Dedicated to the Memory of Unsurpassed Devotion to Gardner's:
Gardner's United Methodist Church
A Brief History of
the Transformation of Gardner’s Schoolhouse and Chapel
on Murchison Road into the Gardner’s United Methodist
Church on Rosehill Road – 1884 to 2014:
A Journey of Faithfulness and Commitment

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Note: This effort was brought about by finding interesting programs for the Sunshine Club.
This is not an exhaustive study of our history where we have access to all the minutes and
records of our church. Some of our faithful will not be mentioned, but many of our active
and faithful will be. We apologize for these omissions. Our initial thought was to give meaning
and identity to all those initials in our pastoral record and the efforts of our church laity.
Truly this is but a start for a more complete accounting of our history. The best is still to come.
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A special thanks to the many who contributed to the content of Gardner’s United Methodist Church History. Suzanne Barwick of the NC Conference of the United Methodist Church History and Archives Division in Garner NC provided much help to the success of this project. The cover picture was taken by Roger Howle on the occasion of the 75th Homecoming Sunday in 1995. How many of the participants can you identify?
History of Gardner’s Methodist Chapel and Church in Fayetteville NC

“In the late fall of 1884 the members and delegates of the North Carolina Conference assembled at ‘Fifth Street Station’ in Wilmington for the annual session. Bishop Linus Parker presided at the Conference. There was some discussion about the Conference being too large, and a committee was appointed to study the feasibility of a division. It was even more apparent that the Cape Fear Circuit was too large and this division was acted upon promptly. Lillington, Parker’s Grove, Spring Hill, Trantham’s Creek, and Gardner’s were placed into the newly created Lillington Circuit. The Rev. John H. Hall moved from the Pekin Circuit to become the pastor of the new circuit.”

“John Hubbard Hall was born in Fayetteville in 1858 and received his education at Donaldson Academy in Fayetteville and State University after which he taught for two years at the Fayetteville High School. His first appointment had been the Pekin Circuit where he preached for two years. He married Ida Holland in 1883 and was assigned to the Lillington Circuit the following year. His most noted work began in 1910 when Rev. W. L. Cunningham, residing elder of the Raleigh District suddenly died, and Hall was appointed to complete his unexpired term. Later he served the Rockingham District and the Elizabeth City District as presiding elder and made a good executive officer. Hall was a great Christian gentleman, full of faith and good works; his contemporaries admired how he completed the rescue of historic Fifth Street Church in Wilmington during a four year pastorate there. What had appeared to be a struggle for survival was overcome through his diligence, hard work, and very effective leadership. Death overtook this faithful servant of the church at Elizabeth City in 1925. He was buried there at 67 years of age.”

“Gardner’s Schoolhouse was the most remote point on the Lillington Circuit. It was not even an organized church but a Sunday school group meeting at Gardner’s Schoolhouse on the Murchison Road four and a half miles north of the center of Fayetteville. The school was organized by a small group around 1885 as a mission project from Hay Street Church led by the presiding elder S. D. Adams and had upwards of 60 pupils in attendance. William J. Gardner (1847-1922), a large landowner and farmer in that community, gave land to build a schoolhouse; and consequently, a one-room pine log structure was erected for the purpose of instructing children in a day school. The cabin as it was seen then was thatched together by wooden pegs, had a plank floor, three shutters, and one door. The long, hard wooden benches had no backs to them and were very uncomfortable. From the ceiling, there hung a kerosene lantern. All Sunday School classes were held in the same room. Others of Methodist sympathy who assisted in the building and later kept the services regular were Edward Graham, D. B. Waddell, and Supt. W. J. Gardner.”

“What success was experienced there by Rev. John H. Hall on his frequent visits or by any of his immediate successors is not written into the record. Sometime after 1889 Gardner’s Schoolhouse was removed from the Lillington Circuit. The Person Street-Calvary Charge including Gardner’s Schoolhouse

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2 Ibid, p. 151
3 Ibid. p. 154
was organized in 1914 with the following pastors: N. M. McDonald (1914-15), C. R. Canipe (1915-16),
and L. H. Joyner (1916-18). The most brilliant period was in 1918 when the Rev. Thomas H. Sutton, a
brother-in-law of Miss Elizabeth Lamb who wrote the history of Hay Street Church, came into the
schoolhouse to hold a revival. He was a retired preacher and took the time to not only present a
challenging and beautiful picture of the gospel, but after closing the meeting led the inspired
congregation into organizing a church. The seasoned, decaying schoolhouse breathed a fatal stillness,
quietly bowing to an old age that was past and giving way to the new. Twenty people came out of that
revival meeting to organize a new church. One of his final acts before his death was for W. J. Gardner to
once more bestow his benevolence and give an acre of land on the old Sanford Road, now Highway N. C.
210, for the erection of a new white framed church. It was completed in 1920 and the old schoolhouse
dismantled. Just two years before the elder Gardner died at seventy-five years of age. The trustees of
the church were J. A. Shaw, Joseph Hall, and T. E. Hall. Elizabeth Shaw Mintz was the capable secretary
and worked tirelessly with the youth of the church for a many years. "The Official Roll of Gardner's
Methodist Chapel in 1934 included the following - 1) Board of Stewards: W. R. Robinson, Mrs. S. L.
Smith, and Mrs. O. B. Reeves; 2) Trustees: T. B. Hall, W. J. Shaw, and T. E. McLamb; Missionary
Committee: B. B. Burke, Mrs. W. R. Robinson, and Mrs. D. M. Gardner; Christian Stewardship
Committee: Mrs. James Hall, Mrs. L. M. Simmons, and Mrs. W. J. Eason; Director of Golden Cross: James
Hall; President of Epworth League: Mrs. M. T. Mintz; and Sunday School Superintendent: J. T. Hall."

The Louise Smith Bible Study Class was formed in 1953 for young adults. It was named after
Pastor Walter A. Smith's wife Louise. Oscar B. Reeves, a Sunday School Superintendent of many years,
had the honor of seeing a modest educational building constructed of cinder blocks and named after
him in 1956. Box suppers and ice cream suppers were held in order to support the building. Quilts were
sold to buy books and literature. Miss Annie Bolton was the first church pianist.

In the 1960s, the area of the Murchison Road where the church was situated became
increasingly commercialized. The road had been widened and highway noise became a growing
problem. There was little room for expansion and many of the members who had lived within walking
distance of the church had moved into other neighborhoods. So in August 1964 the congregation in a
very close vote cast their ballot 38-37 to move the congregation from Murchison Road to another
location.

Under the leadership of Rev. Fred Falls Jr, 3 ½ acres of land were purchased on Rosehill Road.
An educational building was erected with plans to use the fellowship hall as the sanctuary until a new
one could be built. The first service in the new building was held in January 1967, with attendance

4 Ibid., p. 154
5 Historical Sketch of Hay Street Methodist Episcopal Church, South: 1808-1934, by Elizabeth Lamb. Fayetteville:
The Church, 1934 – p. 85
6 Methodism in the Upper Cape Fear Valley, p. 155
doubling from the previous Sunday. The Methodist Church became the United Methodist Church in 1968 when the National Church joined with the United Brethren to form one church.

Rev. Jack Hunter served as our pastor in 1970 at the birth of Participation Day. Under his leadership, the congregation went all out to liquidate the debt on its buildings in order to build the new sanctuary. Bill Stewart and his mother Liz headed up the first Participation Day. The idea came from the Harvest Sale held at the Spring Hill United Methodist Church in Mamers NC. A lot of hard work and preparation goes into each one of these events – the first Saturday in May. Each family is asked to donate two or more newly made or purchased items for the auction. Original art and hand-made items are welcomed. Don’t forget to come and bid on the items. During the auction, there are baked goods for sale as well as a food tent for great-tasting hamburgers and hot dogs. Two one-week mountain timeshares are auctioned off as well as the church quilt at 12 noon. Bring your auction items to the Friday Night Preview for fun, food, entertainment, and frivolity. Through this special and sacrificial giving, an indebtedness of $100,000 was liquidated on the parsonage and church building in 1974 with a dedication service in May 1974. Over the years some $400,000 has been raised through Participation Day.

In 1976, Gardner’s began participating in a Day Camp program at Camp Rockfish through Fayetteville’s Urban Ministry, a NC Conference mission project. About thirty children, three adults, six teen-age counselors from the church and surrounding areas attended this program. In 1977, Pastor Sam Brown was chosen by the NC Conference to serve as a coordinator of a Methodist work team sent to Bolivia for a three week period to help build a parsonage in the remote village of San Pedro.

Rev. Stephen E. Young and his wife Jean arrived at Gardner’s in 1978 and left in 1983. Rev. Young and his wife were full of energy. In 1981 after seven years of fund raising, ground was broken on a new worship center. The building committee was chaired by Lynn Baker. The new 315-seat sanctuary was consecrated on November 7, 1982 with over 400 people in attendance. During Rev. Gunter’s tenure in 1986, a balcony and new stained-glass windows were added to the sanctuary. Pastor Gunter added 50 members to the church rolls each year of his four-year ministry. It is said: “He had a very balanced approach in making decisions.”

Rev. Mike Davis was appointed to Gardner’s Church in 1995 and ministered in the College Lakes area for eight years. He did yeoman duty in building up contacts within the community by putting in place a number of innovative programs. They included the Beverly Barr Cancer Support Group, a Lay Shepherding Outreach Program, members sponsoring college students, the Rosa Vista Nursing Home Outreach, parish nurses helping others, and a Partnership with College Lakes and Warrenwood Elementary Schools – all with an energized and dedicated laity. His wife Karen did much to create a significant church music program with her natural talent on the organ, directing the choir and cantatas, and her work each year with the VBS songsters. In 2000, the Gardner’s United Methodist Church received recognition from the NC Annual Conference as 1) the Conference Outstanding Church of the Year in Evangelism, 2) the Bishop’s Award for Excellence in Scouting, and 3) the designation of A Rainbow Covenant Congregation” – going the second mile in missions support throughout the world. The Viola Smith Media Center was dedicated in 2002.
On Participation Day, May 8th, 2004, the church received a check for $40,000 as its share of the sale of the community building, which was built across the street from the old church building on the Murchison Road in 1949. Some of the funds were used for roof repairs.

Under Pastor K. Bryan Sexton, a six-week study of *The 40 Days of Purpose* based on Rick Warren's *The Purpose Driven Life* involved ten small home groups from February 6 to Easter Sunday, March 27, 2005. The study brought about an increased focus on the value of a purpose-driven life.

Rev. Herbert Lowry Jr was appointed to Gardner's in 2010 as our first cross-cultural appointment. He has brought us back from declining Sunday Worship and Sunday school attendance in the 40s and 20s to 100+ per Sunday for worship and 35+ for Sunday School. Area youth are coming to Sunday School, participating in the United Methodist Youth Fellowship, mixing it up playing basketball in the parking lot, and joining the congregation in on-going programs of the church. Rev. Lowry is an extraordinary gifted preacher with a passionate, extemporaneous delivery. Every Sunday is a revival experience pointing to an “altogether Christian” life and altar call. We desperately need this message in the “sin-sick-sorry-world” in which we live. Under his leadership, the sanctuary has immeasurably been improved by a state-of-the-art projection and sound system, new carpeting, and paint. The church campus has never looked better with meticulous care of the grounds, a repaved parking lot, new grills for family outings, and a commercial basketball goal post for area youth. The parsonage too has been upgraded with new flooring, kitchen and bathroom cabinets, microwave oven and range. Our congregation reaches as never before to a world in need: operation blessing, feeding the homeless at operation-in-as-much, caring for needy children at Warrenwood Elementary School with back packs when not in school, answering to the needs of various families suffering under financial and health stress near and far-removed from the church, and NC Annual Conference and UMCOR offerings.

No adequate idea of the history of Gardner’s United Methodist Church can be reached unless one becomes intimately acquainted with the spiritual life of the church as it has been manifested at Sunday School and Sunday worship, Bible Study, small prayer vigils and services, choir rehearsals, and official meetings of the church. Ministers come and go, so the local church needs dedicated laity who worship and work together. Gardner’s has, indeed, been blessed with many loyal, dedicated members.

It has been said: “This church, like all others, has experienced many vicissitudes in its history. Sometimes circumstances have been unfavorable and the trials and tribulations have seemed almost unsolvable. But a few faithful, heroic ones pushed on amid the gathering gloom, till, with the blessings of the Lord God, they came out of the cloud into the sunshine of His glory.” [We list some of those who have given leadership and a special faithfulness to Gardner’s over the years in The Index of Names/Active Members by year of full membership at the end of the booklet]
Origin of Key Groups at Gardner’s

United Methodist Women: The United Methodist Women inherited the vision and dedication of the women’s missionary societies of eight denominations in 1869. It’s more than 140-year legacy started when the Women’s Foreign Missionary Society first organized in Boston in response to a lack of women’s health in India. Strong Women’s Home Missionary Societies were formed in the 1880s.

The Ladies Aid Societies, which had existed for many years, were incorporated into the missionary societies in the 1940s. In 1973, United Methodist Women became the women’s mission organization of the United Methodist Church. They are committed to helping women grow as whole persons and experience God’s presence through fellowship and outreach. The United Methodist Women provide a strong center for supporting missions, families, and Christian values. Gardner’s has always had a strong women’s group. Present day leaders have included Nellie Cottingham, Eleanor Hardwick, Hazel Hall, and Kay Frazier. Hazel Hall has served with distinction as Fayetteville District President. The only male other than the church pastors who were named as honorary members include George Hardwick.

United Methodist Men: In the late 19th century there were groups of men organized under various names including: the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, the Brotherhood of Andrew and Philip, the Brotherhood of St. Paul, and the Mizpah (ancient Israel town four miles northwest of Jerusalem meaning “an emotional bond between people who are separated”) Brotherhood – later known as Wesley Brotherhood.

In 1907, the Brotherhood of St. Paul held its national assembly in Columbus, Ohio. They agreed that their movement would be stronger if all men’s ministries were organized under a single banner. They invited the Wesley Brotherhood to appoint an equal number of delegates to attend a meeting to discuss consolidation. They met in Buffalo in March 1908. By the end of the meeting, the delegates had formed the Methodist Brotherhood (including some 1,500 churches across the denomination). Later in 1908, the General Conference in Baltimore made it official. Current leaders have included Barry Cates, Charles Henderson, Mike Cassanova, and David Vanpelt.

United Methodist Youth Fellowship: With the merger of the Oxford League and the Young People’s Methodist Alliance, the Epworth League was born on May 14, 1899. This group gathered for Bible study, social events, and projects raising money for the Church. Mrs. M. T. Mintz was President of the Epworth League at Gardner’s Chapel in 1934. The Epworth League became the Methodist Youth Fellowship in 1939 after the merger of Methodist North and Methodist South and the United Methodist Church after the merger of the Methodist Church and the Evangelical United Brethren in 1968. Presently, there is a grass roots effort to revive the Epworth League in the Servant Community United Methodist Church 35 miles west of Milwaukee WI. More recently Roger Howle, Jim & Sandy France, and Pastor Lowry have led the youth at Gardner’s.

Boy Scout Troop #598: “Troop 598 really had its beginning and nucleus in Pack 598, which was originally chartered to the Kelly-Springfield Tire Co. The first den mothers were Linda Prevatte and Carol Elrod. Their dens met in their homes as is customary w/Cubs, a few den meetings were held at our home. Boys who crossed the bridge into scouting from Pack 598 went into Troop 1, which was also chartered to K-S Tire Co. Many of the boys who graduated into scouting were very active Cub scouts who had attained Arrow of Light Honor. They and their parents wanted a vigorous and active scout troop, which Troop 1 was not at that time. Sometime ca. 1982-83 Pastor Steve Young approached me about starting a scout troop at Gardner’s to fill the perceived void; Steve knew that I had been a scout and still had a lot of interest in the program. I agreed, and that’s how Troop 598 began, with myself as Scouting Coordinator (the term for institutional representative at that time). Butch
Elrod, an Air Force officer at Pope AFFB, became the first Scoutmaster. After a year or two, Butch yielded the post to Michael (Mike) Long, an Army NCO who was an Eagle Scout and an Order of the Arrow vigil honor member. Mike was a thoroughly experienced Scouter whom the boys loved, and he did an excellent job of nurturing and training them as well. I continued with the Troop and the TUOCS scouting district until 1989, when increased rank and responsibilities in the Army Reserves forced me to give it up, unwillingly. [Submitted by Joe Darden]

Jack Hendrix served as Scoutmaster of Troop 598 for some years. He took over from Rick Haden and served until he retired in 1990. He worked with the following Scout leaders: Clay Potter, Joe Darden, Hoot Gibson, and Ray Hines, Sr., John Mininger, and Sammy Gilliard. Under Barry Cates tenure as Scoutmaster, the Troop was awarded the Bishop’s award of Excellence by the NC Methodist Conference several times. [See listing of 31 Eagle Scouts who have come out of Troop #598 at Appendix V]

George Hardwick started his 52 years of scouting at Fort Devens in Massachusetts in 1962. The God and Service Award is a national recognition awarded by churches and national youth agencies cooperating with Programs of Religious Activities with Youth (P.R.A.Y.).

James Royal Scholarship: James Royal was a member of Gardner’s affectionately known as the chewing gum man. He always passed out a warm smile, a stick of gum, and God’s Love to all children at Gardner’s. As his love for them grew, he began to contribute to a fund to help graduating seniors go to college until others chipped in at a much later date. Graduating high school graduates who plan to attend schools of higher learning may apply in March of each year for a scholarship. The recipient is recognized in June. The applicant must be a member of Gardner’s UMC at least a year prior to their application date. Preference will be given to active members. The age limit for first time applicants is 21. An individual may receive a scholarship more than once, but preference is given to graduating high school graduates. An incomplete listing of recipients can be found at Appendix V.

Sunshine Club: The Sunshine Club was formed some thirty years ago by Clara Matthews Burke and Lucille Butler for mature adults 55 and over meeting once a month for day trips, special programs, and a noon meal with lots of fellowship.

Ladies Bible Study: “When arriving at Gardner’s, Pastor Mike Davis asked me if I had ever thought of leading a Bible study. I responded with astonishment, ‘I have no background in biblical studies or theological training.’ However, Mike was persistent and spoke of the need for small Bible Studies in homes. ‘Being new to a growing faith, I was scared and hesitant to commit to this idea, but finally agreed. I asked Mike to be the leader and he graciously agreed. I opened my home in the Spring of 1996 to our first Bible Study on The Lord’s Prayer, by Maxie Dunham. We had six ladies present. During our second study, he called one Monday and said he had a pastor’s meeting and I had to lead. ‘He had reeled me in and I felt like a fish floundering in the boat.’ This of course made me study and become prepared. Soon many others joined. We branched out to specific women’s studies and had lots of laugh with “The Bad Girls of the Bible.”

“From 1996 through 2003, I had the privilege of leading our group. This was an absolutely wonderful faith experience for me and deepened my love for all the participating ladies. In 2003 due to personal circumstances, I returned to work. Although I love teaching school, I do miss my weekly Bible Study time and thank the Lord for giving me the will power for stop floundering in the boat and to step out of my comfort zone. Ten years later the ladies are still carrying on with the help of Hazel Hall, Rosa Darden, and Leslie DeSessa” – Carol Belanger
Appendix I: Gardner’s Methodist Chapel/Church Stats

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*Base Salary excludes Parsonage & Utilities, Travel Expenses, Health Insurance & Pension

It’s not always easy to figure out what is said by numbers until you examine what’s behind them. Gardner’s Schoolhouse/Chapel on Murchison Road was always part of a multiple church charge from 1884 through 1951 and usually under the guidance of the Hay Street Methodist Episcopal Church. Beginning as a Mission Project of the Hay Street Church, it survived at various times as a three-point to 4-point charge including the Person Street, Calvary, Victory, Downing Street, Johnson Memorial, and Wesley Heights Methodist Churches. From 1914 to 1950, Gardner’s Chapel was part of the Person Street/Calvary Charge, not to break away until Rev. Marion C. Henderson stayed at Person Street and Rev. Barney L. Davidson was appointed to Gardner’s in 1950. Calvary Methodist Episcopal Church was originally called Lewis Chapel in 1904 located at 1955 Ireland Drive, but changed their name to Calvary Methodist a few years later. The parsonage was adjacent to the Person Street Church in the early years, then was located at 906 Lakecrest Drive off Country Club Drive in 1961 when Rev. Cecil Dean Brown became Pastor. The Rosehill Road parsonage was built in 1974.

Gardner’s Chapel never showed up in the earlier NC Conference Journals but was listed under “Rural” or “Country” church headings in the 1920s and eventually under the heading of “Reports of Individual Churches Not Elsewhere Listed in the Statistical Records” in the 1930s & 1940s. This information would always appear on the last page of the Statistical Reports at the end of the Conference Journal.

By the numbers, 30% of our pastors graduated from the Duke University Divinity School (known earlier as Trinity College); three of our pastors were student pastors: Cecil Dean Brown, Fred Falls Jr, and Jack Manly Hunter; five of our pastors added 30 or more new members each year to our membership...
rolls during their ministry here: Roger Thompson (55), Ed Gunter (50), Steve Young (35), Fred Falls (30), and Sam Brown (30). A questionnaire on the statistical, financial, and membership health of the church was forwarded by Pastor Fred Falls Jr to the Department of Architecture at the Division of National Missions of the Methodist Church in 1965. Membership at that time totaled 201, average worship attendance 101, average SS attendance 99, and the church budget amounted to $8,269 with 50 contributing families. The church leaders projected, if funds were available to build a new church, an anticipated membership of 400, average worship attendance of 250, and an average SS attendance of 150 would be realized within the next few years. That prediction became a reality 20 years later in 1985 when Gardner’s could boast of a membership of 500, an average worship attendance of 200, and an average Sunday School attendance of 135. The low points perhaps came in 1995 and 2010 created by a liturgical debate, splitting the Boy Scout Troop #598 between two churches, the introduction of a more contemporary worship form of worship, and the aging of the congregation as a whole. We live in a more complex world today in presenting the gospel message with so many other distractions all around us. It is pointed out by the experts that 60% of the unchurched in our community are not open to any kind of church attendance.

At least 15 Years of Devoted Service*

Sylvia Clemenger Baker – 30+ years as intermittent pianist/organist/choir director
William J. Gardner – 30+ years as SS Superintendent
Mike Cassanova – 30+ years as Church Council Chair, Participation Day Auctioneer, and Furnace Stoker
Peggy Todd – 24 years as SS teacher
Elizabeth Shaw Mintz – 20 years as youth worker
Julian Clemenger – 20 years as SS teacher
George Hardwick – 16 years as Church Scout Coordinator
Oscar B. Reeves – 15 years as SS Superintendent

*This is for sure just the tip of the iceberg!

1st Row: Sheila Edwards & Jean Holland at the piano
2nd Row: Margeri Smith
3rd Row: Marvin Smith, Frances Stewart, & Viola Smith
Appendix II: Brief Biographical Sketches of Our Pastors from 1884 to 2014 of Gardner’s Schoolhouse, Gardner’s Chapel, and Gardner’s United Methodist Church

John Hubbard Hall (1884-1885): b. 1/2/1858 (the son of Henry G. & Emily Robinson Hall of Fayetteville NC and a family of ministers); licensed 12/1882 at Raleigh; m. Ida Holland in 1883; d. 12/15/1925 in Elizabeth City [Obit found in the 1925 Conference Journal, pgs. 99-103]. He pastored Methodist Churches for 42 years along with his wife Ida Holland. They included the Lillington Circuit, 1884-85; Elizabeth City, 1894-97; Wilmington, Fifth Street, 1898-1901; Rockingham, 1902-04; Elizabeth City District Elder, 1905-08; Raleigh District Elder, 1910-14; Rockingham District Elder, 1914-1918; Retired to Elizabeth City, 1918. “Wherever he went on circuit, station or district, he was a conscientious worker for Jesus Christ. Horace Bushnell pointed out in his great sermon on an “Unconscious Influence” that the real service of a man is not what he says or does, so much as in what he is. John Hall radiated righteousness.”

Thomas Henry Sutton (1918-1920): b. 11/1862; m. Miss Mary Lamb on 1/22/1896; d. 4/1937 [Obit found in the 1937 Conference Journal, pgs. 86-87]. Rev. Sutton graduated from Trinity College. He served as a Junior Preacher at Campbellton Mission #2 in 1892 and Hay Street Methodist in 1893. His appointments included: Wilmington: Trinity, 1895; La Grange Circuit, 1897; Wilmington & Hamilton, 1900; Northampton Circuit, 1904; Hope Mills Circuit, 1906; Four Oaks Circuit, 1909; Siler City Circuit, 1912; Jonesboro Circuit, 1916; Fayetteville: Person Street/Calvary/Gardner’s, 1918; Revival at Gardner’s Schoolhouse in 1918; and retired in 1920. He brought 3 persons into the Methodist Ministry. He & his wife built a retirement home next to her birthplace in the “Sunnyside” section of Fayetteville. It is said he had “a passion for souls for His Savior, Jesus Christ.” He was laid to rest in the Cross Creek Cemetery.

Eli Carson Maness (1920-1924): b. 6/1891; ordained in 1919; m. Annie Covington in 1912; and d. 1/1968 [Obit found in the 1968 Conference Journal, p.167]. He was appointed to pastoral assignments on the Goldsboro Circuit, 1919; Person/Calvary/Gardner’s, 1920; Bailey, 1924; Fuquay Springs, 1927 (It was said he “left some of his blood here in establishing a new church due to handling bricks until his hands bled); Northampton, 1931; Rose Hill, 1935; Chadbourne, 1938; Brookdale, 1942; Pittsboro, 1950; Apex, 1952; Retired, 1954; Walstonburg, 1955.

H. M. Hodges (1924-1926) – No records available!

W. J. Wilson (1926-1927) – No records available!

James Gabriel Johnson (1927-1929): b. 6/1861; m. Julia Smith on 1/1/1889; joined Conference in 1886; d. 1/1945 [Obit found in 1945 Conference Journal, pgs. 135-136]. It was said of him: “I have never known a more radiant soul with a more devout consuming passion for the conversion of men, women, and children.” His pastorates included Cateret, Marton, Craven, Mt. Olive, Mattamuskeet, Battleboro & Whitaker, Garysburg, Windsor, Jonesboro, Selma, Princeton, Garner, Laurel Hill, Roberdell, and Person Street/Calvary/Gardner’s.

Robert Johnson Lough (1929-1931): b. 10/1874; m. Maude Kiser in 1895; ordained in 1926; d. 1936 in Norfolk VA [Obit found in 1936 Conference Journal, pgs. 84-85]. He served churches on the Bath Circuit, Grafton, Hookerton, Person Street/Calvary/Gardner’s, Carver’s Creek, Milton, and Currituck.
"Brother Lough suffered severe pain for several years, the nature of which was never determined. Only his wife knew, and she only in part, what he really suffered."

John Watson Autry (1931-1932): b. 5/1872 in Fayetteville; m. Beulah Green of Durham in 12/1907; ordained in 1908; d. 11/1944 [Obit found in 1945 Conference Journal, pgs. 133-134]. It was said of him: “Brother John had a keen analytical mind. His observations were original and clear and interesting.” His appointments included Durham; Branson, Murfreesboro & Winston, Bethel, Mattamuskeet Circuit, Nashville, Craven, Magnolia Circuit, Haw River Circuit, Orange Circuit, Tarboro, Burlington: Webb Ave, South Alamance Circuit, Mt. Tirzah Circuit, Person Street/Calvary/Gardner’s, and Wadeville.

Carl Anderson Johnson (1932-1934): b. 3/1885, on trial in 1915, WNCC, in Reidsville. He transferred to the NCC in 1922 and died in 1935 (Wilmington). His funeral was held at the Person Street Church in Fayetteville [Obit found in the 1935 Conference Journal, pgs. 78-79] He served churches in Kennekeet, Stumpy Point, Chowan, Seven Springs, Roseboro, and Person Street/Calvary/Gardner’s. “His legacy was a life well lived, and a name honored and beloved by all who had the privilege to know him well. He was friend to rich and poor alike, to the saint and sinner.”


J. P. Bross (1937-1938): b. 2/1876; m. Inis Reid in 5/1929; d. 4/1943 [Obit found in the 1943 Conference Journal, pgs. 139-140]. He was ordained elder in the South Georgia Conference in 1910. He served churches in Georgia, Texas, and North Carolina. In North Carolina, he served churches in Wanchese, Halifax, Currituck, Person Street/Calvary/Gardner’s, and Troy. “He struggled for every mile he covered. He was never a pessimist or defeatist. He never complained about the hardships of the Methodist itinerant ministry.”


Omer Clyde Melton (1941-1945): b. 1890; joined WNCC in 1927; m. Jottie D. Davis; and d. 1963 in Clinton. [Obit found in the 1963 Conference Journal, p. 150]. He was appointed to churches in Kinston, Gareysburg Circuit, Shallotte, Lumbeerton Circuit, Columbia, Garland, Person Street/Calvary/Gardner’s, Mamers, Cordivo, and retired in 1952.

of calling was so strong that he continued to serve churches in Stokes, Bath, Jamesville, and finally gave up the itinerant ministry and settled in Halifax, renovating and beautifying the old Methodist parsonage with his wife. It was said of him: “He was an understanding shepherd of the people he served, compassionate and challenging preacher of the Word of God, and a gentle but firm guide to his children.”

Marion Charles Henderson (1846-1948): b. 5/3/1896 (Bessemer); m. Allie Maude Love in 1914; joined conference in 1925; d. 10/1963 [Obit found in the 1964 Conference Journal, p. 157]. He served churches for 37 years in Stallings, Acheboro, and Saxapahaw in WNCC; West Burlington, Person Street/Calvary/Gardner’s, Roxboro/Carthage/East Rockingham, and Kipling. He retired in 1962. It was said of him: “He preached the Gospel of Jesus Christ with a passion. His highest moments came at the altar of the church where following his challenging evangelistic sermons and inspired altar calls, he saw many make their profession of faith.”

Walter E. Smith (1948-1949 & 1952-1959): b. 1901 (Deep Run in Lenoir County), m. Louise Faulkner on 12/27/1919, d. 1991 [Obit found in the 1991 Conference Journal, pgs. 279-280]. Bro. Smith was involved in newspaper work for the Kinston Daily News, Greenville and Smithfield Newspapers as well as the Fayetteville Observer. He worked for 32 years as a make-up man, foreman, and linotype operator for the Fayetteville Observer. He served as a Lay Pastor all his ministry in Cumberland County. He was known as the “Preacher Printer.” He served the following churches: Johnson Memorial (Supply), 1940; Downing Street (Associate) & Culbreath Memorial, 1942; Broadway, 1945; Wesley Heights & Gardner’s, 1948; Fayetteville: Gardner’s, 1952; Tabor, 1959; St. John’s, 1961; Tabor, 1962; Parkton, 1969; and Tabor, 1973. He spent the last 17 years of his ministry as the Tabor United Methodist Church minister in the Cedar Creek Community. Smith claimed: “Most of my sermons are evangelistic. I preach the whole thing – salvation through Jesus Christ – the only way, love of God and judgment of God.”

Martin Reed Chambers (1949-1950): b. 4/12/1895, ordained in 1916, m. Dena Thompson in 1922, d. 1/8/1984 [Obit found in the 1984 Conference Journal, p. 226]. Bro. Chambers knew “the words to almost every hymn. A high tenor he sang loud harmonic – a bit off key at times but not enough to bother him.” Among his writings were nine volumes of statistics showing the records of each church in the NC Conference. These materials were used as resources for locating 100 new Methodist congregations. He served churches in Tennessee, Virginia, and Georgia. In North Carolina, he was appointed to Chafres in Tyner, Murfreesboro, Milton, Fayetteville: Person Street/Calvary/Gardner’s, Rockingham, Rowland, and Tabor City where a coronary attack forced his retirement in 1958.

Barney L. Davidson (1950-1952): b. 1920 and d. 7/20/2009. He attended Officer Candidate’s School and joined the 542nd Parachute Infantry Battalion at Camp Mackall near Hamlet NC. He remained in the Army Reserves after WWII, retiring as a lieutenant colonel. He served churches in the NC Conference at Fayetteville: Gardner’s Chapel/Wesley Heights/Johnson Memorial, Cary: 1st UMC, Morehead City: 1st UMC, Goldsboro: St. Paul’s UMC; and Wilson: 1st UMC. He twice served as District Superintendent, once for Fayetteville and secondly for the Burlington District where he also served as President of the Bishop’s Cabinet.

Billy H. Parrish (1959-1960) – no records available!

Cecil Dean Brown (1960-1963): b. 1936 (Anadarko OK; “maintained average grades in high school and was primarily interested in plays, girls, and football,” graduated in 1954; signed up with the Air Force and saw duty in NC & TX; m. Susan Jane Jernigan after a blind date in NC in August 1957; left
the military in 1958. He graduated from East Tennessee State College in 1960 and applied to Duke Divinity School for admission. While he waited, the Fayetteville DS appointed him as pastor at Gardner's. This information came from a booklet prepared by the young people of the Intermediate Class of VBS held at Gardner's Methodist Chapel during the week of June 12 thru June 16, 1961. Aundrey Fulcher became close friends to the Brown family after "Dean" helped her out after her daughter was born. She states that after Divinity School, Rev. Brown became a military chaplain and eventually moved back to Oklahoma, living in Oklahoma City and the city of Moore where his wife Susan worked as a lawyer. He has since died.


Roger Everett Thompson (1967-1969): b. 9/4/1934; m. to Roberta Altman for 51 years; ordained elder in 1967; d. 9/25/2009 [Obit found in the 2010 Conference Journal, p. 224]. Brother Thompson served the following NC churches: Grimesland, 1959; Shiloh, 1960; Cameron /Center Charge, 1961; Siler City, 1965; Gardner's, 1967; Stedman, 1969; Rockingham: Pee Dee, 1970; Snow Hill, Calvary, 1975; Smyrna, 1977; Roxboro: Concord, 1979; Northampton, 1980; Ocean View, 1984; and retired in 1987. Rev. Thompson had served as a Chaplain/Captain in the USAF and later in the U.S. Army Reserves. In 1968, he received an award from the Annual Conference for bringing in the most new members in one year: 55. After he retired from the Methodist ministry, he was employed as a chaplain at the NC Department of Corrections. His favorite quote: "God is good: All the time God is good."

Jack Manly Hunter (1969-1976): wife, Wilma; ordained elder in 1966. Bro. Hunter was appointed to the following churches: Stedman, 1964; Gardner's, 1969; Murfreesboro, 1976; Durham: Asbury, 1980; Dunn: Divine Street, 1984; Farmville, 2000; Retired, 2007. During 1970, the first Participation Day occurred. It is said of him: "Before he ever made a decision, he would confer with the old, the young, and those in-between." Others have pointed out that "He had memorized the telephone numbers of the whole congregation and shelled peas in Bessie Smith's living room."


Guy V. Soule (1983-1984): b. 8/22/1935; wife, Francy; ordained elder in 1980, d. 10/16/2006 (Burlington) [Obit found in the 2007 Conference Journal, p. 507]. He served 20 years in the USMC and Marine Corps Reserves. After working in industry for many years, he went on to receive a doctorate from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary at Wake Forest NC. All his life he was an avid track and cross country runner. One of his achievements was winning the state title in low hurdles his junior year
in high school. He pastored churches in Gibsonville: Shiloh; Burlington: Front Street, and Fayetteville: Gardner's.


Neil Evans Smith (1988-1989): wife, Alice; ordained elder in 1980. He pastored churches in Pasquotank; Maybrook: Massey; Henderson City Road; Erwin; Cordova; Gardner's. He became a Clinical Chaplain at the McCain Correctional Hospital in 1989 and retired in 2006. He claimed: "He was a big country boy from Hope Mills." His wife was slightly injured in a shootout at Luigi's Italian Restaurant on August 8, 1993.


Donald Keith Stewart (2007-2010): wife, Deidre. Pastoral assignments included Ether, 1992; Raleigh: St. Mark's (Asso), 1996; Robersonville, 1997; Rones Chapel, 1999; Smith, 2001; Westwood, 2002; Gardner's 2007. He left the Methodist ministry in 2010. It is said of him: "A kind, gentle family man."

Appendix III: Pictures of the Pastors Over the Years

John Hubbard Hall (1884-85)
Thomas Henry Sutton (1918-20)
Eli Carson Maness (1920-24)
H. M. Hodges (1924-26)
W. J. Wilson (1926-27)
James Gabriel Johnson (1927-29)
Robert Johnson Lough (1929-31)
John Watson Autry (1931-32)
Carl Anderson Johnson (1932-34)
Hyman Leroy Harris (1934-37)
J. P. Bross (1937-38)
Millard Whitfield Warren (1938-41)
Omer Clyde Melton (1941-45)
Daniel C. Boone (1945-46)
Milton Charles Henderson (1946-48)
Walter E. Smith (1948-49 & 1952-59)
Martin Reed Chambers (1949-50)
Barney L. Davidson (1950-52)
Billy H. Parrish (1959-60)
Cecil Dean Brown (1960-63)
Fred Falls Jr (1963-67)
Roger Thompson (1967-69)
Jack M. Hunter (1969-76)
Samuel H. Brown (1976-78)
Stephen E. Young (1978-83)
Guy V. Soule (1983-84)
Edward Marvin Gunter (1984-88)
Neil Evans Smith (1988-89)
Lawrence Clayton Higgins (1994-1985)
Kenneth Bryan Sexton (2003-07)
Donald Keith Stewart (2007-10)
Herbert Lowry, Jr. (2010-Present)
Groundbreaking for the New Church Building on Rosehill Road
(Fayetteville Observer on May 30, 1966)

GROUNDBREAKING—Marvin Smith, with shovel, a building committee member at Gardners Chapel Methodist Church on Rosehill Rd., turns the first shovel filled with earth to signal the beginning of a $75,000 educational unit. The structure will contain about 7,800 square feet and will comprise a fellowship hall, 12 classrooms and other facilities. From left in the photo are Mike Furin, a youthful church member; Ben Dardin, building committee member; Smith, and the Rev. Fred Falls Jr., pastor; W. E. Hood, building committee member; and the Rev. Barney Davidson, district superintendent. Other members active in the project are Mrs. Rosa Dardin, Mrs. Nellie Cottingham, Jerry Barnes, Julian Clemenger and Mrs. Gladys Burke. (Observer photo)
Eli C. Maness (1920-24)
H. Leroy Harris (1934-37)
Millard W. Warren (1938-41)

Omer C. Melton (1941-45)
Daniel C. Boone (1945-46)
Marion C. Henderson (1946-48)

Martin R. Chambers (1949-50)
Barney L. Davidson (1950-52)
Appendix IV: Bulletins of Celebratory Events

Rev. Fred Falls, Jr. - Easter Bulletin for 1963

Rev. Fred Falls, Jr. – “We Will Build Banquet” on November 10, 1965

Rev. Fred Falls, Jr. – “Service of Consecration” on January 15, 1967


Rev. Stephen E. Young – “Consecration Service” on November 7, 1982
Gardners Methodist Church

Murchison Road    Fayetteville, N. C.

FRED FALLS, Pastor

HOURS OF WORSHIP

Sunday School .................................................. 10:00 A. M.
Morning Worship .............................................. 11:00 A. M.
Evening Worship .............................................. 7:30 P. M.
**GARDNER'S METHODIST CHURCH**
Fayetteville, N. C.
Rev. Fred Falls, Pastor

DIVINE WORSHIP 11:00 A. M.

**Prelude**  Miss Sylvia Clemenger

**Call to Worship**

**Invocation**

**Hymn No. 221 CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN**

**Affirmation of Faith** Apostle's Creed
I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

**Gloria Patri**

**Psalm**

**Pastoral Prayer**

(concluded with the Lord's Prayer)  Adult Choir

**Scripture Lesson**

**Presentation of Tithes and Offerings**

**Doxology**

**Hymn No. 241 HE LIVES**

**Invitation to Christian Discipleship**

**Hymn No. 220 "CHRIST AROSE"**

**Benediction**

**Prelude**  *congregation standing

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**WELCOME VISITORS** - WE of Gardner's Methodist Church extend to you the warm hand of fellowship and pray God's blessings with you always. If you do not have a church home we invite you to unite with us here at Gardner's. We pray that during this service you have had an experience with Christ that you will never forget.

**Calendar:**

- **Sunday 6:00 MYF Gardner's**
- **Wednesday 7:30 Choir Practice**
- **Saturday 9:00 MYF Paper Drive**

**Our Record**

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**New Members:** We are happy to welcome into our fellowship the following who have united with us on profession of faith: Mr. Lee Bruner Jr., Mrs. Lois Rhyme, Miss Francis Estep, Mrs. Juanita Estep, Mr. Charles Estep. We pray that our church will be as much help to you as you will be to the church in passing it on to the community.

**Every Member Canvass** - Did you know that it was easy to go in debt for a new car, refrigerator, television, or some other modern convenience with three years to pay for it. But did you know it was hard to make a pledge to the church for 52 Sundays. The church systematic giving in order that it may pay its debts to society and to help mankind throughout the world. Won't you make a pledge in future for the support of your church next year.
WITH GOD'S HELP
WE WILL
BUILD
FOR THE FUTURE
BANQUET

WESTAREA COMMUNITY CENTER
Wednesday, Nov. 10, 1965
7:00 P. M.

GARDNER'S METHODIST CHURCH
Peyetteville, N. C.

THE OFFICIAL BOARD
MARVIN SMITH CHAIRMAN

Robert Holland
John Burke
Beaty Butler
James Thigpen
Don Farmer
Lee Brunner
Jerry Barnes
Ben Darden
Howard Furin
C. F. Holland
Nathan McBride
Gladys Burke

Julian Clemenger
Mary Lou Barnes
Nellie Clemenger
Aundry Purin
Viola Smith
Nellie Cottingham
Jean Holland
Jennie Gardner
W. E. Hood
Rosa Darden
Rev. Fred Falls

BUILDING COMMITTEE
Nellie Cottingham
Ben Darden
Jerry Barnes
Marvin Smith
Julian Clemenger
W. E. Hood
Gladys Burke
Rosa Darden

"Give of Your Best to The Master"

"The Lord hath Chosen thee to build
a house for the Sanctuary; be strong
and do it."

I Chronicles 28:10
M E N U

- Bar B Q Pork
- Fried Chicken
- Slaw
- Green Beans
- Sweet Potatoe
- Slaw
- Hush Puppies
- Rolls
- Cupcakes
- Coffee
- Koolaid
- Tea

P R O G R A M

Invocation  Fred Falls

S A N Q U E T

C H U R C H S C H O O L
Karen Engh  Junior Dept.
Clara Burke  Kindergarten Dept.
Sylvia Clemenger  Youth Div.
Marvin Smith  Superintendent

C H U R C H L E A D E R
Julian Clemenger

C A M P A I G N D I R E C T O R
Dr. Hiram K. King

O u r C O M M I T M E N T
B E N E D I C T I O N

"Let Us Rise Up and Build."  Nehe. 2:18

R E M E M B E R

Sunday, Nov. 14  -  L O Y A L T Y  S u n d a y
Sunday, Nov. 21  -  V I C T O R Y  S u n d a y

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Sign the Prayer Vigil
In holy reverence, and in confidence that God our Father will accept that which we do in his name, I now declare this house to be open for the worship of Almighty God.

For the preaching of God's Word; for the due administration of the holy Sacraments; for the conversion of sinners, the edification of believers, and the salvation of the world, we reverently set apart and consecrate this building, in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

For nurture in the truth of the Holy Scriptures; for Christian teaching, fellowship, and service, we reverently set apart and consecrate this building, in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Let us pray,

O God, who hast sent thy beloved Son to be unto us the way, the truth, and the life: May thy blessing attend this enlargement of our opportunities; grant us, we beseech thee, the guidance of thy Holy Spirit, that we, looking ever unto him, may set forward the teaching power of thy Church, to the nurture of thy children, the increase of thy kingdom, and the glory of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Benediction:

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the Love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

*Choral Response ___________ "Amen" ___________ Choir

*Postlude

*Congregation Standing

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Gardners Methodist Church
LOCATED ROSEHILL ROAD

"ENTER TO WORSHIP DEPART TO SERVE"

SUNDAY SCHOOL __________________________ 9:45 AM
MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE __________________________ 11:00 AM
EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE __________________________ 7:30 PM
METHODIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP (MYF) __________________________ 6:30 PM

PAUL N. GARBER __________________________ Bishop
BARNEY L. DAVISON ________ District Superintendent
FRANK PAUL

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Your gates shall be open continually, day and night they shall not be shut. Violence shall no more be heard in your land, devastation or destruction within your borders; you shall call your walls Salvation, and your gates Praise.
The sun shall be no more, your light by day, nor for brightness shall the moon give light to you by night; but the Lord will be your everlasting light, and your God will be your glory.
Your sun shall no more go down, nor your moon withdraw itself; for the Lord will be your everlasting light, and your days of mourning shall be ended.

*The Gloria Patri Congregation

Affirmation of Faith

let us unite in this Historic confession of faith
I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Scripture lesson: Ephesians 4: 1-16, Matthew 28: 16-20

Pastoral Prayer

Choral Response "Amen" Choir

Announcements

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn No. 410 "We've A Story To Tell To the Nations"

SERMON: The World is Not Enough Rev. Fred Falls

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

*Hymn No. 150 "A Charge To Keep I Have"
SYMBOLIC BURNING OF MORTGAGE

CHAIRMAN OF TRUSTEES—Ray Rogers
CHAIRMAN OF ADM. BOARD—Marcus Cary
CHURCH LAY LEADER—Marvin Smith
BUILDING FUND TREASURER—Mary Barnes
SPECIAL MUSIC—"The Church's One Foundation".......Genesis Sound
BENEDICTION
*CHORAL RESPONSE
CANDLE LIGHTING—Omega

The flowers on the piano today were given by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bishop.
The flowers on the Altar today were given in memory of Alfred David Bill
by Lee Garvis and Carl Coleman.

NURSERY TODAY: Mrs. Henry Powers, Janet Rogers

EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE 7:30 P.M.
(Second and Fourth Sunday Only)

1. All evening activities cancelled today
2. United Methodist Women Tuesday ........................................ 9:30 a.m.
3. Rest Home Visitation Tuesday (H) ..................................... 7:00 p.m.
4. Bible Study Wednesday .................................................... 7:15 p.m.
5. Adult Choir rehearsal Wednesday ..................................... 8:00 p.m.

BIRTHDAYS MAY 22-29—Mary Joyner 23, Kay Zickfouse 27, Shielia
Edwards 27, Raddy Hughes 23.

Our sincere thanks to Larry Frazier for the sketches on front of today's
bulletin.

NEXT SUNDAYS ACTIVITIES

SERMON: The Cost of Courageous Christianity
SCRIPTURE: St. Matthew 14:1-12
FLOWERS: Mr. and Mrs. Paul Darden
NURSERY: N. Cottingham, Maude Johnson
REFRESHMENTS: Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Hood
EV. WORSHIP: 7:30 p.m.

I was glad when they said unto me let us go up to the house of the Lord.
Jesus loved the Church He died and gave Himself for the Church.
Thy decrees are very sure; holiness befits thy house O Lord for evermore.
The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

Gardners United Methodist Church
Dedication Day
May 19, 1974

Rose Hill Road
Church: 488-6651
Fayetteville, N. C.
Parsonage: 488-2350
GARDNERS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

JACK M. HUNTER ........................................... Pastor
MRS. LYNN BAKER .................................................. (A) Choir Dir.
MRS. MARCUS CARY ................................. (Y) Choir Dir.
TRAVIS HURT .......................................................... (GS) Choir Dir.

May 19, 1974 11:00 A.M.

PRELUDE .................................................. Mrs. Lynn Baker, Pianist
(LET US REVERENCE GOD WITH PRAYERFUL SILENCE)

CANDLE LIGHTING—Alpha

HYMN—“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee” ......................................... No. 38

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ............................................ No. 788

THE LORD’S PRAYER

BIBLICAL WORDS OF ASSURANCE

SPECIAL MUSIC—“Something For Thee” ........................................... Youth Choir

HYMN—“O For A Thousand Tongues” ........................................... No. 1

RESPONSIVE READING ......................................................... No. 606

GLORIA PATRI

RECOGNITION OF SPECIAL GUESTS

SILENT PRAYER AND MEDITATION

PRAYER—James H. Miller, Jr.

CHORAL RESPONSE

OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

DOXOLOGY

INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER

ANTHEM—“Rise Up O Men Of God” ........................................... Chancel Choir

SERMON—Bishop Robert M. Blackburn, Raleigh Area

Act of Dedication

PRESENTATION by J. Marcus Cary, Chairman Adm. Board

BOARD CHAIRMAN: We present these houses to be dedicated to the glory of God and the services of men.

THE BISHOP: By what name shall they be called

BOARD CHAIRMAN: They shall be called Gardners United Methodist Education Building and Gardners United Methodist Parsonage.

THE BISHOP: Beloved in the Lord, we rejoice that God put it into the hearts of his people to build these houses to the glory of His name. I now accept these houses to be known as Gardners United Methodist Education Building and Gardners United Methodist parsonage to dedicate them and to set them apart for the Worship of Almighty God and the service of all men. Let us therefore, as we are assembled, solemnly dedicate these houses to their property and sacred use.

To the glory of God the Father, who has called us His grace; To the honor of His Son, Who has loved us and gave Himself for us; To the praise of the Holy Spirit, Who illumines and sanctifies us;

PEOPLE (standing): We dedicate these houses.

BISHOP:

For the worship of God in prayer and praise;
For the preaching of the everlasting gospel;
For the celebration of the holy Sacraments;

PEOPLE: We dedicate these houses

BISHOP:

For the comfort of all who mourn;
For strength to those who are tempted;
For light to those who seek the way;

PEOPLE: We dedicate these houses

BISHOP:

For the hallowing of family life;
For teaching and guiding the young;
For the perfecting of the saints;

PEOPLE: We dedicate these houses

BISHOP:

For the conversion of sinners;
For the promotion of righteousness;
For the extension of the Kingdom of God;

PEOPLE: We dedicate these houses

BISHOP:

In the unity of the faith;
In the bond of Christian brotherhood;
In charity and good will at all;

PEOPLE: We dedicate these houses

BISHOP:

In gratitude for the labors of all who love and serve this church;
In loving remembrance of those who have finished their course;
In the hope of a blessed immortality through Jesus Christ our Lord;

PEOPLE: We dedicate these houses (In Unison): W now, the people of this church and congregation,

compassed about with a great cloud of witnesses, grateful for our
heritage, sensible for the sacrifice of our fathers in the faith, confes-
sing that apart from us their work cannot be made perfect, do dedicate
ourselves anew to the worship and service of Almighty God; through
Jesus our Lord.

Amen.

THE BISHOP: Accept, O God, our Father, this service at our hands, and
bless it to the end that this congregation of faithful people may mani-
fest the Church of the living God, the pillar and ground of truth, and
so may this house be the place where thine honor dwelleth and the
whole earth be filled with thy glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of
heaven, we laud and magnify Thy glorious name, evermore praising thee and
saying:

(In Unison): Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are
full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord most high! Amen.

Prayers of Dedication (Congregation seated)  Bishop Blackburn
Reverend Miller
Reverend Hunter
C H U R C H S C H O O L
M O R N I N G W O R S H I P
E V E N I N G W O R S H I P (2 n d & 4 t h Sunday)
M Y F (A g e s 6 - 2 1 ) (2 n d & 4 t h Sunday)
M E T H O D I S T M E N (B r e a k f a s t — F i r s t Sun d a y)
W S C S (N i g h t C i r c l e S e c o n d M o n d a y)
(D a y C i r c l e T h i r d T u e s d a y)
P R A Y E R M E E T I N G
A N D B I B L E S T U D Y (W e d n e s d a y)
9:45 A.M. 
11:00 A.M.
7:30 P.M.
6:15 P.M.
8:00 A.M.
FAMILY FELLOWSHIP (Fifth Sunday) 6:00 P.M.
7:15 P.M.
9:30 A.M.


Chairman of Administrative Board
Mike Casocanova
Brooks Grimes, Vice Ch.

Chairman of Trustees
Ben Darden

Church Lay Leader
Lynn Baker

Chairman of Council
On Ministries
Mrs. Marvin Burke
Mrs. Dwight Burke, V. Ch.

Recording Steward
Mrs. Charlie Bishop

Delegate to Annual Conference
C. W. Johnson

Chairman of Finance
Brooks Grimes

Committee on Nominations
Mrs. Billy Smith 1978
Mrs. Ben Darden 1978
Mrs. L. Baker, Sec. 1977
Brooks Grimes
Boaty Butler 1976
Mrs. Joe Phillips 1976

Parsonage Committee
Mrs. Brooks Grimes, Ch.
Mrs. Lucille Butler
Mrs. Bob Akers
Mrs. Thomas Quick
Mrs. Robert McCoy
Mrs. Jerry Burke
Postors Wife

Trustees Term Expires
Ben Darden 1978
Bob Akers 1978
John Butler 1977
Marcus Cary 1977
James Royal 1976
C. W. Johnson 1976

Sec. of Enlistment
Mrs. Garrett Smith

Health & Welfare
Mrs. Audrey Furin

Commemion Steward
Mrs. Herbert Smith
Mrs. John Butler, Asst.

Church Publicity
Mrs. Preston Sasser

Co-Ordinators
Family—Ben Darden
Adult—Donald Nye
Youth—Mrs. Edward Shearin
Children—Mrs. J. Phillips

Pastor-Parish
W. M. Stewart, Chairman
Mrs. Mary Barnes
Mallers C. W. Johnson

Finance Committee
Brooks Grimes, Chairman
Ben Darden
Lynn Baker
Charlie Bishop
W. M. Stewart
Mike Casocanova
Mrs. Robert Holland
Mrs. W. M. Stewart
Mrs. R. M. Burke
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Administrative Board
Robert Akers
Lynn Baker—CM
Mrs. Thomas Barefoot—CM
Charlie Bishop—CM
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Mrs. K. M. Burke—CM
Mrs. Dwight Burke—CM
John Butler—CM
Marcus Cary—CM
Michael Casocanova—CM
Mrs. B. T. Cottingham
Mrs. Julian Clemenger—CM
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Mrs. Ben Darden—CM
Mrs. Paul Darden
Nelson Edwards
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Audrey Furin
Mrs. Tommm Graham:
Brooks Grimes
Mrs. Robert Holland
W. E. Head
C. W. Johnson
Mrs. Bobby Morris
Robert McCoy
Donald Nye—CM
Mrs. Joe Phillips—CM
Preston Sasser
Mrs. Edward Shearin—CM
Mrs. Garrett Smith
*Marvin Smith
W. M. Stewart
Mrs. W. M. Stewart

*Members of Large

DR. ROBERT BLACKBURN ................................................. Bishop
REV. JAMES H. MILLER, JR. .............................................. Dist. Supt.
THIS WEEK AT GARDNERS

Today:
9:45 Church School for all ages
11:00 The Church at Worship
1:30 Picnic at Camp Rockfish with UMYF
6-7 UMYF'ers return from Planning Retreat

Tuesday:
7:30 District Council on Ministries

Wednesday:
1:30 BIBLE STUDY, Prayer, and Visitation
8:00 Adult Choir Rehearsal

Next Sunday:
8 a.m. METHODIST MEN'S BREAKFAST — All men of the church are invited.
3-7 OLD FASHIONED CHURCH PICNIC with games for all. We need some volunteers to help with the games. Bring a picnic supper and plenty to drink during the game time. Home made ice cream would be nice too.
7:00 COUNCIL on MINISTRIES Meeting
(Administrative Board has been postponed until next Sunday evening the 19th.)

BIRTHDAYS: SEPTEMBER 6 Wynne Barefoot, Mrs. Dorothy Burke, Stanley Grimes; 9 Beth Barefoot; 12 Michael O'Neal, Timmy Tyree; 13 Mrs. Sandra Kline.

ANNIVERSARIES: September 7 Mr. & Mrs. Michael Herring; 8 Mr. & Mrs. Brooks Grimes Jr; 9 Mr. & Mrs. Brooks Grimes Sr. 25th Anniversary; 11 Mr. & Mrs. J. Leamon Ashworth; 12 Mr. & Mrs. John Butler

TODAY is the second Sunday in Kingdomtide. KINGDOMTIDE is that season of the Christian Year in which we celebrate the Kingdom of God on earth and acknowledge the Lordship of Christ in our lives. Kingdomtide begins the last Sunday of August and continues until the first Sunday of Advent. Green is the liturgical color for Kingdomtide.

Our Church will host the Fayetteville District United Methodist Women’s “Day Apart” Program on Wed. Sept. 15, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Bring a sandwich lunch. Miss Ballance from Raeford is in charge of the spiritual growth program.

NEXT SUNDAY: FLOWERS: Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Burke
NURSERY: Mrs. Viola Smith and Mrs. Shirley Manges
Gardners
United
Methodist
Church

Stephen E. Young, Pastor

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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

November 7, 1982
Eleven O’clock

Consecration Service

~ We Gather for Worship ~
The Prelude: “Savior, Source of Every Blessing” Mozart
The Lighting of the Candles
The Call to Worship: “Open Now the Gates” the Adult Choir
*The Processional Hymn: “The Church’s One Foundation” No. 297
*The Invocation
Introductory Remarks Rev. Young

We Celebrate God’s Goodness
The Youth Anthem: “God Is So Good” the Genesis Sounds
*The Responsive Reading: “How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling” No. 579
*The Gloria Patri
The Children’s Anthem: “There Is Room for God” Cherub Choir

We Remember Those Who Have Gone Before
A Remembrance of Our Deceased
*A Time of Silent Gratitude

We Fellowship with One Another
The Welcome
The Recognition of Special Guests
A Word from Our Building Committee Chairman Mr. Lynn Baker

Announcements

We Offer Our Gifts to God
The Offertory Prayer
The Offertory: “Berceuse” Stickles
*The Doxology

We Consecrate Our Sanctuary
*The Hymn of Consecration: “Come, O Thou God of Grace” No. 352
The Words of Consecration
Rev. Herman Winberry
A Prayer for the Church
The Anthem: “Go, Make of All Disciples” the Adult Choir

We Hear the Word of God
The Introduction of Our Preacher
The Scripture Lesson: Acts 2:43-47
The Sermon: “Revival of Wonder” Rev. Winberry
*The Hymn: “I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord” No. 294

We Are Sent Forth
*The Benediction
*The Choral Amen
*The Extinguishing of the Candles
*The Postlude
* the Congregation Standing

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THIS WEEK AT GARDNERS

Today 9:45 a.m. Church School.
11:00 a.m. Consecration Service for the new sanctuary.
12:15 p.m. Covered Dish Dinner in the fellowship hall.
2:30 p.m. Visitation
3:45 p.m. Organ Recital on the new Allen organ by Rev. Stephen Young.
6:15 p.m. UMYF meeting
Mon. 7:30 p.m. Evening Circle
Tue. 6:30 p.m. Cherub Choir
7:00 p.m. Adult Choir
7:00 p.m. Cub Pack Meeting
Wed. 2:30 p.m. Junior Troop 592
6:30 p.m. Crusader Choir
6:30 p.m. Bible Study on Revelation
7:30 p.m. Genesis Sounds
Thur. 2:30 p.m. Cub Den 8
6:00 p.m. Webela and Cub Den 4
6:00 p.m. Junior Troop 49
Sat. 11:00 a.m. Class on the meaning of Holy Communion for children and their parents.
N Sun. 8:00 a.m. United Methodist Men’s Breakfast
6:00 p.m. Council on Ministries
6:30 p.m. Administrative Board

BIRTHDAYS: Nov. 8 Sheridan Barrett, Mrs. Ruby Quick; 12 Tim Craig, Rev. Walter Smith, Mrs. Cathy Agerella; 18 Mrs. Nellie Clemenger, Dennis Howard; 15 Mrs. Barbara Sheppard, Maria Dickson.

ANNIVERSARIES: Nov. 14 Charles and Mary Ann Cottingham

We welcome to the pulpit this morning the Reverend Herman Winberry, District Superintendent of the Fayetteville District. It is a great privilege to have him sharing in our celebration this morning.

The Building Committee completes two years of diligent work this morning. The Chairman has been Lynn Baker; the members have been Marvin Todd, Rosa Darden, Julian Clemenger, Brooks Grimes, Robert McCosley, James Royal, and Stephen Young.

Financial Summary for October:
Regular Budget: Budgeted $8924; Received $8915
Building Fund: Budgeted $667; Received $804

The flowers this morning are given to the glory of God by Brooks and Madeline Grimes.

District Conference will be Sunday, Nov. 21, at 8:00 p.m. at John Wesley United Methodist Church.

The Processional Hymn this morning will not be announced. Please stand and sing when the organist plays the introduction.
Appendix V:
Active Members through the Years

Shaw, Jennie (1920-86)
Shaw, Elizabeth (1920-58)
Shaw, Christine (1920-60)
Shaw, William (1920-64)
Hall, T E (1920-40)
Hall, Lucy (1920-40)
Hall, Jasper J (1920-43)
Hall, Grace (1920-66)
McLamb, Thomas B (1920-63)
McLamb, Alice (1920-36)
Smith, Ida (1920-55)
Hall, William L (1920-33)
Woodell, Frank W (1920-21)
Bolton, Daniel D (1922-61)
Bolton, Amelia (1922-70)
Robinson, William R. (1922-40)
Robinson, Mamie (1922-40)
Robinson, Mary Louise (1922-42)
Gardner, David M (1923-53)
Gardner, Marion (1923-48)
Wheeler, Robina (1923-48)
Wheeler, O D (1923-48)
Burke, John (1923-75)
Burke, B B (1924-56)
Burke, Alice (1924-41)
Simmons, Lloyd (1927-41)
Simmons, Maude (1927-41)
Lyson, Mittie (1929-68)
Penny, Jean (1930-2003)
Cottingham, Nellie (1934-83)
Gardner, William (1938-54)
Robinson, Dorothy Tyson (1935-79)
Holland, Clarence (1938-90)
Holland, Janie (1938-79)
Holland, Robert (1938-)
Furin, Mrs. Michael (1939-86)
Reeves, Oscar B (1939-54)
Bolton, May Belle (1940-)
Shaw, Berrie (1939-43)
Eason, Fannie (1940-86)
Tyson, Frances (1940-91)
Burke, Dorothy (1940-88)
Burke, Jerry (1940-2003)

Burke, Marvin (1940-90)
Barnes, Mary (1942-87)
Darden, Virginia (1942-)
Darden, Tommy (1942-2005)
Tyson, Walter (1945-2004)
Furin, June (1945-2004)
Furin, Joe (1945-91)
Darden, Ben (1945-95)
Darden, Gladys (1945-2007)
Butler, Beauty (1945-82)
Wildie, Janie (1945-2013)
Jennigan, Edna (1946-2003)
Syfrett, Elmo (1946-)
Matthews, Marvin (1946-79)
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Grimes, Wilton (1946-)
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Smith, W Marvin Jr (1948-)
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Moody, C Graham Sr (1951-82)
Hood, W. E. (1951-83)
Akers, Rebecca Burke (1952-2010)
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Paul, John Sr (1952-76)
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Smith, Virgil (1952-2004)
Byrd, Johnny M (1952-82)
Gibbs, Joseph J (1952-82)
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Dawson, Kara D. (2010 -)  
Dawson, Lawrence Daniel (2011 -)  
Winstead, David (2012-)  
Winstead, Patricia (2012 -)  
Matthews, Bob (2013-13)  
Montank, Kevin (2013 -)  
Navarro, Bonita (2013 -)  
Myles, Aleiya (2013 -)  
Diaz, Joe (2013 -)  
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**Active Non-members**  
Bass, Ronald  
Bender, Lily  
Briggs, Gisela  
Bright, Kathy  
Burgwin, Beverly  
Daniel, Justin & Tatiana  
Digby, Ken  
Digby, Brian  
Edwards, Frank  
Grant, Neil  
Grant, Colette  
Grant, Ajani (Alex)  
Small, Wendell  
Small, Lisa  
Taylor, Kyle  
Trost, Kathy  
Tull, Kevin  
West, Cynthia  
Williams, Joe  
**Multiyear Delegates to the NC Annual Conference**  
Cottingham, Nellie (8)  
Darden, Rosa (7)  
Preston, Gladys (7)  
Hall, Hazel (7)  
Hardwick, Eleanor (4)  
Phillips, Joyce (4)  
Smith, Louise (3)  
McCosley, Robert (3)  
Grimes, Brooks (8)  
**BSA Troop #598 Eagle Scouts**  
Dubberly, Patrick – 1985  
Howard, Donald – 1985  
Darden, Jason – 1986  
Parris, James – 1986  
Gibson, Scott – 1988  
Elirod, John – 1989  
Wray, Michael John – 1990  
Casey, Brett – 1991  
Helaz, Roy Jr – 1991  
Darden, Joel – 1992  
Hendrix, Michael – 1992  
Potter, William – 1993  
Dubberly, Brian – 1994  
Patel, Aarish – 1994  
Vaughn, Matthew – 1994  
Sias, Warren – 1994  
Deen, Yusuf Shamsid – 1995  
Cockman, Edward Jr – 1995  
Gilliard, Jason – 1996  
Lolley, Aaron – 1997  
Henderson, Stephen – 1998  
Fiegle, Ryan – 1999  
Gulley, Joshua – 2000  
France, James – 2001  
Zurawki, Marc – 2001  
Cates, Grant – 2002  
Neal, Andrew – 2002  
Tull, Arnold L Barnes – 2007  
Tull, Kevin L, II – 2013  
Hill, Timothy C Jr – 2013  
**James Royal Scholarship Recipients**  
Butler, Todd Linic (1989)  
Hendley, Christine (1995)  
Hendley, Michael (1995)  
Sheppard, Lisa (1996)  
Maier, Chris (1997)  
Maier, Chris (1997)  
Maier, Chris (1997)  
Franken, James (1998)  
Frazier, Aaron (1998)  
Maier, Stefanie (2000)  
Cates, Grant (2004)  
Belanger, Kyle (2005)  
Strickland, Leah (2006)
Appendix VI: An Early History of Person Street Church:
Shared Pastors with Gardner’s Chapel from 1914 to 1948*

"On August 22, 1836 a mission was started near the Cape Fear River and named Campbellton after the small historic village that adjoined Fayetteville, but this effort soon failed. An attempt to organize a Sunday School was made at the same place on July 29, 1850 when A. M. Lauchlin and H. H. Depoe were elected a committee from Hay Street Church for that purpose. This work, too, moved with irregular success and it was over thirty years later before a permanent preaching place was established in the eastern Fayetteville area. On August 27, 1883 the Board of Missions voted to “establish a mission between Blount’s Creek and the Cape Fear River to be known as Campbellton Mission.” J.J. Grigg went to the mission as its first pastor in 1884. On February 8, 1886 a church was organized out of the mission. Under Grigg’s practical and energetic leadership the first church building came about in 1886 with the pastor doing much of the work on the structure. In 1887 the mission was placed under the guidance of Hay Street Church. By 1893 the interest at Campbellton had gained considerable momentum. There were 130 members on roll in the Sunday School, five more than were on the church roll.”

"The first church building was located near the river. Later a lot was secured on Atkinson Street (Eastern Blvd.). On June 23, 1911 L. E. Thompson, pastor of Hay Street Church, offered a resolution to sell the Campbellton property and move the church building to Person Street where a lot was purchased from J. M. Cole. Later, the house next to the church was purchased and used as the parsonage. During M. C. Henderson’s record five-year pastorate, an educational building was begun (1948). J. E. Sponenberg followed Henderson and saw the church renovations completed with a brick exterior and new furnishings inside. At the 1952 session of the Conference Calvary and Victory Churches were removed from the Charge making a station appointment of Person Street. In 1957 a new brick parsonage was built. The church was redecorated and carpeted in 1965."

*Information taken from the Person Street Church History
Person Street Pastors

1883: Campbellton Organized as Preaching Place

1884-86: J. J. Grigg
1886-88: R. W. Townsend
1888-89: S. L. Ethridge

1889: Hay Street Campbellton Mission

1889-91: E. C. Sell
1891-92: Jesse W. Martin
1892-95: Thomas H. Sutton
1895-97: D. B. Parker
1897-98: B. H. Black

1898: Campbellton and Rose Chapel Charge

1898-99: B. H. Black
1899-00: P. D. Woodall
1900-02: L. Johnson
1902-03: T. A. Smoot

1903: Fayetteville Circuit Organized

1903-05: C. A. Jones
1905-08: V. A. Royal
1908-09: A. L. Ormond
1909-10: S. B. Stephens
1910-11: L. E. Thompson
1911-14: G. B. Starling

1914: Person Street-Calvary Charge Organized

1014-15: N. M. McDonald
1915-16: C. R. Canipe
1916-18: L. H. Joyner
1918-20: Thomas H. Sutton
1920-24: Eli C. Sutton
1924-26: M. F. Hodges
1926-27: W. J. Maness
1927-29: J. G. Johnson
1929-31: R. J. Lough
1931-32: J. W. Autry
1932-35: C. A. Johnson
1935-37: H. L. Harris
1937-38: J. P. Bross
1938-41: Millard W. Warren
1941-45: Omer Clyde Melton
1945-46: Daniel C. Boone
1946-51: Marion C. Henderson
1951-52: J. E. Sponenberg

1952: Person Street Church Became Station Appointment

1952-54: J. E. Sponenberg
1955-58: A. D. Byrd
1958-60: W. C. Feltman
1960-62: N. P. Edens
1966: C. F. Grill