

BEAVER CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH  
HAS AN INTERESTING HISTORY

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There have been two church weddings since Rev. Hodgens came: Miss Klotze Weir and Victor Blanks, married Saturday evening, June 22, 1946; Miss June Hodgens and Sgt. Bryant Chapman, married at noon, May 15, 1947.

Mr. Hodgens held his own protracted meeting last year and gave the expense of a visiting minister to the improvement fund of the church. Several have been added to the membership and all financial apportionments have been met. Rev. Hodgens teaches the Adult Sunday School class and Mrs. Hodgens besides being Sunday school teacher, is active in all phases of the church work.

Miss Mary Alice Banks was pianist until she entered Winthrop College a year ago. Since then her sister, Miss Nettie Lee Banks, has rendered that service. In July 1946 Leslie B. Weir and Jake F. Stone were elected deacons.

Mrs. Mary Beam, the oldest member of Beaver Creek, died last year.

Last December the church lost a most ardent worker in the death of John W. Weir. His son, J. D. Weir, has been elected his successor as deacon and treasurer of the church.

The minutes of 1883 record in the Digest of Letter from Beaver Creek that a Mary Harlem Mission Society had been organized. We know nothing of this organization or its officers.

In 1889 a Women's Missionary Society was organized with Mrs. David P. Crosby, president, and Mrs. Victoria R. Coleman, secretary.

As far as we are now able to learn the following ladies have served as presidents of the W. M. U. in the order given: Mrs. David P. Crosby, 1889-1895; Miss Mary Jane Weir, 1895-98; Miss Ella Stone (Mrs. Cunningham), 1898-1900; Miss Clara Chapman (Mrs. Agnew), 1900-03; Mrs. W. H. Banks, 1903-04; Miss Ella Stone, 1904-?; Mrs. V. R. Coleman, ?-1922; Mrs. N. H. Stone, Sr. 1922-the present.

The Willing Workers Society was reported in the minutes of 1891. While active the Society bought the first Bible for the church.

June 13, 1909, Mrs. John S. Stone organized a young people's society under the name of Willing Workers. They had for their goal that of enclosing the cemetery, but after a year it dropped out. Funds raised before being dropped are \$55.70, are still available.

Different organization among the young people and children are \_\_\_\_\_ and Sunbeams. Mrs. Leslie B. Weir is leader of the only society the G. A.

The following ladies served as presidents of B.Y.P.U.: Mrs. C.M. Adams; Miss Leila Varnadore, Miss Sara Banks, Miss Mattie Stone, and Mrs. John S. Stone, Jr.

In May, 1869, during the pastorate of Rev. Pickett, the minutes record Sunday school being held near Halsellville Post Office, which was Chapman's store, where Mr. Leslie B. Weir now lives. We have been told that the building in which Sunday school was held stood somewhere between the Grant home and Mrs. Ross Durham's. J. B. Lee, deacon at the time, or Nicholas Colvin, were superintendent of the Sunday school. Both names are remembered in connection with the Sunday school

During Rev. Mahon's pastorate Sunday school was perhaps held in the church for the first time. The records show the following to serve as superintendents: J. D. Mahon, Mose C. Stone, C. E. Fant, W. S. Banks, N. H. Stone, Sr., S. H. Banks,