

The Goshen and Trent circuits were carved from the east New River Circuit in 1792 with Rufus Wiley and William Ormond appointed to Goshen by Bishop Asbury. Ormond's Journal sets the tone of Goshen religion in his June 28, 1792 entry, "Glory to God, Goshen shines with religion."

From December 14-18, 1795 Asbury preached on the Goshen Circuit. In 1801 Goshen was placed in the New Bern District, Virginia Conference. In 1837, Byran Daughtry made available a piece of land for a new church and the annual Conference met there that same year.

In 1856 a new church was authorized at the fourth quarterly conference and a picture of that log church dismantled in 1856 is on display at Goshen Church. The new frame church was dedicated in October, 1857 and was located on the present site ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ (across the road from the log church it replaced. //

In 1866, Goshen was placed on the Clinton Circuit. About six years later, when a portion of the congregation sought to force the liberated slaves to provide their own place of worship, they were opposed by Dr. John C. Monk, a prominent member.

In a strange twist of church extension, Dr. Monk withdrew from the church, built his own house of worship and was later influenced by two Irish peddlers and a sermon by a Catholic Archbishop from New York. The sermon was in a New York newspaper that was used in packing a shipment of medicine ~~from~~ to Dr. Monk. He was converted to Catholicism and his church became the Holy Redeemer Catholic Church at nearby Newton Grove.

Goshen "mothered" another denomination when in 1900 a former Methodist pastor broke with the connection over tobacco (he called it "the devil's weed"). He set up a tent near Goshen Church (which he referred to as the "ice house") and predicted the early destruction of this revered spot of Methodism. Families were divided and the Goshen history states that he almost succeeded in destroying the church.

Annual Conference met at Goshen again in 1896. In 1920 the members built another church near the spot where the 1837 log church was located. The present church was ~~opened~~ opened in June, 1953 and placed on the Goshen-Keener Circuit.