

## APPENDIX B

May 5, 1880---Article 1-- Biblical Recorder article announcing the reorganization of a Baptist Church in Pittsboro on 4/17/1880.

### A Church Organized in Pittsboro.

Dear Editor :

It will be interesting to many in and out of the old Sandy Creek Association, to know that a Baptist church was organized in Pittsboro, Chatham county, on Saturday April 17th.

March 10, 1886---Article 2-- Biblical Recorder article in anticipation of the railroad coming to Pittsboro. The article describes anticipation of both town and church growth.

### Pittsboro--The Outlook of the Baptist Cause.

I have often been asked, "What are the prospects for the success of the Baptist cause in Pittsboro?"

What I shall say in regard to the matter, may serve, as far as it goes, in the way of information to such as are interested in it.

The accessions to the church, within the last year or two, have been encouraging. The number of members is not large, but the material is good, which is, of course, one important element of success, and our strength is very respectable, compared with our number.

One of the principal hindrances to the growth of the church, and it has been, from the nature of the cause, a serious one, is the want of *available* material, owing to there being so few Baptist families in the town. We are however, beginning to anticipate an important change in this respect.

We expect that the Pittsboro railroad will be completed by the middle of the summer. When this is done, there will be new life and energy imparted to the town and the surrounding country. The spirit of enterprise will be awakened, and capital will seek investment; and, as a consequence, the population will be increased and become more diversified in its interests.

As there are not less than *twenty-five hundred*, and perhaps more, Baptists in Chatham county, it is safe to assume that a fair proportion of the new business element of the town will be furnish-

ed by Baptist and their families.

The citizenship is, and always has been of a superior quality in the way of intelligence and culture, which for fine social qualities, neighborly friendships and kindly offices, I have never seen surpassed.

A fine feeling of christian brotherhood and sympathy is manifest between christians of the several denominations, and notably so between the ministers of the place.

Brother Eason, of Fayetteville, was with us ten days in December, and interested and delighted our people very much by his excellent sermons.

And though the weather was unfavorable, affecting very much the congregations, yet, he made a fine impression in regard to our cause.

M. BALDWIN.

Aug. 18, 1915---Article 3--- Biblical Recorder article announcing Pearle Johnson had been appointed by the Foreign Mission Board to set sail for China.

MISS PEARL JOHNSON, OF PITTSBORO, who graduated from the Training School this year, as the "scholarship girl" of the Piedmont Association is under appointment from the Foreign Mission Board, and will sail for China in October. Miss Johnson also belongs, "by right of adoption", to the women of West Chowan, who have taken her as their special missionary.

March 19, 1941---Article 4--- Biblical Recorder article describing the annual fellowship supper held in the school cafeteria.

Approximately one hundred members and visitors attended the annual fellowship supper given recently by the Pittsboro Church, of which Rev. W. W. Finlator is pastor, in the school cafeteria. Highlights of the evening were as follows: an address by Rev. Perry Crouch, of Raleigh, head of the state department of Christian education; two interesting movies—"The Holy Land" and a "Crime-Does-Not-Pay" short—presented by Frank Hauser, principal of the Pittsboro school; a quartet by Foster Davis, Wilbur Stamey, Glenn

Robertson, and Monroe Bordeaux; and a duet by Mrs. Chester Bourne and Mr. Delacey Faust. Before the meeting closed Mr. Finlator paid tribute to the heads of the various departments in the church and called upon each of them to make a short talk.

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March 11, 1951---Article 5--- Biblical Recorder article mentioning an anniversary celebration of the originally organized church in 1817.

Pittsboro Church on March 11 held an anniversary celebration. Baptists in the area first organized a church in 1817. The most recent building was completed at a cost of \$90,000, and the first service in it was held March 13, 1949. During the past two years windows, pews, carpets, and choir chairs have been installed. Painting has been done, and an organ installed. During the two-year period 74 new members have united with the church, 34 by baptism, and a total of \$46,648.26 has been contributed. K. E. Bryant is pastor.

Oct 2-3, 1958---Article 6-- Biblical Recorder article: Sandy Creek Association observes 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at Pittsboro Baptist Church and Love's Creek.

## Sandy Creek Association Observes 200th Anniversary, October 2 and 3

Sandy Creek, oldest association in North Carolina, and one of the three oldest Baptist associations in America, observed its Bi-Centennial or 200th anniversary in the annual sessions October 2 and 3, at Pittsboro and at Love's Creek. Attendance was large on both days, despite the rains. Excellent reports of progress were heard at both day's sessions; Rev. M. E. Cannup preached the associational sermon at Pittsboro on the first day, and various state Baptist institutions, and agencies had representatives present to speak.

On the second day at Love's Creek, Rev. R. F. Smith spoke on evangelism; State Secretary M. A. Huggins brought his message on state missions and the Cooperative program; and C. W. Bazemore of the BIBLICAL RECORDER brought the Bi-Centennial address. Others spoke on various reports of the total work; and Dr. Luther Copeland of Southeastern

and Dr. Luther Copeland of Southeastern Seminary brought an address on world missions in the afternoon.

Sandy Creek Association was formed in 1758 by Shubal Stearns and a group of faithful Baptists in the Sandy Creek Church area, near the present town of Liberty. The mother church grew rapidly, and in three years there were three churches with 900 members, and in less than 20 years Baptists had spread from this source into Virginia, South Carolina, and as far as Georgia and Tennessee.

Forty-two churches grew from this the "mother association" in the early period, and since then, 100 churches have come from the foundation work of these Baptist pioneers of North Carolina.