HISTORIC CHURCHES

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Bethel Church
Pyle’s Meeting House Deed
St. Francis Church
Rainbow Church
Cokesbury Church
Sandy Grove Church
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Smithfield Church
LaGrange Church
Zion Church

ZION METHODIST CHURCH
ORGANIZED AS
THE SCARBOROUGH MEETING HOUSE
1786
BUILDING REPLACED LOG HOUSE
1810
PRESENT BUILDING ERECTED
1854
Fair Promise Church
Concord Church
New Sharon Church
Scott’s Hill Mission
Andrew’s Chapel
St. John Church
Providence Church
Providence Church
Mt. Zion Church
Whitaker’s Chapel
Whitaker’s Chapel
Bethesda Church
Mergers
Rehoboth Church
Salem Church
Lebanon Church
Eden Church
Cokesbury Church
Trenton Church
Newbegun Church
New Hope Church
Asbury Site

BISHOP FRANCIS CLAY ASBURY CAME PERSUADING THROUGH NORTH CAROLINA AS EARLY AS 1760. FROM HIS DIARY WE LEARN HE WAS IN CHATHAM COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA ON JULY 25TH 1760. THROUGH HIS INFLUENCE THE FIRST METHODIST CHURCH IN THIS SECTION OF THE STATE WAS ORGANIZED HERE ON JULY 26, 1784. ISAAC COX BEQUEATHED THE TRACT OF LAND TO BISHOP ASBURY HIS SUCCESSORS, BISHOPS, AND THE METHODIST CHURCH FOREVER. UPON THESE FOUR CORNERS A TOMBSTONE HOUSE KNOWN AS ROCKY RIVER METHODIST CHURCH WAS ERECTED AND STOOD FOR MORE THAN A HUNDRED YEARS.

THE SKELETON BODY OF BISHOP ASBURY LONG SINCE BECAME DUST BUT THE TREMENDOUS INFLUENCE OF HIS LIFE AND THE GREAT CHURCH HE DID SO MUCH TO ESTABLISH IN AMERICA, LIVE AND MARCH TRIUMPHANTLY FORWARD.

“THE GOOD MEN DO LIVES AFTER THEM.”

FRANCIS ASBURY 1739-1816
MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION

JULY 26, 1931
Asbury Site
Chestnut Street Church
Hertford Church
Salem Church
Wilson Temple
St. Peter’s Church

[Images of a church service and children engaging in an activity]
St. John’s Church
Beauty Spot Church
Mt. Zion Church
Mt. Olive Church
Prospect Church
“Straights” Church
Ann Street Church
First United Methodist Church, Washington
First United Methodist Church, Washington
McBride Church
Mt. Pleasant Church
New Bern Church
New Bern Church
Hay Street Church
Hay Street Church
Louisburg Church
Banks Church
Murfreesboro Church
Bethany Church
Williamston Church

First United Methodist Church
1828-1978
First Church, Elizabeth City
Jarvis Memorial Church
Mt. Pleasant Church
Regan Church
Tabernacle
Jerusalem Church
Edenton Street Church
Edenton Street Church
Edenton Street Church
Green Hill House

SITE OF FIRST ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 1785. STANDS 300 YARDS S.W.
Green Hill House
Bicentennial Emblem
Acknowledgements

Churches are included from the following categories, many of which are overlapping:

37 "Oldest Per County" (of the 56 counties in the conference)
31 Counties are represented
17 Churches of Methodist Protestant heritage
19 Churches at or near sites visited by Francis Asbury
16 Ethnic Minority Churches
18 Churches that will be at least 200 years old by 1984
4 additional Historic Sites in the conference