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Southfork Baptist Church

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SOUTH FORK BAPTIST CHURCH

South Fork Baptist Church was received into Concord Association in 1878. In the meeting of the Association in 1880 they asked aid in building a meeting house. It was at this time that land was donated to the church to build a house.

In 1882, J. E. Kenney was pastor of South Fork Church. During that year the church increased by better than 26%. The revival was held by Bro. Garland Lusby and there were eighteen additions to the church. This made the total membership come to a grand total of 86.

The pastors of South Fork's history are as follows:

Joe A. Hensley.....	1883
W. J. Agee.....	1886
C. M. Riley.....	1888
J. D. Clark.....	1890
J. F. Jones.....	1892
Louis Thomas.....	1912
Bro. Bowden.....	1917
Orlie Hale.....	1919
S. A. Cooper.....	1921
Birgett Kemper.....	1922
Otta Pierson.....	1939
Jim Masterson.....	1940
Orlie Hale.....	1943
Bruce Stives.....	1952
Charles Connley.....	1956
Jasper Keith.....	1958

Terry Bray	1959
John Curry.....	1964
Daniel Lovell	1965

*Much of the Church's records were lost in a fire. Therefore this list may contain some error.

South Fork Baptist Church has not ceased to be on the move for the Lord from its beginning. Before 1919, the church only had preaching one Sunday a month. However, in 1919, they began half time preaching, and later in 1940, they called Otta Pierson as their first fulltime pastor. Sunday School, B. T. U., and Pray Meeting were added later to church program at South Fork. The church has not progressed without its hardships, however. The people had to overcome many problems to continue its work for the Lord Jesus Christ. But, the church now stands as a light house on a hill for Christ.

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