

As each has received a gift, employ it for one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace.

1 Peter 4:10

ROUND HILL ROUND UP



- 1. Hugh Ingram
- 4. Hubert Flynn
- 6. David Alley
- 7. Chiketa Collins
- 8. Thalia Shook
- 15. Eloise Deyton
- 22. Jeremy Holland
- 23. Jean Thomason
- 25. Louise Keck
- 27. Anna St. Clair

21. Stuart and Mary Flack's anniversary

Join Us in the Choir!



Our Music Director Chiketa Collins has compiled a selection of songs from various books and sheet music to present for our Christmas program. We will present it on December 21st. We . . .

. . . would welcome new members to our . . .
.. Choir.

*I saw October coming
Across September's land.
A final flame of blossom
Like a torch held in her hand*

One of our former "Youth" Michelle Johnson is getting married in Myrtle Beach on October 25th. Jason and Lynne Flack plan to attend. If you have any form of congratulations that you would like to send—they would be glad to take it for you.

The quarterly Green River Associational Meeting will be held at our church on Monday October 27th at 7:00. You do not have to be a messenger to attend. You might find it interesting.

Recently Hospitalized



Barbara Nanney (Jack's wife) recently had open heart surgery. The operation could not be performed until some infection was cleared up which caused some concern. She is home now and receiving good care from Jack and the girls. Her address is 198 Brittany Drive, Union Mills, N. C. 28167

From the Pastor's Desk:

As we arrive at this point on the calendar, we face the beginning of another church year. With its arrival come new challenges. I would like to point out three challenges that we face. How we face and conquer those challenges will determine how we will fare in the working of God's Will in this place and how we leave a footprint for those who will follow us. There are two ways of looking at these challenges. The first is to see these challenges as over our head. If we look at it this way then we may as well pack it up and wait for the axe to fall. But if we look at these challenges as opportunities, then we can move forward in service and ministry for our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

The first opportunity, then, is the financial situation of our church. We are all in a severe financial situation as the economy has turned downward. The Government is stepping in to help the financial institutions and stock markets and it is asking us to foot the bill with our taxpaying dollars. What about the financial situation of the church? We have seen the attendance and dollars coming into the church go down over the last several months. There are a lot of reasons for this and to start pointing fingers and trying to explain it is not beneficial to the problem.

The second opportunity is the youth program of our church. We are not losing youth, but they are graduating and going away to school. This has caused our youth program to lose numbers and to lose momentum.

The third opportunity is the children's program. This is the one positive challenge/opportunity as we have seen an increase in the number of children coming through our doors during the Sunday School time and church time. We began this with high numbers during our Vacation Bible School and are seeing that carry over into Sunday mornings. However, what we have not seen, except in one or two cases, are the parents of these children coming with them.

So as these challenges/opportunities facing us, what can we do that will bring glory to God and encourage the members and visitors of our church to stay on course?

I think there are three things we can begin to do to face these opportunities and bring glory to God and make a footprint in the history of Round Hill Baptist Church.

The first is to pray. We can't start at any better place than on our knees. Coming before the Lord in faith and trusting in His sovereignty is the only place where everyone can contribute.

The second thing is to give. Yes, give money, but also give time, energy, resources, and effort to meeting each one of these opportunities. Giving of your money will obviously help the financial situation of the church, but it will also help the youth and children's ministry of the church. People have the abilities and talents to give to the ministry of the church. You may be asked to give of your time to look after some kids or to teach a class. Are you willing to do what ever it takes for the church to face these opportunities?

The third thing is to give your support to the leaders of the church. Whether it be the pastor, deacon, Sunday School teacher, finance committee member, church secretary, treasurer or children's worker, each one of those people need to know that you are supporting them with positive encouragement and prayers. When people know that other people are behind them supporting them they will work harder to achieve their goals and meet the challenges and opportunities that are faced every day.

Will you join me in doing these three things? If everyone faces these challenges and sees them as opportunities for doing service for the Lord, then we can step back and see the great things the Lord has done!

See ya Sunday!

Lynn

LIBERTY HILL BAPTIST CHURCH

On the Liberty Hill Church road, just below the home of Rusty and Chiketa Collins, there is an old cemetery with the names that may be strangely familiar to you. Immediately across the road from the cemetery is the abandoned site of the Liberty Hill Baptist Church. A few of the remnants of the old baptismal pond may still be seen near the head of the little spring branch nearby.

Near the old home of A. H. (Asbury) Nanney where Nanneytown road leaves the site of Hwy 221, there stood an old log barn, for many years the barn or granary of Uncle Asbury Nanney. You will remember it, the old church building.

These relics mark the home of the Liberty Hill Baptist Church, once a thriving Baptist congregation that split off from Round Hill Baptist Church as the result of a controversy over Baptist theology.

As Baptists had their roots in England in the sixteenth or seventeenth century, there were two groups. (1) the GENERAL Baptists who believed that the atonement of Christ was for everyone. (2) the PARTICULAR Baptists who were very "Calvinist" and believed that all things are "Predestined" and could not be changed. (believing that the Atonement of Christ was for PARTICULAR people, not everyone). This extreme Calvinistic teaching followed them to the new world, making the Baptists a largely Non Missions group. (Why send missionaries since God has already decreed who shall be lost and who shall be saved?)

In the early eighteenth century, a great revival broke out along the American seaboard led by John Whitefield and the two Wesleys, John and Charles, fathers of what was to be the Methodist movement. Their preaching had a new warmth which began to spread to the Cold Baptist thinking, and it began to take root in the south in The Old Bethel and the other associations near us, and people began to find a new and warm freedom from the cold Calvinist doctrine of predestination, taking root in this community (Dobbsville), and the people grew restless under the yoke. They wanted FREEDOM AND liberty.

Round Hill Church (first called the Log Meeting House) was formed in 1840 with the first pastor being "Elder H. W. Patterson". In about 1846, a couple of preachers came here from the big Broad River Association and began to preach this freedom and practice "Open communion" in observing the Lords supper. The Round Hill pastor led his people in the acceptance of this freedom, and 1846 led a group who wrote a beautiful Manifesto about their thirst for freedom, walked out of the old church and formed a church where they could have LIBERTY, calling it the Liberty Hill Baptist Church. My great great-grandmother Rody Nanney splashed her signature on it, as did Thomas Nanney and others (I have a copy in my files—or I have loaned it and cannot find it). It is a beautiful statement of faith.

The "rest of the story" was that after this separation, more of the people of Round Hill Church got the idea and adopted it for themselves, and gradually the people who had formed Liberty Hill drifted back, one by one. (and the cemetery grew up in the weeds and Uncle Asbury's barn was destroyed). Thus the group that had walked out for freedom lost the battle but they WON THE WAR. We now have a congregation that glories in our LIBERTY IN CHRIST because of what they did.

Incidentally, Round Hill Baptist Church still owns the property of the Liberty Hill cemetery, and it really should be added to the job load of those maintaining our other cemeteries, and perhaps a fence should be erected there.

-Charles Nanney

ADDENDUM

It is interesting to note that the matter of LIBERTY HILL BAPTIST CHURCH was settled by a committee from the Tyger and Broad River Associations that solved the matter on the surface, though it is highly probable that the final solution came when the majority of members of churches came under the sway of the same warmth from the New Light movement which cause it in the beginning.

The committee met April 4, 1857 and recommended (among other things) that "the churches that had 'rent off' in the Green River go back to the churches from which they had separated" the committee was composed of John G. Landrum, chm, Drury Scruggs, Wade Hill, M. C. Barnette, William Walker and RICHARD FURMAN, LATER THE FATHER OF Furman University and a prime mover in leading to the formation of the Southern Baptist Convention at North Augusta, S. C.

ABBREVIATED SUMMARY:

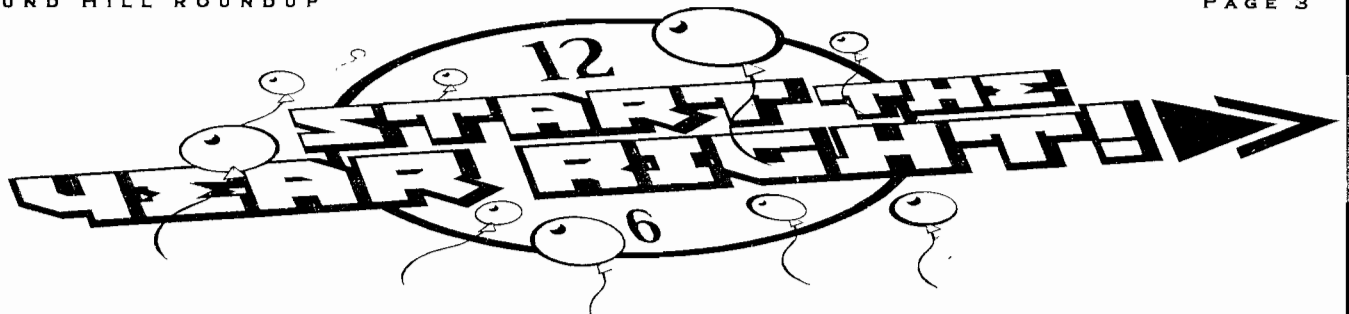
The New light movement (with its warmth) in the latter part of the nineteenth century, brought a great revial to the Piedmont area, and the need for new associations was keenly felt. Round Hill Baptist Church, formed in 1840, was a part of this movement which was felt in the old Broad River Association, and a number of churches asked to be dismissed from the association, and the old Catawba River Association (Round Hill was one of these churches, composed of those of the "Separate Baptist" movement, still very Calvinistic and non-missionary, as were most of the Separate Baptist movement. Round Hill, Mountain Creek and Cooper's Gap (Elder t. B. Justice was pastor of there three) became agitated when Elder James Blythe of the Salem Association, and close friend of Elder T. B. Justice observed the Lord's Supper in the "open communion" manner.(Previously most Separate Baptist Churches practiced "Closed Communion" which insisted that it be observed only by baptized members, asking all others to leave.)

About 1846-47, the whole association being in ferment over this, Pastor T. B. Justice led a service at Round Hill (Open Communion), wrote a beautiful manifesto about FREEDOM, INVITING THOSE WHO WISHED TO FOLLOW HIM, WALKED OUT OF THE CHURCH AND FORMED THE LIBERTY HILL BAPTIST CHURCH. About twelve or thirteen members responded. My source for this copy is a manifesto signed by these charter members, including my great great=grandmother, Rhoda nanney (she signed it with a flourish as "RODY" Thomas Nanney (father of Col Amos Nanney and others whose progeny still live here are our church members.

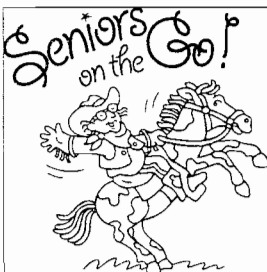
Ref. G. W. Paschal, A HISTORY OF NORTH CAROLINA BAPTISTS. Vol 2 pages 396 & 450

Editor's note:

Several people have inquired about our church's connection to the Liberty Hill Cemetery. We asked Charles Nanney to give us this information. We also have a witnessed and registered deed to this cemetery signed by John Flack and Wife Linda and Will Flack and wife Lexie



Our new fiscal year begins this month. <><> Two new deacons have been elected (Jason Flack and Bud Craig). The deacons have been given their list of families that they are to serve and are ready to begin the new year.<><> We adopted our new budget last Sunday – a few items were eliminated – some reduced and no employee raises made the total budget amount a little lower. <><> New committees have been voted in and with the selection of their new chairmen they will begin their work. <><> Our Youth Department has been reduced simply because they have grown up. **BUT** there is a light at the end of the tunnel. – our Children’s Department has grown. Before we know it – they will be youth. This is one of the reasons that Aaron St. Clair has chosen this department to work with in his Eagle Scout project. We hope to continue to increase the number in this department and give them reason to want to attend regularly. <><> We are now printing the minutes from our previous month’s church conference in the bulletin each first Sunday when we have the new month’s conference <><> We have installed a ramp in our van that allows wheel chairs to just ride up into the van. If you know of someone that would like to attend worship services that needs to remain in their wheel chair — or — just needs a ride to church, please let us know. <><> With the new year beginning – we will again have Sunday Evening and Wednesday Evening services. Sunday evening services will begin at 5:30 and Wednesday evening at 7:00. <><> Jason Flack is keeping the grounds looking neat and inviting and we are ready to begin a new year. <><><><><><>



The Senior Adult Ministries Committee (Barbara Evans, Jana Blair and Peggy St. Clair) would like to make plans for the new year that would include activities that would be of interest to everyone. — For some time we have been sending a bulletin and a couple of pages of activities and inspiration each week to some of our home bound. There does not seem to be enough interest in receiving this for us to continue with this project. We are planning some other ways of staying in touch with our people. — so — unless we receive enough requests to continue, we will not have this service after the end December. ————— We are

making plans to go out to eat and visit some sites of interest in a couple of weeks – we will have an announcement in the bulletin – Then in November we want to have another “Soup and Sandwich” lunch with Bingo to follow. This was well received when we had one last year. — Let us know if you have any ideas or requests. — Also let us know of homebound people who need our attention.

**FOOD
&
CLOTHING
NEEDED**

We have several opportunities for charitable donations in the upcoming season. We have our drop box for good used clothing for foster families in our foyer along with the Yokefellow box, which is now through December small boxes or bags of rice. We also have an emphasis on World Hunger on Sunday October 12th. Our Nvember emphasis is for our Baptist Children’s Homes. And of course in December we have our usual CBF offering for International Missions and the Southern Baptist Convention’s Lottie Moon Christmas offering. There will also be an emphasis placed on sending Christmas boxes to our military and our local toy drives. Don’t forget your tithe as you consider these donations.

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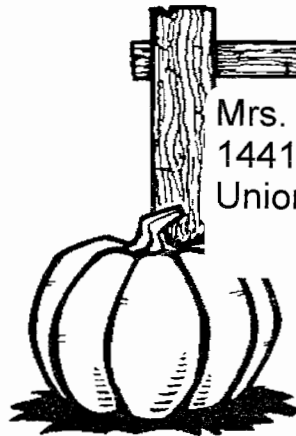
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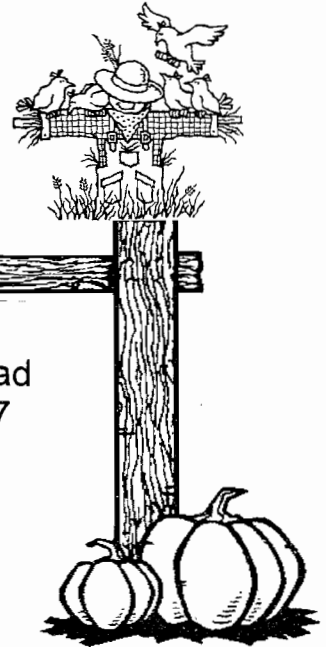
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We were saddened to hear of the death of ASJ Alumni (class of '48) , Calvin Chewning. Union Mills, Alexander Schools and Round Hill Church held a special place in Calvin's heart. He expressed it well on the memorial stone that he had erected across the road. Calvin missed very few homecomings since his graduation, but he always left early enough to get back to his church in Georgia on Sunday since their revival always began on that night. We have already received a donation in Calvin's memory to begin the Eagle Scout project that Aaron St. Clair proposes for our church.



Aaron St. Clair is making plans for his Eagle Scout project. He will lead his scout troop and other volunteers in cleaning and organizing the Children Department and the Nursery in our church. They will do some painting as well as taking off trash that has accumulated. He will help a volunteer painting teacher to paint murals on some of the walls.

In addition to this he plans to clean up a prayer garden in the back of the church and put down mulch. Near this he plans are to erect a swing set for the children.

Part of this endeavor requires him to seek donations. Since this is a church undertaking any check written to the church and earmarked for the scout project would be accepted.