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This book is dedicated to the memory of my Dawson Ancestors - namely: my grandparents, James Eli & Nancy "Manola" Allen Dawson, and their family, who weathered many sad & difficult times during their lifetime.

I never knew James Eli, but I did know and love "Grandma." We were good buddies.

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For the past three years the compiler has worked off-and-on attempting to reflect not only all information from the Salem Baptist Church Minutes, but to reflect also information on the area of the Church.

It is hoped that in drawing information from a number of sources, you the reader, will gain some insight into the history of this Church, its people, and the area.

This has been a labor of love. There has always been a certain closeness that the compiler has felt toward this Church. At one time his people were members.

When one traces history - digs into the past, so to speak - one gets a feeling of closeness - of seeing and realizing that people in the past were no different than they are today.

This book has been edited in order to save any embarrassment to a descendant of any former member.

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**SALEM BAPTIST CHURCH MINUTES ALAMUCHA (LAUDERDALE COUNTY), MISSISSIPPI
(EDITED EDITION)**

No one knows the exact location of the first church building, no doubt a log cabin, which housed the Salem Baptist Church at Alamucha in Lauderdale County, Mississippi.

The original members of this church could have met under a brush arbor or in the homes of individual members.

The Alamucha area was first settled by the Choctaw Indians insofar as is known, but there is evidence of prehistoric Indians in the area now known as Lauderdale County, Mississippi. As best can be figured, there have been three (3) Alamucha's. The first was an Indian Village which the Indians later called "Old Town". The next Alamucha was located in or around the Salem Baptist Church area with a post office. Later Alamucha was posted on County Map as being at the intersection of the Wire Road and the Alamucha-Whynot Road.

The area was blessed with an ample supply of water from the Alamucha Creek, which was of prime importance to the Indians as well as to early white settlers.

The first center of Alamucha ("Old Town") was located near the point where Alamucha Creek crosses the Mississippi/Alabama state line.

Evidence of the Choctaw Indian presence in the area is proved by the number of land claims entered by Choctaw Indians in the Alamucha area after the Treaty of Dancing Rabbit Creek. There were nine (9) such claims in that area, according to a map furnished by Indian Historian Tom Goldman of Meridian, MS.

History indicates that the area was cleared of underbrush by the Indians, which accounts for the wide clear farming area, which in turn attracted the early white farmers.

It has been said that this area was the winter recreational area used by Choctaw Indian Chief Pushmataha. It is known that Alamucha was one of a number of his camps or settlements.

The first white men in the area were thought to have been traders who lived and traded with the Choctaw Indians. Some of these men married Indian women and were given land or permission by the Indians to live in the area.

The first recording of land owners occurred in 1834. People had land before this date, with a possible issue of a grant on a tract of land from the Land Office at Augusta, MS (Perry County). Some of these land grants were issued after improvements were made on the land.

In order to obtain a clear title to the land, the prospective owner was required to have the land surveyed, recorded and a patent issued. It should be noted that there are instances where land was patented some years after the original issue of the land grant, and in some instances patented to a different individual.

Some of the early landowners in the Alamucha area were:

James C. Anderson	1835	Arritter Dodd	1835
William Hatton	1835	Mary Holland	1835
Jane Lewis	1835	Uriah Holland	1835
Stephen Lewis	1835	Peter Marsh	1834
William McKinnon	1835	Jonathan Nutt	1835
Ephrian Odom	1834	Gilbert O'Neal	1835
Lepe Runnels (Reynolds?)	1835	Alton O'Neal	1835
Lewis Runnels	1835	William O'Neal	1834
William Wiggins	1834	Celia Terrall	1835
William K. Flectcher	1835		

It should be realized that some of the persons named above may not have lived on the land. Time passed and tracts of land were broken and sold to new arrivals to the area, or an entire acreage was sold by a non-resident owner.

There were people in the Alamuch area who were not members of the Salem Baptist Church - thus, this history will not cover all residents of the Alamucha area. History is more than facts and dates. Real history is people ...vivid and exciting as life itself. Thus, the compiler of this history has worked to reflect as much of the character of the Salem Baptist Church and its members as possible. Let's peer over the shoulders of past generations into the lives of some of those in the past who make us what we are.

From existing information it appears that the Salem Baptist Church has remained in about the same location since it was organized in November, 1839, by Elder Ambrose Yarbrough. No one knows how long this area has been inhabited. We know that the first white men to come here found Indians. And in the early days Indian blood flowed in the vein of many members of this church.

Prior to the Choctaw Treaty of 1830, the third known Baptist Church in the State of Alabama was organized in Sumter County near the Mississippi State line in 1810 and was known as Oakatuppa Baptist Church. This was near old Gaston below the present town of Ward, Alabama, and near the Alamucha area.

Many of the early churches established were Baptist Churches and it was in 1837 that a split began to occur in the Churches over the missionary conflict. The Primitive Baptist Church believed in **home** missions; the Baptist believed in **foreign** and other missions. The Primitive Baptist Churches then broke with the Baptist Churches and established their own churches.

It is believed that the Salem Baptist Church was first a Primitive Baptist Church. The land where Salem Church now stands was first owned by Uriah Holland and Stephen Lewis who purchased or received a grant for the land on 12/17/1835. They received a certificate of title for the land through a government land office at Augusta, Mississippi.

Once a certificate was in hand a patent for the land could be issued... that is, after the land involved was surveyed. Holland and Lewis sold the land (1:19.78 acres) to Eli Toole who received a patent (clear title to this land) on 7/23/1842, from the Augusta Land office and same is recorded in the original entry land book in the Chancery Clerk's Office of Lauderdale County, MS. This land was later in the hands of Simon Toole, son of Eli Toole. On 8/27/1859, Eli Toole and his wife, Martha, sold to the President and Trustees of the Alamucha Academy and the Free Church Company land in the SW 1/4 of Section 11, Township 6, Range 18 East at a cost of Twenty Dollars (\$20.00). This land was located on a North and South line through the center of SW 1/4 - 11 pole chains South of the East-West center line - Deed Book 7, page 414. This is the location of the present site of the church.

It should be noted that it is not known just what the Free Church Company was. The members of the Trustee Board were: Abraham Broner, Branch K. Bragg, William O'Neal, William Wiggins, and Daniel Cameron. It could have been an organization of both Baptist and Methodist made up for the purpose of buying land for both a church and a school.

Methodist Church members were holding meetings at Salem Church in the early days but as yet no minutes of this church have been found.

It is also known that members of the Alamucha Masonic Lodge No. 130 held meetings in the Church until some time after March 20, 1869, when J. R. McLaurin sold the Lodge land at Toomsaba (Lauderdale County), Mississippi. J.G. Knox, Duncan Kelly, and J.W. Dear were Trustees of the Lodge at that time.

There is mention in the Church Minutes of the Masonic Lodge members mourning the loss of member Elijah Hearn on December 4, 1855.

While the Free Church Company may have bought the land where the Salem Church now stands, the land was not yet owned by the Church. The land sold to the Free Church Company probably reverted back to Eli Toole when the Company disbanded, date of which is not known.

There was also mention in the Church minutes that some of the Hearn's living in the Alamucha area were of the Methodist faith.

On August 30, 1850, Eli Toole and his wife, Martha, sold land in the Southwest corner of the West one-half of the Southeast one-fourth in Section Three, Township Six, Range Eighteen East (about one acre) to the Alamucha Academy Trustees. These trustees were Abraham Broner, Branch K. Bragg, William O'Neal, William Wiggins and Daniel Cameron... these same people were on the Trustee Board of the Free Church Company. This land is located at what was then and is now known as Sulphur Springs, which is a short distance from Salem Baptist Church on the road from the Church to Kewanee, Mississippi.

The purchase of this land was for the re-establishment of the Alamucha Academy. This Academy was the first established in 1840 for both male and female students. The word re-establishment probably indicates that the Academy was reconstructed on the same spot as was the original Academy.

On January 24, 1854, the Lauderdale Republican Newspaper at Marion (Lauderdale County), Mississippi, published a notice for bids which were to be submitted to the Trustees of the Alamucha Academy for the construction of the Academy.

It is very possible that the original Academy burned.

William Newton of the Alamucha area, on behalf of David K. Lutts, the contractor, on August 24, 1856, sued the Trustees to collect for the construction of the Academy. The Trustees at that time were: Jacob Welch, Daniel Cameron, Ervin Sage (Attorney), Franklin P. Brown, Elijah C. Pack, and Branch K. Bragg of the Salem Baptist Church.

The first minutes were recorded on 2/29/1840, wherein the Church received by experience Sister Kezia Brunson, the wife of brother L.M. Brunson; and Sister Charlotte Lacy. February 29, 1840, was the Saturday before the 4th Sabbath. These Saturdays were set aside each month for a church conference. The practice was to have a sermon and then go into conference to allow the church an opportunity to handle and deal with any problem within the church and the community.

A Brother Veasey was pastor at this period in time. It is thought that this was Pastor James Veasy as a number of references to him have been found in the minutes of the Liberty Baptist Association. Brother James Veasy could have been the minister of the church when it was organized in November, 1839, but there is no proof.

We know that Elder Ambrose Yarbrough organized the Liberty Baptist Church on 5/31/1845. It is written on his tombstone in the

Liberty Baptist Church Cemetery; also, that he was born on February 19, 1772, and died on July 20, 1861, at the age of 89 years. He was 67 years old when Salem was organized and 73 when Liberty was organized.

We also know that Elder Ambrose Yarbrough organized the old Ebenezer Baptist Church which was located near present Causeyville in 1842. Elder Yarbrough was a church overseer; thus he would have been involved in the organization of churches in the area. It is known from the Salem Church minutes that Liberty Baptist Church was in existence prior to being organized in 1845 and it stands to reason that Salem Baptist Church also was in existence prior to 1839.

In reviewing the minutes of the Choctaw Baptist Association, which commence in the year 1837, there is no mention of the Salem Baptist Church in Lauderdale County, Mississippi, so it stands to reason that the church was not constituted or organized in 1837, but could have been in existence.

Since people were in the area by 1835 and a few even prior to that year, it could be assumed that members could have begun to meet about the year 1836.

The Old Choctaw Baptist Association was formed in 1834 with nine (9) churches in Mississippi and seven (7) in Alabama. This Association disbanded in 1837 due to conflict over missions.

After being constituted in November, 1839, the church became a member of the New Choctaw Association, according to the minutes of the church.

Returning to the first entry made in the Salem Baptist Church Minutes, it should be noted that the first two (2) pages of Book One are missing and that there is no listing of charter members. The Brunsons, at the time, lived in Sumter County, Alabama, as did a number of other members of the church. Sister Charlotte Lacy, who later married Isaac Spinks, was first the wife of Austin H. Lacy and their children were John G.; Thomas G.; Stephen F.; and Mary E. Lacy. Stephen F. was a rather large landowner in Kemper and Lauderdale Counties. The Spinks' were from Clarke County, Alabama.

Austin and Charlotte Lacy apparently lived during one period of their lives in Kemper County, Mississippi, as did the Spinks'. Reference is the 1837 State Census record of Kemper County, Miss. Isaac Spinks and wife Charlotte are buried in the old Alamucha Cemetery, which is located behind the old McMurray place which is now owned by Col. & Mrs. Edward Grayson, Jr. It is situated near old Whynot and West of the Joe Long Hill, which is on the present Whynot/Alamucha Road.

The Salem Baptist Church Minutes began on February 29, 1840, and have been abstracted as follows:

2/29/1840

The church met and transacted the following business: Received Sister Kezia Brunson, wife of Brother L.M. Brunson, and Sister Charlotte Lacy by experience. The church chose Brother E. Moseley to the office of deacon and agreed to call Brother Ambrose Yarbrough to act with Brother Veasey (Veasy) in forming a presbytery for Brother E. Moseley's ordination to that office.

April Term 1840

Received Bro. H. P. Brunson by letter. Many have, no doubt, read that H.P. Brunson was a circuit-rider preacher who organized Salem Baptist Church at Alamucha. This is incorrect as he was authorized by the Salem Church to exercise his gift. He, like Isaac Spinks, was later ordained as a minister by Salem Church as the minutes later reflect. He did not organize Salem Church.

5/2/1840

The church met, the sermon being delivered by Bro. Veasey. It would appear that Bro. ? Veasey (Veasy) is the first recorded minister of Salem Baptist Church. The church released Bro. E. E. Moseley on his request from the office of deacon and made choice of another person for the office.

It should be noted that these minutes contain the business that transpired on Saturday before the 4th Sabbath. Apparently there were matters taken up and handled on the Sabbath and at other meetings that were not recorded in the church minutes.

The church agreed to raise a church fund and appointed Bro. Isaac Spinks as treasurer of that fund. Isaac Spinks' land lay West of the Joe Long Hill.

The church also appointed a committee consisting of Bros. Rolly Spinks, Byrd Williams and Thomas Carter to arrange the service of each of the monthly Saturday meetings.

Rolly Spinks' land was located directly West of the present Salem Baptist Church and East of the present road from Alamucha to Toomsaba. Byrd Williams' land was located near the present intersection of the Wire Road and the Whynot/Alamucha Road.

Bros. H.P. Brunson and Isaac Spinks were granted permission to exercise their gifts (to preach) at the Liberty Church in any way they felt impressed.

The Liberty Baptist Church was located distance South of Salem Baptist Church, near the Alabama/ Mississippi State line.

6/6/1840

The church elected Bro. P.L. Bunyard to the office of deacon. P.L. Bunyard was one of the charter members of the Ebenezer Baptist Church on February 2, 1842. This church was located West of present Causeyville. The church is not now in existence.

7/4/1840

Bro. Veasey gave the sermon and sat in conference as moderator. The ordination of Bro. Bunyard was postponed until it could be determined if he would continue with the church. The church agreed to unite with the Choctaw Baptist Association and chose Bros. H.P. Brunson and Isaac Spinks as representatives of the church. Bro. E. Moseley was appointed to write a letter to that effect to the Choctaw Baptist Association.

8/1/1840

Bro. Bunyard served as moderator, with Bro. James and Sister Eliza A. Thornton being received by letter. A letter to the Choctaw Baptist Association was read and received.

It was at this point that the church became associated with the Choctaw Baptist Association. This Association, as best can be determined, covered churches in Lauderdale, Kemper and Noxubee Counties in Mississippi plus other counties in Alabama. There possibly could have been other churches in other areas associated with this Association.

It should be noted also that churches moved from one Association to another from time to time.

James and Eliza A. Thornton came to the Alamucha area from Clarke County, Alabama, probably by way of the Tombigbee River. Some early settlers came to the area by this route, some remaining in Sumter County, Alabama, for a while, then leaving that canebreak area for the more suitable farm land in the Alamucha area. Early settlers also desired the area due to the water supply. The settlers often were unsure that water could be secured from a well and thus desired stream water not only for personal use but also as a means of transportation and a source of power. Alamucha was fairly close to the Tombigbee River, which farmers used to transport their cotton for sale as well as to transport goods and materials into the area.

9/3/1840

The church appointed Bro. Thomas Carter to replace Isaac Spinks, who was ill, as delegate to the Choctaw Baptist Association. Rolly Spinks also was appointed as a delegate.

10/31/ 1840

After services by Bros. Hopson and Suttle, the church sat in conference. Due to Bro. Bunyard moving to a remote area, the church decided to choose another person for the office of deacon at the next meeting. The church laid over to the next meeting the choice of a preacher to serve in the ensuing year and set aside the Friday before the first Sunday apart for fasting and prayer. The above named Bro. Bunyard was Bro. P.L. Bunyard, and the remote area was what is now the Causeyville area. This would indicate that the area in 1840 was not settled or that few people were in the area.

12/5/1840

Isaac Spinks was chosen to serve as deacon. The choice of a preacher was referred to the next meeting. 1/2/1841 The church sat in conference after a sermon by Bro. Suttle and chose Bro. W.P. Carter to serve as preacher for the ensuing year; Brethren Isaac Spinks and E. Moseley to convey a letter to Bro. Carter; Bro. Moseley to write the letter. Bro. Isaac Spinks called for the ordination of deacon at the next meeting with Bros. Suttles and Milburn being sent for to form a presbytery for the ordination. Bro. William P. Carter was a well-known Baptist minister who came to Lauderdale County area from Smith County, Mississippi. The first bought land in the county on December 15, 1838, in Section 34, Township 6, Range 16 E, South of the present road leading from Meridian to Causeyville... a short distance due South of the Bonita Reservoir. Later he became one of the original directors of the Mississippi Baptist Association.

Bro. William P. Carter, an ordained Baptist minister, also was the minister of the oakey Valley Baptist Church which was a newly constituted church in 1839. According to the Liberty Baptist Association minutes, Oakey Valley was admitted into that Association the same year as a newly constituted church. Both Richard McLemore and his brother, William McLemore, were members of the Oakey Valley Baptist Church which was located in the present Bonita-Reservoir-City-Waterworks area of Meridian. It is thought that this Oakey Valley Church was organized by Bro. Carter in 1838 with the McLemores as charter members. This church moved to land donated by Richard McLemore adjacent to the present McLemore Cemetery in 1853.

2/6/1841

Sermon by Bro. Carter. Isaac Spinks ordained as a deacon by Bros. Carter and (Ambrose) Yarbrough. Bro. W.P. Carter accepted call as preacher for the church. There were reports that Brother

Byrd Williams had been in the habit of making too free use of ardent spirits and that he failed from time to time to fill his seat in conference. Bro. E. Moseley was appointed to cite him to attend the next conference meeting and answer to said reports. The church resolved that it would hold communion quarterly commencing at the April meeting.

3/6/1841

Bro. E. Moseley reported that Bro. Byrd Williams failed to report to conference. The church appointed Bros. T. Carter, A. (Andrew) Eastis and E. Moseley to visit Bro. Williams and report at the next meeting. Brethren H.P. Brunson, P.L. Bunyard and Isaac Spinks were liberated to exercise their gifts (preach) in the bounds of other churches around about and that they be furnished with a written certificate to that effect.

4/3/1841

Sermons by Bros. Bunyard and Carter. The committee appointed to visit Bro. Byrd Williams reported that Bro. Williams told them that he considered himself no longer a member of the church and that the church need give herself no further trouble about him. The church then proceeded to exclude him from membership in the church. During this period a person excluded could not join another Baptist Church due to the fact that he or she would be unable to present a letter of dismissal from the former church. Also, female members were not allowed or permitted to request a letter of dismissal as this had to be requested in the female behalf by a male member of the church.

5/1/ 1841

Received Bro. Isaac Suttles, an ordained minister of the gospel, by letter.

6/5/12341

Sermons were delivered by Bros. H.P. Brunson and P.L. Bunyard. Bro. T. (Thomas) called to serve as moderator. No other business.

July Term 1841

The church received the following members by experience: B.A. Carter; Amanda Eastis, wife of Andrew Eastis; Robert Phillips; Nancy Phillips, wife of Robert Phillips; Mary Matthew; Bill, a black man, property of the estate of Ellijah Shamburger.

The following were received by letter: Bro. James Moseley; Sister Kezia Shamburger; Bro. John Hews (Hughes); Bro. Thomas Regdon.

During this period there were a number of persons received by experience or by letter. People were moving into the area as the first flat rolling land in the Alamucha area was very attractive to farmers. Many lived along the Big Alamucha Creek as well as the Little Alamucha Creek.

August Term 1841

The church received the following by experience:

E.L. Carter	A. T. Rogers	Alford Spinks
Peter Marsh	L. S. Spinks	E. M. Carter
W. P. Harris	Joshua Suggs	T. K. Carter
Caroline Suggs	Kezia Rogers	Demarius Hews (Hughes)
Rebecca S. Carter	Jane Carter	(wife of John Hews)
Elizabeth Ann Harris		? Vann (not known if this was male or female)

Lizza (a black woman, property of Sister Sara H. Spinks.

The church received an acknowledgment from Bro. William Pack of his writing for his letter from a church in the Sumter District of South Carolina. In the meeting Bro. Pack was under the watch and care of the church.

Some of the other members, to name a few, were: Elijah Shamburger who married Kezia Spinks in Clarke County, Alabama, on December 9, 1822 (after Elijah's death she married John Tatum of Alamucha, whom she divorced in 1846); also Peter Marsh who married Elizabeth Spinks in Clarke County, Alabama, on February 17, 1826, who owned land and lived in the general area of the church.

There were Carters, Smiths, Haymans, Legans, Deasons, Suggs, Clintons, Whites, Pierces, and Andrew Eastes who was one of the first county coroners and ministers who took Samuel Pruitt to court on 3/5/1839 for shooting his horse. Also, Williams, Moseleys and the Bunyards who later removed to the Causeyville area from Sumter County, Alabama, with some going on to Texas. There was William Winston who sued Cornelius Minor for forceful taking of a slave, both living in the Alamucha area at the time.

Since the Salem Baptist Church was located near the Mississippi/Alabama Line, there were members from both Lauderdale County, MS, and Sumter County, AL. People would come from locations miles away in their wagons for the all-day gathering at the church. The Winstons and the Camerons were in the area but not mentioned as members of the Salem Baptist Church. Possibly they were members of the Methodist Church.

At this point in time it should be noted that the Circuit Court Records reflect many cases of forceful entry on people's property and the taking of cattle and other personal property. People had to be prepared to defend themselves at all times.

Times were exceedingly hard. As stated, by the mid-1840's people were moving to Texas, largely to avoid debts incurred during the depression which began in 1837, and people were passing through the area from other points on their way to Texas and other Western areas.

9/3/ 1841

Sermons by Brothers Brunson and Carter. The following were received by experience:

Joseph Vann	Joseph J. Smith	R. T. Spinks (son of
Henry C. Logan	Jeremiah Hayman	Rolly Spinks)
Adam Smith	Louisa P. Smith	Nancy Wilson

Received by letter: Jane Hayman, mother of Jeremiah Hayman; Sarah Deason; Margaret Logan, wife of Henry C. Legan; Malinda White; Bibbo, black woman, property of Joshua Suggs.

The church chose Bros. Isaac and Rolly Spinks to represent the church at the Association (Choctaw) meeting. Bro. George W. Clinton was chosen as an alternate delegate.

10/2/1841

The church received John Pearce and Robert (a black man, property of L.B. Brown (Little Berry Brown)) to the ordinance of baptism. Received the letter written for the Church Association (written by member of the church) and authorized delegates to subscribe ten dollars to the Board of Home Missions. Dismissed B. M. Carter and Jane, his wife, by letter.

11/6/1841

The church received Mrs. Lucretia Hayman, wife of Bro. Jeremiah Hayman; and Emily Pack to the ordinance of baptism. The choice of a preacher for the ensuing year was referred over to the next meeting. Received Bro. William Pack's letter, but he had expired prior to receipt of same. The church then recognized him as a member at the time of his death.

The Haymans later were members of the Ebenezer Baptist Church near present Causeyville. The Haymans lived in Sumter County when they attended Salem Baptist Church. Later some of the Haymans went to Texas... for example, Jeremiah Hayman.

12/4/1841

Received by experience: Jane and Jane Elizabeth Spinks (wife and daughter of Rolly Spinks); and Fagar (a black woman belonging to Sister Pack).

Received by letter: Bro. Trippe Pope and his wife, Nancy, and two of Sister Pack's black men, Harry and Edmond.

Dismissed by letter: Thomas Carter and Elizabeth, his wife; Elizah M. Carter; Thomas Rigdon; Sarah Carter; and Rebecca S. Carter.

The church chose Bro. Isaac Suttle to supply (preach) in the ensuing year.

1/1/1842

The church received by letter: Sister Elizabeth Bond. Dismissed by letter: W.J. Carter and Rebecca, his wife; W.P. Harris and Elizabeth Ann, his wife. Elected G.W. Clinton to the office of deacon.

2/4/1842

Bro. G.W. Clinton ordained as deacon by A. (Ambrose) Yarbrough and Isaac Suttle.

Dismissed by letter: Bro. Erasmus L. Carter and Margaret L., his wife; Bro. James Moseley.

Received Kezia Young by letter and dismissed Thomas K. Carter. Kezia Young married Cornelius Minor at Alamucha on June 21, 1842, after the death of his first wife, Silvia Wooten (who had married earlier in Bibb County, AL. At the time of this marriage, Minor's father, James, lived in Autauga County, Alabama) Cornelius Minor and family departed for Texas by way of Tennessee prior to 1850.

4/2/1842

The church met in conference and agreed to consider the propriety of calling Bro. H.P. Brunson to ordination as a minister of the gospel.

5/7/1842

Received Sisters Sarah Marsh and Sarah Wiggins by letter. The church agreed to call a presbytery for the purpose of ordaining Bro. Brunson at the next meeting.

6/4/1842

Received Mr. Irwin Wolf by experience and Bro. J.H. Suttle and Sister Lucinda, his wife; and a black brother George, property of William Wiggins; by letter. Bro. H.P. Brunson set apart to the work of the ministry by Brethren H. P. Carter, Isaac Suttle and Lewis Spinks, Presbytery. William Wiggins married Sarah Marsh in Clarke County, Alabama, on July 24, 1820.

7/2/1842

Received Margaret Eastis by letter.

8/6/1842

Received Susan (black woman, property of Bro. L.M. Brunson), by experience, and Bro. John M. Wiggins by letter. A charge laid in the church against black Bro. Criss for stealing by Bro. Enoch Spinks, which was referred to committee of the following brethren: Rolly Spinks, A.T. Rogers and G.S. Clinton. The committee reported after waiting on Bro. Enoch Spinks and hearing charge, that they believed Criss to be guilty of charge. The case laid over until next meeting. Dismissed Sister Nancy (**NOTE: the top right-hand corner of page appears to have been burned. This on pages 11-14 of book number one**).

9/3/1842

The case of Criss referred to the next meeting. The church chose Isaac Suttle as pastor. H.P. Brunson was chosen to represent the church in the Association; alternate chosen was Lewis Spinks. The church also agreed to have the Church Rules of Decorum read at the next meeting for possible alterations and/or amendments.

10/1/1842

Bro. Lewis Spinks, moderator. The church laid over until the next meeting the case of black Bro. Criss; and decided that Rules of Decorum remain as they were. (**NOTE: these Rules probably were on the missing pages one and two of this volume.**)

Lewis Spinks was elected clerk of the Circuit Court of Lauderdale County, Mississippi, on the 4th and 5th of November, 1839.

Saturday before 1st Sabbath - November 1842

The case of black Bro. Criss laid over until the next meeting. The church resolved to go into the choice of a preacher at the next meeting.

December 1842

Sermons by Bros. Brunson and Ryan. The case of black Bro. Criss laid over until the next meeting. A charge of drunkenness laid against Bro. Robert Phillips. A committee composed of G.W. Clinton, A.T. Rogers and E. Moseley was appointed to cite Bro. Phillips to attend the next meeting.

It is believed that the Bro. Ryan above was Bro. J.K. Ryan and that he also is the Father Ryan referred to in the church minutes.

From Lauderdale County Court records and other sources information reflects that the Alamucha area was a busy and thriving area during this period.

Henry C. Legan, who was a member of the Salem Church, sued Alfred and Isaac Spinks in J.P. Court in Beat 5 at McDermott's Schoolhouse in 1840 for judgment of \$7.00. McDermott not found in land records, but it is known that he was a school teacher.

In the early 1840's one John McDermott sued William Hearn regarding a character dispute, according to record. Hearn had stated McDermott had been whipped at the place he came from and if he, McDermott, would remove his shirt the evidence would be revealed.

William Hearn owned land in Section 11 where church was located which he received in 1834. It is possible the school was located in this area but the actual location is not known. The location could have been West of present Alamucha since Alfred Spinks lived in that area.

Schools in those days were established and operated by patrons. In other words, a group of parents would pool their efforts and resources. It was in 1846 when the state began to pass legislation regarding schools.

There also is mention of J.P. Court being held at Walnut Creek Academy in Beat 5 on 8/19/1852 which involved members of Salem Church. It is thought that this Academy was located South of the present Lauderdale, Mississippi.

In the middle of 1843, the Salem Church minutes state: "The church met at Salem." This implies that possibly the church held church at more than one location... for example, protracted meeting in August 1845 by Bro. Farar was held at the John Pierce Schoolhouse. According to land records, John Pierce owned land in the middle of Alamucha Old Town. Please note that it was referred to in 1845 as Alamucha Old Town so it was the first Alamucha.

Saturday before 1st Sabbath - January 1843

Bro. Isaac Spinks served as moderator. The cases of black Bro. Criss and Bro. Phillips laid over until the next meeting. The church chose Bro. William Calaway (Callaway) as pastor. Bros. John Wiggins and Irvin Wolf were appointed to carry a communication to him. Dismissed Bro. E. Moseley, Bro. John Hughes and Sister Demarius Hughes, his wife, by letter.

2/4/1843

Services by Bro. Calaway. Bro. Robert Phillips was excluded. The case of black Bro. Criss laid over until the next meeting. Elected Bro. A.T. Rogers to act as clerk of the church. Appointed Brethren Isaac Spinks, G. W. Clinton and A.T. Rogers to visit Bro. Joseph Smith to inquire whether an unfavorable report against him

now in circulation was true or false. Dismissed Sister Amanda Hall by letter. Bro. Calaway accepted the church call as preacher. March 1843 No conference

4/1/1843

Case of black Bro. Criss laid over until the next meeting. The case of Bro. Joseph Smith; Bro. Thomas Smith appointed to cite him to attend the next meeting. Bro. J.H. Smith appointed to cite black Bro. Bill who had been charged with drunkenness to attend the next meeting to answer the charge. Bro. E. Moseley returned his letter of dismissal and was reinstated as a member.

May Term 1843

Sermon by Father Ryan who also acted as moderator. The case of Criss continued. The case of Bro. Smith continued. The church authorized Bro. Isaac Spinks to buy a Bible and hymnbook for the church.

6/30/1843

The church met at Salem. Received a black sister, Eliza, property of Isaac Spinks, by experience. Excluded black Bro. Criss along with Bro. Joseph Smith. Also excluded black Bro. Bill. Received a letter and message from the Harmony Church praying a correspondence with the Salem Church. This agreed to by Salem Church by appointing Brethren Isaac Spinks, A. Eastis, L. M. Brunson and James Thornington. Bro. Isaac Spinks presented a Bible and hymnbook to the church. The church elected Isaac Spinks to the office of church clerk to replace A.T. Rogers.

7/1/1843

Church at Salem. Received a letter and delegates from Harmony Church. **(NOTE: It is believed that this Harmony Church is now known as the old Mt. Zion Church on Rosser Road in Sumter County, AL, south of Salem Church)**. On motion, appointed Bro. G.W. Clinton leader in musick (music).

8/5/1843

Received a letter and delegates from Oaky Valley Church... namely, G.S. Pace, F. Irby and A. (Austin) Keeton, praying Salem Church to correspond with them quarterly. Salem Church agreed by appointing Bros. Isaac Spinks, L. M. Brunson, G.W. Clinton and Andrew Lastis. Church services held during the week. Received Bro. Sanders Parkman by letter on Tuesday and Bro. John Norris on Wednesday, by experience. N.P. Brunson, moderator.

9/1/1843

Sermon by Bro. William J. Callaway. Elected Isaac Spinks and George W. Clinton as Choctaw Association delegates and Bro. Andrew Eastisas alternate. Agreed to send two dollars for copies of the Association minutes.

9/31/1843

Divine services by Bro. Joseph Ryan. The church agreed to pay the Missionary Board ten dollars at the next Association meeting for the home missions.

11/4/1843

The Salem Baptist Church had 73 members on its membership roll. Service by Bro. William J. Calloway. Resolved to go into the choice of preacher for ensuing year at the next meeting.

12/2/1843

The church chose William P. Carter as pastor and sent letter to him regarding same by Bros. Peter Marsh and Isaac Spinks.

1/6/1844

No conference on Saturday due to rain. On Sunday a few people heard a sermon by Bro. W. P. Carter.

2/3/1844

Sermon by Bro. H.P. Brunson. Resolved that the Rules of Decorum be recorded in the church book. **This would imply that the Rules had not been recorded previously in the minutes. So the missing first pages of the church minutes probably contained organizational information: for example, list of charter members.**

3/2/1844

Sermon by William J. Calaway. A charge was preferred against Adam Smith for dancing, drinking to intoxication and playing cards. The charge was established by evidence. The church announced by her act that she (church) had lost fellowship for Adam Smith. A charge was preferred against Bro. Jeremiah Hayman for drunkenness. Committee of L.M. Brunson, Joseph Vann, Sanders Parkman and Trippe Pope was appointed to cite Bro. Hayman to the next meeting. Bro. Hervey (Harvey) P. Brunson applied for letter of dismissal for himself and his wife, Elizabeth Brunson, which was granted.

4/6/1844

Bro. Jeremiah Hayman case laid over until the next meeting. He was later a member of Ebenezer Baptist Church near present

Causeyville and later lived in Newton County, MS. Bro. Fisher from Oaky Valley Church was received as well as Bro. W.J. Callaway from harmony Church.

Saturday before 1st Sabbath May 1844

Sermon by Bro. Moses D. White. Elder Lewis Spinks chosen moderator. Received Bro. Wesley Hall and his wife, Amanda, by letter. The church excluded Bro. Jeremiah Hayman.

6/2/1844

Received black Bro. Jacob Eves by letter on Sunday. **(NOTE: This entry made prior to the entry below.)**

6/1/1844

Sermon by Bro. Moses D. White. The church agreed to send Isaac Spinks and G.W. Clinton to the ministers' and deacons' meeting to be held with Liberty Church in Sumter County, AL, on the 5th Sabbath in June, praying them to designate Salem as the next meeting location which was to be held on the 5th Sabbath in September.

According to records the members of Liberty Baptist Church and others thought during the period that the Liberty Baptist Church was located in Sumter County, AL, when in fact it was located in Lauderdale County, MS.

Saturday 7/6/1844

Sermon delivered by Bro. William P. Carter. Bros. G.W. Clinton and Isaac Spinks gave report on the ministers' and deacons' meeting... reporting that the next meeting would be held at Salem Church commencing on Friday before the 5th Sunday in September. Appointed Bros. G.W. Clinton, I.N. Brunson, A.T. Rogers to correspond with the Oaky Valley Church. Bros. James and Elizur A. Hornington were granted letters of dismissal.

Saturday 8/3/1844

Sermon by Bro. Moses D. White.

8/10/1844: August Continual

Received Kinsey Boney and Benjamin F. Collier by experience.

Kinsey Boney married Elizabeth Bradley in Clarke County, AL, on July 27, 1843, after the death of his first wife, Kizah Green whom he also married in Clarke County, AL. They were new arrivals in the Alamucha area in 1844. Later they lived in the old Rawsonville area between Marion and Topton.

Saturday before 1st Sabbath September 1844

The sermon delivered by Bro. Lewis Spinks. Received Bro. Jesse B. Eaves and his wife, Martha Eaves, and Sister Matilda Johnston by letter. The church resolved that Bro. Kincey Boney and Bro. Benjamin F. Collier be recognized as members of the church. The church chose Bro. William P. Carter as pastor for the ensuing year. Bro. A.T. Rogers was appointed to bear letter to Bro. Carter informing him. On motion the church elected Bros. L.M. Brunson, A.T. Rodgers, and G.W. Clinton (alternate) as delegates to the Choctaw Association. Church agreed to sent \$2.50 for copies of the Minutes of the Association.

9/19/1844 - September continued

Received Eleanor Boykin by experience; received Sister Aley Finley and Wright Pigford and wife by letter. The number of members received, dismissed, excluded or dead, from the first of October 1843 to the first of October 1844 is as follows: Baptised - 3; received by letter - 12; dismissed by letter - 4; excluded - 6; restored -0; died -2. The church had a total of 77 members

Saturday before 1st Sabbath October 1844

Having no preacher, the church chose Bro. G.W. Clinton as moderator for the conference. Received Bro. ? Irby and Bro. T. Macklemore (McLemore). The McLemore received could have been from the Oaky Valley Baptist Church. A letter from the Association was read and on motion received. Bro. G.W. Clinton was appointed to fill the seat in the Executive Board for the year 1845.

Saturday before 1st Sabbath December 1844

Service by Bro. W.J. Calaway after which he was chosen moderator of the conference.

Before the 4th Sabbath January 1845

Service by Bro. W.P. Carter who later in the conference accepted call as pastor of the church. The application of Bro. Baliff and his wife continued until the next meeting; the brethren of the church agreed to meet at Bro. J.H. Suttles' on Friday night before the next meeting to make efforts to bring a compromise between Bro. Baliff and Bro. R.(Rolly) Spinks.

It should be noted that in some instances a matter would be laid before the church during the Sabbath meetings and/or other meetings only to be picked up in the monthly Saturday meetings later. Apparently there was difficulty between Bro. Baliff and Bro. Spinks (continued next page)

which had caused Bro. Baliff to call for a letter of dismissal from the church. The church in turn desired to settle this difficulty.

Saturday before 1st Sabbath February 1845

No conference due to rain. Sister Susan Boney received by letter on Sunday.

Saturday before 4th Sabbath March 1845

Service by Bro. W.P. Carter. Application for membership was withdrawn by Bro. Baliff and his wife.

Saturday before 4th Sabbath April 1845

Bro. L.M. Brunson appointed moderator in the absence of the pastor. Received Bro. Isaac H. Rowlings and Sister O'Shelley Boseman (Bozeman) by letter.

5/24/1845

Appointed Elder W.P. Carter as pastor. Bro. Trippe Pope informed the church that he had been guilty of blaspheming the name of God. After Bro. Pope's acknowledgment, the church on motion and second agreed to bear with him for said offense.

6/21/1845

Service by Elders Carter and Calaway. Received Bro. James B. Rowlings and wife Kiziah by letter. Received Adam Smith by recantation. Bro. (Andrew) Eastis explained the report that was against him and acknowledged he did do wrong, for which offense he felt sorry. The church on motion agreed to bear with him.

7/26/1845

Sermon by Elder W.P. Carter. The church received report against Bro. Trippe Pope for drunkenness and swearing. The church appointed Bros. G.W. Clinton, Pearce and Pigford to cite Bro. Pope to the next meeting. Bro. Thomas Smith and his wife, Fanny, applied for letters of dismissal through W.P. Carter, which were granted by the church. On motion the church agreed to omit the church meeting in August 1845 for the purpose of meeting Bro. William Farar at John Pearce's school house to hold a protracted meeting.

9/27/1845

Served by Elder W.P. Carter. Received Bro. John L. Carmmack by letter. Received Bro. Benjamin and wife Matilda C. Ross, and

Sister Arulia Jane Pigford by baptism on Sunday. Arulia Jane Pigford was the daughter of Kinsey Boney. Received Bro. Joshua B. Lukes by letter on Sunday. Bro. Trippe Pope acknowledged that charges against him were true and that he had been drunk with spirits; he confessed to be sorry and ashamed for same. The church on motion accepted his acknowledgment and retained him in membership.

The church elected delegates to the Association as follows: Bro. Wesley W. Hall, James B. Rowlings and Isaac Spinks. Peter Marsh elected as an alternate delegate. On Sunday following the clerk presented letter to the Association regarding the delegates, which was approved.

Letters of dismission granted Sister Lucinda Hayman after Bro. L. M. Brunson requested same.

In the letter to the Association, the church reported total membership of 85 persons and stated 4 had been baptised; 6 received by letter; 1 restored, 3 dismissed by letter; none excluded; and 1 had died. Date of report 10/28/1845.

Wesley W. Hall later became a member of the Board of Police and lived in the present Bailey area as a member of the Fellowship Baptist Church.

Saturday before the 4th Lord's Day October 1845

Dismissed John Norris by letter: The sermon given by Bro. John Talbot. The church held protracted meeting for 9 days and received the following by baptism:

William Wiggins	Martha Ann Rogers	Carmel Turnage
George Rainer	William Rainer	Riley Shamburer
Martha Carty	Elizur Parkman	Nancy Wilkerson
Winey (Winnie) Boswell	John W. Rogers	Joseph Eastis
Alexander Rogers	Harmon Eaves	Mary Carnach
Thomas Rainer	Hulda Versa Virginia Pack & Elijah Pack	
Disson (Black, property of W.W. Hall)		
Percy (Black, property of J. H. Sutts)		
Robert (Black, property of J. H. Sutts)		

The church received the following by letter:
Robert Bailiff Margaret Bailiff, wife of Robert Bailiff
E. (Elizabeth) Boney Elizabeth Canty
James Canty-under the watch care until letter received from his former church.

11/22/1845

Service by Bros. Wood and Carter. Received the following by letter: Daniel Dove; Jerusa Molpus; William V. White; Allen Christian.

By baptism the church received: Sarah Eleanor Spinks, Elizabeth Rainer, and Talitha Rigins (Rigden?)

During the session Chris (of Shamburger estate) and Joseph (property of John Spinks) were restored. Sister Jane Hayman was granted a letter of dismissal.

At this point the church had one hundred eighteen (118) members.

12/27/1845

Conference opened by Bro. Isaac Spinks in absence of pastor. The church elected Bro. L.M. Brunson as moderator. Bro. G.W. Clinton informed the church of a report against Adam Smith for drunkenness, dancing and fighting. The church was satisfied that he (Adam Smith) was guilty. On motion and second Bro. Smith was unanimously excluded. Bro. John L. Carmmack and Mary, his wife, applied for letter of dismissal. Bro. G.W. Clinton reported to the church that Bro. Trippe Pope had been drunk. After the church investigated the subject the matter was laid over until the next meeting, on motion and second.

The following are members received by the church in 1845 by experience. Information taken as recorded in the church minutes:

O'Shelly Bozeman, wife of Peter H. Bozeman (Please note that previously the minutes reflect she joined the church by letter).

Aley Finley, wife of J.O. Finley, was the mother of O'Shelly A. Everett who married Peter H. Bozeman in Lauderdale County, MS, on December 26, 1839. They lived in the Toomsaba area of Lauderdale County, MS. Later O'Shelly Bozeman became a member of the Salem Baptist Church. A note signed by J.O. and Aley Finley giving permission to their marriage dated 12/15/1839 can be found in the Lauderdale County Marriage Book A.)

Continuing with members received by experience:

Benjamin Ross	Amelia Jane Pigford
William Wiggins on 10/29/1845	Martha Ann Rogers on 10/19/1845
Carmel Turnage on 10/30/1845	George Rainer
William Rainer	Riley Shamburger on 10/10/1845
Martha Canty	Elizur Parkman
Nancy Wilkerson	Winey (Winnie) Boswell
John M. Rogers	Joseph Bastis
Alexander Rogers	Harmon Eaves
Elijah Pack	Hulda V. Virginia Pack
Diary Carmach	Thomas Rainer
Sarah Spinks	Talitha Regins (Rigdon?)
Elizabeth Rainer	Sarah Scarbrough - 2/21/1845

The following were received by the church by letter in 1845:

Susan Boney - Feb. 1845	Isaac Rowlings - April 1845
James B. Rowlings - June 1845	Kiziah Rowlings
Adam Smith	(Wife of Jas. B. Rowlings)
(by recantation) - 6/1/1845	- June 1845
John L. Cammock - 10/27/1845	Joshua B. Luke - 10/27/1845
Daniel Dove - 11/22/1845	Jerusa Molpus - 11/22/1845
William V. White - 11/22/1845	Robert Bailiff - 10/29/1845
Margaret Bailiff - 10/29/1845	Ervin Barfield - 10/30/1845
Sister E. Boney - 11/1/1845	Elizabeth Canty - 11/2/1845
Martha Crocker (wife of Lemuel Crocker) - 3/22/1845	Lemuel Crocker - 3/22/1845

Black members received in 1845 by baptism were:

Percy, property of J. W. Sutts	Robert, property of J. H. Sutts
Disson, property of W. W. Hale	Joseph, property of John Spinks
Peter, property of Br. Rogers	Squire, property of Sister (selva)
Havy, property of Samuel Clark	Wooten

Dismissed by letter in 1845 were:

Thomas Smith and his wife

Lucinda Hayman (wife of Jeremiah Hayman) who was excluded from the church in May 1844 - November 22, 1845

Jane Hayman (mother of Jeremiah Hayman) - November 1845

John Harris - October 1845

Carmel Turnage - December 27, 1845

John L. Carmack - December 27, 1845

Sister Mary Carmack - December 24, 1845

Adam Smith was excluded on January 21, 1845.

James Canty and Absolom Porter were under the watch care of the church awaiting arrival of thier letters from another church.

One was restored, this being Chriss, a black brother, property of the Shamburger estate.

Rev. Lewis Spinks died during 1845.

1/24/1846

Service by Bro. W. P. Carter. On motion and second Bro. Trippe Pope was excluded. Bro. John M. Wiggins informaed the church that he had difficulty with a man and wrote the church begging for forgiveness. On motion and second the church agreed to bear with this.

2/21/1846

Service by Bro. H. P. Brunson who also served as moderator for the confernce. Received Sarah Scarbrough by experience.

Bro. Andrew Eastis requested the moderator and clerk to take his name off the church book. It was moved and seconded that Bro. Eastis be excluded according to his request, the vote being taken with the church unanimous in his exclusion.

Bro. G.W. Clinton informed the church that there was a difficulty existing between Bro. Joseph Eastis and Bro. Jesse B. Eaves which originated from Bro. Joseph Eastis failing to comply with a former contract made between himself and Bro. J.B. Eaves respecting a piece of land. The matter laid over until the next meeting after the church appointed the following committee to labor with Bros. Eastis and Eaves: G.W. Clinton, L.M. Brunson, R. (Rolly) Spinks, I. (Isaac) Spinks, William Wiggins, A.T. Rogers, and E. Barfield.

Sister ? Smith granted letter of dismissal.

3/21/1846

Service by Elder W.P. Carter. The committee to labor with Bros. Joseph Eastis and J.B. Eaves reported they had met and done nothing. Bro. J.B. Eaves reported that he and Bro. Joseph Eastis had settled their difficulty. As both parties were present the church accepted the report.

3/22/1846

Opened the doors of the church on Sunday and received Bro. and Sister Lemuel and Martha Crocker by letter.

April Term 1846

No conference was held due to the heavy rain and the absence of pastor W.P. Carter. The church met on Sunday with no preaching but had singing and prayer.

5/23/1846

Sermon by Bro. W.P. Carter. Bro. A.T. Rogers informed the church that from rumor Bro. Joseph Eastis had been preferring charges against Bro. Isaac Spinks for using partiality with other charges. **(NOTE: This had to do with another matter. Please see below)** The church required Bro. Joseph Eastis to bring forward his charges against Bro. Spinks at the next meeting and that Bro. James H. Suttles be informed.

Saturday before 4th Lord's Day June 1846

Sermon by Bros. W.P. Carter and H.P. Brunson. Received black Sister Ritter by letter on Sunday. Continuing with the conference the church noted that Bro. Joseph Eastis had preferred charges against Bro. Isaac Spinks for using partiality with other charges.

As both parties were present and ready for trial, Bro. Joseph Eastis called on to present his catalogue of charges which read as follows:

1. The first of my thinking that Bro. Spinks was prejudiced toward me was the day I joined the church when me and Bro. Eaves was talking over our then existing difficulty. He made mention that Bro. Eaves had the advantage of me if he would make use of it.

2. The way he talked to me when they had me under dealing for the same existing difficulty renewed. When he came to talk to me it appeared to me he was in a very mutch (much) of a fit. He disputed my words several times and would not let me tell my part of the story at all.

3. And again he stated he was so happy to think there was so many of the Brethren present who hard (heard) the contract (contact).

4. When the charge was laid in the church against me he got up and stated to the conference - he justifies himself in the act (in tide contact).

5. When he met at the place appointed for to labor with me and Bro. Eaves he came up in the company and spoke to several who was (were) standing by but he never even nodded to me.

6. I refused to goe (go) off with the committee. His reply was - Are you afraid we will jump on you and give you a whipping?

I never should of said any a word to him in my life. I intended to just of let it passed off unnoticed. If it had not of been for the way he served my father (Andrew Eastis). So I came to the conclusion I would go to court and see whether I was rong (wrong) or not with his prejudice toward us.

7. I took him aside and told him my feelings was not toward his (him) as I Would wished. I wanted him to ease my mind someway or other if he pleased. he stated to me he had not done no moore (more) than his duty and he said further if he had hurt my feelings he was willing for the church to deal with him for it. The business was he had no acknowledgment to make to me - why had I not laid it in the church before now.

8. He stated I was the whole cause of all the coldness existing among the brethren. About this time he was called off by the Civil Authority and when He was through he left the ground before I was aware of it and so I could not proceed any further. The church after investigation for the first, second and third charges ruled that Bro. Eastis did not have just grounds to believe

Bro. Spinks was prejudiced toward him. Charge number four was ruled out. The church ruled that both parties acted unchristian like in regard to charge number five. The church accepted Bro. Spinks' explanation of charge number six and ruled out charge number seven. Charge number eight was passed over by the church for lack of evidence. In summary, only one charge received in the eyes of the church and that was of Bro. Spinks not speaking to Bro. Eastis. The church required Bro. Spinks to make an acknowledgment to Bro. Eastis, which he did. The church also required Bro. Eastis to make an acknowledgment to Bro. Spinks, which he did; and peace was restored.

7/25/1846

Service by Bro. W.P. Carter. No other business.

Saturday before 3rd Lord's Day August 1846

There was a 7-day protracted meeting following preaching on Saturday by John Tolbot. The church received the following by baptism:

William J. Northrop	Simon Rool (Toole)
Sister ? Alstin Martha Tool (wife of Simon)	
Sister Lucy Rowlings (Rawlings)	Bro. William C. Holland
Bro. Berry Rainer	Bro. Wilkin Smith
Bro. Cornelious Minor	Bro. Thomas Brunson
Black Bro. Peter	Black Bro. Squire
(property of Bro. Rogers)	(property of Sister Silva Wooten)
Black Bro. Harry (property of Samuel Clark).	

(PLEASE NOTE: some of the above were reflected as being received by the church in 1845)

Trippe Pope was excluded on January 21, 1846, and Andrew Eastis on February 21, 1846.

Saturday before 4th Lord's Day August 1846

Sermon by &o. W.P. Carter. Received Bro. John Eaves and wife along with servant Betsey, by letter. The church chose Bros. G.W. Clinton, James H. Sutton, Isaac Spinks, as delegates to the Association. Jesse B. Eaves was chosen as alternate delegate. The church also recommended Bro. H.W. Clinton as a suitable member for the Association Missionary Board.

September Term 1846

Sister Eliza Culpepper granted letter of dismissal. A report to the Choctaw Association was as follows: **(Apparently this report was for the past year ending in September 1846 but this is not stated)** Baptised - 39; received by letter - 12; restored - 1;

dismissed by letter - 5; excluded - 2; died - none. Total members -- 129.

10/24/1846

Harvey B. Brunson selected as moderator. Bro. George W. Clinton informed the church that Bro. Crocker had been guilty of intoxication. The case referred to the next meeting since Bro. Crocker was not present.

November 1846

Bro. James Rowling acted as clerk in absence of Isaac Spinks. Elder ? Crocker gave the church satisfaction and was restored to fellowship. Sister Eleanor Partin (formerly Eleanor Boykin) granted letter of dismissal. Bro. Isaac Spinks directed to purchase a hymn book from the treasury fund.

12/26/1846

W.P. Carter served as moderator. Received Sister Julian (Julia) Boswell by letter. Bro. Rolly Spinks informed the church that Bro. Joshua Lukes had been drunk. Case laid over until the next meeting. Bro. G.W. Clinton informed the church that Bro. Crocker had been drunk twice since the last meeting. The motion to lay the case over to the next meeting lost and Bro. Crocker was excluded from fellowship. Bro. George (servant of Bro. William Wiggins), through Bro. Isaac Spinks, informed the church that he had had a difficulty with a Black for which he was sorry. The church, being satisfied, retained him in full fellowship.

In August 1846 the church twice received Simon Toole and his wife, Martha, as members. Simon Toole later was to play a part in regard to the land the church bought later.

During this year the church experienced a rather large difficulty which came about over a land dispute between Brethren J.B. Eaves and Joseph Eastis. The committee to work on this was: G.W. Clinton, Ervin ikzrfield, L.M. Brunson, Rolly Spinks, William Wiggins, and A.T. Rogers.

The dispute lasted some time. Andrew Eastis, father of Joseph Eastis, demanded his name be taken off the church roll as a result of the dispute. He was later restored to full fellowship. Many people became involved, with charges and counter-charges. Isaac Spinks was charged with being unfair in the investigation, but the church finally worked things out satisfactorily.

The minutes of the church reflect that the church, its minutes and members, would work hard and long in efforts to settle disputes within the church as well as in the community when members of the church were involved.

The reporting of alleged wrongdoings on fellow members, the reporters of same felt and no doubt were taught that this was the Christian way. In other words, those reporting wrongdoings thought and believed it was their Christian duty to do so, not necessarily reporting to hurt or harm others.

The compiler likes to believe that these church members were struggling to make a better world for later generations.

1/23/1847

Bro. G.W. Clinton, moderator of conference in the absence of the pastor. Bro. Joshua Lukes, charged with the crime of being drunk, was excluded from the fellowship of the church. Bro. Isaac Spinks informed the church that from rumor Bro. Wilkin Smith had drunk spirituous liquor to excess (excess). The case referred to the next meeting.

2/27/1847

There was no preaching due to rain. Bro. William D. Northrup acted as secretary (clerk) with Bro. G.W. Clinton as moderator. Bro. Smith's case laid over until the next meeting. The church granted letters of dismission to Sisters Elizabeth and Martha Canty on the next day, Sunday, 2/28/1847.

3/27/1847

Service by Elder William P. Carter. Received Sister Anny Welch by letter. Bro. Smith's case laid over until the next meeting due to his absence. Bro. L.M. Brunson appointee to cite him (Smith) to the next meeting. The church resolved to change communion from the month of January to the month of March-communion quarterly. Bro. B. L. Ross and his wife granted letter of dismission.

4/24/1847

In the case of Bro. Smith, the church retained him in full membership after a full investigation proved that he was not drunk. Bro. Thomas Rainer reported Bro. W.C.Holland as being guilty of swapping horses on Sunday. The church appointed Bros. Thomas Rainer and George Rainer to see and cite Bro. William C. Holland to the next meeting. Bro. Isaac Spinks reported to the church that Sister Pack's two servants, Harry and Fagar, were living in an unchristian manner and after the church was satisfied both were excluded from fellowship. Bro. G.W. Clinton reported that Penny (servant of Bro. J.W. Suttles) being guilty of unchristian conduct and she was excluded.

Saturday before 4th Sabbath May, 1847

Service was by Bro. H.P. Brunson with Bro. W.P. Carter absent. Bro. W.C. Holland excluded for horse swapping on Sunday. Bro. A. T. Rodgers reported his servant, Peter, from best information had been guilty of drunkenness. After the church was satisfied with Bro. Rodgers' statement, Peter was excluded. William V. White, Wright Pigford and wife, Kinsey Boney and wife, Amelia Jane Pigford and Allen Christian were all granted letters of dismission. Bro. William D. Northrup appointed assistant secretary to Isaac Spinks, church clerk.

6/16/1847

Service by Bro. Carter. The Rules of Decorum were read and all found to be in order.

7/24/1847

Service by W.P. Carter. Received Bro. William Dewett and Mary E. Dewett, his wife, by letter. Bro. G.W. Clinton informed the church that Jacob (servant of Brother Bailiff) was seen in a difficulty at the church with another servant of Bro. Wiggins. Case laid over until the next meeting.

8/21/1847

Services by Bros. Moorehead, Parker and Clyett(?). References of last meeting on motion and second were laid over until the next meeting. Bro. Henry C. Legan and his wife, Sisters Sarah Strange and Penny Bradley were granted letters of dismission. On the following Sunday the church received Rebecca Welch by experience. On Monday night received Sister Elizabeth Parkman by experience. All were baptised by Bro. Moorehead. (Sister Penny Bradley was the mother of Kinsey Boney, her first husband being James Boney.)

9/11/1847

Services conducted by Bro. B.F. Willis. Bro. G.W. Clinton moved that election be held to elect delegates to the annual conference (Association). This resulted in the election of G.W. Clinton, Isaac Spinks and A.T. Rogers. The sum of \$3.00 was contributed by the church for copies of Annual Conference Minutes. Bro. Moorehead requested that in the letter to the Association the church reveal whether or not the church was pleased with his labors as a Domestic Missionary.

9/26/1847

Bro. G.S. Clinton appointed moderator in absence of the pastor. Isaac H. Rowling appointed clerk pro-tem in absence of the church clerk. Black Bro. Jacob's case laid over until the

next meeting. Bro. Rolly Spinks appointed to notify black Brethren George (property of Bro. William Wiggins); Dickson (property of Bro. W.W. Hall); and Robin (property of Bro. James h. Suttles); to appear as evidence in the case of black Bro. Jacob at the next meeting. The church resolved that the church's petition for the next Association to be held at Salem Church and that the same be inserted in church letter to the Association. On motion and second Bro. Isaac Spinks recommended as a suitable member of the executive board for the ensuing year.

10/12/1847

Service by Bros. Rasberry and Carter. Received Mary Rynor (Raynor, Rainer?) by experience. Black Bro. Jacob's case laid over until the next meeting. Bro. Simon Tool addressed the moderator (W.P.Carter) and acknowledged that he had fallen into a difficulty with another gentleman for which he was sorry. The church, being satisfied, retained him in full fellowship.

11/27/1847

Service by Elder A. (Ambrose) Yarbrough who also acted as moderator in absence of Pastor W.P. Carter. After investigation with all parties present, the church retained black Brother Jacob in full membership.

Saturday before 4th Lord's Day December 25, 1847

Services by Rev. W.P. Carter.

1/22/1848 and 2/26/1848

Services by Ambrose Yarbrough.

3/25/1848

Service by Bro. William P. Carter.

4/22/1848

Service by Elder William P. Carter. On motion of Bro. G.W. Clinton the church directed to forward a letter to Liberty Church in Kemper County, MS, informing them that Bro. Abraham Porter, who was placed under the watch care of the Salem Church "had united with the Methodist Church at this place the Alamucha area". Bros. Wolf and William Rainer were appointed to wait on Brother Joseph Vann and request him to attend the next Salem Church conference and answer to the charge alleged against him, viz., getting drunk. Bro. Northrup was reported by Bro. G.W. Clinton as being guilty of dancing as well as being a member of a dancing society in the Alamucha area. Bro. William D. Northrup, being present, (continued next page)

said it was true and if the church thought it rong (wrong), he would do it no more. The church agreed to look over it. (**William D. Northrup was at the time assistant church clerk for the church.**)

May Term 1848

Service by Elder William P. Carter. The case of Bro. Van (Vann) was taken up. Bro. Joseph Vann, being present, made public confessions that charge was true and asked for the church's forgiveness. The church, being satisfied, forgave him. Brother William D. Northrup rose and reported himself guilty of participating in dancing again and acknowledged that he was now convinced of its evil as he viewed it in a different light from what he had before. The church agreed to bear with him. Bro. G.w. Clinton reported that Bro. Isaac H. Rowlings was guilty of dancing. This case laid over until the next meeting due to Bro. Rowling's absence.

Bro. G.W. Clinton rose stating to the church that it had been reported that he encouraged dancing by allowing the presence of his family (at dances) which he emphatically denied.

6/24/1848

Service by Ambrose Yarbrough and W.P. Carter. Bro. Isaac B. Rowlings being present answered charge against him, stating he did not dance but considered himself equally guilty. He was retained in full membership.

7/22/1848

Service by Brethren Talbot and Norwood. Received a letter from R.T. Spinks (this is Rolly T. Spinks , son of Rolly Spinks) which was read and the case taken up, which resulted in his exclusion from church membership. The charge not reflected in the minutes. Bro. William Wiggins appointed to keep the church sweep (swept). On the following Sunday received Bro. Allen Smith and his wife, Leah A. Smith, by letter. The following Monday received Sister Mary A. Finch by letter. On Tuesday received Bro. John L. Cammack and his wife, Mary Cammack, by letter. The church had the labors of Brethren Talbot, Norwood, Gatewood and Carter during the four days.

8/26/1848

Pastor absent. Bro. Willingham chosen as moderator pro-tem. Bro. William D. Northrup came forward and acknowledged having indulged in Sunday carnal amusements for which he was sorry and agreed to indulge in said amusements no more. His acknowledgment was received. Bro. Northrup acquitted. Elected Bros. Peter March,

Alexander Rogers snr (Sr.) and Irwin Wolf as Association delegates with Bro. J. Rowlings as alternate delegate. The church agreed to send \$3.00 for copies of the Association Minutes.

Friday before the 4th Lord's Day September 1848.

Service by Brothers Willis and Sumerall. Sister Caroline Moss granted a letter of dismissal. The church at this point had 105 members.

Saturday before 3rd Lord's Day October 1848

The Choctaw Association meeting held with Salem Church at Salem with a 9-day protracted meeting following. During this meeting 35 were received by experience to baptism and 7 were received by letter and 2 were restored, which amounted to a total of 44. The church dismissed 14 (13 in one reference) on Saturday before the 4th Lord's Day, October 1848, which left the church with a total of 135 members. The number of members in regard to the next Association report to begin in November 1848.

Saturday before the 4th Lord's Day October 1848

The church received the following by experience .Baptism.	
Caroline Haymon (Hayman)	Susan Shamburger
Serth (Seth) Strange	William Spinks
Thomas Porter	Peter E. Stewart
William Suttles	William H. Rawlings
William B. Clinton	Elizah Walker
Thomas E. James	Nathan B. Sylvester
Samuel Cammack	Charles H. Wiggins
Charles Rainer, Sr.	Blewford Clark
Rebecca Suggs	Charles F. Rainer
Elizabeth B. Rawlings	Caroline Strange
Sarah M. James	William J. Wilkerson
Francis Newton	Mary Cammack
John W. Wilkerson	David A. Crocker
George E. Brunson	Mary P. Brunson
Mary An (Ann) Clark	Mialina Smith
Surceny Lowe	Richard, black
Harriet, black sister (property of Bro. Bailiff)	Brother (property of Bro. Suttles)
George, black brother (property of Bro. Peter Marsh)	Nancy, black sister (property of Bro. Isaac Spinks)

Members received by letter were:
Martha Smith
Nancy Culpepper
David N. Cammack

Nancy Rainer
Cliney (Sylvia) Wooten
George, black Brother
(property of Bro. Bragg)

Andrew Eastis and Leonard Crocker were restored to membership.

The church was found to "be all in peace".

The following were granted letters of dismissal:

Bro. Alexander Rogers	Sister Keziah Rogers (wife of
Alexander Rogers, Jr.	Alexander Rogers)
Bro. Peter Marsh	John Rogers
William D. Northrup	George W. Clinton
Lizy, black sister (property of	Pheby, black sister (property
G. W. Clinton)	of Peter March)

Brother Isaac R Rowlings departed this life in October 1848. Bro. G.W. Clinton and James B. Rowlings appointed to obtain a letter from Harmony church for Cliney (Sylvia) Wooten. Mrs. Wooten was the widow of William Wooten. William and Sylvia Wooten lived just a bit north of the Joe Long Hill which is on the present Whynot/Alamucha Road.

11/25/1848

Received Joseph A. Brunson by baptism. Bro. Dewett informed the church that he had been fighting for which he felt sorry and asked forgiveness. The church agreed to bear with him. Sister Caroline Hayman granted a letter of dismissal. The church agreed to make a choice of pastor the next day - Sunday.

11/26/1848 (Sunday)

Received Bro. Leonard E. Brunson and Sister Sarah Brunson by letter. Bro. William P. Carter agreed to preach twice each month for the ensuing year, this on Saturday before the 4th Sabbath and on the 2nd Sabbath.

12/23/1848

A letter of dismissal for Sister Wooten from the Harmony church was received and accepted. A letter was presented by Bro. J.K. Ryan from Harmony Church. This letter requested all members of the Salem Church who belonged to Harmony Church at (the time of) the exclusion of William Clark, Sr., that feel interested to meet with them (Harmony Church) in conference in January next. The request was granted. At this point the church clerk, Isaac Spinks, gave his title as recording secretary.

According to Liberty Baptist Association minutes of the Association Meeting from the 30th of August and the 1st day in September AD 1839 held in the Hebron Baptist Church in Jasper County, MS, the following is noted:

The committee which had been assigned previously to examine a letter from the Harmony Church to the association gave a report. The committee reported that a difficulty had originated among the members in regard to the charges, trial and exclusion of William Clark for indecorous conduct, together with several others who also were excluded for deceiving a non-fellowship with the said church for said charges. The members who were excluded had since constituted an Anti-missionary Church and had restored William Clark to membership as well as to his ministerial office. Rev. Clark traveling and preaching with the same credentials that he had received from the regular Baptist church. Rev. Clark (same place spelled Clarke) had refused to give up his credentials after a demand by the regular Baptist. The Association regards the whole proceedings of said constitution as illegal and contrary to Gospel Order. The Association further cautioned brethren against said William Clark as being in gross disorders. Harmony church, as previously mentioned, was located on the Rosser Road a short distance from Alamucha. The church standing now is named Mt. Zion church - with a cemetery directly across the road. Harmony church delegates to the Liberty Association in 1839 were later members of Salem Baptist Church - namely P.J. Bunyard and E. Moseley.

1/27/1349

Received R.T. Spinks by restoration. Brethren L.M. Brunson and Irwin Wolf were chosen as deacons. The ordination of the deacons set for Saturday before the 4th Lord's Day in February, 1849. Brothers Benjamin F. Willis and Elder A. Yarbrough to be invited to assist in the ordination. Bro. Thomas E. James appointed assistant secretary. The church agreed to pay black Brother George (Bro. Wiggins) three dollars per year to keep meeting house in order.

Second Sabbath in February 1849

Service by Brethren White and (Elder) W.P. Carter, Hepsey Kelley, Flavelin H. Mabry. Margaret T. Eaves, Nancy Dabbs and Josiah Badds were received by letter.

2/24/1849

Received Bro. Isaac Suttles, John Suttles and Sarah E. Spinks by letter. A letter was read from Bro. Irwin Wolf, one of the elected deacons, reporting that he (Wolf) was unable to attend. Bro. L.M. Brunson was ordained as deacon by Brethren Carter and Yarbrough. Bro. Wolf ordination set for next conference.

3/2/1349

Received Bro. John Matthews and his wife, Kiziah Matthews; James Thornington and his wife, Eliza Thornington; and Sister Eliza Studivan (Sturdivant) by letter. The Rules of Decorum were read. Bro. Erwin Wolf ordained as a deacon by Bro. W.P. Carter and Elder A. Yarbrough. Brethren Robert Bailiff and Alfred Spinks

chosen by the church as music clerks. Total membership at this point at 151.

Died: Sister Eliza Parkman, who was a member in full membership, died in 1849; Brother Samuel Carmack died in May, 1849; Nancy Rainer died in September, 1849.

4/21/1849

Bro. L.M. Brunson informed the church that from rumor Bro. Seth Strange had been drunk and on motion and second a charge was preferred against him (Strange) for drunkenness. Bro. Isaac Spinks to request Bro. Strange to appear at the next conference. Bro. Wright Pigford presented a letter from the Mount Gilead church which requested quarterly correspondence with the Salem church which was agreed to by the Salem church. **The Mount Gilead Baptist Church located West of Alamucha between Alamucha and Meridian, just off what is referred to now as the Old Wire Road. The original Wire Road ran a different route South of the present Wire Road. It got its name from the mounting of telegraph wires.**

5/6/1849

The church received Mary Ann Clark, Sarah Shamburger, Adeline Suttles, Emely Eaves, Nancy Eveline Culpepper, which brought the total membership to 156. Bro. Seth Strange explained the matter of his intoxication and acknowledged his error after which the church agreed to bear with him. The church resolved to hold a protracted meeting commencing at the church on Friday before the 4th Lord's Day in August 1849.

6/21/1849

The church received Elizabeth Eaves by experience. It was reported to the church that Bro. Northrop had been dancing. On motion the report taken up and Brethren Rawlings and James appointed as committee to wait on Bro. Northrop and request his attendance with his letter at the next conference.

7/21/1849

The case of Brother William D. Northrop taken up. A letter was presented from Bro. Northrop inclosing his letter of dismissal which had been granted him by the church on Saturday before the 4th Sabbath in October 1848. Bro. Northrop failing to appear to make acknowledgment, the church excluded him from membership. Total number in membership 156. **(The above reflects that the church in some instances would recall a letter of dismissal that had been issued previously if the circumstances warranted same.)**

8/24/1849

Bro. Joseph Vann came forward and confessed that he had taken too much intoxicating drink. On motion he was excused on his acknowledgment. Brethren Isaac Spinks, John Mathews, L.M. Brunson and T.E. James elected delegates to the Association to be held at Scooba church, Kemper County, MS, commencing on Saturday before the 3rd Lord's Day in October, 1849. Bros. Wiggins, Josiah Dabbs (Dobbs), James B. Rawlings and Leonard E. Brunson appointed alternate delegates. The church agreed to purchase 150 copies of the Association Meeting Minutes for its use. Bro. Isaac Spinks recommended as a member to the Missionary Board.

The church received the following by experience:

John Mathews, Jr.	Andrew J. Rainer
Silas Scarbrough	John Brunson
Sarah McElroy	William H. McElroy
Nancy Hearn	Henly B. Webb
Caroline Wattson (Watson)	Ellen White
Nancy Crocker	Margaret Pack
Mary McAskill?	Thomas Jarman, Jr.
David Wattson (Watson)	Mary Colier (Collier)

(NOTE: John Mathews, Sr., was known as one of the wealthiest men, in the area.)

The following were received by letter:

Sarah Frazure (Frazier) William H. Rawlings

Bro. William D. Northrop came forward and acknowledged to having been guilty of the charges against him and that the church acted right in her exclusion of him from the church. On motion he was again received into fellowship.

9/22/1849

Bro. Isaac Spinks chosen moderator in the absence of Bro. W. P. Carter. Received Adam Smith by restoration upon his acknowledgment of being guilty of the charges alleged against him when he was excluded. Received Elizabeth Wattson by experience and Matilda McElroy by letter. Letter of dismissal granted Riley Shamburger and Matilda, his wife.

10/27/1849

L.Ml. Brunson elected as moderator in absence of W.P. Carter. Joseph and his wife, Eliza, servants of J.C. Spxnks, granted letters of dismissal.

11/24/1849

Bro. Adam Smith, through Bro. Isaac Spinks, asked for a letter of dismissal which was granted. Bro. Cornelious Minor and his wife were also granted letters of dismissal. It was moved that Article 15 of the Church Decorum be altered to read: "the minutes of the day shall be read at the opening of the next conference".

12/22/1849

Preaching by Bro. William Woodward and Elder A. Yarbrough. The church decided negatively regarding the change in Article 15 of the Rules of Decorum. Sister ? Phillips granted letters of dismissal.

January Term 1850

Preaching by Bro. A. Yarbrough and Bro. Willis with Bro. Yarbrough also serving as moderator. Bro. Seth Strange and wife and Blewford Clark granted letters of dismissal.

Second Sunday February 1850

Brother John Mathews, Jr., granted letter of dismissal upon application for same by Brother Thornington.

February Term 1850

Preaching by Bro. Willis, who also acted as moderator. Brethren Thomas Brunson and Wesley Wilkerson appointed assistant clerks of music.

March Term 1850

A report was received against Bro. Leonard Crocker for disorder and drunkenness. The case laid over until next meeting. A report was received against Bro. ?, Scarbrough for drunkenness which was laid over until the next meeting.

April Term 1850

The case of Bro. Crocker for intoxication was considered and the church, upon promises of Bro. Crocker, agreed to bear with him. Then the case of Bro. Scarbrough who was declared to be no longer a member of the church. Black Bro. Harry, through Bro. J. Spinks, granted a letter of dismissal. On motion and second, it was agreed to pay the church housekeeper \$6.00 a year for the ensuing year. Also the church voted to hold protracted meeting beginning on Friday before the 4th Lord's Day in August 1850.

The above mentioned Bro. J. Spinks is the only indication that John Spinks was a member of the Salem Baptist Church, although he lived in the area of the church. This John C. Spinks' wife was named Jane.

May Term 1850

Bro. J. Suttles presented a letter and on motion the church received him. The church received a report against N. Carmack for intoxication. Bro. Elijah Pack appointed to request the Brother to attend the next conference. On Sunday following, William Brunston (Brunson?) and his wife, Isabelle E. Brunson, were received by letter.

6/29/1850

Prayer and preaching by Bro. N. (Nathan) Slay who also served as moderator. P.H. Partin chosen clerk pro-tem. Bro. Carmack, charged with intoxication, pleaded guilty and stated if the church would forgive him he would do so no more. The church forgave him with the moderator giving him admonition. Bro. J.B. Eaves reported Sister Martha Smith as having been guilty of disorderly conduct. Brethren J. B. Rawlings, William Wiggins and Rolly Spinks appointed to visit Sister Smith. A letter was read from Oakey Valley Church asking the Salem church to appoint delegates to meet with them (Oakey Valley) on Friday before the 1st Sabbath in July 1850 to investigate the Christian character of Elder William P. Carter, who had been assailed by Elder H.P. Brunson. The following brethren appointed: James B. Rawlings, Charles Rainer, Jr., and Jesse B. Eaves, John Carmack and H.L. Webb. The church granted letters of dismission to Daniel Dove, Hiza Knott, Sarah Buckston, Derusia Molpus.

7/20/1850

Received Prucilla Johnson and Mary Rainer by letter. The church received a satisfactory report from the committee which visited Sister Smith and the committee was discharged.

On motion the committee report submitted by those who visited Oakey Valley church was read, received and committee discharged. Bro. J. (?). Brunson came forward by letter and reported himself guilty of unchristian conduct and requested the church to exclude him. The church complied with his request, excluding him from membership.

On motion of Bro. John Mathews, a committee of five was appointed to confer with the Methodist Brethren and (the) neighborhood to take into consideration the propriety of moving Salem Church to the Sulphur Springs. Sulphur Springs located on the left of the

present road from Salem Baptist Church to Kewanee, a short distance from the church. The full committee consisted of brethren John Mathews, Rolly Spinks, J.B. Rawlings, L.M. Brunson, Allen Smith and T.E. James.

8/23/1850

After preaching the church met in conference. Received report from the committee regarding moving of the church that its results indicated maintaining the church at its present location. This report adopted.

Bro. Crocker reported himself for drunkenness and other unchristian conduct and on motion and second he was declared no longer a member of the church. Brethren L.M. Brunson, Isaac Spinks, Jesse B. Eaves, Rolly Spinks, chosen as Association delegates with James H. Suttles, James Thornington, Ervin Wolf and James Rawlings as alternates. On Monday, the evening following, the church received by experience: John J. McLeroy (McElroy), Jr., and Hugh Hardin. On Tuesday Nancy McElroy and Margaret Northrop were received by experience. On Wednesday James Hearn was received by experience. All were baptised by Bro. Carter on the last day with a large congregation in attendance. Afterward all returned to the house (Church) where Bro. W. Woodward preached a farwell (farewell) sermon. **(NOTE: The baptising probably occurred at the creek just north of present-day Salem church).**

Dismissed by letter since last September (1840) - 14; received by letter - 5; restored - none; baptised - 6; excluded - 3; dead - 2. Total membership August 1849 (1850?) stood at 156.

The church made the following report to the (Choctaw) Association: Baptised - 8; received by letter - 5; restored - none; dismissed by letter - 19; excluded - 3; dead - 1; white members - 151; black members - 12; with total membership - 163. **(NOTE: On the right side of this page is written (Crntg (counting) stoped (stopped) December 18, 1857... apparently such reports to the Association ceased on 12/18/57).**

9/21/1850

Preaching by B.F. Willis and L.R. Freeman. Thomas Shelby and Hannah Jones came forward and related the dealing of God with them and were given the right hand of fellowship. Brethren Isaac Spinks, Simeon Tool, L.M. Brunson, W.W. Hall, and James Thornington were nominated as members to the executive board. After the nominations, Bro. Isaac Spinks volunteered his services without a vote. The church voted to send \$3.00 for the Association Minutes. The church inquired into the fellowship of the church whereupon Bro. William McElroy came forward with a voluntary confession of having

drunk too much spiritous liquor. His acknowledgment was received by the church as satisfactory. Bro. William Wiggins, Sara Wiggins, Sara Marsh, John M. Wiggins, and George (a black Brother), were granted letters of dismissal.

October Term 1850

Bro. John Mathews appointed moderator pro-tem in absence of Pastor W.P. Carter. Bro. James B. Rawlings and wife, Kiziah Elizabeth Rawlings, were granted letters of dismissal. Bro. Isaac Spinks appointed to employ a suitable person to keep the church house in order for the ensuing year.

November Term 1850

Preaching by Brethren Yarbrough and Willis. Bro. A. Yarbrough chosen as moderator pro-tem. A letter signed by several brethren from several churches seeking a general union with the Salem Baptist Church was read, received and adopted. A letter from fro. W. P. Carter informing the church of his resignation was received whereupon the Church set apart the Saturday before the 4th Lord's Day in December 1850 to go into the choice of supply or pastor for the next ensuing year. On motion the request of Bro. Simeon Toole to be taken under consideration and acted upon at the next meeting. Bro. Toole desired to become a minister.

Saturday before the 4th Lord's Day December 1850

Elder A. Yarbrough chosen moderator pro-tem in absence of W.P. Carter. Bro. B.F. Willis chosen as pastor for the ensuing year. Brethren Isaac Spinks and L.M. Brunson to carry letter to Bro. Willis on the church calling him as pastor. On motion Bro. Simeon Toole was liberated by the church to exercise his gift in the bounds of the church.

During this period, the Liberty Baptist Church requested that Isaac Spinks be ordained as a Baptist minister by the Salem Baptist Church. This matter was laid over a number of times by the members of the Salem Baptist Church.

In the same vein in June 1850 the church received a letter from Oakey Valley Baptist Church (Bonita) requesting delegates from Salem be assigned to assist in the investigation of the Christian character of Elder William P. Carter, long-time minister of Salem, who had been assailed by Elder H.P. Brunson. The specific charges were not listed in the minutes. Brethren appointed from Salem Baptist Church were: James B. Rawlings, Charles Rainer, Jr. Jesse B. Eaves, John Carmack and H.B. Webb.

Other churches in the Association also furnished delegates to assist in the investigation. The delegates from the various churches met (continued on the next page)

3/22/1851

Excluded Sister Martha Smith from membership along with Bro. William Rawlings. A charge was entered against Bro. Charles Rainer, Sr., for striking Bro. L.E. Brunson and swearing. Brethren R. Spinks, H.B. Webb, James Thornington, J. Carmack and E. Wolf appointed to wait on Bro. C. Rainer, Sr., and inform him of the charge against him. Bro. S. (Simeon) Toole, through Bro. Isaac Spinks, was granted a letter of dismissal. A report was received and taken up regarding Bro. Seth Strange's drunkenness. A committee appointed to wait on Bro. Strange. This committee consisted of Isaac Spinks, E. Barefield. Brother E. Barfield granted a letter of dismissal.

April Term 1851

Received Bro. Anderson Honeycutt and Harriet (Harriet), his wife, by letter. The case of Bro. Charles Rainer, Sr., laid over until the next meeting. On motion and second after review of the evidence, Bro. Seth Strange was excluded from the fellowship of the church. Bro. Isaac Spinks appointed to obtain a letter (of dismissal) which had been granted Bro. Seth Strange. Bro. Yarbrough presented a communication from Liberty Church requesting Salem Church to set apart Bro. Isaac Spinks to the ministry. On motion the matter was laid over until the next meeting.

May Term 1851

After divine services the church met in conference, with Elder B.F. Willis as moderator. After mature consideration of Bro. Charles Rainer, Sr.'s case, the church resolved that he be excluded from the fellowship of the church. Bro. Isaac Spinks reported he had not had time to secure the letter from Bro. Strange, whereupon he was granted until the next meeting to secure the letter. In regard to sister-church Liberty's request for the ordination of Bro. Isaac Spinks (as minister) the church called for Elder Ambrose Yarbrough, B.F. Willis and W.P. Carter to convene at Salem on Saturday before the 4th Lord's Day in June 1851 to assist in the ordination.

Saturday before 4th Sabbath June 1851

Divine services by Bro. Willis. Received Bro. Andrew J. Graham by letter. Bro. Seth Strange's letter presented to the church. The church laid over the ordination of Bro. Isaac Spinks until the next meeting due to his non-attendance.

Bro. Isaac Spinks informed the church (by letter) that he was aggrieved as one of the minority in the exclusion of Bro. Charles Rainer, Sr., which was read by the church. On motion church resolved

that the matter be fairly investigated by a committee of five... Brethren James H. Suttles, Andres Eastis, H. B. Wolf, D.Dabbs and J.B. Eaves... and said committee report at the next conference.

7/26/1851

Sermon by Brethren (Nathan) Slay and Scoot (Scott). The church took up the grievance of Bro. Isaac Spinks and others of the minority for expelling (exclusion) of Bro. Charles Rainer, Sr. The committee made the following report: Whereas, the Salem Baptist Church in Lauderdale County did at her conference in May, 1851, expel from her fellowship Brother Charles Rainer, Sr., under the charge of assault upon Brother L.E. Brunson, and whereas I (we) believe said expulsion to have been irregular and without a proper investigation of said charge, and inasmuch as a no.(number) of Brethren who were in the minority are grieved at the action of the church in not postponing the case in compliance with Rainer's request contained in his letter which was read before the church on the day of his exclusion, I (we) therefore on behalf of the minority request the church to reconsider her action on Brother Charles Rainer's case and go into a full investigation of all the facts connected with the difficulty between Brethren L.E. Brunson and Charles Rainer, Sr. This was signed by Isaac Spinks on 6/21/ 1851. After investigation and on motion and second, the church rescinded her acts so far as respects the exclusion of Brother Rainer. The matter to be fully investigated anew. It was agreed to call a convention of three brethren from five sister churches whose decision (of) the case shall be fully submitted and the church and each party agreed to abide by the decision of said convention. This was a convention of three members from each of the five sister churches which was scheduled for the Friday before the 4th Lord's Day in August 1851. Sister churches were: Clear Creek in Choctaw County, Alabama; Oakey Valley (Bonita, MS); Providence (Sumter County AL); Concord at present Yantley, AL (Choctaw County, AL); and Siloam (near present Ward, AL). There were more sister churches than the five listed, for example, Liberty Baptist Church was close by. The Liberty Church could have been left out since that church had requested ordination of Isaac Spinks as a minister by the Salem Baptist Church.

In other business, the church on motion laid over indefinitely the case of Bro. Spinks' ordination. There seems to have been some objection by some Salem Baptist Church members to the ordainment of Bro. Isaac Spinks as a minister.

August Term 1851

Services by Brethren Willis and Scott. The church received the following report of the convention regarding the case of Charles Rainer, Sr.:

We, whose names are hereunto subscribed met at the Salem Church, Lauderdale County, MS, by request of said church on Friday, August 22, 1851, for the purpose of investigating a difficulty between Brethren Charles Rainer, Sr., and L.E. Brunson. The church conference submitted the case into our hands and all parties concerned having agreed to abide by our decision we organized our convention by calling Brother N. (Nathan) Slay to the chair, Brother Parker to act as secretary. After hearing all the evidence aduced (produced-educed?) in the case, we adjourned to the house of R. (Rolly) Spinks. When all the evidence was carefully weighed we submitted the following as the result of our labors, wiz (viz):

In relation to Brother Ryner (Rainer) swearing - from the evidence we are not clearly of opinion that he was guilty but inasmuch as Brother Rainer admits his assault upon Brother Brunson, we deem his conduct in crossing the fence and attacking Brother Brunson a violation of not only civil law but also contrary to every principal of the Gospel. Consequently we cannot sustain Brother Rainer in his act but recommend his expulsion from the church and we think that Brother Brunson is due the church an acknowledgment for publicly accusing Brother Rainer of falsehood instead of taking Gospel steps if he was aggrieved and if Brother Brunson fails to make satisfactory acknowledgment to the church, we recommend the discipline of the church in his case. In relation to the difficulty between Brethren George Rainer, son of Charles Rainer, and L.E. Brunson in regard to the entry of Brother Rainer's land, we think Brother Rainer has been damaged by the way in which Brother Brunson took possession of said land but we are unable to say to what amount. We, therefore(?), recommend the church to appoint three (3) disinterested brethren to decide the amount of damages and it shall be the duty of the contending parties to abide the decision of the committee on pain of the highest censure of the church.

With regard to the charge of falsehood preferred by Brother Brunson against Brother George Rainer relative to Brother Charles Rainer, Sr.'s swearing, we think from the vidence that the charge is not clearly substained(?) and as there is a pointed contradiction between Brethren George Rainer and L.E. Brunson, we decide that they be required to cease their contentions as it is possible that under the excitement of the case they may have been mistaken in regard to the language used but should they fail to comply with this requisition they shall come under the highest censure of the church and upon the whole we decide that they are both due the church an acknowledgment for their un-Christianlike conduct toward each other. The report signed by N. Slay, Chairman, and W. Jacob Parker, Secretary.

The Salem Church received the report and the committee discharged. A committee of Bros. John Pearce, R. Spinks and James Hearn appointed to assess the damages to Brother George Rainer and

to report at the next conference. Brethren J. Thornington, Isaac Spinks and Thomas 11. Brunson appointed delegates to the Choctaw Association. Alternate delegates were E. Pack and W.W. Hall.

9/27/1851

Service by Brethren Willis and Carter. Received Bro. B.E. Brogg (Bragg) and wife, Nancy Brogg, by letter. Both Bros. George Rainer and Brunson made acknowledgments which were considered satisfactory by the church. The committee to assess damages reported same at \$12.00 and the money was paid by Brother Brunson.

The church received an unfavorable report on Bro. S. (Simeon) Toole in regard to his exercise of his gift (preaching) who has been (after being) dismissed from Salem Church. The church minutes did not reflect date he received letter of dismissal. The church clerk and pastor were requested by the church to request Bro. Toole to come back and give the church satisfaction. Since Sister Sarah Fraisure (Frazier) had joined the Methodist Church, Brethren Hearn and Carmack were appointed to have an interview with her and report at the next conference.

10/15/1851

Bro. John Mathews appointed moderator pro-tem. The following was marked through: Received John Shamburger by experience as a fit subject to baptism who was baptised and received into full fellowship. The case of Simeon Toole laid over until the next meeting. Bros. Hearn and Webb reported that they had visited Sister Brett, formerly Sister Fraisure, and that she said she had joined the Methodist Church. The church proceeded to exclude her from fellowship. On motion Sister Priscilla Johnson received letter of dismissal.

November Term 1851

Bro. Simeon Toole case laid over until the next meeting, with Bros. Spinks and Willis to write him. Bro. Thomas S. Jones granted letter of dismissal through Bro. Isaac Spinks. Bro. Isaac Spinks appointed to employ a suitable person to keep the church in order for the year 1852. The church set apart Saturday before the 4th Lord's Day in December 1851 to choose a pastor.

During the late 1840's and early 1850's, Rev. William P. Carter resigned a number of times, apparently due to his health, but would then return to the church to preach and/or be the pastor.

12/27/1851

Brother Toole case continued until the next meeting. The church chose Elder William P. Carter as pastor.

January Term 1852

The Simeon Toole case laid over until next meeting.
February Term 1852

A letter from Bro. Simeon Toole was received in which he acknowledged that he advocated the doctrine of falling from Grace and of open communion. Further that he had attached himself (himself) to the Methodist Episcopal Church. The church on motion and second excluded him from fellowship.

March Term 1852

Received Sister Elizabeth Temples (Temple) and Bro. Thomas Lawes (Laws) by letter. Sister Mary Finch granted letter of dismission. Bro. W.P. Carter informed the church by letter of his ill health and requested the church to release him as pastor. The church then chose Bro. Nathan Slay as pastor for the remainder of the year. Bro. Wolf requested to be released from his duties as deacon.

April Term 1852

Bro. L.M. Brunson chosen as moderator pro-tem. Received Bro. James F. Knott and Sister Caroline Sturdivant by letter. Received report respecting the procuring of a letter of dismission given to Simeon Toole who was excluded from the church for heterodoxy. The assigned committee reported they had not obtained letter from Simeon Toole. Bro. Slay accepted call as pastor. Bro. William McElroy was reported to the church for intoxication and a charge entered with case being laid over until the next meeting. Bros. Wattson and L.E. Brunson appointed to visit Bro. McElroy informing him of the charge and to report at the next conference. Brother Isaac Spinks; ordination as requested by Liberty church laid over until next meeting.

May Conference 1852

The church voted to bear with Bro. William McElroy. Isaac Spinks; ordination laid over until the next meeting in the absence of the pastor.

Saturday before the 4th Lord's Day June 1852

Received John Hughey, Daniel Hughey and Sister Mary Hughey. Bro. William McElroy was excluded after being absent again at the conference meeting, for the crime of intoxication. Bro. Isaac Spinks' ordination laid over until the next meeting. A letter from Bro. B.F. Willis which on motion was received and read was, on motion, laid on the table without comment. Contents of the letter not reflected in the minutes. On motion the communion was postponed until the next meeting.

7/24/1852

Service by Elder A. Yarbrough. Received Sister Catherine Brunson by letter. Respecting ordination of Bro. Isaac Spinks, it was upon motion unanimously resolved to rescind all former acts in relation to the ordination. Bro. W. W. Hale informed the church that Bro. Thomas Porter had used profane language. Bros. W.W.Hall, J.B. Eaves and Rolley Spinks appointed to see Bro. Porter, inform him of the charge and ask him to report to the next meeting. Bro. A.J. Graham granted letter of dismissal through Bro. Hall. Communion postponed until regular meeting in September 1852. Total members in fellowship: 152.

8/21/1852

Service by S.R. Freeman. L.M. Brunson moderator. Brother Thomas Porter after not attending conference and the church being satisfied of his guilt, was excluded. Bros. Isaac Spinks, James Thornton and Elijah Pack selected as delegates to the Choctaw Association. Bro. L.M. Brunson and George Brunson alternate delegates. The church agreed to send \$3.00 for 50 copies of the Association Minutes.

9/2/1852

Services by Brethren Yarbrough and Seals with L.M. Brunson as moderator. Bro. Spinks recommended as a member of the Executive Board (Missionary). Bro. Holly Davidson presented a letter from church (did not give name) desiring aid of the Salem Church to assist them to settle a difficulty which the church agreed to and named the following to assist: James ? Suttles, R. Spinks and James Thornton. On request of Harmony Church, the church agreed to postpone the regular church meeting in October as the Association (Meeting) will be held with the Harmony Church at the same time.

11/27/1852

Services by Brethren Brunson and Yarbrough. Elder A.Yarbrough elected moderator. Bro. Harmon E. Eaves made an acknowledgment for drunkenness; from his manifesting a spirit of penitence and sorrow for being guilty, the church upon motion and second agreed to forgive him and bear with him, holding him in full membership. Bro. L.M. Brunson said to the church that a member of another church, to-wit Harmony Church, had slandered him by false statements for which he desires some redress. The church resolved to send a committee to the Harmony Church to make known the aggrievance of Bro. Brunson against Bro. Robinson (of Harmony Church). The committee, composed of R. Spinks, J. Thornton and James H. Suttles, who were to report at the next meeting on the matter.

12/25/1852

Service by Pastor Elder N. Slay. The committee assigned to visit Harmony Church reported that the difficulty with Bros. Brunson and Robinson was settled with Robinson being excluded from the Harmony Church. The church then chose William P. Carter as pastor. Brethren Isaac Spinks, A. Eastis, J. Pierce, J.B. Eaves and L.M. Brunson appointed as committee to bear a letter to Bro. Carter to inform him of the choice of the church. Bro. Thomas Rainer and his wife, Sister Elizabeth Temples, Bro. John Carmack and wife were granted letters of dismissal.

January Conference 1853

No conference due to rain.

February Term 1853

Bro. Joseph Vann, being present, and who had been guilty of intoxication, made his acknowledgment for same and asked the brothers to forgive him. The church agreed to forgive him and retain him in full fellowship. Brethren John McElroy and John Brunson were reported for swapping horses on Sunday. The church being satisfied of the truth of the report, appointed Brethren James Thornton, David Wattson and E. Wolf to visit said brethren and report at the next meeting. Sister Caroline Sturdivant, through Bro. Thornton, made application for a letter of dismissal which was granted. Also, Bro. John Hughey and wife (Mary), Daniel Hughey, Sarah Scarbrough and Mary Ann Clark granted letters of dismissal.

3/25/1853

Services by Elder W.P. Carter. The church took up case of Bro. John McElroy and Bro. John Brunson swapping horses on Sunday. The committee reported they had visited the brethren and they have no acknowledgment and requested the church to do what it thought best. The church was read and received from J.T. Law where he acknowledged being guilty of drunkenness and applied for a letter of dismissal. The church agreed to bear with him and granted the letter of dismissal. W.P. Carter agreed to preach until things may forbid his preaching.

April Term 1853

Sermon by W.P. Carter. The church on motion and second agreed to take under consideration the propriety of calling another deacon to ordination.

5/21/1853

Service by W.P. Carter and exhortation (exhortation) by Bro. A. Yarbrough. The church met in conference. Bro. W.V. White was requested to act as secretary pro-tem. Bro. Harvy P. Brunson and his wife, Sister Elizabeth Brunson, same forward and were received by letter. Bro. Wolf agreed to return to the duties of church deacon. The church opened on the Sabbath (5/22/1853) and received black woman (Dr. J.P. Welch) by letter. Name not recorded in the minutes.

6/25/1853

Service by Elder A. Yarbrough who also served as moderator for the conference. On motion Brethren Rolly Spinks and L.M. Brunson appointed as a standing committee to see that the church was supplied with water at all times it may be considered necessary and the church agreed to defray expenses that they may attach in getting the water hould (hauled). **(NOTE: This would imply available water had to be hauled to the church ...possibly from the nearby Salem Creek, Sulphur Springs, or an individual well.)**

July Term 1853

Bro. W.P. Carter served as moderator. All at peace with the church.

Friday before 5th Sabbath July 1853

The ministers and deacons attended the Association (meeting) at the church (Salem). Brethren in attendance were: M. Ross, O. Perkins, L.L. Lattimore and A. Yarbrough. This meeting continued for ten days with the following brothers and sisters being received by experience and baptism:

George M. Hearn
Enoch P. Spinks, Jr.
Freesson Walker

Edward Kirskey
William H. James
James M. Woodall
James Hardin
Elijah Hearn
Martha Boswell
Margaret Crocker
Mary O'Neal
David Culpepper
Lemuel Deen
Jerry (black brother, property
orf Mrs. O'Neal)

Malisa Jane Martin
Duncan D. Beazil
Martha S. Welch (wife of
J.P.Welch)
Ezekiel H. Rolland (Rowland)
Ann C. Rolland
Julia F. Woodall
A. C. Hardin
Rebecca Culpepper
Mary N. Eastis
Bathia O'Neal
Mary K. Hearn
Jonathan Culpepper
Lorenzo Phillips
Daniel (black brother,
property of Brother
Sages)

Received by letter the following:

Calvin D. Brazil

Dr. R. Shaffer

Wayman Nicklese (Nichols)

Sarah F. Shaffer

Mary L. Nicklese

Joel Culpepper

Abraham, Porter and Allen, Black Brothers, property of Dr. Welch, were received under the watch care of the church.

Saturday before 4th Sabbath August 1853

Service conducted by Elder W.P. Carter. Bro. Beazil informed the church that there was a report that he had been drunk, which report he said was false. The church moved to retain him in full membership. Delegates to the Choctaw Association were selected, which resulted in the choice of Brethren Isaac Spinks, L.M. Brunson, W.W. Hall, with alternates James Thornton, Newton Carmack and Josiah Dabbs. Bro. Isaac Spinks was recommended as a suitable member to the Executive Board. The church clerk authorized to write for letter for Bro. Porter who was excluded from the Liberty Church. The clerk also to write for letter for Allen (property of Dr. Welch) who was excluded from Harmony Church in Georgia. The clerk was to inform the churches involved that said members had thown (thrown) themselves under the watch care of Salem and that said members desired letters of dismissal. On motion and second it was decided to locate the church at the Alamucha Springs. Brethren B. K. Bragg, James H. Suttles, E.H. Rollan (Rollana) appointed to draft a plan and size of the house for the church. It is not known exactly where Alamucha Springs was located. Present residents of the area know of no springs other than Sulphur Springs. Sulphur Springs could have been referred to as the Alamucha Springs since it was the site of the Alamucha Academy.

A letter of dismissal granted Bro. Dees through Isaac Spinks. George H. Hearn also granted letter of dismissal.

Saturday before 4th Lord's Day September 1853

H.P. Brunson chosen as moderator. Due to the fact that only Bro. B.K. Bragg was present, the matter of a report on building a church house was laid over to the next meeting. On motion the vote of the church was taken on uniting with the Masonic Lodge in building a house for both which was decided unanimously in the affirmative. Letters of dismissal were granted to William D. Northrop and his wife. On motion communion was postponed indefinitely. A letter of dismissal was granted Sister S.E. White.

Saturday before 4th Lord's Day October 1853

Service by Bros. Carter and Yarbrough. Received Sister LuTincey Ann Crocker by experience. Brethren Bragg, Rollin (Rolland) and Suttles gave report on a plan and size of church house

which was accepted. A committee of five, to-wit: E. Rollan, John Mathews, Allen Smith, L.M. Brunson and B.G. Bragg; appointed as building committee. Bro. Nichless (Nichols) and wife granted letters of dismissal.

Saturday before 4th Lord's Day November 1853

Received Sister Tempy Bargil by letter. Bro. Isaac Spinks informed the church that it had been reported that Bro. Kirskey (Kirksey) had joined the Methodist. The matter laid over until the next meeting. The building committee reported that they had made an effort to procure land for the location of the new church and they could get land for \$25.00 but they would not purchase same unless instructed by the church. It was resolved not to give Bro. Newton Carmack the price and on motion and second the church decided to remain where it was.

This was Thomas Newton Carmack whose land was the W1/2 of SE1/4 of Section 3 and 6, Range 18 E, which is in the same area as Sulphur Springs. Thomas David Newton Carmack had bought this land earlier from William O'Neal. The SE1/4 of Section 3 is located to the right of the highway leading from the church to Kewanee a short distance from the church and across the road from the location of the Sulphur Springsso what was known then as Alamucha Springs was located in this area.

Letters of dismissal were granted the following: James H. Suttles, John W. Suttles, William Suttles, Adline Pearce and Bro. Suttles' two servants, Robert and Richard.

On motion and second the subject of setting apart Bro. Isaac Spinks to the office of the ministry was taken up and it was unanimously agreed that Elder W.P. Carter, A. Yarbrough, and Bro. Solomon Williams would ordain Bro. Isaac Spinks on the following day, Sunday. The ordination was carried out as scheduled.

December Conference 1853

No conference due to weather.

1/21/1854

Bro. H.P. Brunson, moderator. Letters of dismissal granted R. Shaffer and wife; L.M. Brunson and Kiziah Brunson, his wife; George E. Brunson; Mary P. Ryan; Thomas M. Brunson and Cathrine Brunson, his wife.

February Conference 1854

No conference.

Saturday before 4th Lord's Day March 1854

Elder A. Yarbrough, moderator pro-tem. Received Bro. Carter T. Ford and his wife, Hester Ann Ford, by letter. Bro. Kirksy (Kirksey) was charged of being guilty of joining the Methodist. On motion and second he was excluded. A charge was preferred against Joseph Smith for drunkenness. Bro. Webb and Bro. Brunson appointed committee to see him and report at the next meeting.

April Term 1854

Bro. A. Yarbrough moderator. Bro. Joseph Smith through Bro. Webb requested the church to forgive him to which the church agreed to forgive him and bear with him. Bro. Nathan Sylvester and Bro. James Hardin granted letters of dismissal.

May Term 1854

Bro. Isaac Spinks moderator. Received Mariah McElroy by letter and granted letter of dismissal to Bro. Joel Culpepper.

June Term 1854

Bro. A. Yarbrough moderator. A charge of repeated failure in attendance at conference was preferred against Bro. Thomas E. James. Brethren Wattson, Thornton and Rollin appointed to see him and report at the next meeting. A charge of failing repeatedly to attend church conference also preferred against Bro. John Williams. Brethren W.W. Hall, John Pearce and Andrew Eastis appointed to see him requesting he attend the next meeting. A letter of dismissal granted black Sister Susan, property of L.M. Brunson. Also a letter of dismissal granted Charles F. Rainer.

A letter was presented to the church from the most beloved Bro. W. P. Carter, the pastor, tendering his resignation in consequence of ill health. Upon motion and second the church agreed to release Bro. W.P. Carter as pastor and on motion the following preamble and resolution was adopted:

Whereas our beloved Brother William P. Carter and pastor for a series years past having requested and tendered his resignation of the pastoral care of this church in consequence of ill health and Whereas in consideration of the services rendered by him as pastor of said church in the promotion of her interest, Therefore

Resolved: 1st. That we deeply deplore the loss of the services of our much esteemed Brother and duly sympathy with him in his misfortune;

2nd. That we comply with the request of Brother Carter and release him from the pastoral care of the church.

3rd. That the sincere and heartfelt thanks of this church are due and be tendered to Brother Carter for the able and interesting manner in which he has discharged the duties as pastor of the church.

4th. That a copy of the preamble and resolution be transmitted to W. P. Carter by the Clerk.

Upon motion and second the church agreed to commence the next meeting on Friday and go into the choice of a Pastor to supply the church with the Word.

7/22/1854

Sermon by Bro. Solomon Williams; Bro. Isaac White chosen moderator. The church received Bro. Charles McArty (McCarthy?), Daniel Hughey and Mary Hughey by letter. The case of Bro. Thomas E. James taken up. The committee assigned to visit him reported there was no evidence that he would come to the church. The church after deliberating excluded him for failing to attend conference. The committee appointed to visit Bro. John Williams stated he had promised to attend; but due to Bro. Williams being sick his case laid over until the next meeting. Letters of dismissal granted Brethren C.D. Brazil, D.D. Brazil and Sister Temperence Brazil. Elder William Woodward selected as Pastor in an election by ballot. Bro. James Thornton, David Wattson and Charles McArty (McCarthy) to bear letter to Bro. Woodward informing him of the choice.

Saturday before 4th Sabbath August 1854

The case of Bro. Williams' failing to fill his seat on conference was taken up. Bro. Williams made an acknowledgment and the church agreed to forgive him. Bro. William Woodward being present responded to call of the church accepting the charge of the church. Delegates appointed to the Association meeting were James Thornton, Isaac Spinks, W.W. Hall; alternate delegates were J.E. Knott and Elijah Pack. On motion church agreed to decide whether church would ask for a letter of dismissal from the Choctaw Association at the next meeting. Julia Woodall, James Woodall and Hughey Hardin granted letters of dismissal.

9/23/1854

Sermon by Pastor. The church decided to remain in the Choctaw Association and the church agreed to send \$4.00 for 75 copies of the Association Minutes. On motion and second the church ordered a letter to be written to Bro. John H. Suttles of a report of unchristian conduct that was in circulation concerning him. Also to write his father to give (requesting he give) a true statement of the matter in question. (The minutes do not reflect the nature on this matter.) A charge of intoxication preferred against Bro. Joseph Vann. Brethren Wolf, Hearn and Webb appointed to see Bro.

Vann and inform him of the charge. This committee to report at the next meeting.

Saturday before 4th Sabbath September 1854

The church held protracted meeting until the first Sabbath in October, 1854, and received the following by experience:

Dr. J. P. Welch	Lucinda Fraisure
John G. Lacy	Alford Eastis
Mary T. Whitaker	John Hughey
Mary A. Coleman	William A. Moody
William J. Lockard	Jesse A. Pack
M. H. Welch	Sarah A. Lanier
Hapsiba J. Daughterey	Jane E. Webb
Sarah S. Webb	Martha Eaves
James A. Rodgers	Mary C. Welch
Joseph Boswell	Mary E. Bragg
Alford Crocker	M. H. Whitaker
Elizabeth Brunson	George W. McElroy

The following were received by letter: Isaac R. McElroy, Nancy McElroy, and Edward Thornton.

The church restored John Brunson, W.M. McElroy. John L. Hodge, whose church had dissolved with his failure to secure a letter of dismissal, was also restored. The name of his former church not given.

The total membership at this time stood at 179.

10/21/1854

Received June, a black Sister, property of Bro. McElroy, by baptism. A charge of drunkness was preferred against John L. Suttles and on motion and second he was excluded. Bro. Isaac Spinks ordered to write Bro. Suttles of the exclusion and to demand the church letter held by Bro. Suttles. Bro. Joseph Vann being present and giving satisfactory acknowledgment resulted in the church agreeing to bear with him in full membership. On motion and second a charge of unchristian conduct was preferred against Sister ? Duet (Dewitt) and she was unanimously excluded from the fellowship of the church. Bro. John Shamburger granted letter of dismissal.

On motion and second the church authorized Bro. Isaac Spinks to hold meeting on second Sabbath in each month for the black people and to receive and baptise any who may give satisfaction.

November Term 1854 No business on hand.

12/23/1854

Continued case regarding recovery of the church letter from Bro. John Suttles. The church continued efforts to secure that letter. If same was not received by September (next) the clerk was authorized to publish him in the minutes. Bro. Levi A. Honeycutt and wife received letters of dismissal. On second Sabbath, Bro. Isaac Spinks received black Sister Winey by baptism and restored Sister Pack's black Sister Hagar.

January 1855

Bro. H.P. Brunson chosen as moderator. Bro. Isaac Spinks presented letter of dismissal from Bro. J.H. Suttles. Bro. W.W. Hall reported Bros. Elijah Hearn, William McElroy and G.W. McElroy being guilty of drunkenness. Bros. Wolf, Pack and Wattson appointed to wait on the brethren and report at the next meeting.

February 1855 No conference due to the weather.

March 1855

Held meeting on second Sabbath and received a black sister, property of E.A. Durr (did not give name).

March Conference 1855

Received Jessie Welch by letter. In the case of Bro. William H. McElroy the church noted that he had made no acknowledgment and voted to exclude him with the pastor announcing that the church was not accountable for his (Bro. McElroy's) conduct. Bro. G.W. McElroy made a satisfactory acknowledgment with the church accepting his confession and he was retained in fellowship. Then the case of Elijah Hearn was taken up. The church being satisfied with his guilt he was unanimously excluded from the fellowship of the church with the pastor announcing the church would not be accountable for his conduct any longer. Sister Elizabeth Reynolds granted a letter of dismissal. The church agreed to postpone communion until the regular meeting in June 1855.

April 1855

Held meeting for the blacks and received Selah, a black sister, property of Bro. B.K. Bragg.

The 3rd Sabbath in April 1855

Held a meeting in a log church near Bro. John Mathews and received black sister, property of Bro. John Mathews (no name listed)

by experience. Then on 3rd Sabbath in July, 1855, at this same church received and baptised two blacks, Betty and ?.

4/21/1855

After sermon by the pastor the church met in Conference. Bro. W.W. Hall offered resolution (not stated) which upon motion was referred to a committee of Isaac Spinks, W.W. Hall, J.P. Welch and J.E. Knott, who were to prepare and present same at the next meeting.

May 1855

Service by Bros. Woodward and Yarbrough. Received Bro. George W. Wilkerson and Mary Wilkerson by letter. Adopted the following resolution:

Salem Church, Alamucha, (MS). Resolved that it shall be the duty of every member of this church upon hearing an evil report in regards to any member of said church not to speak of it to any other person but to inform as soon as practicable in person (or) by letter or proxy the member against such report exist - of the existence of said report - and that any member failing to comply with the above duty shall be subject to censure of the church.

The church failed to have any conference in June. The Masons had a Procession and an oration delivered to a large respectable congregation. Our pastor being present desired not to preach, which was agreeable with the church. The church met on the following Sabbath with Bro. Woodward preaching the funeral of Bro. Thornton's daughter, Sarah E. Thornton, who was murdered by a black boy, property of Bro. Thornton. The black boy confessed he killed the girl. (Taken from a statement by the church clerk)

2nd Sabbath July 1855

Held meeting for blacks where church received and baptised Granville, property of Dr. Moody; Rebecca, property of E.A. Durr; Robert, property of B. Shamburger received by letter.

7/21/1855

Service by Bro. A. Yarbrough. Bro. J.K. Ryan chosen as moderator pro-tem. Received James Boswell by letter. Bro. Wattson reported Bro. William James of being guilty of unchristian conduct. Bros. Wolf, Wattson and Vann appointed to inform Bro. James of the charge and to cite him to the next meeting. At this point the church had 182 members.

August Term 1855

Service by Elders William Woodward and Ambrose Yarbrough. Received Bro. Isum (Isham) Bunyard and Sister Nancy Bunyard; also Sister Sophia Hitt; by letter. Bro. James excluded by the church (specific charge not listed). The church chose Bros. Isaac Spinks, R. Spinks, Isaac R. McElroy, as Association delegates and E. Wolf and David Wattson as alternates.

9/23/1855

Service by Bro. Webster. Bro. J.K. Ryan chosen as moderator pro-tem. On motion and second the church ordered that the Association be informed of the death of the beloved Brother Harvey F. Brunson, an ordained minister of the Gospel. The church ordered that the Association (Choctaw) be notified of the reason of church not sending any money for missionary purposes (did not state why). On motion Bro. Isaac Spinks released from the duty of keeping the (church) house (in order). Bro. J. (James) Thornton selected as superintendent of keeping of the church house. D.N. Carmack and his wife, Diary Carmack, granted letters of dismissal. On motion and second the Association delegates requested to petition for the next Association meeting to be held at Salem. Bro. James A. Crocker granted letter of dismissal.

November 1855

The church met in conference on Saturday before the 4th Sunday in November, 1855. In absence of the pastor, Bro. Isaac Spinks was chosen as moderator pro-tem. Received Bro. Thomas P. Wiggins by letter. On motion a charge was preferred against Bro. Harrison M. Welch for unchristian conduct. Bros. William Bragg and Pierce appointed to inform Bro. Welch of the charge and that the church requires him to attend the next meeting. Letters of dismissal granted Sisters Hannah Jones and Lucinda Clark. At this time, C.T. Ford was assistant church clerk.

December, 1855, Salem Church

Service by Elder A. Yarbrough. Bro. M. H. Welch case laid over until the next meeting. A charge of unchristian conduct preferred against Bro. William Lockhart. Bros. Thornton and Wattson appointed to wait on Bro. Lockhart and cite him to the next conference.

Apparently there was no conference (Saturday meeting) in January 1856

2/4/1856

After service the church met in conference, choosing Bro. Isaac Spinks as moderator pro-tem. Received Sister Luticshia Stutts

by letter. The case of H.M. Welch taken up and upon motion he was excluded for unchristian conduct as charged in November, 1855. Letters of dismissal granted Sister Lythia Rainer and Brother Rodgers.

3/22/1856

Bro. B.F. Willis moderator pro-tem. The church received a communication from Bro. H.E. Eaves stating he had been drunk for which he was very sorry and that he desired the church to forgive him. Bros. W.W. Hall, A. Eastis and R. Spinks appointed to request Bro. Eaves to be at the next meeting. A letter of dismissal was granted Sister Elizabeth wood.

4/25/1856

Bro. Isaac Spinks chosen moderator. Bro. H.E. Eaves being present made his acknowledgment as being guilty of drunkenness and begging forgiveness. The church voted to bear with him and retained him in full fellowship. A charge was preferred against Bro. G.W. McElroy for drunkenness and swearing. Bros. Wolf, Wattson and Vann appointed to see Bro. McElroy, inform him of the charges and cite him to the next meeting. On motion a resolution was received and acted on and laid over until the next meeting.

5/24/1856

After divine services Bro. Isaac Spinks was appointed moderator. Jacob Perry Welch acted as clerk pro-tem. The church excluded G.W. McElroy. The resolution in relation to members signing petition for the establishment of groceries for the retail of spiritous liquors was on motion laid over for consideration until the next regular conference. Letters of dismissal granted J.B. Rynor (Rainer, Raynor?) and his wife. Bro. Isaac Spinks chosen as pastor and moderator and after a few appropriate remarks he accepted the charge. Jacob P. Welch was chosen as church clerk. The church on motion and second resolved that Brethren G.W. Wilkerson, A.J. Raynor, Joseph Boswell and James Welch be appointed leaders in singing.

Saturday before 4th Lord's Day June, 1856

Sermon by Bro. A. Yarbrough and I. Spinks. The resolution in relation to members signing petitions for the licensing for the retail of spiritous liquor was taken up and on motion laid on the table. On motion and second Bro. Ross proposed that a protracted meeting be held commencing on the 2nd Saturday in September, 1856, which was unanimously accepted.

7/26/1856

After service by Brethren Haynes and Yarbrough the church went into conference with Bro. Haynes serving as moderator. A charge was preferred against Bro. Harrison Eaves for the frequent use of ardent spirits. Bros. Hall and Ford appointed to cite him to attend the next meeting. On motion and second Bros. Bragg, Pierce and Williams were appointed to cite Joseph Smith to the next conference to answer reports of unchristian conduct circulating against him. **(NOTE: During this period the Conference meeting minutes are not signed by the moderator and church clerk. While the writing is readable it takes more time since the writing is of a smaller flowing style and the ink heavy, a definite change of penmanship.)**

Saturday August 22, 1856

Service by Brethren A. Yarbrough and Isaac Spinks. Harrison E. Eaves was excluded in consequence of drunkenness. Next page brought over and conference continued.

23 August 1856

Bro. Joseph Smith case was taken up with the committee reporting adversely. Case laid over until the next conference after appointing Brethren Williams and Pierce to wait on Bro. Joseph Smith and inform him that his case would be disposed of at the next conference.

The church inquired into the fellowship of the church members. Harmony seemed to prevail. The repairs of the meeting house preparatory for the Association was considered and a committee for that purpose appointed, consisting of Bros. Isaac R. McElroy, W. W. Hall and James Thornton. This committee to receive bills for the work - which bills are to be presented for settlement after completion. The church chose delegates for the approaching Association Meeting to be held at Salem. They were as follows: Rev. Isaac Spinks, J.R. McElroy, Isham Bunyard (alternate), James Thornton, C.F. Ford and Bro. David Watson (alternate).

9/13/1856

Sermon by Bro. B.F. Willis and F.M. Haynes. Bro. F.M. Haynes presented a letter from Ozios Baptist Church of Kemper County, MS, certifying to his being licintrate (licentiate) and they set him at liberty to preach the Gospel and recommended him to any church of the same faith and order as a consistent, sound and promising young brother. He was received in full fellowship and added to Salem Church. (The Ozios Baptist Church was reported as being dissolved in 1867) H.M. Harrison Welch came forward explaining sorrow for his violation of church order and asking forgiveness from the church. The church duly restored him.

9/14/1856 (Sunday)

Sermon by B.F. Willie in the AM; PM sermon by Bro. Haynes.

9/15/1856 (Monday)

Sermon in AM by B.F. Willie. Several members related their troubles, complications and difficulties in their efforts to serve the Lord. Mr. Samuel Glass and Mrs. Presecilla Hicks were received by experience. Monday night the sermon was by B.F. Willis. Mrs. Kiziah Glass was received by experience.

9/16/1856 (Tuesday)

Sermon by Bros. B.F. Willie and Yarbrough. Mrs. Sarah Jarmon, Miss Martha Webb and Mr. J.G. O'Neal received by experience. In the PM the services were by Father Ambrose Yarbrough and Bro. Hardy Yarbrough. Received Firs. Martha Lewis, Miss Hannah Bragg and Mrs. Susan McCarthy by experience. The following were baptised an 9/17/1856 (probably in the Salem Creek that ran near present Salem Church): Mrs. Priscilla Hicks, Mrs. Martha Lewis, Mrs. Susan McCarthy, Mrs. Kiziah Glass, Mrs. Sz:rah Jarmon, Miss Martha Webb, Miss Hannah Bragg, Mr. Samuel S. Glass and Mr. J.G. O'Neal. All returned to the church after baptism where Bro. B.F. Willis delivered a charge to the new members. Received Master Leonard Carmack by experience.

9/27/1856

Isaac Spinks served as moderator. Bro. Joseph Smith case taken up. An adverse report from Bro. Williams received through Bro. W. J. Hall. The church proceeded to exclude Bro. Smith. Bros. W.W. Hall and James Thornton reported work completed on (church) house in a satisfactory manner. It was reported that black Sister Rebecca, servant of Col. Durr, has used profane language. Bro. W.W. Hall and C.T. Ford appointed to wait on her. Sister Elizabeth Wood reported as having left the Baptist and joined the Methodist. Bros. James Thornton, Thomas Jarmon and David Watson appointed to wait on her. Letters of dismissal granted to Bro. M. H. Welch and Sister Elizabeth Parkman. The church agreed to sent \$5.00 for copies of Association Minutes.

9/28/1856 (Sunday)

Moderator Isaac Spinks baptised the following: Master Leonard Carmack; Peggy, servant of J.P. Welch; Julia Ann, servant of J.P. Welch; and Marsh, servant of Major Cameron.

10/18/1856

The Choctaw Association met at Salem Baptist Church, Alamucha, MS. The following ministers were present: Elder McLelland, Barnes

(who served as moderator), Martin, Boyd, Alton, Buck, Farrer, Perkins, Spinks, White, Haynes and Herrington. On hand also were a large number of delegates. The introductory sermon was by Elder Martin.

10/20/1856 (Monday)

Service conducted in AM at the stand on the outside of the church. In the afternoon a discussion was held on the subject of temperance and the unchristian conduct of members of the church giving their sanction to petition for the creation of grocery shops and doggeries. The powerful, finished and convincing address of Elders Martin, Boyd, McLelland and others were killing blows to such conduct and sins of depravity.

10/25/1856 (Saturday)

The church voted to bear with black Sister Rebecca. On motion and second Sister Elizabeth Wood was excluded from fellowship. The church inquired into the fellowship of the church. Christian love and good order seemed to prevail with the mortifying reality that but very few members ever make their appearance at conference. In consequence of this the church passed the following resolution:

"RESOLVED - That if any white male member of the Salem Baptist Church shall absent himself two (2) regular conference meetings he shall be required to explain the cause of such absence to the church. Unless such an absence is known to some member present to (as) unavoidable - whose duty it shall be to report the same without delay."

This resolution placed in the Rules of Decorum. The moderator remarked upon the conclusion of the Association last week the need to educate young Bro. H. M. Haines (Haynes) for the ministry in some college - that he (the moderator) had pledged \$20.00 per year for that purpose and hoped that Salem Church will concur. Clinton College near Jackson particularly specified as the literary (literary) institution.

11/22/1856

Sermon was by Bro. Willis. A charge was preferred against Bro. Joseph Vann for getting drunk. After a deliberation discussion he was dismissed from the fellowship of the church. A charge was preferred against Bro. Leonard Carmach for getting drunk. Bros. E. Pack, A. Easter, and B.K. Bragg appointed to wait on him and cite him to the next conference. A charge was preferred against Bro. J.L. Phillips for fighting. Brethren J. Dabbs, Jesse Welch and E. Pack appointed to cite him to the next conference. Bro. Daniel Harvey and his mother, Mrs. Harvey, were granted letters of dismission. A charge was preferred against Bros. R.T. Spinks and Charles McCarthy for entertaining hard feelings for each other. The church (continued on the next page)

during its process of investigation appointed Brethren Thornton, Hall, M. Watson, Haynes, J.R. McElroy, J. Bunyard, Isaac Spinks and C.T. Ford to cite and charge the brothers to attend the next conference.

On motion and second the church resolved to pay annually for five years the sum of \$25.00 for the purpose of assisting Bro. Haynes in obtaining a thorough ministerial education at Clinton College Clinton, MS.

12/27/1856

The church took up the case of Bro. Leonard Carmack. Bro. Carmack had promised to be present but failed to appear. The church moved to exclude him. The church also voted to exclude Bro. J.S. Phillips. The case of Bros. R.T. Spinks and Charles McCarthy taken up with Bro. Spinks making an acknowledgment which the church received as satisfactory.

The church inquired into the fellowship of the church. Bro. Joseph Eastis reported himself as subject of a difficulty for which he asked forgiveness, which was granted. Bro. Alford Eastis reported himself for unchristian conduct and asked for forgiveness, which the church granted.

MARKED THROUGH IS THE FOLLOWING:

Bro. R.T. Spinks remarked upon the displeasure of Bro. Charles McCarthy in censuring him (Bro. Spinks) for not informing him relating to the rumor of the reported surrection of the negroes. He (Bro. Spinks) exhonorated (exonerated) himself to the satisfaction of the church.

THE MINUTES THEN RETURN TO THE FOLLOWING BUSINESS:

The church resolved that the moderator appoint (report?) this brother (meaning Bro. Alford Eastis) to a non-attendance (committee) who were to notify him of such neglect of nonattendance. The minutes then list delinquent (non attending conference) which were: Brother Lewis Lanier - Brother H. B. Webb to see; Brother C. H. Wiggins - Brother Ford to see; Brother W. H. Moody - Brother J. N. Boswell to see; A. C. Hardin - with R. T. Spinks to see.

A charge was preferred against Bro. Benjamin Collier for drunkenness.

Bros. Pack and Webb to see him. Faro. J.W. Wilkerson granted letter of dismissal.

THERE ARE NO RECORDED MINUTES FOR JANUARY 1857

2/21/1857

Service by Bro. Isaac Spinks. Bro. McCarthy gave the church a satisfactory knowledgment. Bro. Collier gave acknowledgment to the church of the evil tenor of his source and was forgiven by the church. Bros. A. Eastis and J.R. McElroy appointed to call

Bro. Zanier to the next conference. On motion and second a charge was preferred against Bro. William H. Moody for absence from conference. Bros. James Boswell and Jesse Welch were appointed to cite him to the next conference. Bro. Wiggins gave satisfaction for absence from conference. Bro. Hardin also gave a satisfactory acknowledgment for being absent from conference. Bro. Crocker stated to the church that he had been drinking too much. The church after discussion forgave the offence. On motion and second Bro. H.B. Webb was appointed to supervise the sweeping and keeping Salem Church house in order for the present year. On motion and second it was ordered that preaching hereafter commence on Saturday at 11:00 A.M.

3/21/1857

Church commenced with prayer meeting. There was no preaching, the pastor, Isaac Spinks, being sick at home. Bro. Thomas Shannon presented his letter and was received by the church. Bro. Zanier gave satisfaction to the church. Bro. William H. Moody case laid over until the next meeting. Bro. L. Hardin made suitable acknowledgment for intoxication and was forgiven by the church.

THERE ARE NO MINUTES FOR APRIL AND MAY 1857

NEXT IS UNDATED RESOLUTION:

Resolved, That however painful the circumstances which have shrouded the family of our deceased Brother in deepest gloom, deprived Salem Church of one of its most cherished members and society of a useful upright citizen, yet to the afflicted members of that family in their great hard, painful bereavement we trust they may take consolation in the sweet reflection afforded them - that God tempered the mind to the shorn lamb, and that their dear departed relative hath run his appointed race upon the hall of time, to that eternal house whither we are all rapidly tending. Resolved - That we sincerely sympathise with the widow and relatives of our deceased Brother in their great affliction, and as friend and Brothers of him who has departed from our midst, we offer to them our sincere condolences and the warm assurance of our high regard for his memory.

There is no name attached to the above resolution. The compiler believes the departed Brother to have been Isaac Spinks, the minister of the church at time of death. Following the resolution the church went in the selection of a pastor, choosing Elder B.F. Willis. Please recall above information for March 1857 conference: Isaac Spinks was ill at home. On the other hand, information received from Mrs. Clara D. Turner of Mt. Sterling, AL, a descendant of Isaac Spinks, informed the compiler that Isaac Spinks was killed in Mobile, AL, after taking and selling his cotton at Mobile. He was killed while being robbed of his cotton money. Considering all information, the resolution was made regarding Isaac Spinks.

Continuing with this section of minutes, Bro. W.W. Hall elected treasurer. Another resolution was proposed to require the deacons to make collections for the church, present bills of subscription in notes of the church or otherwise so as to make Missionary collections.

June 27, 1857

Sermons were by Bros. Willis and Yarbrough. The church took up a contribution to refund the heirs of Bro. Isaac Spinks, deceased, the amount he paid out of his own pocket for the church for the annual share of tuition of Bro. Haynes. The amount was made up.

NOTE: This confirms that the resolution was for Isaac Spinks and probably rendered by the church in May, 1857.

7/25/1857

Rev. B.F. Willis served as pastor and moderator. Bro. E.E. Pack served as secretary pro-tem.

8/22/1857

Sermon by Bro. Wright. Bro. John S. James presented his letter from Kinterbish Church and was received by Salem. Kinterbish is located a short distance southwest in Ward (Sumter County) AL. A charge of dancing at a party against Bro. William Moody. Bros. Thornton, McElroy and Webb appointed to cite him to the next meeting to answer said charges. Bros. Thornton, McElroy, Webb, Pack, chosen as Association delegates, with Bros. Hall and Watson being alternates. The church voted to send \$5.00 for 75 copies of the Association Minutes. On motion and second C.T. Ford was appointed assistant church clerk.

9/25/1857

Sermon by Elder B.F. Willis along with Father Yarbrough. Mrs. Cordelia Raynor came forward with a hope and desire to become a member of the Baptist Church. She was received and baptised the next day at 9:00 A.M Mrs. Martha A. Crocker also came forward and was received, being baptised same as above. A report regarding Bro. William Moody's case reflected that he expressed no sorrow and declined to attend the next meeting. He was then excluded from the church. Sister Maria James granted letter of dismissal. The resolution on temperance passed by the Association was made a part of the Rules of Decorum of the church. The church letter of dear Sister Margaret Ann Crocker, deceased, was returned to the church as its property, she not having joined any other church but has, as we trust, gone to enjoy the Christian reward with the saints in heaven. The consideration of the appointment of additional deacons postponed until the next conference. The church moved and on second Bro. John L. James permitted to exercise his gift as minister of the Baptist faith. Sister Maria James granted letter of dismissal.

Sunday 27 September 1857

Baptising: R.H. Camp gave his experience at the place of baptising and was baptised; Later, sermon by Elder B.F. Willis and Father Yarbrough, after which it was decided to protract the meeting. (Hold protracted meeting).

9/28/1857 (Monday)

Preaching continued. Bro. Willis presented his letter from Siloam Church, Sumter County, AL, and was received into the church. The meeting continued until Friday, 10/2/1857, closing with the adding of 22 by baptism, 3 by letter, and 1 restored. Those baptised were:

R. McElroy	Lewis Driskell
William J. Pack	Isaac R. McElroy, Jr.
Thomas Hearn	James M. O'Neal
Asa Boswell	Thomas J.A. Phillips
William Crocker	Washington Hearn
Arkansas Webb	Jane A. Phillips
Eliza Carmack	Cynthia C. Camp
Lucy A. Robinson	Mellissa Hearn
Margaret Duet	Kiziah Culpepper
Susan McElroy	Sarah Blank
Maria (servant of B.K. Bragg)	Sylvia (servant of B.K. Bragg)

James and Hannah B. Crocker received by letter from the Providence Church in Washington County, Alabama.

Thropelis Donald joined the church and was placed in pastoral care of the church until he could obtain his letter from a church in Alabama.

Susan Carrnack came forward begging forgiveness of the church for past offense and was reinstated. Leonard Carmack came forward and begged forgiveness of the church for past offense and was reinstated.

10/24/1857

Sermon by Elder B.F. Willis. James Thornton and H.B. Webb elected as deacons. Other already ordained deacons of the church were: Erwin Wolf, Jessie B. Eaves and Josiah Dabbs. The church resolved to grant a license to Bro. R.H. Camp to exercise his gift in the Baptist faith and ministry. Licenses were also granted to Bros. David Watson and Isham Bunyard to exercise their respective gifts in the ministry according to the Baptist faith within the bounds of the Salem Church. Mr. T. Kemp Eads presented himself to the church requesting its pastoral care until he could make an

acknowledgment to the church from which he had been excluded and, if satisfactory, he expects to obtain a letter from said church of Scooba, Miss., and join the Salem Church. The church resolved to write in connection with the said applicant to the church at Scooba in his behalf. **This was done on 11/17/1857.**

Along here there are many loose pages and they are mixed up. The pages are quite fragile and extreme care must be taken to preserve edges of the pages which had broken off.

11/21/1857

Services by Elder B.F. Willis who was elected pastor for the ensuing year. E.E. Pack elected church clerk. Brethren McElroy, Hall and Wolf appointed to assist the clerk in arranging the names of the members by male and female, white and black.

James Thornton and H.B. Webb were ordained as deacons on 11/25/1857.

12/26/1857

Sermons were by Father Yarbrough and Bro. Camp with the pastor being absent. Bro. Watson served as moderator. Received Bro. W.A. Sims and his wife, Sarah Sims, by letter. The committee assigned to build a membership list asked for more time, which was granted. Bro. Thornton applied for a letter of dismissal for Bro. John S. Ja ? (could be James or Jones ...page torn off at edge) which was granted. Bro. Walker also applied for a letter of dismissal for Bro. Gustavius Hinds (lines?) which was granted. There was an entry for the following Sunday but names were torn off.

1/23/1858

Service by the pastor, B.F. Willis. On motion the church set apart the Sabbath of the next meeting to ordain H. H. Camp.

2/27/1858

Bro. Leonard Carmack was reported to the church as being guilty of drunkenness. Bro. Carmack made an acknowledgment and was forgiven. Bro. Andrew Eastis elected church keeper for the present year. Bro. W.W. Hall re-elected treasurer.

3/27/1858

Sermon by Father Yarbrough and Elder B.F. Willis. Black Bro. Jerry and black Sister Eliza and Jane (J.P. Welch) received by experience and baptised the next day at 9:00 A.M. Bro. Leonard Carmack was excluded for drunkness and swearing.

4/24/1858

Services by Bro. J. K. Ryan and Father Yarbrough. Sister Martha A. Crocker granted letter of dismissal.

5/22/1858

Service by Elder B.F. Willis who also served as moderator. Bro. William C. Rainer granted letter of dismissal.

6/26/1853

Services by Bros. Camp and Willis.

7/24/1858

Service by Bro. Frown who also served as moderator. Received Sister Jane ? (page torn off).

8/21/1858

Service by Bro. B.F. Willis. Bros. Wiggins and Thornton appointed to cite Lewis to next meeting for failure to attend conference. The church chose delegates to the next Association meeting.

9/25/1858

The sermon by Bro. R.H. Camp. In absence of the pastor, Erwin Woolf chosen to act as moderator. The church restored Joseph Vann to the fellowship of the church. Bro. Lewis Zanier was excluded for non-attendance and contempt of the church. The church resolved that Bro. R.H. Camp be ordained on the first Sabbath in October. This ordination to be administered by Bros. B.F. Willis, Hardy, Yarbrough and Ryan. Letter of dismissal granted to James Thornton, Elizabeth Thornton, Edward B. ? (page torn), David Watson, Caroline ? (Watson?) and Elizabeth Watson, Erwin Woolf, Emily C. Woolf, Ishum Bunyard, Nancy Bunyard, Sophia Hitt, Metilda McElroy, Susan McElroy, James R. McElroy, Sarah riartin, Willie B. Robinson (listed as Roberson above), Lucy A. Pobinson, Sarah A. Webb, Isaac R. McElroy, Nancy McElroy, Isaac R. McElroy, Jr., Luticia Atutts (Stutts?), Joseph W. Vann, Elizabeth Vann upon request of the Brother, to constitute a church at Mt. Orson Shaws (Shows) school house. The church appointed Bro. R.H. Camp and H.B. Webb as delegates.

10/3/1858

Bro. R.H. Camp was ordained as a minister. The church restored Bro. Thomas E. James whereupon he was granted a letter of dismissal on request.

10/23/1858

Service by Elder B.F. Willis who was chosen again as pastor of the church. A charge of unchristian conduct preferred against Bro. B.K. Bragg. Bros. Webb, Ford and Thornton to cite him to the next meeting. Protracted meeting held during October resulted in receiving James R. Lowe, John C. Lowe, H.M. Satcher, and Amy (servant of Sister Hearn). Dismission letters granted Bro. Thomas Jarman and his wife, Sarah Jarmon.

11/27/1858

Service by Bros. Yarbrough and Carter (W.P.Carter). Bro. R. H. Camp appointed moderator. Bro. William McElroy presented himself to the church and made a satisfactory acknowledgment, after which he was restored. Letters of dismission granted C.T. Ford and his wife, Hester A. Ford; R.H. Camp and his wife, Cynthia C. Camp; Jas. P. Wiggins; W.H. McElroy; Sarah A. Lanier; Jinny, a black sister (property of Bro. J.R. McElroy).

12/25/1858

Service by the pastor, Elder B.F. Willis. Bro. B.K. Bragg made a satisfactory acknowledgment for absence at conference and swearing and was retained in membership. On motion a committee of eight was appointed to endeavor to bring about a reconciliation between Bros. Welch and Bragg; committee consisted of the following: J. Dabbs, J.B. Eaves, H. B. Webb, W. W. Hall, J.?. McElroy, S.H. Shannon, D. Watson, J.G. Rainer and E.E. Pack. Washington Hearn received a letter of dismission upon request.

1/22/1859

Service conducted by Elder B.F. Willis. Bro. J.J. McElroy presented himself to the church and made a satisfactory acknowledgment and was restored to full fellowship of the church. A report given by the committee to labor the difficulty between Bros. Welch and Bragg reported that they had agreed to be friendly and live as brethren should live. The church accepted the report. Bro. Thomas Shannon granted a letter of dismission.

February 1859

After prayer Bro. H.B. Webb appointed moderator pro-tem and Bro. J.J. McElroy, Jr., appointed clerk pro-tem. A letter of dismission granted Bro. J. J. McElroy, Jr.

March 1859

Services by Father Yarbrough and Elder B.F. Willis. Bro. Jessie L. Welch chosen as a deacon and was ordained on Sunday 3/27/1859.

April 1859

After services by the moderator and pastor, B.F. Willis, the church went into conference. Received Sister Sarah Pack by experience. Sister Mary O'Neal was reported to the church for dancing. The following sisters appointed to visit and cite her to the next meeting: Winnie Boswell, Martha S. Welch and Martha Welch.

On 4/24/1859 the church met at the water where Sister Sarah Pack was baptised. This was a baptism spot located in the Salem Creek near the church.

May 1859

Service by B.F. Willis. Sister Mary O'Neal gave a satisfactory acknowledgment which was received by the church. Bro. George Lacy and wife, Sister Margaret Lacy, granted letter of dismissal.

June 1859

Bro. J.P. Welch appointed moderator pro-tem in the absence of the pastor. Bro. G.W. Hearn presented a letter which was granted him from Salem. He was received after making some acknowledgment for misconduct. Bro. James M. O'Neal was reported to the church for dancing. Bros. James Boswell, Joseph Boswell and E.E. Pack appointed to visit Bro. O'Neal and cite him to the next meeting. Bro. H.B. Webb appointed keeper of the church. Bro. Thomas Phillips granted a letter of dismissal.

July 1859

Sermon given by R.H. Camp. Bro. O'Neal was excluded for dancing and contempt of the church. At a following protracted meeting the following were received and baptised: Francis O. Culpepper, Sarah A. Crocker, Martha J. Crocker, Mary V. Crawford, Lucy L. O'Neal, Dorthis ?, C.P. Eaves, William L. Brunson, John J. Crawford.

The page was torn off; unable to secure names of those who were received by letter.

August 1859

Received Harrison (servant of Bro. J.P. Welch) by experience. Bro. Willie Robinson was reported to the church for drinking and swearing. Bros. H.B. Webb, R.A. Clay and E.E. Pack appointed to visit Bro. Robinson and cite him to the next meeting and to demand his letter. Bros. H.B. Webb, E.E. Pack, R.A. Clay and J.P. Welch chosen as delegates to the Association. Bro. W.W. Spinks selected as alternate delegate. The church voted to send \$10.00 for 75 copies of the Association Minutes. Sister Mary K. Hearn granted a letter of dismissal **(corner of page torn off)**. B.F. Willis moderator and E.E. Pack church clerk.

September 1859

The church met on Friday before the 4th Sabbath. Bro. W.W. Hall appointed moderator in the absence of the pastor. Bro. Joseph J. Smith came forward and made a satisfactory acknowledgment, after which he was restored to the fellowship of the church. Brother Robinson made an acknowledgment which was received. Bro. M.H. Whitaker was reported for dancing. Bros. J.P. Welch, W.W.Hall and J.B. Eaves were appointed to visit him citing him to the next meeting. Bro. B.F. Willis chosen pastor for the ensuing year. **Then there is something about the church posting a letter to J.J.Smith ... (the remainder of the page unreadable).**

October 1859

Service conducted by Bros. White and Brown with White serving as moderator (this is Isaac White). Letters of dismissal granted to Brother John W. Brunson and Sister Huldah E.V. Bell.

November 1859

Bro. Jacob Dabbs served as moderator. Letters of dismissal granted to Bro. William L. Brunson, Sister Elizabeth Brunson, Bro. William J. Pack and his wife, Sarah Pack.

December 1859

Bro. M.H. Whitaker acknowledgment through the committee appointed to visit him was received and accepted. At this point the church ruled it was no longer necessary for the individual who was charged to appear in person.

NOTE: In reviewing the 1850's it appears that this period was a difficult time for the church, yet progress was made.

The church had no water supply of its own, so water was hauled to the church.

The church struggled to buy land and rebuild the church but in the end held steadfast to maintaining the church in the same location.

Brother Isaac Spinks ordained as a Baptist minister after he strove long and hard to accomplish same - only to meet his death in Mobile.

In the middle of the 1850's the church began to experience non-attendance at the conference meetings and a number of the members were excluded as a result of non-attendance. Steps were taken by the church to counter the trend of non-attendance.

The area was becoming more populated with some of the larger farms being broken up into smaller farms.

Members were leaving the Salem Church and associating themselves with other churches.

In October of 1854 the church commenced the practice of holding separate church services on the 2nd Sabbath for black members in a log cabin near John Mathews'. John Matiiews lived in the general area of Alamucha. He is not listed in the early deed records which indicates his land may not have been surveyed and not recorded in the County Records. More than likely he lived in Sumter County, Alabama.

Dr. J.P. Welch came to the area in the middle 1850's. He first bought land on 8 August 1855 and was later to own some 3000 acres of land in Lauderdale County, Mississippi, and Sumter County, Alabama. Part of the old Welch mansion is still standing today in back of the present residence of Mrs. Edward Butler.

The church spoke out against any member's sanction or signing a petition for the creation of groceries or toggeries for the purpose of selling liquor.

During the late 1850's War clouds were gathering, which resulted in some residents moving westward.

The church lost its beloved pastor, William P. Carter, who was apparently also the regular minister for the Oakey Valley Baptist Church.

During this period the practice of referring to female members as Mrs. or Miss commenced, thus in many cases dropping the "Sister". The title "Sister" continued to be used in reference to elderly female members.

January 1860

Very short; torn and unable to read.

February 1860

Services by moderator B.F. Willis. Received W.M. Drinkard and Nancy Boswell after opening the doors of the church for reception. Bro. Leonard Carmack was reported to the church for drinking and swearing; on motion Bro. Carmack was unanimously excluded. Bro. W.C. Crocker also was reported to the church for drinking. Bro. W.W. Spinks and A. Eastis were appointed to visit and cite Bro. Crocker at the next meeting.

March 1860

Here we have reference to a case not previously mentioned. The charge could have been preferred at church services other than the Saturday conference. After a report by W.A. Sims in favor of Bro. J.L. Welch a committee was appointed to receive (sort) sides and evidence. This committee was composed of J.Dabbs, H.B. Webb, J.B.Eaves, J.P. Welch and R.A. Clay. The committee reported

corresponding evidence. The report was received and committee discharged. Bro. Crocker case laid over until the next meeting. On motion a standing committee to assist in concert with the deacon was appointed, members being: B.F. Collier, W.W.Hall, J.G. Rainer and James R. Lowe.

April 1860

Sermon by Bro. B.F. Willis. Bro. William Crocker excluded for drunkenness and contempt of the church. Letters of dismission granted Sister Ann E. Linsey, Bro. R.T. Spinks and his wife, Sarah Spinks.

May 1860

Service by Bro. Watson who also acted as moderator in the absence of the pastor. Received Bro. Thomas Mosley by experience and Bro. William R. White by letter.

June 1860

After preaching by the pastor the church went into conference. The church resolved that it would correspond with the following sister churches: Bethel, Mount Giliad and Mount Moriah. A letter of dismission granted ? (page torn off).

July 1860

Bro. G.W. Hearn was reported to the church for Drunkenness. The case deferred until the next meeting.

August 1860

Bro. G.W. Hearn, being present, made a satisfactory acknowledgment which was received. Bro. A.C. Hardin was reported to the church for absence at the conference. A committee assigned to labor with Bro. Hardin and report at the next meeting. Letter of dismission granted Sister Lucy Grimes, Sister Percillia McKiney and Bro. G.W. Hearn. Bros. H.B. Webb, W.W. Hall, R.A. Clay and E.E. Pack elected delegates to next Association meeting, with alternates J.P. Welch and W.W. Spinks. The church resolved to send \$5.00 for the Association Minutes. The church commenced a protracted meeting on Saturday before the 2nd Sabbath in September 1860 which lasted six days and which resulted in two additional members by baptism: James T. Bird and J. Hearn.

September 1860

Bro. Joseph Dabbs served as moderator. A charge preferred at the last meeting was laid over. Bro. W.H. Whitaker was reported to the church for joining the Methodist Church. On motion Bro. H. B. Webb was appointed to write a letter to Sister Dunlap to report to the next conference. Elder B.F. Willis was chosen as pastor

and moderator for the ensuing year. Bro. J.L. Welch and ? Boswell to wait on Bro. Willis.

Since the reference is to the Methodist church, it would appear that the church was located nearby and possibly meeting in the same church house as the members of Salem.

NOTE: One W.F.I. Whitaker was later County Superintendent of County Education in Lauderdale County, Mississi,ppi.

10/27/1860

The church met in conference after service by Bro. Bunyard. The moderator was Bro. Josiah Dabbs. Received two servant girls: Rachel and Virginia, property of Bro. J.P. Welch. Bro. A.C.Hardin expelled from the fellowship of the church. Sister Mary Dunlap was likewise excluded. Sister Hannah Odom was reported to have joined the Methodist Church and was unanimously excluded from the fellowship of the church.

NOTE: Some Hardins lived on the Liberty Road east of the point where it joined the Alamucha/Whynot Road and was known as Hardin Row.

November 1860

Service by Bros. Watson and Bunyard. Chose Bro. J.K. Ryan as pastor for the ensuing year.

December 1860

Service by J.K. Ryan who accepted the call as pastor of the church.

January 1861

No conference due to the weather.

February 1861

Bro. H.B. Webb appointed as moderator pro-tem. A committee consisting of Bros. J.L. Welch and H.B. Webb to inform Bro. Ryan that the Salem Church has failed to agree to remunerate him as he expected and for him to report at the next meeting. A letter of dismission granted Bro. John L. Hodge.

March 1861

Service by Bro. Ryan who agreed to preach to them even though the church had failed to agree on his salary.

April 1861

Bro. William Drinkard sent in a confession and applied for a letter. On motion Bro. Clark requested the church to write him a letter to the effect that he must be present to make his confession. Bro. Enoch Spinks granted letter of dismissal.

May 1861

Bro. H. B. Webb reported a difficulty between Brethren Knott, Bragg and McCarty. A committee consisting of Brethren Webb, J.L. Welch, E.E. Pack and J.L. Rainer to wait on said brethren and effect a reconciliation if possible and report to the next conference. During this period W.W. Hall was the church clerk and J.K. Ryan was the pastor and moderator.

June 1861

Service by pastor J.K. Ryan. The committee to see Brethren McCarty, Knott and Bragg reported they had failed to effect a reconciliation among said Brethren. The specific difficulty not recorded in the church minutes. The church then voted to call in help from Mt. Gilead, Mt. Moriah and Bethel. A committee consisting of three members from each church plus three from Salem (Bros. Clay, W.W. Spinks and William Wilkerson). The said committee to have full power to settle in their own way the above difficulty. The committee to meet on Friday before the next conference.

7/26/1861

The conference organized by prayer and praise by Elder B.F. Willis who served as moderator. On the committee from the various churches were as follows: From Mt. Moriah - Brethren Davis, Isham Bunyard and Rayner; From Bethel - Brothers Timothy Pigford, James Thornton and Thomas P. Wiggins; From Salem - Brothers B. Clay, W.W. Spinks and William Wilkerson.

Saturday 7/27/1861

Met in conference with preaching by Elder B.F. Willis. Sermon on the occasion from 1st Peter 18th verse. The above committee reported and was discharged. For some reason the church after consideration found that the committee was not in accordance with proper formality, when, thanks be to God, the parties concerned arose in open conference and shook hands as friends and brethren, which terminated the case. Letters of dismissal granted Bro. J. L. Rainer and Sister Mary A. Rainer.

The following resolution was presented by W.W. Hall which after being read was adopted and ordered spread upon the minutes:

Tribute of respect to the late Joseph Boswell. Whereas it has pleased great God of the universe in his wisdom to remove by death from the Alamucha Infantry on duty at Union, Tennessee our beloved and esteemed young Brother Joseph Boswell and whereas we his brethren of Salem Baptist Church desire to pay his memory the last tribute of respect due him as a worthy member of our church.

Therefore, be it resolved that in the death of Brother Joseph Boswell the church has lost an esteemable member and the Alamucha Infantry a valued soldier. Resolved that Salem Church do mourn his loss but not as those who have no hope. Resolved that we deeply sympathise with his widowed mother and relatives in their great bereavement but their loss is his gain. Resolved that Brother Clark be in church to hand a copy of this resolution to the mother of the deceased and that it be spread upon the minutes.

August 1861

After service by Bro. Haynes the church met in conference. Bro. James R. Lowe reported himself to the church as guilty of unchristian conduct. Confessing his guilt he begged the church to forgive him. On motion and second a committee (Brethren Webb, Hall and J. L. Welch) appointed to inquire into the matter and report at the next meeting. The church chose Brethren J.P. Welch, H.B. Webb and A.R. Clay as Association delegates with alternates W.W. Spinks, W.W. Hall and E.E. Pack.

September 1861

Service by moderator Brother Ryan. The case of Bro. James R. Lowe was taken up after the committee report by J. L. Welch. On motion and second Bro. Lowe was expelled from the fellowship of the church.

October 1861

Brother Thomas Glass served as moderator.

November 1861

No conference.

December 1861

Service by Brother B.F. Willis. Bro. Drinkard, Sister Mary Newton, Bro. Glass and wife and their servant, Betty, were granted letters of dismissal. Brother B.F. Willis chosen as pastor.

January 1862

Service by Brother B.F. Willis.

February 1862

Service by Brother B.F. Willis. Bro. E.E. Pack served as moderator. Bro. B.K. Bragg was reported to the church for drunkenness on which a charge was preferred; the case laid over until the next meeting. Bros. Boswell and Pack to wait on Bro. Bragg and request him to answer the charge at the next meeting.

March 1862

Service by Brethren B.C. Harrell and B.F. Willis. Received Theopolos Donald by letter. Bro. B. K. Bragg was expelled from fellowship. The church agreed to appoint Friday before the 4th Sabbath next month as a day of fasting and prayer for the people of the church and the Confederate States and Army.

April and May 1862

No conference.

June 1862

Service by Brother Harrell. Bro. R.H. Camp served as moderator. Correspondence called for from Bros. Thompson and Harrell from Bethel Church. Also, from Bros. Camp and Ross from Mt.Gilead. A letter of dismissal granted Sister Susan McCarty.

July 1862

Service by the pastor, Brother B.F. Willis. Sister Rebecca Welch granted a letter of dismissal.

August 1862

Bro. H.B. Webb served as moderator. A letter of dismissal granted Sister Jane Evans. Bros. W.W. Hall, H.B. Webb and J.P. Welch appointed delegates to the Choctaw Association Conference.

September 1862 No conference.

October 1862

Services by Brother B.F. Willis. James Boswell served as church clerk pro-tem. November 1862

Service by Rev. R. Brown. William C. Crocker was restored to the full fellowship of the church after an acknowledgment to the effect that the church was correct in excluding him.

December 1862 No conference. -74-

January 1863

Service by Brother B.F. Willis. Letters of dismissal granted Bro. James W. Crocker, Sister Hannah Crocker, and their daughters, Sara A. and Martha J.

NOTE: Apparently there was no conference in February 1863. There were no minutes.

March 1863

Brother H.B. Webb served as moderator.

Fourth Sabbath - March 1863

Bro. H.B. Webb appointed moderator in absence of a pastor. The church chose Bro. H. (Hardy) Yarbrough as pastor for the remainder of the year.

April 1863

After service by Brothers Yarbrough and Willis the church met in conference. The church received a letter from Bro. West, Chaplain of the 13th Mississippi Regiment, and William H. Carrell, Baptist Minister Missionary Board, Marion, Alabama, now laboring with the 13th Mississippi Regiment at Fredericksburg, Virginia, in relation to L.C. Carmack, an excommunicated member of Salem Church, desiring to be restored to fellowship of the church. After deliberations the church restored L.C. Carmack to full membership and ordered the church to inform him of same by letter. W.W. Ball was church clerk.

May 1863

Moderator Brother H. Yarbrough. Received by letter Elder R. Y. Rasberry and wife, Martha M. Rasberry, Sister F.E. Rasberry, Sister M.J. Rasberry and Brother W.C. Rasberry.

June 1863 No conference.

July 1863

Service by moderator H. Yarbrough.

August 1863

Services by Brethren Rasberry and Yarbrough. Received Bro. William W. Drinkard. Bro. R.A. Clay was reported for dancing. Bros. W.W. Hall and H.B. Webb to cite him to the next meeting. Appointed Brethren R.Y. Rasberry, W.W. Hall and H. B. Webb as Association delegates with alternates J.P. Welch and James Boswell.

September and October 1863 Unable to find minutes.

November 1863

Service by Brother Yarbrough. Bro. R.Y. Rasberry acting as church clerk. Church fellowship was withdrawn from Bro. Clay. Bro. Rasberry requested to write Bro. James B. McLelland, clerk of the Choctaw Association, stating the reason of the church's nonattendance and asking for a statement of indebtedness to the Association. Bro. Hardy Yarbrough chosen as pastor for the ensuing year and J.P. Welch chosen as church clerk.

December 1863 No minutes.

1/23/1864

Preaciing by Brother Yarbrough. Upon request by J.P. Welch he was released of duties of church clerk and Bro. James Boswell assigned same.

March and April 1864 No minutes.

May 1864

Service by Brethren H. Yarbrough and R.Y. Rasberry.

June 1864

Service by Brother H. Yarbrough. Bro. James Boswell upon request was relieved of duties as church clerk.

July 1864

Service by the moderator and Brother Brown. Bro. W.W. Hall elected church clerk.

August through December 1864 No minutes

January and February 1865 No minutes

March 1865

The clerk read a communication from Bro. W.D. Northrop stating that Jerry (Jere) Hayman, formerly a member of the church but excluded for drunkenness about 20 years ago, now desires to make his acknowledgment through Bro. Northrop to the church. He would have liked to have made the acknowledgment in person but was prevented by his being in the army. The church took up the matter and restored Bro. Hayman to full membership, then granted a letter of dismissal.

Brother Hayman later joined the Ebenezer Baptist Church near present Causeyville, and still later moved to Texas after living in Clarke County, Mississippi.

April and May 1865 No minutes

June 1865

Brother R.H. Camp chosen as pastor for the remainder of the year; Brother J.B. Eaves served as moderator for the meeting. Bros. Pierce and Eastia to notify Bro. R.H. Camp of the church call. Granted letter of dismissal to Sister Elisa Sturdivant.

July 1865 No minutes

August 1865

Service by Brother R.H. Camp. Sister Martha A. Lewis was reported to the church for unchristian conduct and evidence being positive, she was expelled from the church. Sister Mary N. Hall was reported to the church for dancing. A committee of Sisters Webb, Hearn and Walker to visit her, informing her of the charge and citing her to the next conference. Bros. W.A. Sims, J.A. Pack chosen as delegates to the Choctaw Association and B.F. Collier as alternate. Delegates were to request a letter of dismissal from the Choctaw Association. Church to join the Bethlehem Association as it was more convenient.

September 1865

Service by Brother R. H. Camp. Sister M.V. Hall's case postponed until the next meeting. B.F. Collier chosen as deacon.

October 1865

On motion the church agreed to bear with Sister M.V. Hall. Two black Sisters, Diary and Sylvia Bragg, were reported for unchristian conduct. A committee of black Brothers Pack and Robert assigned to cite them to the next conference. Sister Jane Spinks was granted a letter of dismissal. On motion and second the church agreed to call a presbytery for the purpose of dissolving the church. The delegates again failed to go to the Association; therefore, the money in their hands was given to the pastor, R.H. Camp. The church to write Brethren Ryan, Yarbrough and Brunson to act as presbytery in dissolving the church.

November 1865

Service by Brother Mandy. The black Sisters, Mary and Sylvia Bragg, were expelled from the church for disorderly conduct. The church agreed with all 24 members (total membership) voting to NOT dissolve the church and to strive on and to live in gospel order.

Letters of dismissal granted the following members: Bro. W.A. Sims and wife, Sarah M.V.; Sister Mary Wilkerson; Sister Jane A.C. Phillips, Bro. Jesse B. Eaves and wife, Malissa Diatha Eaves; Bro. John Matthews and wife, Kesiah (Kiziah); Bro. Jonathan Culpepper; Bro. B.F. Collier and wife; black Sister Sarah Burr. The church gave Sister Ann Linyard a letter of dismissal as the original had been lost.

December 1865

Service by William D. Northrop. A letter of dismissal granted Sister Portis.

January 1866

The church agreed to change meeting back to Saturday before the 4th Sabbath.

February 1866 No conference.

March 1866

Bro. Donald was reported to the church for dancing. Bro. J. P. Welch appointed to cite him to the next meeting. R.H. Camp served as moderator.

April 1866

Bro. J.P. Welch reported he had not seen Bro. T.T. Donald and was ordered to continue. The church chose A.F. Rainer and Elija Walker as deacons. Sister Charlotte (wife of deceased Isaac Spinks) was granted a letter of dismissal.

May 1866

Bro. T.T. Donald made an acknowledgment and was restored to full membership.

NOTE: The minutes now jump to April 1867

April 1867

Service by Bro. Watson. While on new business, the church being out of order, the brothers present all shook hands and acknowledged their sins of commission and omission. A committee appointed to see the members of the church and cite them to attend on next regular meeting day.

May 1867 No minutes.

June 1867

The committee to visit all members gave their report. This was the number of members cited to attend and the number who failed to attend. (No figures listed in minutes). Brother Watson moderator and H.M. McDonald church clerk.

July 1867

Bro. Drinkard came forward and made a confession of being intoxicated and was forgiven. The church agreed to withhold the letter of John Matthews and Sister Charlotte Spinks until they came forward and gave satisfaction to the church. (No reason listed in the minutes.) A letter of dismissal granted to black Sisters Nancy Spinks and Kisloe Shamburger. James M. McDonald came forward and was received by letter. James M. McDonald was then chosen as the church clerk.

August 1867

Leith only a few in attendance the conference broke up after singing and prayer. The next day (Sabbath) service was by Brother Watson. Sister Charlotte Spinks was granted a letter of dismissal by the church as she was present at church services.

September 1867

Bro. James M. McDonald chosen as delegate to the Baptist Choctaw Association with Bro. A.J. Rayner as alternate. Bro. Hardy Yarbrough called to preach at Salem. Bro. A.J. Rayner along with his wife, C.C. Rayner, granted letters of dismissal. Also, Bro. F.J. Wilkerson and wife, Nancy Wilkerson, were granted letters of dismissal. The church clerk appointed to write for a letter of dismissal from the Baptist Choctaw Association for the purpose of the church joining the Liberty Association. Bro. John Pierce gave \$.05 and A. Eastis gave \$.45 to buy paper for the church. Bro. J.P. Welch gave half quire, roughly 12 loose sheets, of paper.

October 1867 No conference

November 1867

Mrs. Margaret A. DeWitt, through the clerk, requested a letter of dismissal which was granted. On the following Sunday the Salem Baptist Church of Christ met for services.

December 1867 and January 1868 No conferences

February 1868

Received Sister Matilda Hooks by letter. Sister Emily Lacy

was issued a letter of dismissal. William H. Farrer moderator pro-tem.

March 1868

Sermon by Bro. Hardy Yarbrough. The John Matthews case taken up and on account of his feeble health the church concluded to give him more time. The charge against Bro. Matthews not recorded in the minutes. The following were granted letters of dismissal:

Bro. Jesse Pack and his wife; Bro. John Lowe and wife; Sister Webb; Sister J. O'Neal; Sister Pack, the old lady; Bro. Walker and wife; Bro. John Pearce; and Sister S. A. Hardin.

April 1868

Service by Bro. Hardy Yarbrough. Granted letters of dismissal to Bro. D.A. Crocker and Sister Mary V. Carmack. Sister Lucy Webb and Jane E. O'Neal declined taking their letters which had been requested. Also, letters of dismissal granted Sisters S.A. Hardin and Julia Ann Boswell.

May 1868

No conference. Only a few people came to the meeting.

June 1868

The charge against Bro. John Matthews was withdrawn. Letters of dismissal granted to Sister O.C. Bozeman.

July 1868

Services by Brothers Hardy Yarbrough and Ray.

August 1868

On motion and second the names of the members of Salem Church were called and all members that could not be accounted for were considered in disorder. All freedmen and freedwomen that are members of this church, on motion and second, are no longer considered members.

At about this time the New Salem Baptist Church was organized by the freedmen and freedwomen of the Salem Baptist Church plus perhaps other black individuals. The church was located on a bluff in front of the Manuel Moss place which was located north off the northern section of the Whynot Loop at Whynot, Lauderdale County, MS. The church was situated near the road that did lead from the Liberty Road at Alamucha, Whynot, then on to Yantley, Alabama, with other roads leading to Snell and other points. Years ago this road

branching off the Liberty Road was heavily populated. Most of this area is now owned by the International Paper Company. This once heavily traveled road now only exists in bits and pieces. Although it is not mentioned, it is thought that members of the Salem Baptist Church assisted blacks to establish their church. This act is specified in the Old Ebenezer Baptist Church minutes. For example, the church books were lent to black brothers for the setting up of their church books.

After the present road from Alamucha to Whynot was constructed (the compiler remembers as a boy watching Lauderdale County convicts working on the road), the New Salem Baptist Church was moved to about a half-way point on the newly constructed road between Alamucha and Whynot. The church was located on the left side of the road traveling from Whynot to Alamucha. There was and is a cemetery a short way from the church, on the right going toward Alamucha. It is not known what cemetery this is or whether it is a black or a white cemetery. All graves are unmarked. There was also a white school, later a black school, located in this general area, at the top of the Joe Long Hill. One story the compiler heard as a child was that a murder had been committed at this school house (of which there is no proof... A child slung against the side of the school building and dying from a brain hemorrhage.)

The Joe Long Hill itself is considered haunted by a number of people (including the compiler). For years there was one tree on which moss grew, with no moss on the surrounding trees. Compiler's grandfather, Tom A. Means, and compiler's mother, Sallie Portis Means Dawson, were traveling in a buggy one night up this hill, returning home to Whynot when a scary thing happened: A red glowing ball came out of nowhere and settled for a few seconds in the baggage compartment back of the buggy seat. This not only terrified the occupants but the horse as well and the horse bolted for home.

A few years ago, in about 1983, the New Salem Baptist Church relocated to Whynot in order to receive electrical service. The land for the church was donated by the heirs of Mr. Son and Cynthia Nettles, the land formerly being the John W. Gough place. Rev. M. C. Thompson is the present pastor of the church.

NOW, continuing with the August Term 1868 Salem Baptist Church minutes:

On motion and second Bro. Jack Crawford was excluded from the church. Also, Bro. Leonard Cammack was excluded. Delegates to

the Bethlehem Association chosen were Bros. Elgie Walker and Jesse A. Pack. James M. McDonald chosen as alternate.

September 1868

Moved and seconded that Salem Church become attached to the Liberty Association instead of the Bethlehem Association. **It appears the church was still associated with the Choctaw Baptist Association and never joined the Bethlehem Association.**

October 1868

Service by Bro. Hardy Yarbrough. There being only a small turnout there was no conference.

November 1868 There was no conference.

December 1868 There was no conference due to the weather.

January 1869 through July 1869

No conference due to the absence of pastor. Due to the fact that the church had no pastor during the period January to August 1869, there were no conference meetings.

August 1869

The church moved that the church book be revised. Moved that a committee be appointed (a non-attendance committee). Bro. J. Pack to see Bro. T. Donald; Bro. McDonald to see Bro. Welch; and Bro. Eastis to see Bro. Eastis; and Bro. Drinkard to see Bro. Wiggins and Bro. T.J. Hearn. Granted letter of dismissal to Sister Nancy Boswell.

NOTE: The next entry is October, 1870. This must have been a most trying time for those who desired to keep the church active and in operation.

October 1870

Sermon by Brother Albert Hill. There was no conference.

November 1870

Service by Brother J. Albert Hill. The church voted for the church to meet Saturday before the 4th Lord's Day in December for the purpose of dissolving the church. This was the second time the church approved a motion to dissolve the church.

December 1870

Apparently there was no conference; the matter not considered.

January 1871

The church moved that the resolution before it (to dissolve the church) be reconsidered. The church voted unanimously for her (the church) to stand as she was. Bro. J. Albert Hill called as pastor. Granted Lucy M. McDonald a letter of dismissal.

February 1871

Sermon by Brother J. A. Hill.

March 1871

Sister Mary E. Dearman (formerly Wilkerson) presented herself stating that she had once applied for a letter of dismissal which was granted. She stated that she had never received it and now wished membership again in the church which heartily voted her into the church and the hand of fellowship was extended to her. The church elected officers, which resulted in the following: C. H. Wiggins - secretary; Andrew Eastis and Jesse Pack to the office of deaconship. A committee appointed to see delinquent members and request they meet with the church. The church sent letter to Mt. Moriah Church requesting her to change her regular appointment from the fourth Sabbath to some other day.

4/21/1871

The following members who had been granted letters returned same desiring membership again: Brother Jesse A. Pack and Arkansas Pack, his wife; Brother John C. Lowe and Margaret M. Lowe, his wife; and Sister Mary R. Pack.

A report on delinquent members given by the committee (Jesse A. Pack, C.H. Wiggins and Jonathan Culpepper) as follows: Bro. B.F. Collier promised to attend but failed to so do; Bro. ? Hearn wished to remain a member and hoped the church would bear with him; Sisters M. M. Reed and Ellen Collier rendered plausible excuses. Brother William M. Drinkard restored after giving satisfactory acknowledgment.

5/28/1871

Bro. William J. Pack and wife; Sara Pack, presented their letters which the church accepted.

6/24/1871

Bro. James Bird granted letter of dismissal. Bro. John L. Wiggins received by letter.

7/22/1871

The church requested all members to meet at the graveyard on the first day of August next for the purpose of putting the graveyard in order. This is the first mention of maintenance of the cemetery. Salem Baptist Church had both a white and a black cemetery.

8/26/1871

Sister Mary E. Moody granted letter of dismissal. Elected Bros. Jesse A. Pack and John H. Culpepper as delegates to the Liberty Association. Bro. William Pack alternate.

Sometime between 1868 and 1871 the church joined the Liberty Baptist Association.

8/27/1871

Received Nancy C. Jarman under the watch care of the church until she could secure her letter from another church.

8/31/1871

Protracted meeting was held where the following were received by experience: James Nettles, Thomas Webb, Bridges O'Neal and Miss Edwina Webb.

9/23/1871

W.W. Hall appointed to act as moderator for the day in absence of the pastor.

It was during this period that the church commenced to read and approve the minutes of the last meeting.

Again chose J.A. Hill as pastor.

10/27/1871

Made arrangements for the repair of the church and graveyard through a committee consisting of Brethren J.H. Culpepper, J.L. Wiggins and Jesse A. Pack. Work to continue until all the repairs were completed and the graveyard clean.

10/30/1871

Sister O'Shelly C. Bozeman re-united with the church by presenting her letter. This was the wife of Peter Bozeman.

11/26/1871

Sermon by Bro. J.A. Hill. Sister Nancy C. Jarman who had been under the watch care of the church was able to present a letter of dismissal from another church and was received into full fellowship. Bro. J.A. Hill advised the church he would be unable to serve during the ensuing year.

12/23/1871

Service by Bro. J.A. Hill. The church extended the right hand of fellowship to Bro. Frank Price who was baptised at the previous meeting. The church moved and seconded that a conference be called on 12/24/1871 to come to some definite conclusion about rebuilding the church.

On 12/24/1871 this committee (composed of Brethren Andrew Eastis, Dr. J.P. Welch, C.H. Wiggins, Jesse A. Pack and J. L. Wiggins) ruled they would meet on Tuesday next for the purpose of letting out the contract for the rebuilding of the Salem Church. It also was decided that the said church should be a union church for the use and benefit of the Baptist and the Methodist denominations.

The church to be torn down would be the church that had two front entrances, and where the males sat on one side up front with the females on the opposite side. The children sat behind the adults and the slaves sat in the balcony.

As best as can be determined the new church was built sometime in 1872. The first Salem Church members first met in a long building and continued to meet there until 1853 when a new church was built which contained the separate seating arrangements. The church was torn down and a new church built in 1872. Thus, there were three (3) different buildings by 1872 on the same approximate location.

Church Building Committee	
for the rebuilding of Salem Church.....	\$360.00
J. P. Welch.....	\$50.00
John H. Culpepper.....	\$10.00
Jesse B. Eaves.....	\$5.00
John Lowe.....	\$5.00
C. H. Wiggins.....	\$25.00
H. D. Culpepper.....	\$10.00
Andrew Eastis.....	\$15.00
Samuel H. Shannon.....	\$5.00
C. H. Wiggins Clected on subscriptions.....	\$28.50
John R. McLaurin.....	\$5.00
Billy Webb.....	\$5.00
John H. Culpepper.....	\$10.00
Total.....	\$173.50

When the church re-organized in 1871 the following were active members:

W. W. Hall	C. H. Wiggins	Dr. J. E. Knott
H. D. Culpepper	J. H. Culpepper	Dr. J. P. Welch
T. T. Donald	William M. Drinkard	Elijah Shamburger
Andrew Eastist	J. M. McDonald	(who died in 1873)
(who died 7/10/1872)	Jesse A. Pack	J. M. Lowe
William J. Pack	James Bird	F. J. Hearn
L. L. Wiggins	George W. Lowe	Con Bell
J. W. Sims	G. W. Webb	James W. McCoy
James L. Blanks	James Nettles	Thomas Webb
Bridges O'Neal	Frank Pierce	E. Hall

October 27, 1871

Church made arrangements to repair the church. **The church at this point very active in attempting to get former members to return to church.**

1/27/1872

Bro. Jonathan Culpepper appointed to the building committee replacing Bro. J. Wiggins.

2/24/1872

Preaching by Bro. A. T. Fairer (Farrer). There is mention of a Brother Fairor (Farrer?) being a delinquent member. Bro. J. Hearn was excluded for disorderly conduct, profane swearing, drunkenness and refusing to attend church.

3/23/1872

The church voted to bear with Bro. Donald.

4/20/1872

The church voted to send delegates to the Baptist State Convention to be held at Meridian on 5/30/1872. The delegates were Brothers A. T. Fairor (Farrer) and J. H. Culpepper.

5/26/1872

The church authorized the delegates to the Baptist State Convention to vote in favor of the Baptist holding on to the Orphans' Home.

6/22/1872

The church moved and seconded that the erasing of the 18th Article from the Rules of Decorum be postponed until next conference.

7/27/1872

The church voted to let all Rules of Decorum stand as they were. The church building committee having performed its duties was discharged. Bro. J.P. Welch was forgiven for using bad language. Bro. J. H. Culpepper appointed to see Bro. Frank Pearce and request he attend church and make a satisfactory acknowledgment for bad conduct. Bro. Jesse A. Pack acknowledged to the church for becoming angry with a black and was granted a pardon.

August 1872

Service by Bro. F. Freeman. A report given by the attendance committee. They stated that Bro. William M. Drinkard informed them that he was in the employ of another man attending to a public mill and if he left (the mill) he would be discharged and also unfortunately he had been guilty of drinking too much whiskey and asked for forgiveness through the committee. The matter laid over until the next meeting. Bro. Theophili Donald made acknowledgment and was received by the church. Bro. Pearce granted a pardon. Bro. Jesse A. Pack reported to the church that Sister Eddie Webb had quit Salem Church and had united with the Methodist Episcopal Church. A committee ordered to wait on her. The church at the next meeting to elect a deacon to replace Andrew Eastis whom the church had lost by death. Elected the following delegates to the Bethlehem Association: J.M. Lowe and Jesse A. Pack, with J. H. Culpepper alternate. On motion and second Bro. C.H. Wiggins was appointed to draft a resolution relative to the death of Brother Andrew Eastis who died at his residence on 10 July 1872. The following resolution to be spread upon the minutes:

Whereas in the providence of Almighty God it has pleased Him to take from our midst our beloved Brother Deacon Andrew Eastis:

1. Resolved that in his death our church has lost its oldest and one of its most faithful and zealous members, and while we bow in submission to the will of God we feel heartfelt sorrow at the loss we have sustained;

2. Resolved that in him we recognized a good neighbor, an honest, upright citizen and a faithful Christian

3. Resolved that we as a brotherhood strive to imitate his virtues, that we may be counted worthy to unite with him in God's praises on the shores of eternity when death and parting will be no more,

4. Resolved that we tender Christian condolences to our Sister, his aged companion, and to the children of our deceased Brother and assure them of our warmest sympathies;

5. Resolved that this resolution be spread upon the minutes and a copy of same be furnished the family.

September 1872

Sister Eddie Webb allowed more time to report by the church. Bro. William Pack who held a deacon certificate from Elam Church in Clark County, Alabama, was selected to replace Bro. Andrew Eastis. The church moved that the pastoral year for the church shall commence and close with the Association year.

October 1872

Sister Eddie Webb was excluded from the church membership. On motion and second a letter of dismissal was granted to black Sister Jane Welch. It should be noted that back in August 1863 all freedmen and freedwomen were no longer considered members of the church. The above indicates that Sister Jane Welch remained a member until granted a letter of dismissal in September 1872.

10/26/1872

A letter of dismissal granted Bro. George W. Lowe, The church decided to pay \$.25 per member annually to the Orphans Home. Elected Bro. A. T. Farror (Farrer) as pastor, who, being present, accepted.

11/23/1872

Bro. William M. Drinkard allowed more time to make his acknowledgment to the church. A.T. Farror moderator and C.H. Wiggins church clerk.

1/26/1873

Apparently there was no December 1872 conference.
Bro. William M. Drinkard was forgiven by the church.

2/22/1873

The church was concerned as to how the money pledged to the Orphans home was to be used and the pastor was directed to inform the secretary of the Home that the church refused to act until the June Convention (6/1873). Bro. Elijah Shamburger reported for using profane language. This case laid over until next meeting.

April 1873

No minutes on March 1873 Conference. Con Bell and his wife came forward with a letter of dismissal from Mt. Moriah Church and were made members of Salem Church. The case of Elijah Shamburger deferred until the next meeting. Bro. William Drinkard reported for intoxication and the matter deferred until the next meeting.

Bro. J.P. Welch replaced C.H. Wiggins as church clerk. Black Sister Hager Pack called for a letter of dismissal which was granted.

5/3/1873

The case of Bro. Elijah Shamburger laid over. Bro. William M. Drinkard, through his son, James Drinkard, made an acknowledgment and was forgiven.

6/31/1873

Service by A.T. Farror. Bro. Elijah Shamburger made an acknowledgment and was forgiven.

During this period and perhaps sometime before, the requirement that a male had to request a letter of dismissal for a female was discontinued.

7/3/1873

Bro. Frank Pierce reported as giving false testimony in giving evidence in circuit court. Bro. Jesse Pack volunteered to see him. The committee to the Baptist Convention reported that the Lauderdale Orphan House was the property of the Baptist Convention of Mississippi. The church therefore felt bound to contribute as earlier specified.

It is clear now that the Orphan Home referred to earlier was located at Lauderdale (Lauderdale County) Mississippi (this at the then Lauderdale Springs, now Lauderdale).

August 1873

Bro. Pack who was to see Bro. Frank Pierce asked for more time, which was granted. Bro. J.H. Culpepper reported himself for fighting for which he expressed sorrow and was granted forgiveness.

September 1873

Service by the pastor. There are other minutes which are not readable due to being written in pencil.

October 1873

The case of Bro. Frank Pierce laid over. The church pledged \$5.00 to the Association for Missionary purposes.

11/22/1873

Sermon by Brother A.T. Farror.

December 1873 No business.

1/24/1874 Service by Brother EA. T. Farror.

2/21/1874

On motion and second the nickle system or plan for raising funds for aiding in the various church purposes was adopted.

March 1874

Bro. J.W. Sims came forward and presented letters of dismissal from Mt. Gilead Church and was received. Bro. Thomas Webb made satisfying acknowledgment for dancing and was pardoned.

April 1874 Sermon by A. T. Farror.

May 1874

The case of Bro. Frank Pierce was taken up. On motion and second Bro. J.P. Welch requested to obtain a written certified statement from his two sons, William T. and George Welch, as to the truthfulness of the charge preferred against Bro. Pierce. The church refused to accept Bro. William M. Drinkard's proxy acknowledgment.

June 1874

Dr. J.P. Welch presented statements from his sons, William T. and Warren. These statements read in proof of the charges against Bro. Frank Pierce for swearing falsely in a certain manner before the court; whereas, on motion and second, Bro. Frank Pierce was excluded. Bro. Frank Pierce failed to appear for his trial. Bro. William M. Drinkard appeared and made satisfactory acknowledgment, when he was pardoned with the church hoping he would not be guilty any more. Bro. J.P. Welch made acknowledgment of having done wrong and asked forgiveness which was granted.

The following is a copy of the certification Bro. J.P. Welch obtained from his sons in the case of Bro. Frank Pierce:

This is to certify that I was present on the trial of W.W. Pearce in the circuit court at the May term 1873 and that his son, Frank Pierce, in giving his testimony in favor of his father did in my estimation perjure himself in that he swore falsely in a certain manner before the court-signed by William T. Welch on 6/21/1873.

7/25/1874

Service by Bro. A.T. Farror. Received Bro. G.D. Webb and wife from Mt. Moriah Church. Bro. David Culpepper, T. T. Donald and James

R. McDonald having failed to attend several meetings were to be contacted by Bro. William Pack, James Pack and J.L. Wiggins, and asked to attend. Brethren Jesse A. Pack, Thomas Webb and A. T. Farrar appointed delegates to Bethlehem Association.

August 1874

Service by Brother A.T. Farror. The church apologized to Brother McDonald who was not guilty of non-attendance. Bro. T.T. Donald appeared and made suitable acknowledgment for non-attendance. Brother J.L. Wiggins granted more time to see Bro. David Culpepper.

When approving the minutes of the last meeting the church expunged from the minutes that part relating to the relieving of the wants of old sister Anna Welch. There are no minutes of this matter in the July 1874 minutes; apparently the Sister made some type of request, which was withdrawn.

The church received and baptised M.C. Bell, Ed Bell, Laura McCoy and Mollie Collier.

September 1874 No conference

October 1874

Preaching by Bro. A.T. Farrar. The church received by letter Sister Mary A. Davidson from the Toomsaba Baptist Church, Sister Louisa Smith from Mount Moriah and Thomas W. McCoy from the Blackwater Baptist Church, Kemper County. The church resolves: that each male member of the church would be taxed to pay \$.50 annually to defray incidental church expenses. Bro. A.T. Farrar resigned as pastor and was replaced by Bro. Hardy Yarbrough.

November and December 1874 No conference

January 1875

Bro. J.E. Knott granted letter of dismissal. Black Sister Mariah Commack granted a letter of dismissal. The church discussed changing Article 18 of the Rules of Decorum. This pertained to non-attendance.

February 1875

Service by Bro. Hardy Yarbrough. Received Sister Mattie Sims by letter from Mt. Moriah Church. Bro. H.D. Culpepper pardoned for non-attendance. Article 18 of the Rules of Decorum was changed to read: "Any male member of Salem Church who shall absent himself six regular conference meetings will be required to explain the cause of such absence to the church, unless such absence is known by (continued on next page)

some member of the church who is present as being unavoidable, whose duty it shall be to report the same without delay and in the case of failure to report the cause of such absence on the part of the absentee, either in person or by proxy, he shall be upon this charge excluded from the membership of this church." In further business the church repealed its resolution in support of the Orphans Home at Lauderdale, Miss.

March 1875 No conference

April 1875

 Sermon by Bro. Hardy Yarbrough. No other business.

May 1875

 Service by Bro. Hardy Yarbrough. No other business.

June 1875

 A letter of dismissal granted black Sister Winey Hearn.

July 1875

 No conference due to illness of pastor.

August 1875

 Services by Bros. Yarbrough and Beavers. Bro. Thomas Webb forgiven for fighting after a satisfactory acknowledgment to the church. The church elected the following to the Annual Association at Mlarion Station in September: Brethren Jesse A. Pack and John L. Wiggins, with J.P. Welch and William Pack as alternates; and ordered 15 copies of the Association Minutes. The church elected Brother Hardy Yarbrough as pastor for the ensuing year. Received the following when the church doors opened for reception: Brother James L. Blanks, an ordained deacon; Sister Catherine Blanks and Sister Lavina Welch by letter from the Union Grove Church in Lauderdale County, which had been dissolved; it is thought this church located somewhere in the present Russell area; ?Cudfo? Hall joined the church by experience and was baptised.

September 1875

 No conference due to illness of pastor.

October 1875

 Service by Bro. Hardy Yarbrough. Bro. L.A. Hall served as clerk pro-tem.

November 1875

Bro. L.A. Hall was liberated to exercise his gift in our church as well as in sister churches that may feel disposed to invite him.

December 1875

Received Bro. W.V. White by letter from the Union Grove Baptist Church.

January 1876

Bro. L.A. Hall granted letter of dismissal.

January 1876

Service by Bro. Hardy Yarbrough. Bro. Ed Bell reported to the church for drinking spirits and using profane language. Bros. James Blanks and Warren Sims appointed to see Bro. Bell and request he attend next conference and report his faults. Letter of dismissal granted Bro. T.W. MCCoy and his wife and Bro. James Nettles.

April 1876

Service by Bro. Hardy Yarbrough and L.A. Hall. Bro. Ed Bell case laid over after deliberation.

May 1876

Bro. William J. Pack served as moderator. Bro. Ed Bell made satisfactory acknowledgment and was forgiven. Bro. William J. Pack reported Bro. Warren Sims for drinking. Bro. J.L. Wiggins appointed to see Bro. Sims.

NOTE: During this period of time only one person was appointed to labor with the person charged.

June 1876

No conference due to illness of pastor.

July 1876

Service by Bro. L.E. Hall. The charge against Bro. Warren Sims dismissed after he denied the charge. Bro. L.E. Hall elected pastor of the church for the ensuing year. Delegates to the Association Meeting to be held at Mt. Horeb Church were: Thomas Webb, L.E. Hall, with alternates J.O. Welch and J.L. Wiggins. The church called for the ordination of Brother L.L. Hall as minister at the coming Association Meeting and for the next Association (continued on next page)

Meeting to be held at Salem Church. Brethren Ed Bell and Thomas Webb appointed to see Bro. Vaughn to see if he would assist in a protracted meeting. Bro. Warren Sims granted letter of dismissal.

August 1876 Preaching by Brother L.E. Hall.

September 1876

Bro. L.E. Hall was ordained after a series of days of protracted meeting, by Brethren Vaughn, Camp and Beavers. The church experienced a time of rejoicing in its midst resulting in additions to the church. The church received the following by letter: James E. Knott, Charles Briggs and Miss Ann White; and, by experience: William T. Welch, Thomas White, Edmond Welch, Berry Hearn and Florence Godwin.

October 1876

Service by L.E. Hall. Bro. T.T. Donald charged with being guilty of fighting. Bros. William J. Pack and Flick Webb appointed to see him and request he attend the next conference. Sister Ann White placed under the watch care of the church until a letter of dismissal could be secured from her former church. The church voted to support a missionary of the Association to be sent to preach to the destitute within the bounds of the Association.

November 1876

Preaching by Bro. L.E. Hall. Another committee appointed to work with Bro. T.T. Donald, who had failed to report to the conference meeting.

December 1876

Received by letter Sister C.A. Hall from Mt. Gilead Church.

January 1877

Bro. T.T. Donald sent in acknowledgment through the committee that he was guilty and that he was sorry that he was unable to attend due to the distance and being employed on the railroad. On motion and second he was pardoned.

February 1877

Service by Bro. J.D. Stone. Sister Florence Godwin granted a letter of dismissal.

March 1877

Service by Bro. L.E. Hall, pastor in charge. Church in peace and harmony.

April and May 1877

Church in peace and harmony.

June 1877

The church authorized Salem members to receive members into the church if any should make application for membership during the two (2) day meeting to be held at Pack's School House commencing on Saturday before the 3rd Sabbath in July 1877. **Pack School House was located near Cuba, Alabama, during this time.**

July 1877

Received Bro. W.A. Sims by letter from Marion Baptist Church. Elected the following delegates to the Association Meeting to be held at Sownlovie Church: J. H. Culpepper and J. L. Wiggins, with J.P. Welch as alternate.

August 1877

Bro. George W. McElroy made application for restoration to membership through Bro. L.E. Hall, which on motion and second was cheerfully granted. Due to the fact the church was entitled to three delegates attending the Association, Bro. William O'Neal volunteered to be the third delegate. Bro. Preston B. Woodward granted a letter of dismissal. The church moved that funds now in the hands of the church treasurer, Bro. J.L. Wiggins, be appropriated to the association. A list of members added to the church during the several meetings at the Pack School House, Cuba, Alabama, and Salem Church were as follows:

Ida Collier	Lewis Warren	Willie Pack
Edgar Donald	Thomas May	*William Petigrew*
William Donald	Mollie Moon	Alice Smith
C. E. Drinkard	M. A. Moody	Sarah Webb
Thomas Gathright	Nancy Moody	Eugenia Welch
Sarah Glover	William O'Neal	John Welch
Laura Hightower	Mollie Pack	F. E. White

*William Petigrew is mentioned, but compiler was unable to ascertain whether he joined the church or received a letter of dismissal.

September 1877

No conference.

October 1877

Bro. (Dr.) J.P. Welch made acknowledgment for using profane language and was forgiven. The church voted to pay \$10.00 annually to the Mission.

November 1877

Sermon by Brother L. E. Hall.

December 1877

The following received letters of dismissal from the church: Bro. Jesse A. Pack (Deacon); Sister Arkansas Pack; Bro. William J. Pack (Deacon); Sister Sarah Pack; Mollie Pack; and Willie Pack.

January 1878

NOTE: The bottom part of the page cut out. This could have contained the minutes for the conference; also, there might not have been a conference.

February 1878

In absence of the pastor, Bro. J.L. Blake., a deacon, acted as moderator. Received Bro. W.W. Hall by letter from the Meridian Baptist Church (formerly the Oakey Valley Baptist Church).

March 1878

Service by Bro. L.E. Hall. The church chose Bro. J.L. Wiggins as acting deacon until he could be ordained.

April 1878

Preaching by Bro. L.E. Hall with William T. Welch acting as clerk pro-tem.

May 1878

Received Brother Moody Sims by letter.

June 1878

No conference due to absence of pastor.

July 1878

Services by Bro. R.H. Camp, who also served as moderator. The church voted to meet on 8/12/1878 to work the grave yard.

August 1878

Service by Bro. McCarty. Elected Bro. L.E. Hall as pastor for the ensuing association year. Brethren W.A. Sims, J.P. Welch and T. M. Sims elected delegates to the Association Meeting at Mt. Gilead Church in October, with L.E. Hall as alternate. A letter of dismissal granted Bro. Thomas Webb. Received Bro. John May and his wife, Fanny May, and sister, Emma May, by letter. By experience received Ella Knott, Erwin Hooks and Sally Pack.

September 1878 Service by Brother L. E. Hall.

October 1878

No conference - owing to the yellow fever. **Attendance very low during this period.**

November 1878

Service by Bro. L.E. Hall. The collection was in the amount of \$1.50 which was to pay for the minutes (Association Minutes?)

December 1878 No conference on low attendance.

January 1879 No conference due to adverse weather.

February 1879 No conference due to weather.

March 1879

Bro. L.E. Hall resigned as pastor, due to the distance he lived from the church, and recommended Bro. George Rainer as pastor. Deacon Smith acted as moderator. The following received letters of dismissal: J. C. Lowe and his wife, M. M. Lowe, J. M. Smith (deacon) and his wife, Louise, and daughter, Alice, and Sister L. E. Hightower. Brother George Rainer was elected pastor.

April 1879 No conference.

May 1879

Service by Bro. George Rainer. The church granted letters of dismissal to Bros. J.L. Wiggins, T.T. Donald and Edgar Donald. There was some indication that T.T. and Edgar Donald requested letters of dismissal due to the withdrawal of deacons J.M. Smith and J.L. Wiggins. Bro. Hick (G.D.) Webb and Moody Sims elected deacons. Bros. R. H. Camp and Alfred Beavers to assist in ordaining these elected deacons.

June 1879

Service by Bro. R.H. Camp. Bro. W.T. Welch acted as secretary. Brother William O'Neal reported for violating the rules of the church. After discussion of the matter, it was finally decided to wait on brother O'Neal. Bro. Edmund Welch reported for also violating the rules of the church. A volunteer committee of G.D. Webb and Moody Sims to visit and consult with Bro. E. Welch for his spiritual good. Sister Caroline Winningham, widow of Jackson Winningham, now deceased, was reported for unchristian conduct (continued next page)

and by unanimous consent excluded from the church membership.

July 1879

Service by Bro. George Rainer. Bro. G.D. Webb reported he saw Bro. O'Neal and O'Neal gave no satisfaction for his conduct, saying that he was not fit to belong to the church and requested to be excluded, whereon a motion of the church complied with his request. Bro. William (V.) White was reported as being out of order. Bros. Alfred Sims and Moody Sims appointed to see Bro. White and cite him to the next conference. Bro. John May appointed to act as church treasurer. A letter was received by the church from Good Hope Church in Leake County, MS, in reference to J.M. O'Neal, who as a former member of Salem Church was excluded for unchristian conduct. Bro. O'Neal expressed sorrow and regret for acting as he did and requested the church (Salem) to restore him and to grant him a letter of dismissal so that he could become a member of Good Hope Church (**Good hope Church was in Beat 4 of Lauderdale County**). On motion and second he was pardoned.

August 1879

Service by Bro. George Rainer. Bro. William White made satisfactory acknowledgment to the church for his conduct and asked the church to forgive, where on motion he was pardoned.

It should be noted that in many instances the specific charge is not given in the minutes.

The church elected Brethren John h. Cdlpepper and William T. Welch delegates to the Bethlehem Association meeting at the Archadelphia Church in Lauderdale County, MS., with Bro. Hick Webb as alternate. The church was now associated with the Bethlehem Association.

September 1879 No conference.

October 1879

Service by Bro. George Rainer. Bro. L.E. Hall assigned to replace Bro. William T. Webb as delegate to the Association Meeting. Letters of dismissal were granted Bro. James Drinkard and Sister Nancy Hearn. The church learned that Bro. L.L. Hall was quite ill and it was decided to withdraw his name as delegate to the Association and replace it with the name of William T. Welch.

November and December 1879

Apparently there were no conferences in these months.

January 1880

Service by Bro. George Rainer. A letter of dismission grantee: Sister Jannie Jarman. There is a pencil note on the inside margin of this page: "Should be Sister Nancy C. Jarman, it being her proper name".

February 1880

Letters of dismission granted Bro. L.E. Hall and wife, Sister Lucy Hall.

March and April 1880 No conference.

May 1880

Bro. J.P. Welch made an acknowledgment to the church which was accepted and pardon granted. Bro. William V. White made acknowledgment and was pardoned; then ne asked for letter of dismission, which was granted.

June and July 1880 No conference.

August 1880

Service by Bro. George Rainer. Sister Mary Moody reported for dancing, which she acknowledged and was forgiven. Sister Clay granted letter of dismission. The Bethlehem Association to be held in October at Marion. The church chose Bro. Rainer as pastor for the ensuing year.

It should be noted that the minutes at this point are extremely difficult to read.

September 1880

Bro. Thomas J. Hearn acknowledged to have been long out of order toward the church and asked forgiveness. He was restored and granted a letter of dismission.

October and November 1880 No conference.

December 1880

Preaching by G.W. Rainer. The church took up Bro. Stillwell's case and laid it over until the next meeting. The church moved and seconded to exclude Bro. Ed Bell from the fellowship of the church for unchristian conduct. Bro. William H. James, having been out of christian fellowship and church order for some time, made acknowledgment for his wrongs and requested to be restored.

His acknowledgment was received and request granted. As he lived some distance from the church, he was granted letter of dismissal after requesting same.

January 1881 Brother Stillwell excluded.

February 1881 No conference.

March 1881

Sermon by Bro. G.W. Rainer. Received Bro. Z. W. Honeycutt and his mother, Sister Mary M. Honeycutt, by letter from Mount Moriah. Bro. W.W. Hall granted letter of dismissal. On the following Sunday received Sister Welch by letter from Mount Moriah.

April 1831

Due to the bad health of the wife of the pastor, G.W. Rainer, he resigned. Bro. J. Blanks acted as moderator. Bro. T. B. Woodward elected pastor, with Z. W. Honeycutt being elected church clerk.

May 1881

Service by Bro. A. Beaver. Bro. Charley Briggs reported for intoxication and profanity. Bro. G.D. Webb volunteered to see and cite Bro. Charley Briggs to the next meeting. Through Bro. Webb, Sister Stillwell was granted a letter of dismissal.

June 1881

It appears that Bro. T.B. Woodward did not accept the pastoral call of the church. Bro. J. Blanks served as moderator. The church at peace. The church chose Bro. A. Beaver as pastor.

July 1881 No conference.

August 1881

Divine service by Bro. Woodward. The case of Bro. Charley Briggs continued until the next meeting. Bro. William M. Drinkard acknowledged having used too much intoxicating drink. His acknowledgment received and he was granted a letter of dismissal. Delegates to the Bethlehem Association were elected: C.H.Wiggins, T.M. Sims, T. May, with Z.W. Honeycutt as alternate. Bro. T.T. Woodward accepted the call as pastor for the ensuing year.

September 1881

No conference due to illness of pastor, but service by Bro. Woodward.

October and November 1881 No conference.

December 1881

Service by T.T. Woodward. Bro. Charley Briggs was excluded from the church.

January 1882 No conference.

February 1882

Bro. Thomas May reported for intoxication. Bro. J.M. Sims to see and cite him to attend the next conference.

March 1882

Service by the pastor. Received Bro. Jesse Pack and Sister Ida Pack, his daughter, by letter from Siloam Baptist Church, Sumter County, Alabama.

March 1882

Service by Pastor T.R. Woodward (previously listed as T. B. Woodward). Bro. Alfred Sims reported that Sister Shelley Bozeman was out of order by uniting with the Presbyterian Church. Brethren Alfred Sims and Jesse Pack appointed to see her regarding this matter.

April 1882 No conference.

May 1882

Sister Sarah Allen (this is Sister Sarah L. Baskin Ponds Allen) was received by letter from the Rehobath Baptist Church at Pushmatahaw, Alabama. Sister Bozeman was excluded from the membership of the church.

May 1882

Service by Bro. Woodward. Sister Arkansas Pack and M. L. Garrison received by letter from Siloam Baptist Church, Sumter County, Alabama.

June 1882 Services by the pastor.

July 1882 No conference.

August 1882

The election of delegates resulted in the choice of Brethren T. M. Sims, Z.W. Honeycutt, with Brethren J.A.Pack and J.F.May as alternates. Brother A. E;. Beavers pastor.

September 24, 1882

Elected Bro. C.C. Bloodsworth as pastor for the next year.

October 1882 No conference.

November 1882

Bro. C.C. Bloodsworth accepted the call of the church. Bro. J.P. Welch made acknowledgment for disorderly conduct, which was received by the church.

December 1882, January and February 1883 No conference.

March 1883

Received Bro. James Boswell and wife, M.E. Boswell, by letter from the Providence Baptist Church. Bro. C.C. Bloodsworth, pastor; Z. W. Honeycutt, clerk.

April 1883

Service by Bro. C.C. Bloodsworth. A committee of Brethren J.A. Pack, G.D. Webb and T.M. Sims appointed to check on delinquent members.

May 1883

Bro. Joseph Ponds (Joseph Washington Ponds) made voluntary acknowledgment through Bro. T. M. Sims for having used intoxicating liquor, and asked for forgiveness, stating he would not be guilty any more. He was pardoned.

June 1883

Bro. B.F. Collier and his wife were received by letter from the Cuba Missionary Baptist Church at Cuba, Alabama.

July 1883

Bro. Robert Bell received by letter from the Mt.Gilead Missionary Baptist Church. Bro. J.F. May found out of order for fighting. Brethren T.E. Sims and Z.W. Honeycutt to cite him to the next conference to give church satisfaction.

August 1883

Bro. May gave a statement which was received. Association delegates: B.F. Collier, J.P. Welch and T.M. Sims appointed, with J.A. Pack as alternate. Elected Bro. C.C. Bloodsworth as pastor for the ensuing year.

September 1883

No sermon due to illness of pastor. Bro. J. A. served as moderator.

October, November, & December 1883 No conference.

January 1884

Only service by pastor; no conference.

Febraury 1884

No conference due to absence of pastor. A note on back of the late February minutes page reads "Mary E. Dearman received by latter, May 1871."

March & April 1884 No Conference.

May 1884

Moderator Rev. M. Ryan. Bro. Z. W. Honeycutt resigned as church clerk due to distance. Br. G. W. Welch elected to this office.

Looking at a loose sheet the following is noted:

The following black males were dismissed and attached to the black church: **(no date on list . . . 1872?)**

Robert (L. B. Brown)	Sam (E. Sage)
Chris (Estate of E. Shamburger)	Robert (Shamburger)
Jacob (Estate of Bailiff-Bragg)	Simon (Mathewes)
Dixon (W. W. Hall - died Jan. 1862)	Jerry (J. P. Welch)
Squire (Selva Wooten) Dead	Harrison (J. P. Welch, who
Richard (Suttle)	was received by the
George (Bragg)	church by experience
	in 1859)

Black Females

Eliza (Sister Stewart)	Winnie (Mrs. Hearn)
Billo (Shamburger)	Sela (Bragg)
Hager (Pack)	Rebecca (Durr)
Betty (eaves) dismissed by	Lucinda (Crocker)
letter Dec. 22, 1861?	Peggy (J.P. Welch)
Harriett (Bailiff-Spinks)	Juleann (J.P. Welch)
Nancy (Spinks)	Annie (J. P. Welch)
Phoeby (Marsh-Letter)	Mariah (Cameron)
Elcy (Bragg) dismissed	Selva (Bragg)
Fanny (J. P. Welch)	Eliza (J. P. Welch)
Jane (McElroy) dismissed by	Jane (J. P. Welch)
letter November 27 ????	Rachel (J. P. Welch)
	Virginia (J. P. Welch)

Next follows a list which is not dated:

Female Members 187

Allen, Kiziah (now McDonald)	Moody, M. A.
Allen, Sarah (joined by letter May 1882)	Moody, May E.
Bell, Callie	Moody, Nancy
Bell, Huldy (Hulda)	Moore, Mollie
Bell, Jennie	McDonald, Rebecca
Bell, Mollie	O'Neal, Jane E.
Boswell, Winney (died 8/4/1883)	Pack, Arkansas
Bozeman, O'Shelby Finley (joined Presbyterian church 1871)	Pack, Mary R. (dead)
Collier, Zola (dead)	Pack, Mollie
Davidson, Mary A.	Pack, Sarah
Dearman, May (received by letter 1871)	Pack, Willie
Drinkard, C. E.	Sims, Francis Culpepper
Eastis, Margret (died 1878)	Smith, Alice
Glover, Sarah	Smith, Louisa
Hall, Amanda L. (died 1881)	Smith, Mattie
Hardin, Julia	Webb, Edwina
Hearn, Nancy	Webb, Eugenia
Hearn, Patsy	Webb, Mrs. G. D.
Hightower, Laura	Webb, Lucy
Honeycutt, M. M.	Webb, Sarah
Hooks, Matilda	Welch, A. E. Penelipa
Jerman, Nancy H.	Welch, Anne (dead)
Love, Margaret M.	Welch, Catherine Blanks
	Welch, Martha S. (died 1884)
	Welch, Mary (now C. A.) died 1880)
	White, Ann
	White, T. E.
	Winningham, Caroline

It would appear in view of the above that this list had to be dated in May 1882 or afterwards:

M. L. Garrison	Jane Pugh Evans
Arkansas Pack	Sarah Pack
Manola Allen (Nancy Manola Allen Dawson)	Sarah A. Crocker
Jesse Pack	Martha J. Crocker
Alabama Savage	Francis O. Culpepper
J. V. Welch	Mary V. Crawford
N. E. Boswell	Nancy E. O'Neal McDonald
Mary Collier	Dialhia C.P. Eaves
Sallie Webb	Elizabeth Garner
Annie Webb Mayo	Lucy Boswell
Ella Bell	Fannie Wright
Aley Finley	Emma Bell
Two other Raspberry names unreadable.	Martha M. Raspberry

It should be noted that some names are repeated or information is coming from different period membership lists. These lists were no doubt added to and corrected without utilizing dates.

Another undated list of female members continues below:

Eleanor Collier	Serena Lowe
Sophia Hitt	Malina Smith
Elizabeth Brunson	Nancy Culpepper
Eliza Thornton	Sarah S. Bell
Amanda S. Hall	Margaret T. Lacy
Mary R. Pack	Jerry Dobbs - died 1862
Elizabeth Vann	Kiziah Mathews
Louisa T. Smith	Eliza Sterdivant (Sturdivant)
Nancy Bunyard	Ella Culpepper
Emily C. Woolf	Lula Boxwell
Jane Spinks	Ida L. Pack
Jane E. Edwards	Emily Lacy
Margaret Crocker	Nancy E. Culpepper
Martha Eaves	Lucy Webb
Nancy Wilkirson	Caroline Watson
Winnie Boxwell	Ella White - deceased 1861
Huldah T. V. Bell	Nancy Lowe
Elizabeth Parkman	Margaret M. Pack Lowe
Sarah E. Rawlings - died 2/17/1861	Nancy McElroy
Lucy Grimes	Mary McAskill
Anna Welch	Elizabeth Watson
Rebecca Satcher McDonald	Matilda McElroy
May Ann Rainer	Mary T. Yarbrough
Susan Hardin	Elizabeth Hardin
Frances Newton Partis	Nancy Bragg - deceased 1864
Mary Cammack - died April 1862	Malica J. Eaves
Martha S. Welch	Hannah K. Odom - excluded 10/27/1860
Sarah E. F. Walker	Susan McArty)MCCarty?)
Anne E. Linsey	Cordelia Rainer
Rebecca Welch Satcher Welch	Martha A Crocker
Martha Welch	Arkansas Webb Pack
Mary M. Eastis	Jane A. Phillips
Mary V. O'Neal Hall	Eliza Cammack - died 10/21/1860
Mary K. Hearn	Cynthia C. Camp
Moriah McElroy	Lucy A. Robinson
Mary T. Dunlap	Malica Hearn Pack
Sarah A. Lanier	Margaret DeWitt Robertson
Jane E. Webb O'Neal	Kiziah Culpepper Allen
Mary C. Welch	Susan McElroy
Mary E. Moody	Sarah Blann Martin
Lutetia Stutts	Hannah B. Crocker
Percilla McKinney	Sarah Sims
Kiziah Glass	Mary Williams Satcher

Sarah T.(?) Jarman
Martha Donald

Martha Brunson

Next is the undated list of male members:

Allen, Thomas	Honeycutt, F. W.
Allen, Willie	Honeycutt, Z. W.
Bell, Con	Ingram, David
Bell, Robert	Knott, J. E.
Blanks, James	Lewis, Warren
Blanks, James L. - died 1883	May, Thomas
Boswell, Asa	Mays, Henry
Boswell, James	McDonald, J. M.
Briggs, Charlie	McDonald, William
Brunson, William L.	McElroy, George W.
Bryant, Paton	McElroy, J.J.
Cammack, L.C.	McElroy, W. H.
Carmack, Leonard	O'Neal, William
Clay, R. A.	Pack, Jesse A.
Collier, B. F.	Petigrew, William
Craft, W. R.	Ponds, B. F.
Crawford, John J.	Ponds, J. W.
Crocker, Leonard	Raspberry, R. Y.
Culpepper, J. H.	Raspberry, W. C.
Dawson, Eli - restored 1884	Satcher, H. M.
Donald, Edgar	Shamburger, Elijah
Donald, T. E.	Sims, Moody
Donald, William	Sims, T. M.
Drinkard, William M.	Sims, W. A.
Gathright, Thomas	Smith, Joseph J.
Hall, Berryman - killed at Richmond	Webb, G. D.
Hall, W. W.	Webb, Thomas
Hearn, Benny	Welch, Edmon -died 1883
Hearn, C. B.	Welch, G. W.
White, Thomas	Welch, J. P.
White William R.	Welch, J. T.
White William V.	Welch, John
Wiggins, C. H.	Welch, William T.
	Woodward, Preston B.

Next is an undated list if male members:

William V. White	G. W. Welch
Charley Briggs	Paton Bryant
William T. Welch	Ed Welch
Thomas White	B. F. Collier
Edmond Welch	Robert Bell
Benny Hearn	Eli Darson (Dawson) restored 1884
W. A. Sims	Henry Mays
J. M. Smith	W. R. Craft
William O'Neal	

Edgar Donald
 William Donald
 Warren Lewis
 Thomas May
 John Welch
 Thomas Gaithright
 William Petigrew
 Preston B. Woodward
 George W. McElroy
 W. W. Hall
 Moody Sims
 F. W. Honeycutt
 J. T. Welch
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 William Petigrew
 T. M. Sims
 Z. W. Honeycutt
 J. A. Pack
 B. F. Ponds
 J. W. Ponds
 Edmon Welch - died 1883
 G. W. Welch
 Paton Bryant
 James Boswell
 H. M. Satcher

David Ingram
 Thomas Allen
 William McDonald
 Willie Allen
 Asa Boswell
 James Blanks
 T. E. Donald
 C. H. Wiggins
 J. E. Knott
 H. D. Culpepper
 J. H. Culpepper
 J. P. Welch
 J. M. McDonald
 Con Bell
 G. D. Webb
 James L. Blanks - died 1883
 Thomas Webb
 W. H. McElroy
 J. J. McElroy
 Leonard Carmack
 R. A. Clay
 William L. Brunson
 Berryman Hall - killed at
 Richmond - Confederate
 Army?
 John J. Crawford
 Joseph J. Smith
 W. M. Drinkard
 William R. White
 R. Y. Raspberry
 W. C. Raspberry
 L. C. Cammack
 William M. Drinkard
 Elijah Shamburger
 Leonard Crocker

The following is a list of male members when the church was reorganized in 1871:

Bell, Con
 Bell, L. E.
 Bird, James
 Blanks, James L.
 Culpepper, H. D.
 Culpepper, J. H.
 Donald, T. T.
 Drinkard, William M.
 Eastis, Andrew - died 7/10/1872
 Hall, L. E.
 Hall, W. W.
 Hearn, F. J.
 Knott, J. E.
 Lowe, George

McCoy, James
 McDonald, J. M.
 Nettles, James
 O'Neal, Bridges
 Pack, Jesse A.
 Pack, Willialm J.
 Pierce, Frank
 Shamburger, Elijah - died 1873
 Sims, J. W.
 Webb, G. W.
 Webb, Thomas
 Welch, J. P.
 Wiggins, L. L.
 Lowe, J. M.

The following is a list of male members when the church reorganized in 1871:

W. W. Hall	James Bird
C. H. Wiggins	F. J. Hearn
J. E. Knott	L. L. Wiggins
H. D. Culpepper	James Nietles (Nettles)
J. H. Culpepper	Thomas Webb
J. P. Welch	Bridges O'Neal
T. T. Donald	Frank Pierce
William M. Drinkard	George W. Lowe
Elijah Shamburger - died in 1873	Con Bell
Andrew Eastis died 7/10/1872	J. W. Sims
J. M. McDonald	G. W. Webb
Jesse A. Pack	James McCoy
J. M. Lowe	James L. Blanks
William J. Pack	L. E. Hall

Next is the resolution to the memory of Brother C. C. Bloodsworth:

We, the members of Salem Baptist Church as a testimony of our respect and love recognition of his good works in our midst, deem it proper to record the death of our esteemed pastor, Rev. C.C. Bloodsworth, who died on the 27th day of February, A.D. 1884. Tho taken in the prime of life when his (life) was only begun. Yet we recognize the hand of God in this dispensation and humbly bow to His inscrutable will, rejoicing in the blessed assurance that "He doeth all things well". In this Memorial we as a church testify to Brother C.C. Bloodsworth zealous in the interest of his cause and his piety and fidelity as a christian, ever ready and always willing to serve the Lord whom he professed to follow. Resolved that a copy of our tribute to his memory be sent to his family with the assurance of our sympathy in their bereavement; and that a copy be sent to the Southern Baptist (in Mississippi) and the Alabama Baptist with a request they publish same. Resolved further that tribute be inscribed in the minute book to his memory.

June 1884

Service by Pastor J.K. Ryan. Sister Mary Welch granted letter of dismissal.

July 1884 No conference.

August 1884

Service by the pastor. Bro. W.B. Hearn and wife were granted letters of dismissal. Bro. J.K. Ryan elected pastor for the ensuing year. Delegates elected to attend Bethlehem Association to be held in October at tile Stonewall Church in Clarke County, Miss., were: J.A. Pack, Moody Sims and G.W. Welch.

The church resolved that a committee composed of J.A. Pack, Moody Sims and G. W. Welch draft a resolution in memory of departed brother and deacon James Boswell. The church received by experience Mrs. Mayo, Miss Fannie Wright, Ella Bell, Emma Bell, Ella Culpepper, Lula Boswell, Limmie Blanks, Asa Boswell, Willie Allen, William McDonald, Thomas Allen, David Ingram, W. R. Craft. Brothers Henry Mayo and Eli Dawson were restored. Bro. Thomas Webb and wife received by letter.

September 1884

Service by Bro. J.K. Ryan. Bro. Z.W. Honeycutt granted letter of dismissal. A committee of J.A. Pack, T.M. Sims, R. R. Bell, B.F. Collier, Thomas Webb and G. W. Welch appointed to have the church building repaired.

Next is the resolution in memory of James Boswell:

In memory of our beloved Brother and Deacon - James Boswell. Whereas: God in His infinite wisdom has seen fit to remove by death from our midst our beloved brother and deacon, James Boswell; Therefore be it resolved while we the members of Salem Baptist Church mourn his loss, do not mourn as for one who has gone without hope, feeling confident that our loss is his eternal gain. Brother James Boswell was in his fifty-fourth year, having been born in the year 1831. He joined the Baptist Church in early life and lived the greater portion of his life a consistent member of Salem Church. Brother Boswell was a devoted christian, followed closely the footsteps of our Lord and Plaster. Brother Boswell was on account of his exemplary work, ordained a deacon of Mt. Gilead Church in October, A. D. 1872, he being at that time a member of that church. Brother Boswell was above reproach as a citizen and always loving and kind as a husband; always ready to administer to the wants of his beloved wife. As a father he was kind, affectionate and indulgent.

Resolved: that the church at Salem readily sympathizes with the bereaved family and pray God's blessing upon them.

Resolved: that a page of the church book be devoted to his memory and a copy of this resolution be sent to the widow of our deceased Brother and a copy be sent to the Southern Baptist with a request that same be published.

October 1884

Service by Pastor J.K. Ryan. Brother W. R. Craft and Eli Dawson made acknowledgment of unchristian conduct, and on motion and second were excused.

November and December 1844

No conference.

January 1885

A partial list of the Rules of Decorum listed here. Unable to copy as half of second sheet is gone, having frayed off. This is regretted as it would have been appropriate to place a copy of same in the front part of this history of Salem Church.

Next is a resolution in memory of S.D. Ingram - with the upper right hand corner torn off:

Resolution adopted by _____ in memory of
Brother S. D.

Ingram, who departed this life the 11th day of January 1885.

Brother Ingram was taken --- useful and exemi)lary life

began: but we yielded submission --- Him who is all wise
and

--- doeth nothing but that which --- the good of those
who love and ---.

Brother Ingram joined the Baptist Church at Salem in August, 1884, and was a devoted and consistent member up to the time of his death. In truth, we have reasons to believe that he was a Christian long before he united with the church. His uprightness, morality and Christian life were models worthy to be imitated by all who desire to follow the straight and narrow path that leads to eternal life.

Resolved, that Salem Church has lost one of its most consistent and useful members; but we are rejoiced with the assurance that our Brother has gone home to glory and rest.

Resolved: that we hereby tender our sympathy to his bereaved parents in the loss of their beloved son, who was always devoted and respectful to them.

Revolved: that this resolution be spread upon the minute book of the church and a copy be sent to the parents of the deceased. Also, that a copy be sent to the Southern Baptist with a request that it be published.

NOTE: It is believed this to be David Ingram mentioned previously in the minutes.

The minutes now jump to:

August 1885

Sermon by Rev. J.K. Ryan. The church decided to hold a picnic, and a report made on cost of refreshments, which was \$35.11. The

minutes here are extremely difficult to read. Brother W. R. Craft granted letter of dismissal.

October 1885

Service by Rev. J.K. Ryan. Bro. T.M. Sims reported Bro. G. D. Webb for unchristian conduct. Bros. T.M.I. Sims, B.F. Collier, Eli Dawson and Con Bell appointed to investigate the matter. The composing of a resolution mentioned here, this in memory of David Ingram. This resolution given above. Bro. Con Bell serving as church clerk. The committee to investigate Bro. G. D. Webb reported that they found him guilty. The church accepted this report and the fellowship (of Bro. Webb) in the church withdrawn.

November 1885

Bro. J.A. Pack preferred charges against Bro. W.R. Craft for departure from the Baptist faith. Bros. J.A. Pack, F.F. Webb and Con Bell appointed to see Bro. Craft. Bro. J.A. Pack reported Bro. Z.W. Honeycutt for communing with the so-called holiness people at Cuba, Alabama. Bros. T.M. Sims, J.E. Dawson and R. Bell appointed to see Bro. Honeycutt.

The minutes now jump to:

April 1886

Service by Bro. J.K. Ryan. The church formally preferred charges against Bros. Craft and Honeycutt for departure from the Baptist faith. The committee appointed to see them ordered to see them again and cite both to the next conference. Bro. J.P. Welch was forgiven for intoxication. Bro. G.D. Webb restored to membership.

May 1886

Service by Pastor. J.A. Pack served as moderator. The committee appointed to see Bros. Craft and Honeycutt asked for more time, which was granted. Bro. B.F. Ponds requested a letter of dismissal for Sister E. Boutwell, which was granted and was mailed to her at Pushmatahaw, Alabama. The following Sunday the Church received Sister W.E. Collier by letter.

June 1886

Fellowship in the church was withdrawn from Bros. Honeycutt and Craft.

July 1886

No conference.

August 1886

Bro. J.P. Welch served as moderator in the absence of the pastor. Bro. J.A. Pack made acknowledgment for Bro. T.E. Donald for using profane language and was forgiven. The church re-elected Bro. J.K. Ryan as pastor. The next Association Meeting to be held at Swenileroy Church with delegates B. F. Collier, W.T. Welch and Con Bell representing Salem.

September 1886 No conference.

The minutes at this point contain the following resolution:

The Baptist Church at Salem, Lauderdale County, Mississippi, has been called to mourn the loss of her oldest mother in Israel, Sister Lucy Webb, consort of Brother Henley Webb, a former deacon of this church, who fell asleep in Jesus September 20, 1886. She was in her 68th year and had been a member of the church for 46 years, and an orderly, consistent member of this church for 37 years. What a great comfort when death summons, to know we have spent the greater portion of our life in the service of the Master. Sister Webb had her share of trials and bereavements with long suffering at the close of life, and she bore all with christian fortitude and resignation, ever cheerful and kind, trying to make others happy. Dear children and relations, weep not for mother. She is at rest and taking her for a model, may we all serve and die as she did, sweetly trusting in Jesus.

Resolved, that a copy of this memorial be spread on our minutes and sent to the Southern Baptist for publication.

This was signed by Mr. M. S. Welch, Mrs. M.E. Boswell and Miss M. C. Bell, Committee.

The next minutes are:

June 1887

Service by Pastor J. K. Ryan. Letters of dismissal granted clack Brother George Bragg and black Sisters Cely Bragg and Sylvia Bragg; aid said letters were forwarded to Leake County, Mississippi.

July 1887

Bro. Hugh Hacan served as moderator. After prayer meeting the church rescinded the action in regard to withdrawing fellowship from Bro. Z.W. Honeycutt.

August 1887

Bro. J.K. Ryan served as moderator. The following volunteered as association delegates: B.F. Collier, J.A. Pack, John Welch, R. R. Bell, Thomas Webb and G.D. Webb.

Letters of dismissal granted Bro. Payton Bryant, Con Bell and his daughters, Sister M. C. Bell, S.J. Bell, M. E. Bell, Fannie Bell and Emma Bell. Bro. W.T. Welch chosen to replace Bro. Con Bell as church clerk. Bro. William Donald was elected to the office of deacon.

During a protracted meeting that followed the following were received by experience and baptism: Sister Beulah Ross and Brethren Ellie Allen and Ansel Smith. Received by letter were: Brethren Willie Coats and William McDonald. The church organized a prayer meeting program, which was scheduled to meet every Sabbath morning at 11:00 o'clock. Bro. S.J. Williams of Clinton, Mississippi, assisted Bro. Ryan in the organizational meeting.

September 1887

Service by Rev. J.K. Ryan. A report given to the association as follows: Received by baptism - 3; by letter - 3; by restoration - none; dismissed by letter - 12; excluded - none; dead -- none; male members - 30; female members 36, total membership - 66. Contributions \$5.45; State Missions - none; Sabbath school - none; Ministerial Education - \$7.30; Pastor Salary \$60.00; incidental expenses - none; and amount of church property valued at \$500.00.

Letters of dismissal granted Bro. T.E. Donald and Sister Martha Brown. A committee appointed to solicit subscription for the building of a fence around the grave yard. The committee was composed of Sisters M. S. Welch, Mollie Bell, Willie Collier, Annie Webb, Ida Pack, Ella Wiggins, Fannie Vright; and Brethren J.A. Pack, Robert Bell and William T. Welch.

October 1887

No conference.

November 1887

Sisters Mrs. M.S. Welch, Mrs. Cindy Shamburger and Miss Ida L. Pack appointed to draft resolution in memory of deceased Sister Elizabeth Pack. The resolution is as follows:

Salem Church, Lauderdale County, Mississippi again mourns the loss of a most worthy member, Sister Lizzie Pack, who departed this life October 22, 1887, at age 50 years and 8 months. She was the relict of Brother Elijah Pack, who gave his life in the Confederacy in 1862. She had two daughters, Mrs. Moody Sims and Mrs. Cyrus White, to whom's care she devoted herself after their father joined the army, they then being quite young. She was also a comfort to Winnie Boswell.

Resolved: that whereas our Sister Pack had so endeared herself to each of us by her patient, uncomplaining temperament "in honor of preferring others" that we mourn not as those who gave no hope, for her last days exemplified the spirit of Paul, that "To live in Christ, to die gain". That we appreciate her love of our dear old church, as having removed six miles, she still retained her membership with us.

Resolved: we tender our sympathy and condolence to her bereaved daughters and relatives, assuring them by humble faith in Christ they will be united at the feet of Jesus.

Resolved: we devote a page on our minutes to her memory. A copy of this memorial be presented her daughters and request publication of same in the Baptist Record.

Signed by Mrs. M. S. Welch, Mrs. Lucinda Shamburger, and Miss Ida L. Pack.

December 1887, January & February 1838

No conference.

March 1888

Conference opened by song and prayer. Bro. Tom Webb made acknowledgment for having had a difficulty and was forgiven. Bro. Tom Webb and Bro. Will White appointed to see Bro. John Welch for violating the rules of the church.

May 1888

Bro. John Welch made acknowledgment and was pardoned by the church. The church went into an election of a pastor since Bro. J.K. Ryan was ill with rheumatism and unable to complete his term. The church asked Bro. Daugherty to ascertain if he could fill the unexpired term.

June 1888

Bro. J.L. Bynum served as moderator and then elected as pastor. The church agreed on a protracted meeting to be held in July and asked Bro. A. Gressett to assist with same. Bro. T.H. Webb and Bro. J.A. Pack elected deacons. **It should be noted that Bro. Jesse A. Pack had served for some time as the only deacon.**

July 1888

Services by pastor. The church passed the following resolution:

Resolved: That it is the desire and request of the church that the subject of prohibition be left entirely and severely alone in our religious services during our protracted meeting and all subsequent meetings; and that no persons be allowed the privilege of addressing our congregation here during convocations of religious

worship for or against prohibition.

The time set for services during the protracted meeting was 11:00 A.M. and at early candle lighting P.M.

August 1888

Bro. J.L. Bynum selected as pastor for the ensuing year. brethren J.A. Pack, R. R. Bell and J.L. Welch elected delegates to the Bethlehem Association. Fellowship of church at peace.

September 1888

The church at this point appointed a standing committee whose duty it would be to look after the Christian welfare of the church. This committee as follows: R.R. Bell; J.A. Pack; T.K. Webb; W.T. Welch; and B. F. Collier.

October 1888

Church resolved that the church take up collection every three months for the church purposes. Church at peace.

November 1888

Bro. Pippin excluded for unchristian conduct. Bro. William White pardoned for an altercation with another brother. The church decided it best not to accept an organ from Bro. Gressett.

December 1888

Services by Bro. Bynum. Arrangements made for the purchase of a stove for Salem Church.

January 1889

Services by Bro. Jessie S. Catlett and J.F. Bynum. Sister W.D. Collier granted letter of dismission.

February, March and April 1889

No conference

May 1889

It is mentioned that the minutes of the March meeting were read. Unable to find same in book. Sister Ida Shin granted a letter of dismission.

A note written follows: No mention is registered (in book) in relation to the proceedings of the conferences of April, May and June, 1889 - as items of neglect. It is stated by the pro-tem clerk in the proceeding of conference in July that "the minutes

of our last meeting were not read, as the clerk was absent. **See June below, just at hand.**

June 1889

Sermon by Bro. Bynum. Received Sister Lizzie and K. L. Bynum by letters.

July 1889 No business. Regular services.

August 1889

C. H. Wiggins, Clerk & P.T. Service by the Pastor. The investigation committee reported Sister Nann (Nan) Moody for dancing, and on motion and second she was excluded. The following were elected: J.P. Bynum as pastor, Asa Boswell, church clerk; and Brethren J. A. Pack, Thomas Webb, John Welch and Ash Boswell as association delegates. Received by experience: Alford Page, Willie May, Buck Webb, Sister Alma James, Freddie James and Carry Boswell. Received by letter: Bro. Walter Pierson and Sisters Junie Welch and Florence Pierson.

September 1889

Services by pastor. Bro. Walter Pierson seated as clerk pro-tem. Sister McDonald and Bro. Buck Webb granted letters of dismissal.

October 1889

The church after sermon by pastor resolved to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the church on Sunday of next meeting in November. This would be the Sunday following the 4th Saturday in November. Appointed committee to plan program as follows: J.A. Pack, Thomas Webb, Henry May, and Dr. & Sister (J.P.) Welch.

November 1889

The committee appointed to arrange a program for the celebration of the 50th Anniversary of Salem Baptist Church Organization respectfully reports:

The Rev. L. N. Jamieson of Macon, Mississippi, was invited to deliver a discourse on the occasion. He complied with the request and gave a most elaborate and impressive sermon to a large and appreciative audience. He had familiarized himself with many sad trials as well as blessings of our church we had passed through during the 50 years of her existence, giving a history of rather hasty allusions to many incidents which were enjoyed by the

congregation, being familiar to a number present. A sumptuous dinner was served upon the premises. The day was spent on praise to the Giver of every good and perfect gift, which we trust may aid in building up God's Holy and true religion in our midst. Signed by all the committee members.

NOTE: This fairly well ties down the age of the church and when it was organized - November, 1839.

December 1889

Along about this time it appears the church was having difficulty in getting minutes posted promptly. After service by the pastor, the church appointed a committee to write an obituary of the death of Bro. Robert Bell. This obituary will be given later. It was presented before the June 1890 meeting.

January 1890 Sermon by Rev. J.F. Bynum

February 1890 No conference.

March 1890

A committee (not mentioned previously) in regard to the church building made their report, which in effect was a recommendation to build a new church house. After some discussion, pledges were as follows:

C.H. Wiggins: to furnish weatherboarding and sheeting sufficient to build the church;

T.H. Webb: 1000 feet of lumber;

W.P. Coats: 2000 feet of lumber;

Dr. Welch: to furnish nails to build the church;

J.W. Ponds: 1000 feet of lumber.

The committee on the memorial program made their report. H. D. Cameron was chosen to make memorial address at 11:00 o'clock on Sunday. Rev. Elder Hearn to give sermon on same day. The March minutes are written up twice.

April 1890

Memorial services. Bro. Hearn preached an impressive sermon.

May 1890 No minutes.

June 1890

At the request of the Liberty Church, a committee consisting of W.T. Welch, James E. Knott and Jesse A. Pack was appointed to work for the settlement of a matter existing in said church.

Dr. J.P. Welch elected church clerk and his wife, Sister M.E. Welch, elected as assistant clerk.

Salem Baptist Church is again sorrow laden and made to mourn in the death of one of her best and most honored members, Brother Robert Bell. But in our great bereavement we do not shed tears from disconsolate eyes; for we have an abiding faith and every assurance from his christian and exemplary life that our loss is his eternal joy. In further testimony of the sacred memory of this church for our dear departed and beloved Brother Robert Bell, Be it resolved: That Salem Church has lost one of her parent and most zealous members; his family, a true husband and father; and this community an upright Christian gentleman and estimable citizen.

Signed by William Welch, Walter P. Pierson and Asa Boswell.

July 1890

Service by the pastor. Bro. Jesse Lack and Dr. and Sister Welch appointed to write obituary in memory of Sister Mary Boswell, who died June last.

In memory of Sister Mary Boswell (who) passed away to eternal rest on Monday, June 24, 1890, after a protracted illness of consumption. Sister Mary Boswell, relict of Brother James Boswell, was fiftyone years of age. Thus, one by one of Salem Baptist Church members are rapidly going to the house of the faithful in Christ. Sister Boswell had been a member of the Baptist church during thirty-three years, and was a devoted christian mother, neighbor and friend, blessed by all who knew her. She leaves four children, besides many friends and relatives to mourn her loss. May heaven blessings attend them in their great bereavement, ever walking in the footsteps of Jesus as their dear mother, that they may be reunited where partings are no more. Amen.

August 1890

No conference.

September 1890

Bro. J.F. Bynum composed and sent a query (query) to the association which read, "Is it consistant or prudent for a Baptist minister to invite and have a minister of another denomination to preach for him in a revival meeting or at any time; to invite him in his pulpit and have him preach to his congregation". This query was answered in the negative.

October 1890

B.F. Bynum pastor and moderator. W.W. Collier, clerk P.T.

November 1890

Two additional deacons, Bros. Willie Collier and Benjamin (B.F.) Ponds, were elected. The church received a letter from Putnam Baptist Church of Marengo County, Alabama, asking for a letter of dismissal from Salem Church for Mrs. Eugenia A. Nettles, formerly Miss Eugenia A. Welch, which was granted. Bro. J.F. Bynum reelected pastor for the next year.

December 1890

After an ordainment service by Bro. R. H. Camp, Brethren Willie Collier and Benjamin Ponds were ordained as deacons, which included Bro. Bynum making interrogation as to faith in the teaching of the Holy Bible and Bro. Camp coinciding, whose many and lengthy remarks on the important occasion were exceedingly interesting and long to be remembered.

January 23, 1891

Weather prevented services on Saturday. Bro. J.F. Bynum preached his farewell sermon. Received Miss Lusorecia Pringle by experience.

February 22, 1891

Bro. C.F. Wiggins served as moderator. By request Dr. and Mrs. J.P. Welch were relieved of the clerkship and W.W. Collier elected to replace them. Bro. William S. Culpepper selected to serve as pastor for remainder of year.

March 1891

A letter of dismissal granted Bro. William Donald and his wife.

Preaching by Bro. William Culpepper. There was no conference.

April 1891

Letters of dismissal granted J.W. Ponds, Bro. Bynum and his wife and mother.

June 1891

The following were granted letters of dismissal: Bro. Ansell Smith and wife; J.H. Plays and wife; Sister Blanks; Jimmy Blanks; Mrs. Culpepper; Miss Eller Culpepper; Ella Charham; and Bro. J.L. Welch. A committee consisting of J.A. Pack, T.H. Webb and W.W. Collier appointed to arrange an obituary in memory of Brother

Con Bell.

July 1891

Services were continued for a number of days, this being a protracted meeting. The church received one by experience, three by letter, and one was restored, all unnamed.

August 1891

Bro. Culpepper resigned as pastor. The church called Bro. Jackson as pastor. Delegates appointed to association meeting were: W.A. May, S.W. Callett and W.W. Collier.

September 1891

Preaching by Bro. William S. Culpepper. Brother Jackson accepted call of the church.

October and November 1891 No conference.

December 1891

Preaching by Bro. Jackson. No conference.

January 1892 No conference.

February 1892

Letter of dismission granted Bro. Robert Hunt. Preaching by Brother J. J. Jackson.

March 1892

Received Bro. R.L. Shamburger. Committee of T.H. Webb, C. H. Wiggins and J.T. Jarman appointed to arrange for the memorial service.

April 1892

Memorial sermon preached by Bro. Stone from Shuqualak, Miss.

May 1892 No conference.

June 1892

Letter of dismission granted Brother Jesse Dearman.

July 1892 No conference.

Next is a sheet of tablet paper (no date) which reads as follows:

The good Lord saw fit to remove from our midst our worthy Sister, Mrs. Willie Collier. Therefore, resolved that in the death of Sister Collier the church has lost a worthy member, the husband a good wife, and her children a devoted mother. Resolved: that her devotion to the church and every good works is worthy of our emulation and that this resolution be spread on our minutes.

August 1892

Sermon by Bro. W.O.Y. Ray. The church received 16 by letter and one was restored.

September 1892

A letter of dismissal granted Sister Mary Dearman. As her name was not in the church membership list, the dismissal granted upon a statement made by a brother in attendance. Bro. J.J. Jackson called again by the church to serve as pastor and was promised \$150.00 annually. Delegates to the association were: J.C. Allen, M.A. May and J.J. McElroy.

October 1892

Appointed a committee on Discipline, who were: T.H. Webb, B. D. Collier, T. Jarmon, W. S. Catlett and W. W. Collier.

November 1892 No conference.

The minutes jump to February 1893 a page torn out.

February 1893

Acknowledgments from Bro. J.E. Dawson were sent in and received. On motion and second, used monies (\$47.25) for building purposes to pay Bro. J.J. Jackson, the pastor.

March 1893

On the following Sunday a committee appointed to draw up an obituary in memory of Ada and Willie Webb. Committee: Willie Collier, Lula McElroy, Fannie Simmons and Sister (J.P.) Welch.

It is as follows:

"Memorial" Leaves have their time to fall and flowers have theirs to wither. Stars have their time to set and rise, but Oh! Death, thou has all seasons for thine own. It is sad, ordinarily, to a parent's heart for the dark wing of death to hover over a beloved

child; but when so rudely snatched in a moment's time, without warning of the cyclone track taking the young so pure and lonely as our little Willie Webb and his father, William H. Webb, stricken down, limbs broken in two places, powerless to release his son from the timbers which had crushed out his life.

April 1893

Sermon by Brother L.E. Hall.

On, how heart rendering: our beloved Sister, Ada Webb, lying on her bed of illness, drenched with rain. It caused her death a week later, when God called her spirit to come up higher and join her Brother Willie. It required heavenly grace under such circumstances to say, "Thy will be done". Then, we are every day admonished of the uncertainty of life. God be praised. The mother had brought her children to Christ and the father glorifies God that he was spared that night, 3rd of March 1893, he might come to Christ. Ada was nineteen years old, was baptised at Salem Baptist Church seven months previous and gave promise of an exemplary member of earth, of Christ Kingdom. In the freshness of youth and life she had passed from time to eternity, happily, without experiencing the trials and trouble that awaits the future of life.

To surviving parents, relative and friends who mourn the departure of our sister and friend, we would say they are now a lovely dream of the past, bright flowers that traveled to bloom in Heaven, when you may yet be re-united to your much loved Ada and Willie through the atonement of our Saviour.

Written in memory of the "past", may we all remember well "The night of Death draws nigh".

May 1893

A letter of dismission granted Sister Ella Crowther.

June 1893 Only prayer meeting.

July 1893

Preaching by Bro. William S. Culpepper. Seven received by experience and one by letter.

August 1893

Elected A.J. Hearn as pastor; W.H. Webb as clerk. Delegates elected to the association meeting were: J.H. Culpepper, J.C. Allen, Asa Boswell, T.H. Webb and W.W. Collier.

September 1893

Granted letter of dismission to Sister Calhoun and Maggie, also Henry Calhoun.

October 1893

Granted letter of dismission to Bro. C.M. Wright. The minutes are very brief during this period.

November 1893 No conference.

December 1893

No conference; only preaching by Brother J.J. Jackson.

January and February 1894 No conference.

March 1894

No conference - unfavorable weather. Bro. Robert Shamburger was scheduled to preach.

April 1894

Memorial sermon by Bro. A.J. Hearn on the 5th Sunday.

May 1894

A committee of two (2) appointed to collect funds for mission and the pastor salary.

June 1894

W.S. Catlett, W.H. Webb added to the above committee, who were J.H. Culpepper, T.H. Webb and W.W. Collier. A letter of dismission granted Sister Bama Savage.

July 1894

Protracted meeting began. Received six (6) by experience.

August 1894

Delegates appointed to the association were: J.H. Culpepper, Billie Welch, T.H. Webb, W.W. Collier. Brother Culpepper again called as pastor.

September 1894 No business. Collected \$4.75.

October 1894

On the 11th, according to the arrangement of God's Children, the association convened in humble submission to the will of God under the moderation of Bro. J.D. Stone. The text of the sermon was "Brotherly Union". In the minutes it is written that this sermon was the deepest and best sermon ever delivered in Old Salem Church.

November 1894 No business.

December 1894

The deacons were added to the committee on Missions and committee to meet at Toomsaba on the 5th Sunday in January.

January 1895 Preaching on Sunday. No conference.

February 1894 No conference.

March 1895

Letters of dismissal granted Bro. T.H. Webb, Annie Webb and Homer Webb.

April 1895

Preaching by pastor W.S. Culpepper on Sunday. Small congregation.

May, June and July 1895 No conference.

August 1895

Preaching by Bro. R.H. Shamburger on Saturday and by Bros. J.E. Brunson and W.S. Culpepper on Sunday. As the meeting continued for several days, the congregation also heard messages from Bro. Guy of Meridian, Miss. Bro. B.F. Ponds received a letter of dismissal.

September 1895

Letters of dismissal granted Bro. W.T. Pierson and Sister Florence Pierson. The church considered repairing the church.

October 1895 Routing conference.

NOTE: THE MINUTES NOW BEGIN TO SKIP PERIODS.

July 1896

The church held a series of meetings with preaching by Bro. Elliott of Meridian, Mississippi.

October 1896

A committee of three (3) were appointed to communicate with Mr. W.H. Smith for the purpose of securing a lot of ground for a new church. This implies that the church did not own the land on which the church stood. Another committee appointed to collect funds and draw up plans for the new church.

November 1896

A letter of dismissal was granted to a brother in Newton County, Miss., whose name was not on the present membership list but who was remembered by older brother to have been a member of Salem Church many years ago ... the name, W.C. Crocker.

February 1897

After preaching by the pastor, Bro. Ed Allen was granted a letter of dismissal. The church deed was read. The lot cost \$35.00. A collection was taken that day with the following donations:

W.C. Wiggins \$11.621/2	H.T. Allen \$1.00
J.H. Culpepper \$11.621/2	W.C. Collier \$2.00
W.W. Collier \$ 1.00	R.L. Shamburger \$1.00
W.P. Coats \$.50	W.A. Allen \$.25
C.W. Ingram \$.25	P.W. Shamburger \$.25

June 1897

Bro. H.T. Allen appointed by the church to estimate the amount of lumber required to build the new church as well as the cost. The following were appointed to raise money for materials and building for the new church: W.H. Webb; W.A. May; Thomas Jarmon, Sr.; David Culpepper; and C.W. Wiggins. A leave of absence granted the pastor for the next meeting. An arm of the church was extended to the Kewanee School for reception of members.

October 1897

Bro. W.S. Culpepper chosen as pastor and R.L. Shamburger as clerk. Bro. J.T. Pigford, an ordained deacon, elected as deacon of Salem Church.

NOTE: PAGES 149, 150, 151 and 152 ARE MISSING

November 1898

Preaching was by pastor J.H. Culpepper. Bro. F.A. Freeman called Jay church as pastor.

December 1898 No conference.

January 1899

Brother freeman accepted the call of the church.

February 1899 No business.

March 1899

The church agreed for the pastor to conduct memorial services on Saturday before the 4th Sabbath in April.

April 1899

After service the congregation assembled in the cemetery and decorated the graves, sang a song and were dismissed.

May, June and July 1899 No conference-only preaching.

NOTE: There is post office registry receipt from the Kewanee Post Office reflecting that J.P. Welch registered a letter to Farm and Home, New Orleans, Louisiana, on 11/18/1899. The post mistress was Lula McElroy.

August 1899

Brethren W. W. Collier, B.M. Collier and B.F. Ponds elected delegates to the association.

(In August 1895 B.F. Ponds received a letter of dismission.)

September 1899 No business.

October 1899

Re-elected Brother Freeman as pastor.

November 1899 No conference.

December 1899 Preaching but no conference.

January and February 1900 No conference.

March 1900

Decided to hold memorial services on Saturday before the 4th Sunday in April.

April 1900

After preaching, congregation assembled in cemetery to decorate graves.

May and June 1900 No conference.

July 1900

Accepted J.J. McElroy resignation as clerk and then elected in his place Bro. B.L. Shamburger.

August 1900

Elected Brethren W.W. Collier. B.M. Collier and John Pigford as association delegates. Bro. Johnson of Meridian gave the sermon.

September 1900

Elected Bro. C.M. Morris as pastor. On the following Sunday a committee of Mrs. A.C. Collier, Miss Adlade Pigford, Mrs. J.H. Culpepper and Mrs. W.W. Collier appointed to write obituary in memory of Sister Mrs. M.S. Welch.

October and November 1900 No conference.

December 1900

Sister M.S. Welch obituary was read:

In memory of our dear Sister M.S. Welch, who has departed this life, we write our thoughts of her noble example which is worthy of imitation. She was born July 10, 1825, died September 26, 1900, age 76 years, 1 month and 15 days. She was married to Dr. J.P. Welch in 1840 on Tuesday P.M., July 14, near Milledgeville, Baldwin County, Georgia. As a friend she won the confidence of all with whom she met; while with words and smiles she encouraged them to do the right. She was unselfish and true, noble in every walk of life, so, gentle in influence that none would fail its power. In speaking of the good deeds of men and women, we hasten to say the best for her. We feel that no language be extravagant in telling of her sainted life. As we believe, one which was consecrated to God and his services, last in His will, ever rejoicing in the hope of Heaven. As a wife, we believe she proved faithful under all circumstances of life during her stay upon earth. She was quite kind and entrancing to those that God had committed to her care. She instructed them in the way of trust and righteousness and lived the proper life before them; now in glory intercedes with Jesus around his throne for her children, that He may be with them till we meet at His feet and greet them in abundant entrance into that house together with all others who believe His word and (continued next page)

trust His grace prepared from the foundation of the world. And to your children who have suffered the greatest earthly misfortunes, we invite you to look upward to the noble and exalted height upon which her life was cast. When the shadows of life shall fall about you, never forget that she is just over there waiting anxiously and lovingly for your coming to join her in that blissful land where parting shall be no more. And as a Christian the last and best of all, we believe she did her best. We fail to find words to express that noble Christlike life, so gentle and kind we all took notice that she had been with God. Through this unfriendly world, where hearts are wicked, she met them with a happy face and helped them to move out with better thoughts. May the Lord bless her noble life and help us all to forget self and press onward to meet (at) Jesus feet.

January 1901

The church took up a collection to pay for the publishing of the obituary in the Baptist (Record?).

February 1901 Preaching by Brother C.M. Morris.

March and April 1901 No conference.

Next is the obituary in memory of Brother J.P. Welch: Dr. J.P. Welch was born October 25, 1807, died the 8th of March, 1901, being 93 years, 4 months and 13 days of age. He laid down his life with gladness to accept that internal (eternal?) life with God. He was married to Martha Susan Whitaker on Tuesday evening of July 14, 1840, near Milledgeville, Georgia. During his stay upon earth, he was a man among men, both mentally and physically, standing at the top of the ladder in all of his undertaking. In his days of activity he was himself, hand on every hand, and faithful in his profession; served his place well whenever duty called him. In 1854 he surrendered to the maker of heaven and earth and continued in His service for nearly fifty years, struggling for that better land. Oh! Think what a life of toils, trials, and troubles, then think of the happy moments, bright experiences and the glad rejoicing of a life so long, nearly one hundred years, all of which was to shape him for that life that never ends. Making a complete surrender late in life, he stood firm to the end, testifying of God's goodness, love, justice and mercy. And when his life was truly ripe for the grave and his soul ready for eternal bliss, he bid farewell to earthly ties and companion, who had recently outshined him in the race - thus leaving a record that shall live forever. Blessed be the name of Dr. J.P. Welch, who did so many deeds of kindness in a life of 93 years. A great and good man he was, who is now sleeping in the silent city, waiting for that bright and cloudless morning when the dead in Christ shall rise. His days on earth were many, spared for a purpose (continued on next page)

unknown to us but known to God and imposing that simple trust, which he lived in Jesus upon the hearth of around him. We know he was led by the hands of God. Bereaved ones, you have our sympathy in your loss, and we urge you to believe in him in whom he trusted, and you shall see him again.

Signed by W.W. Collier, Charles Bancroft and R.L. Shamburger.

May 1901 Preaching by Pastor C.M. Morris.

June 1901

Preaching by Bro. W.S. Culpepper. Rev. A.J. Hearn presented a letter to the church for membership and he was requested to withdraw his application indefinitely. A committee of three were appointed to investigate the causes of objections.

July 1901

The committee to investigate the causes for objections to Bro. Hearn's membership reported: "We find no specific cause but upon general principle, we do not care to have our peace and tranquility disturbed." on motion and second the clerk was instructed to notify Bro. Hearn of said report and to enclose and return his letter applying for membership to the church.

A Resolution of Respect

Whereas God, who doeth all things well, has seen fit to remove from our midst Sister Mary Brown, who departed this life on the 3rd day of July, 1901;

And whereas, she was (a) devoted and consistent member of Salem Baptist Church;

And whereas, in her daily walk and works she was a strict follower of the Master - His life being a bright example of the beauties of Christianity, and her rule of conduct being in accordance with the twill of the Father as she understood it.

Therefore, it is resolved in the death of Sister Brown the church lost one of its most valued and zealous members in the community in which she lived, a friend that was always helpful and sympathetic and whose deeds of kindness and acts of charity will live in the memory of her neighbors and the family, a loving and devoted wife and mother.

Resolved: that we deeply sympathize with the grief stricken husband and children in this sad hour of bereavement; but it is the will of God that it should be so, and to him alone can they look for solace and comfort.

Resolved: that while we deeply deplore the loss of Sister Brown from our church and community, we can but know from her life that our loss is her eternal gain; and that she is at rest with Him whom she loved and served in life.

Resolved: that this resolution be spread upon the minutes and a copy be forwarded to the Baptist Record for publication; also a copy be furnished the family. Signed by: W.W. Collier, T.H. Wright and J.T. Pigford.

July 29, 1901

At this conference Bro. Nathan Stone preached the sermon; the church raised money for the publication of J.P. Welch obituary in the Baptist Record; also, a collection was taken to buy blinds for the church windows.

August 1901

Preaching by Pastor C.M. Morris. On motion and second Sister Mary Brown obituary was sent to the Baptist Record for publication. On motion and second it was agreed to cut and hang the blinds in sections and on motion and second it was agreed to allow Rev. A. J. Hearn permission to read testimonials in his defense on his supposed accusation. Case was left open during the meeting. Sister Etta Lowe Simmons granted letter of dismissal.

September 1901

On motion and second Mr. Darias Welch was employed to hang blinds for \$3.00 and B.L. Shamburger to furnish him instructions. The following volunteered as association delegates: W.W. Collier; B.M. Collier; John Welch, J.T. Phillips; Tim Brown and J.M. Pigford. The church reelected Rev. C.M. Morris as pastor. Thomas Allen appointed to finance committee.

October 25, 1901

Service by the pastor. A committee appointed to draft a resolution to the memory of Sister Cynthia Brittan. There was a discussion on securing a heater or stove for the church. The matter laid over until the next meeting.

Resolution of Respect

Whereas: It has pleased our Heavenly Father in His great wisdom to take unto himself Sister Cynthia Brittan.

Whereas: in her death the church has lost one of the valued members, and her family and community in which she lived have lost one that (continued on next page)

was ever kind and faithful in administering to the comforts of those with whom she came in contact from her noble life, we feel that our loss is her eternal gain.

Resolved: That we extend to the bereaved brothers and sisters our sincerest condolences and sympathy, and earnestly pray that Almighty God will comfort them in this their great sorrow and bless them with fortitude and courage in acceptance of this, His divine wish in taking to His divine care their beloved sister. Bless all their undertaking; and when the last call to all will be announced to them, that the message will be the glad token of "Well done, good and faithful servant", and forevermore be united in the spiritual world to the one that was so dear to them on earth.

Resolved: That this resolution be published in the Baptist Record at Jackson, Mississippi, a copy given to the family, and that it be spread on the church records. Signed by: W.W. Collier and R. L. Shamburger.

November 24, 1901

The church made arrangements to buy a stove or heater and to have it installed by the next meeting.

December 1901; January and February 22, 1902 No business.

March 1902 Preaching by the pastor, Rev. C.M. Morris.

April 27, 1902

A collection taken which was not sufficient to finish paying for the stove flue.

May 1902

The church discussed withdrawing from the Bethlehem Association and organizing a County Association. Brother H. B. Woodward invited to assist with a scheduled protracted meeting.

June 21, 1902

Delegates to the new County Association were J.T. Phillips, A.B. Camp and E.W. Bell.

July 1902

Sister C.C. Camp joined the church by letter. Church representatives to meet with others at Oak Grove Church regarding organization of the County Association.

August 23, 1902

Joining the church by letter were: Brother H.G. Lowe and wife and daughter, Miss Gena. Brother Jim Phillips joined by experience. This during the protracted meeting.

September 27, 1902

Brethren J.T. Pigford, B.M. Collier and J.C. Allen appointed delegates to Bethlehem Association, which was to be held at the Mt. Vernon Church. It was necessary for the church to obtain a letter of dismissal from the Bethlehem Association before they could join the new County Association, this being Lauderdale County Baptist Association.

October 25, 1902; November & December 1902 No business.

The following note found:

Friend Tom: I sent you a few more seed by Willie. Please send me the worth of them in C.S. meal and hulls if you have them. If not, please send me 1 bushel meal and 1500 20th meat and 1# Long horn Tobacco, and I pair Sunday pants for myself, 30-30 or 31-31. I want a dark snuff color to suit a coat and vest I have. Please pay Tom Masters \$1.20 for me for work this week. (no signature or date)

January 25, 1903 No business.

February 21, 1903

Preaching by the pastor. Letters of dismissal granted Bro. B.F. Ponds and Us wife and daughter. These letters were to be forwarded as B.F. Ponds had moved to the Meehan area of Lauderdale County.

March 1903 No business.

April 1903

Held memorial services. The pastor advised the church that his services would be discontinued after June 1903. Foreign Mission collection amounted to \$12.00.

May 23, 1903 No business.

June 1903

Brother Nathan Stone selected as pastor.

July 25, 1903

Service by Bro. N.R. Stone, but he was unable to give a firm answer on the church's call as pastor. Sister Mollie Thompson granted a letter of dismissal.

August 23, 1903

Preaching by Bro. J.D. Cook, who accepted call as pastor of the church.

September 26, 1903

A.B. Camp chosen as clerk pro-tem. Service by Bro. J.D. Cook.

October 24, 1903

Bro. J.D. Cook declined to serve the church due to certain conditions existing at the time. Bro. W.H. Webb, B.M. Collier and J.J. McElroy were instructed to write Bro. Stone, conveying if the church had done anything in the way of a call to hurt his feelings, it was altogether unintentional; and if his feelings were hurt, to ask for his forgiveness. The following Sunday, Bro. Cook excused himself and the church elected him as pastor.

November 22, 1903

Service by Bro. J.D. Cook. Bro. J.M. Brewster added to the finance committee.

December 26, 1903

Pastor became ill and had to go home. Only songs and prayer.

January 23, 1904

Received Sister Jane Phillips by letter. A committee appointed to draft resolution of respect to the memory of Bro. J.T. Phillips. On the following Sunday a committee appointed to draft a resolution of respect in memory of brother B.F. Collier.

February 27, 1904

The offering for the orphans home in Jackson, Miss., was \$6.00. On the next day the committee on resolution reported and was discharged. Apparently these resolutions were not spread upon the church records. They probably were published in the Baptist Record.

March 26, 1904

Made arrangements for memorial services in April after preaching by pastor.

April 1904

Memorial Dayno conference.

May 1904

No preaching on account of illness of Bro. Cook's wife. No conference.

June 1904

Bro. Tom Thompson and wife, Sister Tabitha, joined the church by letter. Bro. A.B. Camp reported the proceeds of a quilt made by Sister Martha Welch sold for \$1.00 and this to be invested into a pitcher and glass for the pulpit. A committee appointed to raise funds to carpet aisles, altar, stand and center table. Those named were: Mrs. Will Collier; Sallie G. Shamburger; Miss Blanch Culpepper; Virgie Welch; Miss Onie Wright and Miss Addie Pigford. The amount collected was \$21.00. R.L. Shamburger serving as church clerk.

July 25, 1904

Preaching by Bro. W.S. Culpepper. The carpet committee discharged. Letters of dismission granted Sister Etta Booker and Sister Zelia Thompson. Miss Mary Sims received by experience. Dr. Venerable (Venable?) preached during the protracted meeting which followed Sunday service.

August 27, 1904

Sermon by Bro. J.D. Cook. Bro. Willie F. Collier joined by experience.

September 24, 1904

Sister Ada Boutwell joined the church by letter on Sunday. A committee appointed to raise funds to enclose the graveyard with a fence. Serving on same were: A.B. Camp; T.H. Wright; B.L. Shamburger; B.J. McDonald; J.H. Culpepper; and C.H. Wiggins.

October 23, 1904

Reelected Bro. J.D. Cook as pastor. The committee to enclose graveyard gave a report.

November 26, 1904

No preaching on Sunday due to rain. Collected \$4.25 for ministerial education and \$2.20 for Home Mission.

January 21, 1905

Letters of dismission granted Bro. A.C. Collier and his wife.
Sermon by pastor.

February 25, 1905

Sermon by pastor. The church clerk empowered to buy and have on hand a suitable church record book and to present same to church.

March 25, 1905

The graveyard committee reported that the contract had been let for the posts, 6 feet long and 5 inches square, for the fence to enclose the graveyard.

April 25, 1905

Preaching by Bro. C.G. Elliott of Meridian.

May 27, 1905

Sermon by pastor.

June 24, 1905

Graveyard committee gave satisfactory report on progress being made to enclose the graveyard. During this period collections of various causes were taken up.

July 22, 1905

Preaching by C.G. Elliott. Due to absence of the church clerk, Bro. E.B. Jarmon appointed clerk pro-tem. At a protracted meeting which followed, the following were received by experience: Johnnie Allen; Mattie Harding Welch; Henry Allen; Lonnie Pigford; W.L. Spinks; Frank Ford; Pink Hunt; Robert Hunt; and Mollie Camp Hunt; and received by letter. Baptism scheduled at Kewanee Pool at 10:00 A.M. but no date given.

August 26, 1905

Preaching by Rev. J.D. Cook. The following were to serve the association delegates with the association meeting at Salem: C.H. Wiggins; T.F. Wiggins; W.W. Collier; B.M. Collier; and A.B. Camp. A hospitality committee consisting of J.T. Pigford; T.H. Wright; H. T. Allen; and R.L.S. (R.L. Shamburger?) was appointed also. Graveyard committee made its final report:

60 boards	\$42.90	5 1/2 pounds nails	\$.20
Walk Gate	4.50	24 pounds staples	.96
Freight Bill	5.80	120 posts	7.80
Freight /Gate	1.43	Total cost	\$63.59

Since the total amount collected amounted o t\$81.25, the excess was placed into the graveyard fund and T. H. Wright appointed custodian of same. Thus the cemetery fund commenced at this point.

September 23, 1905

Preaching by Rev. J. D. Cook. On the following Sunaday Bro. W. E. Smith joined the church by experience and the ordinance of Baptism was at once adminstered. The Association of Lauderdale County to convene at Salem on Friday before the 2nd Sunday in October 1905. The minutes reflect it was one of the best association meetings ever attended.

Names of Male Members of Salem Church

This list is undated and in the back part of Church Book No. 2. All information listed is given below, and writer believes this list was composed in the early 1880's (and updated to 1912).

Henry C. Allen	died 12/28/1906
J. C. Allen	
John Allen	
E. Walton Bell	
Walter Bell	
William Bell	
Asa Boswell	
Edward Boswell	
Grady Boswell	
James Boswell	
Earl B. Brewster	dismissed by letter 5/19/1912
Robert Brewster	dismissed by letter 5/24/1907
E. Timothy Brown	
Jeff Brown	
H. Berry Camp	
Lank Catlett	
Ben F. Collier	
W. Floyd Collier	
H. D. Culpepper	
Jonathan H. Culpepper	
Loy E. Culpepper	
R. Lee Culpepper	
Frank Ford	
William (Will) B. Ford	
Frank Harry	
L. H. Hardin	
Pink L. hurt	
Robert L. Hurt	

H. Thomas Jarman	dismissed by letter 11/1909
Tommie Jarman, Jr.	
William Lockley	died 1/26/1908
Elmer Long	
T. Joseph Long	
Erastis Pigford	dismissed by letter 12/1905
J. Alonzo Pigford, Jr.	
Berry Pippin	
B. Judson McDonald	
William F. McDonald	
E. T. O'Gwynn (O'Guinn)	dismissed by letter 2/1908
Berry Phillips	
R. H. Phillips	dismissed by letter 2/1908
Lonie Pigford	
Grover Robinson	
B. H. Shamburger	dismissed by letter 2/1908
J. W. Shamburger	
Houston Shelton, Jr.	
W. L. Spinks	dismissed by letter 1/1909
Jasper D. Walton	
George D. Webb	dismissed by letter 1/1909
W. H. Webb	died 5/4/1907
William T. Welch	
C. H. Wiggins, Sr.	died 1/28/1908
C. H. Wiggins, Jr.	
Thomas P. Wiggins	

OTHER MALE MEMBERS DISMISSED BY LETTER BUT NO DATE GIVEN:

Henry Allen	J. Berry Phillips
C. R. Bancroft	Samuel Pigford
John Bell	B. F. Ponds
Johnnie Bell	Samuel Rollings
Floyd R. Boutwell	John G. Ross
Earl Brewster	Morris Ross
Quentus E. Camp	R. L. Shamburger
A. B. Camp	W. Edgar Smith
W. P. Coats	W. L. Spinks (joined Methodist Church)
A. C. Collier	J. J. Sturdivant
B. M. Collier	Houston Sutter
Ward Collier	R. L. Thompson
W. F. Collier	Wesley Thompson
W. W. Collier	Jasper Walden
J. E. Dawson	John L. Welch
Eugene Dorough	Perry Welch
Berry Jarman (6/1908)	C. M. Wright
Josiah F. McDonald	Thomas H. Wright
Willie McDonald (joined Methodist Church)	

OTHER MALE MEMBERS LISTED AS DEAD WITH NO DATE GIVEN:

J. Elmo Bell	W. Benjamin McElroy
James W. Brewster	Ezekill Miller
Joseph G. Briton	J. T. Philips
Jefferson Brower	John T. Pigford
E. T. Brown	J. Houston Shelton
Lark Catlett	James V. Thompson
W. C. Catlett	Tom V. Thompson
B. F. Collier	G. D. Webb
J. H. Culpepper	J. P. Welch (March 1901)
Lee (Les) Culpepper	Junuis Welch
Elisha A. Hodges(8/30/1907)	C. H. Wiggins (implies member at time of death)
Z. W. Honeycutt	T. H. Wright
John Jarman	Henry Jones (unknown)
Thomas Jarman, Sr.	Wiley Jones (unknown)
Harvey G. Lowe	Johnnie Roberts (unknown)
J. J. McElroy	

August 1909

John Brewster	killed in WWI
Robert Collier	dismissed by letter
Rosier G. Collier	dismissed by letter
Coleman DeWitt	
Joseph Ponds Dawson	Gassed WWI; died V.A.H. El Paso, TX 1931
Will Hodges	dismissed by letter
Green Ingram	
Lewis Ingram	
Luther Lowe	dismissed by letter
Alvin Lowe	
Roy Lowe	dismissed by letter
L. A. McElroy	dismissed by letter
Robert H. Phillips	
J. W. Robinson	dismissed by letter
W. B. Robinson	died 5/15/1912
Jack Shelton	
Marian Shelton	dismissed by letter
Edwin Simmons	dismissed by letter
Howard Sims	
T. M. Sims	dead
Ed Sturdivant	dead
Floyd Wiggins	
Reid Wright	dismissed by letter

August 1911

Preston Allen	dismissed by letter
Ellie Bell	dismissed by letter
William Bell, Jr.	dismissed by letter
Meda E. Boswell	
Herman Camp	dismissed by letter
L. F. Dewitt	dead
C. W. Ingram	dead
Robert Lowe	dead

James H. Sansing dismissed by letter 4/1913
Leonard Lee Sturdivant dead
Reuben Sturdivant
Preston Thrash

August 1913

C. C. Hardin

August 1914

Robert Lee Bell dead

August 1915

Edward Boswell
Grady Boswell dismissed by letter
James Boswell dismissed by letter

A receipt was in minutes, signed by W. T. Lowery, crediting Salem Church with donation of \$4.40 for Ministerial Education dated 11/21/1905, addressed to pastor J. D. Cook. A note, "Many thanks, may God bless the giver."

Next is a letter of dismissal by First Baptist Church, Meridian, MS, to Robert Phillips, recommending him for membership in the Salem Church on 9/18/1908, signed by pastor T. J. Shipman and clerk A. H. Simpson. This letter was good for six months

FOLLOWING ARE ITEMS AND NOTES FOUND IN BACK OF BOOK #2.

February 23, 1910

Preaching by Pastor Cook, then the church went into conference. On motion and second a collection taken to pay for song books. On motion and second Gospel Hymns Numbers 1 and 6 with music were adopted. A. B. Camp, church clerk.

Mrs. Mary B. Honeycutt, the subject of this sketch, was born June 5, 1836. She united with the Baptist Church in 1853. Departed this life November 24, 1908. She leaves her aged husband, one son and grandchildren to mourn her death - yet all bound to the will of Him who doeth all things well.

Resolved, first, that by the death of this good woman, the church has lost one of its faithful members, Even though feeble in her last years, she always attended worship every opportunity and lived daily trusting in her Maker and seeking to do His will. Second, that she was kind and congenial to all with whom she was associated, always willing to lend a helping hand to those in

distress. We will always hold in just regard the efficient manner in which she discharged her duties.

Third, we tender the family our deepest sympathy in this great bereavement; and that this resolution be spread on our church minutes.

Signed by Mrs. Fannie Simmons, Mrs. Lula Ford, and Mrs. helen McElroy. **(Compiler believes her to be wife of Z. W. Honeycutt.)**

**NEXT IS AN UNDATED LIST OF THE FEMALE MEMBERS OF SALEM CHURCH
(BEFORE 1910)**

Martha Allen	Lizzie Boutwell
Sarah Allen	Minnie Boutwell
Callie M. Bell	Lora Willis Boyd
Gena Lowe Bell	Anice Brewster
Jennie S. Bell	Annie Griffin Brewster
Mollie E. Bell	Mary Brittan
Ida Boswell	C. C. Camp
Mary Boswell	Aera Bell Catlett
Winnie Boswell	Blanche Culpepper Catlett
Nan Moody Catlett	Eleanor Ford Philips
Lula Coats	Martha Phillips
Mary Collier	Mattie Phillips
Naomi Collier	Jane Phillips
Sallie Collier	Alice Thompson Pigford
Willie Collier	Cornelia Pigford
Lillie Bell Cotton	Ella Pigford
Ella Culpepper	Lula Pigford
Jennie Pigford Culpepper	Mattie Pigford
Manola Allen Dawson	Mollie Pigford
Winnie DeWitt Dove	Lucrecia Pringle (unknown)
Minda Dukes	Mattie Ponds (incorrectly listed as wife of B. F. Ponds)
Myrtle Dukes	
Helen Ford	Emma Roberson
Lula Ford	Olie Roberson
Nila Price Fuller	Christine McDonald Humphrey Rawlings
Ella Ford Glover	Ella Ross
Eleanor Lowe Ingram	Suzie McDonald Ross
June Catlett Hardin	Pauline Simmons Ryan
Martha Hodges	Maud Shamburger
Alma Jarman	Rosa Pigford Shelton
Ida Long	Clara Sims
Emma Bell Lowe	Mary Sims
Lura Long	Nellie Culpepper Sims
Olivia Lowe	Sallie Sims
Lula McDonald	Bettie Smith
Allie McElroy	Mariane Smith
Annie Webb McElroy	Nora Smith
Helen McElroy	Onie Wright Smith
Lela DeWitt McElroy	Nora Stephens
Ezeikiel Miller	Nannie Sturdivant
Laura Miller	Tabitha (Tom) Thompson

Clara Collier Welch
Lavasser Welch

Jennie Wright

**OTHER FEMALE MEMBERS DISMISSED BY LETTER BUT NO DATE GIVEN
(BEFORE 1910)**

Eva Jarman Allen		Lynda Ponds	Nov. 1911
Mattie Welch Allen		Mary Shamburger	Feb. 1908
Ada Camp		Sallie Moore Shamburger	Feb. 1908
Lura Collier		Rachel Shelton	Feb. 1908
Nellie Dawson	June 1910	Ella M. Bell Thompson	
Lizzie Brown Harrison	Oct. 1905	Leona Thompson	
Mollie Camp Hurt	Nov. 1909	R. L. Thompson	
Mattie Welch Jarman	Jan. 1908	Laura Robinson Walker	
Alma Phillips	Nov. 1907	Pearl Webb	Oct. 1905
Mary Welch Parker		Lena Welch	Jan. 1909
Viola Phillips		Hattie Hardin Welch	Jan. 1909
Zelie Thompson Pierce	7/31/1908	Virgie Welch	Jan. 1909
Eraster Pigford (perhaps husband's name)		Maude Collier Williams	
Louise Culpepper Pigford	July 1912	Gertrude Jarman Windham	
Pearl Pigford	Aug. 1915	(joined Methodist Church)	

OTHER FEMALE MEMBERS LISTED AS DEAD WITH FEW DATES GIVEN

Pollie Allen	12/23/1911	Maey Bell Pierce	
Cynthia Britton		Mrs. Pippin	
Mary Brown		Frances Sims	10/2/1912
Sibelle Brown		Mary Sims Swain	
Love Culpepper	12/10/1909	Sallie Webb	3/9/1905
Tallie Dawson	8/8/1910	Martha Welch	9/25/1900
Mary Hunnicutt	11/24/1908	A. L. Wiggins	8/20/1911
Annie Ingram	3/2/1912	Allie D. Willis Westbrook	
Jane Jarman	11/1906		

August 1911 Female Members

Grace Brewster
Desma Collier dismissed by letter
Norma DeWitt
Lillian Ingram
Mary Long
Dollie (Dottie) Sansing died 6/27/1912
Mary Lee Shamburger
Ruth Sims
Lillie May Sturdivant
Pearl Sturdivant

August 1912

Elnor Allen	Mamie Blakely	Mary McDonald
Rellie Allen	Mary Blakely	Emma K. Shamburger

AUGUST 1913

Eilene Hardin Eva Hardin Ofelia Lackley

May 1914

E. C. Lacey Budie Thrash M. E. Thrash
Leona Thompson Florence Thrash Mattie Wiggins

June 22, 1912

After preaching by Pastor Z.C. O'Ferrell, the church opened conference by prayer and praises. The following were appointed as delegates to the 5th Sunday meeting at Russell: T.M. Sims, W.W. Collier; H.L. Glover; Will Roberson and Sister Ollie Sims.

(These minutes are written on tablet paper and then stapled to a page in the church book ...and they are not in order of events, as you will see below)

October 13, 1929

The church met in conference. Bro. J.S. Catlett acted as moderator. Bro. T.R. Pore called to serve as pastor; C.H.Wiggins, Jr., was church clerk.

NEXT IS A TABLET NOTE FROM BETHANY CHURCH(AT WHYNOT) DATED JANUARY 11, 1913

This is to certify that Sister E.C. Lacey is a member with us in good standing and at her own request is hereby dismissed from us when joined to another church of same faith and done by order at (of) church in conference. Signed: E.L. Hughes, Clerk.

NEXT ARE MINUTES WRITTEN ON BOTH SIDES OF WHAT APPEARS BROWN ENVELOPE PAPER USED TO MAIL FARMERS BULLETIN #135, REGARDING SORGHUM SERIUP(SYRUP) MANUFACTURE. THE DATE AS BEST DETERMINED IS 8/26/1894.

There is discussion of building a Baptistry and a robe room. A committee appointed to draft resolution in memory of Bro. J.H. Culpepper. Bro. J.D. Cook moderator and R. L. Shamburger, church clerk. **(The minutes are very difficult to read as it was written in pencil.)**

There is a post card from the 15th Avenue Baptist Church dated 3/28/1936, stating that Mrs. H.R. Rogers had presented herself for membership and requesting a letter of dismissal for her from Salem Baptist Church. Louie Ellison was church clerk for the 15th Avenue Baptist Church. **(Mr. Ellison was editor of the Meridian Star for many years.)** The letter of dismissal was granted on 6/28/1936.

September 22, 1938

Salem Baptist Church, T. R. Wright, Clerk, Signed letter of dismissal for Mrs. Sarah Pendergrass.

August 24, 1936

Letter to Salem Church from Route 1, Box 110, Meridian, MS:
Dear Brother:

Am asking that you grant rev. Houston Fitzgerald a letter of dismissal from your church to be placed in Mt. Vernon Baptist Church of which he is now pastor, and greatly oblige Miss Hazel Ellis, Church Clerk.

The last item in this book is partial male membership list and parital female membership list. Both will be listed for fear of leaving out information; and too, they appear to be earlier membership:

Male Members

Allen, Eddie	dismissed by letter
Allen, T. H.	dead
Boswell, Asa	
Cahoon, Henry	dismissed by letter
Camp, Luther	dismissed by letter
Coats, W. T.	
McDonald, J. M.	dismissed by letter
McDonald, William	joined Cokers Chapel Methodist Church, Vimville
May, M. A.	gone
Pack, J. A.	dismissed by letter
Page, Alfred	dismissed by letter
Pierson, W. P.	dismissed by letter
Pippin, Berry	excluded
Shamburger, R. L.	
Webb, Homer	dismissed by letter
Welch, William	
White, William	dismissed by letter

Following is another partial Female Membership List - Updated which commences with No. 35 and goes trthrough No. 67

Britton, Mary	dead
Cahoon, Maggie	dismissed by letter
Collier, Sache	
Ford, Lula	
Jarman, Alma	
Jarman, Eva	
Harman, Trudy	

McElroy, Helen	
McElroy, Mrs. Henry S.	dismissed by letter
McElroy, Lula	
Miller, Laura	
Miller, Lora	
Miller, Sevonina	
Moody, Mary	dead
Pierson, Florence	dismissed by letter
Pigford, Addie	
Pippin, Mrs.	
Ross, Beulah	dismissed by letter
Shelton, Anna Boswell	
Shelton, Ella Pigford	
Simmons, Etta Lowe	
Sims, Theodosia Catlett	
Thompson, Mrs. John	
Tisdale, Nora Webb	
Webb, Kitty	
Webb, Ada	dead
Welch, Jennie	dismissed by letter
Welch, Mattie	
Westbrook, Allie D. Miller	dead

Following is an undated list of 32 female members, some of the names being listed in the name of the female and others in the name of the husband:

Allen, Pollie	Pierce, Maybell (Mae Bell?)
Bell, Ann?	Pigford, Allie
Boutwell, Lizzie	Pigford, Genie
Brewster, Earl	Pigford, J. W.
Brewster, J. M.	Pigford, Lula
Brewster, Robert	Ponds, Mattie
Catlett, B.	Shamburger, R. L.
Catlett, Irene	Shelton, Rachel
Collier, Clara	Thompson, Julia
Collins, Maud	Thompson, Leona
Culpepper, Ella	Webb, Annie
DeWitt, Lela	Webb, Paul
DeWitt, Winnie	Welch, Mary
McDonald, Lula	Wright, Onie
McElroy, Allie	Wright, T. H.
McElroy, W. B.	
Miller, Ezekiel	

THIS CONCLUDES INFORMATION FROM THE FIRST TOW (2) CHURCH MINUTE BOOKS.

THE FOLLOWING IS FROM CHURCH MINUTE BOOK NUMBER THREE (3) WHICH COMMENCES ON FEBRUARY 23, 1907

After preaching by Pastor J.D. Cook, the church went into conference. A.F. Camp was elected to act as church clerk until Bro. Shamburger returns to the neighborhood or resigns. On the following Sunday the congregation was small due to rain.

March 23, 1907

Bro. J.G. Ross and wife, Sister Ella Ross, presented letter of dismissal from Mt. Gilead Church and were received. On motion and second Bro. W.W. Collins, J.T. Pigford and A.B. Camp to draft a resolution of respect to sister Willie Collier, deceased, and also Bro. H.T. Allen, deceased. On the following Sunday the offering went to the State and Home Missions. On motion and second the Wednesday before the 4th Sunday in April next designated the day to clean off the graveyard.

April 27, 1907 Memorial Day; no conference

May 25, 1907

Bro. W.E. Smith made a statement relating to certain reports concerning his conduct, which being satisfactory was on motion accepted. Bro. A.B. Camp and H.G. Lowe appointed to have the front steps of the church building rebuilt.

June 22, 1907

Preaching by pastor. Protracted meeting to follow Sunday service.

July 27, 1907

The committee to draw up resolution of respect made report and then were asked to draft resolution of respect to Bro. W.H. Webb, deceased. Apparently the church ceased having these resolutions spread on the minutes as no copy found.

August 24, 1907

The following were elected delegates to the association: B. M. Collier; J.T. Pigford; T.V. Thompson; John Bell; J.M. Brewster; and W.W. Collier. Letters of dismissal granted Bros. R.H. Brewster and J.M. Brewster, Jr. The meeting was continued through the next week with the following being received by letter: Sebelle Brown; Norma Collier; Martha Hodges; E.A. Hodges; J.J. Sturdivant; Nannie Sturdivant; Laura DeWitt; Lund Robinson; and Minda Dukes.

The following were received by experience and baptism:

Susie McDnnald	Lavossa Welch	Drover Robinson
Christine McDonald	William Lockley	Alice Thompson
Helen Ford	Elmer Long	Mattie Welch
March Welch	Myrtle Dukes	Floyd Boutwell
Elnora Ford	Minnie Boutwell	Lura Long
Morris Ross	Nila Price	Sam Rollings

The following received at the closing services for baptism: Eleanor Lowe; Lula Pigford; Pearl Pigford; and Pauline Simmons. Preaching was by Bro. H.H. Webb. The church elected Bro. W.E. Smith and W.C. Catlett as trustees of the church for the purpose of conveying title to Lauderdale County to so much of the land as may be needed for public road. **NOTE: This is when the present road in front of the church was constructed ...west of the church.**

September 1907

After preaching by pastor, the church went into conference. The committee on resolutions granted more time. Bro. R.L. Shamburger having removed from our midst tendered his resignation as clerk, which on motion was accepted. Bro. A.R. Camp was elected clerk, receiving \$11.85 from Bro. Shamburger. On motion and second Baptism to be held at Wright's fish pond on Sunday next at 9:00 A.M. The church to buy a new minute book. As scheduled the following were baptised on Sunday at Bro. Wright's fish pond: Pauline Simmons; Lula Pigford; Pearl Pigford; and Eleanor Lowe; together with three candidates from the Toomsaba Church.

October 26, 1907

Preaching by Bro. Cook. Balance due on the church steps paid out of the general fund. Cost of new minute book was \$1.00. Letter of dismissal granted Sister Alma Phillips. Rev. J.D. Cook reelected pastor and his theme for Sunday services was "What A Baptist Church Stands For".

November 23, 1907

Resolution committee granted more time. Preaching by Pastor Cook.

December 1907 No conference.

January 25, 1908

The church adopted resolution to memory of Sister Willie Collins. After same was read, letters of dismissal granted Brethren Berry Jarman, Perry Welch, Sisters Jennis Welch, Mattie Welch and Mattie Jarman.

February 22, 1908

Preaching by Bro. Cook. Letters of dismissal granted Bro. Thomas O'Gwynn and his wife; Bro. R.H. Phillips; Bro. R. H. Shamburger and Mary Shamburger.

March 23, 1908

Bro. C.H. Wiggins, Jr., was received by letter. The church made arrangements for Memorial Services in April along with scheduling a day to clean the graveyard. The church on motion and second apportioned a certain amount to each member for the payment of the pastor.

April 25, 1903

Memorial Day; no conference. Elder R.J. Shipman, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Meridian, preached a very strong and impressive and appropriate sermon. Sermon on following Sunday by Pastor Cook.

May 23, 1908

Preaching by Elder J.R. Farish of Meridian, since Bro. Cook was attending the Southern Baptist Convention.

June 27, 1908

Preaching by Pastor Cook. Bro. L.H. Hardin was received by letter. On motion and second a committee appointed to have a well and pool dug, also a robing room prepared. This committee consisted of A.B. Camp, H.G. Lowe, and R.L. Shamburger.

July 25, 1908

Sermon by Bro. J.A. Hailey of 15th Avenue Baptist Church. The well and pool committee reported work done at the expense of \$11.85. Some of the offering received this day went to assist in the rebuilding of a church at Purvis, Miss. Bro. J.D.Cook preached the following. Monday since Bro. Hailey was called home to conduct a funeral. Bro. Bailey returned on Tuesday and preached the remainder of the week. Received Sister Ella Bell by letter. Received by experience were: Quintus Camp, Lillie Bell, and Frank Hary (Harry?). Sister Zelia Pierce granted a letter of dismissal. Bro. Hailey was paid \$17.75.

August 22, 1908

W.W. Collier acted as moderator in the absence of the pastor.

September 27, 1908

Letter of dismissal granted W.L. Spinks.

October 24, 1908

Reelected Brother Cook as pastor.

November 1908

Sister Sallie Collier elected church organist for the year.

December 26, 1908

T.S. Pigford replaced A.B. Camp on the finance committee after Bro. Camp's resignation. Likewise, Bro. B.J. McDonald replaced Bro. J.M. Brewster on finance committee after Bro. Brewster tendered his resignation.

January 1909

No services Saturday. Sister Virgie Welch granted letter of dismissal.

February 27, 1909

Preaching by Bro. Cook. Brethren J.T. Pigford, W.W. Collins and R.L. Shamburger appointed to draft resolution in memory of Bro. C.H. Wiggins, Sr.

March 27, 1909

Obituary of C.H. Wiggins, Sr., read and adopted. Bros. W.W. Collier, T.H. Wright and Sister Jennie Bell appointed to draft a resolution in memory of Sister Sallie Webb. Bro. W.T. Jarman and wife granted letters of dismissal.

April 23, 1909

Memorial Services by Elder J.A. Hailey of Meridian.

May 1909

A District Meeting held at Salem on 5th Sunday and the Saturday before.

June 26, 1909

The financial condition of the church was discussed. A suggestion was made to have all three Sunday schools come together at the church on every 4th Sunday. This referred over to the next meeting. The church received resolution committee reports on Sister Webb and Sister Honeycutt.

July 24, 1909

After preaching by Pastor Cook, Bro. R.L. Shamburger chosen as clerk pro-tem. The church approved the union of the Sunday Schools to begin the next day at 10:00 A.M. On motion and second

the church to observe the Lord's Supper tomorrow (Sunday). The church voted to use some of the offerings to buy maps for use of the church and Sunday School.

August 21, 1909

After preaching by Pastor Cook, the church went into conference. The committee on preparation and repair reported: Bro. Dawson & Sons (Bro. James Eli Dawson and sons, Joseph P. and James N. Dawson) on well \$2.50; lumber \$.50; total \$3.00. First mention of digging a well for the church; it was located across the road in front of the church.

Bro. A.B. Camp elected deacon of the church. Delegates elected to the association were: E.A. Hodges; W.W. Collins; W.E. Smith; T.W. Pigford and T.H. Wright. Alternates were: Maurice Ross; Sam Rollings; Mrs. Sadie Collins; Miss Vivola Phillips and Nell Culpepper. A protracted meeting followed with sermon by Rev. W.E. Findley, pastor of 41st Avenue Church in Meridian. On the following Monday, Bro. A.B. Camp ordained as a deacon to replace departed Bro. C.H. Wiggins, Sr. The church received the following by experience and baptism: H.T. Glover, Rosier G. Collier, Coleman DeWitt, Nora Stephens, Allie Stephens, Rosa Pigford, Mary Boswell and Mary Shelton. By letter received: T.M. Sims; Mrs. Mary Sims; Mrs. Emma Roberson; Sallie Sims; Clara Sims; and Robert H. Phillips. Bro. Jack Shelton was received at the last services and baptism scheduled for the next meeting.

September 1909

Sister Ollie Roberson and Bro. Alvin Lowe presented themselves and were received and the ordinance of baptism administered to them. The offerings for Ministerial to go to Bro. J.S. Chatham attending Clarks Memorial College (Newton County).

October 23, 1909

Service by Pastor Cook. The election of pastor and organist deferred until the next meeting. On the following Sunday after preaching by the pastor, Nevelle (James Nevel) Dawson was received by experience. The church then went into the election of a pastor and organist by ballot. Bros. J.K. Williams of Toomsaba and W.H. Ross of Mt. Gilead acted as tellers. Pastor J.D. Cook reelected as pastor; Sister Billie Smith elected as organist and Sister Adilee Pigford as assistant organist. Bro. T.M. Sims, an ordained deacon, called to active service in the church.

November 27, 1909

The Rules of Decorum were read for information. The pastor's salary was fixed at \$200.00 per year. Bro. J.D. Cook accepted call as pastor. Letter of dismissal granted Bro. Robert and Sister Mollie Hurtt.

December 25, 1909

No regular services. The funeral of Sister Ruby Shelton was conducted at the church by the pastor.

AN ENTRY: THERE IS QUITE A LARGE PART OF THE CHURCH RECORDS LOST ENTIRELY: AND ANOTHER PART OF SAME THAT HAS NOT BEEN TRANSCRIBED FROM THE ORIGINAL MINUTES: on account of negligence on part of Bro. A.B. Camp, clerk elect at the time. Part of same are loose in this volume when turned over to me, R. L. Shamburger. As you will see, just two years have elapsed since a minute was transcribed. The church has quite an interesting record of this part of its history. Had two pertracted (protracted) meetings that added some 40 or 45 more to the church. Bro. J.D. Cook was our pastor in 1911 and Bro. Z.C. O'Ferrell, a young minister and schoolboy from Clarke Memorial College at Newton, Mississippi, was Pastor in 1912. Bro. L.G. Gates assisted in the meeting and had a glorious revival and added 25 or more to the church. Bro. Gates was a man of God and a stron (strong) and aggressive preacher. We paid him \$50.00 odd dollars for his services. Bro. O'Ferrell was succeeded by our past pastor, W.S. Culpepper.

Signed: resp' R.L.S. (R.L. Shamburger)

THE MINUTES NOW JUMP TO: November 23, 1912

Preaching by Pastor W.S. Culpepper. Bro. A.B. Camp tendered his resignation through Bro. T.M. Sims, and on motion and second it was granted. R.L. Shamburger then elected to office of church clerk. The ordination of Bro. Thomas Wright was postponed because of Ministerial aid.

December 21, 1912 Only preaching service.

January 25, 1913

Bad day, cold, few in attendance. Service by pastor. Letters of dismission granted A.B. Camp and wife, Ada, and their sons, Quintus and Herman.

February 22, 1913 Preaching by the pastor.

March 22, 1913

A letter of dismission granted Bro. Sansing. Bro. T.H. Wright ordained as deacon by the following: Rev. Charles G. Elliott, Rev. J.A. Lee, O.W. Carter, R.G. Joiner and W.S. Culpepper. The choir sang "God Will Take Care of You". Made reference to Bro. W.W. Collier receiving a letter of dismission.

April 26, 1913

No conference; Memorial Service. A quartet from Clarke Memorial College present, and a collection was taken to defray their expenses.

May 24, 1913 Preaching by Rev. C.G. Elliott.

June 21, 1913

Preaching by Pastor W.L. Culpepper. Bro. J.T. Culpeper to assist pastor with a following protracted meeting.

July 26, 1913

Made arrangements to have the well cleaned out and to pay delegate expenses to Southern Baptist Conference.

August 23, 1913

Preaching by Rev. J.T. Culpepper, visiting brother from Poplarville. Received C.C. Hardin and wife, Eva, by letter. Received by experience Eilene Hardin and Ofelia Lockley. A collection was taken at the close of the meeting toward raising \$500.00 to enlarge and improve the church building. The amount of \$362.00 subscribed. A committee of Mrs. Ella Ross, Mrs. J.M. Brewster, Mrs. Sallie Shamburger, Miss Callie Bell and Miss Adilee Pigford appointed to collect balance.

September Meeting no record

October 26, 1913 No business

November and December 1913 No meeting.

January 11, 1914

On motion and second the vote by ballott. The resignation of T.W. Wright as Treasurer and R.L. Shamburger as Clerk was NOT granted. The names of Rev. Wills of Mobile, Alabama, and W.S. Culpepper put in nomination for pastor, which resulted in the election of Wilks. Mrs. W.E. Smith, organist. Rev. Wilks declined.

February 1914

Rev. C.M. Cond of Milltown, Alabama, invited for a trial sermon. The church did not elect. Paid him \$3.00. Rev. John Pool was invited next for a trial sermon and was paid \$3.00 for same.

March 21, 1914

Preaching by Rev. Thomas Phillips. Rev. John Pool served as moderator.

April 25, 1914

Memorial Day. Large crowd. Service by Pastor Pool.

May 24, 1914

Adopted new song book. Ordered two dozen at cost of \$4.50.

June 24, 1914 Service by Rev. Pool.

July 25, 1914

Preaching by Rev. Pool with assistance of Bro. Bryant. Received Mrs. Mattie Wiggins by experience, Mrs. M.E. Thrash by letter, Misses Florence and Budie Thrash by letter, Mrs. Leona Thompson by letter, and Mr. Robert (Rob) Lee Bell by experience. A letter of dismissal granted to Sister F.O. Fuller.

August 22, 1914

Delegates were named to the association meeting. (This mentioned previously)

September 27, 1914 No business.

October 10, 1914

Elected Rev. J.T. Phillips as pastor; R.L. Shamburger, clerk; T.H. Wright, treasurer; and Miss Adilee Pigford, organist. October 24, 1914 Preaching by Pastor Pool.

November 21, 1914

Preaching by Pastor Pool. Made arrangements to fix stove pipe.

December 26, 1914 No conference.

January 1915

No service on Saturday. Preaching on Sunday by Pastor Pool at school house on account of bad weather. **NOTE: This would have to be at Arlington School, which was located east of present Salem Church.**

February 28, 1915

No preaching Saturday. Rained Sunday. A small crowd with preaching by Pastor Pool, it being his last day.

March 28, 1915

Bro. C.H. Wiggins (Jr.) was made clerk pro-tem. Bro. Phillips agreed to present Memorial sermon on the 4th Saturday in April.

June 26, 1915

Preaching by Pastor Phillips. A call for volunteer acknowledgments was made and several responded.

July 24, 1915

Three persons were united with the church by experience: James, Grady and Edna Boswell. A letter of dismissal granted Willie Hodges.

August 21, 1915

Preaching by Pastor Pool. A letter of dismissal granted Sister Pearl Pigford. Delegates to the association were: J.G. Ross, Howard Sims, R.L. Shamburger, T.M. Sims and John Brewster. Alternates: Sisters Nora Stephens and Clara Sims. The church voted to revise the church roll, this to occur and be carried out at 2:00 P.M. on September 1, 1915, by Asa Boswell, H.G. Lowe, L. H. Hardin, E.M. Bell, J.G. Ross, and C.H. Wiggins (Jr.).

September 15, 1915

Preaching by Bro. Phillips. A letter of dismissal granted Sarah Allen. (this Sarah L. Baskin Ponds Allen).

October 23, 1915

Letter of dismissal granted Bro. Joe Long and wife; also Bro. W.T. Welch.

November 27, 1915

A letter of dismissal granted Bro. R.H. Phillips, the pastor, after service conducted by him.

December 15, 1915

Preaching by Bro. Phillips.

January 1916

The church released Bro. Phillips as he had been called to the care of Southside Church, Meridian.

February 1916

Rev. Bro. Mitchell of Cuba, Alabama, was invited and accepted to preach at the church. Letters were granted to quite a number of members for the purpose of organizing a church at Kewanee. It is noted that the names of these members appear elsewhere. **NOTE: There are names listed on tablet paper in the back of the book, but no indication that those listed dismissed to organize church at Kewanee.**

Others receiving letters of dismissal were: Sister J.M. Brewster and three of her children, John, Anice and Todd.

March 1916

The choice or call of a pastor delayed until Bro. Pool could be fully paid. This was done; then the church called Bro. Mitchell to the care of the church.

April 1916

Preaching by Pastor Mitchell. Letters of dismissal granted Sisters Lura, Emma and Mary Long; also, Sister Dukes. Bro. C.H. Wiggins nominated for financial clerk and the matter deferred. Also deferred was the nomination of Sister Blanche Catlett for organist and Mary Blakely for assistant organist.

May 1916

Preaching by Pastor Mitchell. Letters of dismissal granted Bro. Louie McElroy and Sam Dukes.

June 1916

Sermon by Bro. Mitchell. Sister Blanche Catlett and Mary Blakely elected as organist and assistant organist, respectively. Bro. C.H. Wiggins elected financial clerk. Brethren O. (R) H. Wiggins, E.W. Bell and J.G. Ross elected deacons. Toward collection of pastor salary the following received: Public collection \$1.50; Bro. Sam Pigford \$1.50; C.H. Ingram \$2.00; R. L. Shamburger \$.50.

July 1916 No business; mostly prayer.

August 1916

Preaching by Pastor Mitchell. Received Bro. John Welch and wife by letter; and the following by experience during the following week of protracted meetings: Mamie Wiggins, Ferrel Roberson, Julia Shamburger, Alphons Wiggins, W.S. Hardin, Horace Ross and Gully Wiggins. A letter of dismissal granted Bro. Hodges.

September 17, 1916

The following elected delegates to the association: Sister Ollie Roberson, T.M. Sims, W.S. Catlett, L.H. Hardin, E.W. Bell; with alternates: G.W. Ingram, T.F. Wiggins, William Bell and J.G. Ross. Letters of dismission granted Mrs. Mary T. Clayton and Ofelia Lockley, and a duplicate letter to Bro. Henry Allen and wife.

October 14, 1916

Preaching by Bro. Mitchell. Letters of dismission granted Sister Luna Walker and Bro. Sam Pigford and wife. On Sunday, letter of dismission granted Bro. Berry Phillips and wife.

November 1916 No business.

December 17, 1916 Elected Brother Mitchell as pastor.

January 1917

Service. Small crowd. Collected \$3.05 for the State Hospital.

February 18, 1917 Only preaching.

March 18, 1917

The date of Memorial service changed from the 4th Sunday to the 5th Sunday in April.

April 15, 1917 Preaching by Rev. B.M. Mitchell.

May 19 and June 17, 1917 No business.

July 14, 1917

Bro. C.H. Wiggins elected Assistant Clerk after service by Pastor Mitchell.

August 12, 1917

Conducted protracted meeting. Received by experience and baptism: Rilla Hardin, Annie Wiggins, Gordon Shamburger, Fred Baker, Grady Catlett, Eunice Catlett, Malcolm Allen, Rilla Shelton, Leo Catlett, Julia Senter, Louis McDonald, Everett Bell, Desma Robinson and Lillie Senter. Received Brother and Sister Dyess ? by letter.

NEXT MINUTES ARE FOR: November 18, 1917

Preaching by Pastor B.M. Mitchell. Bro. Beauregard Robinson and wife joined the church by letter. Sunday, B.L. Robinson resigned as church clerk, which was accepted. **NOTE: Believe this to be Asst. Clerk, since R.L. Shamburger was the church clerk.**

1st Sunday 1918 Only service; no conference.

February 1918 Only service; no conference

March 1918 No conference

April 1918

This the 4th Sunday was the regular Memorial Day. Service was by Bro. J.D. Cook. After service, Bros. J.C. Ross, E.W. Bell and C.H. Wiggins were ordained as deacons. The collection for Bro. Cook was \$7.00.

May 1918 No conference. Service by the pastor.

June 1918 Service by pastor. C.H. Wiggins, Church Clerk.

July 1918

Decided to hold protracted meeting beginning the first Sunday in August. Letters of dismissal granted Bro. and Sister L.T. Dyess and Sister Allie West.

August 3, 1918

The pastor of this protracted meeting was assisted by Bro. Wilson of Cuba, Alabama. Received by baptism: Angie Ross, Velma Thompson, Roy Allen and Herman Welch.

September 1918

Elected Mrs. Ollie Robinson, Horace Ball, W.S. Hardin, as delegates to the association. There was no conference during this month.

4th Sunday October 1918 No conference. No preaching.

November 1918 No conference; only preaching.

December 1918

Preaching by pastor, Rev. B.M. Mitchell. Letters of dismissal granted Sisters Minnie Dove and Lillie May Mallard. The pastor reelected for another year. -156-

January, February and March 1919 No conference.

April 1919 Memorial Service by Bro. L.E. Hall

May 1919 No conference.

June 1919

Scheduled protracted meeting to commence 4th Sunday in July. Service by pastor, Rev. B.A. Mitchell. Letters of dismissal granted F.R. Boutwell and Sister Ryals, but this being the beginning of protracted meeting, the letters were left open (in case there was a change of mind on the part of those requesting dismissal). Laura Neal Bell, Frank Robinson, Mrs. Ruth Thrash and Lester Sims were baptised. Bro. P. Poole preached and was paid \$53.00.

August 1919 (4th Sunday) Preaching by the pastor.

September 1919

The following elected delegates to the association meeting (apparently the church still in the County Association): J.G. Ross, T.M. Sims, C.H. Wiggins, Mrs. Ollie Robinson, Mrs. J.G. Ross, Mrs. Irene Hardin and J.C. Catlett.

October 1919

Letters of dismissal granted Mr. & Mrs. R.L. Shamburger, Maud Shamburger, Emma K. Shamburger, Julia Shamburger, and Gordon Shamburger. Service by Bro. Chatham. The church on motion and second unanimously elected Rev. A.H. Miller as pastor for 1920. Letters of dismissal granted Bro. and Sister Walton.

December 1919 Preaching by the pastor; Bro. Miller ill.

January 1920

First service by the new pastor, A.H. Miller, who accepted the call of the church.

February and March 1920 No conference.

April 18, 1920

Letters of dismissal granted Bro. Jessie Sturdivant and wife, and Sister Pearl Markham. Memorial service held on 4th Sunday by the pastor.

May 1920 No conference.

June 1920

The church decided to hold a protracted meeting on the 3rd Sunday in August.

July 1920 No conference.

August 1920

The following were received by baptism: Blanche McDonald, Rillie Shelton, Beatrice Welch, Vardaman Catlett, Cleondias Welch, Paul Hardin, Emma Garrison, Clemet Hardin, Everett Wright and Velma Thompson. Received Augusta Garrison by letter.

September 1920

Granted letters of dismissal to Bro. Joseph Walton and wife.

October 1920 No conference.

November 1920 No conference; preaching by the pastor.

December 1920

Bro. T.M. Sims acted as moderator. Bro. A. H. Miller reelected as pastor for the year 1921.

January 1921

Letters of dismissal granted Christine Rollins and Mrs. Mary Blakley.

February 1921 No conference.

March 1921

Regular service by pastor. The date of meeting changed from the 3rd Sunday to the 1st Sunday. **PLEASE NOTE: that along in this period when Saturday meetings for conference were discontinued there is no mention of same in the minutes.**

April 1921

Letters of dismissal granted Sam Rollins and Sister Minnie Dove. Held Memorial services on 4th Sunday.

May 1921

Service by pastor. Letters of dismissal granted Sister M. E. Thrash, Sister Florence Harris and Sister Bertie Thrash.

June 1921 No conference; regular service.

July 1921 Regular service.

August 1921

Received by baptism Robert Catlett and Wenner Shelton.

September 1921

The following were appointed delegates to the Lauderdale County Association: J.L. Welch, W.S. Hardin, C.H. Wiggins and J. G. Ross.

October 1921

Regular services. Sister E.M. Lacy granted letter of dismissal.

November 1921

No conference. The following committee appointed to collect the pastor's salary: T.F. Wiggins, J.G. Ross, E.W. Bell, C.C. Hardin and B.J. McDonald. The church reelected Rev. A.H. Miller as pastor.

January and February 1922 Regular services.

March 1922

Letters of dismissal granted Bros. Roy Allen, Malcolm Allen, Prentiss Allen, Preston Allen and Sister Martha Allen.

April 1922

Letters of dismissal granted R.L. Thompson and Edna E. Thompson. Regular Memorial service held on the 4th Sunday.

May 1922

A letter of dismissal granted Sister Rellie Allen Rollins.

June and July 1922 No conference.

August 1922

The pastor assisted by Rev. Bentley. Received the following by letter: A.J. Kelly; Mrs. A.J. Kelly; Mrs. Neva Kelly; Hataline Kelly; Ars. Isabella Lancaster; and Mr. E.L. Spinks. The following received by baptism: Eugenia Catlett; John Catlett; LeNoy Harris; Charles Kelly; James Kelly; Earl Robinson; Homer Robinson; Cecil Robinson; G7. B. Ford; T.L. Sims; Byron Culpepper; and Hillard Garrison.

September 1922

Delegates to the Association were: E.T. Brown, Mrs. Irene Hardin, H.L. Tims, T.M. Sims and C.H. Wiggins.

October 1922

Letters of dismissal granted J.L. Welch, Herman Welch, Cleondias Welch, W. S. Hardin, Sister J. L. Welch (Annie Allen Welch), Beatrice Welch, Ruth Lacy, Adalia Pigford Wells.

November 1922 No conference.

December 1922

Regular services by the pastor. Bro. J.S. Catlett served as moderator. Reelected Rev. A.H. Miller as pastor to serve indefinitely. A letter of dismissal granted Sister Velma Thompson.

NOTE: THIS IS THE END OF MINUTES IN THIS CHURCH BOOK, AND THE FOLLOWING ARE VARIOUS MEMBERSHIP LISTS, SOME OF WHICH ARE NOT DATED. THE NOTES AND REMARKS BY SOME OF THEM WILL BE GIVEN.

Allen, J. C.	Dead
Barker, Mrs. Ella Pigford	
Beavers, Celiste Bell	
Bell, Mrs. Ella	
Bell, Everette	
Bell, Miss Jeanie	
Bell, Miss Jennie	Dead
Bell, Mrs. Mollie	
Bell, Mr. W. M.	Dead
Bell, Walter	
Boswell, Edward	
Boswell, Edward	
Boswell, Grady	Dismissed by letter 3/24/1935
Boswell, Mrs. Ida	
Boswell, Mr. J. A.	
Boswell, Jim	
Briggs, Eugenia Catlett	

Carney, Mrs. Sallie Sims	
Catlett, Bill, W. C.	
Catlett, Bob	
Catlett, Mrs. Circe (Grace)	
Catlett, Frank	
Catlett, Grady	
Catlett, Mr. J. S.	
Catlett, Mrs. J. S.	
Catlett, Leo	
Catlett, Mr. S. L.	
Catlett, Mrs. Mary Shelton	
Catlett, Vardaman	dead
Collins, B. M.	
Cotton, Eunice Shelton	
Crook, Laura Neal Bell	
Culpepper, Mrs. Bernice Harris	
Culpepper, Mr. Bryan	
Culpepper, Mr. Fred	
Culpepper, L. S.	
Culpepper, Mildred	
Culpepper, Mrs. Winnie Boswell	
DeWitt, Coleman	
DeWitt, Mrs. Laura	
DeWitt, Norma	dead
Fitzgerald, Houston	minister - dismissed by letter 9/27/1936
Fitzgerald, Mrs. Olivia	dead
Ford, Mrs. Clara Sims	dismissed by letter
Ford, Frank	
Ford, Mrs. Ollie Sims	
Ford, Mr. W. B.	dead
Ford, Will	
Glover, Mrs. Ella Ford	
Hardin, Mrs. Eva	
Hardin, L. H.	
Hardin, Mrs. Irene Catlett	
Hardin, Miss Marie	dead 1944
Hardin, Miss Rilla	
Harris, Mrs. Alta Wright	
Harris, Mr. Leroy	
Harris, Miss Mildred	
Ingram, G. B.	
Ingram, Grady	
Ingram, Norris	
Lancaster, Frank	
Lancaster, Idabelle	dismissed by letter
Lancaster, Robert	
Lowe, Lillie Ingram	
Lummus, Dillon Shelton	
McDonald, Mr. B. J.	
McElroy, Mrs. Helen	dead
McDonald, Mrs. Lula	

McElroy, C. D.	dismissed by letter
Mathews, Mrs. Blanche McDonald	
Pendergrass, Mrs. Sara Mattie Wiggins	dismissed by letter
Pickard, Mildred Ingram	
Robinson, Mrs. Dema Collier	
Robinson, Mr. G. N.	dead
Robinson, Ruby Zell	
Rogers, Mrs. Helen Ford	dismissed by letter 6/28/1936
Shelby, Hazel Shelton	
Shelton, Mrs. Ella	
Shelton, Jack	
Shelton, Marion	
Shelton, Phillip	
Shelton, Rosie	
Shelton, Robert	
Shelton, Winner	
Show, Mrs. Mary Catlett	dismissed by letter 9/27/1936
Sims, Mrs. Howard	
Sims, Mrs. Lillie Cotton	
Sims, Mrs. Mary	
Sims, Mr. Monroe	
Sims, Mrs. Myrtle	
Sims, Theodore L.	
Ward, Grace	
Ward, Sadie	
Ward, Selby	
Ward, Mr. W. C.	
Ward, Selby	
Ward, Mr. W. C.	
Wiggins, Miss Annie	
Wiggins, Mr. C. Henry	died March 1935
Wiggins, Mrs. Evans	
Wiggins, Mr. Gully	
Wiggins, Mrs. Mattie	
Wiggins, Mr. Porter	
Wiggins, Mr. Porter	
Wiggins, Mr. Rufus	
Wiggins, Mr. Thomas	
Wiggins, Mr. T. T	died 3/5/1937
Wright, Mr. Grover B.	
Wright, Mrs. Jessie	
Wright, Julian	
Wright, Mrs. Julian	
Wright, Nell	
Wright, Mrs. Ollie Pigford	
Wright, Mrs. Willie Mae Pigford	

**PLEASE NOTE THAT MINUTES JUMP FROM 1922 TO 1935. THE MISSING LINK
WILL BE PICKED UP FROM THE NEXT CHURCH BOOK.**

April 28, 1935

Regular services by Rev. C.E. Dearman. J.T. Boswell was church clerk.

May 26, 1935 Regular services morning and night.

June 23, 1935 Regular services

August 25, 1935

Regular services followed by protracted meeting, where Rev. Nathan Stone assisted the pastor. Received Josephine Shelton by letter and Beatrice Senter(?) by baptism.

September 12, 1935

The following were elected delegates to the Association meeting: H.L. Sims, Mrs. H. L. Sims and J.T. Boswell.

October 27 and November 24, 1935 Regular services.

December 22, 1935 No service due to weather.

January 26, 1936

T.E. Ellis served as moderator and Rev. C.E. Dearman recalled as pastor.

NOTE: THIS CONCLUDED BOOK THREE WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE FOLLOWING NAMES WHICH WERE ON A SHEET IN THE BACK OF THE BOOK: LIST UNDATED:

Chapman, Billy (Billie) Jean	
Cotton, George	
Cotton, Lillian	
Culpepper, Eris	
Culpepper, Eugene	
Lancaster, Pauline	
Long, Edith	
Roberson, Evelyn	dismissed
Roberson, Leroy	
Roberson, Mary	
Shelton, Mr. Bob	
Shelton, Hazel	
Wright, Harold	
Wright, Leslie	dismissed
Wright, Mr. Reid	dismissed

NAMES OF MEMBERS DRAWN FROM OLD RECORDS - SEPTEMBER 1, 1915:

Allen, Elnor	
Allen, J. C.	
Allen, Malcolm	dismissed 1922
Allen, Marshall	joined 1925
Allen, Martha	dismissed 1922
Allen, Prentis	
Allen, Preston	
Allen, Roy	dismissed 1922
Allen, Sarah	dismissed 1915
Baker, Flord (Floyd)	dismissed
Bell, Celess	joined 1927
Bell, C. M.	
Bell, Edward	
Bell, Ellis	
Bell, E. W.	
Bell, Gena	
Bell, J. C.	
Bell, John	
Bell, J. S.	
Bell, Laura Neal	
Bell, Mollie E.	
Bell, R. L.	dead
Bell, W., Jr.	
Bell, W. M.	
Blakely, Mamie	dismissed 1923
Blakely, Mary	dismissed 1920
Boswell, Grady	
Boswell, Ida	
Boswell, James	dismissed
Boswell, J. A.	
Boswell, M. E.	
Boswell, Atha	
Boutwell, Floyd	dismissed 1915
Boutwell, Lizzie	dismissed 1919
Boutwell, Minnie	dead
Boyd, Lora M.	dismissed 1915
Brewster, Grace	dismissed 2/20/1916
Brewster, John	dismissed
Brewster, John	killed WWI 1917-1918
Britton, J. G.	
Britton, Mary	dead
Britton, E. T.	
Brower, Jeff (J.T)	dead
Camp, C. C.	dead
Catlett, Aera (Aeco)	
Catlett, Batt	dead 1924
Catlett, Blanche	dismissed
Catlett, Ernest	dismissed 1925

Catlett, Eunice		dismissed 1923
Catlett, Frank	joined 1925	
Catlett, Grady		dimissed
Catlett, Jeff	joined 1923	dimissed
Catlett, John	joined 1922	dismissed
Catlett, Mrs. J. S.		
Catlett, Leo		
Catlett, Mary	joined 1926	
Catlett, Mary Shelton		
Catlett, Nora Moody	address unknown	
Catlett, Robert	joined 1921	
Catlett, S. L.		
Catlett, W. C.		
Catlett, W. S.		
Catlett, Vardaman	joined 1920	dead
Chapman, Lula Pigford		dismissed 1928
Clayton, Mary T.		dismissed 1/1916
Collier, Mary	(age 100)	dead
Collier, Naomi		
Collins, B. M.		
Conn, Cornelia Pigford		dismissed
Copland, Fannie Mae	joined 1925	
Cotton, Lilly Bell		
Culpepper, Byron	joined 1922	
Culpepper, Ella		dead
Culpepper, Genia		dead 7/1928
Culpepper, L. S.		dead
Culpepper, Winnet Boswell		
Dawson, Joe		dead
Dawson, Manola Allen		
Dawson, Nevel		
DeWitt, Coleman		
DeWitt, Laura		
DeWitt, L. F.		dead
Dorough, Eugene		dismissed 1935
Dove, Minnie		dismissed 1921
Dukes, Minda		dismissed 1921
Dukes, Mollie		dismissed
Dukes, Myrtle		dismissed 4/15/16
Fitzgerald, Houston (Minister)		dismissed 1927
Fitzgerald, Olivia	joined 1927	dead
Ford, Clara Sims		
Ford, Frank		
Ford, Lula		dead 1922
Ford, Mrs. Ollie Roberson		
Ford, W. B.	joined 1922	dead
Ford, W. F.		
Fuller, Nila (Nita) Ponds		
Garrison, Augusta	joined 1922	dismissed 1923
Garrison, Grady		
Garrison, Hillard	joined 1922	dismissed 1923
Garrison, Irma	joined 1920	dismissed 1923

Garrison, Lucille		
Garrison, Lucy	joined 1918	dismissed 1923
Glover, Ella		
Glover, H. L.		
Hardin, C. C.		
Hardin, Clemet	joined 1920	dead
Hardin, Eva		
Hardin, Irene		
Hardin, Mamie		
Hardin, Marie	joined 1928	
Hardin, Nell	joined 1923	dismissed
Hardin, Paul	joined 1920	dismissed
Hardin, Rillee		
Hardin, W. S. (Minister)		dismissed 1922
Harris, Florence Thrash		dismissed
Harris, Leroy	joined 1922	dismissed
Hodges, E. A.		dismissed 2/11/1916
Hodges, Martha		dismissed 2/20/1916
Honeycutt, Z. W.		dead
Hunt, Pink		dead
Ingram, C. W.		dead 1929
Ingram, Eleanor		
Ingram, G. D.		
Ingram, Gladys	joined 1927	
Ingram, Lewis		dead 1919
Ingram, Mildred	joined 1927	
Ingram, Sallie Sims		
Johnson, Timothy	joined 1924	
Kelly, Mrs. A. J.	joined 1922	dismissed 1923
Kelly, Charles	joined 1922	dismissed 1923
Kelly, James	joined 1922	
Kelly, Madeline	joined 1922	dismissed 1923
Kelly, Mrs. Neva	joined 1922	dismissed 1923
Lackey, Ofelia		dismissed 9/1916
Lacy, E. C.		dismissed 9/1916
Lacy, Mary McDonald		dismissed
Lacy, Ruth Sims		dismissed 9/3/1922
Lancaster, Frank	joined 1927	
Lancaster, Mrs. Isabella	joined 1922	dismissed 1923
Lancaster, John	joined 1927	
Lancaster, Robert	joined 1927	
Long, Elma		dismissed 4/15/1916
Long, Ida		dismissed 1915
Long, Joe		dismissed 1915
Long, Lura		dismissed 4/15/1916
Long, Mary		dismissed 4/15/1916
Lowe, Alvin		dead
Lowe, Emma		dismissed 2/20/1916
Lowe, Mrs. Lillian	joined 1928	
Lowe, Lillian Ingram		dismissed
Lowe, Luther		dismissed 2/20/1916
Lowe, Mary Boswell		dismissed 1927

Lowe, Olivia		dead
Lowe, R. E.		dismissed
Lowe, Roy		dismissed 2/20/1916
McCann, Audry	joined 1926	dismissed
McDonald, B. J.		
McDonald, Louis		dismissed
McDonald, Lula		
McDonald, W. F.	joined methodist church	dismissed
McElroy, Annie		dismissed 2/20/1916
McElroy, C. D.	joined 1927	
McElroy, Helen		dead
McElroy, J. J.		dead
McElroy, L. A., Jr.		dismissed 1919
McElroy, Lela		dismissed 1919
McMurry, Myria	joined 1927	dismissed
McMurry, Dorothy	joined 1927	
McMurry, W. B.		dismissed
Markham, Peal Sturdivant		dismissed
Mathews, Blanch McDonald		
Miller, Elizabeth		dismissed 1915
Miller, Ezekiel		dismissed 1915
Miller, Laura		dismissed 1915
Phillips, Berry		dismissed 10/15/1916
Phillips, Jane		dead
Phillips, Martha		dead
Phillips, Mittie		dismissed 1919
Phillips, Robert H.		dismissed 1919
Phillips, Elnora		dismissed 12/15/1916
Pigford, Addie		dismissed 1922
Pigford, Eilene Hardin		
Pigford, Ella		
Pigford, J. A.		dismissed 1928
Pigford, J. T.		dead 1928
Pigford, Martha		dead
Pigford, T. S.		dismissed 10/14/1916
Pippin, Berry		
Ponds, Mattie		dismissed 1915
Pore, Rev. T. K.		dismissed 3/8/1931
Pringle, Lucrecia		dead
Rawlings, Christine		dismissed 1920
Rawlings, Rellie Allen		dismissed 1922
Rawlings, Sam		dismissed 1921
Rew, M. A.		
Robbert, John		
Roberson, Earl		dismissed 1927
Roberson, Emma		dismissed 1926
Roberson, Frank	joined 1919	dismissed 1930
Roberson, Cecil	ordained minster	dismissed 1934
Roberson, Homer	minister	dismissed 1927
Roberson, J. W.		dismissed 1926
Robinson, Desimer		
Robinson, Grover		dead

Rodgers, Helen Ford		dismissed 1936
Ross, Angie		dismissed 1923
Ross, Bulah		
Ross, Ella		dismissed
Ross, Horace		dismissed
Ross, J. G.		dismissed 1924
Ross, Susie McDonald		dismissed
Ryan, Pauline		dismissed 2/20/1916
Shamburger, ?		
Shelton, Corris		dismissed 1918
Shelton, Dillon	joined 1928	
Shelton, Ella		
Shelton, Jack		
Shelton, J. H.		
Shelton, L. M.		dead
Shelton, Marion		
Shelton, Mary		
Shelton, Phillip	joined 1928	
Shelton, Rellia		
Shelton, Rilla	joined 1920	
Shelton, Robert	joined 1928	
Shelton, Rosa		
Shelton, Winner		
Shamburger, Emma K.		dismissed 1918
Shamburger, Henry Gordon		dismissed
Shamburger, Mary Julia		dismissed
Shamburger, Maud E.		dismissed 1918
Shamburger, J. W.		dead
Shamburger, R. L.		dismissed
Shamburger, Sallie		dismissed
Sims, H. L.		
Sims, Lester		dismissed 1928
Sims, Mary		
Sims, Mrs. Myrtle	joined 1924	
Sims, M. M.	joined 1926	
Sims, Nellie		dismissed 1923
Sims, T. L.		
Sims, T. M.		dead 11/1927
Simmons, Edwin		dismissed 2/20/1916
Simmons, Fannie		dismissed 2/20/1916
Smith, Bettie		dismissed
Smith, Marion		dismissed
Smith, W. E.		dismissed
Spinks, Mrs. E. L.		dead 1929
Stacy, Mrs. Maggie		dead
Stephens, Allie		dismissed 2/20/1916
Stephens, Fannie Bell		dismissed 2/20/1916
Stephens, Nora		dismissed 2/20/1916
Sturdivant, Ed		dead

Sturdivant, J. J.		dismissed
Sturdivant, Leonard		dead
Sturdivant, Lilly May		dismissed
Sturdivant, Nannie		
Sturdivant, Reuben		dismissed
Suitor, Julia		dismissed 1924
Suitor, Lillie		dismissed 1923
Suter, Houston		dismissed 1919
Tate, Ezelle		dismissed 1929
Thompson, Edna Weeda		dismissed 1922
Thompson, Leona		dismissed
Thompson, Mrs. R. L.		dismissed 1921
Thompson, Tabitha		dead
Thompson, T. V.		dead
Thrash, M. E.		dismissed
Thrash, Preston		
Thrash, Ruth		dismissed 1927
Walden, Jasper		dismissed 1920
Walden, Lavonia M.		dismissed 1915
Warren, Ferol Roberson		dismissed 1925
Welch, Annie		dismissed 9/3/1922
Welch, Beatrice	joined 1920	dismissed 9/3/1922
Welch, Cleondis	joined 1920	dismissed 9/3/1922
Welch, Herman		dismissed 1922
Welch, John		dead
Welch, Junius		
Welch, Lavassa		
Welch, William T.		dismissed 1915
Welch, Allie McE. (McElroy?)		dismissed
Wiggins, Alphonso		
Wiggins, Anna		
Wiggins, C. H.		dead
Wiggins, Mrs. Evans		
Wiggins, Floyd		dismissed 1928
Wiggins, Gully		
Wiggins, John	joined 1923	
Wiggins, Mamie		dismissed 1928
Wiggins, Porter	joined 1923	
Wiggins, Mrs. Porter	joined 1923	
Wiggins, Sarah M.	joined 1923	
Wiggins, T. H.		dead
Wright, Alto	joined 1928	
Wright, Everett	joined 1929	
Wright, J. B.	joined 1923	
Wright, Jennie		dismissed 2/20/1916
Wright, John Frank	joined 1923	
Wright, Julian	joined 1927	
Wright, Ollie		
Wright, Onie		dismissed 2/20/1916

Wright, Reid dismissed 2/20/1916
Wright, T. H. dismissed 2/20/1911
Wright, Willie May Ligford

GOING NOW TO BOOK FOUR WE FIND:

January 24, 1937 (first entry) Sermon by Pastor C.E. Dearman.

February 28, 1937

No service at night due to weather. L.R. Wright, church clerk.

March 28, 1937

Preaching by Bro. McClamrock due to illness of pastor's son.
Pastor reelected for another year.

April 23, 1937

Mrs. M. J. Crook granted letter of dismission to unite with
Southern Baptist Church in Birmingham, Alabama.

May 24 and June 27, 1937 Regular services.

July 25, 1937

Revival held by Bro. Mason from York, Alabama. Received Henry
Shelby and Adith (Edith) Hawkins for baptism.

August 24, 1937

No service Sunday night due to rain. Mrs. Rilla Davison granted
letter of dismission to unite with Zion Church (located on road
from Alamucha to Rossier in Sumter County, Alabama).

September 26, 1937

Regular services. Appointed delegates to association meeting.

October 24, 1937 Regular services; large crowd.

November 28, 1937 Regular service.

December 26, 1937

The WMU put on Christmas program, "The Christmas Call". Those taking part were Bro. Dearman; Mrs. Harris; Desma, Emma, Ella, Nell, Mary and Evelyn Roberson; Jesse Merle Ford; Gerald Wright and Willie Mae?. A shower given Bro. and Mrs. Dearman after the program.

January 23, 1938

The ladies of the church decided to meet Sunday 1/30/1938 and organize a Sunday School.

February 27, 1938

Sunday School proceeding nicely. A meeting held to plan Centennial Celebration on 5th Sunday in day.

NOTE: This would imply that the church organized in May, 1838, and this is in conflict with a 50--year celebration in November 1889, which implied church organized in November, 1839. The minutes actually commence in February 1840. Writer inclined to believe the church organized in November, 1839, but church services held prior to that date, probably by a few families.

March 27, 1938 Regular services

April 24, 1938

Letters of dismission to Mrs. Lancaster and daughter.

NOTE: Torn off at end of page, so unable to read clearly.

May 22, 1938

A new rug and chairs, also new shades, had been bought by the church at the cost of \$22.75.

June 26, 1938

Small crowd; regular services. Sunday School at 10:30 A.M.; sermon at 11:00 A.M.

May 29, 1938 (QUOTING DIRECT FROM THE MINUTES)

"Today we celebrated our Centennial. A great crowd came from far and near. At eleven o'clock Brother Mason from York preached an inspiring sermon. After the sermon, a free will offering was called for by Rev. J.T. Phillips, which amounted to over \$30.00, which will be used for the benefit of the church. After this, adjournment was made for the noon hour. A beautiful lunch was spread, which everyone enjoyed. In the afternoon we

had special music from the Cuba quartet, and also a special by Mr. and Mrs. Harmon. After this, a talk was made by Judge Joe Pack. Reading of the minutes of the 50th celebration of the church by Pastor Dearman was followed by a short talk by Tom Bailey. A good many former members were present. L. R. (Reid) Wright, Clerk."

July 24, 1938

Bro. Meadors preached the night sermon. The meeting continued through the week and the church received three by baptism; Clarice Lowe, Miriam and Jim Earl Culpepper; and one by letter: Mrs. Mary Shelton. Mary Roberson and Mrs. Sarah Pendergrass granted letters.

August 28 and September, 1938 Regular services.

October 23, 1938 Carl McMurry granted letter.

November 27, 1938 Regular services,

December 25, 1938

No service at night. Light crowd for day service.

January 22, 1939 Regular services.

February 22, 1939

A letter for Mrs. Lelia McElroy was received by the church.

March 26 and April 23, 1939 Regular services.

May 28, 1939

The pastor, Bro. Dearman, read and told of the history of Salem Church, this being the real Centennial year, the church being organized in 1839. A big crowd came despite the rain. Bro. Abel to assist with a meeting on the 3rd Sunday in July.

4th Sunday June 1939

The reason for holding meeting on 3rd Sunday in July was to allow Bro. Dearman to attend the World Alliance in Atlanta.

July 16, 1939

Began protracted meeting. Received by baptism: Thelma and Opal Robinson, Juanita Lowe, Mildred Long, Ray Fuller, Claybourne Robinson, Oscar Shelby, Gerald Wright and Mrs. Frank Catlett. Baptism to take place at Wright's "Old Pond" on 5th Sunday.

August 27, 1939 Regular services.

September 1939, 4th Sunday A letter granted Prentiss Allen.

October 22 and November 26, 1939 Regular services.

December 24, 1939
 Small crowd, very cold. Gave pastor a small grocery shower.

January through June 1940 Regular services

July 28, 1940
 Held revival with Bro. Meador from Quitman assisting the pastor. Received Herbert Fuller by letter and Odic Wright, Niolon Robinson, Ray Long, Abraham Ward and Marjorie Lowe by baptism.

August 1940
 Pastor assisted by Bro. Carter from Cuba.

September 22, 1940
 Delegates to the October 16-17 Association Meeting to be held at Whynot (Bethany Laptist Church) were appointed. Received Annie Ruth Miller Wright by letter. At this time the pastor's wife seriously ill.

October 27, 1940
 Mr. Lark Catlett died in the morning of this day. Very few in attendance for service.

November 24, 1940 Regular service.

December 22, 1940
 Reelected Bro. Dearman as pastor to preach twice monthly, on the 2nd and 4th Sundays.

January 12 and January 26, 1941 Regular services.

February 9, 1941
 Bro. Miller (A.H.) preached night sermon. Commenced raising money to re-fence the graveyard.

February 23 and March 9, 1941 Regular services.

March 28, 1943

Bro. Ezell resigned, due to being called to another field.

April 4, 1943

Bro. Messer preached a trial sermon and was elected as pastor. On April 18th Bro. Messer's mother and Mary Wheeler Gray came with with him to the church.

May and June 1943 Regular services.

July 1943

Sermon by Bro. Aubert Dunn. Received Allene Wright, Juanice Fuller, Sara Turner, Jane Shelton, Arnell Hollinger, Bobby Earl Thomas, Bobby Shelton, Raymond Smith, Henry Culpepper and James Catlett for baptism.

August and September 1943 Regular services.

October 1943

A vote to be taken on 11/7/43 as to where to locate the Sunday School room. The church has nearly \$200.00 for building of same. Beginning on October 31, 1943, a grand revival was conducted by Evangelist Aubert Dunn. Ore Nelson received by baptism.

November 1943

Gave permission to build Sunday School rooms.

December 1943

Regular services. Eugene Smith served as moderator. Called Bro. Messer to serve another year. Voted to give basket of fruit to Mr. Ford, Roberson and Mrs. Boswell, who were sick.

January 1944

No services due to rain. Bro. Messer came but went back on early bus. He had been sick.

February through April 1944 Regular services.

May 1944

After services a good many went to Liberty (Baptist Church) for Memorial.

NOTE: There is a great revival to be conducted in Meridian by Aubert Dunn.

April 13 and April 27, 1941 Regular services.

May and June 1941 Regular services.

July 1941

Held revival with Bro. Bryan Simmons from Laurel assisting. Received for baptism: Eunice and Ruth Lumus, Annette Catlett, W.S. Catlett, Jack Fuller, William and Joe Lindsey Shelton and Norman Harper. By letter: Henry Lumus.

August 1941 Regular services.

September 1941

Services on 9/28/41 by Rev. A.H. Miller. Delegates appointed to the Association were: Mrs. Ollie Ford, Mrs. J.P. Wright, Bryan Culpepper, Howard Sims and Mr. Ward. Alternate delegates were: Mrs. Genie Bell and Leslie Wright.

October through December 1941 Regular services.

January through March 1942 Regular services.

April 1942

Bro. Dearman called to another church. He also married this month.

NOTE: This implies his first wife did not recover from the serious illness mentioned in minutes for September 1940.

May 1942

Received Bro. and Mrs. Dearman and Hattie Dearman by letter. Services on 9/24/1941 by Bro. Dearman.

June through November 1942 No minutes.

December 13, 1942

Leslie Wright, Jr., and Bryan Culpepper ordained as deacons. Bro. Ezell preached the sermon. On 12/27/1942 there were no services due to rain. This was to have been Bro. Dearman's last sermon.

January 24, 1943

Sermon by new pastor, Bro. Ezell. Letters were granted Bro. Dearman, Mrs. C.E. Dearman and Mrs. Hattie Dearman.

February 28, 1943 Regular services.

June 1944 Regular services.

July 1944

Conducted revival with Bro. Grasier doing the preaching. Received Andy Amota, Billy Shelton and Essie Mae Cato. A letter granted Mrs. Billy Gene Grace.

August 1944 Letter granted Paul Hardin.

September 1944

Mrs. Leslie elected treasurer since Leslie Wright, her husband and the former treasurer, was leaving for military service. (This is Leslie R. Wright, Jr.)

November 1944

The Sunday School rooms built during this month.

December 3, 1944

Crowd small since the funeral of Eugene Smith held on this date. The minutes read, "We will really miss him at Salem Church. He was always interested in the programs of the church. Yes, we will miss him, but God knows best, and we know we must be submissive to His will." L.R. Wright, Clerk

January 1945

Bro. Amota, Superintendent of Sunday School.

February 1945 Regular services.

March 1945

Good crowd both day and night services. Winner took: his truck, and gathered up all who would go. Houston Fitzgerald selected to help with revival.

Services by new preacher, Bro. Wyatt. April 15, 1945, was Bro. Messer's last day at Salem; he resigned to accept full time pastor duties in Louisiana. On April 29, Bro. Louis Wilson, a layman from Meridian, made a good talk. A \$16.50 collection taken for him, which He gave to Walter Cross, an invalid.

May 1945 Regular services.

June 1945

On second Saturday night, Bro. Alec McGrew preached his first to large crowd.

July 1945

Revival commenced on 7/9/45, by Rev. Houston Fitzgerald. Received by baptism: Barney Pickard, Jeanelle Pickard, Clyde Lummus, Dorothy Shelton and Ruth Boswell. A conference held on 7/28/45, where Barney Pickard and Harris Hardin were nominated as deacons. L.R. Wright resigned as church clerk, but his resignation was not accepted.

August 1945

A financial report given by Mrs. Leslie Wright, Jr. Granted letter to Mrs. Theodore Sims.

September 1945

The new deacons were ordained. Mrs. Ingram asked that the pastor be given a shower on Saturday night, September 29, which was scheduled.

October 1945

Mr. and Mrs. Harris Hardin, Desma Robinson, Annie Ruth Wright and Rosie Shelton volunteered as associate delegates. Bro. Gilbert, County Missionary, served as moderator. Bro. McGrew reelected as pastor. Mrs. Blanche Matthews granted letter.

November and December 1945 Regular services.

January 1946

Regular services. Irene Hardin presented the pastor with a new quilt.

February 1946

It was decided that through the budget system the Baptist Record should be sent to every family. An offering of \$31.00 was taken for Edward Boswell, his wife being in the hospital for an operation.

March 1946

On the night before March 15, a cyclone passed through the area, blowing Edward Boswell's house away; also Mary Catlett's; and did much damage to others.

NOTE: The area of the cyclone damage believed to have been just south of where the Whynot Road intercepts the Wire Road at Alamucha.

At conference on March 16, Bro. McGrew reelected as pastor and Mr. Fuller elected Sunday School superintendent. On March 25 commenced a four-day Sunday School study course with teacher Bro. Jewel Goldman from Kreole, Mississippi.

April 1946

On April 14, 1946, the pastor preached a graduating sermon at Dixie high School.

May 1946 Regular services.

June 1946

Service on June 8, 1946, by Bro. Jim Alexander.

July 1946

Bro. John Hearn brought evening message on 7/7/1946. Received Mrs. Gerald Wright by letter. A special prayer offered for L.R. Wright, who was sick on 7/27/1946. The church during this period experiencing large crowds in attendance.

August and September 1946 Regular services.

October 1946

The church reelected Bro. McGrew as pastor; Mrs. Leslie Wright, treasurer; and Milford Culpepper, church clerk. Leslie Wright was elected Superintendent of Sunday School.

June 1947

Regular services. Bro. McGrew also preaching at Mt. Giled.

July 1947

The offering of \$39.00 given to Fred Culpepper to be paid on the expense of Joyce's operation. On 7/20/1947, the church voted to install butane gas. Received Mr. and Mrs. R. Sturdivant, he by letter and she by baptism.

August 1947

The church voted to have necessary repair work done on the church. Since Mt. Gilead had no pastor, its members attended

Salem Church. During a revival that ended 8/22/1947, Mr. Charlie Butler was paid \$25.00 for helping with the song service. Conn Scott was church clerk.

September 1947

On 9/7/1947 full payment of church repairs was made in the amount of \$343.33. Received by baptism Mr. and Mrs. Lindsay Swanner, Jewel Nelson, Mr. and Mrs. Morris Hughes and Mrs. Rube Sturdivant.

October 1947

Reelected Bro. McGrew as pastor and Leslie Wright as Sunday School Superintendent. Mrs. Willie Mae Wright, B.E. Pickard, Andy Amato and Mrs. Desma Robinson were the Sunday School teachers. The association meeting to be held October 16 at the Highland Baptist Church.

November 1947

Voted to continue insurance on the church building. On Sunday, 11/16/1947, Earline Green from Siloam Church (Sumter County) made a talk in the absence of the pastor. During this period Salem members were at times meeting at Mt. Gilead.

December 1947 Regular service.

January and February 1948 Regular services.

March 1948

Mr. and Mrs. Rube Sturdivant were granted letters.

April 1948 No minutes.

May 1948

The church voted to rent a house for the pastor. A committee of Fred Culpepper, Conn Scott, Mrs. Irene Lowe and Eleanor Ingram appointed to prepare the house, which needed repair.

June 1948

Service by Rev. John Ruzse(?) (**NOTE: corner torn off**) of Riderwood Baptist Church, Choctaw County, Alabama. Opal Catlett.

July 1948 Regular services.

August 1948

Letters granted Mrs. Rachel Tuter and Mrs. Beatrice Pigford. A revival commenced on 8/22/1948 with Mr. Charlie Butler conducting the song services. Received by baptism: Mary Bryant; Margie Bryant; Charles filler; Lyle, George and Jimmie Dorough; Edwin Lummus; Martha, Evelyn and Rosie Mae Shelton; Betty Jo and W.C. Shelby; Charlotte Smith; Joyce Culpepper; Clarence Bryant and Lois Shelton. By letter: Mrs. Lillie Sims; Edith Lane Sims; and Jimmie George Dorough.

September 1948 Regular services.

October 1948

On 10/2/1948 Leslie Wright acted as moderator. The following were elected:

- Superintendent Barney Pickard
- Adult teacher Mrs. Reid Wright
- Young People Mrs. Gladys Scott
- Junior Mrs. Irene Lowe
- Primary Mrs. Sarah Lou Holder
- Beginner Mrs. Alta Harris
- Secretary & Treasurer . . . Raymond Smith.

November and December 1948 Regular services.

January and February 1949

Regular services on 2/13/49. Miriam and Milford granted letters.

February and March 1949 Regular services.

April 1949

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Boswell and Mr. Monroe Sims granted letters. Bro. McGrew had his wire recorder in operation for the second time.

May and June 1949 Regular services.

July 1949

Received br baptism Lamar Catlett. Bro. McGrew advised church of his resignation.

August 1949

Bro. Cecil Roberson, a former member and now a missionary to Africa, and his wife, Mrs. Marie Coates Roberson, gave a talk on

missionary work on August 14. On 8/28/49 Bro. Lewis, a young minister who is staying at Clarke College, gave the sermon.

September 1949

Bro. Nathan Stone gave the sermon on September 11.

October 1949

Business meeting on 10/2/1949 with Stanley Ebrhart acting as moderator. The following Sunday School officers were elected:

Superintendent	Mr. Harris Hardin
Assistant Superintendent	Steve Miller
Adult teacher	Barney Pickard
Young people	Gladys Scott
Intermediate	Hazel Shelby
Junior	Nell Smith
Beginner	Bernice Culpepper
Primary	Thelma Fuller
Secretary	Raymond Smith
Secretary t& Treasurer	Mrs. Gladys Scott
Church Clerk	Conn Scott (reelected)

Mrs. Hildred Arrington granted letter. Sunday, October 30, Bro. Albert Miller gave the sermon.

November 1949

A week's Bible Conference held by Bro. H.R. Stone. Commenced on 11/7/1949. Bro. Jack Evans from Mississippi College preached on 11/20/1949. A letter granted to Mrs. Juanita L. Freeman.

December 1949

Services by Brother Milton Scott, a young man from Clarke College, Newton, Mississippi, on 12/11/1949.

January 1950

Services again by Bro. Milton Scott. Mr. and Mrs. Bill Molder and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Glover granted letters on 1/8/1950.

February 1950

Bro. John McGrew elected pastor.

March 1950

Services by Bro. Logen from Wayne County, Mississippi. Pastor McGrew's wife is ill; this on 3/12/1950. On 3/26/1950, service conducted by Bro. Johnson from Enterprise, Mississippi, who came in Bro. McGrew's place. Bro. McGrew resigned pastoral duties.

April 1950

Bro. John Morgan from Stonewall preached the sermon on 4/23/50.

May and June 1950 No minutes.

July 1950

Preaching by Bro. Jewel Goldman from Clara, Mississippi.

August 1950

Bro. Holloway from Toomsaba Baptist Church preached the sermon on 8/3/1950. Miss Jeanette Collier from Kewanee was leader of the junior choir during this period.

September 1950

Bro. Jewel Goldman now the pastor of the church. On 9/10/1950 Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Sturdivant joined the church by letter from Marion. On 9/24/1950 received by letter Mr. and Mrs. Leon Smith and Mr. and Mrs. W.G. Grace. The following Sunday School officers were elected:

Superintendent	Leslie Wright
Adult teacher	Mrs. Rube Sturdivant
Young people	Mrs. Conn Scott
Intermediate	Oscar Shelby
Junior	Nell Smith
Primary	Irene Lowe
Beginner	Mrs. Mary Culpepper & Mrs. Leslie Wright
Church reporter	Mrs. Harold Wright
Junior choir leader	Mrs. Thelma Fuller
Secretary Sunday School	Joyce Culpepper
Pianist Sunday School	Bonnie Harris
Church officers were:	
Clerk	Conn Scott
Treasurer	Mrs. Conn Scott
Pianist	Mrs. W. G. Grace.

Deacons elected were Reid Wright and Fred Culpepper. A letter was granted Henry Culpepper.

October 1950

The first B.T.U. was held after being reorganized, with Fred Culpepper as director.

November and December 1950 Regular services.

January 1951

Regular services followed by a week of Bible study.

February 1951

On 2/25/1951 received Bro. A.C. McMinn from the Lush Baptist Church by letter. The church presented Bro. Goldman a new spring suit of clothes. **NOTE: The name is now being spelled "Golman" instead of "Goldman".**

March 1951

Received Mrs. Sadie Carney and Mrs. J.B. Johnson by letter. Commenced a revival by Bro. W.P. Sandifer from Monticello, Miss. He and his wife spent the week in the Reid Wright home. Mrs. Lillian Lowe and Mr. and Mrs. Lindsay Swanner were granted letters. Received Pauline Johnson by letter.

April 1951

On 4/8/1951 received Mrs. Margaret tJright by letter.

May 11 , 1951

Observed Mothers' Day. All carried lunches to church.

June 1951 No minutes.

July 1951 Set budget for next year.

August 1951

Preaching by Bro. Sandifer on 8/12/1951. Regular services by Pastor Golman on 8/26/1951.

September 1951

Bro. Golman resigned to accept church in Alabama. Pastor Golman advised church he was led not to leave Salem. The church rejected his resignation.

October 1951 Regular services.

November 1951

Very cold. Received Mr. & Mrs. H.P. Murphy and Mrs. Blanche Boswell. Granted letter to Mrs. Thelma Fuller.

December 1951

No service on 12/9/1951 due to Bro. Golman being ill in hospital. Regular service on 12/18/1951 by Bro. McGrew.

January 1952 Services by Bro. Golman.

February, March and April 1952 Usual services.

May 1952 Observed Mothers' Day; no business.

June and July 1952 Regular services.

August 1952

Berry Phillips to build driveway in the cemetery. Preaching by Bro. Jamie Haguewood on 8/21/1952.

September 1952

Mrs. J.B. Johnson granted letter. Bro. Golman holding revival in Jasper County, Mississippi.

THE MINUTES NOW GO TO:

February 1953 Regular services.

March 1953

Granted Bro. and Mrs. A.C. McMinn letters of dismission to unite with Goodwater Baptist Church at Meehan. On 3/22/1953 Bro. Pat Sanders, a layman from Pachuta, gave sermon.

April 1953

Regular services. Jim Earl Culpepper granted letter. Play 1953 Regular services by pastor.

June, July end August 1953 No minutes.

September 1953

Service by Bro. Golman. Bro. Foy from Laurel to hold a revival beginning 9/27/1953. Annie Wiggins granted letter.

THIS COMPLETED THE MINUTES IN BOOK FOUR WITH TIME EXCEPTION OF THE FOLLOWING:

A letter of recommendation from Toomsaba Baptist Church to Salem Baptist Church, certifying that Mr. and Mrs. W.G. Grace are transferring membership to Salem. This dated 10/4/1950 and signed by Mrs. Lamar Coker, Church Clerk at Toomsaba Baptist.

Another letter loose in this book, wherein Mason Rasberry, church clerk at Hebron Baptist Church at Vimville, on 9/28/1950

certified that Mr. and Mrs. Leon Smith are transferring their membership to Salem Baptist Church.

A list of female members which is undated:

Amato, Mrs. Dillon	
Arrington, Mrs. Mildred	dismissed 10/2/1949
Barker, Mrs. Ella	
Beavers, Mrs. Celeste	
Bell, Mrs. Ella	
Bell, Mrs. Genie	
Bell, Mrs. Jennie	
Bell, Mrs. Mollie	died April 1954
Boswell, Mrs. Blanche	
Boswell, Mrs. Ida	died June 1953
Boswell, Mrs. Ruth	dismissed April 1949
Burkhalter, Mrs. Evelyn	
Bryant, Mrs. Margie	
Bryant, Mrs. Mary	
Carney, Mrs. Sallie	
Catlett, Anette	
Catlett, Arrie	
Catlett, Mrs. Frank	dismissed 1941
Catlett, Mrs. J. S.	
Catlett, Mrs. W. D.	dismissed September 1950
Cato, Miss Essie Mae	
Cotton, Mrs. Eunice	
Culpepper, Miss Joyce	
Culpepper, Mrs. Miriam	dismissed Feb. 13, 1949
Culpepper, Mrs. Winnie	dead Dec. 6, 1944
Crook, Mrs. Laura Neal	dismissed 4/25/1937
Davidson, Mrs. Rella	dismissed 8/22/1942
Dearman, Mrs. C. E.	dismissed 1943 - dead
Dearman, Miss Hattie	dismissed 1943
DeWitt, Mrs. Laura	dead 1948
DeWitt, ?	dead 8/19/1942
Fitzgerald, Mrs. Oliva	dead 7/17/37
Ford, Mrs. Ollie	dismissed 4/1/45
Fuller, Mrs. Everett	dismissed 11/1951
Glover, Mrs. Ella	dismissed 1/8/1950
Goodman, Mrs. Janica	
Grace, Mrs. Billy Gene	dismissed 7/1944
Hardin, Mrs. Eva	dead 1950
Hardin, Mrs. Irene	
Hardin, Miss Rella	dismissed 11/1951
Harris, Mrs. Alta	
Hawkins, Miss Edith	
Hill, Mrs, Pete	
Holder, Mrs. Sarah Low	dismissed 1/8/50

Hollinger, Miss Arnell	dismissed 1946
Hughes, Mrs. Morris	
Ingram, Mrs. Eleanor	
Johnson, Mrs. Lena (J. B.)	dismissed 1952
Johnson, Miss Pauline	
Lancaster, Mrs. Isabella	dismissed 4/24/38
Lancaster, Mrs. ?	dismissed 4/24/38
Lowe, Mrs. Clara	dismissed
Lowe, Mrs. Lillian	dismissed 3/35/31
Lowe, Irene	
Lowe, Juanita	dismissed 11/1949
Lowe, Miss Marjorie	
Lumas, Miss Sara (Lummus or Lumus)	
Lummus, Miss Eunice	
Lummus, Miss Ruth	
McDonald, Mrs. Lulah	
McElroy, Mrs. Helen	dead 1941
Matthews, Mrs. Blanche	dismissed 10/28/45
Miller, Mrs. Steve	dismissed 11/11/49
Murphy, Mrs. Annie Blanche	
Nelson, Miss Jewel	
Nelson, Miss Ruby Zell	
Pendergrass, Mrs. Sara Mittie	dismissed 9/22/38
Pickard, Miss Jeanelle	
Pickard, Mrs. Mildred	
Roberson, Mrs. Eris	dismissed 1944
Robinson, Mrs. Desma	
Robinson, Mrs. Opal	dismissed 6/1948
Scott, Mrs. Gladys	
Shelby, Miss Betty Jo	
Shelby, Earline	
Shelby, Mrs. Hazel	
Shelby, Mrs. Josephine	
Shelby, Mrs. Nell	
Shelton, Miss Dorothy	
Shelton, Mrs. Ella	
Shelton, Miss Evelyn	
Shelton, Miss Jane	
Shelton, Miss Lois	
Shelton, Miss Martha	
Shelton, Mrs. Rosa	
Shelton, Mrs. Rosie Mae	
Shelton, Mrs. Sadie	
Shelton, Mrs. Winnie	
Shirley, Mrs. Hazel	
Sims, Mrs. Edith Lane	
Sims, Mrs. Lillie	
Sims, Mrs. Mary	dead 7/22/45
Sims, Myrtle	dismissed 4/15/45
Sims, Mrs. Theodore	dismissed 4/1945

Smith, Miss Charlotte	
Smith, Mrs. Nell	
Sturdivant, Mrs. Reuben	dismissed 3/1949
Swanner, Mrs. Orer	dismissed 3/1951
Swain, Mrs. Mary	dismissed 9/22/38
Ward, Mrs. W. C.	dismissed 11/1944
Wiggins, Miss Annie	
Wiggins, Miss Evans	
Wiggins, Mrs. Mattie	
Wiggins, Mrs. Robert	
Wright, Mrs. Annie Ruth Miller	
Wright, Mrs. Gerald	
Wright, Mrs. Harold	
Wright, Mrs. Jessie	dismissed 1947
Wright, Mrs. Julian	
Wright, Mrs. Margaret	
Wright, Mrs. Ollene	
Wright, Mrs. Ollie	
Wright, Mrs. Willie Mae	

A list of male members which is undated:

(At the top of the second page is written, "Church Roll Revised 1947." It could be that these lists were the revised list of members in 1937, and the remarks added to the individuals names.)

Allen, J. C.	
Amato, Andy	
Bell, Everett	
Bell, Walter	
Bell, W. M.	died 12/30/41
Boswell, Edward	dismissed 4/1949
Boswell, J. A.	died 5/5/48
Bryant, Clarence	
Catlett, Bill (W.C.)	died 1/1941
Catlett, Bob	
Catlett, Frank	dismissed 1941
Catlett, Grady	
Catlett, James	
Catlett, J. S.	dead
Catlett, Lamar	dismissed 3/12/50
Catlett, Leo	
Catlett, S. L.	died 10/27/40
Catlett, Tom	
Catlett, Vardaman	died 9/27/37
Catlett, W. C.	dismissed 3/1949
Collier, B. M.	
Culpepper, Bryan	
Culpepper, Eugen	died in Hawaii Jan. 1944
Culpepper, Fred	
Culpepper, Henry	dismissed 9/1950
Culpepper, James Earl	dismissed 4/1953

Culpepper, Milford	dismissed 2/13/49
Culpepper, S. S.	died 11/13/40
Dearman, Rev. C. E.	dismissed (Note: Corner off)
DeWitt, Coleman	
Dorough, George	
Dorough, Jimmie George	
Ford, Frank	
Ford, W. C.	at 6:45 pm, died 1/4/44
Ford, Will	dead
Fuller, Charles	dismissed 7/10/56
Fuller, Jack	dismissed 12/1951
Fuller, Herbert	dismissed 7/10/50
Fuller, Ray	dismissed 7/10/50
Grace, W. G.	
Hardin, C. C.	dead
Hardin, L. H.	
Hardin, Paul	dismissed 8/20/44
Harris, Leroy	
Holder, Bill	dismissed 1/8/50
Hughes, Morris	
Ingram, B. B.	
Ingram, Norris	
Lancaster, Frank	
Lancaster, Robert	
Long, Ray	
Lumas, Clyde	dismissed 8/1951
Lumas, Henry	died 5/197? (Note: torn off)
McDonald, B. J.	died 1945
McMinn, Brother A. C.	
Miller, Steve	dismissed 11/11/49
Murphy, H. G.	
Pickard, Barney	
Robinson, Claibourne	
Robinson, G. N.	1943 died 10/6 or ?
Robinson, G. N.	
Robinson, Leroy	
Robinson, Niolon	
Scott, Conn	
Shelby, Henry	
Shelby, Oscar	
Shelby, W. C.	
Shelton, Bill	
Shelton, Billy	
Shelton, Bobby	
Shelton, Jack	
Shelton, Marion	
Shelton, Joe Lindsey	
Shelton, Phillip	
Shelton, R. E.	died 11/15/41
Shelton, Robert	
Shelton, Winner	died 7/1947

Sims, Howard	dismissed 4/15/45
Sims, Morris	
Sims, Theodore	
Smith, Leon	
Smith, Raymond	
Sturdivant, Reuben	dismissed 3/1948
Sturdivant, Reuben	dismissed
(could be father of above Reuben)	
Swanner, Lindsey	dismissed 3/1951
Thomas, Bobby	dismissed 10/1944
Ward, Abraham	
Ward, W. C.	dismissed 1944
Wiggins, Gully	
Wiggins, Porter	
Wiggins, Rufus	
Wiggins, T. F.	
Wiggins, Thomas	
Wright, Gerald	
Wright, Harold	
Wright, J. B.	
Wright, John F.	
Wright, Julius	
Wright, Leslie	
Wright, L. R.	
Wright, Odia	

Note: WE NOW COME TO BOOK FIVE. THERE ARE SOME LOOSE NOTES ON TABLET PAPER WHICH WILL BE COVERED FIRST. NONE ARE DATED.

Amato, Andy	deceased September 1959
Amato, Vivian	accepted new denomination 7/21/1968
Baker, Mrs. Ella	deceased
Breland, Annie	dismissed 8/1957
Breland, Louie	dismissed 8/6/1969
Boswell, Blanche	deceased 10/1961
Catlett, Annie	deceased
Catlett, James P.	dismissed
Catlett, Miss Anette	dismissed 7/1954

On back of this grocery list: "Sadie Carney dismissed 9/1956."

October 1, 1953

Revival meeting closed. This held by Bro. John Foy from Laurel, MS. received Jerry Wright, Leslie Ann Wright, Betty Lynn Scott, Mary Ella Shelton and Shirley Dorrough by baptism.

November 11, 1951

Baptism held by Bro. Golman in the Cuba Baptist Church, where Joyce Carney and Jeanette Shelton were received and also baptised. Pastor of Salem Bro. Golman (Goldman?)

November 8, 1953

Bro. Pat Sanders gave the sermon. No service at night as everyone attended a program at Kewanee, which was an exhibition of art by Bro. McCool.

December 13, 1953

Regular services; small crowd due to weather.

NEXT ARE COPIES OF LETTERS, WHICH ARE GIVEN IN BRIEF COMMENTS BELOW:

On September 6, 1961, the Board of Deacons wrote Mr. Roy Griffin, Supervisor of Beat 5, requesting a pipe (culvert) to be put in across the paved road, and that the west bank in front of the church be sloped flatter; also one load of dirt to be dumped inside of Gate No. 1.

A copy of minutes of meeting on December 2, 1959, giving a budget report and listing the five new deacons: Mr. Milton Yates, 14rs. Edwin Lummus, Mr. H.P. Murphy, Mr. W.G. Grace and Mr. Gerald Wright.

The original copy of Rondal D. Merrell resignation as pastor dated January 31, 1960. He to accept call at the First Baptist Church at New Iberia, Louisiana.

A copy of church resolution to borrow money from the Meridian Building and Loan Association to complete payment for the new church parsonage. This resolution dated December 13, 1959, and signed by Rev. Rondal Merrell and Mrs. Harold Wright, church clerk.

THE MINUTES NOW GO TO:

October 3, 1954

A special offering was taken for Mr. & Mrs. Green Ingram.

September 10, 1954 Regular service by Bro. Golman.

November 1954 Regular services.

December 5, 1954

Special offering taken for Mr. & Mrs. Alvin Lowe. Regular services throughout the month.

January 1955 Regular services.

January 13, 1955

Special offering taken for the Bancroft family. Bro. Golman resigned as pastor.

February 20, 1955

Voted to ask Bro. T.R. Coulter to hold revival on 4th Sunday (in March).

March 13, 1955 Letters granted Mr. & Mrs. P.H. Wiggins.

March 27, 1955 Commenced revival by Rev. T.R. Coulter

April 10, 1955 Voted to give Paul fierger and family \$20.00.

April 17, 1955 Voted to give W.G. Grace \$20.00.

May 8, 1955 A special offering taken for W.G. Grace and family.

May 14, 1955

Bro. Alec McGrew asked to hold revival commencing on July 24, 1955.

June 1955

Regular service with preaching by Bro. Leo Barker. On June 19, 1955; Bro. Rondal Merrell gave a trial sermon.

July 10, 1955

Received Velma and Dorothy Shelby on profession of faith. Also, on July 24, 1955, likewise received James and Jasper Shelton. On July 25, 1955, received Shirley Shelby and R.W. Shelby. Rev. McGrew conducting the revival services. On July 31, 1955, received Carol Shelby.

August 1955

Bro. Merrell apparently the pastor. Received Vivian Amato on 8/14/55.

September 1955

Received Miss Susan Joyce Murphy on September 25, 1955, and on this date the church raised the pastor's salary by \$10.00. On 9/30/55, Rev. Ed Grayson and Rev. Tipton spoke; a brief history of the church was given by H. P. Murphy.

October 1955

Received Carolyn Shelton on October 2, 1955. On October 16, 1955, special offering taken for H. P. Murphy. Received Joe Shelby. Regular services by pastor during this month.

November 1955

Regular services. held homecoming day on November 27, 1955.

December 1955

Regular services with Rev. Louis Keeton, Jr., bringing the sermon on 12/25/55.

January 1956

The pastor moved his letter to Salem on 1/1/1956. On 1/0/1956 Jeff Catlett gave the church a check for \$50.00 to be given the pastor to pay for expense on the pastor's car. On 1/15/1956 the church voted to send \$25.00 to the Lottie Moon Mission; also voted to raise pastor salary from \$40.00 to \$45.00 (per week?). On 1/22/1956 received Miss Sandra Thompson by letter from Mt. Vernon Church. Bro. Joe Parker, a young man from New Orleans, preached the morning sermon.

February 1956 Regular services.

March 1956

Received James Bunyard by baptism and Mrs. Amelia Shelton and Alma Shelton by letter on 3/11/1956. On 3/18/1956 received Nancy Shelton.

April 1956

Regular services. Received Sandra Wright on 4/8/1956. Commencement sermon at Dixie Highway School on 4/15/1956.

May 1956 On 5/13/1956 observed Mothers' Day.

June 1956

June 1956 Regular services by pastor.

July 1956

Commenced revival services on 7/22/1956. Lawrence Shelby accepted Christ as his Saviour on 7/29/1956.

August 1956

On 8/5/1956 the plans for the new church were approved. Regular services by pastor.

September 1956

Observed homecoming on 9/30/1956, when Joyce Ivy accepted Christ as her Savior.

October 1956

The church voted to transfer ;\$00.00 from the church fund to the building fund. The church voted to borrow \$11,000.00 from Meridian Building and Loan on 10/21/1956.

November 1956

On 11/18/1956 church voted to buy pews from the Wilson Company at Newton, Mississippi.

December 1956

On 12/2/1956 Jimmy Shelton accepted Christ as his Savior. Regular services by Pastor Aerrell.

January and February 1957 Regular services

March 1957

Voted to buy insurance for the new building from Newell Insurance Company.

April 1957

Voted to sell the old church to Henry Porter for \$500.00 on 4/21/1957, and to sell the old pews at a reasonable price if it had an offer. Memorial service on 4/28/1957 by Rev. Cecil Roberson.

May 1957

Decided to dedicate the new church on 5th Sunday in June 1957.

June 1957

On 6/23/1957 voted to have Peavey (Music Company) send a piano for the dedication services, which were observed on June 30, 1957. The dedication message brought by Bro. McGrew. Ministers Bro. Hagwood and Bro. Coulter were in attendance. Paul Adams rendered two lovely songs.

July 1957 Regular services.

August 1957

Commenced revival on 8/4/1957 with preaching by Bro. Neal. Received Mr. & Mrs. Louis Breland (Mrs. Breland by letter), Mrs. C.F. Chapman, Mrs. Frances Chapman, and Johnny Chapman by letter, and James Ivy, Anita Shelton and Dorothy Godwin by baptism. On 8/18/1957 Mr. & Mrs. W.G. Grace re-dedicated themselves and their families to God.

September 1957

On 9/1/1957 services were by a young ministerial student (unnamed). Regular services during the remainder of the month.

DURING THE ABOVE PERIOD THE MINUTES WERE NOT SIGNED EITHER BY THE PASTOR OR THE CHURCH CLERK.

THE MINUTES NOW GO TO:

June 14, 1959

Hilton Yates, Edwin Lummus and Gerald Wright appointed to Building Committee. The deed for the parsonage was read. Voted to have homecoming on 6/28/1959 and invite Mr. Howard Cameron as speaker. Mrs. Leslie Wright assistant clerk. On 6/21/1959 received Brenda Wright. On 6/28/1959, Dr. J.C. Murph brought homecoming message. Mr. Cameron unable to attend.

July 1959

Most of the business had to do with the building of the parsonage, arranging finances, who was to perform the work, etc. Received Marie Gressett on 7/19/1959. Bro. Ben Hatfield of Bogalusa, Louisiana, brought the sermon. His wife, Ginger, was also in attendance. On 7/26/1959 received Leonard Grace, Billie Grace and David Wright by baptism. Six came for re-dedication.

August 1959

Services by Bro. Jimmy Moore on 8/2/1959. Received Leonard Amato by baptism. On 8/8/1959 regular services by pastor. Service by the County Missionary, Bro. Priner (Prince?) on 8/16/1959.

On 8/23/1959 service by youth of the church at night. The youth went to Clarko Park the following Saturday, where Bryan Reed Knight held a devotional service. On 8/30/1959 services brought by Bro. Wayne Riley from Clarke County, Mississippi.

September 1959

On 9/6/1959 Rev. R.B. Patterson was guest minister. He was from the area missionary of North Mississippi. The church voted to hire Mr. R. E. Truelove of Cuba to replace Selby Ward in the building of the parsonage. Bro. M.F. Rayburn of southside Church, Meridian, gave the morning sermon on 9/20/1959. On 9/27/1959 Vernell Wilkinson, Harold Carlisle and A.H. Miller, Jr., came from Carmel Baptist yesterday and laid brick at the parsonage, free of charge. Dearman Harris joined by letter from Kewanee.

October 1959

Jeanette Shelton and Alma Shelton gve stewardship testimonies on 11/15/1959. Likewise, testimony given on 11/22/1959 by Mr. Ward, one of the oldest tithers of the church, and Edwin Lummus.

November 29, 1959

Regular services. Mr. Watts from southside Baptist Church and Mrs. Dorothy Gressett gave testimonials on stewardship.

December 1959 Regular services by Brother Merrell.

January 1960

Jack Stack, layman from Meridian, was speaker for the morning service, and Brvant Reid Knight for the evening service. There were 142 enrolled in Sunday School in January, 1960. B.T.U. exnerienced average attendance of 71. The church voted to secure bond for Leslie Wright, the new church treasurer.

February 1960

Regular services key Pastor Merrell until his last sermon on 2/21/1900. He was leaving for New Iberia, Louisiana. On this date David Harris accepted Christ as his Savior.

March 1960

Bro. S.B. Harrington to begin as interim pastor. Attendance low. On motion and second it was decided to have one married lady and one single lady in the nursery during church services. There are a number of reports listed in the minutes which have to do with the expenses of the church. Also, during this period the various topics by ministers are also listed.

April 17, 1960

The church called Bro. Percy Davis as pastor. On 4/24/1960 letters granted Bro. and Mrs. R. D. Merrell.

May 1960 Regular services by Brother Harrington.

June 1960

Bro. Harrington preached his last sermon at Salem on 6/5/1960. On 6/12/1960 Bro. Percy Davis assumed duties as pastor. On 6/19/1960 received Mr. and Mrs. J.D. Hurtt and Randy (Hurtt), who joined by letter. Also, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Roberson joined by letter.

July 1960

Regular services. Mr. and Mrs. H.D. Culpepper granted church letters on 7/24/1960, recommending them to the Immanuel Baptist Church at Columbus, Mississippi.

August 1960

A layman, Bro. Wingo from Meridian, spoke in absence of pastor. Regular services remainder of month.

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