

CONCORD CHURCH

The CONCORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH at Woodward is a simple, rectangular, red-brick building. It is covered with a gabled roof and rests on solid granite foundations. The building is dignified but severely plain, no decorations.

The congregation is older than its house of worship, dating back to 1785 when the Reverend Robert McClintock, of Ireland, held services in the vicinity. In 1793 several supplies from South Carolina Presbytery preached here; among them the Reverends Roseboro, McCollough, Dunlap, Cousar, Gilland, and Davies.

The first "stand" or place of worship was located about five miles southeast of this building but was moved to the site about 1796. Here a log building was erected, each man of the congregation furnishing a log. The first one laid was by John Cork. During a hurricane this building was destroyed but it was replaced by another of the same construction. In 1818 the brick building was erected.

The Reverend Robert B. Walker enrolled and organized the church in 1796. The elders at this time were James Arter, James Caldwell, James Hindman, and Abraham Miller, John Sterling, James Robinson, and James McKeown.

The Reverend William G. Roseboro came to CONCORD in 1800 and served until 1810. He was followed by the Reverend Francis W. Porter who supplied until 1813. The Reverend Robert McCollough came next and remained until 1824. During this period the following elders were installed, Samuel Penny, Samuel Banks, Samuel McCollough, James Douglas, and Hugh Thompson. The Reverend William B. Stafford was installed in 1825 and served until 1834.

In 1836 the Reverend John Douglas became pastor but before he came Robert Caldwell, John Banks, and William Wilson were installed as elders and in 1836 John McCollough, Alex Hindman and Henry Moore were also installed. At this time the church had sixty-four members. James Wallace was pastor in 1848 until 1853 and from 1853 until 1858 the church was served by the Reverend W. J. McCormick. During his pastorate John Neil and Thomas Carlisle became elders. The Reverend G. W. Boggs supplied for a short while until the Reverend T. W. Ervin became the next pastor in 1859 and served until 1876. During his pastorate the following were installed as elders; A. B. and John C. Douglas, J. M. Blain, W. W. Brice, and A. H. Dunbar. The Reverend James Douglas served in 1878 until the Reverend John C. McMullen became pastor in 1879 and remained until 1884. During his pastorate William Douglas, J. E. Craig and W. Banks Thompson became elders.

Since this time the old church has had many faithful ministers and laymen. It is still an active, thriving church and its communicants are all well acquainted with and are proud of its service to the community for more than a century and a half.