

St. Joseph Methodist Church

Pikeville, N. C.

The St. Joseph Methodist Church in Pikeville, N. C. was organized in 1901 with Mrs. Smithey Garriss, W. L. Garriss, J. P. Smith, John T. Dees, and B. F. Scott assisting their first minister, Rev. H. E. Tripp, with the organization. A one room wood-frame church was built in 1902 and dedicated in 1903.

Soon after St. Joseph Church was finished the non-denominational Sunday School was re-organized as a Methodist Sunday School and we had service in the new building on each Sunday afternoon at three o'clock. Mrs. Smithey Garriss was the first superintendent. In 1910 the hour of Sunday School was changed to 10 o'clock in the morning and we would have an average attendance of 75. Mr. Grey Garriss was the superintendent and we also started using the Methodist literature in 1910.

In 1914 St. Joseph was taken off the Goldsboro Circuit and put on the Elm St. - Pikeville charge. This union gave each church two morning and two evening services per month.

In 1920 Rev. C. P. Jerome assisted in organizing the Womans Missionary Society now the Womans Society of Christian Service. At the present time 1965 the W. S. C. S. have three circles and their enrollment is approximately 56.

In 1926 Mt. Carmel was taken off the Goldsboro circuit and put on the Elm St. - Pikeville charge.

In 1930 Good Hope Chapel was put on the Elm St. Pikeville - Mt. Carmel charge with the Rev. J. G. Phillips serving.

