

From page 22, History of First Baptist Church, Woodruff and page 17 from “*The Reedy River Baptist Association Minutes 1835, regarding Cedar Shoal Church, Spartanburg District*”

"The Reverend Miles Rainwater 1823-1826. In July, 1823, Miles Rainwater was called to take charge of the church as pastor. During his pastorate which continued until August 1825 seven members were added to the church roll. The Reverend Rainwater was ordained to the Gospel ministry by the Cedar Shoals Baptist Church May 24 1817.

Born in 1787, Rainwater married Nancy Miles*, daughter of Thomas and Sarrah Farrow Miles. Nancy s grandmother was Rosanne Waters Farrow, Revolutionary war heroine. To Miles and Nancy were born the following children: Mary, Miles, Milly, Vashti, Mariah, Silas Mercer, and Jane Amanda.

A. B. Woodruff ably describes the Reverend Rainwater in one sentence: "He was an excellent preacher and citizen and maintained a good character to the end of his life." He preached his last sermon at Bethel July 5, 1826. Following the service that evening he went to the home of John Brewton, a member of Unity Baptist Church, to spend the night. During the night he became violently ill, and soon died there in the thirty-ninth year of his life. He had been afflicted with illness for about five years." ©719

* *Glidie Rainwater Mobley indicates that his wife's maiden name was Edwards.* ©290