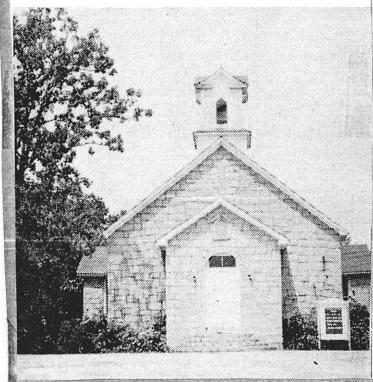
Furman University Once Here

Fairfield Baptists Set Homecoming located on the Jenkinsville high-August 1; Church History Is Given



Homecoming services will be held at Fairfield Baptist Church, way (213), on August 1. Guest speaker will be the Rev. Hal Salisbury, evangelist, for the revival services to be held August through August 6. Services will begin each night at 8 o'clock.

The original Fairfield Baptist Church was organized in 1820 by the Rev. Jonathan Davis, newly ordained minister from Monticello. Rev. Davis became president of the Board of Trustees of Furman University on December 17, 1835. At this time, the community surrounding the church was well pop- of the newly organized Fairfield ulated with wealthy plantation Baptist Church in 1884. owners, and Rev. Davis envisioned removal of the university to Briscoe, a new house of worship this area, and in time this did was built in 1902-1903, and was dedcome about. However, due to icated on August 9, 1903. Deacons transportation difficulties (no rail- at that time were J. T. Young, road passed near the school) and A. M. Park and John M. Timms. other problems, Furman was re- Sunday school rooms, a Bapistry, established at Greenville. Rev. and the wooden frame enclosed in Davis died in 1855. The original granite, were completed in 1949. church building burned shortly. The present board of Deacons is thereafter, and all church records composed of Robert Young, chairare believed to have been destroy- man, Phillip Timms, E. E. Mikell, ed in the fire.

In 1858, all but two or three ard H. Crapps is pastor.

members withdrew from Fairfield Church to form the First Baptist Church of Winnsboro. After the Civil War, no meetings were held in the old church, and it stood unattended until 1882. In that year, a Rev. Mahon from Union held levival services in an old log school located near the present site of Fairfield Church, and eight converts were won As a result. Rev. Mahon encouraged three former members, Mrs. Emma Park Young, Mrs. Jane Park Gregg, and Mrs. Joella Park Robertson, to organize the church once more.

Rev. B. F. Corley became pastor

Under leadership of Rev. W. R.

and Tom Timms. The Rev. Rich-