

## Conrad Nathan Glover, 1941-1946, 1952

(A full account of Bro. Glover's life and ministry was given in **Conrad N. Glover: Memoirs**, published by Bogard Press, Texarkana).

C. N. Glover was born near Prattsville, AR on October 27, 1895. He was the son of Robert W. Glover and Mary Ann Young Glover. In the summer of 1913, when he was almost eighteen years of age, Conrad was received into Harmony Baptist Church and baptized on July 6, 1913.

Conrad N. Glover became a rural mail carrier by appointment on January 2, 1915. He held this position as a rural mail carrier for 36 years and 3 months.

During World War I, he was inducted into the Army on September 18, 1917. He was discharged from the military service on July 1, 1919, with the rank of sergeant.

On March 16, 1922 Bro. Glover announced his call to preach at Big Creek Baptist Church in Sheridan.

C. N. Glover and Gladys Rushing were married on May 3, 1925. They had one daughter, Mary Beth Glover Wilson, who was born Feb. 23, 1940.

When the Missionary Baptist College opened in 1919, he was one of the first eight students to enroll. Glover remained in the College for the next fourteen years, either as a student or as an instructor. He was awarded the Bachelor of Theology Degree in 1925, the Associate of Arts in Bible in 1930, the Associate of Arts in Secular Education in 1931, the Licentiate in Instruction in 1931, and the Doctor of Divinity in 1931. The Missionary Baptist Seminary conferred its first degrees on Dr. Glover in 1937, the degrees of Doctor of Church History and Doctor in Bible.<sup>i</sup>[xiii]

Dr. Glover was Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the Missionary Baptist College from 1926 until 1934.<sup>ii</sup>[xiv] Dr. Glover was elected Vice-President of the Missionary Baptist Seminary at its founding in 1934, and continued in that position until 1971.

When the American Baptist Association was organized on Dec. 10, 1924, Conrad Glover was a messenger from Big Creek Church in Sheridan. He had previously attended the "unification meeting" at Texarkana in March. During the years that followed, and until near his death, he had only missed two sessions of the ABA.

He served as Moderator of the Pine Bluff Association for twenty-five years, beginning in 1939.<sup>iii</sup>[xv] He was moderator of the State Association for six years, from 1942 until 1948, and was President of the American Baptist Association from 1941 until 1946, and then by his request, for one session (1952), after the BMA split. After serving as President, he was honored as Parliamentarian for the remainder of his useful life.

He was elected a member of the Missionary Committee in 1925 and served until 1934. He was a member and chairman of the Planning and Building Committee that developed the Bookstore and Printing Complex in Texarkana.

His first pastorate was at Little Creek Church, beginning the first Sunday in November of 1924. In the fall of 1925 two other fourth time churches, Fairview and Smyrna in Lincoln Co., called him as pastor. Therefore, he was pastor of three churches at the same time--Little Creek at Sheridan, 1925-1926, Fairview, Saline Co., 1926-1927; Smyrna, Lincoln Co., 1926-1927.

Bro. Glover led in the organization of what is now Olive Street Baptist Church in 1926, and continued as pastor for five years, until 1931. He was "...called and accepted the First Baptist Church in Sheridan in the fall of 1931. This church held services two Sunday Mornings and every Sunday Evening. He preached at Harmony Baptist Church in Prattsville the other two Sunday Mornings.

He was called by Oak Grove Baptist Church, near Rison to preach two Sunday Mornings and one Saturday Night each month, beginning in November of 1931. He continued as pastor there until Oct. 1947.

After leaving First Baptist in Sheridan, he was soon called by Philadelphia Church near Prattsville, where he pastored there for eight years. He was also called to serve Sardis Church at Grapevine. He stayed at Sardis from 1939 until 1951. During the same period, he served Sweet Home Church near Prattsville, where he preached on Saturday and Sunday afternoons. He pastored Springhill Church near Greenbrier in Faulkner Co. in 1945-1947.

Bro. Glover also led in the organization of First Immanuel in Pine Bluff in 1939, and served as pastor in 1939-1940. He also started what is now First Landmark in Gould and served as pastor from 1947-1953.

In 1953 Dr. Glover became pastor of Bethany Church, west of Pine Bluff. After serving at Bethany for twelve years, Dr. Glover intended to retire from the pastoral ministry. However, the Marlow Church, ten miles north of Sheridan called him and he pastored that church from 1963 until 1968.

Bro. Glover spent 44 years in pastoral work with sixteen different churches until 1968, when he determined to devote his late years in writing, lecturing and evangelism.

In addition to his work within the Pine Bluff Association, Bro. Glover traveled extensively. He was present and assisted in the founding of the Texas Baptist Institute, Henderson, TX; Florida Baptist Institute, Lakeland, FL; and the Oxford Baptist Institute, Oxford, MS. He traveled to Japan and Korea in 1972, and assisted Dr. Roy Reed in preaching in the missions and organizing a church in Korea.

He died on April 3, 1986 and was buried in Philadelphia Cemetery, near his boyhood home.

--Copied from Ashcraft, Robert, History of the American Baptist Association, p. 562-564.

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i[xiii]Foreman and Payne, I, pp. 451-452.

ii[xiv]Foreman and Payne, I, p. 452.

iii[xv]C. N. Glover, "C. N. Glover Accounts of Stewardship," **Missionary Baptist Searchlight**, March 10, 1965, p. 2.