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HOOD MEMORIAL

A. M. E. ZION CHURCH

I was asked by Bishop C. R. Harris, A. M., D. D. and the trustees of Hood Memorial A. M. E. Zion church, Bristol, Tenn., to give up the St. Louis district and come here and take charge of this congregation and try and save the church building from being sold. The indebtedness at that time was \$3,400. I adhered to the special request and came, took pastoral charge and set about to raise money with which to pay off the debts, and this was about four years ago, and as a result the whole of the mortgage debt was paid and we only owe \$600 of floating debts. The building stands today clear of any and all mortgages and the membership has been much encouraged, and has also increased numerically as well as spiritually. This is the fourth year of my second term. I was appointed pastor of this church seventeen years ago, and remained here three years, built a new church and paid for it, except \$232. This building was burned about seven years ago, and the building we have now is a solid brick and block. The blessings of God be and remain with us all to the end. Amen.

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Pastor.
