One Hundred-Fiftieth Anniversary
of the
Hollands Methodist Church

1812-1962
SESQUICENTENNIAL PROGRAM
Morning Worship, 11:00 A. M.
Sunday, September 23, 1962

Organ Prelude
Choral Call to Worship
Hymn
Affirmation of Faith
Welcome ........................................... Roger Davenport
Announcements and Recognition of Former Pastors, Older Members .................................. Mr. Davenport

The Lesson from the Holy Scriptures
Pastoral Prayer
Offertory
Doxology
Anthem
Introduction of Speaker ................................ Mr. Jones
Morning Message ..................................... Mr. E. R. Shuler
Hymn
Benediction
Response
Postlude

Lunch and Social Hour — 12:30 to 2:00 P.M.

At 2:00 P.M.—The Dedication of New Church Marker, Donated by Mr. Russell Stancil

Musical Prelude
Hymn
Devotional
Special Music
History of Hollands ....................................... Warren Bowman
Song Fest
Benediction
Postlude
PASTORS OF HOLLAND'S METHODIST CHURCH

1812 Sihon Smith  1876-77 W. M. Jordan
To Philip Bruce  1878 J. B. Bobbitt
1829 Matthew M. Dance  1879-82 B. B. Culbreth
Jesse Branch  1883-84 R. C. Beam
James MaCaden  1885 J. B. Bobbitt
Payton Anderson  1886 J. B. Martin
Lewis Skidmore  1887 P. L. Herman
Parker Williams  1888-90 W. S. Davis
Henry Hardy  1891-92 Peter L. Herman
Amos Treadway  1893-95 B. C. Alred
H. G. Leigh  1896-98 J. W. Jenkins
George W. Charlton  1899-02 A. L. Ormond
Peter Doub  1903-04 G. B. Starling
Thomas Howard  1905-06 J. W. Jenkins
William Hammett  1907-08 J. D. Pegram
B. T. Blake  1909-12 G. W. Fisher
Geo. Bain  1913 J. H. Buffaloe
1830-31 Daniel Culbreth  1914-17 E. B. Craven
1832-33 John Rich  1918 M. B. Cox
1834-35 Alfred Norman  1919 J. G. Johnson
1836 Charles P. Jones  1920-21 J. C. D. Stroud
1837-38 Thomas E. Campbell  1922-23 G. W. Starling
1839-40 E. E. Freeman  1924-25 G. W. Fisher
1841-42 W. E. Pell  1926 W. G. Pratt
1843-44 H. G. Leigh  1927-29 W. L. Clegg
1845-46 J. E. Jamieson  1930-31 B. H. Huston
1847 Peter Doub  1932 E. R. Shuler
1848-49 Thos. G. Whitaker  1933-36 T. B. Huston
1850-51 Thomas Garrard  1937-38 B. H. Black
1852 John W. Floyd  1939-41 D. D. Traynham
1853 Isaac Avent  1942-44 E. B. Craven
1854-56 John W. Tinnan  1945-46 N. P. Edens
1857-59 T. S. Campbell  M. R. Chambers, Assist.
1866-68 J. B. Bobbitt  1950-52 John W. Garrison
1869 Jas. J. Hines  1953-55 Edwin W. Rogers
1870-71 J. T. Harris  1956-59 Charles E. Sparks
1872 A. R. Raven  1960- Wesley S. Jones
1873-75 J. E. Thompson

Sihon Smith served as Circuit Rider from 1786 to 1793 on Caswell, Salisbury and Bladen Circuits. He returned to this, his home community, and served as our first Local Preacher, faithfully and long. He died March 19, 1832. Until about 1870, services were very infrequent due to having only the circuit riders hold our meetings. In 1873, when we became a part of the Cary Circuit, church was held once a month, generally on the third Sunday. The preacher would arrive in the community on Saturday and spend the night in one of the homes in the area.
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A HISTORY OF HOLLAND'S

Methodism was in the area of what is now Hollands Methodist Church long before the church was organized. It is believed that William Holland, an English school master, after whom the church was named, was a member of the Methodist Society of England, and that he after settling in this area organized Methodist Societies in the homes of people in the community. One such home was that of Sihon Smith, the first local preacher in the area.

Bishop Francis Asbury tells in his Journals of visiting in Sihon Smith's home on several occasions:


Page 448 Vol. II, The Journals, "Saturday, December 1 (1804) We came to Sihon Smith's accompanied by Nathaniel Moore. I was glad to house here and escape the rain. It is a cordial to my spirit to reflect, that although we had but one preacher on that ancient and good circuit of Tar, and that one was a young one, and esteemed by some of only moderate abilities, his labours have been signally blessed; it is true the local brethren helped faithfully; and there were some good seasons at camp meetings. My mind had great peace in God."

There are other similar writings in the Journals.

The will of William Holland recently located among the records of the Wake County Court House in Raleigh, dated July 9, 1807, lists the following bequest:

"Item, I give and bequeathe the sum of four hundred dollars for the purpose of building a good Methodist Meeting house, that may have a partition at one end thereof for a class room and to be build on such a piece of ground as will be convenient to my wife and the rest of the family to attend."

Thus begins the history and the fact of Hollands Methodist Church. We should give space to the memory of the man responsible for this
birth of a church, but there are few written records available. His epitaph speaks for him:

"William Holland was born in the City of Chester, England, Jan. 3, 1750, and departed this life December 4, 1809. In his profession as English school master he was highly successful in this country, and in the matter of his life, he was peculiarly devoted to the worship and service of God. He lived respected by his neighbors, and died under the happy expectation of rising to endless life, leaving a considerable part of his worldly substance to be used in the furtherance of the Glorious Gospel of his Redeemer."

Mr. Holland was married to Nancy Rhodes and we have no records which refer to children. He accumulated or inherited what was considerable wealth in those days, since the total bequests of his will amounted to about eight thousand dollars. In addition to the amount he left to build a Methodist church building, he also left money for the building of a Baptist Meeting House, (what is now Middle Creek Baptist church) and to the famous Methodist preacher, James O'Kelly, who later became a leader in the Christian denomination. This money was used to begin what was known as Pleasant Springs Church, (now Catawba Springs Christian Church).

Sihon Smith, with whom Mr. Holland was affiliated in service to God, served first as a circuit rider, then as a local preacher. Mr. Smith had a church built on his land in 1812 near the location of the present Hollands Church with the money left by Mr. Holland.

The first church building was built by the men of the church and they used native timber, pulling the logs from the woods by teams of oxen. From 1812 to 1859 the church was known as the Red Meeting House in its new location. Here is a pencil drawing imitating the way it appeared then.
Tradition reveals that it happened this way. During the latter half of the eighteenth century, about the time of the Revolutionary War, a church building was built for use of The Methodist Society, and the building was located on the road between Rands Mill and the Old Stage Road, immediately behind what is now Garner Country Club, and overlooking Swift Creek from a high hill. Members from the north and south side of the creek were dissatisfied with the location of the church because of the hills, bad roads, and slow and inconvenient modes of transportation used in those days. Jonathan Smith, Sr. (Sihon or Shon, as he was sometimes called) stated that “Because of the hills and ravines in the area, almost all of the members wanted to move the church to a more accessible area.” Some wanted it on the north side of the creek and some on the south side. So dissension and disagreement arose. The majority voted to rebuild the church on the south side of the creek. The money left by Mr. Holland had much to do with it too. So the congregation divided and the Red Meeting House as it was called was torn down and moved to the new location now Holland’s Church. Part of the congregation built a new church called St. Mary’s, which was located near what is now Echo Heights, on the Old Stage Road just south of Ernest Myatt Presbyterian Church. This church was later moved to Garner. Part of the pews from the Red Meeting House were carried to St. Mary’s.

The old cemetery, though lost in the woods for over a century, is still discernible at the first location of the Red Meeting House.

Mr. R. H. Whitaker in his book entitled “Whitaker’s Reminiscences, Incidents and Anecdotes” very vividly describes some of his memories of the church.

Page 434: “When I was a boy (1830s), we had a geography singing school at the old Red Meeting House, now Holland’s Church. Starting in a sort of chant, which sounded very much like a sure enough song, our teacher would name all the divisions of the earth, including islands, the oceans, seas, gulfs, lakes, bays, and archipelagos, the rivers, mountains, volcanoes, countries, capitals, largest cities, and so forth, until he had gone all over the world a dozen times a day.”

Page 41. “It was during the time I was going to my first school that a great revival meeting was held at Hollands Church, eight miles south of Raleigh, by Rev. Daniel Culbreth, father of Mrs. W. B. Hutchings and Mrs. W. W. Wynne, of this city, in which my father was converted. Our teacher dismissed school one day and, as a mother hen would lead her little chicks, she led all we little immortals to the church, to see and hear; and, so we witnessed for the first time in our lives, the exercises of an old-time Methodist revival in full blast.”

(The school then in session was surely the one that stood immediately behind the present lodge building near our church, on one acre of land later purchased by the lodge.)

Pages 259-260. “Of course, we had Methodist preachers,
but they were circuit riders, staying about a year or two years at the most. I remember Rev. Daniel Culbreth, John Rich, Alfred Norman, Charles P. Jones, Thomas E. Campbell, E. E. Freeman, William E. Pell, Hezekiah G. Leigh, James E. Jamieson, Peter Doub, Thomas Garrard, who preached to the people at the Old Red Meeting House in the Ante-Bellum days."

Pages 42 and 43. "I spoke of going to Holland's Church, and I will go back there for a few minutes, and speak to some of the old-time people who used to worship there. As I ride up I see a great crowd, most of them standing about in groups; some sitting on a log between two oaks; some going to, some returning from the spring. (Editor's note: This spring supplied water for the church, the school, and for the great camp meetings which took place after the summer work had been completed. It has recently been partially re-opened and is located directly behind the Fellowship building, down near the branch in the woods. The old beaten path of many footsteps, though abandoned now for many years and grown up with trees, is still discernible.) I get nearer and I recognize old Uncle Sam Walton leaning on his chin on the head of his long staff; he is the oldest man, and his children have married and gone, save one or two, and he looks as if he will soon bid adieu to earth and go to the land of the saints. And I see Parker Rand, Harrison Rand, William Rand, N. G. Rand, Wm. Whitaker, James Rhodes, Dr. Jno. H. Jones, John Walton, Samuel Whitaker, Willis Whitaker, Jonathan Smith, Alfred Williams, Simeon Williams, Thos. G. Whitaker, William Turner, Simon Turner, Wm. D. Crowder, Adam Banks, J. J. L. McCullers, Samuel Utley, Allen Adams and others whose names I have not space to write, all full of life and seemingly happy; and all their voices sound so naturally I cannot help feeling that our meeting is real. But, alas, all have gone beyond the river, except W. D. Crowder and S. S. Turner, whom I saw in the flesh a few weeks ago at a protracted meeting at the old church. Those old men—those strong men who in my boyhood wielded such an influence in that community, and in the county, have all gone but two. But their children are there, and, although in my visit recently, while I found not the fathers, I did find sons and daughters who are nobly and successfully filling the stations their fathers once occupied, and I did find the old church, at which I went to Sunday school sixty years ago, still offering an asylum to the sinner and a home to the child of God. Oh, these old time memories, how they call up scenes and faces, and make us to live over again the happiest periods of life."

Sihon Smith and his wife, Sarah, had two daughters, Sarah Jane and Hester Ann. Hester Ann married Alfred Williams. The land on which the church was built was deeded to Holland's Church Trustees, W. D. Crowder, S. S. Turner and others in 1861 by Hester Ann and Alfred Williams. After the construction of the new building in 1859,
the trustees gave to Alfred Williams three-fourths acre of land on which the Red Meeting House stood. The building was used for a Masonic Lodge until about 1917, at which time it was moved about a mile southeast where it was converted into a pack barn, and now stands on land owned by Mr. Boyd Myatt, across the highway from Richard Rand's. Here is its present appearance:

![Red Meeting House](image)

A portion of the present building was planned and erected in 1857-59. Sam Utley, a man of sterling qualities and splendid carpenter directed the work. The building was thirty-six by fifty feet, with a porch and four large columns supporting the extended roof. Inside was a large gallery for the Negro slaves.

![Red Meeting House](image)

In 1910, the front of this building was remodeled, the roof was raised and a new entrance and steeple were built. As the years passed, the congregation, realizing the need for classrooms in the church school, decided to remodel the interior of the building. In October 1945 the trustees and stewards started a fund for this purpose which by the spring of 1948 was enough to start the work. The sanctuary was made over, and two classrooms were partitioned off at the rear. New pews were installed in 1955. In 1951 our Fellowship Building was constructed.
Some of those who helped in building, hauling rocks, sawing lumber and so on, still remember the savory ham and biscuit that Genevieve Penny and others served to the hungry workers. On Sundays, church school classes for children were conducted here, and during the week the building was used by the community and the congregation for numerous social functions. Many delicious barbecue suppers, chicken and pork, have been served in this building by the Holland congregation. Their fame for this type of supper has reached far.

In 1955, crowded conditions again made it imperative for another structure to go up, the Education Building. Work was started under the leadership of Mr. E. W. Rogers, pastor at that time. A basement and first floor were completed, with the structure left in such a way that future additions could be made when needed.

The first record that we have of a Sunday School at Hollands was in 1887 when B. F. Walton, Jr. was the Sunday School Superintendent. Sunday School was not held year around until the year 1915. In 1909,
there were 44 members; in 1953, 55 members and 4 classes; in 1955, 115 members; at the present time we have 125 members, 4 adult classes, 2 youth classes and 12 children’s classes. Three of the adult classes were named in 1961 in memory of members of the church, and became known as the Jim Middleton Class, the Ruth Rhodes Class, and the John Russell Class.

It is interesting to go back to our beginning and see how we fared as to the changes in the circuits. In 1776, this area was first called the Carolina, then the Roanoke Circuit. Each time the circuits were changed, the areas were smaller and more localized. The next change was to the Tar River, then to Haw River in 1793 where this section remained until 1807, at which time the Raleigh Circuit encompassed our section. From 1866 to 1873, we were on Wake Circuit; from 1873 to 1914, along with Beulah Church (now Garner Methodist) Macedonia, Apex, Cary and Marvin (later disbanded) all were on the Cary Circuit. In 1914, Holland’s was put on the Garner charge with Ebenezer, Garner and Mt. Zion. In 1950, Ebenezer and Garner were made a two point charge and Elizabeth became a part of the Garner Circuit. In 1961 Elizabeth was made a station church and we are now known as Hollands-Mt. Zion Charge.

In 1887, we helped to build the first parsonage in Cary with the other churches on the circuit. In 1953, the present parsonage located directly across the road from Hollands Church was built with assistance of Mt. Zion and Elizabeth. In 1961, after Elizabeth was made a station church, Mt. Zion and Hollands became the co-owners of the parsonage.

Our church has had one member to go into the ministry, J. H. Buffaloe. Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Garrison, while at Hollands, were called to be missionaries in the mission field of Brazil and they left in 1953. At the present time, they are still very much in love with their missionary work, still in Brazil and keep in close contact with several of Hollands members. While they were at our church, they were largely responsible for beginning the Woman’s Society of Christian Service, established in 1952 with eleven charter members. Past presidents, with Mrs. Garrison as the first, have been Mrs. E. W. Rogers, Mrs. D. S. Fogleman, Mrs. C. E. Sparks, Mrs. J. A. Burnette, serving at present, Mrs. F. M. Upchurch. This group has been responsible for many improvements in the church, such as payments on the organ, choir rail, flowers for the sanctuary, area lighting in the church.
yard, curtains for the parsonage, installation of a kitchen in the Fellowship Building and refreshments for the yearly vacation Bible School held at Hollands.

The men of the church are ably represented also, in the Methodist Men group. This club was organized in October 1958 with fifteen charter members. Their presidents have been Mr. J. A. Burnette, Mr. J. W. Ray, Mr. James I. Middleton and Mr. T. Gordon Sorrell, who is serving at present. Their membership is up to 27 and some of their projects have been the upkeep of the Church grounds, painting the cemetery fence, painting the exterior of the church, installing electrical wiring in basement of Education Building, and many others.

There have been two District Conferences held at Hollands. The first was in April 1926 and lasted for three days, and the second was held in November 1956.

The Epworth League was organized in 1828 for the youth of the Church and after 1939 has been known as the Methodist Youth Fellowship.

The first choir at Hollands was a youth group, organized by Mr. Garrison and directed by Mrs. Ruth Rhodes. From her efforts, the Adult Choir developed, with the assistance of Mr. Rogers. Please allow us to speak here to the memory of this wonderfully sweet woman. Ruth's voice and manner were truly in keeping with the angels, and her tragic and untimely death in 1956 in an automobile accident left all of Hollands members shocked and bereaved. We feel that our choir is still active because in spirit and music she is very much alive with us.

In 1857, another youth choir was developed under leadership of Mr. Sparks, and stayed active until 1961. New robes for the adult choir were purchased in 1960.

Our cemetery adjoins the church and in 1960 an additional one-half acre was given by Mrs. W. W. Burnette to meet the need for more space. The iron fence was extended and improved by donation from Grady and Garland Burnette. There are about eighty graves. The
first person to be buried here was Willis Parker Turner in 1905. By special permission from proper authorities, the grave stone marker from Mr. William Holland’s grave is now erected in our cemetery. Burial is not restricted to members, as is true of many church cemeteries, but other requests are given consideration.

We have been richly blessed with gifts given in memory of loved ones and our sanctuary is fitted in simple taste. The pulpit Bible was given in 1948 by the John W. Turner family in memory of Lemay Turner, who lost his life in World War I.

The pulpit furniture was given by Alice Hart Turner Perdie in memory of T. H. Turner.

The altar set was given by Rev. and Mrs. E. W. Rogers in memory of his grandmother, Mrs. Hattie B. Hurst.

The collection plates were given by the B. K. Pierce family in his memory.

Picture light and Pastor’s Communion set were given in memory of Mr. S. J. Rhodes.

The Church marker was built with money left by Mr. Russell Stancil.

Pews were donated by church members and friends.

We honor those who have been members of Hollands Church for so many years.

YEARS OF MEMBERSHIP AT HOLLAND’S

Mrs. P. V. Mitchiner (age 81) .................................................. 62
W. R. Middleton ................................................................. 56
Mrs. Ethel Sauls ................................................................. 53
Mrs. L. N. Franks ................................................................. 49
Mrs. W. W. Burnette (age 81) ................................................ 48
O. C. Rand ........................................................................... 48
Gurnie Burnette .................................................................. 46
Mrs. M. W. Sorrell ............................................................... 46
Mrs. L. J. Penny (age 84) ....................................................... 46

Members of the above group who are over eighty years old and those who have been members of Hollands for over fifty years are especially honored here today and are showered with greetings from our total congregation.

Much time and effort have been spent to make possible this once-in-six generations event, our Sesqui-Centennial Celebration. We would like to express our appreciation and gratitude to all who have labored, all who have donated, and all who have made it possible by their prayers. Also, we would apologize if for some reason we have omitted or erred in our records or statements. We assure you that any oversight or error is wholly unintentional, and beg your indulgence if such exists.

Although very little of our history is in recorded form, the fact that Hollands Church is still very active after one hundred and fifty years speaks for her and we are proud of our heritage. We are grateful for the faithful men and women who have lived for God and worked humbly and lovingly in our church. We have seen great growth
within just the past decade, increasing to a membership of 172 and to a budget of six thousand dollars. The rapid development of this community promises abundant potential for our fellowship and our desire will ever be that of serving God and serving those in the community and being spiritual lighthouses to guide others in a closer walk with our glorious Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

**FORMER MEMBERS**

Nancy Rhodes Holland
Frances Rhodes
Lucy Rhodes Harmon
Fanny Rhodes Crowder
William Rhodes
John Whitaker
Jane Whitaker
Robert Whitaker
Elizabeth Whitaker
Samuel Whitaker
Patsy Whitaker
Elijah Rhodes
John Rhodes
Joseph Rhodes
Jacky Rhodes
Randolph Rhodes
William H. Haywood
Mrs. W. H. Haywood
William Peck
Sihon Smith
Sarah Smith
Simon Turner
Sam Walton
Parker Rand
Mary Rand
Harrison Rand
William Rand
N. G. Rand
William Whitaker
James Rhodes
Dr. Jno. H. Jones
John Walton
Willis Whitaker
Jonathan Smith
Carolina Smith
Alfred Williams
Hester Ann Smith Williams
Sara Jane Smith
Simeon Williams
Thomas G. Whitaker
William Turner
W. D. Crowder

Adam Banks
Susan Leach Banks
J. J. L. McCullers
Samuel Utley
Allen Adams
Tom Rhodes
Narcissa Rhodes
Benjamin F. Walton
Stephen Jewell
Brittana Jewell
John Wesley Jewell
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A. S. Buffaloe
Martha Jewell
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Frances Jewell
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Mary Jewell
Amanda Jewell Buffaloe
Allie Jewell Ellis
B. Holland Jewell
C. C. Jewell
Nancy Jewell Rand
Seth Jewell
Elizabeth Rand
Fabius A. Whitaker
A. M. Crowder
T. B. Crowder
Henry B. Jordan
Clara Jordan
Maggie Ida Jordan
Rhoda Jordan
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Penelope S. Jones
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L. S. Bunting
Dizzia Ferrell
Richard Koonce
Fannie Whitaker Koonce
Emily J. Rycroft
Addie Smith
Jeff Smith
Arabella Stephenson
M. A. Stephenson
Allie Stephenson Adkinson
Emma Sturduvant
F. A. Steadman
S. A. Steadman
Temperance Whitaker
Julia Whitaker
Hannah Whitaker
M. A. Whitaker
George M. Whitaker
F. N. Whitaker
C. McCullers
Isaac B. Myatt
Mollie Crowder Myatt
Annie Myatt Hobby
Betty Myatt Banks
Mary R. Mitchiner
Charity Dowd Mitchiner
Helen Parrish Hicks
James A. Rhodes
J. J. Rhodes
W. C. Rhodes
Frances Rhodes
W. H. Rand
Yancy Rand
S. F. Rand
S. H. Rand
E. H. Jones
G. T. Rand
Flora Rand Bryan
Carolina Suggs
C. A. Turner
Amelia Turner
Susan Turner
Bettie Mitchiner
S. M. Williams
S. J. Williams
F. M. Williams
Amanda M. Crowder
Nancy Rand
Susan F. Rand
Sarah H. Rand
Ella Rand Jones
Mary Rand Young
Arolina Sugg
Amelia S. Partin
Sarah Bledsoe
Callie N. Rand
George W. Banks
Celestia J. Williams
Robert Pierce
Dorthy Pierce
Esther S. Williams
Nannie Stokes
M. Callie Crowder
Etna Denton
George A. Turner
Jane Bledsoe
Mary Crowder
James Dawson
Joseph Crowder
Anderson Olive
Mollie Rhodes
Susan Banks Dewar
Linda Rand
Ann Elizabeth Dowd
Penelope Dowd
Winfred E. Stancil
Willis P. Turner
Thomas H. Turner
John W. Turner
Robert Turner
Samuel W. Smith
George R. Stancil
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Rebecca A. Jackson
Josiah Jackson
Roser Jackson
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Millard Turner
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Charles E. McCullers
Martha Stephenson
Nannie Buffaloe Middleton
Sallie Smith Brady
Johnston Sorrell
A. Sorrell
Rufus Sorrell
Eliza Sorrell
Ariana Turner Tilley
Simeon C. Hobby
Chancey P. Rand
Samuel J. Mitchiner
S. J. Rhodes
Z. V. Rhodes
Robert R. Jones
Octavia Rand
Charles Rhodes
James Middleton
Numa F. Turner
William Turner
Fannie B. Rand Anderson
William Whitaker
Mary C. Smith
William M. Jewell
Dr. J. J. L. McCullers
George T. Rhodes
Walter Perry
Bettie Dowd
Vallie Carroll
Charles McNamara
Maggie Lynn
J. N. Bunting
George Mitchiner
Nancy Barnes
John Barnes
Nannie Barnes
Jennie Barnes Bagwell
Mollie Barnes Buffaloe
David T. Barnes
Frances Branch
P. V. Mitchiner
Maggie E. Parrish
Maggie Williams Lee
Henry Johnson
Robert Rhodes
Marcellus Rand
James Rhodes
J. E. Rhodes
Laura E. Barber
Parker Rand
Margaret E. Jones
Lula S. Turner
William D. Buffaloe
Catherine Buffaloe
Robert E. Buffaloe
James H. Buffaloe
Atlas A. Buffaloe
Lora Rhodes
Tignal Mitchiner
John W. Jones
Vashti Rand
Mattie Dowd Johnson
B. B. Turner
L. C. Whitaker
Ellen Whitaker
Bettie Smith Buffaloe
Mattie Smith
William E. Fish
Rufus S. Brown
Mary A. Brown
Mrs. Jane Dixon
Emma Murray Pool
Nellie Fowler Lassiter
Mary McCullers Hobby
B. B. Buffaloe
R. R. Buffaloe
Bruce Lynn Brown
Lina Middleton
Ethel Buffaloe
Myra Crocker
Susie Turner
D. R. Barber
Lizzie Massey
Lina Massey Johnson
A. P. Tilley
Mrs. A. A. Buffaloe
Mrs. J. G. Johns
Robert Johns
Leslie P. Rand
Lula Jewell Myatt
Lucy Jane Lee
Nellie Lee Johnson
Ed Lillie Lee
Betty Bryan
Howard H. Turner
Robert LeMay Turner
Leon F. Middleton
Lula Mae Buffaloe
Edna Kelly
Mrs. J. C. D. Stroud
Veda Fowler
David F. Buffaloe
Wilbur Turner
Nancy C. Jewell
Charley Massey
Lillian Massey Stone
Emmitt Turner
Mary Louise Turner
Amelia Turner
Daisy Prince Honeycutt
Ada Prince Smith
Luna Fowler
Peyton Middleton
Herman Johnson
Wayland Rhodes
Nannie Rhodes Perry
Fletcher Turner
J. Glenn Hobby
Columbus B. Kelly
Saddie Lee
Nannie Wilson
Willie Pearl Kelly
Nettie Stancil Perry
B. L. Parrish
Elva Gaston Rand
Joseph Lane Rand
Grace Smith Turner
Goldie Penny Rowland
Lousettie Jones
Elizabeth Mitchiner
Mack Sorrell
Rue Rhodes
Raymond Rhodes
Clinton Franks
David Massey
George Hunt
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Mary Frances Rhodes Jordan
Irene Clark Ryals
Christine Ryals
Beulah Weathers
Myrtle Weathers

Mary Turner Anderson
Sam Rhodes, Jr.
Lina Hobby Johnson
Noi Ryals
Montross Burnette Collins
Betty Jean Sandel
Nancy Middleton Lemmond
Calvin Rand
Bonnie Ryals
Elsie Turner
James Lacy Hobby
B. K. Pierce, Sr.
B. K. Pierce, Jr.
Margaretia Pierce Reeves
Jean Hillstrom Franks
William O. Hillstrom
Elizabeth Hillstrom
Orly W. Hillstrom
Emma Lassier Wood
Lewis Franks
Lucille Weathers Pollard
Mrs. Sidney Jones
Lois Stancil Kath
Edward Walters
Gertrude Walters
Ruth Edwards Rhodes
Mrs. T. M. Franks
Emma Wray Burnette
Sam Gaston Rand
Charles Lee Sauls
Fannie Ruth Barbour Coats
L. J. Penny
Helen Myatt
Cornelia J. Thomas
Edna Thomas Peterson
Mary Elizabeth Thomas
Janet Carol Thomas
Elizabeth Rhodes
Jane Lancaster Pagan
Patricia Ann King
Van S. Massey
Rose Gasper
James R. Lucas
Mrs. Paul Sandy
Mary Alice Burnette
Penny Williams
Jesse Denny
Evelyn Denny
Andy Denny
Margaret Davis Rogers
Margaret Lee Rogers
MEMBERSHIP 1962

MEMBERSHIP 1962, Continued

Middleton, James
Middleton, Betty
Middleton, Billie
Middleton, Martha
Middleton, Jimmie
Middleton, Steve
Norris, Paul
Norris, Evelyn
Norris, Darrell
Norris, Tommy
Pagan, D. J.
Pagan, Pattie
Pagan, Thelma
Pagan, Vernon
Pagan, Lillian
Penny, Betsy Pagan
Penny, Maude
Penny, Genevieve
Penny, Teddy
Penny, Samuel
Penny, Bonnie Bell
Pierce, Neta
Prior, Gwen Hobby
Rand, Joseph L. Jr.
Rand, Pherabee
Rand, Chance
Rand, O. C.
Ray, J. W.
Ray, Katherine
Rhodes, Blanche
Rhodes, Elbert
Rhodes, Draper
Rhodes, Truman
Rhodes, Billie Ray
Russell, John
Russell, Viola
Sandel, Henry L. Sr.
Sandel, Mary
Sandel, Henry L. Jr.
Sandel, Johnnie Mack
Sandy, Dianne
Sauls, Ethel
Sauls, Frank
Sauls, Billie
Shepard, Graham
Shepard, Annie Lee
Shepard, Brenda
Shepard, Vernie
Shepard, Elizabeth
Shepard, James Edward
Shepard, Louise Middleton
Shepard, Marsha
Shepard, Jean Carol
Spencer, Josephine Burnette
Smith, Betty Rogers
Sorrell, Truvie
Sorrell, Ray
Sorrell, Gordon
Sorrell, Margaret
Sorrell, Becky
Sorrell, Dale
Sorrell, Jane
Sutton, Loreen
Sutton, Thomas
Upchurch, Ruby
Upchurch, Furman
Upchurch, Mary Evelyn
Umstead, J. D.
Umstead, Polly
Weatherspoon, O. B.
Weatherspoon, Willa
Weatherspoon, Joyce
Young, Ethel Pagan
SESQUICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE

Ransom Middleton, Chairman
Warren Bowman
Lillian Pagan
Nannie Lee Fogleman

Host and Hostess:
Gordon Sorrell
Myrtle Burnette

These came into the church during the stay of Mr. Shuler as pastor.

SIDE GLANCE

One of the more recent memories which will be handed down to other generations, no doubt, will be the snake scare. It does not seem probable that the snake in both cases was the same but one does ponder. In the summer of 1960, the older Adult class was suddenly disrupted on Sunday morning by the appearance of a very large black snake from near the ceiling over the altar of the sanctuary. Women were near prostration and, truth to tell, even the men were much perturbed. Repeated efforts to dislodge the snake failed and it disappeared back from whence it came. In the summer of 1962, half an hour before the wedding of Miss Glenda Bagwell to Mr. Fred Jetter, another (or the same) snake appeared from the very same aperture, apparently in response to the organ music being practiced by Mrs. Hilda Bowman. Fortunately, Roger Davenport, who said he was petrified where snakes are concerned, managed to kill it and save the day for the bride.