

The beginning of Methodism in Fayetteville is credited to Henry Evans, a free Negro, who was a shoemaker by trade and preached to a mixed congregation just prior to 1800 from his simple dwelling and later a crude meetinghouse. Later, when the whites of his group organized their own church, they named it Hay Street Methodist Church. The Negro congregation has since become the AMEZ Church.

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 in the town of Fayetteville to be known as Campbellton Mission." J. J. Grigg went to the mission as its first pastor in 1884, and on February 8, 1886 a church was organized out of the mission. Under Grigg's practical and energetic leadership the first church building was built 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 making a station appointment of Person Street. In 1957 a new brick parsonage was built. The church was redecorated and air conditioned and carpeted in 1965.

Our Pastors

1843 Campbellton Mission organized as a preaching place

1884-1886 J. J. Grigg
1886-1888 R. W. Townsend

1888-1889 L. S. Ethridge

1889 Hay Street and Campbellton Mission

1889-1891 E. C. Sell
1891-1892 Jesse W. Martin
1892-1895 T. H. Sutton

1895-1897 D. B. Parker

1897-1898 B. H. Black

1898 Campbellton and Rose Chapel Charge

1898-1899 B. H. Black
1899-1900 P. D. Woodall

1900-1902 L. Johnson

1902-1903 T. A. Smoot

1903 Fayetteville Circuit Organized

1903-1905 C. A. Jones
1905-1908 V. A. Royall
1908-1909 A. L. Ormond

1909-1910 S. B. Stephens

1910-1911 L. E. Thompson

1911-1914 G. B. Starling

1914 Person Street-Calvary Charge Organized

1914-1915 N. M. McDonald
1915-1916 C. R. Canipe
1916-1918 L. H. Joyner
1918-1920 T. H. Sutton
1920-1924 E. C. Maness
1924-1926 M. F. Hodges
1926-1927 W. J. Watson
1927-1929 J. G. Johnson
1929-1931 R. J. Lough

1921-1932 J. W. Autry

1932-1935 C. A. Johnson

1935-1937 H. L. Harris

1937-1938 J. P. Bross

1938-1941 M. W. Warren

1941-1945 O. C. Melton

1945-1946 D. C. Boone

1946-1951 M. C. Henderson

1951-1952 J. E. Sponenberg

1952 Person Street Church became station appointment

1952-1954 J. E. Sponenberg
1954-1955 E. B. Edwards
1955-1958 A. D. Byrd
1958-1960 W. C. Feltman

1960-1962 N. P. Edens

1962-1966 A. H. Stone

1966- C. F. Grill

METHODIST CHURCH SUNDAY SCHOOL
METHODIST CHURCH MISSION
METHODIST CHURCH
IN CAMPBELLTON
PERSON STREET METHODIST CHURCH

1836
The Sunday School in Campbellton was reorganized before August 22, 1836. The School which existed in Campbellton, and which had been frequently renewed. "intertime wash hard on mission schools.

1880

A Sunday School was reorganized April 4, 1880. About twenty five adults and children enrolled. Rev. L.L.Hendren, P. E. Rev. L. W. Crawford, pastor Hay Street church, John S. Maulsby Superintendent of Campbellton Sunday School.

1883

Rev. J. A. Cunning, P. E. Rev. J. R. Brooks Pastor, sterards meeting of Hay Street Methodist Church August 27, 1883.

" Where as we belive that the cause of christ would be promoted by setting off a membership of our church in lower Fayetteville into a seperate pastoral charge. Therefore

Resolved 1st That the board of mission of the North Carolins Conference To establish a mission between Blounts Creek and Cape Fear River in the town of Fayetteville, N. C. to be known as Campbellton Missions.

Resolved 2nd That said Board be requested to appropriate \$ 300.00 for the said support of said Mission during Sept. The ensuing conference year.

Resolved 3rd That our presiding Elder be requested to bring the matter before the Board of Missions and the Bishops and his council at the session of the North Carolina Conference to be at Statesville, N. C. during Sept. and so far as he can to carry out the purpose of these resold ions.

1884

Feb. 1884 Rev. F. L. Reid, P. E. Rev. J. J. Gregg Pastor Campbellton Sunday School. Service held in a long wood building forks of road between Person St. and River road. That was Person Streets first pastor.

1885

Rev. J. J. Gregg Pastor
W. H. Holland, Superintendent

1886

Rev. J. J. Gregg Pastor Campbellton Mission
On motion of brother J. M. Lamb(of Hay Street Methodist Church it was ordered that a church be organized in Campbellton and the following stewards were elected;

J. A. Watson, J. G. Peoples, H. H. Straughn, E. M. Wadell .

1889

There was a great revival in Hay Street Church 140 converts were added to the church membership.

At this time a mob attacked the Church because a woman Miss Painter was allowed to preach. Articles denouncing the services were published in the Gazett and answered. The climax was reached when Rev. L. S. Burkhead came from Wilmington and preached from Acts 17, 5.

" Certain lewd fellows of the baser sort and gathered a company and set off the city on an uproar. He said that when God is working in and through his people the devil always gathers his forces to hinder and to try to destroy the good accomplished. Like a trumpet blast it gathered the host of Isreal and hurled them with irresistible force against the enemy. Christians prayed and worked in the church and the conflict waged in homes in shops in stores and on the streets and men and women cried. " What must I do to be saved?". It was a sermon that men remember for a life time.

There were fourteen barooms two across the river and twelve in upper

Fayetteville. r

On Sundays all the baseball teams gathered at Hells Acre from Redbone, Texas, Hope Mills and Campbellton to play various games which generally ended in a fuss.

1890

A building lot was given by J. W. Maulsby and wife Kate. A daughter of John S. Maulsby for a new school house or church on Church St. now Atkinson St. March 6, 1893

Rev. J. T. Gibbs, D. D. P. E. Rev. J. T. Lyon pastor

Rev. T. H. Sutton Assistant pastor, his first charge. Church took on spritual growth. There were many revivals. Sunday School in Campbellton in prosperous condition having on roll 130 members. Five in excess of the membership at that place. J. A. Nicholson Superintendent.

Nov 2, 1898

Rev. W. H. Moore P. E. Rev. R. A. Villas Pastor Rev. T. H. Sutton Assistant.

Campbelltons Stewards; H. H. Bolton, A. J. Owen, J. A. Nicholson, A. S.

Maulsby, G. W. New, S. B. Talbert, S. P. Jones

Feb. 9, 1908

Rev. B. H. Black reported for Campbellton Sunday School not in good condition greatly in need of more teachers. Have raised money for new hymn books.

Mr. Tom Wright, Father of Mrs. Laura Brown, Mrs. Sallie Moran, Mrs. Kate

Hearst, was custodian of the church up to the time of his death. He was converted during the great revival held in Hay street Methodist church during the great revival held in Hay Street.

June 23, 1911

Rev. R. B. John, P. E.

Rev. L. E. Thompson, Pastor

At a call meeting of the quarterly conference Rev. L. E. Thompson moved that the trustees be authorized to sell the Campbellton Church and purchase a lot on Person Street from J. M. Cole. and moved the present building thereon and the motion was unanimously carried out.

The following committee was appointed to take the matter up and negotiate a deal and get the transaction in proper shape for action of the trustees.

E. A. Poe, J. C. Bruton, Dr. J. H. Judd.

Sept 1911

The Person Church was moved to the present site.

Feb. 6, 1922

Rev. H. A. Humble, Pastor of Hay Street Church

Upon the motion of the trustees of Hay street Church were instructed to transfer the Person St. lot to the trustees of the Person St. Church.

Oct. 1934

OFFICIAL ROLL OF PERSON STREET

STEWARDS: J. W. JERNIGAN, CHAIRMAN, FLEET HALL, A. J. JAMES, J. M. COLE, W. R. SPENCE, J. P. RIDDLER, MRS. C. E. McDANIEL, MISS ALICE JONES, N. A. HERING

TRUSTEES: J. M. COLE, CHAIRMAN, A. H. CAIN, J. W. JERNIGAN, W. G. RIDDLER, P. E. FARRELL

MISSIONARY COMMITTEE MRS. W. D. BROWN, CHAIRMAN, MRS. MAE FARRELL, MRS. W. J. GIBSON, GENES

CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP: MRS. MAGGIE MORRIS, CHAIRMAN, MRS. H. S. BEARD.

GEORGE BUIE,

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT: P. E. FARRELL

DIRECTOR OF GOLDEN CROSS: RALPH HALL

CHURCH LAY LEADER: FLEET HALL

DISTRICT STEWARD: J. W. JERNIGAN

SUPERINTENDENT OF YOUNG PEOPLES WORK: MISS LEONA WEST

PRESIDENT OF WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY: MRS. J. W. JERNIGAN.