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As we attempt to make a historical resume of our church's 100 years of existence as an organized body of baptized believers in Jesus Christ, we find that our church over the 100 year span has gone through many sociological, environmental, economic, and spiritual changes, revisions and reorganizations. As we have progressed from horse and buggy and kerosene lights to autos, jets and all the discoveries and inventions of electricity and modern modes of communication our church has had to change in order to be able to adjust, function and stay abreast with the secular, sociological world, and still be able to follow its God-given mission in our changing world. Therefore we can not possibly cover each and every year so that our resume will cover some of the most interesting and informative facets or events.

Our church, since its founding and constitution 100 years ago (1878) has been continually involved in the Ten Mile Assoc. network of programs, functions, organizations etc. and has since the first year and each succeeding one, sent a church letter, elected and sent delegates and attended the yearly Assoc. meetings. Also, since its beginning our church has always been involved in missions, caring for orphans and holding special evangelical meetings or revivals each year. Mission giving has progressed from a meager 2-4 dollars giving to hundreds and hundreds of dollars a year. Our buildings and accommodation have progressed from kerosene lights with kerosene costing about 10 cents a gallon and chimneys 5 cents to our modern electrical light and from wood and coal stoves for heating to our present day full systems for heat. Apparently two of the most incessant problems have been keeping roofs of each church building from leaking and procuring, paying and keeping a church custodian.

Our church has gone through 2 major World War periods but no mention was made in our church minutes of such or members having gone to the service of their country; however we do have mention of our church's procedure and action in the minutes to let Mrs. Mary Rankin (colored) to have her husband's funeral in our sanctuary. Mr. Rankin came to church and sat on rear pew.

Our constituted 100 years old church has occupied 3 separate church buildings and has had one major addition and a recreation building built. Also we have had 2 parsonages, one willed to church in 1936, demolished and our present one built in 1963.

Giving has progressed from assessment according to wealth being collected by those collectors appointed by church to subscriptions made with collectors, to added loose plate offerings to recorded envelope system, unified budget, and co-operative program to our present free-will giving and tithing under the co-operative program and special offerings.

Also our church has been re-organized several times with church rolls being revised many times. In 1972 a new constitution and by-laws were adopted and recorded at Court house at Warsaw. The government and discipline of the church membership has changed

drastically from peace and fellowship being called for each business session and complaints dealt with through a committee and church discretion, to our present free-will God-to-man relationship and personal restitution and recommitment to the church.

Attendance and membership has undulated, fluctuated and increased from the original 20 members to about 300 resident and non-resident at one period; and giving has increased from a few hundreds of dollars a year to hundreds per Sunday. Originally worship services and business meeting were held once a month. Now we have worship services and Sunday School each Sunday and have added numerous other missionary organizations, out-reach programs and meetings. 39 different pastors and 4 interim have served at Glencoe Baptist Church, and Bro. Rountree, having served 11 years the longest. Numerous church clerks, Mrs. Lucille Courtney being first woman clerk and remaining in office the longest, 13 years, treas. Then also Albert Collins holds a record for service as church clerk almost 25 years. The three current members of longest continuous membership of Glencoe Baptist Church are Mrs. Mary Collins 1922, Mrs. Ethel Gordon 1926 and Mr. George H. Poland 1929.

In 1877 Mary B. Robinson of the Warsaw Church, but resident of Glencoe wrote an invitation in March to Elder Lewis H. Salin to visit Glencoe describing it as a missionary field and to preach the Gospel to the citizens here. He accepted the invitation and Bro. Salin, a converted Jew and grandfather of Bourne Salin, commenced a meeting of days in April 1877. There was no church building, therefore he occupied an abandoned bar room as a place of preaching. Soon this was found to be too small, so a blacksmith shop was procured to carry on the meetings and 23 souls united with the denomination, taking their membership to neighboring churches.

Bro. Salin drew up a subscription for the purpose of purchasing the blacksmith shop and of converting it into a house of worship. He was able to procure the blacksmith shop and a house of worship was established in its place, and how where once the sound of the iron hammer was heard the sweet voice of praises rose up to God in thanksgiving for his goodness and mercy.

On the 11th day of Jan. 1878 a council was called by a company of men and women in the Lord to become an independent church which met at Glencoe at Ten o'clock A.M. Bro. M.J. Williams as chosen moderator and Bro. R. Simeon Coats clerk. The object was to constitute a church at Glencoe. The credentials of the messengers were presented. The following churches sent the brethren namely: Ten Mile M.J. Williams, G.M. Lillard, J.E. Carlton, J.H. Ambrose; Poplar Grove R. Simeon Coats, N.S. Riley, R.H. Cropper, G.P. Garvey, J.J.G. Brock, Elisha Crouch, Columbus Adkins, Charles Slaughter, Asa Kemper and J.H. Beaty; Oakland J.W. Dorman, L.P. Thomas, Josiah Ellis, E.D. Crouch, Jesse Poland, J. Crouch; Pleasant Home R.E. Brock, W.A. Thomas and J.C. Skirvin. The council after hearing the covenant and the articles of faith read agreed unanimously to go into the constitution of the church. Elder John Waldrope gave a charge to the newly constituted church and the council extended the right hand of fellowship and offered prayer for their success. Letters were presented by the following men and women: J.C. Crouch, Mary Crouch, D.G. Perry, Mary A. Perry, John Ralston, Sallie Ralston, Jas. W.

Lilly, Alice Lilly, Lon Lilly, B.F. Vest, Ada Vest, John R. Green, Susan H. Green, John C. Thomas, Artie Spencer, Mollie Myers, T.D. Shelton, R.C. Foster, J.C. Skirvin, Susan Skirvin.

Covenant and Declarations of faith as presented by the above named brethren and sisters were read and approved, and upon it, they were pronounced a regularly constituted church of Jesus Christ to keep up the word and ordinances of the Gospel, and as such the council extended to them their hands of fellowship. On motion the clerk was appointed to prepare a report of the proceedings of the council for publication in the Western Recorder.

The Baptist church of Jesus Christ met Fri. eve. Jan. 11, 1878, and after praise and prayer proceeded to organize for the transaction of business. On motion J.W. Waldrope was requested to act as temporary chairman and R. Simeon Coats as clerk and on motion and second the church passed a resolution to the effect that the pastor be also chosen as moderator. On motion the church selected the 3rd Sat. and Sun. as their regular day of meeting. On motion the church voted that the pastor, deacons and clerk should be selected by private ballot. The church proceeded to ballot and the following persons were chosen: Pastor, Elder L.H. Salin; Deacons, J.C. Skirvin and J.C. Crouch; Clerk, B.F. Vest. On motion a committee was appointed to confer with Elder Salin namely John Ralston and B.F. Vest. On motion the church agreed to keep the house alternately for the time. Meeting adjourned.

On Feb. 16, 1878 14 more men and women were received in full fellowship with the church. On Mary 16 it was reported that $2.60 was paid to R.E. Foster for church book for minutes. The church covenant as approved by the sister churches was recorded in detail with 18 separate articles of Faith listed and expounded on in detail.

1. Declaration of Faith first of the Scriptures
2. Of the True God
3. Of the Fall of Man
4. Of the Way of Salvation
5. Of Justification
6. Of the Freeness of Salvation
7. Of Grace in Regeneration
8. Of Repentence and Faith
9. Of God's purpose of Grace
10. Of Santification
11. Of the perseverance of Saints
12. Of the Harmony of the Law and the Gospel
13. Of a Gospel church
14. Of Baptism and the Lords Supper
15. The Christian Sabbath
16. Of Civil Government
17. Of the Righteous and the Wicked
18. Of the World to Come.

On Sept. 1878 the church house building progressed had cost $655.52. On motion John Skirvin was appointed to procure lumber for the seats and have them made and they cost 75 cents each to have made.

June 21, 1879, the church on motion decided to set Monday before the 3rd Sat. for the time to begin their first protracted meetings and instructed Bro. Salin to secure the assistance of Bro. J.E. Kenney. In Jan. 1880 Bro. Lewis H. Salin first pastor resigned and Bro. T.A. Spicer was unanimously elected 2nd pastor.

Sept. 1880 first church trustees were elected. First church building paid off by Nov. 1880, but lot still had not been all paid for. Jan. 1881 committee appointed to build a pulpit and to procure lights for the church. 3rd pastor called, 1882 Bro. L.H. Salin called as pastor, but did not accept until May 1882.

On June 1882 the meetings on Sat. were changed to 3:30 pm because of often interruption of passing trains. The first building was near railroad on south side where the Sparta road crossing is now, at southwest part of Glencoe. June 1882 set of pulpit chairs for church suggested.

On Nov. 1882 Bro. Geo. W. Hill called as pastor. Plan for mission work adopted. Sept. 1889 communion quart. 1891 May Decorum for govt. of members set up Aug. 1891 Every member should be allowed every opportunity to vindicate himself before church in his trial. Excluded from church for breaking church covenant (non-attendance, dancing, etc. non-support) Advisory committee or Grievance com. appointed consisting of pastor, deacons, treasurer and church clerk to discipline church members. 1902 church reorganized. Until then a committee was appointed from church members present.

1882 First weekly prayer meetings held each Tues. Eve. Sept. 1883 fence built between church and J.F. Williams land. Oct. 1883 a bell was secured and belfry voted to be erected to house it. Dec. 1883 $3.50 and a box of provisions sent to L-Ville Orphan's Home.

Bro. J.E. Kenney called as 5th pastor. Bro. Salin called again as 6th pastor.

Jan. 1889 assessed membership according to wealth, and any member who will not pay his assessment shall be dealt with as a covenant breaker. Members were collected from by a committee appointed by church. Each business session a call for status of fellowship was asked—if in peace business proceeded. If any complaints were heard a comm.. was appointed to visit the person or persons and ask them to come before the church and make their peace, if after a certain length of time they refused, then they were dismissed from the fellowship of the church and name removed from church roll.

In March 1890 22 men and women were added to the church by experience and baptism follow—series of meetings.

Nov. 1890 Bro. L.H. Salin called indefinitely. Up to then pastor was called each year. 1891 Feb. On motion a rule was adopted not to tolerate dancing by members of the church in any manner either after violin or other music. May 1891 church moved to hold their communion quarterly. Oct. 1891 church rules for governing members adopted.

Feb. 20th 1892 the church on motion agreed to take up public collection also at her regular meetings. Up to then subscriptions were made and collectors appointed to receive same. Also male members over 21 were taxed $1 and those under 21 50 cents to be paid annually for church expenses. Jan. 1893 Motion adopted to buy organ for the church with the $37.00 from "lawn fete," but dissatisfaction followed, so John Ralston gave his check for $37.00. Sept. 1893 J.E. Woolford called as pastor. Dec. 1894 Bro. J.A. Davis called as pastor. April 6, 1895 On motion, the lot to build a church upon was accepted from the Ladies Aid Society where church now is. 1895 Amount contributed to missions $4.88 and to orphan's Home $4.87. Sept. 1895 On Motion a bldg. com. was appointed to superintend the building of the church. Bros. R.E. Garvey, J.V. Lindsey, John Ralston, Jess Harrison, and Will Ames. Pastor's salary 1896 $150.00 a year.

March 1896 Motion to go ahead and build new church and endeavor to complete it in 1896. On motion the Trustees were appointed as a committee to confer with I.O. of Oddfellows in regard to the sale of the church house. Cantata of Ruth held at the church for church benefit. 1896 on Motion it was agreed to build new church 35' x 55'. 1896 Bro. E.F. Hurd called as pastor.

Church reorganized Jan. 23, 1897 and on March 1897 church called together to take steps in regard to building the new church. Was reported material could be bought for $434 except window and door frames, but in April 1897 church deferred for an indefinite time the building of a church.

1897 Bro. W.E. Foster called as pastor. Sept. 1897 church decided and prepared to erect the new church $735.75 subscribed. Dec. 1897 Old church sold and deeded to Brack Green excluding furniture and fixtures for $170.

The Glencoe Baptist Church met 3rd Sat. of March 1898 in new church building cost about $1550 minus new seats. New church dedicated July 31 1898. For missions $4.00 given. Dec. 1898 Bro. S.W. Smith called as pastor.

Sept. 1899 Bro. L. Johnson called pastor. Nov. 1901 Bro. Z.W. Pigg called $100 per year salary. Bro. J.L. Presser 1904. Bro. Will Shear 1905. Lafe Johnson 1907. John Poteet 1908. A. Ler did not accept 1908. J.A. Rev. Davis 1909.Dec. 1909 Pastor Bro. J.A. Lee called $150 yr. Nov. 1912 called Bro. Louis Theobold $200 a year. Bro. W.M. Wilson 191-. By motion of church March 1915 minutes cut from book. J.M. Fowler 1916 & 1917 $175 month. No mention of church members going to W. War I. 1916 Com. appointed in business meeting to prevent promiscuous hitching in the church lot. Later built fence. Grad. Of Glencoe High School 1917 held in church. Also use of church was granted to the colored people for purpose of conducting a funeral. 1917 May Mr. Rankin died. All negroes left Glencoe later.

Pastor W.R. Deal called 1918. No meetings Sept., Oct., Nov., Dec. 1918 and Jan. 1919 being prohibited by the health authorities because of the epidemic of Spanish influenza 1918-1919.

March 1919 church closed because of small pox. Pastor B.H. Payne 1919-1920. 1921 C.O. Stewart pastor. June 1921 remodeling plans of church, wrecking old church and rebuilding brought before church, and cost discussed and subscriptions reported $3709.00. Building committee appointed. Committee to use judgment on bell and wiring for electricity. Was belfry in old bldg. Committee reported the app. cost of building and remodeling church would be about $6200. Dedication of newly remodeled and built church Nov. 1921 (cost $6306.19.) Pastor John Page Jones 1922. Supply E.B. Willingham July 1922 Demoissey supply. Pastor E.B. Willingham called 1923.

Envelope system for collection of offering adopted Jan. 1923.

Pleasant Home used our church baptistery. Pastor S.W. Rodgers 1924.

Jan. 1926 Note and mortgage paid and burnt in presence of church members. June 1926 Bro. Elliott called and accepted asked for church to change call to indefinite period instead of yearly.

Jan. 1927 piano purchased for church $75.00 Approved cooperative program 1927. Elliott from 1926-1931. Bro. Walter L. Johnson 1931-1934. Bro. Privett called 1934 to 1937. Bro. Frank Malone pastor 1937. Bro. W.G. Dunaway called 1938 to Sept. 1944. Bro. Leopard Colley Nov. 1944 to May 1949.

Parsonage willed to Baptist church July 1936 by Mr. and Mrs. J.L. Hendrix. Started bldg. fund to build a basement under church March 1945 but later discontinued. Roofing of parsonage 1945. Got new pulpit furniture and organ 1945. Disposed of old organ and pulpit furniture and light fixtures 1945. New church name sign for front of church and new draperies 1946. Started fund for bell tower Nov. 1946.

Christian Church used our baptistery Dec. 1946. Bell tower fund dismissed—transferred to buy carpeting.

Feb. 26, 1949 motion to consider building another building onto the church. Bro. Coley Leopard left May 1949. Bro. W.G. Burkett called July 1949 to May 1951.

1950 Bldg. plans presented by bldg. committee and accepted, later dismissed. Revised church roll 1950. Building fund discontinued if any body wanted money back to be returned, then was amended to keep building fund and build rooms on wings of church 1950.

Bro. Earle, Harold called Sept. 1951 to June 1953. 1952 decided bldg. would be placed in rear of present building. Work would get started as soon as possible. Donations started.

Educational concrete block bldg. built 1952. Bro. John Tollison called Aug. 1953 to June 1956. Bro. Claude Richardson Aug. 1956 to June 1957. Rev. James Moorhead Aug. 1957 to May 1962. Rev. James Hugh Long Aug. 1962 to Sept. 1963. Rev. J. Buford Cobb Dec. 1963 to June 1965. Clifford L. Lightfoot Jan. 1966 to June 1966.

1958 had tentative plans to build new additions to connect rec. bldg. to church. Later dismissed. New piano bought 1959. May 24, 1959 homecoming. First woman clerk 1959 Mrs. Lucille Courtney and she served for 13 years.

1960 19 new members. July 1960 while James Moorhead was pastor in one month.

Motion carried to build a new parsonage Oct. 1960, postponed then until 1963. Bldg. 44'x28' Bid for $12,700 with basement, passed and built.

In 1963 Aug. 21 while Bro. James Hugh Long was here 27 new members were added to church. 25 by baptism and 2 by letter following a revival series. Loraine Adams and Verna Smith by letter. Debbie Ayres, Beverly Ayres, Pard Alexander, James R. Adams, James Bowling, Harold Breeden, Hanet Faye Boots, Tommy Boots, Anna Breeden, Russell Clark Jr., Charles L. Edmondson, Mrs. Charles L. Edmondson, Judy Hammond, Diana Sue Johns, Vernon Kinman Jr., Eric Kinman, Everett Lilly, Martha Lilly, Sharon McFarland, Patty Morley, Rich Noel, J.D. Poland, Sandra Poland, Ethel Smith, Virginia Smith by baptism.

Jan. 1964 discussion about extending choir loft, later approved and finished. March 1964 building fund continued and increasing. May 1964 motion carried to give SS pins to those with perfect attendance here or at a Baptist church for a year. 1964 bought Bradley property. Nov. 1964 car loads went to youth night at Louisville with Billy Graham evangelist at Ky. Bapt. Convention.

Dec. 1964 church library established. May 1965 new Christian flag purchased and American flag dry cleaned. Bro. Cobb resigned July 1965. Bro. Claude Boozer came as an interim pastor. Dec. 1965 ministers retirement plan added to church budget. Jan. 1966 Bro. Lightfoot called. Bro. and Mrs. Boozer sent $25.00 gift to Baptistry fund. Building fund continued and reported increasing. Bro. Everett M. Rountree called Sun. Night Sept. 11, 1966. New mimeograph bought for church use. 1966 carport and concrete walks built at parsonage. Church ceiling insulated 1967. Pot luck family night voted to be held 3rd Wed. night of 2nd month of each quarter. March 1967 new piano bought for $660. Average SS attendance April 1967 was 91. Average attendance Oct. 1967 was 96.

Church budget for 1968 $9728.30. Oct. 1968 Lottie Moon goal $300.00, Annie Armstrong 150.00. State missions $100. Special building fund started Jan. 1968 with 5000.00 designated for building fund and added to budget. 3rd Sunday each month to take up special bldg. offering and surplus from yearly budget to be added. Average attendance April 1968 114, June 96, July 96. 1968 Study built in basement of parsonage for the pastor. Church roof repairs made. This has been a continuing problem since the first church bldg was made and each succeeding one. Also another outstanding problem has

always been procuring, paying and keeping a church custodian. Average SS attendance Nov. 1968 105.

Jan. 1969 parking lot provided and rest rooms installed in rec. bldg. 1969 it was voted flowers to be sent by church to immediate family of a deceased member instead of separate memorial gifts. Mrs. John Duvall's property bought $6000. June 1969. Also church and parsonage treated for termites. Average attendance March 1969 98 May 1969 107. New concrete walk made for church. Bldg fund 1st 6 mo. 1969 was $1594. 1969 records to be kept on each members giving by envelope system and can be saved for income tax purposes. Annuity and life ins acquired for pastor. June 1969 24 new chairs bought for choir. July 1970 Tractor mower bought $894.41 for church. Goal for all missions set as $250.00 Grand total 1970 budget was $16,768.00.

1971 at parsonage portion of wall removed between living room and dining room to make it all one area and floor repaired and carpeted. Jan. 1971 average SS attendance 86. Lottie Moon Christmas offering $303.80.

Feb. 1971 Bldg. com. to investigate a definite building program. 1971 Church building rewired re-insured. Est. cost of building and then postponed building with only $8500 in bldgt fund. Average attendance April 1971 104. Sept. 1971 Motion made and passed that a committee be appointed to draw up a const. and by-laws of the church. July 1972 dehumidifier for parsonage bought. Aug. 1972 New Const. and by laws began to be read, discussed and approved, and cont. until all were approved and adopted or disposed of. Sections dealing with non-support and termination of membership discussed and revised. New const and by laws to be registered at Gallatin Co. Courthouse.

Dec. 1972 proposal to add 3 new deasons total of 6. Jan. 1973 average SS attendance 72. Feb. 1973 3 new deasons chosen. New metal storage shed bought. May 1973 land on SW side of church sold to James Ethridge for $2000, and that to be added to bldg. fund. Average attendance Nov. 1973 92, Dec. 81.

Dec. 1973 Lottie Moon Christmas offering was $600. March 1974 300 books in church library and love gift to Mrs. Frontz. Bro. Frontz of Christian church killed in plane crash.

March 1974 music director was called, Dave Burt from Cumberland College (ministerial student). April 1974 sent gift to relief of tornado victims in Stamping Ground. May 1974 hymn books repaired. Voted to give bibles to our youths grad. From high school each year thereafter. 1974 Carpeting bought for porch of parsonage. 1974 New insurance on church property acquired. Draining tile put behind parsonage and ?? top at church repaired.

May 1974 Special proposal on stewardship of funds give and guidelines adopted to establish a policy whereby we can stay within our budget and not have to borrow from the bldg. fund again.

June 1974 committee of 5 to be elected annually to count and record each Sundays recipts. A designated person from the committee to make a bank deposit and give a duplicate slip to the treas. 3 members of committee to be present each Sun. Average attendance in SS 1974 89. Aug. 1974 Request was granted to Northern Ky. Comp. Care to use our Rec. Bldg. for teaching mentally retarded preschool children. Sept. 1974 plans discussed concerning adding SS rooms to the existing church bldg. plans described by contractor and proposed again in Oct., and church voted to proceed with plans and accepted bid of $69,860. Nov. 1974 Trustees, Deacons and pastor signed contract to build.

March 1975 average SS attendance 72. March 1975 bldg. plans revised and work to start last of March. Apil 1975 15 new hymn books bought for choir use. Mary 1975 Termite exterminators hired and work guaranteed. Visitation program planned for one Wed. night a month. June 1975 Sub-contractor took over building of new educational addition. July 1975 Billy Graham film shown Thief in the Night. Dedication of new building. Oct. 1975 Dr. Boatwright was to be speaker. New tables and chairs for new building bought . Walks in back made. Security light installed April 1976. Average SS attendance Feb. 1976 was 59 and April 62. 15 more hymnals bought for choir. Oct. 1976 new curbing and shrubbery added in front of new ed. Building. Aug. 1976 ave. SS attendance 58. Oct. 1976 $25.00 to be donated each year to Fire Dept.

Jan. 1977 2 more deacons elected. Feb. 1977 Due to extreme cold and energy crises prayer meeting held in homes. Jan. 1977 ave attendance SS 51. Feb. ave 45. Some Jan. and Feb. meeting called off because of extreme weather. April 1977 proposal and plans presented for new baptistery for $4,350. Vote taken passed. Baptistry completed in July 1977. Sept. 1977 church voted to have photographs made for pictorial directory to commemorate our 100th anniversary next year 1978. SS avg. att. Sept. 1977 53. Oct. 1977 State missions offering was $501.00. Water line reworked behind church and walk repaired. Mary 21, 1978 chosen as 100th church anniversary celebration and then 1 week revival services to follow.

Pastors

1915 page of March 1915 cut out of book by motion of church.
1916 J.M. Fowler 1 Sun. service
1917 J.M. Fowler $175 month
Graduation held at Church April 22, 1917.

Lewis H. Salin	1878
T.A. Spicer	1880
L.H. Salin	1882
George W. Hill	1882

J.E. Kenny	1886
L.H. Salin	1889
J.E. Woolford	1893
J.A. Davis	1894
E.F. Hurd	1896
W.E. Foster	1897
S.W. Smith	1898
L. Johnson	1899
Z.W. Pigg	1901
J.L. Presser	1904
Will Shearer	1905
Lafe Johnson	1907
John Poteet	1908
J.A. Davis	1909
John A. Lee	1909
Louis Theobold	1913
W.M. Wilson	1915
J.M. Fowler	1916
W.R. Deal	1918
B.H. Payne	1919
C.O. Stewart	1921
John Page Jones, interim	1922
E.B. Willingham, interim	1922
R.F. DeMoissey, interim	1922
E.B. Willingham	1923
C.S. Elliott	1926
Walter L. Johnson	1931
Privett	1934
Frank Malone	1937
W.G. Dunaway	1938
Coley Leopard	1944
W.F. Burkett	1949
Harold Earle	1951
John Tolllison	1953
Claude Richardson	1956
James Moorhead	1957
James Hugh Long	1962
J. Buford Cobb	1963
Claude Boozer	1956
Clifford L. Lightfoot	1966
Everett M. Rountree	1966
Gary Schwitz	
Gary Ball 1983	
Gary West	
Hardin Lowe	

Glencoe Baptist Woman's Missionary Union

As we look back through old church books of minutes, we find that the Glencoe Baptist Church has always been missions minded. We find on record as early as 1883 that $3.50 and a box of provisions were sent to the Baptist Orphan's Home, and at a later date $4.88 was sent to missions and $4.87 to the Orphan's Home.

Then on Sept. 1889 a definite plan and organization for missions was formed. The next mention we have in the church minutes was that The Ladies Aid Society on April 6, 1895 donated a lot for a new church building to be erected on. Consequently, two church buildings have occupied this lot, the second being the Glencoe Baptist Church now standing.

We notice that our woman's organization has had four different names—first Ladies' Aid Society, then Woman's Missionary Society, and Woman's Missionary Union and now Baptist Women. But, whatever the nomenclature, Glencoe Baptist women have been very much involved in missions and missionary outreach with groups for each age level for instance in the 1930's there was Sunbeams, G.A.'s (Girls In Action), Y.W.A.'s for young women, RA's (Royal Ambassadors) for boys and all under the sponsorship of W.M.S.

The first minutes we have found of the W.M.S. was in 1931 when they had an enrollment of 21 and the enrollment seems to have fluctuated between 21 and the present 12 in 1987. Mission giving has increased from $8.00 to Lottie Moon in 1934, $3.12 to Home Missions (Annie Armstrong) $5.39 to State Missions (now Eliza Broadus) until now, we under the sponsorship of Baptist Women donate hundreds; for example, Glencoe Baptist Church gave in 1986 to Lottie Moon—foreign missions $1121.02, Annie Armstrong—home missions $937.00, Eliza Broadus state missions $566.38. So under the leadership of Jesus Christ Our Lord, we have grown from humble beginnings and outreach to our present day witness of sharing the gospel and our financial gifts.

With our commitment we Baptist Women here at Glencoe Baptist Church can accomplish even greater things in Christ's name in 1987.