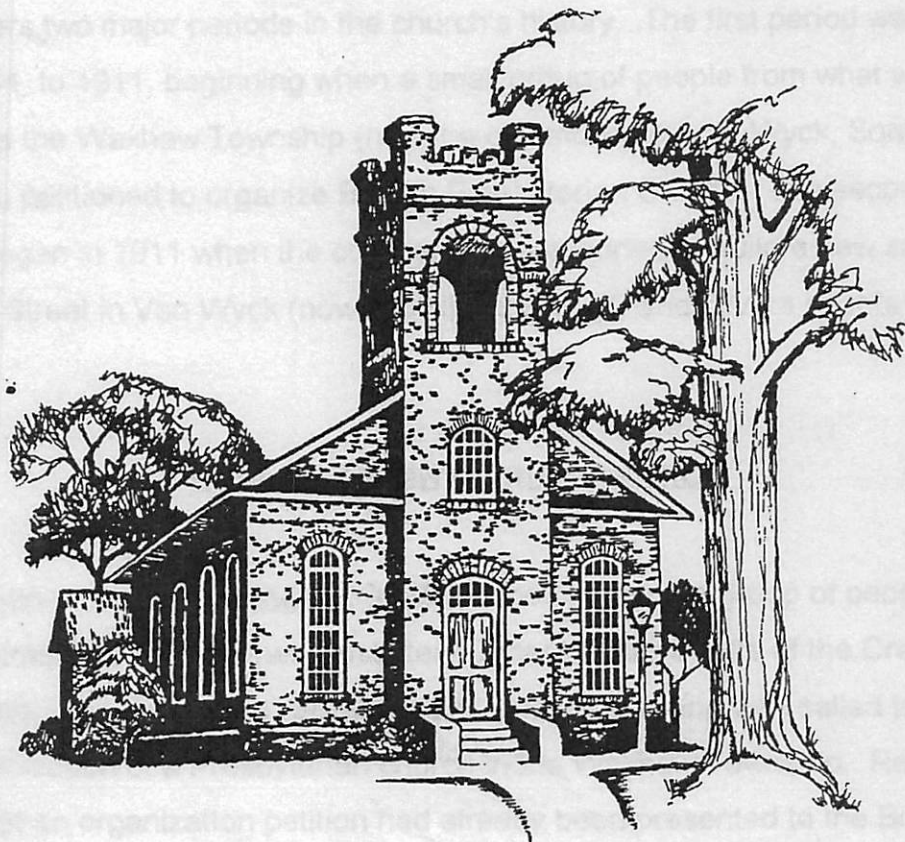


Van Wyck Presbyterian Church

History

1884 to 1997



Rev. Randy McSpadden, Minister

Van Wyck Presbyterian Church - 5140 Old Hickory Road - Van Wyck, SC 29744

**HISTORY OF VAN WYCK
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Van Wyck, South Carolina
1884 to 1997**

This narrative, completed in August, 1997, spans the first 113 years of history of the Van Wyck Presbyterian Church. It was prepared from church records, minutes of church meetings, and the personal recollections of members, and covers two major periods in the church's history. The first period was from 1884 to 1911, beginning when a small group of people from what was then known as the Waxhaw Township (now the community of Van Wyck, South Carolina) petitioned to organize Beulah Presbyterian Church. The second period began in 1911 when the congregation petitioned to build a new sanctuary on Main Street in Van Wyck (now Old Hickory Road) and covers events up to 1997.

BEULAH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

It all began on a warm spring day in 1884 when a devoted group of people met with a committee from Bethel Presbytery under the large oaks of the Crenshaw Plantation. The exact date was May 18th, and the meeting was called to discuss the organization of a Presbyterian church in the Waxhaw Township. Records show that an organization petition had already been presented to the Bethel Presbytery by the people of the township.

PETITION TO THE PRESBYTERY

Petition for the organization of a church in Waxhaw Township, Lancaster County, South Carolina, to be known as "Beulah Presbyterian Church."

We the undersigned subscribers residing in the vicinity of Cureton's Store and Waxhaw Post Office in Waxhaw Township in the County of Lancaster and the State of South Carolina, do respectfully petition Bethel Presbytery to organize a Presbyterian Church in the section of said land. And we do promise to pay the amounts attached to our names for the purpose of building said church, viz.:

E. B. Mobley	50.00	Mack Tellmon	\$ 5.00
J. F. Steele	25.00	M. J. Griffin	.50
E. W. Nisbet	20.00	Samuel H. Strain	5.00
James H. Stewart	20.00	R. S. Campbell	2.50
John L. Rodmond	50.00	J. R. Reid	2.00
J. B. Potter	5.00	Joseph Crenshaw	5.00
R. G. Garrison	25.00	James M. Moore	10.00
R. J. Belk	20.00	W. J. Crenshaw	2.00
J. A. McGuirt	10.00	M. C. Harmon	10.00
T. N. Dunlap	5.00	J. D. Nisbet	10.00
J.T.N. Rogers	2.00	E. W. Porter	10.00
W. F. Harris	5.00	R. S. Stuvant	1.00
John A. Estridge	5.00	C. J. Griffin	10.00
Robert T. McDowell	1.00	E. W. Tyler	1.00
D. N. Eswin	1.00	Robert Vaughan	5.00
R. H. Massey	5.00	Mrs. J. M. Moore	1.00
Mrs. E. B. Massey	25.00	John Robinson	1.00
Mrs. J. H. Stewart	10.00	J. M. Yoder	5.00

R. K. Tenant	\$ 1.00	J. M. Ivey	\$25.00
T. C. Estridge	5.00	Peter Garrison	10.00
A. T. Morrison	3.00	M. B. Massey	5.00
Mrs. R. G. Garrison	15.00	J. L. Tellmond	5.00
R. L. Durant	5.00		

Both the Presbytery and the people of Waxhaw township had appointed organization committees. The township was represented by E. B. Mobley, John L. Rodmond, and R. G. Garrison. The Presbytery was sympathetic. Rev. H. B. Platt, L. N. Robinson, J. H. Thornwell, and W. W. Walkup, an elder from the Tirzah Church, were asked to act as a fact-finding committee and visit the Waxhaw Township and report back at the fall meeting. The visit went well, and at the fall meeting of the Presbytery, Rev. Platt's committee recommended that a church be organized in the Waxhaw Township.

The Presbytery endorsed the committee's recommendations and approved the organization of a church under the name "Beulah." With this sanction, the church was formed.

Charter members were: E. B. Mobley from Waxhaw Presbyterian Church, Mrs. E. B. Mobley from Waxhaw Presbyterian Church, James F. Steele from Waxhaw Presbyterian Church, Ann E. Steele from Six Mile Presbyterian Church, Permelia D. Steele from Six Mile Presbyterian Church, Mrs. Sarah Porter from Six Mile Presbyterian Church, Edgar E. Porter from Six Mile Presbyterian Church, James B. Porter from Six Mile Presbyterian Church, Mrs. Margaret B. Porter from Six Mile Presbyterian Church, Sally A. Stewart from Six Mile Presbyterian Church, and Thomas R. Porter on Examination of Faith.

E. B. Mobley was elected and ordained an Elder.