

school. In 1911 he again became pastor of Miller's, being installed by President J. E. A. Doerman, of the Concordia District. Later St. Paul's, of Hickory, was added to the parish, and Pastor Barb served these two churches until his death, twenty years.

On January 2, 1910, he entered the estate of wedlock with Mrs. Etta Eugenia Whitener, nee Shoemaker, of Hickory. God blessed this union with the gift of three children, one daughter preceding her father into eternity.

Taken by a sudden heart attack on December 23, [1931] Pastor Barb died three hours later. His age was sixty-two years, six months, twenty-three days. He left, to mourn their loss, his wife; a son, James; a daughter, Helen, a stepson, Prof. J. Summie Whitener, of the University of North Carolina, Raleigh; a brother, J. Minnis Barb, of Louisville, Ky.; two sisters, Mrs. D. V. Booher, of Whitestown, Ind., and Mrs. H. N. Donaldson, of Bellevue, O.

Pastor Barb was in the service of the Joint Synod for thirty-two years, and of the American Lutheran Church for a year. He was universally loved, by those of his own church and by his fellow townspeople of all denominations—a man of sincere and firm convictions, but a man of genial winning personality, who took a deep interest in church and in civic affairs."

Pastor Barb was born May 30, 1869 in Athens, Georgia. He died December 23, 1931 in Hickory and was buried there. Pastor Barb was ordained in 1898.

### **LUTHER MELANCHTHON HUNT 1924 - 1938**

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On October 23, 1860, in their home near Lincolnton, North Carolina, a son was born to Pastor and Mrs. George L. Hunt, whom they in Baptism named Luther Melanchthon. When he had reached the age of young manhood, he was sent to Capital University, Columbus, Ohio, where he was graduated with the Class of 1883. He immediately entered the Theological

Seminary at Columbus, finishing its course in 1886. On June 27 of that year he was ordained for the Holy Ministry, and also installed in his first parish, composed of Millers, St. John's, and Old St. Paul's Churches, in the Hickory, North Carolina, Area. The officiating ministers were his father and Pastor M. L. Carpenter. During this pastorate he assisted in founding the Practical Seminary at Hickory.

The young minister entered the estate of wedlock with Miss Emma Grace Helsel, Columbus, on June 6, 1888. In this union four daughters were born, three of whom survive their father. Two years later he accepted a call to the Thornville, Ohio, Parish, being installed there on December 7, 1890, and serving there until 1901, when he was called to Hickory to serve as head of St. Paul's Theological Seminary and Pro-seminary.

Called to Baltimore in 1905, he was installed there as pastor of Faith Church on June 22. This was a long pastorate, not closing until 1924, when he accepted a call to serve Mt. Zion Church near Conover, North Carolina, and Old St. Paul's, near Newton. In this parish he concluded his active ministry, featured by the celebration of the golden anniversary of his ordination in June, 1936, after which he served for two years more, making this pastorate equal in length to that in Baltimore. It was in 1932 that Mrs. Hunt died. Pastor Hunt retired in 1938 and removed to Baltimore, where he was made pastor emeritus of Faith Church, and where he, as his strength permitted, rendered supply service in the pulpit.

Among his activities in the ministry was his tenure of the office of president of the Concordia District of the Joint Synod of Ohio.

Pastor Hunt died on November 14, 1942, his age being just three weeks more than eighty-two years. The funeral service was conducted by Pastor G. F. Hein in Faith Church on November 17, assisted by Dr. C. G. Wolf and Pastor C. Heminghaus. The body was laid to rest in Parkwood Cemetery, Baltimore.