

April 19 was a great day for the folks at the Unity FWB Church in Deep Run. This young congregation which has been in existence for less than 9 yrs. burned the note on their church building. This church was born on July 16, 2000 under the leadership of Rev. Jimmy Mercer. They began with 64 charter members. Today, Rev. Wade C. Parker leads the congregation. He has been with the church for almost two years and remains excited about what God is going to do in the future through the Unity church.

Talk about strange beginnings, this church began in a building that was a local bar and night club. The building was purchased with three acres of land for \$58,000. Three years later, the congregation moved into their brand new sanctuary, that is simply breath-taking. In order to build the new building, the church secured a loan of \$250,000, but much of the work was done by members of the church. Recently, the note was paid off and the church is now debt free.

Unity FWB Church is a place of miracles. A place where God has done some mighty things. It is estimated that the church and its properties are worth almost \$1,000,000.

On April 19 the note was burned. The Marksmen Quartet from Clinton sang during the Sunday School hour as well as during the worship service. Rev. Jimmy Mercer, Unity's first pastor was present and spoke about some of the great things he had seen God do for the church. The key-note speaker was NC Promotional Director, Rev. Billy Keith. He spoke from Philippians 3 and challenged the church to remember the past, but to look ahead as well.

After the worship service concluded, the congregation gathered outside for the note-burning. Afterwards a wonderful meal was enjoyed by all.

We all join together in saying, "To God be the glory!"