

THE LIGHT ON THE HILL -- A BICENTENNIAL HISTORY OF NEILLS CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH



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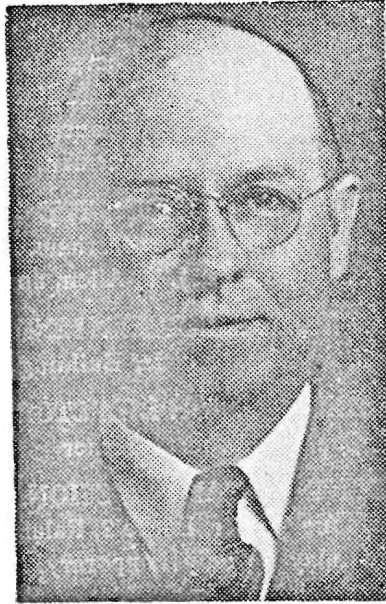
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Neill's Creek 1787 Harnett
Farmville 1909 Pitt
Stantonsburg 1909 Wilson
Middlesex 1908 Johnston
Fuquay Springs 1902 Wake
Bethel 1887 Clay
Mt. Holly 1890 Gaston



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Rev. Ford A. Burns

Jan. 20, 1895 - May 5, 1943

Ford A. Burns was born Jan. 20, 1895, at Union, Louisiana, and died May 5, 1943, at the North Carolina Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. He was a graduate of the Louisiana Baptist College at Pineville, Louisiana, and of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas.

He became a Christian in his early boyhood years and soon afterwards experienced the call to the ministry. While at Louisiana College he was active in debating and oratory, winning a medal in oratory. During his student days he pastored churches in Louisiana and Texas.

After leaving the Seminary he held a pastorate in Arkansas. From there he came to Bethel, North Carolina as pastor. Later he pastored at Mt. Holly in North Carolina. For two or more years he worked with the North Carolina Baptist Orphanage. The last several years of his life was spent pastoring other churches of the state including Farmville, Stantonsburg, and Middlesex. At the time of his death he was pastor at Fuquay Springs, North Carolina.

His record was one of unusual ability in leading churches to build and to strengthen their financial program.

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By: John S. Raymond

11, 1882; daughter of Mar-
andler and Charles W.
education, A.B., Cox College,
erson College of Oratory,
Mass.; married Frank
Burney, Jan. 9, 1908, son
and Mrs. Samuel A. Burney
son, Ga.; children, Martha
(Mrs. Nat S. Turner), Cov-
Ga.; denominational: local
leader, 20 yrs.; teacher,
Class; Assnl. Dist. Sec., 25
rganizer, local Y. W. A.;
n. Margaret Fund, Ga., 10
outhwide chairman, Mar-
und, 14 yrs. in May, 1936;
editors of "Royal Service";
n, 5 yrs., Scientific Temper-
struction Dept. of local W.
rganizer and First Pres.,
boro P. T. A.; member, U.
Address: Waynesboro, Ga.

IAM, LENA PEARL
r's wife, Gallatin, Mo.; born
adwood, Mo., Nov. 28, 1899;
r of Emily Ann Eaves and
Shaner of Leadwood, Mo.;
on, Will Mayfield Junior
graduate; married O. R.
m of Gallatin, Mo., June 26,
children, George Leonard;
tional Mission Study Chair-
avies County, W. M. U., Sun-
worker, B. T. U. and Sun-
hool. Address: Gallatin, Mo.

HAM, OTHO RAY
r. First Baptist Church, Gal-
Mo.; born, Ellington, Mo.,
2, 1894; son of Martin Leon-
d Sarah (Horney) Burnham;
on, Will Mayfield and Wil-
ewell Colleges in Missouri,
n Sociology; ordained Sept.
7; married Lena Pearl Shan-
leadwood, Mo., June 26, 1928;
ter of Rev. and Mrs. Geo.
r; children, George Leonard;
n public schools of Reynolds
v. Missouri, 4 years; served
lth Field Artillery, 3rd Di-
U. S. Army, 1917-19; assist-
shier, Ellington Bank, 1919-
pastor, Oak Ridge Baptist
n, Mo., 2 years; Hornersville,
baptist Church, 3 years; New
Baptist Church, Holt, Mo., 3

years; Winston, Mo., Baptist
Church, 2 years; First Baptist
Church, Gallatin, for past 2 years;
member, Executive Committee, Dav-
viess County, Missouri, Baptist
Association. Address: Gallatin,
Mo.

→ **BURNS, FORD ALBERT**

Pastor, Stantonsburg, N. C.; born,
Union Parish, La., Jan. 20, 1895;
son of Amanda Simpson of Opelika,
Ala., and John William Burns of
Bernice, La.; education, A.B. and
Th.B., college and seminary; or-
dained, Pineville, La., Dec. 16, 1915;
married Sarah Alice Fountain of
Tarboro, N. C., April 6, 1926, daugh-
ter of Mr. and Mrs. G. M. T. Foun-
tain; pastor, Luxora, Ark., 1923-
1924; pastor, Bethel, N. C., 1925-
1926; pastor, Mt. Holly, N. C., 1927-
1928; field representative, Baptist
Orphanage, North Carolina, 1928-
1929; pastor, Farmville, N. C., 1929-
1933; pastor, Stantonsburg, N. C.,
1933 to date; Rotary; Scoutmaster,
10 years; mason. Address: Stan-
tonsburg, N. C.

**BURNS, HENDERSON
FRANKLIN**

Preacher, Nashville, Tenn.; born,
Spring Place, Ga., April 25, 1860;
son of Elizabeth Louisa Pair of
Bradley County, Tenn., and Rev.
John Lard Burns of Monroe Coun-
ty, Tennessee; education, M.A.,
Union University, and Th.M., South-
ern Baptist Theological Seminary;
ordained, Zion Baptist Church,
Polk County, Tenn., Aug. 11, 1889;
married Eva M. Redman of Shop
Springs, Tenn., April 11, 1898,
daughter of Dr. A. S. and Mary J.
Redman; children, Herman F.;
pastor, Union Baptist Church; pas-
tor, Spring Hill Baptist Church;
pastor, Oak Grove Baptist Church;
pastor, Saulsbury Baptist Church;
pastor, Salem Baptist Church; pas-
tor, Collierville Baptist Church;
pastor, Fisherville Baptist Church;
pastor, Howell Memorial (now Park
Avenue) Baptist Church, Nashville,
Tenn.; pastor, Seventh Baptist
Church, Nashville, Tenn.; pastor,
Radnor Baptist Church, Nashville,

Tenn.; pastor, Union Hill Baptist
Church, Tenn.; pastor, Barren
Plains Baptist Church, Tenn.;
pastor, Bethlehem Baptist Church,
Tenn.; pastor, Little Hope Bap-
tist Church, Tenn.; pastor, Mill
Creek Baptist Church, Tenn.; pas-
tor, Brush Creek Baptist Church,
Tenn.; pastor, New Middleton Bap-
tist Church, Tenn.; pastor, Monte-
rey Baptist Church, Tenn.; pastor,
Goodlettsville Baptist Church,
Tenn.; pastor, Fall Creek Baptist
Church, Tenn.; pastor, Elizabeth-
ton Baptist Church, Tenn.; pastor,
Copperhill Baptist Church, Tenn.;
pastor, Olive Branch Baptist
Church, Miss.; pastor, Coldwater
Baptist Church, Miss.; pastor, Ar-
kabutler Baptist Church, Miss.;
pastor, Oak Grove Baptist Church,
Miss.; pastor, Colesburg Baptist
Church, Ky.; pastor, East Rheuds
Creek Baptist Church, Ky.; pastor,
Leitchfield Baptist Church, Ky.;
pastor, Underwood Baptist Church,
Underwood, Ind.; member Orphan-
age Board; member, State Board;
moderator, three different associa-
tions. Address: 3703 Princeton
Ave., Nashville, Tenn.

BURNS, JERRY M.

Moderator, Clear Creek Baptist
Association, Double Springs, Ala.;
born, Winston, Ala., Sept. 23, 1887;
son of Rebecca Lovett of Winston
County, Alabama, and William
Burns of Marshall County, Ala-
bama; education, high school; or-
dained June, 1919; married Nelsie
Thomas of Double Springs, Ala.,
June 16, 1891, daughter of Mr. and
Mrs. M. T. Thomas; children, Will,
Odie and Ellie May (deceased);
pastor, Ephesus, 15 years; pastor,
Rock Creek, 5 years; chairman, Ex-
ecutive Committee; moderation, as-
sociation; member, State Executive
Committee; co-superintendent, edu-
cation, 1913-1917; representative,
1919; Mason. Address: Double
Springs, Ala., Rt. 1.

BURRELL, WILLIAM RICHARD

Pastor, Reed Memorial Church,
Biltmore, N. C.; born, Ottawa, Cana-
da, Sept. 1, 1871; son of Lucy

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