

History Of Parker's Church, Corapeake , North Carolina

Churches

Parkers Church is one of the oldest in Gates County. The original church dates back to 1813 . The church history reveals that, prior to this date , Bishop Asbury , on trips through the county , preached at the home of Thomas Parker . As a result of continued religious services in the Parker home, people in the community felt a need for a place of worship .

Thomas Parker gave the land on which the church was built. It was called Parker's Church in honor of its founder. In 1877 a new church was erected , but three years later the building was completely destroyed by fire . A new building was erected the same year.

During the pastorate of the Rev. B.P. Robinson , 1908-1911 the church was completely renovated and under the leadership of the next pastor , Dr. T. M . Grant, the indebtedness was paid off in 1913. Dedication Sermon was delivered by Bishop Collins Denny.

The new addition to the church , built in 1953, consisted of a nursery , two rest rooms , a kitchen , and an assembly hall with a seating capacity of 100 people was begun in the fall of 1952 and completed in the fall of 1953 at an approximate cost of \$12,000.00. Members of the building committee were : John S. Kittrell, chairman ; R.S. Jones, G.P. Kittrell, chairman of finance and Mrs. H. L. Barnes, Treasurer .

It was through the splendid cooperation of this committee and scores of friends who not and the loyal support of the members

