

HISTORY OF CARR METHODIST CHURCH

1916 - 1975

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With a shift in the growth of population in 1915 a group of Methodist found themselves in the Carr Community with no Methodist church. The time being "horse and buggy" days made it most inconvenient to travel five or six miles to the nearest Methodist church. Rev. Ross of the Leasburg charge met the need by preaching in the Carr schoolhouse. Sunday School was also organized with Chesley Noble as superintendent. The school building was soon outgrown and ceased to meet the needs of the group. Rev. J. M. Ormond of the Hillsborough Charge became interested and as a result a tent meeting was held on the school grounds and with Rev. Ormond and other members of the clery of the Durham District participating, Carr Church was born.

Dr. W. E. Murphy and wife, Betty, donated a small plot of land adjoining the school building for a church. On this plot of land the present building was erected in 1916. Some of the charter families of this organization included the following: Yates, McAdams, Murphys, Jobses, Pentecost, Holts, Nobles, Coopers, etc.

Between the years 1916 and 1922 Carr was served by the Mebane and Hillsborough Charges with J. M. Ormond, R. G. L. Edwards, B. F. Boone, and J. E. Blaylock as pastors. Some time around 1922 a permanent charge consisting of Cedar Grove, Walnut Grove, Carr and Prospect was formed. A parsonage was built at Cedar Grove with E. C. Durham as its first occupant.

In 1928 the congregation at Carr under the ministry of F. A. Lupton decided the present site of the church was inadequate for the addition of a cemenetry. Phillip Cooper donated a plot of land consisting of 2.1/5 acres about 500 yards east from the Murphy site and the church building was moved where it still stands on a lovely pine covered plot with cemenetry just behind it. As you travel Route 49 from Roxboro to Burlington you get a view of this little white church with its spire pointing heavenward reminding you that God dwells, is loved, worshipped and served in this community.

The ministers who have served this little flock of ardent members are as follows:

F. A. Lupton
J. M. Dimmette
S. F. Nicks
J. C. Williams
K. C. Duval
J. B. Hurley
H. B. Lewis
R. Z. Newton
Z. O. Elkin

During the pastorate of Mr. Elkin, it was decided to divide the charge and make two: (1) Cedar Grove and Prospect (2) Walnut Grove and Carr. Both being served by Duke students, Carr and Walnut Grove located their parsonage at Walnut Grove with Sidney Stafford being its first occupant. The site for the parsonage was donated by Wilbur Cole, a lovely small lot adjacent the church. The parsonage consists of three bedrooms, living room, dining area, two baths and a study.

The churches have functioned very well under the ministry of the dedicated Duke students. It is with a sense of admiration and mission that we watch and grow with these men who are growing in stature and wisdom and favor with God and man. Our love and prayers go with them as they come and go. The following have served within the past several years:

Sidney Stafford
Roy Dickerson
Rutledge Sheridan
Clark Poole
Ron Jones

Some outstanding changes that have been made by some of those who served for the betterment of Carr Church are: (1) the spiritual dedication of E. C. Durham with untiring efforts in all walks of life in the community put us on a higher spiritual plane; (2) the two lovely church buildings left us by S. F. Nicks would grace any area together

with his passion for building a spiritual community;
(3) the "ministry" of practicing the presence of God
always and the abandonment of the old assessment plan
and the introduction of the budget plan for each church
by H. B. Lewis. These changes have meant much to our
stewardship.

These are but a few of the legacies left us by the
ministers who each in their own way left us something
that lead us closer to God. Our gratitude goes to
each of them. To the Duke students (both men and
women who have served us go our prayers and good
wishes.

"THE CHURCH IS THE HALFWAY HOUSE BETWEEN
THIS WORLD AND THE NEXT; WHEREIN ALL WHO
FALTER ALONG THE WAY MAY FIND STRENGTH
AND GUIDANCE TO CONTINUE THE JOURNEY."

(Anon)