

Another pioneer on Grassy Fork was a German named Stuffel (Christopher?) Decker.

Other pioneers were Yearby Daniels, Richard Scott, Daniel Russell, Samuel Munday, William Munday, Thomas Munday, John McGee, Ben Russell, Charles Hatton, William Kirby, J. Kirby, William Russell and others of which notice will be taken in family and individual records.

HISTORY OF BETHEL CHURCH

From Records of Alexander Association, 1889.

In obedience to my duties as Historian, I submit the following.

This church is in Alexander County, N. C., about 10 miles northeast of Taylorsville, situated among the mountains, surrounded by a hospitable population and a noble band of brothers and sisters.

With regard to the time of organization, Presbytery, and numbers who composed the arm from different churches I cannot get. The records are lost from the organization up to 1827. We find however, that Bethel Church was represented in the convention organizing the Brier Creek Association in 1822. In the early days of the church, it had for pastors, Wm. Dodson and E. M. Chaffin, terms not known. W. D. Bock was clerk from 1827 to 1836; John Redman from 1836 to 1838; S. P. Smith acted as clerk and pastor from 1838 to 1841, and as pastor to 1843; Z. B. Adams from 1843 to 1848; J. G. Bryan, pastor and J. J. Watts from 1848 to 1853; J. G. Bryan, 1853 to 1860; James Reed from 1860 to 1861; W. G. Brown, from 1861 to 1867; Jacob Crouch, from 1867 to 1870; W. A. Pool, from 1870 to 1873; L. P. Gwaltney, 1873 to 1876; W. A. Pool from 1876 to 1877; L. P. Gwaltney from 1877 to 1878; J. P. Gwaltney from 1878 to 1881; L. P. Gwaltney from 1881 to 1884; W. A. Myers from 1884 to 1887; I. P. Gwaltney from 1887 to 1889. Wm. Hines was clerk from 1841 to 1845; Jabez Hendren, from 1845 to 1857; Hix Hendren, from 1857 to 1870; E. B. Hendren, 1870 to 1889. The present membership of the church is 223.

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BETHEL CHURCH

From Alexander Association Records 1906.

By reference to the Association Minutes for the year 1889, it will be seen that the records of the church prior to 1827 have been lost, but an organization certainly existed here about 1800. L. P. Gwaltney was pastor from 1889 to 1891; W. H. Van Hoy, until October, 1891; D. W. Pool until October 1900; L. P. Gwaltney to the present (1906). E. B. Hendren was clerk in 1889 and until 1890; J. W. Hendren to June, 1891; J. E. Gilreath, to 1889. A. C. Jones is the present incumbent. The records since 1827 show painstaking care on the part of clerks.

This church has certainly been a power for good in this community and