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## VII. MEMOIRS

## Ministers

COLUMBUS J. ALLENDER

WILLIAM E. ANDERSON

WALTER ANTHONY

WILLIAM ALEXANDER BYUS

William Alexander Byus, the son of a local Methodist minister, was born in Mason County, West Virginia, February 5, 1883. His boyhood home was a hewed-log house with a clapboard roof. It was amid these humble surroundings that he found his Wonderful Lord at the age of 16. He was licensed to preach in 1900, ordained a deacon in 1908 and received his elder's orders in 1910.

The educational advantages of Brother Byus were limited, but still he managed to attend both Morris Harvey and West Virginia Wesleyan Colleges. He received his first appointment as a supply pastor in 1903, and served the Cabin Creek Circuit. Other appointments were: Lumberport, Knottsville (Lawrence M.E. Church) which is now Asbury Charge in Charleston, Snow Hill and Wesley Churches in Charleston. He then served four years as Conference evangelist, retired, and went into a wider field of evangelism which reached from Canada to Florida and as far west as the Dakotas.

The Rev. Byus was affectionately known as "The Country Preacher" or "Pa Byus" by his host of friends. His rugged manly features were so pronounced that he was sometimes referred to as the "Abe Lincoln" of the pulpit. Yet there was a charm and attraction that could be attributed to nothing less than the Spirit of Christ within him. The years silvered his hair and wrinkled his face, but it could not dampen his sense of humor or quench his zeal for lost souls.

Brother Byus was the author of three books of sermons. They were, *Concerning the King, My Sufficient Saviour*, and *My Wonderful Lord*. These books remain as a testimony to a gentle soul dedicated to Christ the Lord. After a brief illness on October 31, 1965, he closed his eyes and his spirit stole away to join that innumerable host in the house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

His funeral service was conducted by Riker A. Bennett in the Asbury Church in Charleston; interment followed in the Cunningham Cemetery in St. Albans, West Virginia.

ANDREW H. CHAPMAN

The Rev. Andrew H. Chapman was born December 24, 1889, in Nicholas County, West Virginia. He was the son of the late Rev. George Alexander Chapman. He was educated in the public schools in Nicholas County and the Mt. Lake Seminary.

Mr. Chapman was married to Rosa Simmons and to this union was born two children: George Chapman, Grantsville, West Virginia, and Mrs. O. E. (Martha) Young, Hinton, West Virginia.

In the forty-two years of his ministry he served the church at Malpewood, LeAnder, Winona, Gap Mills, Hinton, Mt. Hope, Bowmont, Clay, McAlton, and Chesapeake.

He moved to Hinton on retirement in 1960. His retirement was only in the papers of the Conference for he continued to serve the people in Christian witness. Mr. Chapman taught the Men's Bible Class in the Hinton Methodist Church, filled the pulpit in the absence

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Samuel H. Worrell	1955	L. C. Harris	1960
Hugh E. Kelso	1955	L. S. Shires	1960
Harry F. King	1955	Thomas Spiker	1960
E. J. Westfall	1955	J. Rollin Withrow	1960
Samuel C. Dotson	1955	C. C. Jarvis	1960
Joseph Austin Richmond	1955	H. C. Rush	1960
Ivy Yoak	1955	L. W. Loudin	1960
Isaac Albert Canfield	1955	H. E. Crowder	1961
Cammie D. Tharp	1955	F. F. Neel	1961
Daniel E. Epler	1956	Benjamin F. Newman	1961
Wesley Lakin Chevront	1956	G. F. Plybon, Sr.	1961
William Gay Feather	1956	Forrest V. Arnett	1961
Edward Emerson Wiley	1956	John Edward Johnson	1961
U. R. Hinzman	1956	C. C. Lanham	1961
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Arnold E. Tulloh	1956	W. L. Gearhart	1962
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H. E. Wark	1957	Charles E. Hawkins	1963
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G. H. Farmer	1958	Addison M. Grimes	1964
T. S. Bostick	1958	Willard S. Barbery	1964
O. E. Elkins	1958	A. F. Gregory	1964
Don C. Taylor	1958	John R. Fitzwater	1964
Glenn F. Nay	1958	S. Charles Jones	1964
Job Jones	1958	Luther L. Casto	1965
Harrison L. Phillips	1958	L. W. Burton	1965
Milton R. Eastlack	1958	L. D. Yost	1965
Peery J. Null	1958	Gracen D. Kidner	1965
Jessie L. Bowen	1958	Joseph B. Dryfield	1965
Charles A. Powers	1958	Columbus J. Allender	1965
Benjamin F. Hill	1958	William E. Anderson	1965
Charles S. Thompson, Sr.	1958	William Byus, Sr.	1965
W. E. Keenen	1958	William H. Folgesong	1965
A. A. Schoolcraft	1959	Paul Redfearn	1965
John R. Chevront	1959	John L. Sarver	1965
E. L. Lowery	1959	Leslie H. Strader	1965
H. E. Sumner	1959	John R. Washington	1965
Harry V. Wheeler	1959	Walter Anthony	1966
Arthur E. Beckett	1959	Frank Sampson	1966
Orville W. Esteppe	1960	B. F. Wright	1966

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