

**G. H. REXRODE
1893 - 1895**

The only information we have been able to find about Pastor Rexrode is that he presided at the laying of the cornerstone of Mt. Zion on August 6, 1893.

He preached one Sunday afternoon a month for two years for Mt. Zion while he served St. Stephens on Springs Road and some other churches as well.

**LAWRENCE PINKNEY PROPST
1895 - 1906**

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"He endured, as seeing Him who is invisible." How beautifully this truth of God's Word was fulfilled in the departure from this life of Lawrence Pinkney Propst. He had spent a blessed day of labor for God and for his people, and was writing a sermon, when death suddenly came to him, on November 10, 1942.

Lawrence Propst was born February 23, 1870, in Hickory, North Carolina. Already in early childhood he manifested a desire to serve the Lord in the Christian ministry. His Seminary course was completed at our Seminary in Hickory, North Carolina. He was ordained for the office of the Ministry in Millers Church, Hickory, North Carolina, on April 23, 1894, by Dr. H. K. Doermann. His first charge was in West Virginia. He returned to North Carolina, where he served for fifteen years. Then he was called to Maryland, where he served for thirty-one years. Here he labored until his death.

He was married to Miss Florence Hallman on July 17, 1895. This union was blessed with three children. His one son is Chaplain Cecil Loy Propst, now serving his church and his country in an Army chaplaincy.

Funeral services were held on November 13 in St. Paul's Church, Fulton, Maryland. Pastor C. Heminghaus delivered the sermon; he was assisted in the service by

Pastor G. F. Hein. Pastor L. Schmucker officiated at the grave. Pastors of the Local Conference acted as pallbearers.

Pastor Lawrence Propst was a quiet and faithful pastor. He has ceased from his labors, and his works will follow him."

**S. H. PUFFENBARGER
1909 - 1911**

The only information available at this time is that Pastor Puffenbarger was probably born in Vanderpool, Virginia, and possibly ordained in 1895.

**JAMES ERNEST BARB
1912 - 1920**

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"The greatest tribute ever paid to any man in Hickory," So a man well acquainted with affairs in that thriving city of North Carolina expressed himself when Pastor Barb was buried, December 27. District President Schuette conducted the services and preached the sermon. Pastors Hunt, of Conover, and Miller, of Claremont, assisted in the services, which were held in St. Paul's Church, where the body had lain in state.

James Ernest Barb was born at Athens, Tenn., May 30, 1869, his parents being Pastor James Columbus Barb and his wife, Hannah Adeline, nee MacDonald. He was baptized in early infancy, and, the family having removed to Whitestown, Ind., was there confirmed by his father. Returning to Tennessee, the family took up residence at Morristown, from which place James went to Hickory at the age of twenty-five, to prepare himself for the ministry, in the seminary at that time conducted there by the Joint Synod of Ohio.

He was ordained for the ministry in Miller's Church, near Hickory, by Prof. H. K. G. Doerman, July 10, 1898, and was installed as pastor of the parish composed of Miller's, St. Luke's, and Pisgah Churches. In 1902 he became professor of mathematics in our academy at Hickory, serving there until the close of the