

over 80 years of age, his mind and memory as bright as that of a boy.

He grew up in this locality and remembered Eusebia church well. He said the first building was of logs, and after a time it was not large enough to accommodate the congregation, and an addition was made, which was framed and weatherboarded. Our pioneer fathers were believers in education, and when a church was organized and built, a school house was added in proximity, so the school house was erected down by the side of the grave yard, and it stood there until only a very few years ago. I am sorry that it was ever torn away. It was a monument to the memory of our pioneer Presbyterianism, and a reminder of devotion to education.

The second house of worship was an old building when I can first remember. It was a frame weatherboarding, and it appears to me now that the seating capacity was larger than that of the present building. Two doors facing the west, each entering in at an aisle, and a door at each side of the house, a cross aisle passing between them, from door to door. The pulpit was at the east end of the house, the platform for the preachers being some four feet high, with stand in the center, and a flight of steps at each end of the stand, guarded by handsomely turned railing on each side, a bench at the back next the wall for the preachers to be seated. In front of the pulpit facing the audience there was a bench long enough for six persons, on which the singer sat facing the audience who led in singing.

Eusebia had hymn books from my earliest recollection, so there was seldom any "lining out" of the hymns, as was the custom in most of the other churches. There were two large chandeliers, of wood, nicely turned and finished, with arms extending and candle sockets for perhaps a dozen candles. These chandeliers were suspended from the ceiling, and when the doors were open the wind passing gave a swinging motion, impressing on my child mind a feeling of solemnity and reverence never forgotten.

Some little distance to the east of the church building the shed and cottages stood for camp meetings. It was a large open shed with a platform as I remember it, at the lower end, near six feet high, which was occupied by the preachers, and one or two elevated seats about half the height of the platform in front on which the singer, then called "clark" sat, and led the singing. The preachers and singer faced the audience. The seats for the audience were arranged facing the pulpit, and the rise of the ground gave them a gradual rising as they receded so that all would have a good view of the speakers and singer, who also would have a good view of the audience. At a distance of perhaps thirty feet, as I remember, from the edge of the eaves of the shed there were cottages arranged in regular order, then called "camps" in which the families of the worshipers would live during the camp meetings.

Families would provide bunks with straw or hay, so there would be plenty of sleeping room for the family and for strangers and invited guests. Plenty of provisions were brought, a week or more would be given to worship, both day and night.

There was another camping place, at which Eusebia and New Providence held joint meetings. We have been unable to learn of any shed or cottages there, in fact such could not be safely constructed because of occasional high waters. It was on the island just below the ford crossing Little river on the main Sevierville public road. It is now a very fertile field and the west branch of the river has nearly disappeared. Imagination can play to the full extent as to what was the beauty of the place, shaded by large forest trees, clean, sandy ground, the limpid waters of the river playing on all sides, making music as they leaped over the rocks and shallows of the stream, a bold spring of purest water boiling up out of the bank at the upper end; in the waters of the river fish could be seen in plenty, playing in the pure stream which then was free from any contaminating or foreign substance, while the songs of birds in the branches of the trees made melody over head.

Let the imagination look back to this place, with all these beautiful surroundings and scenes, and then for the people of God to assemble and raise the songs of praise accompanied with prayers, exhortations and thanksgivings, we can but ask if there could be an earthly place and surroundings, more like a heavenly abiding place.

Then from time to time the joint congregations of Eusebia and New Providence churches, together with the inhabitants coming from far and near, gathered spending a season in sowing the seeds of righteousness which have been yielding a harvest, sending out messengers to all parts of the world and handed down to us, who now inherit the rich, boundless blessings we enjoy in this generation, so boundless that we do not fully realize what the Heavenly Father, through the labors and sacrifices of our pioneer fathers has bestowed upon us. Let us, in like manner, strive to increase in our own devotions and pass on down multiplied, to coming generations and the world.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

