 - a good revival. Joining by letter Sister Nina Harrell. Joining by baptism, Elbert Stewart, Mose Stewart, Gussie Belch, Mattie Belch, Guy Harrell, Audry Crutchfield, Bertha Lovelace, Voldin Lovelace, Jewell Belch. Collection for singer, Scott - \$27.60. Brother Vick - \$50.05.

September, 1920 - Sister Annie Sue Moody, joined by baptism. Brother Barcroft and wife joined another church, name withdrawn.

December 4 & 5 - Pastor Joyner asked for letters for himself, wife and two daughters. Letters granted.

March, 1921 - Sister Bessie White Herring asked for letter which was granted.

May - the church voted to help pay pastor's expenses to Southern Baptist Convention. Collection of \$10.50 taken for this purpose. Irma Brantley and wife asked for letters to join another church in L.A.

Paul Jones and wife to write obituary of Brother John A. Gordon.

Saturday, June 5, 1921 - Brother Joyner preached an interesting sermon on Roman 1:13. I would not have your ignorant brethern, an account of the S. B. C. which he attended. An unusual congregation to hear this report.

July - Association at Henning, Tennessee. Delegates were: M. E. Lockard, Lee Covington and wife, Miss Era Covington, Brother Lynn Stewart and wife, met on 2nd Sunday in August. Report to Association was: Membership 181, value of church property \$1200.00.

August - summer revival, Pastor Joyner did all the preaching. Nine additions to church, eight by baptism, one by letter who was Allie Brantley. Pastor paid \$38.00. \$9.00 was raised for Mrs. Ellington.

September 3 & 4 - preaching on Saturday and Sunday, with baptisms at Cobb's pond. Eight were baptised namely: Will Belch, Glen Crutchfield, Mrs. Addie Mai Watkins, Lizzie B. Yelverton, Janette Waddell, Mary Brantley, Kate Stewart, Stella Mai Church. Four asked for letters, namely: Mrs. Winnie Castellaw, Mrs. Maude Castellaw, and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Brantley.

October 1 & 2, 1921 - Miss Mildred Steele and Miss Bessie Gordon were appointed to write obituary of Miss Volen White. Mrs. John Davis, Mrs. Lizzie Cobb and Mrs. E. L. Allen were appointed to write obituary of Mrs. Bertie Jones. Next day, Sunday, Brother offered his resignation as pastor to take effect after next appointment.

November 5 & 6, 1921 - Deacons conference, Saturday afternoon, with church, called Rev. J. E. Joyner, by unanimous vote, for pastor next year. R. E. Stewart appointed treasurer. Mrs. H. H. Watkins joined church by letter. Subscriptions taken and pastors salary paid up to date. He made a short talk. Afterwards, a collection was taken for the Orphan's Home amounting to \$15.62. B. T. U. report in numbers: 16 Juniors, Hess Thomas, president. Seniors 38, Ed Stewart, president. Gifts through this department \$31.41.

December 3 & 4, 1921 - Saturday afternoon, on account of there being no fire, the pastor read a chapter, then church set in conference. Mr. Mose Lockard was appointed to take charge of the Seventy Five Million Campaign. A motion carried that all be turned out of the church who refused to help support its institutions in some way inside of twelve months. Collectin \$1.81.

January, 1922 - Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Joyner and son, Doyle, placed their letters with Zion Church, coming from Lewisburg, Mississippi.

A collection to send a brother to hospital - \$8.81.

March, 1922 - Brother Walter Gordon made treasurer. (Correction of an obvious error, R. E. Stewart was formerly elected treasurer, when the minutes should have read clerk). Surrounding churches were to be invited to Zion for the 5th Sunday meeting in April.

April, 1922 - Mrs. Etta Thomas, Julie Stewart, and Lizzie Cobb to write obituary of Sister Ida Chilson. Collection was taken for pastors incidentals, \$4.60. Half page missing from book.

May 6 & 7 - Sister Annie Bell Davis Buntin requested letter. Collection for Orphan's Home \$12.99. Collections \$3.71 for church.

July, 1922 - following delegates elected to Association meeting in Brownsville: Mr. and Mrs. Walter Gordon, Mrs. Lizzie Cobb, Mrs. Mal Thomas, Mrs. Lee Covington, Mr. Bill Morris and R. H. Watkins. \$5.00 for minutes was turned over to Walter Gordon for delivery. Letter and report forwarded to clerk of Association. Total membership 187, value of church property \$1,200.00. Seventy five Million Campaign contributions \$160.00, total collections for year \$388.94. Members in Sunday School, Pupils 84, number of teachers 51.

August 5 & 6, 1922, a resolution thanking the ladies of church, for having painted. Brother Watkins was elected to procure a singer for the meeting. Dr. M. C. Woolridge preached the revival. Following candidates were received into church. Mrs. Sadie Archie, Lucile Grisby, Bernard Cobb, Allie Marbury, Mary Thomas, Bernice Mann, Leslie Neely, John Crutchfield, Henry Joyner, Lourie Joyner, Mrs. J. W. Parker, Miss Velma and Willie Covington came under watch care of church with letter coming forth. Collection for visiting preacher, \$43.12. Incidentals, \$4.25.

October - Brother Joyner called for pastor, he accepted. Day set for all day missions meeting. Church to invite Big Hatchie Association for her next session.

October - a Sunday School Rally, took place of the morning sermon. M. E. Lockard and R. E. Stewart to collect insurance money for church. Mrs. Sudie White receives letter to join another church.

Sunday morning, October 5th, Dr. Hooker, a returned missionary from Mexico preached. Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Marbury joined by letter from Holly Grove Baptist Church. Russell Pitman came for membership, after baptism. Dr. Hooker and Brother Miller preached again in the afternoon, thereby, ending the speaking, and the splendid missionary day. Collections for Orphan's Home \$15.51. For visiting preacher Dr. Hooker \$15.65.

December, 1922 - deacons to meet at Brother Will Morris to prepare a working list for the church year.

March, 1923 - church decided to improve inside of building with the usual gift of the ladies and some already on hand.

April - a letter granted to Sister Hattie Stewart Baird, at her request. L. N. Stewart, M. E. Lockard, Walter Gordon and Edwin Stewart appointed to write obituary of Brother Paul Jones (see obituary book). Mrs. Emma Gordon, Mrs. Lizzie Cobb, and Mrs. Mall Thomas appointed to write obituary of Mrs. Beatrice Edwards Archie.

July, 1923 - delegates to the Big Hatchie Association were: Brother George Gordan, Billie Morris, Edd Stewart, H. Watkins, Julia Stewart, Lizzie Cobb, and Walter Gordon. Meeting at Zion 16 & 17. Committee praised for their work preparing for this occasion. Committee retained for future use and that men assist when ever needed. Pastor granted authority to appoint committees to take care of delegates and getting water for the Association. Two names withdrawn from official board of church. Report to Associatin was, among a whole page of figures: membership 199, total collection of all causes, \$843.76, from Sunday School \$57.50. Balance owing by church, indebted, \$137.50. Seventy five Million Campaign contribution \$201.00.

July, 1923 - Brother Gardner preached revival. Paid \$43.00 for his services. Singer paid \$20.00. Those added to church by baptism were: Herman Watkins, Madie Watkins, Mary Felcer, Mrs. Harry Yelverton joined by letter.

September - it was decided to have J. E. Wood preach a trial sermon. Mrs. Lee Covington and Lizzie Cobb were appointed to write obituary of Mrs. Lyde Brantley. Ed Stewart appointed deacon. Collection of \$22.15 for pay on hospital bill of a member. Professor J. E. Wood preached on third Sunday. Rev. Wood and Pastor Joyner were nominated for pastof of Zion for following year. Brother Joyner elected by two thirds majority.

October 6 & 7, 1923 - Mrs. Raley Mullen came under watch care of letter, for membership. Brother J. L. Betts expired.

November 3 & 4 - letter granted Miss Less B. Yelverton with much regrets. Rev. J. W. Joyner accepted call to pastor church another year. Sunday morning crowd was small due to weather. Collectins for missions continue Ordination of Ed Stewart as deacon. After which the services were turned over to the B.Y.P.U. organization.

November 17 & 18 - after Sunday School, pastor preached from the subject SUPERSTITION and leaving Jesus behind. A collection was voted to go to the pastor in appreciation of his service on this appointment, \$9.70.

December - Saturday afternoon services. After preaching, church called in conference. Several members dismissed from church roll. Charges of non-attendance against several others, with notices for them to attend next meeting, being notified by the church clerk.

January, 1924 - Dr. Murry Davis asked for letter, which was granted. An extension of time was allowed by clerk in which to notify the memers of charges against them. Collection \$2.30.

March - pastor preached the funeral of Brother Billie Morris, at preaching hour.

April - Mrs. Jeanette Dixon and Mrs. Eleanor Herring asked for letters, which was granted.

May, 1924 - obituaries of Brother Billie Morris, Mrs. White and Mr. Carter were read. Pastor was in rush to get to Holly Grove to preach funeral services of Mrs. Thomas by 3:00 o'clock. Sunday, pastor preached marvelous sermon on the usual observance of Mothers' Day. After which a beautiful dinner was spread under the big oak tree in front of the church. Roll call postponed because clerk forgot the book. After reading of the Decorum of the church and a few songs, services were dismissed, each declaring it a most pleasant day.

June - letters granted to Lee Covington and family with much regret. Mr. and Mrs. Edd Marbury and Cecil Marbury, R. E. Stewart, W. W. Watkins, M. E. Lockard and Miss Kate Stewart and Allie Marbury were appointed delegates to the Association. Balance in treasury turned over to the ladies to pay on the piano. Church approved letter to Association. Added to church 4. Loss by death 5, by letter 9, by exclusion 6, net loss of members 16, present membership 183. Pastor's salary \$300.00.

August, 1924 - pastor failed to get there for services. Brother Mose Lockard moderated. Those whose names were up for discussion and perhaps exclusion, were fortunate to have the question tabled for the present time. Letters granted Brother Vivian

Brantley and son, Joe. Dr. Penick of Jackson preached a series of revival sermons during the week. A collection of \$52.00 was presented to him as a token of appreciation for his service. The following were baptised on Saturday morning following revival: Mrs. Guy Harrell, Mrs. Gussie Garrett, Mr. Tom Watridge, Clyde Byrum, G. W. Stewart, Joe Thomas, Canolia Joyner, Mrs. Dewey Outlaw. Collection \$7.27.

Comment - September - (we must observe the regularity of all phases of services. The observance of the Lord's Supper, Missions days, annual Deacons day. Those Saturday afternoon meeting days before the 3rd Sunday. Those were sometimes turbulent experiences, but always emerged with the church on the right track and headed in the right direction. And then those persistent mission offerings for one of the seven causes, with an individual representing each, from which no one present ever escaped the privilege of giving.)

September - after preaching on Saturday afternoon before the 3rd Sunday, the church set in conference. A motion was made and carried that members be expelled from church membership that had been under consideration. One was retained in membership. After services the next Sunday, the pastor resigned to be effective one month from date, if at the regular deacons, he was not called again.

October, Saturday, Rev. J. W. Joyner unanimously called to preach at Zion for another year.

October - a letter granted Mr. Coly Parker. Motion prevailed to pay ladies of church amount of money borrowed from them. Brother Woodcock, of Brownsville preaches on missions. Collected for State Mission - \$10.42. Paid on debt for piano - \$83.50.

November, 1924 - pastor failed to arrive because of his father's illness, but being in the community on the 5th Sunday, preached two sermons. Though services were held on regular meeting day, Saturday afternoon and Sunday School on Sunday, sometimes their greatest services were when, because of winters weather, pastors could not get there and they would participate in personal testimony and talks by one of the lay leaders.

January, 1925 - Mrs. Kate Gordon, Mrs. Julie Stewart and Mrs. John Davis appointed to write obituary of Mrs. Sallie Cox. Reported that church sent Mrs. Williams \$20.00 for Christmas.

February - summer protracted meeting discussed. Dr. Penick would be invited to do the preaching. Lizzie Shelton granted letter. Two services by pastor on Sunday. Saturday's meeting as usual.

March - M. E. Lockard, Edd Stewart and Edwin Stewart appointed to write obituary of Mr. J. F. White. Collection of \$28.16 was taken for Mrs. Lake Marbury's hospital bill.

April - a committee to write obituary of Mr. John White. M. E. Lockard, the delegate to the Sunday School Convention at Jackson was given \$5.00 to pay for minutes for Zion. It was drawn from the treasury, and to be replaced later, (by whom, we may wonder, except the Lord.)

May, 1925 - the annual 5th Sunday meeting was held at Zion. Churches around always supported this observance. \$3.50 collected for printing programs for the occasion. This expense was borne by the host church. Annual Association was also held at Zion. Collection of \$22.50 was taken for Orphan's Home.

July - Mrs. Emma Gordon, Mrs. Kate Gordon and Mrs. John Davis appointed to write obituary of Sister Cobb. (This was my grandmother and daughter of A. J. Outlaw, a former clerk of Zion Church). Grand mother "Bet"

Delegates to the Association meeting at Ripley were: Mr. and Mrs. John Stewart, Miss Mary Thomas and M. E. Lockard. Letter sent to the Association indicated 189 present membership. Additions during the year 13, offering through Sunday School \$66.70, offering through B.Y.P.U. \$31.41, gift to the poor \$81.08, building repairs \$111.65, total budget \$705.10. Deaths during year: Mrs. Sallie Cox, Mrs. John White and Mrs. Bet Cobb. Moderator - J. W. Joyner, Clerk - R. E. Stewart.

Third Sunday in August revival meeting. Those added to church by letter were: Mrs. Lannie White, Mr. Nolen Joyner, Ernest Marbury. By baptism: Mrs. Norvell Stewart, Miss Effie Watridge, Blanch Lovelace, Ovid Lovelace, Earl Lovelace, Harrie Thomas, David Earl Stewart, Eugene Stewart, Mrs. Ernest Marbury, Mrs. Tom Gordon, Emma Sue Davis, Billy Gordon, Beatrice Stewart, Walter Borders, Willie Borders and Iza Waddell. Collection \$58.60. Brother Woodcock did the preaching.

Saturday before the 3rd Sunday in September, 1925, Woodcock voted on to hold revival next summer. Rev. J. W. Joyner called to pastor church another year.

October - Brother Joyner accepted the call to pastor church next year. The next day, Sunday was all day meeting. After the delightful dinner and social hour, Brother Woodcock of Brownsville delivered a splendid address on missions. Collected \$10.60.

November - Saturday afternoon, church set in conference as usual. Brother Raymond Joyner asked for letter for self and family.

Also, Miss Volen Lovelace and Mrs. Bessie Castelaw requested letter, all were granted. Mr. Will Russell asked to be restored to fellowship, which was granted, provided he fulfill requirements to the church, at the time of his expulsion. Roll call put off and deacons to rearrange proper time.

December, 1925 - Brother Edd Stewart appointed to attend to the lamps. Miss Alia Marbury to play for the church service. Third Sunday collection for Orphan's Home - \$17.04. Observance of Lord's Supper.

January and February, 1926 - M. E. Lockard, Edd Stewart and John Davis appointed to write obituary of Brother George Gordon. Church sent \$15.00 to pastor as Christmas gift. Mal Thomas, Mrs. Francis Marbury, and Mrs. Lynn Stewart appointed to write obituary of Mrs. George Gordon. Deacons authorized to see about covering the church house.

March - motion made and adopted that all matters relative to a controversial case before the church be declared null and void. At last, those historical Saturday afternoon meetings was changed to Sunday nights. While mode of time I'm sure demanded a change, those experiences remained alive in minds and hearts of those pioneers who persevered through those many decades of challenge, and even mild persecution at times. I'm among the relatively few remaining who remembers the purpose, dispatch and decorum embraced by those astute parliamentarians who without fear, or favoritism, defended with pride, the honor, dignity and sacredness, the Lord's house and his work therein.

May, 1926 - Brother Hudgins from the office of Tennessee Baptist Convention, Tullahoma, Tennessee, delivered an eloquent address on Sunday School work. After which a beautiful lunch was served. Then showed by Hudgens means of organizing a Sunday School. After Sunday School, pastor J. W. Joyner gave a talk on his trip to the Southern Baptist Convention at Dallas, Texas.

June - Delegates appointed to attend Association were: M. E. Lockard, Nora Gordon, Lizzie Cobb and R. E. Stewart. (If you

wonder why Mrs. R. E. Stewart's name is deleted from active participation in Zion affairs, I may remind you that these minutes you have been reading and will read for decades, were written by her. She acted in capacity as Secretary for her husband, R. E. Stewart, who served as clerk of Zion Church for many years. She was and is now, one of Zion's most loyal supporters. While never becoming a member because of her aversion of being submerged under water; she became one of the Guardian Angels who has kept watch over Zion, and no doubt wondered at times, why those Baptist acted the way they did. After sharing her talent, skill and education, throughout their married life, with Zion folks and her family, she will still have enough, plus exemplary Christian character to bring shouts of song and praise from the Heavenly Choir, when her tasks on earth are over. Whatever rewards await the rare and exceptional virtues of motherhood, plus the inexhaustable devotion to home and church life, will surely be the crown upon Miss Lena).

July, 1926 - report to the Association reflects membership of 200. Additions by baptism 16, letter 2, restored 1. Pastor's salary \$300.00. Enrollment in S. S. officers and teachers 10, beginners 11, primaries 9, Intermediate 13, Young People (17 - 24) 23, Adults 20. Total enrollment 93. B.Y.P.U. Seniors 31, Juniors 18, total 50. Number of daily Bible readers 6. Brother Joe Morris was added to delegates to Association.

December - Brother Mal Thomas and family granted letters. Paid Brother Woodcock at close of meeting \$57.02. (Pages missing) Rev. R. J. Williams called as pastor. Mrs. Lizzie Cobb, Mrs. Tom Watridge, appointed to write obituary of Walter Brantley.

January, 1927 - voted to pay pastor R. J. Williams \$300.00 and all over this amount they could collect.

February, 1927 - Mrs. Emma Davis and Mrs. John Gordon to write obituary of Mrs. Lizzie Allens.

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Brother Sim Cobb's obituary to be written by Mr. Mose Lackard, Lynn Stewart. Edd Stewart and Mose Lockard were appointed lay leaders for Zion.

July, 1927 - delegates to the Association: Mrs. Lizzie Cobb, Mrs. Tom Gordon, Miss Josie Stewart, Mrs. Beulah Haynes, Mr. and Mrs. John Davis, Edwin Stewart, M. E. Lockard, Joe Morris. Association at Antioch. Total Membership 193. Sunday School enrollment 91. B.Y.P.U. 32. Total budget \$592.80.

September, 1927 - Dr. Waters of Union University filled pastors appointment. Brother Ury was pastor. Sunday morning and night services in vogue since Saturday meeting abandoned.

Third Sunday in October, Dr. Waters preaches again. Rev. Straus lectures on Sunday School Work. Waters is president of Union University.

December, 1927 - again they are having to resort to personal contact to collect pastor's salary. A list was furnished each neighborhood of church members to raise money. Collection of \$6.00 went to Orphan's Home.



**Zion Baptist Church**

**History**

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## CHURCH ROLL ON THIRD SUNDAY IN JUNE, 1941

1. Mrs. Murrall Cobb
2. Mrs. Sallie Archill
3. Mr. Willie Brantley
4. Mrs. Willie Brantley
5. Virginia Brantley Lovelace
6. W. P. Brantley
7. Mary Brantley Marbury
8. Guy Brantley
9. Gladys Brantley
10. Etta Brantley (dead)
11. C. E. Brantley
12. H. P. Brantley
13. A. E. Brantley
14. Mr. R. Brantley
15. Jewell Belch
16. Willie Borders
17. Walter Borders
18. Glen Crutchfield
19. Elsie Crutchfield
20. John E. Crutchfield
21. Bessie Claiborne
22. Henry Claiborne
23. Berry Cox
24. Mr. Jessie Cobb
25. Mrs. Jessie Cobb
26. Mr. Bernie Cobb
27. Mrs. Bernie Cobb
28. Miss Edna Earl Outlaw (letter)
29. Rebecca Cobb
30. Eugene Cobb
31. Edna Cobb
32. Mr. E. J. Cobb (dead)
33. C. F. Cobb
34. E. F. Cobb
35. Mrs. Mary Cain (Thomas)
36. Mrs. Hess (Thomas) Stokly
37. Stella Church
38. Mrs. George Carter (dead)
39. Irvin Duffy
40. J. W. Davis
41. Mrs. J. W. Davis
42. (letter May, 1941 Carl)
43. Herman Davis
44. Mrs. Herman Davis
45. Lorraine Davis
46. Jack Ford
47. Arthur Ford
48. Walter Gordon
49. Mrs. Walter Gordon (Nora)
50. Billie Gordon
51. Mr. Tom Gordon
52. Mrs. Tom Gordon (Nettie)
53. Mr. Louie Gordon (letter)
54. Mrs. Louie Gordon (Zooline)
55. Mr. John Allen Gordon (Mary)
56. Mrs. John Allen Gordon (Mary)
57. Mrs. M. E. Gordon (Kate)
58. Gussie Garrett
59. Lucille Grigsby
60. Hattie Betts Hicks
61. Mrs. Noel Joyner
62. Cornelia Joyner
63. Charlie B. Jackoks
64. Mr. Jim Lovelace
65. Mrs. Jim Lovelace (Ruby)
66. #Oma Lovelace
67. Guy Lovelace
68. James Lovelace
69. Pearl Lovelace *Patterson*
70. Otha Lovelace
71. Staley Lovelace
72. Mildred Lovelace
73. Will Lovelace (dead)
74. Vernon Lovelace
75. Mrs. Vernon Lovelace (Zola Be)
76. Mr. Francis Marbury
77. Mrs. Francis Marbury
78. Mary Ethel Marbury
79. Frozell Marbury
80. Mrs. Clay Marbury (letter)
81. Mr. J. N. Morris
82. Mr. Guy Harrell
83. Mrs. Guy Harrell (letter)
84. Mr. Freddie Morris (letter)
85. W. B. Mann
86. Mr. H. B. Mann
87. Sallie Bett Mann
88. Audry McMurry

89. Howell McMurry
90. Bessie McMurry
91. Mildred McCool  
(Stella) (Letter)
92. S. B. Musgraves  
(Died May, 1941)
93. Mrs. S. B. Musgraves (letter)
94. Burnice Mann
95. Leroy Agee
96. Mrs. Leroy Agee (Kate)
97. Ernest Marbery
98. Mrs. Ernest Marbery
99. Leslie Neely
100. Mrs. Minnie Mullin Overton
101. Mrs. Mollie Parker
102. Geraldine Parker
103. Viola Patterson
104. Edward Patterson
105. Elizabeth Patterson
106. Mattie Ola Parker
107. Floyd Rector
108. P. N. Steele
109. R. E. Stewart
110. D.E. Stewart & Edna
111. Irene Stewart
112. Grace Stewart Mulligan
113. Everett Stewart
114. Edwin Stewart, Jr.
115. Floyd Stewart
116. Virginia Stewart Tritt
117. Lynn Stewart
118. Robert Stewart
119. Dave Stewart
120. Mrs. Dave Stewart
121. Mose Stewart
122. Mrs. Mose Stewart
123. Elbert Stewart
124. Mrs. Elbert Stewart
125. G.W. Stewart
126. Norvelle Stewart
127. Mrs. Norvelle Stewart
128. Lelia Stewart
129. Kattie Lee Stewart
130. Lessie Stewart
131. Newt Stewart
132. Edd Stewart
133. Zelia Stewart (letters 1943)
134. Mrs. Rosa Thomas
135. Harry Thomas
136. Francis Thomas Waddell
137. Calvin Thomas
138. Zelma Simpson  
(lettered to H.G. 1941)
139. May Tinsley
140. Aileen Thomas  
(letter to H.G.)
141. Hariett Sinsang (letter)
142. Odie White
143. E. S. White
144. Carl White
145. Claude White
146. Odie White
147. Mrs. Effie White
148. L. E. White
149. May White (dead)
150. Lonnie White
151. Mrs. Lonnie White
152. Mrs. W. W. Watkins (dead)
153. Madie Watkins
154. Eva Mae Watkins
155. Tom Watridge
156. Mrs. Ida Watridge
157. M. E. Williams (dead)
158. Minnie May Yelverton
159. Ray Yelverton
160. Harry Yelverton
161. Mrs. Louise Lovelace
162. Mrs. Flossie Sinsang
163. Louise Sinsang (letter) *M.A. B...*
164. Mrs. John Thomas
165. Lola Belch (Drake)
166. J. F. White (dead)
167. Leslie Sullivan

Florent

- 168. Mrs. Dewey Outlaw
- 169. Cornelia Stewart
- 170. Mrs. John Watkins (letter)
- 171. Mrs. Dorlena Parks
- 172. Evelyn McMurry
- 173. Leslie Stewart
- 174. Joseph Stewart
- 175. Marie Lovelace
- 176.
- 177. Clarice Marbury
- 178. Joe Howell McMurry
- 179. Bettie Jean Brantley
- 180. Marjorie Fai James
- 181. Calvin Thomas, Jr.
- 182. Mrs. Calvin Thomas
- 183. James Sinsang
- 184. Lena Marbury
- 185. Elsie Watkins
- 186. James Thomas Parker
- 187. James Watkins
- 188. Hobert Lovelace
- 189. Virginia Cunningham (letter)
- 190. Bettie Cunningham (letter)
- 191. Monette Williams
- 192. Nellie McGee
- 193. Thomas Castellaw
- 194. Julia Castellaw
- 195. Billie Cunningham
- 196. Bradford Thomas
- 197. Rev. C.E. Azbill (letter)
- 198. Mrs.C.E. Azbill (letter)
- 199. Pennie White Cobb Adams (letter)
- 200. Mrs. Eddie Mai Tibbet (Stewart)
- 201. Eugene Stewart
- 202. Lavinia Davis Tillman (letter)
- 203. Robert Stewart
- 204. Sunshine Cobb
- 205. Burnice Williams
- 206. Mrs. Earl Marbury
- 207. Kathryn Outlaw
- 208. Mr. J. T. Jacocks
- 209. Mrs.J. T. Jacocks
- 210. Mrs. Haywood Watridge
- 211. Miss Louise Chandler (letter)

**PASTORS**

Rev. C. T. Ury ..... 1928  
 Rev. J. W. Kloss ..... 1929-1931

**CLERK**

R. E. Stewart

1928 - Deacon L. N. Stewart resigned.  
 1932 - R. E. Stewart was to see the members about raising a patch of cotton to pay pastor.

1931 - Baptising at Cobb's pond.

1931 - Church decided not to call a pastor until the old note due was paid in full. Pastor was to teach Sunday School lesson.

Association met at Zion in 1931. Met at Mt. Lebanon in 1932.

Deacons to see or write all members to collect pastor's salary. \$200.00 subscribed for Union University. \$9.64 given to Rev. Charlesworth to help him along the way.

Preachers canvassed community for pledges to Union University. 1928 - \$130.00. 1928 - Big day at Zion. Mrs. Scott missionary leader, Rev. Phillips, Rev. Barker, Rev. Stigler and Rev. Ury preached.

1928 - decided to try card pledge plan in raising pastor's salary.

1928 - 1929 - Big Hatchie invited.

During the 1920's and 1930's, Zion collected and sent to the Orphan's Home hugh boxes of food and clothing.

1931 - efforts to try to collect the note for pastor's salary. Next service pastor offered to come and preach an extra service, for the freewill offering. Collected - \$7.50.

Those Saturday afternoon meetings still observed, with prayer, business and preaching each month before the third Sunday.

R. E. Stewart appointed to park cars and write to negligent members as to their whereabouts. Making ready for the Big Hatchie Association to meet at Zion.

Just enough members had cars to create a problem for the church on rainy days. They couldn't get there.

## PREACHERS WHO PREACHED AT ZION

1928	.....	Mr. Jones from union University on Missions
1928	.....	Rev. Charlesworth, Jackson
1928	.....	Rev. House (revival)
1928	.....	Mrs. Scott, Rev. Stigler, Baker, Williams, Rev. Tull and Rev. Joyner sent letters intended to come
1928	.....	Rev. Buzbee
1929	.....	Rev. Pillow of Ararat
1929	.....	Rev. McNeely (revival)
1929	.....	Rev. Bernard Skates, trial sermon for \$6.00
1929	.....	J. W. Kloss of Union, trial sermon
1930	.....	Rev. C. H. Parrish (Kentucky) revival
1931	.....	Rev. C. H. Parrish
1931	.....	Mrs. C. H. Parrish
1931	.....	Dr. Guy of Union University on Every Member Campaign
1932	.....	Rev. Hersher
1932	.....	Rev. Arterburn, (Kentucky) revival

1932 - R. E. Stewart was to see the members about raising a patch of cotton to pay pastor.

1931 Church decided not to call a pastor until the old note due was paid in full. Pastor was to teach Sunday School lesson.

## PASTORS

1932	.....	J. W. Kloss
1933	.....	J. W. Kloss
1934	.....	H. B. Woodward
1935	.....	H. B. Woodward
1936	.....	J. W. Joyner
1937	.....	Rev. Azbill
1938	.....	Rev. Azbill
1939	.....	Rev. Azbill
1940	.....	Rev. Azbill
1941	.....	Rev. V. A. Rose (Salary \$15.00)
1942	.....	V. A. Rose (supply 3rd & 4th Sundays, in July Rose resigned to join armed forces as Chaplain.
1942 (August)	.....	R. K. Bennett (as interim)
1943	.....	Howard Kolb
1944	.....	Rev. Clapp (salary \$125.00 Month)
1945	.....	Rev. M. M. Ayers
1946	.....	Rev. M. M. Ayers

## SPEAKERS AT ZION

1932	.....	Rev. Fair
1933	.....	Rev. Arterman
1933	.....	Rev. Smothers (trial sermon in December)
1934	.....	Rev. Woodward (trial sermon in February)
1935	.....	Rev. Woodward J. W. Joyner (100th Anniversary) S. P. Poag (100th Anniversary)
1935	.....	Guy Turner (revival)
1936	.....	Rev. Carter (revival) Rev. Barr (from Jackson) Rev. Tharp Rev. A. Z. Bill
1938	.....	Rev. Roth Rev. W. A. West
1939	.....	Rev. Earl Vaughn (local boy) Rev. Bledso (from California)
1940	.....	Rev. Brieland (from Bolivar, revival)
1940	.....	Rev. Parrish (16 additions) Brother Williams, singing
1940	.....	Rev. Ury Rev. V. A. Rose (C.C.C. Camp) Rev. Cox (on Sunday School)
1941	.....	Rev. Hiller (from Columbia, Ohio) Rev. Kloss (revival, Union) Rev. Jimmy Williams, singer
1941	.....	Jonas Stewart (August) Rev. Jimmy Williams (Jackson) Rev. Flowers (Manila, Ark.) J. W. Joyner (former pastor)
1942	.....	Rev. Jonas Stewart (on "An Everchanging Man, and a Never Changing God", July 8) Rev. R. K. Bennett Rev. R. K. Bennett (revival)
1943	.....	Rev. Crabtree Rev. Vaughn Rev. Charles Dinkins Rev. Hood Dr. Ira C. Cole (revival) Rev. Melvin Rev. J. T. Ford Rev. R. Orr Rev. Baker Rev. Cox (ordination services December 5)

- 1944 ..... Rev. Chas Dinkins (substitute)  
 Rev. Vaughn (substitute)  
 Rev. Vick Clapp  
 Rev. Masters (all day meeting)  
 Rev. Armour  
 Rev. Milton  
 Rev. Hayward Highfill  
 Rev. Warren Clapp (July)  
 Thedford Jackson  
 Rev. Jonas Stewart (revival)  
 Rev. J. T. Ford (Music)  
 Rev. Charles Dinkins  
 Rev. Bill Bates (of Union)  
 Rev. Phillips (supply)
- 1945 ..... Bro. Lorance  
 Bro. Drace
- 1946 ..... Bro. Absher (Ft. Worth)  
 Bro. Jonas Stewart  
 Rev. C. L. Bowden (revival)  
 Bro. Hayward Highfill (song)
- 1947 ..... Dan Sargent (supply)  
 Rev. Jonas Stewart

Brother Will Morris gave church an offering box.

Brother Bernie Cobb to collect cards signed in Every Member Campaign.

David Earl Stewart elected to attend to the lamps during meeting. Brother H. B. Woodward, a young married man with two children was among the few who refused to be taken over by the great depression, still prevailing from the economic crash of November, 1929. He also had a wife, who supported him in quest for knowledge, strength and wisdom, while zealously preaching God's word. He is still around doing the same thing.

February, 1928 - deacons were to write to all members soliciting money for pastor's salary. Mrs. Ernestine Allen and Walter Tyler ask for letters, which was granted. Brother Lynn Stewart resigns as a deacon. Deacons met and made out list.

March, 1928 - Rev. Tom Ury, pastor, preached to a very small crowd. Decided to have flue cleaned out. Collection - \$1.41. Church seemed to be at low ebb.

May, 1934 - The following officers were voted on and adopted by the church to serve the Sunday School:

- R. E. Stewart ..... Superintendent  
 Jessie Cobb ..... Assistant Superintendent  
 Edna Outlaw ..... Secretary  
 Grace Stewart ..... Assistant Secretary  
 Joe Morris ..... Teacher of Class 1  
 R. E. Stewart ..... Assistant teacher of Class 1  
 Mrs. Jesse Cobb ..... Teacher of Class 2  
 Mrs. Lizzie Cobb ..... Teacher of Class 3  
 Miss Mary Marbury ..... Teacher of Class 4  
 Mrs. Gordon (Assistant J. A.) ..... Teacher of Class 4

An invitation was offered and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Stewart and Robert Stewart joined by letter. They were gladly accepted.

1935 - Zion 100th Anniversary - two day meeting.  
 Pastor H. B. Woodward preached revival

1936 - Church gave Rev. Azbill a shower for his pantry.  
 Jonas Stewart saved and baptized - Granted license to preach.

1937 - Rev. Hayward Highfill led singing in revival. The building was repaired. It was leaning south. Collections continue for missions and orphan's home. Pastor Azbill sang a song under the old apple tree. Then the congregation sang, "Brighten the Corner". Night service spent singing. Seems Saturday afternoon meeting had given away to Sunday night services.

February, 1938 - pastor's subject "The Patience of Job". Every member canvass to get pastor's salary. Sunday School revived again. All day meetings were an annual affair, with dinner on ground.

Ordination of deacons postponed, because no deacons were there from other churches.

1938 - Cemetary committee were: R. E. Stewart, Chairman; John Davis, and B. W. Cobb treasurers.

1938 - baptising in Cobb's pond. In September, two Sundays per month for services decided upon, also the salary. Finance committee of R. E. Stewart, Walter Gordon, Guy Harrell, Jesse Cobb, Joe Morris and Tom Gordon raised enough to pay pastor's salary in full.

1939 - Church damaged by wind storm. R. E. Stewart, Joe Morris, Bernie Cobb to have it repaired.

1939- Baptising at Cobb's pond in September. Building of new church considered, but repaired old one instead.

Sunday School, Morning and Evening services well attended during this decade, except for mud and weather.

1940 - Baptising at Cobb's pond. July, 1940 B.Y.P.U. organized, with Frezzel Marbury, Director; Charles J. Jacocks, Irene Stewart, Edna Outlaw, Bessie McMurray, Allen Marbury as Group Leaders.

Pulpit committee for October, 1940 were: C.B. Jacocks, Guy Harrel, Jesse Cobb.

April, 1941 - decided to have services another Sunday and pay pastor \$25.00 for three Sundays.

May, 1941 -Offering taken for the sick person \$14.10.

June, 1941 - Church roll copied.

1941- R. E. Stewart and Charles Jacocks to install better heating.

1942 - Special offering for Chinese relief \$23.00. Voted to buy three \$100.00 U. S. Bonds. To Cooperative Program \$14.90, to pastor \$25.00.

1943 - Sunday School reorganized.

December - W. D. Brantley and R. E. Stewart delivered Christmas Packages. Church had Christmas tree, social hour and gift for Rev. Jonas Stewart, student at Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas.

April, 1943- Invited students from Union to attend all day services.

1943 - Deacons elected were: Howell McMurry, Tom Gordon, Jesse Cobb, and Willie Brantley. Ordained on December 5th.

Rev. J. T. Ford conducted singing during revival. Cole and Ford invited back after many joining church. 14 candidates baptised in R. E. Stewart's pond. Finance committee: R. E. Stewart, Bernie Cobb, Guy Harrel, Willie Brantley and Tom Gordon.

Budget adopted, deacons nominated. Mrs. Jesse Cobb elected pianist. R. E. Stewart re-elected as church clerk. Kolb called back. Orphan's Home \$32.00. Pastor paid twice each month.

May, 1943 - Howard Kolb of New Orleans, a student at Union called, for fulltime at \$60.00 per month. June, 1944, Kolb resigns.

1944 - Sunday School Teachers were: Adult Men - Bernie Cobb, Adult Women- Mrs. Jesse Cobb, Young People - Jesse Cobb, Intermediates - Howell McMurry, Primary - Marie Lovelace, Beginners- Mrs. J. T. Jacocks.

1944 - Secretary and Treasurer, B. W. Cobb, makes report.

January 31, 1945, church burned while we were discussing the plagues of Israel. Fifteen people had traveled over thick frozen ground to attend mid-week prayer meeting. Pastor Charles Dinkins arrived early, built such a fire that the stove pipe was red to the ceiling. He had reached discussion of the 4th plague when I eased outside to investigate something falling on the ceiling inside. Flames were going through the roof. Afraid that some would die of shock or panic, I calmly announced, "I believe our church is on fire" and we began moving some things outside. Removed fires were themselves, the most vigorous spontaneous action I've ever seen at Zion. None were even dozing at that moment.

Before collecting \$1,000.00 on insurance, the cause of the fire must be determined. My report; after we collected it was, the pastor burned down our meeting house.

February 4, 1945, services at Centerville after church burned. Deacons met with church secretary and treasurer. Pastor Charles Dinkins, B. W. Cobb, R. E. Stewart; Guy Harrell appointed building committee. Finance committee was Tom Gordon, Charles B. Jacocks and Jesse Cobb. B. W. Cobb to dispose of old pews. Jesse and Bernie owned a saw mill, and sawed all logs which people would give for the building of a new church. Met at Centerville School for services, evening services. Prayer meeting was observed in private homes.

February 11 - services at Centerville School, large congregation for both Sunday School and preaching services. Letters of appreciation sent to all donors on building fund. Guy Lovelace added to finance committee. Allens Church, Woodland and Holly Grove opened their doors to us for services. Church gave deacons full authority to proceed with a new building. Throngs of people donated their skill and labor.

April 11, 1945 - church assembled for first time in new building, after having shared with Allens Church the generous hospitality of their fellowship during our loss of a place to worship.

June, 1945 - Dr. Ray appeared to show pictures of his 40 years in Japan on mission field, but had to go to Holly Grove for lack of sufficient lighting. Allens congregation attended also. Collection for missions \$26.65 given to Dr. Ray.

Big Hatchie Association Meetings: 1945 - Holly Grove, 1945 - Brighton.

1945 - Bernie Cobb to get stove for church. Brother Cobb brought attention of need for a parsonage, \$1,455.00 was pledged.

48 attended Vacation Bible School. Baptist and Reflector sent to all church homes for 10¢ monthly. First Wednesday night in each month to become business time.

June, 1946 - R. E. Stewart, B. W. Cobb, Dr. D. E. Stewart, Tom Gordon, Guy Harrell, and J. H. McMurry to discover the feasibility of building a parsonage.

Emma Lee Simpson conducted Training Union course.

Sent W. H. Foust \$50.00 for Associational Missionary work. Several sites considered by committee for parsonage.

July 7, 1946 - 240 attended Association.

July 23, 1946 - Dr. Jonas Stewart became Big Hatchie Association missionary and joins Zion Church.

1946 - Zion suggest to Big Hatchie Association sending food to hungry people abroad as a substitute to the 3 1/2 million dollars. R. E. Stewart elected Chairman of Cemetary committee.

Voted to send 5% to Cooperative Program.

December 31, 1946 - total collection given to Pastor Ayers as Christmas present.

January, 1948 - propane heating system installed.

B. W. Cobb to hire a keeper for cemetary.

Pledges to building a parsonage, 1948, see minutes.

1947 - B. W. Cobb resigns as Secretary and Treasurer. Miss Irene Stewart elected as clerk. B. W. Cobb re-elected as Secretary and Treasurer.

January, 1948 - propane heating system installed.

B. W. Cobb to hire a keeper for cemetary.

Pledges to building a parsonage, 1948, see minutes.

## 1948

Pastor - Brother M. E. Presley

Messengers to Big Hatchie Association which met at Garland the first day and Antioch on the second day were:

Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Cobb  
Nancy Pruette  
R. E. Stewart  
Mr. and Mrs. J. H. McMurry

Sunday School Superintendent ..... R.E. Stewart  
Clerk ..... Miss Irene Stewart  
Church Treasurer ..... B. W. Cobb  
Training Union Director ..... Bob Parks  
Organist..... Mrs. Jesse Cobb

Gifts to Missions ..... \$389.25  
Church Membership ..... 205  
Average Attendance in Sunday School ..... 46  
Average Attendance in Training Union ..... 19  
Value of all church property ..... \$6,000.00  
Pastor's Salary ..... \$1,113.00

## 1949

July 19 & 20 - Pastor, Brother M. E. Presley  
Big Hatchie Association met at Ripley the first day at Woodland the second day. Delegates were: Brother Presley, Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Cobb, R. E. Stewart, Margie Parker and Mrs. George Sullivan.

Number of tithers in church ..... 20  
 Sunday School superintendent ..... B. W. Cobb  
 Sunday School enrollment ..... 69  
 President of W. M. U. .... Mrs. B. W. Cobb

Deaths in 1949 were: Mr. Oscar White and Mrs. Jim Cobb.

Mr. Sidney Outlaw, an ordained Baptist Minister, copied the following minutes from the Big Hatchie Association records, as I was copying the two years previous ones. The years, 1948 through October 9, 1952 were deleted from Zion records. He is also a close lineage to one of the founders of Zion Church.

### October 10, 1950

Big Hatchie Association met at Brownsville and Charleston churches. Delegates were: Rev. and Mrs. Presley, R. E. Stewart, B. W. Cobb.

Pastor ..... Rev. M. E. Presley  
 Deaths ..... Berry Cox and W. B. Mann  
 Choir Director ..... M. E. Presley  
 Pianist ..... Mrs. Jesse Cobb  
 Librarian ..... Miss Margie Parker  
 Treasurer ..... Mr. Everett Stewart  
 Clerk ..... Margie Parker  
 Sunday School Superintendent ..... B. W. Cobb  
 W. M. U. President ..... Mrs. M. E. Presley

### 1951

October 16 & 17 - Big Hatchie Association at Henning and Covington. Delegates were: Rev. and Mrs. Presley, R. E. Stewart, Mrs. Bob Parks, Mrs. Homer Lovelace.

Deaths ..... Mr. Calvin Thomas

November, 1951 - Zion Church was voted the most progressive church in Tennessee, by the Executive Committee of the State Baptist Convention.

Choir Director ..... Pastor Presley  
 Pianist ..... Mrs. Jesse Cobb  
 Librarian ..... Miss Margie Parker  
 Sunday School Superintendent ..... B. W. Cobb

Training Union Director ..... Mr. Jesse Cobb  
 W. M. U. Director ..... Mrs. Jesse Cobb  
 Treasurer ..... R. E. Stewart  
 Clerk ..... Margie Parker

### 1952

Pastor ..... M. E. Presley  
 Clerk ..... Margie Parker  
 Deaths Mrs. Ruby Lovelace, Walter Gordon, Mrs. Floyd Stewart,  
 and Mr. John Stewart  
 Choir Director and Pastor ..... M. E. Presley  
 Pianist ..... Allie Cobb

Big Hatchie Association met October 14 & 15 at Oak Grove and Walnut Grove. Delegates were: Brother Presley and wife, R. E. Stewart, B. W. Cobb and wife.



**Zion Baptist Church**

**History**

**1952 - 1966**

1952 - nominating committee for officers and teachers for the coming year were Bernie Cobb, Allie Cobb, Cordelia Jacocks and Mable Ruth Marbury.

Clerk ..... Margie Ruth Parker  
 Treasurer ..... R. E. Stewart  
 Secretary ..... Mrs. Jesse Cobb

**OFFICERS**

Superintendent ..... Bernie Cobb  
 Associational Superintendent ..... J. T. Jacocks  
 Secretary ..... Margie Ruth Parker  
 Associational Secretary ..... J. T. Jacocks

**TEACHERS**

Adult Men ..... Tom Gordon  
 Assistant ..... Bernie Cobb  
 Adult Women ..... Nettie Gordon  
 Assistant ..... Mildred Cobb  
 Young People ..... Mable Ruth Marbury  
 Assistant ..... Nathan Outlaw  
 Intermediate ..... Nettie White  
 Assistant ..... Bernie Cobb  
 Juniors ..... Cordelia Jacocks  
 Assistant ..... Jesse Cobb  
 Primaries ..... Virginia Lovelace  
 Beginners ..... Mrs. Roland Cozart  
 Assistant ..... Virginia Tritt

**TRAINING UNION**

Director ..... Jesse Cobb  
 Assistant ..... Dewey Outlaw  
 Secretary ..... Mrs. Edna Sullivan  
 President ..... Willie Brantley

**TEACHERS**

Young People ..... Mrs. Mable Ruth Marbury  
 Intermediate ..... Mrs. George Sullivan and Mrs. Virginia Tritt  
 Beginners ..... Mrs. M. E. Presley and Mrs. Homer Lovelace

**PRESENT OF W. M. S.**  
 Mrs. Guy Lovelace

**SEPTEMBER, 1953**

On September 13, 1953 the election of officers for next year are as follows:

Clerk ..... Howell McMurray  
 Treasurer ..... R.E. Stewart  
 Superintendent ..... Bernie Cobb  
 Assistant Superintendent ..... L. C. Jones  
 Secretary of Sunday School ..... Joyce Cobb  
 Assistant Secretary ..... Betty Gordon

A motion was made by Bernie Cobb and seconded by R. E. Stewart, that we organize an Extension Department. Mrs. Edna Sullivan was elected as Superintendent and Mrs. Mable Ruth Marbury as Associate Superintendent.

Beginner Teacher ..... Mrs. Roland Cozart  
 Assistant ..... Margie Ruth Parker  
 Primaries Teacher ..... Virginia Lovelace  
 Assistant ..... Juliette Lovelace  
 Juniors Teachers ..... Alice Cobb  
 Assistant ..... Cordelia Jacocks  
 Intermediate Teacher ..... Mildred Cobb  
 Assistant ..... Edna Sullivan  
 Young People (17-20) ..... Mable Ruth Marbury  
 Assistant ..... Nathan Outlaw  
 Young People (21 - 30) ..... Mr. L. C. Jones  
 Assistant ..... Marjoie Williams

Adult Women ..... Mrs. Tom Gordon  
 Assistant ..... Mary Ethel Marbury  
 Adult Men ..... Tom Gordon  
 Assistant ..... Dewey Outlaw

**TRAINING UNION OFFICERS ARE AS FOLLOWS:**

Superintendent ..... Jesse Cobb  
 Secretary of Training Union ..... Mrs Edna Sullivan  
 Assistant Secretary ..... Betty Gordon  
 Primaries ..... Mrs. Virginia Lovelace and Mrs. M. E. Presley  
 Intermediates ..... Margie Ruth Parker  
 Young People ..... Bernie Cobb  
 Young People (17 - 20) ..... Mrs. Mable Ruth Marbury  
 Juniors ..... Mrs. Alice Cobb and Cordelia Jacocks

W. M. U. President ..... Mrs. Mable Ruth Marbury

October, 1953 - Miss Margie Ruth Parker elected Secretary of the Sunday School, rooms provided each side of the choir.

November - Pastor given the privilege to preach at Harmony Church each Sunday afternoon.

December - A desk and chair will be provided for each Sunday School room.

Donations of \$34.14 collected for Shaws Chapel new church.

January, 1954 - contributed \$50.00 to the purchase of a home for the Big Hatchie Associatin Missionary located at Henning, Tennessee. The total cost of the house was \$10,000.00.

\$10.00 contributed to the Association Spring Revival.

February, 1954 - Sara McBride request letter to join Holly Grove. Betty Joe Warf received into fellowship by letter.

March - sponsored a Young Men's Brotherhood. Letters were granted Calvin Thomas, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. James F. Prince to unite with Brownsville Baptist Church. Mr. and Mrs. Dezern Stewart received by letter from Holly Grove.

May - Earl Lovelace granted letter to join a Baptist Church in Bells. Betty Lue Haynes granted letter to join Brownsville Baptist Church.

June - Letter granted to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Brigance to join Brownsville Baptist. J. T. Jacocks elected Assistant Sunday School Superintendent.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Lovelace moves to Martin and carries letters.

Mrs. John Stewart joins Brownsville Baptist by letter.

March, 1954 - letter granted to Hilda (Haynes) Hensley. Letters granted to Mrs. Buchannon and Miss Marion Williams to First Baptist Church in Jackson.

December, 1954 - Christmas baskets for the shut-ins. Donation of \$28.63 to Orphan's home.

Sent pastor to the Evangelistic planning conference in Nashville

February, 1955 - total indebtness of church - \$290.00.

March, 1955 - Mr. and Mrs. Ovid Lovelace and Mrs. McFarland join by letter. By profession of faith - Diane Tritt, Mary Lou Mullen, Wayne Sills.

April, 1955 - Mrs. Mable Ruth Marbury elected President of Vacation Bible School.

Letter granted to Patsy Covington to Labell Baptist Church in Memphis.

April - Brother Partain preached revival.

May, 1955 - Mr. Sam Castellaw Joins by letter from Holly Grove.

The Church appropriated \$50.00 for Pastor Presley to attend the Rural Pastors Conference at Ridgecrest.

May, 1955- Vacation Bible School had enrollment of 52.

September, 1955 - new members joined during revival were: Phil Lovelace, Don Sills, Betty Nell Parker, Mary Kathrene Parker, Carolyn Russell, Ann Lovelace, Bernie (Sonny) Cobb, Kenneth (Buck) Haynes.

June - wiener roast for the children. More social life suggested for the young people. C. R. McFarland joins by letter from Halls. Received Mr. Sam Castellaw's letter.

September, 1955 - H. B. Woodward and Charles Dinkins were speakers to Homecoming celebration. Woodward was pastor 1934-35. Dinkins was pastor from 1944 - 45.

November, 1955 - motion carried that the church pay for spring revival preaching \$75.00 and for summer revival \$150.00.

Brother Presley, pastor, asked we begin printing a church bulletin in the near future.

November, 1955 - letters granted to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph P. Stewart to join Beverly Hill Baptist Church in Memphis.

Letters received from Kennedy Baptist Church for Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Covington.

January, 1956 - 12 song books ordered for the Junior Choir. \$15.00 given to a family whose house was destroyed by fire.

Mrs. Earl Marbury elected as Vacation Bible School Director. Training Union chourse postponed because of Everette Stewarts death. Brother Haywood Hayfill was to conduct this course. Letter granted to Bettye (Cunningham) Poindexter to join Southern Baptist Church of 2500 Nebraska Street, Kansas City, Missouri. Folding partitions installed in auditorum to provide Sunday School rooms.

August, 1956 - Mrs. Anna Lovelace, wife of former Deacon Lynn Lovelace expired. Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Hendrix joined church.

September, 1956 - nominating committee for Sunday School reorganization were Bernie Cobb, Chairman, Mable Ruth Marbury, Cordelia Jacocks, Ovid Lovelace and Howell McMurray.

Mrs. Ed F. Hendrix joined church by profession of faith.

Budget for 1956 - \$6,663.04, Missions - \$1,066.00.

\$100.00 donated to the girls dormitory at Union University.

October, 1956 - messengers to the Associatin: Brother and Mrs. M. E. Presley, Bernie Cobb, Sam Castellaw, Margie Parker. Alternates: Mr. and Mrs. J. H. McMurry.

\$45.00 sent to the Orphan's Home. Noted that many more applicants to admit children, than room for, in our four homes.

December, 1956 - Bernie Cobb resigns from building committee. Guy Harrell elected to serve in his place.

Maxine Stewart elected to assist Laura Joe Cozart with her Sunday School Class.

Donation of \$50.00 to Orphan's Home was approved. Ten dollars each month to the Big Hatchie Association for Association Missionary salary at the suggestion of Jesse Cobb.

December - Motion by Jesse Cobb that we employ Brother George Burnett to audit our books and set up a systematic method of bookkeeping. Sent clothing to Coreæ for the naked people there.

Offering taken to pay hospital bill for a member. Letter to Brother Eugene Bennard to join Raleigh Church.

Mabel Ruth Marbury, Mrs. Guy Lovelace, Howell McMurry, Edna Sullivan and Bernie Cobb were appointed to select new officers for Sunday School.

\$50.00 used to buy Christmas baskets for shut-ins.

February, 1957 - Mable Ruth Marbury elected Training Union Director. Balance in Bank - \$1,014.27.

Decided to invest surplus funds in U. S. Government bonds or a savings account to draw interest. Committee was R. E. Stewart, Bernie Cobb and J. H. McMurry.

Reward offered of \$100.00 for the arrest and convictin of the thief who stole chairs. Cobb to investigate cost of theft insurance.

Sent \$25.00 to move Brother Drummond to Denver, Colorado where he is entering full time missions work, with nothing but the Lord's call to begin with.

March, 1957 - Maurice Tritt, Robert Stewart and Guy Lovelace were appointed to acquire more land for the cemetary. Balance in bank - \$1,438.00.

Suggested by B. W. Cobb and R. E. Stewart that the church secretary be relieved from keeping account of amounts each person contributed to the church. Jesse Cobb and R. E. Stewart suggest sending \$50.00 to Orphan's home. So ordered.

August, 1957, Bernie Cobb, Mable Ruth Marbury, J. H. McMurry and Ovid Lovelace were the committee to select teachers for ensuing year for Sunday School.

Mable Ruth Marbury elected Superintendent of Vacation Bible School.

Charles B. Jacocks suggest we put carpeting over entire new church building. R. E. Stewart suggest we air condition entire new church building.

B. W. Cobb recommended that the church buy Holt property after he and Nathan Outlaw ran a survey determining it would make a desirable lake. Church turned it down for a price of \$2,000.00.

Letter granted Larry Brantley on May 10th. Letters received for Mrs. Otis Russell, Poston Pitts, (must have been Preston Pitts), and Lucille Trout.

November - Mable Ruth Marbury made a motion and Mildred Cobb seconded, that Brother Burnett come and audit Zion Church books.

Tom Gordon made a motion that we pay the visiting evangelist for the Spring Revival \$100.00. Mable Ruth Marbury insisted on having a Vacation Bible School. It was approved, with Mrs. Fernstern being sought with \$25.00 pay to conduct this school.

December, 1957 - J. T. Jacocks was elected Sunday School Secretary to replace Majorie Williams who moved to Nashville. Balance in bank - \$2,186.80.

February, 1958 - Pulpit committee was Tom Gordon, Bernie Cobb, Guy Harrell, J. T. Jacocks and Guy Lovelace. Letter granted John W. Collier to join a church in Jacksonville, N. C.

April 13, 1958 - Brother M. E. Presley preached his last sermon. He is moving to pastor the Baptist Church in Pinson, Tennessee.

May, 1958 - both Brother Bill Delaney and Brother Cox put in nomination as pastor for Zion. Letters granted to Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Covington.

June 8, 1958 - Brother Richard Lusk called to pastor church.

VAcation Bible School attendance average - 65. Number attended in Sunday School - 11.

September - Nathan Outlaw elected Training Union Director.

August 3, 1958 - After the preaching by our new pastor, Richard Lusk, and singing by R. K. Bennett, there were 16 additions to our church by baptism; 6 by letter and 1 by statement.

(A note reads) "If teachers have any waste paper, please throw it on the floor". Balance on hand - \$2,276.20.

Old song books given to Shaws Chapel, 48 in all. The Lusk's have set Zion in motion. New church budget of \$150.00 per week was adopted for year of 1958 - 59.

September 7, 1958 - 16 were baptised. \$3,333.96 in treasury. Paying pastor \$60.00 per week Ridiculous, but we did better later on.

October, 1958 - Plans and specifications for new church adopted and let out for bids.

October, 1958 - New church plan adopted

December 21, 1958 - All contract bids on new auditorum rejected. Every one, skilled and unskilled, dedicated themselves to task of assistance, pledging their best efforts and what ever money they could afford to this project. Construction began.

March - The church sent letters to Senators, Representatives and the Governor, protesting the passing of a bill allowing cities of 8,000 or more population, the right to vote on open saloons or legalized liquor.

March - Brother Sorrell of Brownsville Baptist preached our Spring Revival Meeting.

May, 1959 - Breezeway between the old and new church closed in.

August 16, 1959 - the pastor's salary raised to \$80.00 per week.

November, 1959 - the church voted to send Brother Lusk and his father-in-law to the state convention at Gatlingburg. Their expenses would be paid by the church.

#### NOMINATIONS FOR CHURCH YEAR 1958 - 59 ZION BAPTIST CHURCH

##### General Church Officers:

Secretary and Treasurer .....	Mr. R. E. Stewart
Clerk .....	Mr. J. H. McMurray
Pianist .....	Mrs. Alice Cobb
Song Leader .....	Mrs. Mildred Cobb
Sunday School Superintendent .....	Mr. B. W. Cobb
Training Union Director .....	Mr. Nathan Outlaw
W. M. S. President .....	Mrs. Sarah Porch
Brotherhood President .....	Mr. Guy Lovelace

**Sunday School:**

General Secretary ..... J. T. Jackcks  
Nursery (Bed Babies) ..... Mrs. Maxine Stewart, Mrs. Ida Lusk  
Nursery (2 & 3 Year) ..... Mrs. Carolyn Lovelace  
Beginner (4 & 5 year) ... Mrs. Laura Cozart, Mrs. Billie Naragon  
Primary (6 - 8 Year) ..... Mrs. Esta Stewart  
Junior (9-10 boys and girls) ..... Mrs. Dora Parks  
Junior (11-12 Year Girls) ..... Mrs. Virginia Tritt  
Junior (11-12 Year Boys) ..... Mr. L. E. Porch  
Intermediate (13 - 16 girls) ..... Mrs. Virginia Lovelace  
Intermediate (13 - 16 boys) ..... Mr. Hobert Lovelace  
Young People (17-24 girls) ..... Miss Margie Ruth Parker  
Young People (17-24 boys) ..... Mr. Jerry Parker  
Adult Women (25-37) ..... Mrs. Mildred Cobb  
Adult Women (38-50) ..... Mrs. Nettie White  
Adult Women (51-) ..... Mrs. Mable Marbury  
Adult Men (25-37) ..... Mr. Nathan Outlaw  
Adult Men (38-50) ..... Mr. Jesse Cobb  
Adult Men (51-) .....

**Training Union:**

Nursery (Bed Babies) ..... Mrs. Wilson Cain, Mrs. Allie Brantley  
Storyhour (2-3 Year) . Mrs. Betty Outlaw, Mrs. Martha N. Parker  
Beginners (4-5 Year) ..... Mrs. Emma Jo Eubanks  
Primary (6-8 year) ..... Mrs. Effie White  
Junior (9-12) ..... Mr. & Mrs. Roland Cozart  
Intermediates (13-16 Years) ..... Mr. & Mrs. Bob Parks  
Young People (17- 24 Year) ..... Mr. & Mrs. R. Lusk  
Training Union Secretary ..... Mr. J. T. Jacocks

**Family Mission Night:**

Sunbeams Director ..... Mrs. Frances Moore  
Nursery Counsellor .. Mrs. Patsy Stewart, Mrs. Marnett Thomas,  
Mrs. Frances Moore  
Beginner Counsellor ..... Mrs. Billy Fay Naragon  
Primary Counsellor .....  
G. A.'s Director ..... Mrs. Ida Lusk  
Junior G. A. Counsellor ..... Mrs. Carolyn Lovelace  
Intermediate G. A. Counsellor ..... Mrs. Laura Jo Cozart  
Y. W. A.'s Director ..... Mrs. Virginia Tritt  
Y. W. A. Counsellor ..... Mrs. Virginia Tritt  
R. A. Director ..... Mr. Hobert Lovelace

May 24, 1959 - Mr. and Mrs. Allen Outlaw joined Zion Church.

Price for carpeting the new church- \$2,150.00 (Economy Store).  
Church Budget - \$9,500.00.

August, 1959 - Trustees authorized to borrow \$31,000 balance  
owing on new auditorum.

Miss Janet Marbury Lewis won first place in speech tournament  
which was held at Zion. Subject: "Macedonia Calls Today," Janet  
then entered the Big Hatchie Association speech tournament which  
was held at the Brownsville Baptist Church. She won there and  
then went to the District Tournament in Somerville. Zion Baptist  
Church awarded her a trip to Ridgecrest for winning the church  
tournament. She says, however, the greatest reward she received  
was the realization that she could accomplish all things through  
Christ who strengthens her. This ws one of the scriptures she used  
in her speech. (Phillipians 4:13)

1960 - The pastor's home was air-conditioned.

August - Mrs. Franklin Thomas joined by letter from Jackson.

September 14 - The body of Mrs. Richardson, daughter of Carie  
Haynes and sister of Mrs. Franklin Thomas, recovered from  
Pickwick Lake.

February 2, 1962 - Brother Lusk preached his last sermon before  
leaving for China. All day meeting with dinner in basement dining  
room and kitchen. The man came to Zion for a salary of \$60.00 per  
week, leaving Texas where he and his lovely wife were making over  
700.00 per month.

**Reflections of the Lusk coming to Zion in 1958:**

While on vacation, Brother Richard Lusk, wife Ida, and their one  
child Marion, were home visiting with Brother and Mrs. R. K.  
Bennett of Stanton. Brother Bennett, being the proud man he was of  
his son-in-law, brought him by to meet me in the court house on  
Saturday afternoon (that was when I was working sixteen hours per  
day, six days of the week, and for less pay than was required to  
sustain family needs). I, like Brother Lusk, was employed doing  
something I had always looked forward to. Zion was at the time  
without a pastor. As they were leaving it occured to me that Brother  
Lusk might preach for us the next day. He was delighted that I had  
asked him.

Immediately after the sermon, I called the deacon body together and a unanimous decision was immediately reached to extend the call and I requested to talk with him. Knowing our action would have to be ratified by the church, but knowing also, the church would as usual, condone most anything we deacons did, good or bad.

Brother Lusk and Bennett were waiting in and around for a few minutes after the services. Upon informing them of our decision, Brother Lusk said he had not thought of making a move, but he and Ida would pray about it. About one week later Brother Lusk called saying they had prayed and felt inclined to come to Zion.

In evaluating our hasty actions many thoughts came to mind not previously anticipated. One in particular was the ministers I had known who attended South Western Seminary and had to drive a hundred miles or so to preach while there, and maybe be paid only enough to buy gas and a hamburger over the weekend. Their favorable consideration of Zion, was perhaps due to our furnishing a parsonage with \$60.00 per week salary would probably attract them.

Resumes were not in vogue then. In fact if he had suggested providing one, I probably would have said, "no use, we'll just take your word for everything." So we knew absolutely nothing of each other, except his opinion of us, a country congregation, and our observation of his pulpit demeanor during this one unanticipated church service.

The question of salary had however, somewhat concerned me. I immediately, upon his call indicating an interest in coming to Zion informed him of the \$60.00 per week, which I just knew would end further negotiations. But it didn't. His response was, "I'm least interested in salary. I'm educated for a foreign missionary and expect to spend three years here before leaving. Ida and I feel led to Zion at this point and time." "May I ask how much are your earnings now?" "Oh, slightly over \$700.00 per month." he said. "Well, you must forget about Zion, and I offer apology for my interrogation." "I do not want apology. We want another week to pray and seek the Lord's will. During this time you and the people at Zion do some praying also."

After being there a short time, he suggested the possibility of needing more auditorum space. The Sunday School rooms to the sides and back will hold all the people in this community that will ever attend Zion, in my opinion, was my answer, to his awakening statement. "Oh, no. I'm praying it will not!" Well, we prayed it would when we built, because it was the largest we could afford at

the time, and so far its never been filled. People have moved out to the cities and towns. However, should we at times have an overflow crowd, its only a simple matter of raising the Sunday School room windows opening into the auditorum which allows open view to the choir and pulpit. All this we anticipated. But, he replied "even this will not seat the crowds." "Well, we will see, when your ministry here has attracted enough church goers to fill all those seats. I'm sure Zion folks will provide more, somehow. I watched them build this one in just no time, after the old church burned in 1946.

Brother Lusk could do more with a chalk board and a piece of crayon than a monkey with a peanut, and when his expert salesmanship had run aground, he resorted to his tactic. I learned later this was double appeal and an irresistible approach to incomprehensible objectives, but not until we all were taken by it, did I discover his technique, which was too late then. Such logic we had not been confronted with before and have since concluded it must have been just one of his many divine endowments in realms of material values and attributes in the scope of their ministry. While he was the chief architect and planner, Carl and Dock White both were liberal contributors of their expert knowledge and skill and workmanship in assuming responsibility for engineering and construction of the magnificent edifice in which we today hold this celebration.

February 11, 1962 - Brother Guy Boggs desires to visit Zion, indicating his interest to become pastor. Brother Bennett doing the preaching for us, while searching for a pastor.

February 18, 1962 - Boggs preaches, urging our sending as many young people to Ridgecrest as possible. Eight sent there in 1961. Bar-B-Q supper at church.

W. N. Cooke offers to pay for making Baptismal robes. Mrs. Elizabeth Williams made them for \$12.00.

Powell Lumber Company gave \$100.00 in material for nursery repairs.

September - Letter granted Mrs. John Choate.

Brother George Burnett was the former president of the Murfreesboro Baptist Female College. He was a rare student from the "old school" whom no one would take issue with upon learning of his vast scope of knowledge. While here he stayed with Jesse and Allie Cobb. During the daytime he would contact church members to

determine just how much they had contributed to the church during the past year, how much they were earning and then assigned to them an amount he was entering into the budget for them to pay the following year. I accompanied him on visits with members who accused me later, of having informed him as to their contributions, which I was innocent of. When it came my time, he gave me the same dose of medicine he had given others, which I thoroughly enjoyed, until I had to swallow a dose myself. Zion was the first church to set up a formal budget in this territory, with checks and balances to conform with proper ethics in accounting. This man was the personification of a christian gentleman with education and wisdom coupled with little sympathy and patience for a man who preyed on the people all week, then preyed on the Lord on Sunday.

September, 1960 - began to realize need for a nursery, beginner and primary department.

Old pews, 12 in number, 2 chairs, 1 table and pulpit sold to a new Baptist Church in Drumville. One hundred chairs ordered for the new building. This was changed when B. W. Cobb and Malcolm Dixon gave theater seats to the church.

Brother Lusk given the privilege of teaching school to supplement his income.

January, 1961 - Lottie Moon Christmas Offering was \$1,007.60.

March - a letter was written to the Governor opposing the privilege of an appeal to Circuit Court of a beer license, which had been refused by the beer commission.

Brother Guy Boggs held the summer revival. He is from South Carolina.

Raymond Covington and family were granted letters to join Holly Grove Church.

Mrs. John Allen Gordon, Mrs. Silas Wilson get letters to join Brownsville Baptist Church.

Church sets aside \$2.00 per month each for following programs: Women's Missionary Union, Men's Brotherhood, refreshments for men to carry to Western State Hospital on their monthly trips there.

Letters granted Margaret Ann Edwards and Barbara Watridge to join Holly Grove.

September, 1961 - Brother Jonas Stewart conducted the revival. Love offering \$223.00. Offering for Indian Parsonage at Gold Dust, Tennessee - \$227.37.

Lusk family given \$500 love offering as they departed to Japan for their Foreign Mission work and future home.

Brother Guy Boggs declines call of church to replace Brother Lusk as pastor.

January 7, 1962 - Lottie Moon Christmas Offering - \$1,140.87.

January 31, 1962 - Brother R. K. Bennett called as interim pastor.

March, 1962 - letter granted to Silas Wilson to join Brownsville Baptist Church.

March 25, 1962 - Brother Joe Thomas in Louisville, Kentucky seminary called as pastor.

July 1962 - Brother W. E. Walker, Big Hatchie Missionary, on motion by Howell McMurray and Cobb, was sent a letter of appreciation for his unrelenting efforts to bring about the realization of the need and building a church and parsonage on the bank of the Mississippi River at Gold Dust, known as the Big Hatchie Association Indian Mission, the first Indian Mission establishment in Tennessee.

Bobby Hollingshead was paid for providing music during the revival \$30.00. Brother R. K. Bennett, for leading song services \$50.00. Brother Tilly, for preaching the revival services \$200.00.

September, 1962 - the Lusk family in CKhina sent Baptist and Reflector.

Letters to Bob Williams and wife, Shirley Lovelace Williams, to join Leawood Baptist in Memphis.

Vera Mae Thomas, Wayne Tritt and Joe Milton Thomas sent the Baptist Student Union Paper at Union University.

February 3, 1962 - Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Cook joined by letter from Holly Grove.

Mrs. D. G. Binford, Mrs. Charles Sullivan, Mrs. Marion Mathias joined and was baptised on March 10, 1962. Mathias by letter from Allen Church.



January, 1963 - Lottie Moon Offering - \$1,316.80. Balance of church debt \$10,600.

March- Annie Armstrong Easter Offering- \$254.81.

April 28, 1963 - Laverne Barnes joins by letter from Allen Church. 116 in Sunday School, 79 in Training Union, \$200.00 Sunday School offering.

May - Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Cooke joins by letter from Holly Grove

Jesse Cobb and W. N. Cooke suggest making a partition in the basement to provide Sunday School room.

July, 1963 - Mrs. Carolyn Lovelace and Mrs. L. E. Porch suggest partitions to separate different age groups. More room provided for nursery department.

August, 1963 - Brother M. E. Presley preached ordination services for W. N. Cooke and Hobert Lovelace. Others participating were Brother Doris Robinson of Harmony Church, Pastor \_\_\_\_\_ of Milan, a former pastor of Zion, and Brother John Henderson of Allens. Brother Joe Thomas was moderator.

October, 1963 - Nine delegates elected to attend Big Hatchie Association. 100 new Baptist Hymnals with the name of our church printed on them were ordered. \$15.00 sent to Association for minutes.

October - Brother Thomas resigns as pastor.

November - a budget of \$16,600.19 adopted.

Vera Mae Thomas granted letter to join First Baptist Church, Jackson. She is attending Union University. (Remember sending her the Union paper?)

January 15, 1964 - Brother Ivan Raley called as pastor. His work began in March.

Carolyn Lovelace and Mable Ruth Marbury suggest a shower for our new pastor. Balance on church debt \$5,177.40. Balance in bank \$1,601.00.

July, 1964 - Haywood Watridge and Clark Mann accepted into church.

Offering taken for Cubbert Bell, an Indian boy at Gold Dust Mission, to assist him in going to school at Harrison-Chilhowee - \$62.00.

R. Lusk returned from China because of Mrs. Bennett's illness. Brother Lusk preaches at Zion.

\$50.00 donated to Fischer family whose house burned.

Mrs. Wayne Tritt joins by letter from Brownsville Baptist Church.

Mrs. Howell McMurray resigns serving as Orphan's Home committee chairman. This committee sponsors care for a child by our church from the orphanage.

August, 1964 - the church sends morning offering to the Lusk family in China - \$198.70. Sandra Beasley Lovelace joins by letter from Brownsville Baptist Church. Given to State Missions - \$100.00. Thanks to Highway Department for gravel.

January, 1965 - all the church debt paid. \$93.17 above debt placed in Church Building account.

February, 1965 - Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Covington and family accepted into church.

Letter sent to Governor and Representatives -- opposing selling liquor by the drink.

March, 1965 - Mr. and Mrs. Jamie Lovelace, Mrs. Leslie Lewis accepted by letter. Mr. Leslie Lewis accepted by profession of faith and baptism. \$5.00 given to Sunbeam Band. Balance cash on hand - \$1,838.12.

April 14, 1965 - Electrolux vacuum cleaner purchased - \$300.00.

May 12 - the John Cooper family accepted into church by letter.

July - Mrs. Nell Marie Mathias gets letter to join Beech Bluff Church.

August - Brother Ivan Raley resigns.

August 29 - Pulpit committee named were: Mr. and Mrs. Bernie Cobb, Mr. and Mrs. Ovid Lovelace, Mr. and Mrs. Kendall Moore. Alternates: Mr. W. N. Cooke and Mrs. Edna Sullivan.

Elaine Lovelace was baptised.

August 29, 1965 - Brother Raley's last sermon before going to school. Since October 1, 1964, Zion received 14 members by baptism and 14 by letter. Raley and the Lord did a good job.

Miss Carol Cooke received by letter from Walnut Grove Church, Crockett County.

## 1966 - 1980

March, 1966 - Church voted to hang drapes on wall back of choir from wall to wall. The walls will not be painted. Drapes to be hung temporarily. R. E. Stewart and Guy Harrell resigns from maintenance. A new machine and etc. ordered for printing church bulletins.

March, 1966 - Balance cash on hand - \$3,135.85. Four girls will be sent to G. A. Camp this summer.

Received members Rev. and Mrs. Ivan Raley, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Gambill, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Layman. Larry was music director and a good one too.

\$75.00 donated to youth program.

Delegates to Southern Baptist Convention, which meets in Detroit on May 23, 1966, were: Mr. and Mrs. J. H. McMurray, Mrs. Bernie Cobb. Those who attended were Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Cobb, in addition to the above delegates.

Training Union enrollment 88, with 61 average attendance.

Annie Armstrong Easter Offering \$269.28. Balance in treasury \$3,012.63. Average attendance in Sunday School of May, 1966 - 108.

Church voted to pay pastor's expense to Ridgecrest this summer.

July, 1966 - night services omitted for two Sundays so all could attend the Crusade services at Football stadium in Brownsville on August 10th - 14th. Dr. Pascal of Nashville did the preaching.

New water cooler installed in church drinking fountain.

October, 1966 - letters were granted to Ivan N. Raley, Mrs. Esta Stewart, Mrs. Jerry McFarland. Members received by letter were Mr. and Mrs. James Sullivan (October 16).

December 4, 1966 - received by letter Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Sullivan.

Pastor for 1966 - Ronnie Wylie.

One week Bible study, well attended. Lottie Moon Christmas offering \$1,000.00. Bulletin board installed in foyer. Mrs. Walter Duffey, Phil Lovelace and Mrs. Franklin Thomas to arrange Christmas program.

September, 1966 - Bennie Morrison called as music director. (He declined, I suppose. He never came.) Letter granted to Mrs. Kay Raley to join First Baptist Church in Jackson.

October - Mouse proof cabinets built in basement kitchen. Letters granted to former Pastor Ivan Raley, Mrs. Esta Stewart and Mrs. Jerry McFarland.

December, 1966 - the morning offering was donated to Mr. and Mrs. Willie Brantley as a gift on their 50th wedding anniversary. Jesse Cobb suggested we take an offering for the Lusk family in China and we did.

Mrs. Clyde Hillburn join church on letter from Brunswick Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Stewart, Diane Tritt and Phil Lovelace to assist pastor during youth week.

W. M. U. reported 28 members doing good work.

January 11, 1967 - a motion by J. H. McMurry and seconded by R. E. Stewart that we pay the Lumber Company \$600.00 on the material used in repairing the pastor's home and the balance at a later date. Cost of material \$2,193.00 - Labor \$1,800.00.

April 12, 1967 - a motion that we send Dewey Jones \$10.00 for expense in organizing Haywood County Baptist Association. We renewed the insurance on our church building with Charlie B. Jacocks Insurance Company.

April 9, 1967 - New Members: Brenda Sills, Cheryle Wylie, Brenda Shoffner, Denise Stewart, Cheryl Cooke, Rita Williams, Paulette Parker, Randy Rose.

May 7, 1967 - New members added to our church: Mr. and Mrs. Gene Merrick, Mr. and Mrs. Edward (Joe) Patterson, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Smith, Phil Smith, Peggy Smith. New member by baptism was Miss Brenda Jarrett.

June, 1967 - a recommendation from the deacons that we pour some concrete walks in front of the old building and connect walk to our new building.

Three G. A. girls sent by church to Camp Linden.

Committee was appointed to get plans and see about the needs of some more building of our church. This committee was: Calvin Sullivan, Billy Parker, Hobert Lovelace, Franklin Thomas and Jesse Cobb.

July, 1967 - a motion was made and seconded that we buy another air condition unit for our pastor's home.

It was time to elect a Sunday School Superintendent. Mr. L. A. Cobb asked that his name be withdrawn and Hobert Lovelace was elected. Franklin Thomas was re-elected Training Union Director.

September, 1967 - a motion by Guy Lovelace and seconded by L. A. Cobb that we put central heating and air conditioning in the old building.

Billy Parker, Nathan Outlaw and J. H. McMurry were elected to serve on the maintenance committee for the next year, October 1, 1967 to October 1, 1968.

A motion by Franklin Thomas and seconded by Gene Merrick that we raise our Pastor's salary to \$115.00 per week starting October 1, 1967.

Budget for church year of 1967 and 1968 - \$17,000.00.

A motion by Jesse Cobb, seconded by Gene Merrick that we buy an organ.

September 24, 1967 - delegates to the last Big Hatchie Association from our church were: Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Cobb, Mr. and Mrs. Hobert Lovelace, Mr. Neman Cooke, Mr. L. A. Cobb, Mrs. Calvin Sullivan, Brother and Mrs. R. E. Wylie (Pastor).

October 11, 1967 - letter sent to Johnson Memorial Presbyterian Church of Jackson, Tennessee, stating that Jimmy Marberry is in good standing in our church, but we can not grant a letter, only to another Baptist Church.

November, 1967 - Three trustees elected: Jesse Cobb, J. T. Jacocks, Hobert Lovelace.

A motion made by Ovid Lovelace and seconded by Jamie Lovelace that we insulate the old building since we were air conditioning it.

A letter was granted to Paul Clifford Chandler to join West Side Baptist Church in Magnolia, Arkansas.

March, 1968 - a motion passed that the church pay up to \$80.00 to send G. A. girls to camp this summer. A motion by Bernie Cobb and seconded by Ovid Lovelace that we pay \$50.00 on the expenses of each of our high school graduates that want to go to Ridgecrest for one week this summer.

April 10, 1968 - Nathan Outlaw elected as treasurer of the building fund in the Brownsville Bank.

April 14, 1968 - Baptised: Keith Lovelace and Bobby Lynn Kirkpatrick. Joined by letter: Mr. and Mrs. Don Matlock.

May 8, 1968 - Betty Allen Kolwick's name be removed from our church roll as she joined another church (Beech Bluff Union Grove Baptist Church).

A motion by Bernie Cobb, seconded by R. E. Stewart that we give Mary Jacocks \$50.00 to be used to go to Ridgecrest this summer as a graduation present from the Nurses School.

A church wide shower for Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Cain, Wednesday night, May 15, 1968. This will be a supper and fellowship meeting along with the shower.

June 16, 1968 - a short business meeting was called by the pastor. A motin passed authorizing the Trustees to borrow any money necessary for construction of the new Educational Building of Zion Baptist Church.

Trustees are: Ovid Lovelace, J. T. Jacocks, and B. W. Cobb.

June 12, 1968 - Letters granted to: Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Gambill to join Allen Baptist Church and Mr. Joe Covington to join Brownsville Baptist Church.

June 16, 1968 - Joined by baptism: Lee Duffey joined our church upon profession of faith and will be baptized at a later date.

July 10, 1968 - Mrs. Imgard McKinley granted letter to join Leaclair Baptist Church in Memphis.

A motion was made by Hobert Lovelace and seconded by Guy Lovelace, that we would not have night services at our church July 14, as we were having all day home coming service that day. The speakers for the day are Dr. Jonas Stewart and Brother M. E. Presley.

August 14, 1968 - additions to our church in August were: by letter - Joseph M. Welch, Wanda Annette Mann Lovelace, and Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Allen; by baptism - Mrs. Lonnie Porch (Peggy) and Danny Ray Allen.

September 11, 1968 - a motion was made by B. W. Cobb and seconded by Nathan Outlaw that September 22 be called Roland Cozart day and the regular morning offering of the worship service be given to him and his family. (\$170.71).

A motion passed that November 27 will be the time for our Harvest Day offering for paying on our new building.

October, 1968 - Budget - \$17,910,00.

December 11, 1968 - Phil and Sandra Lovelace to join Woodlawn Baptist Church at Colonial Heights, Virginia.

By a count vote of majority it was decided to have prayer meeting on Christmas night at 7:00.

Letters were granted to Jamie Lovelace family to join the Georgia Hills Baptist Church in Memphis.

February 22, 1969 - the need of a financial record of the gifts made to the church was discussed and Mr. R. E. Stewart made a motion and Brother Bennett seconded it, that we keep such records.

Six girls want to go to camp this year and Ovid Lovelace made a motin that we send the girls and J. T. Jacocks seconded the motion.

April, 1969 - Mother's Day Offerring - \$171.87.

Letters granted to Mrs. Eunice (Barnes) Gantt to join Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, Route 6, Jackson, Tennessee.

July 11, 1969 - Committee be appointed to investigate the possibility of the churches of our Association to have a private school in some of our church buildings. This committe was: J. T. Jacocks, Nathan Outlaw and J. H. McMurry.

July 9, 1969 - Hobert Lovelace was elected Sunday School Superintendent for the next year. Franklin Thomas elected Training Union Director.

Received by baptism: Vickie Self and Carolyn Caradine.

August 3, 1969 - addition by letter: Mr. and Mrs. Danny Simpson from Poplar Corner Mission Church, Mr. and Mrs. Earnest L. Saxton, Mr. James (Shirley) Watkins, Miss Michelle Self. Received by baptism: Mrs. Billy Jean Parker, Miss Rita Simpson, Mr. Freddie Stewart.

September, 1969 - budget be recommended to the church for 1969 - 1970 to the amount of \$19,730.00 1968 - 1969 budget was \$17,910.00.

October, 1969 - delegates to the Association October 21 at Woodland church: Mr. and Mrs. Hobert Lovelace, Brother Wylie, Franklin Thomas, R. E. Stewart and Mrs. Ovid Lovelace.

November, 1969 - addition by letter: Mr. and Mrs. Walter P. Rushing joined November 2 with letter coming from Brownsville Baptist Church.

December 1969 - a motion by J. T. Jacocks and seconded by Hobert Lovelace, that anyone that comes for membership will be received and acted on the first business meeting.

December 14, 1969 - additions by letter: Mr. and Mrs. John S. Watkins.

January 14, 1970 - Hobert Lovelace was elected to serve as Sunday School Director to help carry out a better program for our church for 1970.

February 22, 1970 - received by baptism: Dawn Lovelace, Linda Davis, and Ann Jacocks.

March 11, 1970 - Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Tritt, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Stewart and Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Davis were selected to work with our youth.

A committee was appointed to work and plan a Brother Bennett Special Day at our church. This committee was: Mrs. Cordelia Jacocks, Mrs. Phil Lovelace, Mrs. Martha Nell Parker and Mr. L. E. Porch.

Mr. Ovid Lovelace will prune and replace any shade trees needed at our Pastor's home.

April 15, 1970 - received by baptism: Mary Lynn Cozart and Billy Maness.

July 8, 1970 - Larry Thomanson called for Music Director for our church. Letter granted to: Mrs. George Perry to unite with Fellowship Baptist Church, Brownsville, Tennessee.

August 23, 1970 - Brother Adkinson for the revival messages was paid \$200.00. Brother Thomanson for Directing the music \$100.00 Paid Brother Wylie for his faithful work in the revival \$100.00. Two came for baptism.

October 20, 1970 - the Haywood County Association meets at Zion.

Three to be baptised were: Gwen Osteen, Ricky Ellington, and Rita Simpson (re-baptised).

November, 1970 - Marion Mathias has joined the Brownsville Church and his name has been removed from our church roll.

December, 1970 - a motion by Mrs. Mildred Cobb and seconded by Mrs. Martha Nell Parker, that the morning worship service offering be given to the Brother Lusk family.

Visiting speakers in 1970 were: Brother Atkinson - revival, Mr. Tony Davis - youth revival, Brother Campbell, Teddy Evans.

January 13, 1971 - letters granted to Mr. and Mrs. Phil Lovelace to join Hickory Hills Baptist Church in Memphis; Miss Carol (Allen) Westerman to join Union Grove Baptist Church in Beech Bluff, Tennessee.

February 19, 1971 - Deceased: Mrs. L. M. Barnes.

April 21, 1971 - Mr. Larry Thomanson accepted by letter from Poplar Corner Baptist Church on highway 20. Mr. Thomanson was Minister of Music in 1971.

August 11, 1971 - Mr. and Mrs. Gene Merrick was received by letter from Poplar Corner Baptist Church.

September 8, 1971 - Donna Russell and Laverne Russell were received by letter from Shaws Chapel. Simpson and Shafferner were to be baptised.

October 13, 1971 - the nominating committee submitted the following names to be elected: Kitchen Committee: Mrs. Helen Beasley and Mrs. Jean Pilant. Maintenance Committee: Mr. John Watkins, Executive Board Member Hobert Lovelace, Senior Adult Division Director: L. A. Cobb, Teacher 55 and up: Neman Cooke, 16 17 Youth, B. W. Cobb, Preschool Director, Mrs. Helen Beasley, Flower Committee, Lewis Lovelace.

A motion by Gene Merrick and seconded by J. T. Jacocks, that these be elected by acclamation.

The following were named as delegates to the Haywood County Baptist Association: Mrs. Pearl Sullivan, Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Cobb, Mr. Gene Merrick, and Brother Wylie.

A motion carried for the church to pay expenses of Larry Thomason, Gene Merrick to go with Brother Wylie to Evangelistic Conference at Gatlinburg in November.

November 10, 1971 - a new stove was bought and put in our church kitchen by a couple without any expense to our church. Received by baptism: Bradley Outlaw and David Outlaw. Letters granted: Vickey Self to join Calvary Baptist Church.

At the last Brotherhood meeting, Billy Parker was elected President and Franklin Thomas, Secretary.

At the November 7 deacons meeting Hobert Lovelace was elected Moderator and J. T. Jacocks, Secretary.

December 22, 1971 - a called business meeting at this time to elect a Pulpit Committee. The following men were elected: B. W. Cobb, Chairman, Calvin Sullivan, Nathan Outlaw, Ovid Lovelace, John Watkins. Received by Baptism: Gene Jackson.

January 12, 1972 - A motion carried that we call Dr. Cole as interim Pastor. Time starting January 9. Church voted to take part in a joint meeting and tent revival in September. L. E. Porch and John Watkins were elected to represent Zion in planning the Tent meeting this summer.

Letters granted: Mr. and Mrs. Joseph M. Welch.

February 9, 1972. - letters granted to Rickey Narragon and Brother and Mrs. Ronny Wylie's Family.

March 8, 1972 - a motion by Bernie Cobb and seconded by Ovid Lovelace, that we buy cushions for our pews. Motion carried.

April 5, 1972 - John Watkins accepted as an active Deacon in our church. Maurice Tritt, Guy Lovelace and Dare Tritt will look into the future plans of a new Pastor's home.

Received by Baptism: Linda Davis, David Binford, Debra Binford, Donna Williams, Stanley Thomas Pilant, James Cozart, Dempsey Lovelace, David Lovelace and Stevan Thomason.

Received by letter: Mr. J. E. Forsythe from Holly Grove Baptist Church. Granted letters to: Freddie Stewart to Calvary Baptist Church, Mr. and Mrs. Don Matlock to Parkway Baptist Church in Tupelo, Mississippi.

Pastor in 1972 - Brother Bill Turner.

May 10, 1972 - motion carried to pledge Union University \$1,500.00 starting October 1, 1972. Brother Billy Turner to come preach at our church on May 28 for morning and evening services.

June 14, 1972 - Accepted by letter: Mr. and Mrs. Martin Lee, Mrs. Presley, Jamie, Billie, Debra and Keith Lovelace.

July 12, 1972 - Wayne Tritt elected Training Union Director. Dr. Jonas Stewart be made honorary Pastor of Zion Baptist Church and a plaque be prepared for him.

August 9, 1972 - Phil and Sandra Lovelace received by letter.

September 20, 1972 - Hobert Lovelace was elected to serve as Executive Board Member. Motion carried to accept a dishwasher given by Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Cain for our church.

Revival expenses for September 10 through September 17: Brother Wade Carver, \$250.00, Larry Thomason, \$125.00, Brother Billy Turner (our new pastor), \$75.00.

September 24, 1972 - received by Baptism: Billy Yearwood, Karl H. Lovelace, and Jesse Jacocks.

October 11, 1972 - Mrs. Regina Thomas and Brother Bennett were approved as delegates to our Association.

November 8, 1972 - A motion by Bernie Cobb and seconded by Brother Bennett that we sell our present parsonage and build a new one. After some discussion a motion by Neman Cooke and seconded by Brother Bennett that we defer this business until next week. Motion carried.

Motion carried that the church buy basketball suits for the girls if they play ball this winter.

November 15, 1972 - Mrs. Wanda Rushing was granted letter to join Brownsville Baptist Church.

December 13, 1972 - committee to secure funds for the building of the new parsonage were: Ovid Lovelace, Mrs. Turner and Nathan Outlaw.

January 10, 1973 - a request for a letter for Mrs. Jerry Hargis from High Street Baptist Church of Somerset, Kentucky was approved.

General building committee: Hobert Lovelace, Mrs. George Sullivan, J. H. McMurry, Billy Wright, Mrs. Roland Cozart, Mrs. John Watkins, Raymond Abel, and Walter Duffy.

Finance Committee: Nathan Outlaw, B. W. Cobb, Mrs. Jerry Parker, R. E. Stewart, Billy Parker and Franklin Thomas.

The Church made tickets available for the Billy Graham movie.

February 14, 1973 - Annie Armstrong goal \$375.00 for 1973. Mrs. Ovid Lovelace was made chairman of the Parsonage Committee. Billy Yearwood will be licensed by our church into the ministry.

A vote to build 3 or 4 bedroom parsonage was 15 for the 4 bedrooms and 12 for a 3 bedroom building.

March 14, 1973 - Carolyn Morris granted letter to join Calvary Baptist Church.

April 11, 1973 - a motion was made that we approve the floor plan and elevation that the Building Committee had presented before us and that we take the next step to get some specifications written up on the house. The Pastor explained that he would need assistance to do any specifications. Mr. Neman Cooke expressed that he would be happy to help on specifications. He had a form that he would use and write up the specifications for us. Whereupon the vote was taken by the Moderator-Pro-Tem, Mr. Howell McMurray. The body adopted this plan without a descenting vote.

We were the host of the Association for a meeting in our church May 17, 1973, Thursday at 7:30 P. M.

In business session the church instructed the Trustees to make the transaction with Mr. and Mrs. Dezer Stewart in purchasing from them a said tract of land approximately 200 feet fronting on

Zion Road, and going approximately 245 feet along the property line with Mr. R. E. Stewart bounding on the north side. This plot has been surveyed by your sub-committee and Mr. Nathan Outlaw and so staked. The transaction has been worked out in agreement with Mr. and Mrs. Dezen Stewart and a ded has been secured in the name of Zion Baptist Church.

After discussion on the summer activities, we considered a motion that we postpone the Ozark trip to the Passion Play until the summer of 1974.

May 9, 1973 - David Binford granted letter to join Brownsville Baptist Church.

June 20, 1973 - the Chairman of the Deacons presented to the church for consideration a Deacon Rotation plan. The following were elected: Sunday School Director - Franklin Thomas.

The church accepted the following nominations from the committee on nominations for offices in the year 1973-74, to take affect October 1, 1973.

POSITION	NAME AND DATE ELECTED
Church Moderator .....	Nathan Outlaw (6/20/73)
Associate Church Moderator .....	B. J. Turner(6/20/73)
Church Clerk .....	Howell McMurry (6/20/73)
Associate Church Clerk .....	Mrs. Martha N. Parker(9/12/73)
Church Treasurer .....	R.E. Stewart (9/12/73)
Associate Church Treasurer .....	Franklin Thomas (9/12/73)
Associate Church Treasurer .....	Billy Parker (9/12/73)
Recording Financial Secretary .	Mrs. Martha N. Parker (9/12/73)
Church Organist.....	Miss Denise Stewart (9/12/73)
Associate Organist.....	Mrs. Lucille Turner (9/12/73)
Pianist .....	Wayne Davis (9/12/73)
Associate Pianist .....	Mrs. Lucille Turner (9/12/73)
	Mrs. Ollis Lovelace (9/12/73)
Sunday School Director .....	Franklin Thomas (6/20/73)
Associate S. S. Director .....	Basel Rogers (9/12/73)
Director of Outreach .....	B. W. Cobb (9/12/73)
Associate Director of Outreach .....	Elizabeth Duffey (9/12/73)
S. S. General Secretary.....	Billy Parker (9/12/73)
S. S. Associate General Secretary .....	Roland Cozart (9/12/73)

**Sunday School Preschool Division: (Ages - Birth - 5 Years)**

Director .....	Sara Richardson	9/12/73
Associate Director .....	Regina Thomas	9/12/73
Birth - 1 Year Leader .....	Mrs. Betty Cooke	9/12/73
Associate for Birth - 1 Year Leader	Mrs. Pearl Sullivan	9/12/73
Toddler - 1 - 2 Year Leader .....	Mrs. Faye Abel	9/12/73
Associate Leader - 1 - 2 Year .....		
2 Year Old Leader .....	Martha Nell Parker	9/12/73
2 Year Old Associate Leader .....		
3 Year Old Leader .....	Sara Porch	9/12/73
3 Year Old Associate Leader .....		
4 - 5 Year Old Leader .....	Elizabeth Duffey	9/12/73
4 - 5 Year Old Associate Leader .....		
Department Secretary .....	Edna Sullivan	9/12/93

**Sunday School Children's Division (Ages 6 - 11)**

Director .....	Ruth Davis	9/12/73
Associate Director .....	Virginia Cooke	9/12/73
Department Secretary .....	Edna Sullivan	9/12/73
Pianist .....		
6 - 7 Year Teacher .....	Ruth Davis	9/12/73
6 - 7 Year Associate Teacher .....	Virginia Cooke	9/12/73
8 - 9 Year Teacher .....	Joyce maness	(9/12/73)
8 - 9 Year Associate Teacher .....		
10 - 11 Year Teacher .....	Cordelia Jacocks	9/12/73
10 - 11 Year Associate Teacher .....		

**Sunday School Youth Division (Ages 12 - 17)**

Director .....	Phil Lovelace	9/12/73
Associate Director .....		
Pianist .....	Deniese Stewart	9/12/73
Department Secretary .....		
12 - 13 Year Girls Teacher .....	Sandra Lovelace	9/12/73
12 - 13 Year Girls Associate Teacher .....		
(this is Girls and Boys now)		
14 - 15 Year Old Teacher .....	Mary Lee Kirkpatrick	9/12/73
14 - 15 Year Old Associate Teacher .....		
16 - 17 Year Old Teacher .....	B. W. Cobb	9/12/73
16 - 17 Year Old Associate Teacher .....		

**Sunday School Young Adult Division - Unmarried (18 - 25)**

Director .....	B. J. Turner	9/12/73
Associate Director .....		
Department Secretary .....		
Teacher .....	B. J. Turner	9/12/73

**Sunday School Adult Division - Married (18 - 54)**

Director .....	Gene Jackson	9/12/73
Associate Director .....		
Department Secretary .....	L. E. Porch	9/12/73
Pianist .....	Lucille Turner	9/12/73
Teacher Ladies 18 - 24 Years .....	Lucille Turner	9/12/73
Associate Teacher Ladies 18 - 24 Years .....		
Teacher - Ladies 25 - 39 Years .....	Sara Patterson	9/12/73
Associate Teacher Ladies 25 - 39 Years .....		
Teacher - Men 18 - 39 Years .....	Basel Rogers	9/12/73
Associate Teacher - Men 18 - 39 Years ..	Kendall Moore	9/12/73
Teacher - Ladies 40 - 54 Years .....	Virginia Tritt	9/12/73
Associate Teacher - Ladies 40 - 54 Years	Maxine Stewart	9/12/73
Teacher - Men 40 - 54 Years .....	Nathan Outlaw	9/12/73
Associate Teacher - Men 40 - 54 Years ..	Kendall Moore	9/12/73

**Sunday School Adult Division Ages 55 and Up**

Director .....	R. K. Bennett	9/12/73
Associate Director .....	Lawrence Cobb	9/12/73
Department Secretary .....		
Pianist .....	Mrs. Olis Lovelace	(9/12/73)
Teacher, Ladies 55 - 65 Years .....	Mildred Cobb	9/12/73
Associate Teacher, Ladies 55 - 65 .....	Dora Parks	9/12/73
Teacher, Ladies 66 - Up .....	Mrs. R. E. Stewart	9/12/73
Associate Teacher, Ladies 66 - Up .....		
Teacher, Men 55 Years - Up .....	Neman Cooke	9/12/73
Associate Teacher, Men 55 - Up .....	Bob Parks	9/12/73

**OFFICERS AND TEACHERS  
NOMINATED AND ELECTED TO SERVE 1973 - 1974****CHRISTIAN TRAINING:**

General Director .....	Wayne Tritt	6/20/73
General Director Associate .....		
General Secretary .....	L. E. Porch	9/12/73
Associate General Secretary .....		
Senior Adult Director (55-Up) .....	Neman Cooke	9/12/73
Adult Div. Dir. (30-54 Years)		
Young Adult Div. Dir. (18-29 Years)		

**Christian Training - Youth Division**

Director .....	Sonny Cobb	9/12/73
Associate Director		
Leader - 12 - 13 Years		
Leader - 14 - 15 Years .....	Roland & Laura Jo Cozart	9/12/73



**Christian Training - Children's Division**

Director  
Associate Director  
Leader - 8 - 9 Years .....Floyd Stewart  
Leader - 10 - 11 Years

**Christian Training - Preschool Division, Ages 0 - 5 years**

Director ..... Sarah Porch 9/12/73  
Associate Director  
Leader, Birth - 1 Year ..... Martha Nell Parker 9/12/73  
Leader, 1 Year ..... Sarah Richerdson 9/12/73  
Leader, 2 Year ..... Ann Rogers 9/12/73  
Leader, 3 Year ..... Regina Thomas 9/12/73  
Leader, 4 - 5 Year ..... Elizabeth Duffey 9/12/73  
Walter Duffey 9/12/73

**Womans Missionary Union**

Director ..... Regina Thomas 9/12/73  
President ..... Sarah Porch 9/12/73  
Mission Action Chairman ..... Sandra Lovelace 9/12/73  
Mission Study Chairman ..... Helen Beasley 9/12/73  
Director, Girls in Action ..... Sarah Alice Patterson 9/12/73  
Director, Mission Friends/Cordelia Jacocks 9/12/73

**Report and Recommendation from the Parsonage Committee on this April 17, 1974**

WHEREAS you have asked this committee to study and draw up plans and specifications for a 4 bed room parsonage.

WHEREAS you have expressed agreement with the committee on the floor plans and picture submitted to you as a suitable parsonage.

WHEREAS you have instructed your committee to purchase suitable land whereupon to build said parsonage, and

WHEREAS your Committee and Trustees have secured this land as so instructed by the Church, and

WHEREAS you have instructed your committee to place the plans and specifications which we had in the hands of building contractors for their bids upon constructing this parsonage, and

WHEREAS your committee has followed through with these instructions and from five (5) Contractors who expressed an interest at first, your committee did receive bids from two (2) contracting firms, and

WHEREAS we find the lowest bidder to be a reputable firm and capable of building the dwelling that we desire,

WE, your Parsonage Committee, in conjunction with the Finance Committee for the Parsonage, do hereby submit the following recommendation:

That you have studied the floor plans and elevation and specifications as they have been before you on the Bulletin Board in the hall connecting the Sanctuary and Educational Buildings. Having had time for this study, we bring you the figures of the Bid as follows: **Patterson and Lewis Construction** are the low bidders with a figure of \$40,500.00 (which includes a \$10.00 allowance for carpet. This would be approximately:

Contractor .....	\$40,500.00
Less Carpet Allowance	
Total with Contractor	
Add Carpet with Deloach .....	1,800.00
Light Fixtures .....	600.00
Septic Tank & 400 feet Line .....	(May run 1,000)625.00
Well .....	1,200
Draperies .....	575.00
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Total .....	\$43,000.00
(approximately \$13.93 per square foot in whole house)	

THEREFORE, we recommend that we proceed to build the Parsonage and enter into a contract with Patterson and Lewis to begin as soon as possible.

FURTHER, that we ask the Committee to engage Mr. Robert Hooper to act as superintendent and building inspector in our behalf at a cost of———. And further, instruct our Finance Committee and Trustees to enter into a program to help us raise the necessary money to complete the parsonage either through gifts, pledges, and/or a loan at one of our local Banks.

WE further ask the committee to corrolate the program of constructing the building and well, septic tank and field lines, and driveway so as to have an orderly construction of the parsonage.

WE FURTHER recommend that as the above is approved that the Church authorize the Treasurer to make such payments as may come due on the construction of the Parsonage, when they are duely approved by the Committe, and/or the Building Superintendent.

WE ALSO authorize the Parsonage Committee to follow the construction and with the Trustees, accept the Parsonage as constructed when they consider that the proper work has been done and all outstanding indebtedness by contractor has been duly met.

AND WE FURTHER recommend that the Parsonage Committee, and Trustees be so authorized to work out plans to occupy said Parsonage.

WE RECOMMEND that the Trustees enter into plans to sell the present Parsonage. (Knowing of the interest a number of people have, in desiring to purchase the present parsonage). We further recommend that the Trustees present a plan to the Church as to how we shall sell and to whom we shall sell.

WE FURTHER RECOMMEND that upon selling the present parsonage, it shall be with the understanding that occupancy shall come at the time arrangements can be made to move our pastor into the new parsonage. (Which may be September or October)

Church Training Director ..... Wayne Tritt  
Moderator ..... Nathan Outlaw  
Church Clerk ..... Mr. J. H. McMurry

June, 1973 Martha Nell Parker - Clerk.

July 11, 1973 - Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Sazton to unite with the Baptist Church in McAdams, Mississippi.

Resignation received from Larry Thomason effective August 19, 1973.

August, 1973 - received by letter, Miss Diane Williams, coming from Crump Baptist Church in Crump, Tennessee.

Recommendation came from the Deacons that the church withdraw any contributions to Union University if the University is moved to Memphis, Tennessee.

September, 1973 - Mr. and Mrs. Larry Haynes received by letter from Black Rock, Arkansas.

October 10, 1973 - Brother Turner read a letter of resignation from Mr. Ovid Lovelace as Chairman of the Building Committee due to ill health. Nathan Outlaw be elected Chairman of the Church

Parsonage Committee. Nathan asked that his name be withdrawn and the motion was withdrawn. Mr. Kendall Moore was elected Chairman of the Church Parsonage Committee. Nathan Outlaw was elected Associate Chairman.

The following names were presented as messengers to Haywood Association Meeting to be held at Allen's Baptist Church on October 16th: Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Cobb, Brother Turner, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. McMurry, Miss Sally B. Mann, Brother R. K. Bennett, Mrs. Calvin Sullivan, Mr. Neman Cook, Franklin Thomas.

Brother Turner and Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Cobb planned to be going to the Tennessee Baptist Convention which was to be held in Memphis on November 13, 14, and 15.

The Personnel Committee presented to the Church the name of Rudy Rideout as Minister of Music and Youth. He is to be paid \$3,000.00 per year on weekly terms.

December 12, 1973 - a recommendation came from the Deacon body that the church engage Brother R. K. Bennett as Church Visitor and pay him an amount of \$30.00 per month. Motion carried.

The nominating committee presented the following for nomination to serve our church during the church year 1973 - 1974:

**Sunday School:**

1. Associate in 1 year old ..... Mrs. Brenda Cobb
2. Associate in 3 year old ..... Mrs. Peggy Porch
3. Associate in 8 - 9 year old ..... Mrs. Elsie Haynes
4. Associate in 2 year old ..... Mrs. Virginia Lovelace

**Training Union:**

1. Leader, 8 - 11 year old ..... Floyd Stewart
2. Leader, 6 - 7 year old ..... Mr. and Mrs. Gene Jackson
3. Leader, 12 - 13 year Old ..... Mr. and Mrs. Billy Wright

**Committees:**

- Baptismal Committee ..... Mr. & Mrs. Ed. Beasley
- Lord's Supper Committee ..... Mr. & Mrs. B. W. Cobb
- Hospitality Committee ..... Mrs. Jessie Cobb (Chairman)  
Mrs. John Watkins  
Mrs. Sallie Bett Mann  
Mrs. Dolly Stewart
- Kitchen Committee ..... Mrs. Helen Beasley  
Mrs. Jean Jackson  
Mrs. John Watkins
- Counting Committee (Counting all offerings) . Billy Parker, chm.  
Franklin Thomas  
R. E. Stewart  
Nathan Outlaw

Christmas gift for pastor and wife - \$100.00. Minister of Music and wife - \$50.00.

January, 1974 - Spring Revival to begin on or about March 31 through April 7, 1974 and secure the Bob Hollis evangelistic team to come and lead us.

Deacon body made recommendation that Brother Turner be permitted to organize and lead an area wide crusade in the summer of 1974 or 1975, whichever can be worked out. Motion carried.

March, 1974 - received by letter - Rita McCarroll from First Baptist Church in Black Rock, Arkansas.

April 10, 1974 - love offering received for the revival amounted to \$510.00.

John Watkins made a motion that we have fellowship after church Sunday night honoring our Pastor's birthday.

John Watkins made a motion that the church honor Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Stewart with a gift on their Silver Wedding Anniversary.

Nathan Outlaw gave a report for the church parsonage committee stating Patterson and Lewis General Contractors were the low bidders and that the church action was needed as to whether the church voted to accept the bid. It was also stated, that Mr. Robert Hooper would be the inspector and oversee every phase of the construction and would be paid 1% of the total cost of the building. These plans are to be announced next Sunday and the Church would vote next Wednesday night, April 17, 1974.

May 8, 1974 - motion carried that Mr. R. E. Stewart remain an active deacon for life.

June 2, 1974 - called business meeting - Rudy Rideout read a letter of resignation as music director and director of youth to be effective June 9, 1974. Mr. Neman Cooke made a motion that we accept his resignation.

May, 1974 - letter granted to Calvin Allen to join Chapel Hill Baptist Church in Lexington, Tennessee.

June 23, 1974 - the church was called into a special business session for the purpose of approving a bid of \$16,000.00, submitted by Mr. J. H. McMurry for the present Church Parsonage. Mr. B. W. Cobb made a motion that we accept the bid. A second by Mr. Neman Cooke and the motion carried.

August, 1974 - a recommendation came from the Deacons that they be granted up to six months longer to study the Deacon Rotation Plan. Mr. Cooke made the motion. A second by Mr. J. H. McMurry and the motion carried.

Letters granted to Mr. and Mrs. Rudy Rideout.

September 11, 1974 - Franklin Thomas made a motion the Pastor be sent as a messenger to the State Convention.

The personnel committee presented to the church the name of Gene Merrick to serve as interim music director with the understanding and agreement that he have the privilege to accept any preaching opportunities that he wishes to accept. Billy Wright made a motion that we pay Gene \$40.00 per week, and that he be paid only the Sunday he leads the music.

Letters granted to Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Davis and Linda to Poplar Corner Baptist Church.

Received by letter were Mr. and Mrs. Gene Merrick coming from Barker Chapel Baptist Church.

October 9, 1974 - Franklin Thomas gave the Sunday School report showing an average for the month of 109.

Recommendation came from the Deacons that we accept a painting for the Baptistry from Mrs. Zora Bell Lovelace. This would be a gift in memory of her husband.

The following were nominated to serve as messengers to the Association: Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Cobb, Mrs. Roland Cozart, Mrs. Bob Parks, Brother Billy J. Turner, Gene Merrick, Mr. and Mrs. John Watkins.

Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Cobb and Brother Turner were nominated to serve as messengers to the State Convention.

November, 1974 - letter granted to Edna Morris joining Calvary Baptist Church.

June 30, 1974 - a called business meeting of the Zion Baptist Church immediately after a regular service, a normal congregation being present, do declare, confirm and certify to the following facts.

That Maurice Tritt, Ovid Lovelace and B. W. Cobb are duly elected and actively serving as trustees of said church.

That Nathan Outlaw is treasurer of the building fund and thereby vested with authority to sign all checks for disbursement of labor and materials for the building of a new pastorum.

That said trustees are vested with such authority as to mortgage, sell and transfer any and all of such church property as directed by the church body in a regularly and duly constituted business meeting. The minutes of such meeting reveals such priviledges and authority vested in the above named church members being conformed and approved by a unanimous vote of members present at this meeting and so certified by the clerk whose signature is affixed below. Also as a matter of convenience (Mrs. Jerry Nina Parker is authorized to sign all checks which may be approved and authorized by Nathan Outlaw, Chairman of Finance Committee.)

Witness: Mrs. Bernie Cobb

Cherch Clerk: J. H. McMurry

September 8, 1974 - Deacons and Pastor of Zion Baptist Church

Dear Friends:

As one who favors the deacon rotating system for our church, I feel disposed to offer my resignation as an active one now serving.

The position I'm taking on the issue is somewhat inconsistent with those views of the age old established precedent, "once a deacon always a deacon". While I too, subscribe to this theory and doctrine, I do not believe it so infallible as to seclude other Christian gentlemen from sharing this phase of honor in serving the Lord at proper point and time in development of their Christian lives.

Many young men no doubt aspire to this exaulted position with best of intentions and purposes, yet has to remain patient in waiting, until an old one expires in death before the opportunity is available. Then the church likely as not, will elect one who never wanted to serve consciously in the first place.

While it seems wise to have an older experienced deacon to share those experiences with the untrained, and is expected that the church will exercise such prudence in its selections, yet at this point of interest in such transitions, all deacons should offer their resignation to expedite time and deter further difficulty and confusion.

Therefore, I herewith offer my resignation as an active deacon, from your honorable body, with proper and adequate love and regard for each of you.

Sincerely

Bernie W. Cobb, Sr.

November 13, 1974

Zion Baptist Church  
Route No. 6  
Brownsville, Tennessee

Dear Fellow Church Members

Having served as a Deacon for approximately the last five years, I now feel it necessary to submit this resignation as an active Deacon to this Body, sincerely requesting immediate action. I want to emphasize that this is a decision reached after months of consideratin and thought, and not because of one or any individual. By making this move I hope to serve in other areas of Church work in a stronger and more effective way.

Again I request that action on this matter be made effective immediately.

Sincerely,

Franklin Thomas

November 13, 1974

Mr. J. H. McMurry  
Bells Highway - Brownsville  
Route 3  
Bells, Tennessee

Dear Mr. McMurry:

As you recall the action taken by the Church this date, I have resigned from Zion Baptist Church to be effective November 30th. Even so, and although the new parsonage is not ready to be occupied, nor will it be within another ten to fourteen days, I wish to let you know that I will be moved out of your house and will have a maid to come and clean it up after our furniture is moved out. That date is expected to be November 21st. when furniture will be moved out, and November 22nd. when the house will be cleaned up. What keys I have I will turn over to you on that date, or all but one, so that the woman can come in on Friday, November 22nd. and clean up and leave the key here for you or for Mrs. Russell.

Mrs. Turner and I wish to thank you and Mrs. McMurry for your many expressions of concern and thoughtfulness to us. Let us thank you also for sharing with us your garden.

May God's blessings be upon you.

Prayerfully,

Billy J. Turner

November 13, 1974

Zion Baptist Church

As stated before and given to you some two weeks ago, I do herein ask that you accept my resignation as your Pastor.

Mindful that I did not take all of my vacation a year ago, and I have not had all of my vacation for this present year, may I ask that I be permitted to consider Vacation time from November 18th through the 30th. as Vacation time allotted. Also, during these two weeks I will try to be moved and out of the present parsonage.

Prayerfully

Billy J. Turner

November 20, 1974 - Mr. Cooke suggested that we make some arrangements for the Wednesday night prayer services. Mr. J. H. McMurry made a motion that Basil Rogers conduct the services for next Wednesday night.

Dr. Jonas L. Stewart was elected to serve as interim pastor.

December, 1974 - letter granted to Mrs. Clyde Lovelace to unite with Holly Grove Baptist Church.

January 8, 1975 - letters granted to Cathy Appling Macalla to unite with the Millington Baptist Church and Brother and Mrs. Billy J. Turner to unite with the First Baptist Church in Stearns, Kentucky.

The Deacon body made the following recommendations: Dr. Stewart teach our Bible Study the weekend of January 21-22-23. Mr. Howard Powell had a dinette set he would donate to the church. He would accept no money, but requested a receipt for \$50.00.

Elected to serve on the pulpit committee were: B. W. Cobb, Chairman, Wayne Tritt, Phil Lovelace, Mrs. John Watkins, Ovid Lovelace.

February, 1975 - received by letter Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Davis and Linda coming from Poplar Corner Baptist Church.

Granted letter to David Lovelace to unite with Holly Grove Baptist Church.

March 12, 1975 - Billy Wright reported that the Grounds Committee wish to recommend to the Church that we accept a bid of \$510.00 less 10% from the Poplar Corner Nursery to plant scrubs around the parsonage.

Mr. B. W. Cobb presented the following recommendation from the Deacons

1. That we call Bobby Agee to hold the summer revival.
2. That we invite Dr. Jonas Stewart to come for Harvest Day Service on November 16, 1975.
3. That we appoint two members to serve on the Cemetery Committee with Brother Stewart. Mr. J. H. McMurry nominated Mr. L. A. Cobb. Mr. L. A. Cobb nominated Mrs. Reese Moses. These were unanimously elected.
4. That we take a free will love offering as a gift for Dr. Jonas Stewart on Sunday, March 23.

Mr. Ovid Lovelace made a motion that we pay our next Pastor \$200.00 per week. Motion carried.

Mr. Ovid Lovelace made a motion that we employ Mr. Thurston Lewis to paint the outside of the church at a cost of \$475.00. The church will furnish and select the paint.

March, 1975 - letter granted to Dempsy Lovelace to unite with Holly Grove Baptist Church.

October 22, 1975 - Recommendation from the Personnel Committee:

The personnel committee makes the following recommendation: That we call Steve Hopkins as our Music Director with the following benefits and conditions:

1. That the salary be \$45.00 per week.
2. That he be given two (2) weeks vacation with pay per year, and that he be entitled to his vacation after he has served us faithfully for six (6) months.
3. Any other time he has to be out he is responsible for sending someone at his expense to lead the singing for us. No more than four (4) Sundays a year with out the permission of the personnel committee.
4. The pastor is to make the decision concerning Music Director for Revivals.
5. Music Director is to be present the first and last Sundays of our Revivals unless permission is granted to the contrary by the personnel committee.

6. The Music Director is to give leadership to the Youth Council.
7. When the Music Director resigns he is to give our church thirty (30) days notice. If our church terminates his services we will give him a thirty (30) day notice or four (4) weeks salary.

Billy Wright, Chairman  
Reece Moses (Not Present)  
Marilyn Sullivan  
George Sullivan  
Lloyd Cain  
B. W. Cobb, Chairman of Deacons  
J. D. May, Pastor

April 9, 1975 - Nathan Outlaw gave a report on the Building Fund stating that total paid to Patterson and Lewis is \$36,224.74.

Gene Jackson reported an average of 130 in Sunday School for the Month of March, 1975.

Mr. R. E. Stewart offered his resignation from the Cemetery Committee. Mr. B. W. Cobb suggested that Mr. Stewart remain on the committee in advisory capacity.

Nathan Outlaw made a motion that Mr. B. W. Cobb contact Dr. Cole for the summer revival.

May 14, 1975 - Nathan Outlaw orally resigned as moderator. Mr. Ovid Lovelace made a motion that Brother May be appointed as moderator.

Following recommendation came from the Deacon Body:

Pastor's Salary .....	\$6,180.00
Insurance .....	902.00
Annuity .....	11.69
Retirement.....	120.00
Housing .....	1,000.00
Car Expense .....	1,200.00
Book Expense .....	100.00
Utilities .....	900.00

June 11, 1975 - The Deacon Body recommended that any new business of a new nature presented from the floor be carried over one month before taking any action, and that the following serve on the Budget Committee: B. W. Cobb, Franklin Thomas, Wayne Tritt, Billy Wright, Guy Lovelace. Both carried.

July 19, 1975 - Gene Jackson reported an average of 122 in Sunday School. Wayne Tritt reported an average of 52 in Church Training. Phil Lovelace reported 4 in attendance at the RA meeting.

Letters granted to Mr. and Mrs. Larry Hayes to unite with First Baptist Church in Black Rock, Arkansas.

Mr. and Mrs. David Brooks were received by Baptism.

September 10, 1975 - Deacons recommended that the church underwrite \$600.00 recording expense for Brother Bennett to cut a record.

October 8, 1975 - The following were approved as messengers to the Haywood Baptist Association meeting: Brother and Mrs. J. D. May, Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Cobb, Mr. Lawrence Cobb, Mr. and Mrs. Neman Cooke, Brother R. K. Bennett, Mrs. Edna Sullivan.

Mission offering goal at \$1,000.00

Letters granted to Mrs. Dare Simpson, Rita, Vickie, and Chad, all to unite with Brownsville Baptist Church. Mr. and Mrs. Gene Merrick to unite with Johnson Grove Baptist Church in Alamo, Tennessee.

November 12, 1975 - the church let the young men use the church's name for a basketball team.

Letter granted to Larry Thomason to unite with Beech Bluff Baptist Church. Received by letter was Mr. Ronnie Jones of Mayfield, Kentucky. Mrs. Ronnie Jones was received by baptism.

January, 1976 - Mrs. Donald (Anna) Robinson received by letter from Calvary Baptist Church in Brownsville, Tennessee.

February 15, 1976 - the vote was taken on the church van. 40 - yes, 17 - no and the motion was carried.

Received by letter in February 1976 were Donald and Steven Robinson.

March 10, 1976 - Neman Cooke brought up the matter of Deacon Rotation and volunteered to be the first to rotate off in order to get a system started should such a plan be approved by the church. Brother May suggested a committee to study the Rotation System and should the committee approve a system, bring back a plan for church approval. Brother May said this would be a matter for discussion at the April business meeting.

March, 1976 - Received by Baptism were Mr. and Mrs. James (Bud and Emma) Cathey.

May, 1976 - letter granted to Mr. James Sullivan to Brownsville Baptist Church.

Received by letter were Mr. Jimmy Leek from North Jackson Baptist Church and Mrs. Jimmy Leek (Terry) from North Jackson Baptist Church.

July 18, 1976 - the church elected following men to serve as active Deacons:

Brother R. K. Bennett, Gene Jackson, Pete Stewart, Maurice Tritt, Wayne Tritt and Billy Wright.

A recommendation from Personnel Committee that we hire Steve Sorrell to direct Church Music until September 1 with the following assigned tasks:

1. Work with Pastor to provide best music program possible.
2. Direct congregational singing.
3. Work with young people and/or children on Sunday night during Training Union.
4. Work with the adult Choir on Sunday night after church.
5. Salary \$30.00 per week.
6. Assume the responsibility of selecting the hymns for the services.
7. Having the responsibility of either doing the special music himself or getting someone else to do it.

July, 1976 - church letters granted to Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Porch to unite with North Oxford Baptist Church in Oxford, Mississippi. Mrs. Nancy Welch to Holly Grove Baptist Church.

September, 1976 - Received by Baptism were Nina Pilant and Stewart Tritt. Received by letter were Mr. Richard Williams, Mrs. Richard Williams and Brad Williams. Received by statement were Mrs. Agnes Bochman. Letters granted to Mr. and Mrs. Joe Edward Patterson.

September 29, 1976 - Messengers to the Haywood Baptist Association meeting on October 12, 1976 were: Mr. and Mrs. Neman Cooke, Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Cobb, Brother R. K. Bennett, Mr. and Mrs. Ovid Lovelace, Mr. and Mrs. Cal Sullivan.

October 13, 1976 - Mr. Bernie Cobb made a report of the trip to the Fair. He said it was a very enjoyable event and asked that a trip to Reelfoot be considered by the church.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Cain were given a decorator mirror for their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

1976 - Executive Board Member was W. N. Cooke.

\* November, 1976 - letters granted to Mr. and Mrs. Guy Lovelace, Darlene Lovelace, Dawn Lovelace, all to unite with Allen Baptist Church.

December 8, 1976 - Deacons recommended that the church give Steve Sorrell \$25.00 for Christmas.

The church decided to give Brother May and Margaret \$100.00 for Christmas.

December, 1976 - Letters granted to: Gearldine Binford to Harmony Baptist Church, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Jacocks to Allen Baptist Church, Jesse Jacocks to Allen Baptist Church, Ann Jacocks to Allen Baptist Church, and Jean Jacocks to Allen Baptist Church.

January 30, 1977 - the following recommendations were presented by the Maintenance Committee:

1. To pull all the wall board from off the walls and replace with sheet rock.
2. Insulate all outside walls.
3. Take out all inside glass windows.
4. All class rooms paneled 4 feet up the wall and then sheet rocked to the ceiling getting ready to paint.
5. The off set in hall way be enclosed for Pastor's Office and/or Conference Room and then use present Pastor's office for Church Library.
6. Take out floor furnace and level floor for carpets.
7. Put another set of light switches by Sunday School Office for the lights in the old building.

8. Renovating contract to get building ready for painting and carpets to be let to Mr. Neman Cooke at a price of \$50.00. (This does not include the paint or carpet.)

January, 1977 - letters granted to Mr. and Mrs. Hobert Lovelace, Lewis Lovelace to unite with Allen Baptist Church.

February 9, 1977 - The deacon's recommended that Mr. Bernie Cobb be commissioned to write a history of Zion Baptist Church. Nathan Outlaw made this a motion. Mr. Roland Cozart seconded. Motion Carried.

Last Wednesday night, work in old building was examined and another project was suggested. Get Building Committee's approval for putting a suspended ceiling which will hide duct work. Re-duct and add new lighting. Mr. Neman Cooke got a bid on job of \$1,060.00 for suspended ceiling. This does not include about \$10.00 per outlet in duct work. Raymond Able has offered to do the wiring.

March 23, 1977 - The church reimbursed Mr. Maurice Tritt for expense to the Chairman of Deacons and Pastor Meeting in Chattanooga.

March, 1977 - the following were granted letters to join Allen Baptist Church: Mr. and Mrs. Ed Beasley, Mrs. Dickie Patterson,

April 13, 1977 - Revival expenses were as follows:

Evangelist.....	\$250.00
Song Leader.....	150.00
Each for Pianist, Organist (both given back to church).....	50.00
Approximate for hand bills.....	30.00
Approximate for newspaper ads.....	30.00
Advertisement on radio.....	60.00

Letter granted to Mr. and Mrs. Phil Lovelace to Brownsville Baptist Church.

Received by letter were Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Oliver from Miner Springs Baptist Church of Sikeston, Missouri.



May 11, 1977 - Mr. Gene Jackson was re-elected as Sunday School Director. Mr. David Brooks was re-elected Church Training Director.

April, 1977 - ITEM IV. I will and bequeath the sum of Ten Thousand (\$10,000.00) Dollars in trust to the Tennessee Baptist Foundation, Brentwood, Tennessee as Trustee, to be held in trust for the following purposes. The property comprising this bequest may, for investment and management purposes, be merged with the general investment assets of the Tennessee Baptist Foundation: however, said property and all additions thereto always shall be known as the R. E. Stewart Trust Fund. The income from said fund, but not the corpus or principal, shall be paid annually to the Board of Deacons of Zion Baptist Church, which church is located approximately 8 miles east of Brownsville in the 6th Civil District of Haywood County, Tennessee. One-half of said income shall be used by the Board of Deacons of said church for such purposes as said Board in its sole discretion shall consider proper. The other one-half of said income shall be used by said Board for the upkeep, maintenance, repair and support of Zion Cemetery, which cemetery is located adjacent to said church.

The Trustee shall have, in regard to the property comprising this bequest, the powers provided for fiduciaries under the laws of Tennessee, as set forth in Tennessee Code Annotated 35-618 as of the date this will is executed, to the extent applicable, all of which provisions and powers are incorporated herein by reference.

In the event said church, in the sole discretion of the Board of Trustees of the Tennessee Baptist Foundation, ceases to exist, or passes from Baptist control, or departs substantially from historic Baptist doctrine, said Board of Trustees shall have authority to designate the purposes for which the income shall be used.

May 11, 1977 - Department heads elected to serve on the Nominating Committee are as follows:

Adult I .....	Brother R. K. Bennett
Adult II .....	David Brooks
Youth Department .....	Sonny Cobb
Children Department .....	Mrs. Franklin Thomas
Pre-School Department .....	Mrs. Doc Richardson

The personnel committee recommended that the church hire John Duckworth to mow the church yard, \$15.00 per mowing.

Letters granted to Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Leek to join Brownsville Baptist Church.

July 13, 1977 - For old church building remodeling - borrowed \$3,000.00.

August, 1977- Received by Baptism: Elizabeth Dare Tritt, Shelli Rogers, LaRita Lewis, Valarie Faith Parker, Boyd Wright, Robert Kean, Stephen Lewis.

August 31, 1977 - Mrs. Lumie Presley given \$50.00 in honor of her 100th Birthday.

Deacons recommended to sell to Sonny Cobb for \$100.00 the storage building in the woods down the hill from the church. Also to purchase a fire proof filing cabinet with lock for keeping church records and important papers. Approximate cost of \$500.00.

September 28, 1977- election of officers to Executive Board and Messengers to the Association. Brother Neman Cooke was elected to the Executive Board and Mr. and Mrs. Cal Sullivan, Mr. and Mrs. Ovid Lovelace, Pastor, Mrs. Mildred Cobb, Mr. Lawrence Cobb and Mr. and Mrs. Newman Cooke were elected as messengers.

September, 1977 - received by letter - Mary Ann Witherspoon Stewart from Brownsville Baptist Church.

October 2, 1977 - Brother R. K. Bennett's church letter to Kowloon Baptist Church in Hong Kong. Brother J. D. May, Moderator requested the privilege of writing a letter to accompany Brother Bennett's letter recognizing his faithful service while a member of Zion.

Brother May's salary effective January 1, 1977:

Health Insurance .....	\$900.00
Life Insurance .....	370.00
Utilities .....	1,200.00
Car Expense .....	1,500.00
Book Expense .....	150.00
Salary .....	7,264.00

October 23, 1977 - Mr. Bernie Cobb be authorized by the church to drive church bus for trip to Ozarks for the Senior Citizens of our church.

December, 1977- Letters granted to Gail Lovelace Williams to Poplar Corner Baptist Church and Patricia and Danny Tipitt to join Harmony Baptist Church.

## 1977 Comments

Old church redecorated with paint and rugs on the floors, ceiling lowered, all under Pastor May's supervision.

Franklin Thomas ..... Treasurer  
Steve Hopkins ..... Music Director (\$45.00 per week)  
Gene Jackson ..... Sunday School Director  
Mrs. Jean Jackson ..... Clerk  
Martha Nell Parker ..... Assistant Clerk  
Franklin Thomas ..... Deacon  
Gene Merrick resigns as interim Director

April, 1978 - Letters granted to Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Davis to join Poplar Corner Baptist Church, Mr. and Mrs. Roland Cozart and Joe to join Brownsville Baptist Church. Remove James Roland Cozart Jr. name as he joined Brownsville Baptist Church by baptism.

May 7, 1978 - Brother J. D. May, Moderator called the meeting for the purpose of electing a Music Director for our church. A motion and second was made that Brother Billy Brown be elected at \$50.00 per week. The motion carried without any opposition.

May, 1978 - letters granted to Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Davis and Linda to Poplar Corner Baptist Church, and Mr. and Mrs. George Sullivan to Poplar Corner Baptist Church.

June, 1978 - received by letter from Holly Grove Baptist Church: Mr. Edward Lovelace, Mrs. Edward Lovelace, Mrs. Jane Fisher, Mr. Charles Fisher.

Received by letter from Fisherville Baptist Church: Mr. Bill Brown, Mrs. Bill Brown.

Received by letter: Mrs. Sonny Waddell.

July 12, 1978 - Gene Jackson, Sunday School Director reported average 79.

Nathan Outlaw, Assistant Church Training Director, reported average 40.

Mrs. Reese Moses, Acteen Director, reported 2 meetings, 7 present.

Mrs. J. D. May, G. A. Director, reported 2 meetings, 5 present.

Mrs. Gene Jackson, Mission Friends Director, reported 2 meetings, 3 present.

Mr. Gene Jackson, R. A. Director, reported 2 meetings, 5 present.

August, 1978 - Shane Rogers received by baptism.

September 27, 1978 - Messengers from church to association who volunteered to attend meeting Tuesday, October 10, 1978 were Mr. and Mrs. Bernie Cobb, Mr. Lawrence Cobb, Mrs. Florine Watkins, and Mr. Neman Cooke.

September, 1978 - letter granted to Cheryl Cooke Legions to join Englewood Baptist Church in Jackson, Tennessee.

September 27, 1978 - Committee of three elected to be in charge of church van. Mr. Bernie Cobb, Mr. Basil Rogers will act as chairman, and Mr. Billy Parker.

October 4, 1978 - Mr. Gene Jackson, Sunday School Director, reported that total attendance for September was 328 with average per Sunday of 82, average of 2 visitors per Sunday. Total offering for September \$2,632.17.

Church Training Report given by Mr. Nathan Outlaw. Average attendance of 45 per Sunday night.

W.M.U. Director, Mrs. Regina Thomas, reported that 21 was present at Associational Meeting at Shaws Chapel.

Song books containing Brother Bennett's songs available for purchase from Mr. Bennie Morrison at Anderson Grammer School. Cost per book is \$2.50.

Lawrence Cobb made a motion that Zion have a Homecoming Day and that offering be designated to go to Cemetery Fund.

Mr. Bernie Cobb made motion that Trust Fund be set up for Church Cemetery.

November 29, 1978 - Discussion of calling Brother Michael O'Brien and pastor's salary of \$12,000 being low. Moving expenses will be paid by church.

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering goal be \$1,000.00.

November 8, 1973 - Brother Bennett to continue to receive the States Graphic in China.

The church letters of Brother J. D. May and Margaret May were requested by the First Baptist Church, Cowan, Tennessee.

Sunday School report given by Mr. Gene Jackson. Total attendance 430. New Members 12. Visitors 13. Total offering \$3,022.45.

December 3, 1978 - Cemetery Fund deposited, funds in bank - \$2,359.15, drawing interest quarterly.

Church give Bill and Brother Woodward \$100.00 each for Christmas.

Mayflower is moving Brother Michael O'Brien and his family December 27 or 28. Certified check needed for \$1,338.30. Brother O'Brien will preach December 31.

## 1978

Brother J. D. May resigns as pastor September 3, 1978.  
Sunday School Director - Gene Jackson.  
Church Clerk- Mrs. Gene Jackson.  
Visiting Speakers- James Chatchum.  
Interim Pastor- Brother H. B. Woodward.  
Deacon BodyChairman - M. E. Tritt.  
Trustees: B. W. Cobb, Ovid Lovelace, and Maurice Tritt.

### Irrevocable Trust Agreement

We, the undersigned members of Zion Baptist Church Cemetery Committee and trustees of Zion Baptist Church, located in Haywood County, Tennessee, desiring a perpetual, secure and systematic method of care and upkeep of its cemetery which is located immediately across the road and east of said church and known as Zion Church Cemetery, proposed for adoption the following irrevocable trust agreement to said church.

### Item I Title of Trust

The trust shall be known as the Zion Baptist Church Cemetery Trust.

### Item II

#### Trustee and Appointment of Substitute Trustee

Zion Baptist Church shall be the Trustee having the right and power to act in a fiduciary capacity as trustee, and hereinafter referred to as "Trustee" provided, however, the church may at some unforeseeable time change the Trustee to a Corporate Trust Institution which shall be chartered under State Laws. Any action taken by Zion Baptist Church at a properly and regularly called business meeting which pertains to the care, maintenance and upkeep of Zion Baptist Church Cemetery, shall be deemed an action by the Trustees.

### Item III

#### Trust Principal and Additions

All property on hand and now existing in a cemetery fund, which is cash in the amount of----- shall be transferred by the present cemetery committee to the Trustee. The Trustee hereby acknowledges receipt thereof and agrees to perform the duties herein imposed upon it. Upon consent of the Trustee, anyone may from time to time give, transfer, and convey additional property or make deposits to this trust to be held in accordance with the provisions hereof and the receipt of any such additional property or deposits by the Trustee shall be indicative of the Trustee's consent to hold such property or deposits.

### Item IV

#### Purpose of Trust

The purpose of this trust is to establish a perpetual and irrevocable trust fund from monies or property, in form of memorial gifts or monies received by the church from the assignment of new cemetery lots, all for the care and maintenance of Zion Baptist Church Cemetery.

The net income only can be used for such purposes and such care and upkeep shall be limited only insofar as the net income derived from this trust fund will permit, disallowing encroachment upon the corpus of the trust.

#### **Item V Investments**

The Trustee shall invest these funds in savings an/or time deposit accounts, with the objective of obtaining the maximum rate of return consistent with necessary maturities to allow for fulfillment of the Trustees' duties.

#### **Item VI Payments of Income**

The Trustee shall maintain a committee of three knowledgeable persons to supervise the care, upkeep and maintenance of said cemetery. This committee shall serve until their successors are appointed. They shall be ones who have an abiding interest in the cemetery, and acquainted with the responsibility and character of services to be rendered. From their group they shall appoint a treasurer who shall receive from the Trustee such interest as has accrued in the trust. An accounting of all receipts and disbursements of this committee shall be made with the annual trust report, including nominal contributions which would be expedient for them to handle in an operational banking and checking account to which some donors might prefer contributing. No funds shall be expended to this committee from the trust in excess of interest or income derived from the trust, and then in such amount to suffice a quarterly operation, if needed. Such payments may be made at other intervals agreed upon from time to time by the parties hereto.

#### **Item VII Accounting**

The Trustee shall render each year a certified accounting of all receipts and disbursements and balances in the administration of this trust, and its books shall at all reasonable times be open for inspection. Such reports shall be available in accounting form to all members of Zion Baptist Church and other interested parties upon request.

#### **Item VIII**

#### **Adoption**

ZION BAPTIST CHURCH hereby adopts this trust plan as a means of providing care and upkeep of said cemetery, and by so doing pledges the sovereignty of its institution and the integrity of its members to the execution of its purposes and the preservation of all assets committed to its trust and care.

This action is with full knowledge, authority and approval in a regular and legally constituted business meeting of the church body, conforming with the by-laws and constitution, thus making and holding the church responsible for the proper performance and execution of all provisions herein.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, THE PARTIES HERETO HAVE EXECUTED THIS INSTRUMENT ON THIS-----DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1978.

Members of Cemetery Committee:

Active Deacons:

Church Trustees:

Minister Licensed - Brother Stan Pilot  
Music Director - Bill Brown.  
Church Budget - \$44,426.78.  
Treasurer - Franklin Thomas.  
Sexton - Brother L. A. Cobb, has been serving for many years.  
Deacon Chairman - Ovid Lovelace.

January 17, 1979 - Mr. Gene Jackson, Sunday School Director, gave Sunday School Report. December's total attendance was 395. Average per Sunday 75 members, 3 visitors and 5 new members. Total offering for December \$3,834.00.

Church furnished parsonage guest bedroom.

Church furnish desk for Pastor's Study at parsonage. Pastor will select desk. Pastor checked with Sonny Cobb to measure for desk and build it.

April 11, 1979 - Brother Mike and wife, Nita, appointed messengers to the State Convention.

May, 1979 - Brother O'Brien discussed condition of the church road with Jerry Stoots and he said that the road was scheduled for resurfacing this summer.

High School and College Grads will receive Bibles from the church.

Two corsages will be given on Mother's Day to youngest and oldest Mother.

Michael Thomas and Michael O'Brien want to cut grass at church \$15.00 per cut.

Ovid Lovelace and Pete Stewart have checked on 2 lawn mowers for cutting parsonage and church grounds. 11 h.p. Snapper riding mower and \$1,040.12. - Hill.

Fellowship for Mr. and Mrs. Oliver, May 20, to honor them before they leave.

June 13, 1979 - Sunday School reported average of about 100 in the month of May.

Mr. L. A. Cobb, Cemetery Committee recommends that the church honor Veterans who are buried in the Church Cemetery on November 11. Offering received will go into Cemetery Trust Fund. Program during the afternoon recognizing Veterans.

Motion made by Mr. John Watkins to exterminate the bees in the steeple. Second by Mr. Ovid Lovelace.

### CALLED BUSINESS MEETING

May 2, 1979

Brother O'Brien called the church into business for the purpose of discussing our church participation in the associational simultaneous stewardship program **Witness Through Christian Stewardship** to be emphasized during the week of October 21 - 25. The preferable date for our church would be October 24 - 25. B. W. Cobb made a motion effect. Reese Moses seconded. There was no opposition and our church will participate.

Brother Mike recommended that we order about 20 copies of the pamphlet "**America's Children to be Federalized?**" and take opposition to this bill concerning taking our children from our control. This recommendation was approved by common consent.

Recorded by M.N.Parker in absence of Jean Jackson, Church Clerk.

August 15, 1979 - Deacons recommended that the church call Brother Bill Brown as Associate Pastor in charge of Music and Youth, that his salary be increased by \$20.00 per week and that he be ordained on August 26, 1979. The church voted and there was no opposition.

An average attendance of 85 for Sunday School and an average of 4 visitors.

Phil Lovelace will be ordained to the Gospel Ministry at a service here at Zion on September 16 at 3:00 P. M. The church to present a Bible to him. Brother Jonas Stewart will preach the Ordination message. Brother Phil Lovelace will bring the evening message.

September 12, 1979 - letters granted to Elaine Lovelace Sealy, Virgil and Estelle Oliver.

The Sunday School report showed an average attendance of 95 per Sunday during the month of August. Total Sunday School offering was \$2,776.31.

New committee consist of Reese Moses, Patsy Tritt, Margie Timms and Brother Bill Brown.

Brotherhood needs \$750 - 900 to complete the church canopy project. Church voted without opposition to proceed.

October 10, 1979 - The Annual Associational Meeting will be at Holly Grove, October 16, 1979. Afternoon session at 3:00 P. M. Evening Session at 7:00 P. M. Messengers will be: Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Cobb, Mr. and Mrs. Cal Sullivan, Mr. and Mrs. John Watkins and Mr. and Mrs. Ovid Lovelace.

Mr. L. A. Cobb amended original motion regarding Veteran's Day offering and program honoring Veterans buried in church cemetery to read that this will take place Memorial Day, May, 1980 instead of having this in November, 1979.

November 14, 1979 - Acteen's Report - 2 meetings with 4 present and a visit to Crestview Nursing Home.

Zion Baptist Church offer our church facilities to Marvin's Chapel Methodist Church due to the fire in their church.

December 12, 1979 - Brother Mike requested the support of the church in mailing of a letter he has written on the deportation of Iranain student in the U. S.

Letter of Debbie Hargis granted to Brownsville Baptist Church.

Motion passed to send \$200.00 to the Lusks and R. K. Bennett.

Brother Bill Brown presented his letter of resignation as Associate pastor effective December 23, 1979. He plans to attend school in Texas.

## 1979

Haywood Baptist Association met at Holly Grove.

Minister of Music - Bill Brown.

Church Secretary- Mrs. Michael O'Brien

1979 - 1980 Budget - \$55,090.09.

Cost of paving parking lot by Hadley Construction Company- \$5,697.

Visiting Speakers: Manuel Weeks and Carol Burns

Pastor - Brother Michael O'Brien - first sermon December 31, 1978.

Extra driveway at pastor's home - \$2,179.40.

Ministers ordained - Brother Bill Brown and Brother Phil Lovelace.

Dr. Jonas Stewart preached ordination services.

January 9, 1980 - Brother Mike spoke in behalf of the Deacon Body and Personel Committee who both made the recommendation that the church extend the call of Minister of Music and Youth to David Joyner, a student at Union University. The salary would remain the same as the last Director. The vote to extend the call was unanimous.

January 27 is Baptist Men's Day with Stan Pilant filling the pulpit for Sunday Morning and Will Allen Weddington would conduct the Evening Worship. There will be a men's "cake-bake" contest with everyone expected to eat their cake.

February 13, 1980 - Vietnam refugess - letter received from Home Mission Board stating they are on their way to the U. S.

Ovid Lovelace received letter from Brother Bennett that he would enjoy receiving a letter from the Deacons for Zion Baptist Church. Brother Mike wrote a letter and Deacons will sign the letter and Brother Mike will mail letter to Brother Bennett.

The committee to study the Family Life Center will be Brother Mike, Ovid Lovelace, David Joyner and Jerry Foster.

Church passed a motion to pay the expenses for Brother Mike and Nita to attend a Pastor/Wife retreat at Ridgecrest, N.C., April 14 - 18.

The youth will go to Ridgecrest the first week of August, Brother David Joyner has made reservations. A fund has been started at First State Bank with a \$100.00 donation.

March 12, 1980 - Cake Bake to raise money for youth Ridgecrest trip March 21 and March 28.

Youth Evangelism Conference Saturday, March 16 at 7:00 P. M. Zion Church host. Finger food needs to be furnished.

Cottage Prayer Meetings March 18 at 7:00 P. M., Margie Timbes and Parsonage. March 25, at 7:00 P. M., Katherine Hooper and Reese Moses-Scallions.

April 9, 1980 - Our pastor reported that if we had not heard from the refugee family very soon, we would stop payment on the house and try to get reimbursement for the \$1,000.00 we have spent on it.

Our pastor recommended that the church take the van and carry a load to the Moral Majority of Tennessee presentation of "America You're too Young to Die" program in Memphis on April 17.

The deacons recommended that we make a study of the church enrollment for the purpose of enrolling in blood program. A committee was elected to report back to the church in 30 days. Those elected were Jean Jackson, Chairman, Patsy Tritt and Diane Wright. Wayne Tritt made the motion and was seconded by Neman Cooke.

August 1, 1980 - My Dear Friends: As you know we have been contacted by another church in the capacity of pastor. We have prayed and asked several of you to join with us in prayer as we sought the Lord's will in the decision. We now feel that it is God's will for us to remain at Zion and have so informed the other church in order for them to seek God's man to fill their pulpit. We thank you for your support over the past nineteen months and covet your continued support as we strive to serve God together. We love you very much.

Agape,

Brother Mike, Nita and children

May 14, 1980 - Sunday School Report - total attendance for April 425, average per Sunday 106, 2 new members, 23 visitors for April, Offering \$3,285.78.

Flags for Veteran's Memorial Service.

Youth can raise money for Ridgecrest. Contact Joy Scallions. Remove nails from short board 5¢ - long boards 10¢.

Extend to Stan Pilant, Associate Pastor position - no salary.

Discussion of making coffee as a refreshment prior to Sunday School or between Sunday School and church service. Church will try it.

New nominating committee: Pastor, Sunday School Director, Church Training Director, Martha Nell Parker, Florine Watkins, Wayne Tritt.

Marjorie Timbs made motion for church to enter Blood Program. Reese Moses seconded motion, no opposition. Motion carried.

June 18, 1980 - Mr. L. A. Cobb made a motion to make Memorial Day Service an annual affair at Zion and offering received will go in the cemetery fund.

New Family Life Building - location - can not build building behind church because extensive landscaping would be required and be too costly. Can build beside church southside in wooded area.

Mitchell Metal Building, 75' x 60' white roof, insulated, skylite \$37,500 lowest bid - David Coulston (does not include heating or

wiring). For skating and basketball. Minimum of \$20,000 for front part of building for the game room, kitchen, restrooms and supply room. 13% interest on note. Mr. Maurice Tritt made motion to give David Coulston contract. Mr. Dale Beard seconded motion. No opposition. Motion carried.

July 9, 1980 - Visitation Committee Business:

1. Women of Church are invited to become a part of this committee
2. Mr. Bernie Cobb visiting members and past members.
3. Mr. Basil Rogers visiting with newcomers of community.
4. Mr. Will Allen Weddington visiting young couples of community who do not have a church home.
5. Meeting every Thursday night at 7:00 P. M. at Jerry Foster's office. All church members turn in names of people who need visiting by this committee.

August 27, 1980 - Brenda Cobb is our Wednesday night van driver.

Jerry Foster has agreed to chair the Family Life Center Committee. Committee members include Michael O'Brien, Ovid Lovelace and David Joyner.

Brother David Joyner reported the trip to Ridgecrest trip was very successful. Wonderful ministry to the youth and the church. Two puppets were ordered and a puppet ministry will be started when they arrive.

Soul-winning clinic will begin Thursday, September 4th at 7:00 P. M.

Wayne Tritt presented a name for the Family Life Center. The name of R. K. Bennett Family is presented for consideration and prayer.

September 10, 1980 - Letters granted to Mrs. Don (Ivone) Lovelace to join Bethel Baptist Church in Greenfield, Tennessee, Cynthia Diane Ellington Hooper to join Woodland Baptist Church, Mrs. R.C. (Marilyn) Edwards.

Donations can be received in memory of a loved one. Susan Foster will be responsible for sending acknowledgement cards back to donor. Donation would be made to the building fund of the Family Life Center. Instead of church sending flowers to church members in the hospital this \$10.00 will be transferred from the flower budget to the building fund and Mrs. Marjorie Timbs will send card to member.

October 1, 1980 - Mrs. Reese Moses, Budget Committee Chairman, presented 80 - 81 Church Budget to Church for consideration. Discussion included Item number 52 - \$6,000 for new building construction (Family Life Center). Budget is approximately an increase of \$10,000 over last year's budget.

B. W. Cobb called our new budget also a "Challenge Budget".

October 8, 1980 - Ray Ellington has offered to have a "Haunted House" Halloween Week and proceeds will go into the Building Fund. Charge will be \$1.00 per person that goes through. Church voted to approve this fund raising activity.

Mr. Neman Cooke Representative on Association Executive Board.

Franklin Thomas made motion that Trustees of Zion Baptist Church have the authority to borrow \$44,000 for Family Life Center construction.

October 22, 1980 - Recommendation from Deacon Body:

1. Basil Rogers and David Joyner elected to Supply Committee to find pulpit supply.
2. Pastor Search Committee of 5 be selected at the next Business Meeting, October 29th. Church asked to be in prayer concerning this matter.

Brother Mike asked that the radio ministry "**Proclaim**" continue. All who are interested, see Brother Mike. Need volunteers to continue the nursing home ministry.

October 29, 1980 - Meeting called for the purpose of selecting a Pastor Search Committee. Church voted on nominees by secret ballot. Five to be elected to serve. The following elected: B. W. Cobb, Regina Thomas, Janie Beard, David Brooks, Will Allen Weddington. Alternates are Basil Rogers and Billy Parker.

November 9, 1980 - Pastor Search Committee presented Brother Dean Doster as Interim Pastor. This recommendation was made into a motion by Pastor Search Committee. He is available. Dale Beard seconded motion. Church voted. No opposition. Motion carried.

November 12, 1980 - Church letters granted to the Connel Family to join First Baptist Church in Elizabethton, Tennessee.

Building Committee Chairman Jerry Foster made motion that B. W. Cobb and Jack Davis serve on this committee. John Watkins seconded motion. No opposition. Motion carried.

Nursery requested a carpet sweeper. Joy Scallions donated a vacuum cleaner to nursery.

December 10, 1980 - Mildred Cobb made motion that \$200 be given to David Joyner for Christmas and \$75.00 to Brother Dean Doster. Ovid Lovelace seconded motion. No opposition. Motion carried.

## Overview

The place of my birth and rearing was on the corner of Zion and Poplar Corner Road. I couldn't help being born there, or any where else, as for that matter. However, my parents couldn't have chosen a location more pleasing to me, as my senses began to develop. They carried me up to church, like a little animal, whether I wanted to go or not, I went. This was wisdom on their part, seeking the Lord's help in the process of trying to train me.

Though they were loving, kind and patient, I almost became prejudiced against church going. Those stiff starched collars wide enough to lap under the lower lobe of the ear and chin caused blisters that would hardly heal before the next Sunday. Once it was all buttoned up, there was but one direction I could look, "up and out", and could only look down by bending my back. This presented a problem of getting relief on the other end from heel blisters those misfit shoes would cause, either too large or small. Then there was the middle, my seat, which would have blisters and sometimes a splinter from squirming on those hard wooden benches, or pews.

All sorts of ailments and alibias would afflict me, none of which ever prevailed over my mother's determination to "carry" me to church on every meeting day. No rebellion ever existed between the two of us. She was too prayerful, patient and loving as to allow me to be afflicted with it. So I want to please her, and to prevent more blisters in my seat. Seemed that somehow all my dissension of her calm and collected discipline always coagulated into a mass of agonizing grief, to be overcome only by my sacred regard with higher esteem for her soul winning witness, in her home and community.



No doubt could remain by my parents, who are in Heaven, that a church oriented home was the legacy of first, greatest and last vestige of all earthly possessions, with substance worthy to bequeath as a memorial to their lives.

I, after seventy-four years of serious meditation, can think of no contribution which I have made, equal to the magnitude of dedication so vividly exemplified in the history of the lives of our foreparents. Then, crude circumstances under which even most "luxurious life" consisted, rendered each and every endeavor a challenge, which could not be associated with food, fiber and home necessities. They had no time, money or anything else to waste. Consequently, all involvements were considered in terms of relative value and results, while seeking success with happiness.

They had wisdom to know wealth, fame and power wasn't the source of happiness, yet it could be somewhat enjoyed. Great fortunes to endure ills and pains of life, and to enjoy its pleasures and delights with good health, peace and competence, would be a good definition for happiness and contentment. But they, with more wisdom than we, knew that in none of this happiness reigned. To be merely good, but good for nothing, and without a single evil, has been the answer by many, yet they dreaded the fate of their lives. We can not seek to be happy on earth in outward circumstances and external good, and neglect to seek it where it alone dwells, in the close chambers of the bosom. Happiness attended every step of our forefathers in their pursuits of it, because they sought it where it could be found. From the **Being** whose it is to give and Zion Meeting House.

The virtue of gratitude for this incredible heritage should reside in hearts of we who are left, for their last vestige of earthly possessions, **A church with faith it would survive.**

In transporting my life to this period of history, I now feel a belonging to each generation composing Zion Church. To have shared their struggles and triumphs while being pestered with the outside world, has engendered highest respect and admiration for their indomitable spirit of perseverance. Their victorious survival, after being smitten by many heavy hands of adversities, no doubt proved they must have been the offspring of divinity, who knew there was a God who shapes and forms our lives for greatest of earthly values, while preparing for the treasures of Heaven. It is only in these attributes of virtue we discover meaningful life with fulfilment of peace and joy, in either poverty or wealth. Attitude of mind and application of life brings either misery or happiness.

During the civil war which ravaged our country and demoralized the spirit of man, was perhaps their first serious challenge to call the whole thing off and give up the struggle, yet slight dormancy is indicated for a short period in church services. This war being on our own soil and among our own people, no doubt afflicted them with the dread and horror of it, as no generation since has been impressed. They shouldered their responsibility bravely, bore it joyfully and laid it down triumphantly to become the heritage of their next generation.

Few of us remain to remember the giant oak tree which stood about where the front steps to the present auditorum is located now. Its branches shaded much verbalizing, cooled off hot debates and narrations, which was shady too. It was also a refuge for many singing birds which perched on its vast branches, particularly an old owl and whip-poor-will, who were seldom frightened to fly away by just plain church folks. Often times I'm reminded of when mother and I would be sweeping out the old church on Friday afternoon getting ready for services the next day and the old whip-poor-will would begin his hymn. He, like many patriots across the road, now resting at peace in another world, left another generation to sing, pray and preach. And in the still and quietness of Sunday evenings must be the time he instructed his musical choir to assemble. I can imagine even fowls as having church homes, but can you imagine a human being not having one? The greatest institutions this side of Heaven is the church and the home. No home is complete without the church, but can be complete with it. The church home is more important than the family home. It's a spiritual home to supply food for the physical home. They are synonymous and compliment each other and when separated, each suffers defeat. To miss a church service is to suffer pangs of soul hunger, more damaging to the body than missing a Sunday dinner. I'm not suggesting you give up work and take up church as a means of survival. This won't work either, it will, however, solve your problems and unshackle burdens and depravity of daily encounters with our perishing world and give motivation in the right directions.

There are enough churches in Haywood County to fortify the safety of our homes, or every section of the south, for that matter. This church is your arsenal of freedom and survival. Go, carry your children, study your Sunday School lesson, listen to the preacher, pray for the lost, witness to the backsliders, get them in church, invest your savings in the church budget. The returns are great, the security is sound. If your pastor does not preach salvation by grace through faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God, then pray for him and

get him saved, or get him out of the community. If this was done, we could have a county wide revival in which all churches would, or could participate.

**Paul the Apostle Exhorts the Corinthians:**

In his last missionary letters, written just before his death in A.D. 67, Paul wrote, *"I have fought a good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith"*. His final monument was the establishment of Christianity throughout the Roman Empire and his reward, the influence of his doctrine and inspiration of his faith throughout the centuries. When he was finally sentenced and imprisoned for his "disturbances", he appealed to Ceasar, was sent to Rome and after two years of captivity was executed in the reign of Nero.

The following is the program of the first day of our celebration, May 15, 1981.

**Evening Service**  
**ZION BAPTIST CHURCH**  
***150th Anniversary Celebration***

*"Not unto us, O Lord, Not unto us,  
but unto Thy name give glory."*  
Psalm 115:1

**Friday, May 15, 1981**

Pastor  
**Paul Mathenia**

Minister of Music  
**David Joyner**

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Call to Worship ..... Choir  
Prayer & Welcome ..... Pastor Mathenia  
Hymn ..... "To God Be the Glory" ..... No. 41  
Hymn ..... "Amazing Grace" ..... No. 188  
Presentation of Church History ..... Bernie W. Cobb  
Special Music ..... Proclamation, Union University  
Special Offering for Family Life Center  
Message in Song ..... David Joyner  
Message from God's Word ..... Dr. Adrian Rogers  
Invitation to respond to God's Word  
Prayer of Praise & Blessing by Chairman of Deacon Pete Stewart  
Closing Hymn ..... Proclamation  
Reception in Family Life Center

Dr. Adrian Rogers remained and clasped the hand of every person present and was among the last to leave. It's amazing how great men of God lend attention to even minute details in the Lord's work, while the world is making unprecedented demands of their ministry and wisdom.

## The Second Day Observance

Saturday Evening, May 16, 1981

Call to Worship  
Prayer and Welcome ..... Pastor Mathenia  
Hymn ..... "Blessed Assurance".....No. 269  
Special Music..... Vicki Simpson  
Testimonies from Former Pastors  
Hymn ..... "He Keeps Me Singing".....No. 307  
Testimonies from Former Pastors  
Special Music..... David Joyner  
Special Offering for Family Life Center  
Testimonies from Former Pastors  
Prayer of Praise and Blessing  
Homemade Ice Cream Social in Family Life Center

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### FORMER PASTORS PLANNING TO ATTEND:

Rev. Ivan Raley  
Rev. Ronnie Wiley  
Rev. H. B. Woodward  
Rev. Howard Kolb

Dr. Jonas Stewart  
Rev. Michael O'Brien  
Rev. Dean Doster

The following is the program of the third day of our celebration, May 17, 1981.

## ZION BAPTIST CHURCH

### 150th Anniversary Celebration

#### MORNING WORSHIP

10:55 Prelude ..... Reese Moses - Scallion  
11:00 Welcome and Announcements  
Call to Worship  
Scripture and Prayer  
Hymn  
Hymn  
Worship with Tithes and Offerings  
Hymn  
Message in Song  
Message from God's Word.....Dr. Jonas Stewart  
Invitation to respond to God's Word  
Benediction  
Postlude

#### 150th Anniversary Celebration (1831 - 1981)

Today will be the closing service to a great weekend. We praise God for the blessings He has so freely given us. Our prayer is that God has and will continue to receive all the glory for these past 150 years, and will be greatly magnified in the years ahead.

As your pastor I could not begin to name everyone who has helped make this weekend possible, so I will simply say THANK YOU to all who had a part in the preparations and in the services themselves. We love you and look forward to God leading Zion Baptist Church in great victories.

Brother Paul



Gene Jackson  
Sunday School



Reese Scallions Organist     David Joyner Minister of Music     Becky Joyner Pianist



Jerry Foster  
Church Training



L.A. Cobb  
Custodian



Family Life Center







Raymond & Faye Abel  
& Melanie



Dale & Janis Reard,  
Brian, Todd & Marissa



Guy Branley



David & Sherry Brooks,  
Tom, Bill & Jenny



Lloyd & Brenda Cain,  
Janice & Jonathan



Wilson & Mary Cain



Rita & Angela Campbell



Poodle & Nancy Cairns,  
David & Azie



Ed & Emma Cahby  
& Robert Kean



Alice Cobb



Bernie & Mildred Cobb



Louise & Cordie Cobb



Soony & Brenda Cobb,  
Berley & Julie



Donald & Judy Cooks,  
Amy & Shannon



Nelson & Betty Cooks



Wayne & Virginia Cooks



Jack & Sandra Davis,  
Sharon & Karl



Walter & Elizabeth Dufley



Jerry & Susan Foster



Debbie Gibson,  
Jennifer & Mark



Mark & Denise Halbrook



Carrie Haynes



Eile Haynes



Dorsey & Billie Faye Henderson



Gess & Jean Jackson,  
Brian & Nina Pilant



David & Betty Joyner



Jim & Sue Lawrence  
& Jeremy



Orville Lee



Fletcher & Janet Lewis,  
Stephen & Laila



Buddy & Grace Lovelace,  
Janie, Charles & Sharon Flabor



Ovid & Oils Lovelace



Joyce Maness



Sallie Elizabeth Mann



Kalle Marbury



Mable Ruth Marbury



Howell & Bess McMurry



Michael & Nita O'Brien,  
Michael & Kelli



Nathan & Betty Outlaw



Billy & Martha Nell Parker  
& Valerie



Jerry & Nita Parker



Dora Parks



L. E. & Sarah Piron



Lenele & Peggy Porch,  
Keith, Aida & Terri



Doc & Sarah Richardson



Beall & Ann Rogers,  
Shell, Shara & Spence



Otto & Hattie Russell



Joy & Reese Scallions



Eva Stewart



Floyd & Mary Stewart  
& Mary Margaret



Lena Stewart



Peiz & Maxine Stewart



Cal & Pearl Sullivan



Marilyn Sullivan



Franklin & Regina Thomas,  
Michael & Sharon



D. C. & Marjorie Timbes



Maurice & Virginia Trill



Wayne & Patsy Trill,  
Stewart & Elizabeth



John & Florine Watkins



Haywood & Edna Watridge



Jimmy & Brenda Weatherford



Inez Weddington



William & Nancy Weddington



Richard & Gwen Williams,  
Bradley & Ashley



Billy & Diane Wright,  
Boyd, Rodney & Allen

THOSE NOT AVAILABLE FOR PICTURES



Agnes Bachman



Ray & Hilda Ellington  
and Mark



Billie Sue & Karl Lovelace



Bill Maness



Thomas P. McKnight



Virgil & Estelle Oliver



Mary Jane Raines



Teresa Raines

## Resident Members

1. Abel, Faye N. (Mrs. Raymond)
2. Abel, Melanie Kaye
3. Abel, Raymond
4. Ackerman, Gerald
5. Ackerman, Jason
6. Ackerman, Lorraine (Mrs. Gerald)
7. Acuff, Murrell Cobb
8. Allen, Danny Ray
9. Allen, Mrs. F. M.
10. Beaird, Brian
11. Beaird, Dale
12. Beaird, Janie (Mrs. Dale)
13. Beaird, Marissa
14. Beaird, Todd
15. Bennett, Rev. R. K.
16. Barnes, Jackie (Mrs. Rex)
17. Barnes, Rex
18. Binford, Debra Ann
19. Brantley, Gladys
20. Brantley, Guy
21. Brantley, Allie (Mrs. Willie)
22. Bonnell, Jerry
23. Bonnell, Tina (Mrs. Jerry)
24. Bonnell, Rob
25. Brooks, Betty (Mrs. David)
26. Brooks, David
27. Brooks, Thomas David (Tom)
28. Brooks, William (Bill)
29. Burns, Alice
30. Burns, Clara (Cissie, Mrs. Ricky)
31. Byrum, Doris C.
32. Cain, Brenda Jarrett (Mrs. Lloyd)
33. Cain, Janice
34. Cain, Jonathan
35. Cain, Mary T. (Mrs. Wilson)
36. Cain, Lloyd
37. Campbell, Laura May
38. Caradine, Carolyn
39. Cates, Nancy (Mrs. Poodle)
40. Cates, Poodle
41. Cobb, Allie (Mrs. Jesse)
42. Cobb, B. W.
43. Cobb, B. W. Jr.
44. Cobb, Berkley
45. Cobb, Brenda (Mrs. B. W., Jr.)
46. Cobb, Julie
47. Cobb, L. A.
48. Cobb, Mildred (Mrs. B. W.)
49. Cooke, Amy
50. Cooke, Donald
51. Cooke, Linda Jean
52. Cooke, Virginia Jean
53. Cooke, W. N.
54. Cooke, Betty (Mrs. W. N.)
55. Cooke, Wayne
56. Cooke, Judy (Mrs. Donald)
57. Cozart, Jerry
58. Davis, Jack
59. Davis, Kari
60. Davis, Sandra (Mrs. Jack)
61. Davis, Sharon
62. Duffey, Elizabeth M.
63. Duffey, Lynn
64. Duffey, Steven Lee
65. Duffey, Walter M. Jr.
66. Duvall, Bernice (Mrs. Lewis)
67. Duvall, Carolyn Louise
68. Ellington, Hilda (Mrs. Ray)
69. Ellington, Jennifer Castellaw
70. Ellington, Mark
71. Ellington, Rod
72. Ellington, Ray
73. Ellington, Rickey
74. Ellington, Tim
75. Eubanks, Evelyn
76. Eubanks, Ralph
77. Eubanks, Wayne
78. Fisher, Charles
79. Fisher, Charlie (Jamie's son)
80. Fisher, Charles, Jr.
81. Fisher, Jamie Lovelace
82. Fisher, Virginia (Mrs. Charles)
83. Foster, Jerry
84. Foster, Susan H. (Mrs. Jerry)
85. Gibson, Deborah Marbury
86. Halbrook, Denise Stewart



87. Halbrook, Mark  
88. Hamby, Martha Earl  
89. Harrell, Guy  
90. Harrell, Vera (Mrs. Guy)  
91. Haynes, Carrie P.  
92. Haynes, Elsie W.  
93. Henderson, Billie N.  
94. Henderson, Dewey  
95. Hendrix, Billy  
96. Hendrix, Ed F.  
97. Hendrix, Mrs. Ed. F.  
98. Hood, Gwen Osteen  
99. Hooper, Katherine O.  
100. Howard, Betty  
101. Howard, Mrs. Dorothy Louise  
102. Howard, James Paul  
103. Howard, Perlie Mae  
104. Jackson, Jean P.  
105. Jackson, Thomas Gene  
106. Kean, Robert  
107. Kirkpatrick, Bobby Lynn  
108. Kirkpatrick, John Lynn  
109. Kirkpatrick, Mary Lee  
110. Kremer, Mrs. Minnie Lee  
111. Lawrence, Beverly Sue  
112. Lawrence, James L. Jr.  
113. Lee, Drucilla P.  
114. Lewis, Leslie  
115. Lewis, Mary Lea  
116. Lovelace, Billie Sue  
117. Lovelace, Debra  
118. Lovelace, Edward  
119. Lovelace, Grace (Mrs. Edward)  
120. Lovelace, Jamie  
121. Lovelace, Keith  
122. Lovelace, Ollis (Mrs. Ovid)  
123. Lovelace, Ovid  
124. Lovelace, Patsy  
125. Lovelace, Terri  
126. Lovelace, Wanda Annette  
127. McCarroll, Rita Ellen  
128. McFarland, G. C.  
129. McKnight, Thomas  
130. McMurry, Bess (Mrs. Howell)  
131. McMurry, Howell  
132. Maness, Billy Joe, Jr.  
133. Maness, Joyce Cobb  
134. Mann, Sally Bett  
135. Marbury, Mrs. Earnest  
136. Marbury, Mable Ruth  
137. Mathenia, Paul  
138. Mathenia, Shawn  
139. Mathenia, Stephanie  
140. Moore, Carol Cooke  
141. Moore, Frances T.  
142. Moore, James Kendall  
143. Naragon, Danny  
144. Neely, Leslie  
145. Outlaw, Allen  
146. Outlaw, Bradley Thomas  
147. Outlaw, Betty Graves  
148. Outlaw, Burnice Mann  
149. Outlaw, Debra Hensley  
150. Outlaw, Marie T. (Mrs. Allen)  
151. Outlaw, Nathan  
152. Parker, Billy (Wm. D.)  
153. Parker, Collice (Mrs. Tom)  
154. Parker, Jerry  
155. Parker, Martha Nell T.  
156. Parker, Nina (Mrs. Jerry)  
157. Parker, Paulette  
158. Parker, Regina  
159. Parker, Valerie Faith  
160. Parks, Dora (Mrs. Bob)  
161. Parks, George  
162. Patterson, Richard (Dickie)  
163. Pilant, Nina Carol  
164. Pilant, Stanley Thomas  
165. Porch, L. E.  
166. Porch, Lonnie E.  
167. Porch, Peggy (Mrs. Lonnie)  
168. Porch, Sarah (Mrs. L. E.)  
169. Richardson, Larry  
170. Richardson, W. W. (Dock)  
171. Richardson, Sarah (Mrs. S. W.)  
172. Rogers, Ann Lovelace (Mrs. Basil)  
173. Rogers, Basil  
174. Rogers, Shane  
175. Rogers Shelli  
176. Russell, Donna  
177. Russell, Mrs. Otis  
178. Russell, Otis  
179. Scallions Joy  
180. Scallions, Reese Moses (Mrs. Joy)  
181. Self, Michelle  
182. Sills, Brenda

183. Smith, Gene  
184. Smith, Mary Lucille T.  
185. Smith, Phil  
186. Stewart, Dezern (Pete)  
187. Stewart, Eva (Mrs. Norville)  
188. Stewart, Floyd  
189. Stewart, Mary Ann Witherspoon  
190. Stewart, Maxine L. (Mrs. Dezern)  
191. Sullivan, Calvin L.  
192. Sullivan, Pearl Belch  
193. Sullivan, Pam Woolridge  
194. Sullivan, Marilyn Thomas  
195. Taylor, Bobby  
196. Taylor, Brent  
197. Taylor, Ruth (Mrs. Wm. Jerry)  
198. Taylor, Wm. Jerry  
199. Thomas, Franklin  
200. Thomas, Michael  
201. Thomas, Monette Williams  
202. Thomas, Regina Haynes  
203. Thomas, Sharon Leigh  
204. Timbes, Marjorie G. (Mrs. O. C.)  
205. Timbes, Ruby (Mrs. H. H.)  
206. Tinsley, May  
207. Tritt, Elizabeth Dare  
208. Tritt, Patsy Richardson  
209. Tritt, Stewart  
210. Tritt, Virginia S. (Mrs. Maurice)  
211. Tritt, Wayne  
212. Waddell, Carolyn G.  
213. Waddell, Marion (Sonny)  
214. Wallace, Shirley Sullivan  
215. Warren, Debra Outlaw  
216. Watkins, Florine  
217. Watkins, James  
218. Watkins, John S.  
219. Watridge, Edna  
220. Weatherford, Brenda Shoffner  
221. Weddington, Inez  
222. Weddington, Nancy Foster  
223. Weddington, William O.  
224. White, Carl O.  
225. White, Jocille (Mrs. Carl O.)  
226. White, Odie T.  
227. Williams, Bradley  
228. Williams, Clayton  
229. Williams, Cecil  
230. Williams, Diane  
231. Williams, Donna Louise  
232. Williams, Gwen Shoffner  
233. Williams, Jennifer  
234. Williams, Lola Belch  
235. Williams, Richard  
236. Williams, Rita  
237. Williams, Virginia  
238. Woolridge, Peggy  
239. Wright, Billy Wayne  
240. Wright, Boyd  
241. Wright, Diane Tritt  
242. Wright, Rodney  
243. Yearwood, Billy