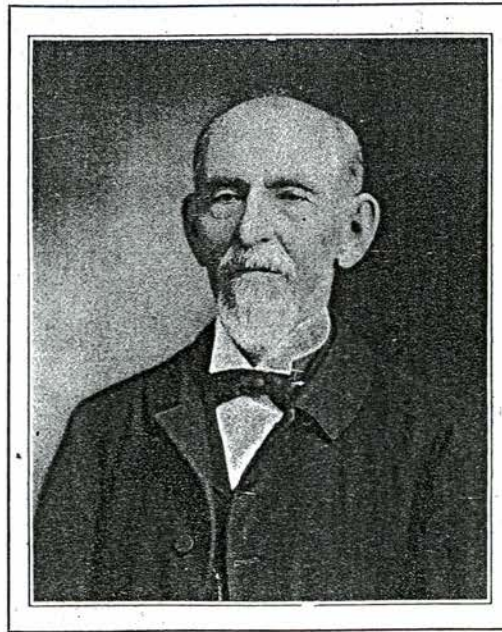
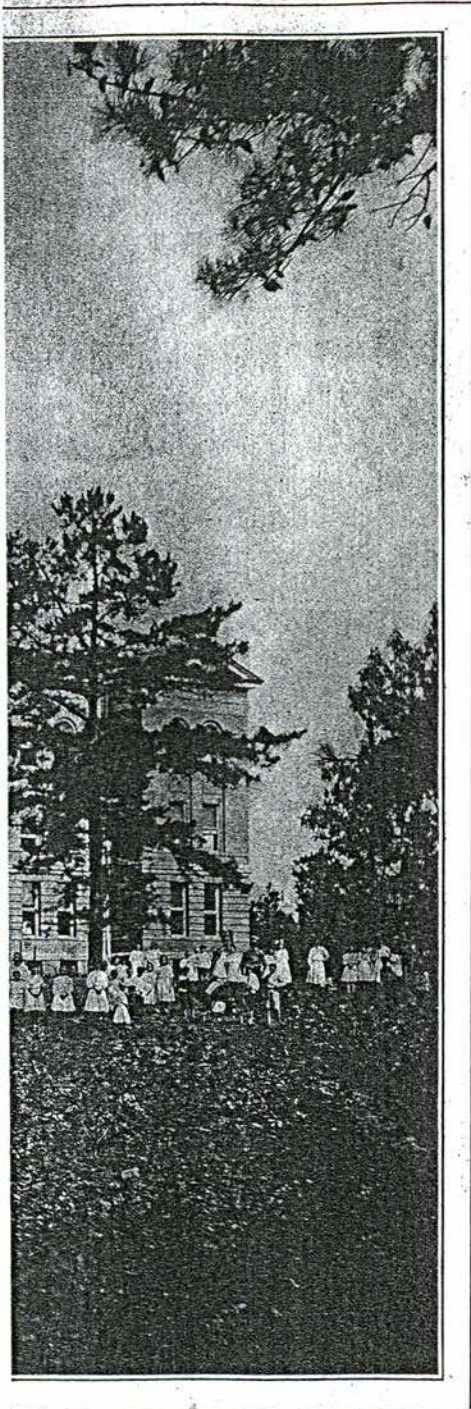




JENKINS MEMORIAL CHURCH

RALEIGH, N. C.



Rev. J. W. JENKINS
1832-1906

FOUNDER OF THE METHODIST ORPHANAGE



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CENTENIAL CELEBRATION

Sunday, May 21, 1978

Jenkins Memorial United Methodist Church

In 1875 " a number of young men, aided by one or two of the older brethren, conducted a revival prayer-meeting in Brooklyn, in the northwestern part of the city; and, having received a handsome donation of a lot from Mrs. Devereaux, persevered with surprising zeal, and erected a neat and comfortable house of worship."

The property referred to was deeded on August 17, 1876, by John and Margaret Devereaux, trustees under the will of George W. Mordecai, and located in the Wills Hill settlement. E. B. Thomas, W. D. C. Riddle, H. S. Keith, John H. Porter, John A. Harris, George W. Poe, and John G. Brown received the property as trustees of Wills Hill Methodist Church which was the name of the new organization.

A history of the church states that it was organized in 1878 in the home of William D. C. and Cynthia Hawkins Riddle and later met in a building at Clay Street and Orphanage Drive. The church was served by local preachers under the supervision of the pastor of the Cary Circuit until 1880 when a new appointment was established named Brooklyn and Macedonia Mission and J. H. Wheeler was assigned to the charge.

On March 3, 1884, Dr. Eugene Griporn and his wife, Mary A. Lawrence, deeded an acre of land on Brooklyn Road to George W. Poe, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Brooklyn Church of Wake County, but this property was never used to build a church. Instead, it was divided into thirds and sold to John F. Butt, James A. Ford, and Jasper A. McBary.

A lot was secured on the south side of Peace Street between Boylan Avenue and Gaston Street from John Devereaux, Jr., on July 29, 1884. This land was deeded to George W. Poe, trustee, on behalf of the congregation, and a church building, named Brooklyn, was erected there until the present site was purchased and a new church was built.

When, about the turn of the century, the Methodist Orphanage was established, Brooklyn Church became the church home for the children and workers there. The old records indicate that Brooklyn Church ministered in a fine way to the needs of the Orphanage, and the workers and children in turn contributed greatly to the progress of the church.

Property for the new church was purchased by Raleigh Real Estate Trust and Insurance Company from the Methodist Orphanage and conveyed to M. M. McFarland, who on April 16, 1903, deeded it to the Trustees of Brooklyn Methodist Church. In the year 1906, a new church was started on the new site on the corner of North Boylan Avenue and Devereaux Street. The building officially opened on the 29th of September, 1907.

The name was changed to Jenkins Memorial in memory of the Reverend John W. Jenkins, founder and first Superintendent of the Methodist Orphanage. Brother Jenkins saw the church under construction, but died a few months before it was completed and opened for service.

The minutes of the second Quarterly Conference of the year 1914, bearing the date of March 6, 1914, include this statement: "Our Jenkins Memorial Church having burned down on the night of March the third, 1914, a motion was made at our Quarterly Conference to begin as early as possible to rebuild a modern brick church and that Rev. R. F. Taylor, (Pastor), J. D. Riddle, J. F. Peatross, and M. N. Saddler be appointed a building committee."

Two years later, under the leadership of the Reverend J. W. Potter, the present building (not including the educational annex) was completed. The educational annex was built about forty years later.

In 1968 the sanctuary was remodeled and completely refurbished.

The first minister to serve this church was the Reverend Joseph Wheeler, and in the one hundred years of its existence, thirty-nine ministers have served with it. The chronological order of ministers is as follows:

J. W. Wheeler	J. H. Buffaloe	W. B. Penny
R. Pigott	W. E. Hocutt	O. W. Dowd
J. F. Butts	R. F. Taylor	R. H. Sales
E. Pope	J. W. Potter	G. H. Whicker
J. D. Pegram	C. W. Robinson	H. L. Smith, Jr.
J. J. Barker	L. B. Pattishall	H. M. Jamieson
K. D. Holmes	W. H. Brown	H. C. Jones
R. H. Whitaker	P. H. Fields	C. W. Courtoy
T. H. Bain	R. W. Bradshaw	A. J. Wilson
M. W. McFarland	C. W. Robbins	A. E. Thompson, Jr.
L. Durant	M. S. Robertson	W. T. Greene
N. J. Seabolt	J. A. Dailey	R. R. Blankenhorn
G. W. Starling	G. H. Hinson	John T. Smith

The average years of service per minister is two and one half years. Several served for only one year. R. R. Blankenhorn served six years, and our present minister, John T. Smith, is now serving his seventh year.

The prayers and labors of a host of dedicated laymen and ministers have been written into the history of Jenkins Memorial United Methodist Church. It is our prayer that God will be pleased to continue blessing us with the privilege of declaring His Word and serving in His name.

Jenkins Memorial UMC

Clergy Appointed to Brooklyn ME Church South and Jenkins Memorial Methodist Church

J. Wheeler
R. Pigott
J. F. Butts
E. Pope
J. D. Pegram
J. J. Barker
K. D. Holmes
R. H. Whitaker
T. H. Bain
M. W. McFarland
L. Durant
N. J. Seabolt
G. W. Starling
J. H. Buffaloe 1909
W. E. Hocutt 1909
R. F. Taylor 1910-1914
J. W. Potter 1915
C. W. Robinson
L. B. Pattishall
W. H. Brown
P. H. Fields
R. W. Bradshaw
C. W. Robbins
M. S. Roberston
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R. R. Blankenhorn	1965-1971
John T. Smith	1971-1978
Scott T. Wilkinson	1978-1981
Sherwood A. Godwin	1981-1984
Bobby R. Tyson, Sr.	1984-Dec 1987
Suzanna Ross Helms	1988 – 1990?

Keith Glover	
Neal Wingfield	
Randy Blanchard	
Patrick Looney	
Jean Allen	2000-2003
Linda Harris	2003 – to present