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Box 965  
Durham, North Carolina  
August 18, 1955

Dear Brethren,

After eight months of collecting material I am happy to be able to send this report to you. We believe we have information on almost every congregation of the Lord's people in this state. Some of this data is already outdated. Some of the questionnaires were returned in December, the last one came in last week. During this time the church has grown and preachers have moved to other places. Brother Eugene Clevenger from Burlington is going to Abilene Christian College to teach September 1. Brother Neil Lightfoot from Winston-Salem is going to Burlington. Bro. James Laird is going to work with the West Asheville church very soon. Bro. James Woodroof has recently moved to Hickory. Bro. Wiley Adams is moving to Newport Sept. 1. Pike Road has a new preacher. I do not have his name. Bro. W. A. Respass, Jr. has recently moved to Lenoir from Rockingham. Bro. W.J. Lemons left Kinston some time ago. I do not know who is preaching there. Jericho has a new preacher. I am moving to Nashville, Tenn. Sept. 1. I will be teaching at David Lipscomb College and preaching for the Berryville congregation. At present Durham has not secured a minister.

It might be interesting to you to get an Esso Road map of North Carolina and plot the location of the congregations on it. I have one on which I have placed stars where congregations are located and another on which I have tinted the areas of the counties where there is no church. We have a third on which we have placed red stars to show where full time preachers are located. Another might locate radio programs.

I am sure there are mistakes in these reports. It is always difficult to get an accurate report in this type of study. It does encourage us to notice the great growth of the church in North Carolina since World War II. More than half of the congregations have been established in the last ten years. Almost three-fourths of the buildings have been built since 1945. The evidence here indicates that North Carolina is a fertile field for the gospel. We have touched only the hem of the garment. With the Lord's help, we can do much greater things in the next ten years, building on the work that has already been done.

Our initial purpose in making this study was to give a picture of the work of the church in North Carolina that we might interest sister congregations in areas where the church is strong to do more mission work in the Carolinas. Our hope and prayer is that you who read this will find a way to help to establish the cause of Christ in the sixty counties in this state where there is no church and to assist the many small struggling groups who need your help.

To the preachers and leaders of the congregations in this state: You were most cooperative in giving us this information. Thank you so much for your assistance in making this report possible. I am also indebted to Bro. William Wallace for the study he made in 1952. It was a great help in many ways, especially in locating a person to contact for the church. Our thanks go to the church here in Durham for bearing the financial responsibility for this survey.

My wife is really responsible for most of the work on this study. Because of my duties with the church here, she did most of the mailing, tabulating and cutting stencils. Do not be too critical she did not major in typing. Some of the mistakes may be due to Kim's pulling on one sleeve while Brad pulled on the other.

Feel free to use any of this information in any way that you feel will help the cause of Christ in North Carolina. If you need additional copies of this report, I have a limited number that you may have if you will send me the postage. After September 1 you may write me c/o David Lipscomb College, Nashville, Tennessee.

Your brother in Christ

*Vardaman Forrister*

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## CHURCHES OF CHRIST IN NORTH CAROLINA 1954-55

1. Abilene Church of Christ, Rt. 1, Statesville, N. C. Population: rural. Iredell county. 85 members. Att. Sun. a.m. 120. Preacher: Wayman Love. Cong. est. 1914-15. Building 1915-20. Value \$5,000. Preacher's home value \$6,500. Av. Contribution \$100. per week. Self supporting. No debt. In 1954: 2 meetings, 4 baptisms. Greatest need: "Many people are favorable toward the church but see much ungodliness in Christians. Convert the church to Christ."
2. Acme Church of Christ, c/o J. W. Butler, Acme, N. C. Population: very small village Columbus County. 8 members. Preacher goes out from Wilmington. Cong. est. 1938-39. No building. About \$700 in building fund. Av. contribution \$3.00 per week. No outside support. No meeting since 1949. Greatest need: More interest among members, building, preacher. They meet in the home of Mrs. Zare Butler which will accomodate about a dozen people. About 21 have been baptized there.
3. Advance (colored). Redland Church of Christ. Rt. 1 Advance. Population: 300. 40 members. Att. Sun. a.m. 35. Elders: William Kimbrough, J.J. Dulin. Preacher: C. C. Vaughn comes out from Winston-Salem. Cong. est. 1913. Building 1954. Value \$8,000. Debt \$2,000. Av. contribution \$35 per week. Self-supporting. In 1954: 2 meetings, 7 baptisms, 5 placed membership. Greatest need: "Population."
4. Alexander. Old Refuge Church of Christ, c/o C. B. Hyder, Alexander, Rt. 1. Population rural. Buncombe County. 20 members. Att. Sun. afternoon 22. Preacher: Frank Johnson from Asheville. Cong. est 1945. Building 1952 value \$8,000. No debt. Av. contribution \$20 per week. No outside support. In 1954: 2 meetings, 4 baptisms, 1 restoration. Greatest need: Local preacher, support, and local radio program.
5. Asheboro Church of Christ. N. Fayetteville St. Asheboro. Population 8,000. Randolph County. 40 members. Preacher: K. A. Frazier, 210 greenlawn Dr. (Part-time). Cong. est. 1951. Meet in rented store bldg. Av. Cont. \$75 per week. Need building and full support for preacher.
6. Asheville. Vance St. Church of Christ. 54 Vance St. Asheville. Population 60,000. Buncombe County. 25 members. Att. Sun a.m. 32. Preacher: Frank Johnson. Cong. est. 1951. Building 1954. value \$12,000 debt \$2,000. Financial help \$100 per month. Av. contribution \$30 per week. Meetings not allowed in Legion Hall where church formerly met. Three planned for '55. In 1954: 4 baptisms. Greatest need: more support and local radio program. Funds to complete building. Cong. now meets in roofed basement.
7. West Asheville Church of Christ. 892 Haywood Road, Asheville. Pop. 60,000. Buncombe county. 33 members. Att. Sun. a.m. 50. Preacher: Bob Sorrell. cong. est. 1925. Building 1947. Value \$17,000. Free of debt. Av. contribution \$55 per week. No outside support. One or two meetings per year. In 1954: 3 baptisms. Prospects fair. Greatest need is converted membership.
8. Asheville (colored). Southside Church of Christ. 331 Southside Ave. Asheville. Pop. 60,000. Buncombe County. 10 members. Att Sun. a.m. 25. Preacher, J. H. Rout. Cong. est. 1945. Building: a house was purchased. Value \$3250. Av. contribution \$10 per week. No outside support. Bro. Rout receives no money from the church for his preaching. He has other employment. They sometimes have 1 meeting a year--sometimes none. In 1954: 1 baptism. Prospects good. Need new building and support for full time preacher.
9. Bellfork Church of Christ (colored) Rt. 2 Box 271, Jacksonville. Population: 20,000. Enslow County. 11 members. Att. Sun. a.m. 11. Preacher: A. J. Lyons comes up from Wilmington. Cong. est. 1953. Av. contribution per week \$6. In 1954: 1 meeting 2 baptisms and 2 restorations. Greatest need: complete meeting house and find place for minister to live.
10. Biscoe Church of Christ, c/o Hal Frazier, 715 S. Church St. Salisbury, N. C. Population of Biscoe 1200, Montgomery County. 11 members. Att. Sun. a.m. 18. Preacher Hal Frazier (part-time). Cong. est. 1953. Meet in Christian Church building. Av. contribution \$22. Receives no financial help except men come from Salisbury to preach. In 1954: 2 meetings, 2 baptisms. Prospects for growth: Several regular visitors. Newspaper articles have created much interest. Needs: a full time preacher. Teachers. (Several are now being trained.)
11. Boone Church of Christ. Boone, N. C. Pop. 3300. Watauga County. 58 members. Att. Sun. a.m. 45. Preacher H. Ernest Shoaf. Cong. est. 1948. Building 1952. Value \$11,000 Debt \$4500. Preachers home. Av. Contribution \$33 per week. Financial help \$225 per month. In 1954: 2 meetings, 8 baptisms, 2 restorations. Radio program WATA Sun. 8:15-8:45 am. Greatest Needs: "More workers that have love for lost souls. A membership that is truly converted to Christ."



12. Burlington Church of Christ. West Front St. Ext. Burlington. Pop. 35,000. Alamance County. 41 members. Att. Sun. a.m. 60. Preacher Eugene Clevenger. Cong. est. 1952. Building 1952. Value \$2500. Av. contribution \$90 per week. Financial help \$225 per month. In 1954: 1 meeting, 3 baptisms, 2 restorations, 3 placed membership. Radio program WFNS Sun. 4:30-5:00 p.m. Prospects: Excellent. Our newspaper advertising and radio work are getting the church before the people. We have visitors nearly every week. Greatest need: New church building. We have purchased a lot and have raised over \$7,000 toward building. Hope to start construction immediately.

13. Candler. Gladys Church of Christ. Rt. 1 Candler. Pop. 7,000. Buncombe County. 13 members. Att. Sun a.m. 22. Preacher H. M. Vaughn. Cong. est. 1952. Building 1915. Value \$6,000. Debt \$2,000. Apartment for preacher in building. Av. contribution per week \$35. No outside financial help. In 1954: 1 meeting, 1 baptism. Greatest need personal work.

14. Charlotte. Plaza Church of Christ. 1216 The Plaza at McClintock Road. Charlotte Pop. 135,000. Mecklenburg County. 90 members. Att. Sun. a.m. 118. Elders: Tom B. Flatt Dwayne W. Laws. Preacher Bobby K. Thompson. Cong. est about 1943. Building 1947. Value \$25,000. Free of Debt. Av. contribution per week \$4175. Self supporting and doing mission work. In 1954: 1 meeting, 11 baptisms, 2 restorations, 4 placed membership. Greatest need: new building. Even though new cong. est. last year, still have to have 2 services Sun. a.m. Need \$30,000 for this addition.

15. Charlotte. Dilworth Church of Christ. 1013 Myrtle Ave. Charlotte. Pop. 135,000. Mecklenburg County. 60 members. Att. Sun. a.m. 70. Preacher Sam Norman. Cong. est. 1954. Av. cont. per Sun. \$100. Self supporting. In 1954, 1 restoration. Prospects: Wonderful. Need to have elders and create among all members a desire to work harder.

16. Charlotte. (colored). Burton St. Church of Christ. c/o Bro. Charles Lewis, Jr. 1016 N. Church St. Charlotte. Pop. 135,000. Mecklenburg County. 17 members. Att. Sun. a. m. 14. Preacher Charles Wilson. Cong. est. 1942. Av. cont. \$5 per week. Financial help \$25 per month. In 1954, 4 baptisms, 4 restorations. This was second year unable to have meeting. Greatest need: A building in a desirable location.

17. Clarendon Church of Christ. c/o George Williams 1112 Acorn St. Fayetteville. Pop. of Clarendon, rural. Columbus County. 25 members. Att Sun. a.m. 35. Preacher: George Williams. Cong. est. 1946. Building. Av. Contribution \$4 per week. In 1954: 2 meetings 2 baptisms, 2 restorations, 4 placed membership. Greatest need: Full time preacher. Bro. Williams, a serviceman from Ft. Bragg, goes down to preach. No church within 50 miles. Would consider moving to Tabor City.

18. Clemmons. Capernaum Church of Christ (colored) c/o W.M. Clingman, Clemmons, N. C. Rural population. Forsythe County. 33 members. Att. Sun. a.m. 28. No regular preacher Cong. est 1905. Building 1905 value \$2500. Av. Cont. \$16 per week. No outside support In 1954: 2 meetings, 1 restoration. Help with radio program WAAA Sat. 8:30 p.m. Greatest need: full time preacher.

19. Cleveland (colored) Rock Hill Church of Christ. Rt. 1, Cleveland, N. C. Population 400, Rowan County. 51 members. Att. Sun. a.m. 32. Elders: Frank Davidson, B. Ramsuer. Preacher Quincy C. Carter. Cong. est. 1923. Building 1924. Value \$2,000. Preacher's home value \$2800. No Debt. Av. contribution \$22 per week. No outside support. In 1954 1 meeting, 1 baptism, 1 restoration. Greatest need: Gain confidence and good will of people in the community so be able to teach them.

20. Concord Church of Christ. 88 Phiefer Ave. concord, N. C. Pop. 27,000. Cabarrus County. 32 members. Att. Sun. a. m. 40. Preacher Jack Camis. Cong. est. Sept. 1954. Meets in Webb School auditorium. Av. Cont. \$50 per week. financial help \$100 per month. In 1954: Cong. established in September with 22 members. 8 baptisms, 2 placed membership. Radio program WEGO 8:45 a.m. Sunday. Prospects for growth are excellent but need a meeting house and more support for the preacher. If more support for preacher can be secured, the church will build her own meeting house. In a very short time this can be a self supporting congregation.

21. Corinth Church of Christ. Rt. 1. Woodleaf. Rural population. Rowan County. 62 members. Att. Sun. a.m. 75. Preacher Houston Alexander. Cong. est. 1898. Building 1916, value \$6,000. Preacher's home value \$7,000. No debt. Av. cont. \$65 per week. Self supporting. In 1954: 2 meetings, 1 at meeting house and 1 in tent. 6 baptisms 1 restoration. Radio program WHIP Sat. 11:45 a.m. Greatest need: Larger building with more adequate classrooms. Present building is not one that it would be wise to add to. Labor could be furnished from this congregation. With some outside help and a sacrifice on our part, I believe this need could be supplied. Prospects among children and young people are good if had proper facilities for class work and training.



22. Durham. Watts St. Church of Christ. Box 965. Durham. (Building located on Watts St at Englewood Ave.) Pop. 75,000. Durham County. 40 members. Att Sun. a.m. 55. Preacher Vardaman Forrister. Cong. est. 1943. Building 1951. Value \$30,000, debt \$1000. Av. contribution \$79.30 per week. Financial Support \$420 per month. In 1954, 2 meetings 9 baptisms, 3 restorations, 2 placed membership. Radio WDNC Sun 9: 5-9:30 a.m. Prospects for growth are good. People are not prejudiced but just do not know what we are. Greatest need: Teaching and more teaching. Leadership. More consecrated members.

23. Dysartville Church of Christ, c/o Vernon Crawley, Rt. 1, Nebo. Rural Population. McDowell County. 13 members. Att. Sun. a.m. 25. No preacher. Cong. est. 1946. Building 1947 value \$4,000. No Debt. Av. Cont. \$15 per week. No outside support. Greatest need: Sound Gospel preaching and people to come out to hear and obey it. Greatest difficulty is in getting people to come and hear. They turn a deaf ear to the truth.

24. Elk Park. Taylor's Chapel. Elk park, N. C. Pop. 545. Avery County. 40 members. (Contact Ernest Shoaf, Boone).

25. Fayetteville Church of Christ. Top Hat St. at Bragg Blvd. Fayetteville. Population 35,000. Cumberland County. 120 members. Att. Sun. a.m. 80. Preacher Paul Faulkner. Cong. est. 1950. Building 1954-55 value \$10,000. Free of debt. Av. Cont. \$120 per week Self supporting. In 1954: 2 meetings, 12 baptisms, 20 restorations and a number placed membership (A large number come and go). Prospects good. Personal work campaign in progress. Need class rooms and plan to build them right away. So far have needed no outside support.

26. Franklin Church of Christ, c/o John L. Crawford, Franklin. Pop. 2500. Macon County Members 4 (2 adults). Att. Sun. a.m. 4. No preacher. Cong. est. 1949. Building: a dwelling house value \$6,000, free of debt. Preacher could live in the house for only one room is used for worship. Av. cont. \$6-10 per week. Financial help \$10 per month. One or two meetings per year. Greatest need: experienced minister who is an excellent personal worker to educate the people to what the church is.

27. Gastonia. Broad St. Church of Christ, 504 S. Broad St. Gastonia, Pop. 35,000. Gaston County. 54 members. Att Sun. a.m. 70. Preacher Gene Arnold. Cong. est. 1947. building 1954 value \$40,000 debt \$18,000. Preacher's home value \$6,000 free of debt. Av. Cont. \$115 per week. Financial help \$25 per month. In 1954: 2 meetings, 13 baptisms 6 restorations. This congregation serves members from five neighboring towns. In addition to the large fertile field in Gastonia we want to establish the cause in the these towns. Growth will be slow but it should be sure. Greatest need is for teachers and willing workers. We need people with the ability to plan work and then carry out those plans. The material things can be supplied by the local members.

28. Greensboro. Wendover Ave. Church of Christ. 811 W. Wendover Ave. Greensboro (Box 2665) Population 80,000. Guilford County. 88 members. Att Sun. a.m. about 100. Elders G. J. Harris, Sr., Roscoe Hickey, J. R. Sawers. Preacher O. P. Baird. Cong. est. 1939 Building 1948. Value \$15,000, debt \$1,500. Preacher's home value \$9,000 debt \$5,000. Av. Cont. per wk \$125. Self supporting. In 1954: 2 meetings, 5 baptisms, 5 restoration and 14 placed membership. Prospects for Growth. This is a good city, growing and progressive. Fine group of people in the congregation. We plan to build as soon as possible a building adequate for the growth of this congregation and secure a lot for another congregation. Also need to begin a work among the colored people and plan to buy a building for them if the work shows promise.

29. Hendersonville. Church of Christ. 1201 Oakland St. Hendersonville. Pop. 6,350 (doubles in the summer). Henderson County. 10 members. Att Sun. a.m. 18-20. Preacher James A. Davis. Cong. est. 1951. Building 1952. Value \$25,000 debt \$4,000. Av. cont. per wk. \$35-\$40. Financial Help \$350 per month. In 1954: 1 meeting, Hope to do better Prospects: We feel that they are very good! We are just beginning to receive the above mentioned help--thus hope to accomplish better work. The first of the year were promised support for radio broadcast which was considered their greatest need along with the work that attends it.

30. Hickory Church of Christ. c/o C. L. Downey. Hickory, N. C. Pop. 25,000. County Catawba County. 53 members. Att. Sun. a.m. 50. Preacher: M. E. Burns. Cong. est. 1944 Building 1950 Value \$35,000. Av. Cont. per week, \$80. No financial help at present. In 1954: 2 meetings, 2 baptisms. Prospects unlimited with the proper leadership.

31. High Point. E. Lexington Ave. Church of Christ. 907 E. Lexington Ave. High Point. Pop. 50,000. Guilford County. 60 members. Att. Sun. A.M. 70-80. Preacher J. G. Binkley Cong. est. 1949. Building 1953 value \$16,000 debt \$4500. Av. Cont. per week \$110. Financial help \$375 per mo. In 1954: 2 meetings, 7 baptisms, 11 restorations, 14 placed membership. Prospects for growth Good. Max L. Johnson, and J. G. Binkley started the work by holding mid-week classes in Jones Business College. Later started Sunday afternoon services.



32. High Point. Windley St. Church of Christ, High Point. Pop. 50,000. Guilford County 22 members. No building. Part-time preacher. Buying lots to build on. Need full time preacher.

33. Jacksonville Church of Christ. Box 576. Jacksonville. Pop. 75,000 (Including Camp Lejeune) Onslow County. 53 members. Att. Sun. a.m. 65. Preacher M. F. Norwood. Cong. est. 1952. Building 1952 value \$7,000 debt \$400. Preacher's home value \$7,200 debt \$5200. Av. Cont. per wk. \$80. Financial help \$50 per month. In 1954: 1 meeting, 6 baptism 3 restorations, 10 places membership. Radio program WJNC Mon.- Fri. 7:45-8:00 p.m.

34. Jamesville Church of Christ. Jamesville. Pop. 500. Martin County. 7 members. Att. Sun evening: 20. Preacher J. B. Grinstead. Cong. est. 1953. Building 1954 (Old Christian Church building was purchased and remodeled.) Av. Cont. per week \$4. The only financial support is for the radio program, \$8.00 per week. In 1954, 1 meeting, 2 baptisms, Radio WIAM at 1:30 p.m. Sunday. Bro. Grinstead has been working with the Pike Road Church. He plans to move to Jamesville when support is raised. Prospects are excellent. Many of the conservative Christian Church are interested and attend regularly, also some others. Greatest need is for support.

35. Jericho Church of Christ, Mocksville--on the Jericho Road. Pop. 2000. Davie County. 120 members Att. Sun. a.m. 140. Preacher: Paul Sikes. Cong. est. 1872. Building 1900 value \$10,000. Preacher's home value \$6,000 debt \$700. Av. Cont. \$115 per week. Self supporting. In 1954: 2 meetings, 6 baptisms, 2 restorations. Radio program WSTP 8:45-9:00 a. m. Sun. Greatest need: A new congregation in Mocksville would reach many who would not come to present location. Scriptural leadership. More personal evangelism. More liberal giving.

36. Kannapolis. Plymouth St. Church of Christ. Kannapolis. Pop. 45,000. Cabarrus County. 47 members. Att. Sun a.m. 55. Preacher Jerry Slatton. Cong. est. 1930. Building 1946 value \$20,000. Av. cont. \$65. per week. Self supporting. In 1954: 2 meetings, 3 baptisms, 2 restorations. We have a young peoples class on Sat. a.m. We believe we will convert many from this work. Greatest need: Workers.

37. Midway Church of Christ. Kannapolis, N. C.

38. Kinston. Church of Christ. Moose Lodge Bldg. Kinston. Pop. 25,000. Lenoir County. 40 members. Att. Sun. a.m. 40-60. Preacher: W.J. Lemons. Cong. est. 1950. No building Av. Cont. per week \$60. Financial support \$550 per month. In 1954: 3 mission meetings 7 baptisms, 2 restorations, 8 placed membership. Radio program Mon.-Fri. 11:00 a.m. Greatest need: Church building.

39. Lenoir Church of Christ. Lenoir, N. C. Pop. 8,000. Caldwell County. 35 members.

40. Lexington Church of Christ. 621 Kildee Dr. Lexington. Pop. 14,000. Davidson County 5 members. Att. Sun. a.m. 5. Preacher Bill Williams. Cong. est. 1955. Av. Cont. per week \$12. Receive no financial help. Newspaper ad 3 days per week. Two meetings planned for 1955. Wonderful reception. Bro. Williams moved to Lexington in March and two have been restored since then. Need more teachers. Full time support for preacher. Increase ads to 6 per week. Meeting house.

41. Louisburg Church of Christ. 611 N. Main St. Louisburg. Pop. 2500. Franklin County 4 members. Att. Sun. a.m. 6. Men from Raleigh conduct services. Cong. est. 1953. No building. Av. Cont. per week \$10. Financial help per month \$20 to pay traveling expenses for teacher from Raleigh. First meeting held in Spring of 1955. Attendance was good.

42. Marion Church of Christ, Ann St. Marion. Pop. 3,000. McDowell County. 15 members Att. Sun. a.m. 30. Preacher Fred Smith (part-time). Cong. est. 1945. Building 1950 value \$20,000. Free of debt. Preacher's home value \$4,000 debt \$1100. Av. cont. per week \$12.00. Receive no outside financial help. In 1954: 1 meeting, 3 baptisms. Greatest need: Support for full time preacher, personal work.

43. Mineral Springs Church of Christ. Box 134, Lancaster, S.C. Pop. of Mineral Springs 500. Union County. 7 members. Att. Sun. p.m. 18. Preacher W. G. Gantt. Cong. est. 1953. Building 1954. Av. Cont. per week \$10. Financial help \$50 per month. In 1954: 2 meetings 2 baptisms. Radio program WLCM Each Sun. 7:45 a.m. Group worshipped with small congregation at Lancaster, S.C. prior to building. W. G. Gantt works with both congregations. Preacher from Charlotte taught in home 1 year. Truth was heard from Abilene, Texas. Bro. Z. W. Newell of Mineral Springs financed the building. His sons and Bro. Gantt did the construction. It is located on US 75 between Waxhaw and Mineral Springs. Many are showing an interest but much teaching is needed as the church is unknown. Have as many visitors as members at every service. Greatest need is for support and full time preacher. "If our Brethren in other states could see the condition of North and South Carolina, surely someone would help us."



44. New Bern Church of Christ, c/o George E. Jones 314 Crescent St. New Bern. Pop. 18,000. Craven County. 9 members. Att. Sun. a.m. 7. Preacher J. O. Walter. Cong. est. 1954. Av. cont. per week \$12. In 1954: 4 baptisms, 2 placed membership. New congregation--very enthusiastic about the future of the church here. People are interested but have never heard of the church before. Greatest need: radio program. Church meets in a room in the New Bern Recreation Building. Wm. E. Wallace held tent meeting here in July of '54 and established this congregation.
45. Newland, N. C. c/o Ernest Shoaf, Boone, N. C. Bro. Shoaf wrote me in May that he had just met a man at Newland, N. C. who read himself out of a Baptist Church. He has already baptised 7 for remission of sins. Bro. Shoaf was to begin working with them on Lord's day afternoon. Pop. of Newland 500. Avery County.
46. New Pond Church of Christ. Near Winston-Salem. Forsythe County. Rural population. Small group.
47. Newport Church of Christ, Newport, N. C. Pop. 3,000. Carteret County. 72 members. Att. Sun. a.m. 12. Elders: C. L. Forrest, R. L. Simmons, Bernard Seaton. Preacher: C. H. Crider. Cong. est. 1920. Building 1954 Value \$20,000 debt \$7000. Av. cont. per week \$135. Financial help \$50 per month. In 1954 2 meetings, 19 baptisms, 3 restorations, 12 placed membership. Congregation was inactive for several years due to lack of leadership. Prospects are good, people are showing more interest. Need radio program and preacher's home.
48. North Wilkesboro Church of Christ. c/o V. C. Walter, Box 641, North Wilkesboro. Pop. 7,000. Wilkes County. 22 members. Att. Sun. a.m. 35. No building. Cong. est. 1950. Av. cont. per week \$25. Financial help \$75 per month. 1 or 2 meetings per year. In 1954: 5 baptisms. Radio program WKBC 9:15 a.m. Sun. Greatest need: full time preacher, \$200 for his support, Meetinghouse.
49. Pike Road Church of Christ. Pike Road, N. C. Pop. 600. Beaufort County. 85 members Att. Sun. a.m. 115. Elders: H. M. Respass, L. C. Allen. Cong. est. 1937. Building value \$7,000. Preacher's home \$5,000. Free of debt. Av. cont. per week \$100. Self supporting. In 1954: 1 meeting, 1 baptism. Much denominational prejudice in community. Need a preacher as Bro. Grinstead is moving to Jamesville to work with new congregation there.
50. Rockingham Church of Christ, Box 27, Rockingham. Pop. of community 10,000. Richmond County. 45 members. Att. Sun. a.m. 55-60. Preacher W. A. Respass, Jr. Cong. est. 1935. Building 1945 value \$14,000. Preacher's home value \$6,000. Debt \$6,000 for both. Av. cont. per week \$75. Financial help \$225 per month. In 1954: 2 meetings, 5 baptisms. 2 restorations, 6 placed membership. Radio Program WAYN 9:45 each Tuesday. Prospects good. Greatest need teaching.
51. Rocky Mount Church of Christ. c/o William Wilder, 226 S. Franklin St. Rocky Mount. Pop. 30,000. Nash and Edgecombe Counties. Services held in the Masonic Hall. This is the newest congregation we have record of in the state. Bro. William Wilder and his wife went to Rocky Mount the first of July. At their first service 8 attended--contribution was \$36. The second Lord's Day there were 19 present. 1 has been baptized. Radio Program daily WCEC 11:30-11:45 a.m.
52. Raliegh Church of Christ. Corner Brooks Ave. and Rosedale St. Raliegh. Wake County 75 members. Att. Sun. a.m. 100-115. Preacher Sidney Astin. Cong. est. 1945(?). Building 1952. Value \$30,000-\$35,000. Debt \$15,000. Preacher's home value \$15,000 debt \$9,000. Av. cont. per week \$150. Financial help \$219. In 1954: 2 meetings, 3 baptisms, 7 restorations, 19 placed membership. People in town not much interested in the church because do not know what it is and stands for. Greatest need: Daily radio program and tent fully equipped to conduct meetings both in town and in surrounding areas.
53. Salisbury Church of Christ. Salisbury. Pop. 25,000. Rowan County. 60 (?) members. Building. (We recieved no report on this work.) Paul Sikes has recently moved there. See bottom of page 6.
54. Statesville. Broad St. Church of Christ. 433 East Broad St. Statesville. Pop. 20,000. Iredell County. 105 members. Att. Sun. a.m. 130. Preacher C. W. Bradley. Cong. est. 1949. Building completed 1953. Value \$45,000 debt \$9,000. Av. cont. \$150 per week Self supporting. In 1954: 2 meetings, 24 baptisms, 1 placed membership. Radio WSIC Sunday 2:15 p.m. This congregation has enjoyed a very good growth and is in a position to make much progress in the future. We have begun to make a little headway within the city. Greatest need is to develop some men who will be able to assume the work of elders. Leadership is sadly lacking at present. Generally speaking. the congregation is in pretty good condition.
55. Belmont Church of Christ (colored), Rt. 7, Statesville. Pop. 20,000. Iredell County 100 members. At Sun. a.m. 90. Preacher Quincey Carter. Cong. est 1924. Building 1932. value \$2,000. Preacher's home value \$3,000. Free of debt. Av. cont. \$50 per week. Self supporting. In 1954: 10 baptisms, 15 restorations, 5 placed membership. 2 meetings Radio WHIP 5:45 p.m. Sun. Planning new building. Radio program in Statesville.



56. Salisbury (colored). Craig St. Church of Christ, 630 South Craig. Salisbury. Pop. 25,000. Rowan County. 101 members. Att. Sun. a.m. 80. Preacher A.J. Cowan. Cong. est. 1945. Building value \$6,000. Preacher's home combined with building. Debt \$500. Av. cont. \$60 per week. Self supporting. In 1954: 1 meeting, 6 baptisms, 7 restorations, 4 placed membership. Prospects good. Greatest need "Just a little more working and praying, and just a little more paying as you prosper."
57. Tamarack Church of Christ, Rt. 1, Tamarack. Pop. 300. Watauga County. 30 members. Att. Sun. a.m. 28. Preacher Clayton Winters. Cong. est. 1950. Building 1952 value \$3000. Free of debt. Av. Cont. per week \$4. Financial help \$25 per month. In 1954: 2 meetings, 2 baptisms, 4 restorations. "The church has the best interest and attendance since I began work here. By May 7, 55 we had almost as many responses as in all last year. Greatest need: Just the time that is necessary to teach people the errors of denominationalism and to train members of the church to be leaders."
58. Tryon Church of Christ. Box 1055, Tryon. Pop. 4500. Polk County. 26 members. Att. Sun a.m. 40. Preacher Carl Lancaster. Cong. est 1951. Building 1951 value \$15,000. Debt \$4,295.82. Av. cont. per week \$40 per week. Finan. Support per month \$225. In 1954: 2 meetings, 2 baptisms, 1 restoration, 1 placed membership. Have had radio program and hope to again soon. Need to get our message before the people, breaking down the prejudice they have built up. Radio work is great help. Future looks bright. Need \$75 more per month to continue present program of work.
59. Tuckasegee Church of Christ. c/o Bard Moses, Tuckasegee. Pop. rural. Jackson County. 5 members. Att. Sun. afternoon 10. Preacher: Bob Rigdon drives down from Waynesville. Cong. est. 1950-51. Meet in home of Bro. Bard Moses. Av. cont. \$4 per wk. No outside support. In 1954 1 placed membership. In 1955, Bro. Rigdon held meeting and baptized 6. Formerly the members were 84, 79, 75, 35. Need full time preacher.
60. Warner's Chapel Church of Christ, Rt. 1, Clemmons, N. C. Rural population. Forsyth County. 175 members. Att. Sun a.m. Bible Study 120 (No att. record of 11:00a.m. service. Elders: George Harper, Lonnie Moser, A.P. Warner, John W. Warner. Preacher: Tom A. Isaacs. Cong. est. 1880. Building 1937, value \$55,000. Preacher's home value \$15,000. Free of debt. Av. cont. \$197.48. Self supporting. In 1954: 1 meeting, 1 baptism. Radio WTOB 9:15 a.m. Prospects discouraging. Need able leadership and members that are willing to work.
61. Waynesville Church of Christ, East Waynesville. Pop. 8,000. Haywood County. 13 members. Att. Sun. a.m. 35. Preacher Bob Rigdon. Cong. est. 1946-48. Building 1953. value \$12,000. debt \$4,000. Av. cont. per week \$35. Financial help per month \$350. In 1954: 2 meetings, 2 baptisms, 3 placed membership. Radio WHCC Sat. 9:00a.m. The church is completely foreign to these people. Greatest need: patience and time.
62. Wilmington Church of Christ. 215 S. seventeenth St. Wilmington. Pop. 50,000. New Hanover County. 33 members Att. Sun. a.m. 50. Preacher John Hurt. Cong. est. 1930. Building 1951 value \$24,000. Debt \$6800. Av. Cont. \$50 per week. Financial help \$35 per month. In 1954: 1 meeting, 2 baptisms. Prospects good. Greatest need working members.
63. Winston-Salem. South Main Church of Christ, South Main at Vintage Ave (Box 1256) Winston-Salem Pop. 90,000. 260 members. Att. Sun. a.m. 250. Elders: Hix Carter, Ralph Church, W.V. Forcum, Sr., C. N. Grubbs, H. L. Knight. Preacher: Neil R. Lightfoot. Cong. est. 1914. Building 1948 value \$75,000. Debt \$11,377.77. Preacher's home value \$10,000. Debt \$4,297.40. Av. Cont. per week \$325. Self supporting. 2 or 3 meetings per year. In 1954 31 baptisms, 8 restorations, 10 placed membership. Radio WAIR 8:45 a.m. Sundays. Prospects tremendous. Need to expand present facilities and establish new congregation.
64. Winston-Salem (colored). Church of Christ 206 Greenwood Ave. Winston-Salem. Pop. 90,000. Forsyth County. 80 members. Att Sun. a.m. 55-60. Preacher C.C. Vaughan. Cong. est. 1944. Building value \$7,000. Debt \$5,650. Av. cont. \$60 per week. Financial help \$135. per month. In 1954: 1 meeting, 7 baptisms, 2 restorations, 2 placed membership. Building belonged to Baptists, has been remodeled thus the above debt. Prospects are very rich: the field is white unto harvest. Need more meetings, radio program.
65. Woodleaf (colored) Rural congregation in Rowan County. (No information on the work here.)
66. Leaksville. Church of Christ. Rural congregation just over the Virginia line. Preacher Robert Martin.
- P. S. for Salisbury Church of Christ. N. Main St. 50 members. Att. Sun. a.m. 75. Cong. est. 1944. Building 1948. Value \$15000 debt \$1300. Av. cont \$85. Self supporting. Two meetings per year. The prospects seem very good. The building is in a good location. The people have a will to work. Need Scriptural organization.



GROWTH OF THE CHURCHES OF CHRIST IN NORTH CAROLINA FROM 1872 to 1955

\* : 1 congregation

1872-1880	*
1880-1890	**
1890-1900	***
1900-1905	****
1905-1910	****
1910-1915	*****
1915-1920	*****
1920-1925	*****
1925-1930	*****
1930-1935	*****
1935-1940	*****
1940-1945	*****
1945-1950	*****
1950-1955	*****

NUMBER OF CHURCH BUILDINGS IN NORTH CAROLINA 1900 to 1955

M : 1 building

1900-1905	M
1905-1910	M
1910-1915	M
1915-1920	M
1920-1925	M
1925-1930	M
1930-1935	M
1935-1940	M
1940-1945	M
1945-1950	M
1950-1955	M



NUMBER OF MEMBERS IN CONGREGATIONS IN NORTH CAROLINA IN 1955

Scale: 4 -5 members

Franklin  
Tuskasegee  
Waynesville  
Candler  
Alexander  
Asheville  
W. Asheville  
Asheville (Col.)  
Hendersonville  
Tryon  
Marion  
Dysartville  
Elk Park  
Newland  
Boone  
Tamerack  
Lenior  
Hickory  
N. Wilkesboro  
Gastonia  
Statesville  
Abilene  
Statesville (Col.)  
Jericho  
Corinth  
Salisbury  
Salisbury (Col.)  
Kannapolis  
Concord  
Charlotte-Dilworth  
Charlotte-Plaza  
Charlotte-(Col.)  
Mineral Springs  
Rock Hill (Col.)  
Advance-Redlands (Col.)  
Clemmons-Capernaum (Col.)  
Warnar's Chapel  
Winston-Salem  
Winston-Salem (Col.)  
Lexington  
High Point-E. Lexington  
High Point-Windley St.  
Greensboro  
Asheboro  
Biscoe  
Rockingham  
Burlington  
Durham  
Fayetteville  
Clarendon  
Raliegh  
Louisburg  
Rocky Mount  
Kinston  
Acme  
Wilmington  
Jacksonville  
Belfork (Col.)  
New Bern  
Newport  
Jamesville  
Pike Road



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In the 1950 census, North Carolina had a population of 4,061,929, ranking tenth among the states. Texas is the only southern state with a greater population. Sixty-six per cent of the people live in rural areas. The greatest length of the state is 188 miles and the greatest width is 502 miles. It ranks twenty-seventh in land size among the states.

There are 100 counties in North Carolina. Forty of these have one or more congregations. Sixty counties have no church of the Lord's people. There are 66 congregations in the state with a total membership of about 3,000. These churches range in size from 4 to 260 members. Winston-Salem has the largest membership of 260 members.

Before World War II there were only twenty-one congregations in North Carolina. From the beginning of the War until 1950, there were 18 new congregations established. This was a gain of 86%. Since 1950 there have been 27 new congregations established. This gives an increase of about 70% in five years or a total increase of more than 218% in the past 15 years over what was done from 1872 until 1940, a period of nearly 70 years.

Today there are fifteen congregations in the state that are self supporting. There are 20 radio programs in the state. There are 31 full time preachers and 15 part-time preachers. Only 11 congregations have elders--a total of 26 elders in all. There are approximately 88 meetings held each year. In 1954 there were 270 baptized, 112 restored and 159 placed membership. Forty Seven of the 66 churches have buildings with a total value of \$677,250. Twenty eight of these have been built since the war and twenty two since 1950.

The total contribution of all the church members in the state is \$3,426.78 per week. This is an average of \$1.31 per member each week. The total contribution per year is \$178,292.56. The monthly support from outside the state is \$3,922.00 which amounts to \$47,664.00 for the year.

Eighteen congregations have preacher's homes.

Some of the needs most frequently mentioned in my survey are: converted membership, more preachers, more support, more radio programs and follow up of contacts, new buildings or enlarging present buildings, teachers, personal workers, qualified elders, working members, establishing good public relations in the community, establishing new congregations, work with the colored people, advertising, preacher's homes, tent for meetings, more patience and time. One of the colored brethren in a rural community said their greatest need was "population". Another colored brother said the congregation where he worked needed, "A little more working, a little more praying and a little more paying as you prosper!"