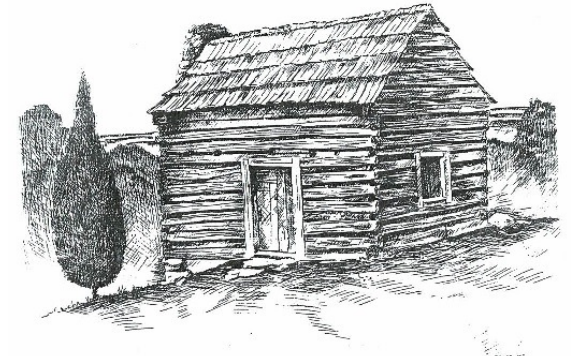


## Pastors of Poplar Springs Baptist Church

Jonathan Deweese	1799 –
David Green	1803 – 1804
Benjamin Northcutt	1805 –
Jonathan Deweese	1824 – 1831
David Simmons	1832 – 1834
Joseph Babb	1835 – 1838
William P. Martin	1839 – 1842
Wiley C. Smith	1843 – 1845
William B. Boyd	1846
Valentine Young	1847
William P. Martin	1848 – 1858
Allen C. Stepp	1859 – 1886
W. H. Waters	1887
John D. Pitts	1888 – 1889
J. B. Parrott	1890 – 1891
J. D. Mahon	1892
W. H. Waters	1892 – 1893
Gibson S. Daugherty	1894
Allen C. Stepp	1895
James A. Martin	1895 – 1901
Henry C. Haddock	1902
J. O. Martin	1903 – 1908
Edward L. Kugley	1909
Herman W. Stone	1910
B. P. Mitchell	1911 – 1913
W. H. Waters	1914 – 1917
J. A. Anderson	1918
James P. Coleman	1919 – 1924
H. G. Snider	1925 – 1935
H. L. Ferguson	1936 – 1937
Lewis M. Smith	1937 – 1939
C. H. Sutherland	1939 – 1941
Francis M. Lindler	1941 – 1944
Harry W. Granger	1944 – 1952
James K. Lawton	1953
J. C. Rice, Jr.	1954 – 1971
W. Horace Benjamin	1971 – 1979
Frank P. Northcutt	1979 – 1990
Clayton B. Howerton	1991 – 1996
Todd Horton	1998 – 2003
Bruce Ostrom	2004 – 2018
Lucas Mann	2019 – Present

This drawing is an artist's conception of how Poplar Springs Baptist Church might have looked in 1794, when the church was begun. The only clue available is from the church minutes which show they worshipped in a "small log house." The first church building burned in 1801 while being used as a school house. This sketch was drawn by John C. Dennis, a Spartanburg art teacher.



*Poplar Springs Baptist Church ca. 1794*

This drawing is a sketch of the fifth building of Poplar Springs Baptist Church. It was erected in 1854, replacing a frame building that had been constructed about 1816. This church was dedicated on July 16, 1854 in conjunction with the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the church's constitution. The pastor, Rev. William P. Martin, preached the dedication sermon from John 4:21,23. The cost of the church was \$1,444.08, including seats and matting. This church was well constructed and served the congregation for ninety-five years. It was torn down in July of 1949 when construction on the present church was begun.



*Poplar Springs Baptist Church ca. 1854*