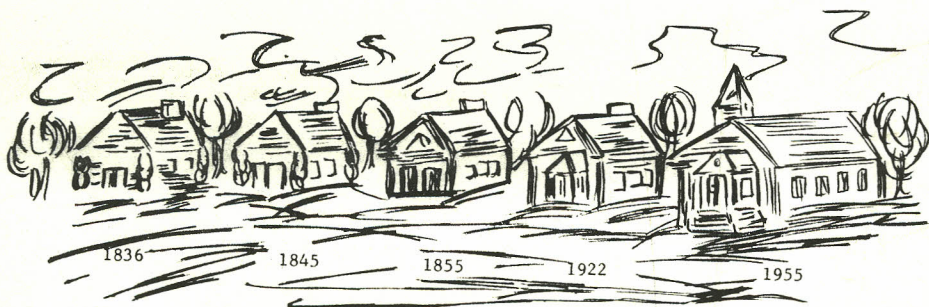


HISTORY OF CLOVER GARDEN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The Clover Garden United Methodist Church, like most of the older Methodist Churches in America, had its beginning in Camp Meeting Revivals conducted by Methodist Circuit Riders on "Flint Hill Camp Meeting Ground" near the present Clover Garden Church. On that Camp Ground a Log Meeting House was raised in 1836 known as "Flint Hill Camp Meeting House". A few years later, according to neighborhood reports, a larger Log Church, 1845, was built a few hundred yards back of the present church grounds and used for a few years as both a church and school house.

About 1855 a New Building was erected a few yards from the present site and name of church was changed to Clover Garden. This building was remodeled in 1922, and the two doors replaced with one double door opening into a central aisle replacing the two former aisles, also adding a stoop to the entrance of the church. In 1954 this wooden building was sold and moved away, and only a few feet away from the pillars of this church the present brick structure was erected. This New Sanctuary was completed and Dedicated on September 18, 1955. For 137 years, these five Sanctuaries under the ministry of 52 pastors, the people of Clover Garden have carried forward the mission of Christ and His Church in the redemption of mankind.



According to the records of the North Carolina Conference the Clover Garden Church from 1836 to 1973 has been on circuits with other churches that often shifted from Charge to Charge, the name of which was sometime changed. Beginning with 1836, Clover Garden for several years was on the Hillsboro Circuit, then the Alamance Circuit, later South Alamance, Swepsonville, Saxapahaw, and at present Whitney-Cross.

