

1963

The pulpit committee was working diligently to find a new pastor, but without success. W. O. Minter asked for the church's prayers for the committee. The deacons and the finance committee studied the pastor's salary that had been proposed for the budget and asked for authority to make adjustments to make it more attractive in securing a pastor. The church approved. The congregation did what was needed with the leadership of the deacons and committees elected to take care of the church.

In May the church bought 100 metal chairs for the intermediate department for \$550 and a floor polisher for \$225. W. O. Minter kept a close eye on the treasury. The keen way in which Mr. Minter took care of the treasury enabled the church to keep a balance on hand to take care of the operational needs. If the church found itself in need of borrowing money, Mr. Minter and the board of trustees would find the best terms.

Reverend Aubrey Quakenbush, pastor of First Baptist Church in Clinton, North Carolina, was extended a call to become pastor. After prayerful consideration, he declined.

The back part of the lot behind the property bought from Dr. Renick was graded to be used for additional parking space in the fall of 1963.

In August the pulpit committee brought before the church a recommendation that Dr. Charles R. Sanks, Jr. be called as pastor. The church approved.

A native of New York, Dr. Sanks served in the Marine Corps and worked for five years as a teller in banks in Florida. He had received a B. A. degree at Stetson



University and bachelors in divinity from Southeastern Seminary. Dr. Sanks received his Masters in Theology degree from Union Seminary in Richmond. His wife was the former Jacquelyn Gibson of Miami, Florida. They had two daughters, Valerie and Charlene.

Troop 72 leaving the church for Victory Stadium, May, 1963, included. Wayne Knott, Clyde Hundley, David Riddle, Larry Jefferson, Ronnie Prillaman, G. K. Huddle, Durwood Wingfield, Barry Isley.



In September 1963, the church voted to begin a family night supper before prayer meeting. Supper would be prepared and served by the church at a cost of seventy -five cents per plate with dessert and beverages supplied by the church.

Elizabeth Collums was granted time from her church duties plus one week's pay for her marriage to Reverend Paul Garber, pastor of First Baptist Church in Ridgeway, Virginia.

1964

The church appointed a committee to look for a minister of education. Harry Dalton, Claude Minter, Edgar Huddle, Earl Helms, Marcella Minter, and Juanita Polk were appointed to be the committee.

In March Elizabeth Collums Garber read her resignation to the church. It would become effective July 15, 1964. The church appointed a committee to find a replacement in hopes that someone would be found before July 15th. Conrad Knight served as chairman of the music committee. Shirley Stegall, James Bowles, Jolene White, Albert Turner, and Wade Lawrence made up the rest of the committee. At the Wednesday night service, June 10th a special business meeting was called to hear a recommendation from the deacons. The recommendation was that on Father's Day a special service be held as part of the regular Sunday morning service. It would be known as Parent's Dedication Day, and all parents who had children three years old and younger who wished to participate came forward to have their children dedicated.

In July, Miss Patsy Martin was hired as interim part-time music director. She worked with the adult and youth choirs. Her salary was \$35 per week. The summer passed with no prospects for minister of education or minister of music. The committees continued to work.

Family dinners continued on Wednesday evenings and the cost was lowered to seventy

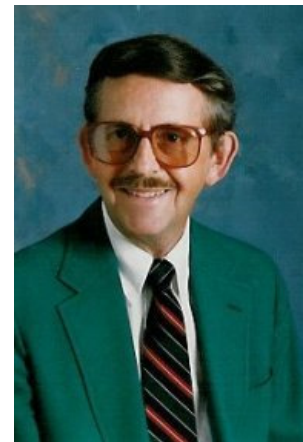
cents per person. The individuals paid fifty cents and the balance came from the church treasury unless there was enough extra in the soft drink machine to make up the difference.

Because of water backup when it rained, a drain was installed in the the parking lot that ran to Carter Street at a cost of \$400.



Conrad Knight reported in the business meeting, October 7th, that Mr. E. Kenneth Harrell would assume responsibilities as minister of music October 27th. Mr. Harrell was a graduate of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. He and his wife Eleanor were natives of Picayune, Mississippi. After service in the Navy, Ken served several churches while in college and seminary.

In November the church extended a call to Reverend Samuel A. Nixon to become Minister of Education at a salary of \$5,400 per year. Reverend Nixon accepted and began his duties with the church. A native of Fieldale, Virginia, he graduated from Bluefield College, the



University of Richmond, and Southeastern Theological Seminary. He came to Starling Avenue Church from First Baptist Church in Rockingham, North Carolina, where he had served as minister of education. He was married to the former Julia Hubbard of Fieldale. They had three children Samuel, Jr. age 6; Arden age 3; and Julianna, age 2. The church paid his moving expenses. He was

also given two weeks paid vacation and three Sundays per year for denominational services or other ministry.

1965

In the fall of 1965, Kenneth Harrell made a request that the church purchase a new organ, explaining the inadequacy of the one in use. After discussion, the church purchased a Rodgers organ from Cottrell Electronic Corporation of Richmond, Virginia. The cost was \$8,680. The church was allowed a \$1000 trade-in on the old organ. The organ was paid for over a three year period. The church asked for pledges to be given to pay for the organ.

1966

In February the church trustees borrowed \$15,000 from Piedmont Trust Bank to pay off the note to Dr. Fred Renick. Payments on the loan were six \$2000.00 notes and three \$1000 notes.

At Easter Rev. Sanks proposed that the church have a Passover meal in the fellowship hall. The church agreed. Dr. Sanks met with Rabbi Silverman of Ohev Zion Synagogue, who accepted Rev. Sanks' invitation to be present for the meal. The Passover meal was first followed by a regular meal and concluded with the Lord's Supper.

In June the church approved pursuing a lease of the Parcell property that joined the church property on the Memorial Boulevard side of the church. The cost was \$400 per year with \$100 paid each quarter. The lot had to be cleaned off, house removed, and then graded at the church's expense before the church could use the property for additional parking.

The church voted to have only the senior high young people and college students Training Union meetings for the summer months and to take the time to study the entire Training Union program.

On July 24, 1966 Mr. Nixon gave his resignation. He stated that he felt a definite call to teach in the public school systems. He

had accepted a position with the Henry County school system. His resignation was effective August 28, 1966.

In August W. O. Minter reported he had drawn up a lease agreement with the Parcels which also gave the church the right of first refusal on the property.

At the September business meeting, Mrs. Janie Griggs was given an extra week of vacation in 1966 and 1967 for her faithful service as secretary of the church for ten years.

The church had spent the summer studying best approaches to make Training Union relevant in view of the great social changes. The church resumed Training Union for all ages, but with special programs for senior high students beyond the programs offered in the regular literature. Training Union was renamed "the church in study."

Thomas W. Green became minister of education. Rev. Green was a graduate of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Ken and Eleanor Harrell had been living in an apartment in the old Hill house. They wanted to look for a place of their own choosing and asked for an increase in Ken's salary to allow for a housing allowance. The added amount was \$950 per year.

December 14, 1966, the board of deacons recommended to the church that \$1,200 of the salaries of the minister of music and the minister of education be placed in the budget as housing allowance for these people. The recommendation was approved.

1967

Early in the year, the church decided to stop the weekly Wednesday night suppers and to have them once a month.

Sunday School for the Junior and Senior Departments went through changes to become effective October 1st. The Senior High Department consisted of grades 10, 11, 12. The classes became co-educational and met in the annex. The full hour was used for

teaching with no open assembly. The Junior Department consisted of grades 7, 8, and 9, again with no open assembly. Each department had a coordinator, secretary, and six teachers with a man and a woman serving as co-teachers for each grade.

1968

At the January business meeting Mrs. Elizabeth Bowles brought to the attention of the ones there the small number of people attending the business meetings. The result was that for two months the monthly business meetings were held after Sunday evening services.

Rev. Sanks gave much of his time counseling people in the church. At one point he was granted leave from the Wednesday evening services for nine weeks in order to hold group meetings in the church. Sunday morning, April 28th the church was called into business session to hear Kenneth Harrell announce his resignation. He had accepted a position as minister of music at Snyder Memorial Baptist Church in Fayetteville, North Carolina, effective June 1, 1968. He asked the church to appoint the music council to serve as the music committee to find a replacement. Also, a church member was appointed by Dr. Sanks to be chairman of the committee.

After eighteen years as church clerk *Russell Thornton* resigned from the position due to health problems.

There had been a steady decline in attendance on Sunday evenings. A vote was taken and approved that the church join with First Baptist Church and Chatham Heights



Baptist Church to rotate Sunday evening services for the months of July and August.

In the July business meeting, Emma Washburn volunteered to lead a tape ministry. The church ordered tape recorders. Percy Gunter, Theodore Ussery, Frank Chitwood, and Hettie Craig volunteered to take tapes of services to those homebound and unable to attend. *I. C. Lancaster* recorded the service.



The church had not elected a clerk to replace Mr. Thornton. Thomas Green and Juanita Polk had been filling in. *Lois Lawrence* agreed to be church clerk until October when there would be new officers.



Sharon Lawrence was hired as interim music director and organist beginning the second Sunday in September. Her duties were to lead the Adult Choir and to be present for any funeral services. Her salary was \$50 per week

Miss Nora Coleman, a charter member of the church, applied to be a resident at the Virginia Baptist Retirement Home in Culpeper, Virginia, in 1968. The church approved Miss Coleman's application and she moved to Culpeper in 1969 where she lived for the next 22 years. "Miss Nora" passed away in 1991 at the age of 95.

1969

A committee was formed to draw up a church constitution. They were Conrad Knight, chairman; Grady Monday; Sam Nixon; W. O. Minter; Kyle Walker; Becky Turner; and Marcella Minter.

A letter from Rich Acres Christian Church was sent to Starling Avenue to ask that the members join them in expressing a desire that obscene literature be removed from sight in newsstands in the area. At the March business meeting discussion, Lewis Compton added a concern about movies as well. At the next City Council meeting, Lewis spoke, but the council stated movies were rated and did not discuss publications.

In February the senior high group had been asked to enter into a six-week program with other churches in the city. The church was responsible for one of the meetings during that time. During the month of April there were ten other groups invited. Folk music based on familiar hymns was used during the services. In May, Thomas Green reported to the church that the senior high group had participated in a very meaningful worship service at Knollwood Baptist Church in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. The youth leaders were concerned to help youth find Christian lifestyles in the changing times.

On Youth Sunday the senior high youth were in charge of both the morning and evening services. They asked to have a folk worship service for the evening service. After much discussion, they were allowed to do so.

Sunday morning, June 1969, the church was called into business session in order to hear a recommendation that the budget and finance committees make an adjustment in the church budget for 1969 to bring it in line with the church income.

The great social changes of these times affected the church in a variety of ways. Whereas many women had been stay-at-home moms and homemakers, women were now moving into the workplace. Women who had silently taken abuse from spouses

before, whether it was physical or emotional, were deciding now to leave those marriages. There were other divorces for less clear reasons. Rev. Sanks counseled many couples. The difficulties faced by adults and youth weighed heavily on Rev. Sanks' heart and mind.

There was a growing emotional split in the church over what Rev. Sanks was attempting to do. Some wanted him to leave. There were others who shared his vision that the church as it had been in the comfortable 1950s was not sufficient to the changes of the 1960s. The larger social changes and how to be the church in the midst of them were at the heart of this controversy.

On November 2, 1969, Rev. Sanks read his letter of resignation to become effective November 30, 1969. On December 1, 1969 he would become associate pastor of First Baptist Church in Washington, D. C. He would become "theologian in residence", guiding those there in spiritual growth through group experiences, theological learning and creative ministries.

In his letter of resignation he stated, "I think it only just and honest to point out that enough of you here do not wish to be on a pilgrimage of growth, so that any meaningful process is at a standstill. Your reluctance towards such a pilgrimage is because that kind of progress calls for change, change that enough of you seem unwilling to make. Granted, change is difficult, even painful, and I want you to know I understand anyone's reluctance to choose pain.

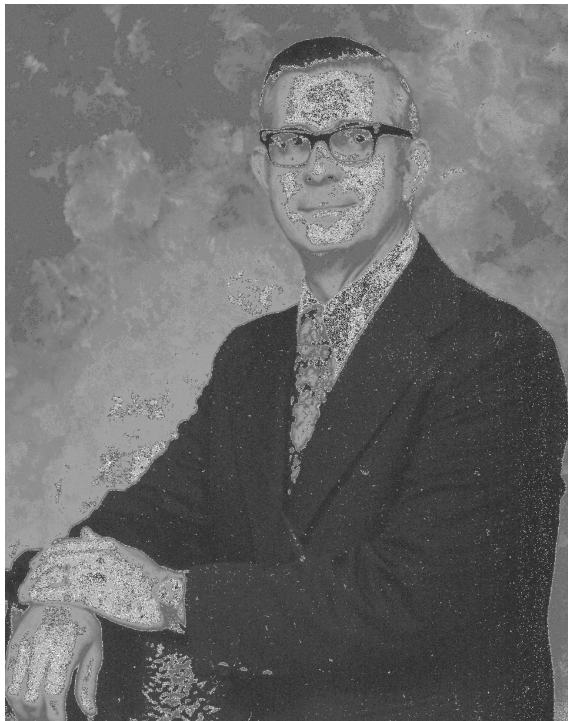
"However, for those of you who have risked so much in your growth toward Christian maturity, I want you to know how proud I have been to be your Pastor. You have discovered the profound meaning of new birth. Be faithful to it.

"There may be another way and some of you wish to take it; if so, I wish you Godspeed. The way I've found through much

pain and soul-searching is authentic for me and I must be true to it."

1970

The church met on Sunday morning, January 11, 1970, to hear the interim pulpit committee chairman, Wade Lawrence, ask that the church call Dr. William S. Garman as interim pastor beginning January 18th. He would preach both the Sunday morning and evening services, visit the sick in the hospital, and visit the shut-ins, conduct funerals and weddings. His salary would be \$75 per week. The church approved calling Dr. Garman.



Sunday morning, May 10, 1970, Jim Wagoner, chairman of the pulpit committee, spoke on behalf of the committee. The committee asked that the church call Reverend John E. Woody to become pastor of the church. Mr. Woody was at the time serving as Superintendent of Missions for Tar River Baptist Association in North Carolina.

A native of Johnson County, North Carolina, he was educated at Campbell College, Wake Forest University, and

Southeastern Seminary. His wife, Becky, a teacher in the public school system, would continue to teach when they came to Martinsville. Their two daughters, Lynn and Linda, were fifteen and thirteen at the time. The church voted to call Rev. Woody.

During the time that the parsonage on Starling Avenue was empty, repairs were made at a cost of \$1,800. The church had planned to buy a new stove for the parsonage, but Mr. Woody told them that they had a stove that they were bringing with them. Instead, he asked that the church buy new draperies for the front of the parsonage. The church granted his request.

At the business meeting July 12, 1970, the church was asked to accept Rev. Thomas Green's resignation to become effective July 26, 1970. Tom Green had been minister of education for almost four years during a difficult period. The innovations he and Rev. Sanks had proposed had not all been accepted favorably. He was discouraged that his efforts had been interpreted in a negative manner. Tom Green would go on to serve St. John's Baptist Church, Charlotte, NC and First Baptist of Hilton Head Island, SC (1993).

It was obvious to Rev. Woody that one of his challenges would be to bring healing to a divided congregation.

In August, Wade Lawrence, chairman of the deacons, asked that a temporary committee be appointed to study the needs of the deaf in the church and that Mr. Woody serve on the committee. Juanita Polk was appointed chairman of the committee.

Sharon Lawrence gave her resignation November 3, 1970 to be effective December 27, 1970. She stated that she was returning to her home church, Broad Street Christian Church, to fill a similar position during the leave of absence of the church minister of music. A committee was appointed to look for a minister of music and education. They were Albert Beane, Jr., Jolene White, Sherman Donavant, Warren Robertson, Marcella Minter, Jimmy Winn, and Hoyett Barrow.

In December, 1970, W. O. Minter resigned as treasurer of the church. He had been treasurer for 35 years. The letter of resignation read, "After careful and prayerful consideration I will not be treasurer of Starling Avenue Baptist Church after January 1, 1971. May I take this opportunity to express my gratitude to the church for their confidence in me."

An icon had retired from church office. Mr. Minter had been an inspiration to the whole church. A man of vision, his influence had been felt in all areas of church life.

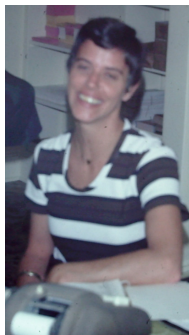
1971

The church met in business session on Sunday morning, June 10, 1971, to hear from the music committee. Jimmy Winn, chairman, on behalf of the committee asked that the church ask Albert Beane, Jr. to become music director for the church. He would plan and direct both the adult and youth choirs, direct music for special services and funerals. He would be paid \$40.00 per week.



Jolene White was asked to be church organist and she would be paid \$30.00 per week.

A committee made up of Wade Lawrence, chairman of the deacons, Hoytt Barrow, vice chairman, and C. K. Warren were appointed to hire a secretary to replace Janie Griggs who resigned June 1, 1971. Mrs. Sallie Mays was hired and began work July 19, 1971.



Carlton Crenshaw was elected church treasurer and Nan Dalton assistant treasurer. They were authorized to sign checks from both church accounts.

At the October business meeting, Reverend Woody stated that the church should be concerned about the Sunday School attendance. The church membership was 796, with an average attendance of 156.

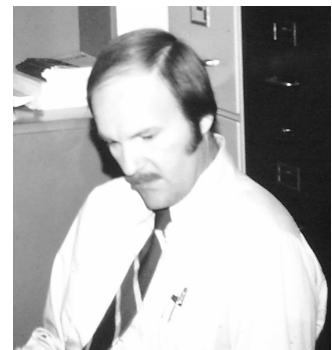
In 1963 the church peaked with 895 members. In 1964 it began a gradual decline. The Sunday School peaked with 720 members in 1957 and began to decline in 1959.

1972

In October a letter of statistics was sent to the Henry County Association about Starling Avenue Baptist Church. The fiscal year ended September 30, 1972:

<i>Membership</i>	793
<i>Additions by Baptism</i>	15
<i>Additions by letter</i>	12
<i>Church debt</i>	\$13,000
<i>Cooperative Program</i>	\$11,060
<i>Paid on church debt</i>	\$11,204
<i>Amount received</i>	\$68,336

In June the church called Rev. Richard Pridgen to be the minister of music and education.



The church voted to participate in WIN Institute in February, 1973. Reverend Phillip Duckett, pastor of McCabe Memorial Baptist Church, was to teach classes on February 18th,

21st, and on the 22nd. The clinic was to prepare people to know how to share their faith with others.

The church began discussing buying the property on the corner of Memorial Boulevard and Starling Avenue from Mr. and Mrs. James Hodnett for \$30,000. In December Carlton Crenshaw, treasurer, said that the \$2,000 down payment required was ready and he thought the legal work would be complete by January 1, 1973 or sooner.

1973

In January Mr. Woody advised that due to the telephone rate increase, some change needed to take place in order to keep expenses in line. The church would have only one incoming line instead of two, and he asked for the people to keep this in mind when calling the church office. This way the telephone bill would be approximately \$32 a month instead of \$72.



The church purchased a used school bus for activities.

Mr. Mack Bouldin, chairman of the trustees, advised that they had received three estimates on removing the buildings on the Hodnett property. They chose the lowest at \$3,200; the tenants were given 90 days notice to vacate the buildings.

Work began to demolish properties owned by the church. Contractor Curtis Johnson tore the frame house down facing Memorial Boulevard and cleared the lot.

Also, the Hill house on Starling Avenue next to the Annex was torn down. The property from the corner of Starling Avenue, which included a store and dry cleaners was torn down in April at a cost of \$2,300 for both buildings.

Rev. Woody said that Starling Avenue was the only Baptist church that he knew of that did not have ordained deacons, and that ordination of deacons is scriptural. He referred to the 6th chapter of Acts that says the deacons were dedicated to the task. Mr. Woody felt this would strengthen the church as the twenty-one deacons came to see that being a deacon is more than just another office in the Baptist Church. Their task is to share the responsibility with the ministers. The deacons were ordained Sunday morning, April 29, 1973. Deacons from other Baptist churches in the Association and Rev. James Cravens, Association Superintendent of Missions, participated in the service.

In October the church discussed the proposal to sell the church parsonage on Starling Avenue. Mr. Woody had briefly stated the reasons that he and his family thought it best to own their own home. The interest from the sale of the home would subsidize a housing allowance in the following year's budget for Rev. Woody and his family.

The money received from the sale of the parsonage was put into four year certificates of deposit; \$20,000 @ 7 ½ % interest at First Federal and Savings and \$12,712.00 @ 7 ½ % interest at First National Bank. The total amount was \$32,712.00.

The first Monday in November a free home-cooked lunch was offered to every member who was available to come at that hour. Emma Washburn enlisted Claude and Bernice Minter to help prepare for the day and thirty people showed up. The group, mostly retirees, decided to call itself the Fellowship Club and to meet the first Tuesday of each month.



Deacon Ted Ussery visiting Mrs. Motley.

1974

By May all of the church debt was paid except what was owed on the Hodnett Property. Mr. Woody suggested that since this had happened, that money which had been transferred to the Building Fund for payment on the property be placed in a savings account and accrue interest until the date due for payment to be made. This would mean a few extra dollars to spend on other needs of the church.

The May business meeting was the end of business meetings being held on Sunday evenings before or after the evening services. In June the church went back to having business meetings on Wednesday evenings.

In the September business meeting Mr. Woody brought to the attention of the church that we no longer vote on the acceptance of a new member, but express joy that they have elected to unite with the church fellowship.

December 1, 1974, Richard Pridgen offered his resignation to accept a call to become minister of music and education at Union Grove Baptist Church in Kernersville, North Carolina. His resignation became effective December 31, 1974.

At the December business meeting Harry Dalton, chairman of the music and education committee, stated that Albert Beane, Jr. had accepted the position of interim music director beginning January 13, 1975.

1975

January 22, 1975 the church met in a business meeting. Mr. Woody summarized the treasurer's report showing that total available income was \$89,654.94 and the total expenditures were \$85,701.12 with a balance of \$3,953.82 as of December 31, 1974.

February 14, 1975, Valentine's Day, after the high school ball game on Friday Night, the youth had a lock-in at the church. They had an early Saturday Morning Worship period followed by breakfast:



Vicki Brodie was hired by the church for the summer of 1975 to be an assistant to Mr. Woody and to work with the youth. Vicki, daughter of Dot and Ray Brodie, had grown up in Starling Avenue. She had graduated from Westhampton College of the University of Richmond that spring and would enter Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky, that fall.

Early that summer when Rev. Woody had to be hospitalized for heart problems, Ms. Brodie took up additional responsibilities including preaching.



Volunteers created ornaments for the first Christmas tree in 1975. Pictured above are (l-r) Nan Dalton, Geneva Winn, Betty Jo Robertson and Marcella Minter. In Addition Loretta Carter and xx helped create this first set of ornaments.

John Manson joined the staff as organist in 1975. Mr. Manson had recently retired as minister of music at First Baptist Church, Martinsville. He was a graduate of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and a native of Missouri.



1976

In view of Rev. Woody's health, the church began a search for an associate to help cover some of the pastoral responsibilities. In

February the chairman of the deacons, Harry Dalton, recommended that Rev. David W. Adkins be called as minister of education. The church called Rev. Adkins, who began his ministry at the church on February 23, 1976.

During early 1976 the building and grounds committee added a handicap ramp to the sanctuary level of the church. The ramp was a help to those who had difficult climbing stairs.

A pictorial directory was prepared by the church photographer, Bill Clark, and printed by Sanwell Printing Company. The cost was \$1.00 per copy each.

At the business meeting, Wednesday, May 19, 1976, a recommendation was read from the deacon board and church council. "In light of the moral and spiritual condition of our nation, as a part of the Bi-Centennial Celebration, we recommend that our church observe a day of Prayer and Fasting on Wednesday, June 16, 1976. The emphasis is to be on prayer; and fasting left to the discretion of the individual. The Day of Prayer and Fasting will close with the Evening Worship Service. The Women's Missionary Union and the Baptist Men will plan the Day of Prayer, and the church staff the Evening Service." The recommendation was adopted.

Mrs. J. A. Miles left the church money in her will. It had been her desire to see a steeple on the church and the bequest became seed money toward that project. If after four years enough money had not been secured to pay for the steeple, the deacons would recommend how to spend the money.

In 1976 Harold Draper was ordained to preach. Harold had quit Martinsville High School in the tenth grade at to join the Air Force on January 5, 1953. After serving twenty years he retired on January 31, 1973. In retirement he earned his GED and, feeling God had called him into the ministry, he entered Patrick Henry Community College in the fall of 1975. He completed his Bachelor of

Arts in Religious Education at Averett College in Danville, Virginia in the spring of 1979. He accepted a call to become pastor of Bethlehem Baptist Church in Brosville, Virginia, while he attended Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, North Carolina. Harold had preached as a lay pastor from 1970- 1979.



1977

The church offices were moved into the former parsonage. The entire church building at that time was heated by two furnaces, one behind the fellowship hall and one beneath the sanctuary. To heat the offices required heating the entire church. Having the offices in the old parsonage was more energy efficient and convenient.



In July the church held a 25th wedding anniversary picnic for the Woody's at Southside Park.

1978

The red pew cushions were added in 1978. For years the congregation had sat on wooden seats and not complained. Now they would feel more comfortable.

Leading a church is a job, but leading one so everything runs smoothly is challenge. Mr. Woody was a shining star. A man of kindness and totally devoted to the Lord's work, he brought peace after a stormy chapter in the church's history. He envisioned good things for Starling Avenue and worked hard toward their achievement. Some of the goals reached during his pastorate included the purchase and clearing of the properties on the corner of Starling Avenue and Memorial Boulevard, and the renovation of the former parsonage next to the church into offices and conference rooms.

His deep Christian convictions, evangelistic preaching, and concern for people endeared him to the membership. His leadership and encouragement played an important role in the decision of John Harold Draper and Vicki Brodie Tamer to prepare for the ministry. During the time Mr. Woody was pastor, a closer Christian fellowship developed among the members, and the church regained financial stability.

One of the great story tellers of the church was Frank Chitwood. Boys in his Sunday School class loved the Saturday hikes with boiled eggs for lunch. Children were mesmerized by his down home retelling of Bible stories as if he had been right there when it happened. He encouraged people to greet visitors by telling them of the time he came up to greet someone after service. "I'm Frank Chitwood and I am glad to see you today and hope you will come back again." "I probably will," the fellow replied. "I'm a deacon." "Never be embarrassed to speak to someone you don't know," Frank would add.





Claude and Berenice Minter began a new couples class in the 1970s



The tradition of Valentine's Spaghetti fellowships began in 1977.



The church softball team won a string of championships in the 70s and 80s.



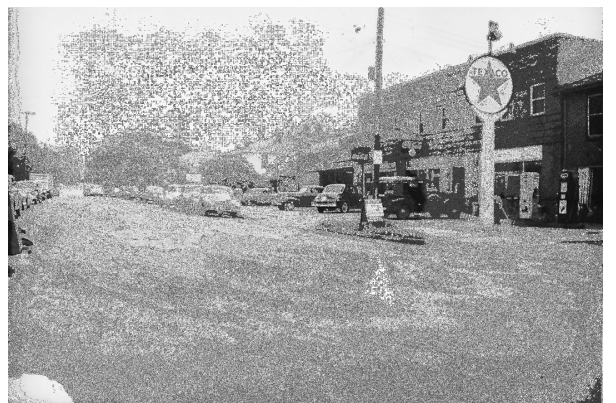
Tommy Wells, Thomas Wells, Sr; Ray Isley, Lewis Compton swapping stories before Sunday School



Lorene Mattox does VBSI traffic control



Neighbors from Emmett St arrive together: Richard and Hettie Craig, Daisy Rigney, and Florence Rigney



A view up Starling Avenue from Memorial Boulevard. By the 70s this street scene was no more. Gone was the gas station, the grocery store and the two lanes of parking on the street



The note burning from 1975. Charlie Biggs and Mack Bouldin hold the vessel.



Carl Hepinstall was the welder when the building and grounds committee constructed the ramp to the sanctuary level. the first effort to make the third level accessible to persons in wheel chairs and a safer way to move caskets from the sanctuary.



Grace Taylor Class



Youth Class



Silent Class

Wade Lawrence Class



Berenice Minter Class



Maggie Ivey Class





Mack Bouldin Class



Two Preschool Classes



Childrens Class



Monday Class

