

**A
HISTORY OF
BYNUM
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

1901-1985

"When Jesus started His Church, the Pastor (Jesus Himself) was being executed. The chairman of the board (Peter) was out cursing and swearing that he had never been a part of the Church. The treasurer (Judas) was committing suicide. Most of the rest of the board members (the Apostles) had run away. A few ladies from the Women's Fellowship were about the only ones who showed much faithfulness. And look what became of that Church."

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May the vision of our ancestors not be in vain. May the work they started continue in us, and may we be made complete through the labors of our children. In the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

"England's famed old Oxford University has been called the cradle of lost causes, but at least one cause was born there which was not lost." Known and ridiculed at Oxford in 1729, it is now one of the largest Christian denominations in the United States and in the world. John Wesley, the fifteenth child of Samuel and Susanna Wesley, was born in 1703 in Epworth, Lincolnshire, England. As a child he spent many long hours studying the Scriptures under the firm guidance of his mother. He attended Christ Church, Oxford and graduated in 1724. But while a student at Oxford, he and his brother Charles Wesley joined with several fellow classmates to study the Bible and pray and visit the sick. They became the center of ridicule and their opponents dubbed them "Methodists" because of the strict schedule they kept and because of their rigid organization. This "Holy Club", as it was called, marked the beginning of Methodism.

Three important events marked the official beginnings of Methodism as a revival in England. 24 May, 1738 at St. Paul's Church on Aldersgate Street in London John Wesley had his conversion experience. He reported that his heart was "strangely warmed." In his own words he "was not a Christian till May the 24th last past." The second major event in the development of Methodism took place while Wesley was on a hike from Oxford to London. He was reading Jonathan Edwards' work on the Great Awakening in America. This was to have a great effect on the Wesleyan Revival in England. The third event was on Monday, 2 April, 1739 in Bristol. Under the suggestion of George Whitefield, Wesley preached in open rather than within the hallowed four walls of the established Anglican Church of which he was an ordained priest.

In 1736 John and Charles Wesley had visited Georgia. Charles was a secretary to General Oglethorpe and John was to be a missionary to the Indians. With the exception of meeting a group of Moravians who impressed John very much, the trip was a total loss. From the Moravians Wesley gained a stronger understanding of living by faith. Much of the organizational development of Methodism between 1736 and 1744 owed a great deal to the Moravians: The Itinerant Ministry, the

Circuit System, Class Meetings, and Lay Preachers. In 1744 the First British Conference of Methodism was held.

By this time Methodism was spreading to America. In 1766 a Society was organized in New York. One member of this Society, Thomas Taylor, wrote a letter to Mr. Wesley on 11 April, 1768 requesting more experienced leadership. At the British Conference held 21 August Wesley appointed Richard Boardman and Joseph Pilmore to come to America. They arrived in Philadelphia 22 October, 1769. Pilmore, in 1772, started a very important expedition into the South.

The earliest beginnings of organized Methodism in North Carolina resulted from a revival in Virginia led by Anglican Priest Rev. Devereux Jarratt, Rector of Bath Parish in Dinwiddie County, Virginia. In 1773, shortly after their arrival in America, Thomas Rankin and Francis Asbury summoned the first American Methodist Conference. In 1775 Asbury accepted an invitation to North Carolina to form a circuit in Currituck County. He became ill and was unable to make the trip. But at the conference in Baltimore on 21 May, 1776 North Carolina had become an independent circuit. There were 683 members and 3 preachers. By 1778 the circuit had been subdivided into three circuits: Roanoke, Tar River, and New Hope. James O'Kelly was in charge of the New Hope Circuit. Shortly thereafter the Haw River Circuit was formed from the Tar River and New Hope Circuits. The new circuit was made up of six churches. Mount Pleasant was one of these churches.

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THE BYNUM COMMUNITY

The community of Bynum is located six miles north of Pittsboro on US 15-501 (see map). Bynum grew up around a yarn mill founded in 1874 by Luther and Carney W. Bynum. The two brothers joined with a group of area, well-to-do farmers to incorporate the Bynum Manufacturing Company. The mill was built on the Haw River at the site of an old Bynum family grist mill. The structure was a two story building flanked by a cluster of small frame houses forming two neat rows. A company store was constructed as an an addition to a blacksmith shop and cotton gin already on the site thus completing the small village.¹

The tract of land which formed the nucleus of the village was an eighty-four acre tract located where Pokeberry Creek enters the Haw River. It was settled in 1779 by Luke Bynum and his eight sons. One of his sons was Carney Bynum who became the father of Luther B. and Carney W. Bynum. On Carney Senior's land, just north of Luke's original property, the two brothers built their mill. The site already had a four-foot wooden dam and a mill race which had been used in the operation of the old grist mill. So in 1872 Luther and Carney Bynum, along with George Thompson and EW Atwater, organized the company with \$55,000.00 capital stock raised among local landholders. The mill had 1,600 spindles and was capable of producing six hundred pounds of thread each day.²

During the 1880s the mill began to falter. In 1886 John M. Odell of Concord, North Carolina purchased a majority interest in the company. It became part of the J.M. Odell Manufacturing Company. In April, 1916 the original wooden structure was almost completely destroyed by fire, with the exception of the lapper room and a warehouse containing raw cotton. The mill was rebuilt and was in full operation again by 1918. In 1919 it had 10,000 spindles operating. Most of the present (1985) residents of Bynum who have worked in the mill began work during this period.³

In 1922 the company added electric lights which allowed a second shift of workers to be added. Fifteen new houses were built as an influx of new workers from Saxapahaw, Gibsonville, Siler City, and the Fayetteville area began to pour into Bynum.⁴

World War II occasioned a movement of several long time Bynum residents out of the community as those men who served in the war found work elsewhere following the war. In addition to this the young women began to marry men from other parts of the country. They moved off to the homes of their husbands.⁵

During the fifties and sixties Bynum residents began to find work elsewhere forcing the mill to employ non-residents. As a result, in the 1970s the mill village upkeep became unnecessary for the running of the mill as there was no longer any need to provide housing for the new workers. A grant from the Department of Housing and Urban Development in 1977 enabled Chatham County to purchase the mill houses from the company. The county refurbished the houses and sold them to the inhabitants at minimal cost.⁶

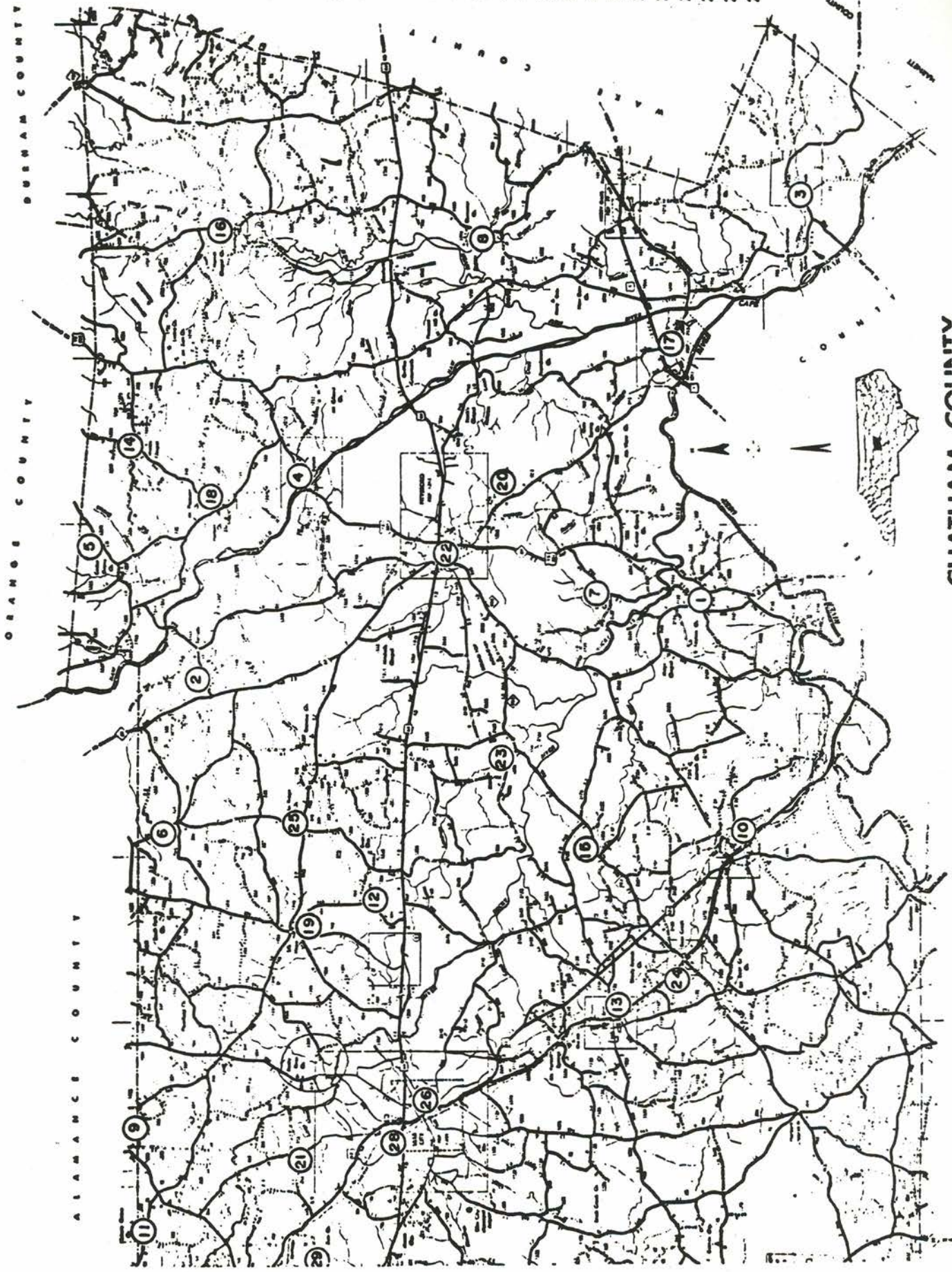
These transactions have had their effects on Bynum. Because the mill had been that which drew families to Bynum; and because transportation improvements have made it possible to employ outsiders without providing housing, very few new families have moved into Bynum. The families which have moved into the area have not come in for the sake of the community but as an escape from the busy life of the city. Consequently the only Bynum residents with a sense of pride in the community are those who have been here since the 30s and 40s. There are a few exceptions. Most of the residents are retired and on fixed incomes and are not as financially able as they once were to support a commerce. The community is no longer attractive to businesses.

"Bynum used to be a booming place," according to one long time resident. At one time there were five stores, a barber shop, and a theater. In 1926 Carey Dur-

ham opened a store. In 1935 Lewis Durham opened his store. Ab Riddle ran a store. In 1947 Frank and Louise Harris opened their store in a building rented from Gurney and Ruth Williams. Lewis Cooper operated a barber shop for 35 years. Cadle Cooper now operates the shop (1985). Aside from the barber shop only the store operated by Frank and Louise Harris is still opened. Lewis Durham retired in 1971 and moved to Durham. Carey Durham died in 1978 and his store closed. The mill closed in January of this year (1985).⁷

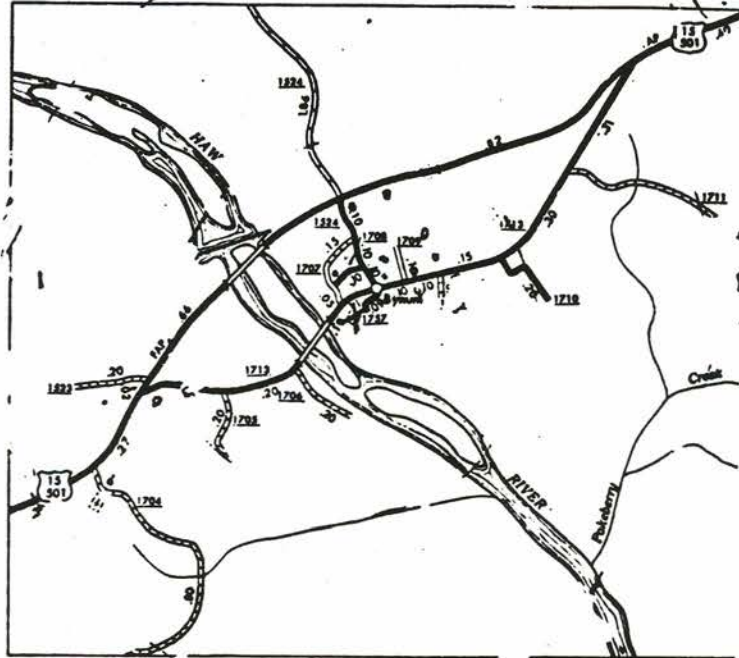
This has been a brief history of the community in which our church was organized in 1901, and in which it exists in 1985. The community has so long supported the church. What can our church do now to support the community?

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CHATHAM COUNTY

1. ASBURY
2. BROWN'S OAK
3. BUCKHORN
4. BYNUM
5. CEDAR GROVE
6. CENTER
7. CHATHAM
8. EBENEZER
9. FLINT RIDGE
10. GOLDSTON
11. HICKORY GROVE
12. HICKORY MOUNTAIN
13. HOPE
14. MAW'S OAK
15. MENDENY'S
16. MERRITTS
17. MONROE
18. MT. PLEASANT
19. MOUNT VERNON
20. MT. ZION
21. PINEY GROVE
22. PITTSBORO (FIRST)
23. PLEASANT HILL
24. PROVIDENCE
25. SABLE RIDGE
26. SILVER CITY (FIRST)
28. WEST END
29. ZION



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THE BYNUM FAMILY

Luther and Carney Bynum, sons of Carney Bynum, ran the grist mill on their father's land until they sold majority interest to J.M. Odell in 1886. As long as they ran the mill everyone in the village looked up to Mr. Carney Bynum. He was a typical old-time southern gentleman. His home was a typical southern country home. And his wife was a typical housewife and mother.¹ He and his wife Mary Catherine Atwater Bynum (sister of JB Atwater) always kept their home open, the guest chamber was always in readiness, and the meals always planned for some possible friend who might drop in. It was the preacher's home and they were the preacher's friends.²

Carney Bynum was a man of unusual executive ability. He was a very successful business man. But, of primary interest to our concern, he was prominent in all phases of church work. Until 1901 he attended Mt. Pleasant Methodist Church. He also superintended a Sunday School class which had been formed in Bynum. The Bynum class met in an old school house which stood near where the Bynum Ruritan Building stands. The class met in the evening. Mr. Bynum would direct the Sunday School program at Mt. Pleasant each Sunday morning and then return to Bynum each Sunday evening to conduct the program here. He was one of the leading men in the area. He served more peoples' needs than any other single individual of his day.³

Luther Bynum was also a man always interested in the good of his church. He married Sophronia Jane Atwater, another sister of J.B. Atwater. Of this particular Bynum family, Sophronia made the more notable contribution to the life of the church. She was usually timid and retiring, yet won the love and admiration of all who knew her. She delighted in helping any in need or suffering. She was proverbially known as the "widow's friend."⁴ When the quarterly conference of the Haw River Circuit convened on 1 October, 1892 (following her death), the members of the conference made a resolution concerning her life and her dedication to the Sunday School. A copy of the resolution appears at the end of this

chapter.

The families who came to live in Bynum and to work at the mill were drawn here out of necessity. Most of them were widowed farm families from the surrounding countryside who had too many small children to continue making a living at farming. For these families, the mill offered the older children wages enough to provide the family with a living at least comparable to the one they had known, and was probably an attractive alternative to the years of extreme poverty and dependence on the strained resources of kin which they faced otherwise. It was no coincidence that Sophronia came to be called "the widow's friend."⁵

Within the village, the metaphor of family was an integral part of daily life, as individuals depended on their neighbors' aid for child care, health care, as well as on the job. It was a small community, but when trouble hit any family, one could always be sure there would be friends to stand by him/her.⁶ Such has been the spirit of the Bynum community and church throughout the years. If the people who make up the present church family ever lose this spirit the church will cease to be effective for Jesus Christ.

The pages which follow are dedicated to the glory of God and to the memory of these ancestors who laid the foundation upon which you are to build the future. "All these, having gained approval through their faith, did not receive what was promised, because God had provided something better for us, so that apart from us they should not be made perfect" (Hebrews 11:39,40).

1,2 DeNatale. pp. 2,3.

3 Proceedings of the First Atwater Family Reunion. pp. 32,33.

4 Ibid. p 31.

5 DeNatale. Chapter 1.

6 Ibid.

THE BYNUM SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Sunday School has been the life of this church until recent years. For several years before a church was organized in Bynum it was a very strong Sunday School. The earliest records we have in our historical collection date back to 1892, but there is a page toward the end of the 1892,93 Sunday School Record Book dedicated to the memory of Mrs Sophronia J. Bynum, the wife of L.B. Bynum. In this memorial to Mrs. Bynum the following statement appears, "In her death the Sunday School at Bynum has lost one of its purest members, and for 17 years a most faithful teacher." If she taught at the Bynum Sunday School for 17 years prior to 1892 then the Sunday School must date back at least to 1875.

At any rate, by 1892 there was a very strong Sunday School program in Bynum. The classes met in the old school house which stood near where the Ruritan building stands presently. There were twelve classes. A thirteenth class was added in 1893. The teachers were J.B. Atwater, L.B. Bynum, A.T. Lambeth, Miss Lillie Lambeth, H.C. Carter, Miss J. Lambeth, W.J. Williamson, Miss N. Bynum, Miss F. Williamson, L.J. Andrews, Mrs. M. Bynum, Miss E. Williamson, and B.G. Lambeth. Miss M. Williamson was the secretary, Ida Carter was assistant secretary, L.J. Andrews was treasurer, J.B. Atwater was librarian, and his assistant was L.J. Andrews. Carney W. Bynum was Sunday School Superintendent. The average attendance was 135 - 160. The lesson subjects were always Biblical centered. They were intended to educate the people in the Word of God. For example, on Sunday, 3 January, 1892 the lesson was taken from Isaiah 40:1-10. The subject the kingdom of Christ. On Sunday, 17 April the lesson was taken from Psalm 27: 7-11 and the subject was "God's Works and Word." On 8 May the lesson was from Psalm 94 and the subject was "Delight in God's House."

The Sunday School was a vital part of the lives of the people of Bynum. The people had a tremendous hunger for God's Word and the leaders were not about

to waste time compromising the Word and robbing the people of this greatly needed spiritual food.

Each session opened with prayer and singing, which was led by Brother Carney Bynum. Even when the weather was poor, as it was on Sunday, 22 May, 1892, a large number of truth seekers still made their way to the old school house to be fed. On this particular evening there were 137 in attendance. This is quite remarkable considering there were no cars, and the dirt roads were wet and muddy.

Some of the families attending the Bynum Sunday School were the Bynums, the Dalrymples, the Andrews, the Lambeths, the Atwaters, the Ellingtons, the Carters, the Cooks, the Neals, the Coles, the Wards, the Johnsons, the Brantleys, the Riggsbees, the Hearnese, the Campbells, the Poes, the Williams, the Williamsons, the Abernathys, the Coopers, the Burnettes, the Snipes, the Halls, the Rays, the Smiths, the Hornadays, and the Sturdivants (see copies of pages from the early Sunday School Roll Books at the end of this chapter).

When the church was organized in 1901 there were still 13 classes. There were 143 names on the roll. Some of the old names were gone but there were quite a few new names; the Riddles, and the Farrells to name a couple.

From 1901 until 1909 there was no significant change in the Sunday School. Rev. N.W. Watson reported to the quarterly conference on 31 March, 1908, "The Sunday School work, like everything else, has been hindered and limited by the unfavorable weather and bad roads. But with the opening of Spring the work is taking on renewed life."

On 9 October, 1909 the Sunday School suffered a major loss. The first and only Sunday School Superintendent to that point, Carney W. Bynum, passed away. This was not only a great loss to the Sunday School but also to the church in Bynum. (See the resolution regarding the life of C.W. Bynum at the end of this chapter).

The church would indeed miss Mr. Bynum but the people were most fortunate

to have another great leader in their midst. J.B. Atwater replaced Brother Bynum as superintendent and he served faithfully in that capacity until his death (note: Doug DeNatale says Edgar Moore replaced Bynum as superintendent).

Two Sunday School classes have continued non-stop since the earliest days. In 1901 Annie Williams led a class which consisted of the following: Flossie Ellis, Minnie Gunter, Lillie Snipes, Betty Smith, Marvin Riggsbee, Effie Lambeth, and Mrs C.W. Neal. By 1907 Mrs H.A. Bynum had become the teacher. Mrs. C.W. Neal was still in the class. Newcomers were Pearl Foushee, Alice Farrell, Lula Smith, and others. These members had been in the J.W. Mann class from January through May. At that time the J.W. Mann class combined with the H.A. Bynum class.

Nell Page (Mrs. J.B.) Atwater took over the class later and by 1932 Mrs. Ira Foushee had become the teacher. The members then were Mrs. Flossie Durham, Mrs. Fleta Eubanks, Mrs Roy Riggsbee, Mrs. C.L Durham, Mrs. Layton Jones, Mrs. Louise Jones, and Mrs C.E. Durham. Mrs. Foushee taught the class until she was no longer able, at which time Mrs. Flossie Durham took over. Clara Hearne eventually replaced Mrs. Durham, and she was later replaced by Martha Hearne. The class took her name and is known to this day as the Martha Hearne Class. She obviously was much beloved by the members of the class.

As members of the class became physically disabled the class began to decrease. It was then merged with the class taught by Mamie Moore. Members of the class at that time were, among others, Ruth Cooper, Mary Smith, and Lessie Snipes.

The other class which has survived the years is our men's class. The class was under the leadership of J.B. Atwater in 1901. By 1907 Edgar Moore had become the teacher. The members of this class in 1914 were J.C. Abernathy, R.H. Abernathy, W.C. Abernathy, W.B. Atwater, W.S. Andrews, L.S. Burnette, J.M. Durham, J.N. Durham, Dr B.H. Hackney, C.L. Neal, G.E. Williams, W.G. Williams, R.L. Williams, Talton Riggsbee, and L.E. Pendergraph. By 1932 the members were R.L Eubanks, Vernon

Durham, Lewis Durham, C.E. Durham, Manly Durham, Ora Abernathy, Henry Abernathy, Talton Riggsbee, Will Abernathy, Rufus Abernathy, Paul Jones, Kyle Jones, Layton Jones, Luther Smith, Grover Cooper, John Snipes, Robert Hatley, and Frank Wachs.

Mr Charles Andrew Snipes moved into the Bynum community with his family and joined the men's Sunday School Class. He assisted Mr. Moore as teacher of the class. Layton Jones replaced Mr. Moore as teacher. John Snipes replaced Mr. Jones, and our present teacher, Gurney Williams, replaced Mr. Snipes.

The present Fellowship Sunday School Class is relatively new. It was organized in 1974 while Rev. Warren Langer was pastor of the church. The class was made up of young married couples and young adult singles. A need was seen to expand the outreach of the church (particularly the Sunday School program) by focussing on the Christian's relation to society.

The several classes which existed for the youth began to merge in the late 60s and early 70s. In 1980 there was only one youth Sunday School class in the church and it folded in 1982.

Likewise the children's classes have merged. It appeared that this class would also fold but under the able leadership of our present Sunday School Superintendent Robert Elmore, and the teacher of the class Eleanor Heath Rose, the class is beginning to be revived. A nursery class was also organized in 1984. Pat Parker is the teacher of the class and as the newest generation of hopeful future leaders comes into the church the need for such a class is greatly increased. This class and the children's class are the two most important classes in the Sunday School. If the children are to be leaders of the church tomorrow then the work must begin here. What an awesome responsibility and grand privilege the teachers of these classes have.

From 1892 until 1913 there were 13 classes. Through several mergers the number was cut to eight by 1914. The number dwindled to 6, then to 4, and

finally to 3. Today the number of classes is back up to 5. Plans are in the making for a sixth class to begin in January, 1986. In addition to the present Fellowship class, this new class will be primarily for young and middle adults. There is a need for a class focussing primarily on spiritual growth. It is not appropriate to in any way diminish the necessity of the existing class emphasis. The new class will be in addition to that class in hopes of ministering to an even greater range of needs.

A note should be included at this point in regard to one of our past Sunday School Superintendents, Sally Fowler. In our modern day we are concerned with such matters as equality for women. Before this matter was even an issue our church was practicing such equality. We have women serving in every area of the life of the church. Sally Fowler, our first woman Sunday School Superintendent, is a prime example of the inclusiveness we practice here at Bynum Church.

The following is the lesson schedule for 1892 to give an example of the Biblical centered program of the Sunday School in the early days.

Sunday, 3 January	inclement weather	52 present	"Kingdom of Christ"
10			
17	good weather	71	"Overcome With Wine"
24	"	84	"Hezekiah: Prayer"
31	"		"Suffering Savior"
7 February	"	114	"Gracious Call"
14	"	92	"New Covenant"
21	inclement	73	"Jehoiakim's Wickedness"
28	"	87	"Jeremiah Persecuted"
6 March	good	114	"Fall of Judah"
13	"	102	"Promise Of A New Heart"
20	"	106	
27	"		"Blessing Of The Gospel"
3 April	"	118	"Way Of Righteousness"
10	"	105	"King Of Righteousness"
17	"	128	"God's Works And Word"
24	"	117	"Lord Is My Shepherd"
1 May	"	120	"Prayer Of Penitence"
8	"	124	"Delight In God's House"
15	"	116	"A Song Of Praise"
22	inclement	122	"Nebuchudnesar's Dream"
29			
5 June	good	128	"Fiery Furnace"
12	"	131	"Den Of Lions"
19	"	120	Review

26 June	Good Weather	128	Present	"Messiah's Reign"
3 July	"	130		"Ascension Of Christ"
10	inclement	111		"Descent Of The Spirit"
17	good	130		"First Christian Church"
24	"	124		"Lame Man Healed"
31	"	124		"Peter & John Before Council"
7 August	"	128		"Ananias And Sapphira"
14	"	125		"Apostles Persecuted"
21	"	95		"First Christian Martyr"
28	"			
4 September	"	126		"Philip Preaches In Samaria"
11	"	126		"Philip And The Ethiopian"
18	"	124		Review
25	"	129		"Conversion Of Saul"
2 October	"	130		"Dorcas Raised"
9	"			
16	"	132		"Peter's Vision"
23	"	140		"Peter At Caesarea"
30	"	130		"Gospel Preached At Antioch"
6 November	"	138		"Peter Delivered"
13	"	126		"First Christian Missionary"
20	"	120		"Peter's First Missionary Sermon"
27	"	119		"Apostle To The Gentiles"
4 December	"	124		"Work Among The Gentiles"
11	"	130		"Apostolic Council"
18	"	122		Review
25	"	117		"Birth Of Christ"

no General Roll of Bynum Sunday School 1892

1	L. W. Bynum Sept.	20	Mrs. S. J. Bynum X
2	J. B. Alwater.	21	Mrs. M. G. Bynum.
3	L. B. Bynum.	22	Miss A. W. Bynum
4	A. V. Lambeth.	23	i J. R. Lambeth
5	H. C. Carter X	24	i T. D. Williamson
6	W. J. Williamson	25	i E. C. Williamson
7	L. J. Andrews.	26	i Ida Carter
8	J. R. Ellington	27	i Minnie Williamson
9	E. M. Cook.	28	i Alice Cook.
10	E. Briggsbee	29	i Anna Willson X
11	J. L. Cook.	30	W. D. Neal.
12	A. L. Dabrympfe	31	J. M. Cole
13	Mrs. M. G. Alwater	32	Ambros. Fowler.
14	Mrs. J. R. Ellington	33	Jimm Johnson.
15	Mrs. B. J. Lambeth	34	C. Fowler.
16	Mrs. J. M. Cole.	35	R. L. Lambeth
17	Mrs. A. L. Dabrympfe	36	R. B. Lambeth.
18	Mrs. S. C. Carter.	37	J. L. Lambeth.
19	Mrs. M. G. Alwater X	38	i Minnie Cook

39	i Effie Lambeth	59	John Neal
41	i Martha Williamson	60	Byron Carter X
41	i Minnie Snipes	61	J. H. Ellington
42	i Etta Fowler	62	E. P. Ellington
43	i Bettie Smith	63	Ch. A. Brantley
44	i Lucy Riggsbee	64	Willie Andrews
45	i Maggie Johnson X	65	Moody Andrews
46	i Nancy Smith	66	Henry Carter X
47	i Addie Ellis	67	Willie Ward
48	i Bettie Clark X	68	Willie Abernathy
49	i Sarah Clark	69	Luella Ward
50	i Mary Brantley	70	Ada Andrews
51	i Mrs E. Riggsbee	71	Lillie Andrews
52	i Corinna Riggsbee	72	George Ward
53	i Hattie Ward	73	Lucy Brantley
54	i Ella Brantley	74	Ethel Ward
55	i Lizzie Brantley	75	Master Cook
56	Jennie Abernathy	76	Groser Cook
57	Willie Carter X	77	Bessie Cole
58	Charley Neal	78	Ada Ellington

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79	Myrtle Dalrymple	1.00	Mrs. W. J. Williamson
80	Leroy Johnson	1.00	Mrs. E. W. Cook
81	Fred Johnson	1.01	Mrs. G. T. Cook
82	Lillie Snipes	1.02	Mrs. T. M. Ward
83	Johanna Ellis	1.03	T. B. Brantley
84	Eudie Andrews	1.04	Lara Cook
85	Elta Cook	1.05	Emma Andrews
86	Alice Johnson	1.06	Fairlan Reggsbee
87	Annie Bynum	1.07	W. M. Ellis
88	Marian Reggsbee	1.08	Lena Hearne
89	Annie Dalrymple	1.09	Dora Campbell
90	Bessie Ellington	1.10	W. A. Poe
91	Daisy Ellington	1.11	Lela Hearne
92	Ola Johnson	1.12	Offie Williams
93	Lennie Neal	1.13	Earnest Williams
94	Lucy Cook	1.14	Charlie Williams
95	Alice Carter	1.15	Emma Sitty
96	Emma Carter	1.16	Jammie Clark
97	Fellow Cook	1.17	Mrs. W. D. Neal
98	Ellie Reggsbee	1.18	B. F. Lardith

1.19	Mrs M. V. Snipes	138	J. W. Williams
1.20	" Lilly Lambeth	139	Octavi Cooper X
1.21	Mary Snipes	140	Hattie Cooper X
1.22	Ambros. Snipes	141	Sarah Cooper X
1.23	H. A. Bynum	142	Gimmie Williams
1.24	" Nettie Meacham		Nettie Meacham X
	" Letta Douby		
1.25	W. B. Williams	143	Lacy Cook
1.26	Hawl Pubympie	144	J. M. Burnett X
1.27	Earnest Cole	145	" Nettie Meacham X
1.28	Mrs. L. J. Andrews		" Harriet Burnett X
1.29	Ollie Poe		George Hearne
1.30	Henry Poe	147	Levitt Snipes
1.31	Hattie More	148	Louisa Brantley
1.32	" ^{all} Lannie Hearne	150	Willie Cooper X
1.33	Annie Hearne	151	Phil Cooper X
1.34	Maud Hearne	152	Kurtis Williams
1.35	Mable Hearne	153	Ida Williams
1.36	Martha Hearne	154	Bayel Poe
1.37	Nettie Meacham X	155	Mrs Y. B. Brantley

Johnny Ray.

Lora Johnson.

Charles Ray.

Leitha Smith.

Asker Smith.

Bitha Smith.

Miss Smith

Miss Smith

Bessie Hall.

William Hall.

Mrs. J. H. Hall.

" Annie Andrews

" Corlie Andrews

Luzie Hall

Larney Abernathy

" Larney Andrews

J. W. Lutgens

S. S. Roll		No.	S. S. Roll
1	C. W. Bynum Deput	21	Mrs. J. D. Williamson
2	J. B. Atwater	22	" E. C. Williamson
3	L. B. Bynum	23	" Ida Carter x
4	A. Y. Lambeth	24	" Minnie L. Williamson
5	W. J. Williamson x	25	" Alice Cook
	L. J. Andrews	26	W. D. Neal
	J. R. Ellington	27	J. M. Cole x
	E. W. Cook	28	Ambros Fowler
	E. Riggsbee	29	James Johnson
	J. T. Cook x	30	C. Fowler
	H. L. Dalrymple	31	R. L. Lambeth
	Mrs. M. C. Atwater	32	R. B. Lambeth
	Mrs. J. R. Ellington	33	Mrs. Minnie Cook
	Mrs. B. J. Lambeth	34	" Lillie Lambeth
	Mrs. J. M. Cole x	35	" Effie Lambeth
	Mrs. H. L. Dalrymple	36	" M. L. Williamson
	Mrs. J. C. Carter x	37	" Minnie Snipes
	Mrs. M. C. Bynum	38	" Etta Fowler <u>Ellis</u> x
	Miss. N. W. Bynum	39	" Betty Smith
	J. R. Lambeth	40	" Lucy Riggsbee

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41	Nancy Smith +	40	J. M. Ward
42	Addie Ellis +	41	Ada Andrews
43	Sarah Clark	42	Lillie Andrews
44	Mary Brantley	43	George Ward
45	Mrs E. Riggsbee	44	Lucy Brantley
46	Corina Riggsbee	45	Ethel Ward
47	Hallie Ward	46	Martin Cook
48	Ella Brantley	47	Groser Cook
49	Lizzie Brantley	48	Bessie Cole +
50	Jennie Abernathy	49	Ada Ellington
51	*Charley Neal	50	Myrtle Dabrynsple
52	John Neal	51	Lillie Sipes
53	J. H. Ellington	52	Jennie Ellis +
54	B. P. Ellington	53	Cada Andrews
55	W. H. Brantley	54	Ella Cook
56	Willie Andrews	55	Alice Johnson
57	Moody Andrews	56	Annie Bynum
58	Willie Ward	57	Martin Riggsbee
59	*Willie Abernathy	58	Annie Dabrynsple
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No	Roll	No	Roll
90	Lassie Ellington	99	Earnest Williams
91	Daisy Ellington	100	Charlie Williams
92	Lammie Neal	101	Mrs Fannie Clark
93	Lacy Cook	102	Mrs W. D. Neal
94	Alda Carter x	103	B. G. Lambeth
95	Emma Carter x	104	Mrs M. V. Snipes
96	Fulton Cook	105	Mary Snipes
97	Ellis Riggsbee	106	Ambros Snipes
98	Mrs M. J. Williamson	107	H. A. Bynum
99	Mrs C. W. Cook	108	Miss Lula Dowdy
100	Mrs J. T. Cook	109	Ch. E. Williams
101	Mrs E. M. Ward	110	Harol Dalrymple
102	J. B. Brantley x	111	Earnest Cole x
103	Lara Cook	112	Mrs L. J. Andrews
104	Emma Andrews	113	Ollie Poe x
105	*Fulton Riggsbee	114	Henry Poe x
106	Ch. M. Ellis	115	Hattie More
107	Lena Hearn	116	Miss Fannie Hearn
108	Offie Williams	117	Annie Hearn

118 Maud Hearn
 119 Mable Hearn
 120 *Martha Hearn
 121 J. W. Williams x
 122 Jennie Williams
 123 Lacy Cook.
 124 George Hearn
 125 Dewitt Snipes
 126 Lorena Brambley
 127 Kirtus Williams x
 128 Ida Williams
 129 Bayel Poe x
 130 Mrs T B Brambley
 131 ~~John Ray~~ x
 132 ~~Charles Ray~~ x
 133 Luther Smith x
 134 Askew Smith x
 135 David Paschal x
 135 Bitha Smith x
 136 Willie Smith x

137 Mrs. Hornaday
 N. J. Hornaday
 138 J. L. Carter x
 139 Walter Neal
 140
 141 M. J. Hornaday
 142 Emily Hall
 143 William Hall
 144 Mrs J. H. Hall
 145 Annie Andrews
 146 Corbier Andrews
 147 Louise Hall
 148 *Carry Abernathy
 149 Sankeny Andrews
 150 Cora Johnson
 151 B. W. Andrews.
 152 J. H. Poe.
 153 Miss Check
 154 Blanch Andrews.
 155 Willie More
 156 Mrs J. M. Cole x

No	Roll	No	Roll
177	Mary Nickelson	177	Alice Bland
178	Sallie Oldham	178	Klancy More
179	Lena Oldham	179	Henry Carter
180	Mrs A. C. Poe	180	Beatris More
181	Mary Neal	181	Mary Clark
182	Susan Neal	182	Lessie Council x
183	Carry Neal	183	Birtie Council x
184	Leten Andrews	184	Lida Con Houshee x
185	Willie Bland	185	Carry Smith x
186	Martha Neal x	186	Lizzie Clark
187	Hattie Cooper	187	Alona Bland
188	Sarah Cooper	188	J. M. Burnette
189	Octavi Cooper	189	Mrs Bettie Rose x
190	Morrie Keshbol	190	J. R. Paschal x
191	Mrs H. C. Carter	191	E. J. Sloan
192	Ironie Clark	192	T. C. Paschal x
193	E. Y. Bland	193	Frank Paschal x
194	Bynum Carter	194	Fred More
195	Willie Carter	195	Lilra Hearne
196	Laura Bland	196	Orton Bland

No	Roll	No	Roll
197	Blanch Clark Ann Clark		E. G. Moore Robert Moore Alice Clark Maggie Creel
198	Alex Clark		Charlie Creel
199	Richard Rose x		J. B. Hatcher Marnie Moore Mrs W. H. Brantley
200	Flourence Rose x		W. E. Oldham
201	Hannie Henderson		Mrs Hatcher
202	Rosetta Rose x		Emma Petty
203	Sallie Rose x		Daisy Oldham
204	A. G. Moore x		Birtha Durham
205	Charley Paschal x		Sethie Clark
206	Ollie Paschal x		Mary Bain
207	" Dora Campbell x		Gracy Bain
208	" Mary Harmon		George Bain
209	Sallie Durham		Johnie Hearn
210	Robert Hatcher		Daisy McIntosh
211	William Clark		Pearl McIntosh J. M. Bain
212	Adderson Clark		Ida Smith
213	Emma Griffie x		Mrs Bain
214	William A. Clark		
215	Mrs. L. B. Byrum		

No	Roll	No	Roll
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William Moore

*Ira Moore

Letha Sloan

Rosie Johnson

B. H. M. Birtoksh

A. H. Sloan

Etta Clark

Bessie Johnson

K. J. Davis

R. L. Horvathay
J. H. Poe

Ada Hathcock

Lizzie Dearham

~~Etta Clark~~

Falmage Sloan

Mary Sloan

Laura. Bland

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C. W. Bynum Sept

1	J. B. Atwater	37
2	L. B. Bynum	40
3	A. J. Lambeth	41
4	L. J. Andrews	42
5	J. R. Ellington	43
6	E. Riggsbee	44
7	H. L. Dalrymple	45
8	Mrs M. C. Atwater	46
9	Mrs J. R. Ellington	47
10	Mrs B. E. Lambeth	48
11	Mrs H. L. Dalrymple	49
12	Mrs C. W. Bynum	50
13	Mrs N. C. Bynum	51
14	" J. R. Lambeth	52
15	" J. B. Ellington	53
16	" E. B. Ellington	54
17	" Alice Cook	55
18	" Minnie Williams	56
19	Ch. L. Neal	57
20	C. Barber	58
21	Miss Lillie Lambeth	59
22	" Minnie Cook	60
23	" Effie Lambeth	61
24	" Martha Williams	62
25	" Minnie Snipes	63
26	" Bettie Smith	64
27	" Lucy Riggsbee	65
28	" Sarah Clark	66
29	" Mary Brantley	67
30	Mrs C. Riggsbee	68
31	Mrs Catherine Barber	69
32	Miss Ella Brantley	70
33	" Lizzie Brantley	71
34	" Annie Brantley	72
35	* Charles Neal	73
36	John Neal	74
37	C. W. Ellington	75

W. H. Brantley	37
Willie Andrews	40
Hoody Andrews	41
Willie Abernathy	42
Ada Andrews	43
Lillie Andrews	44
Lucy Brantley	45
Ada Ellington	46
Myrtle Dalrymple	47
Lillie Snipes	48
Caddie Andrews	49
Etta Cook	50
Archie Bynum	51
Minnie Riggsbee	52
Minnie Dalrymple	53
Cassie Ellington	54
Daisy Ellington	55
Lillie Andrews	56
Lucy Brantley	57
Larvie Neal	58
Lucy - Cook	59
Ellie Riggsbee	60
Mrs W. J. Williams	61
Mrs J. T. Cook	62
Lara Cook	63
Egna Andrews	64
Turtlon Riggsbee	65
St. M. Ellis	66
Lena Hearn	67
Mrs Fannie Clark	68
Mrs St. S. Neal	69
B. E. Lambeth	70
Mrs F. M. Snipes	71
Mary Snipes	72
Archie Snipes	73
H. A. Bynum	74
Harol Dalrymple	75
Mrs C. W. Andrews	76

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1895

77 Ollie Poe
 78 Henry Poe
 79 Hattie Moore
 80 Miss Fannie Hearne
 81 " Annie Hearne
 82 Maud Hearne
 83 Mable Hearne
 84 Martha Hearne
 85 George Hearne
 86 Debit Snipes
 87 Lorena Brantley
 88 Bayel Poe
 89 Mrs T. B. Brantley
 90 Mrs. Harriaday
 91 H. J. Harriaday
 92 Walter Neal
 93 O. J. Harriaday
 94 Curvey Abernathy
 95 Lora Johnson
 96 T. H. Poe
 97 Blanch Andrews
 98 Willie Moore
 99 Mary Nickelson
 100 Sallie Oldham +
 101 Lela Oldham +
 102 Mrs A. E. Poe
 103 Mary Neal
 104 Susan Neal
 105 Harry Neal
 106 Willie Bland +
 107 Mrs H. C. Carter +
 108 Fannie Clark +
 109 J. T. Bland +
 110 Byrum Carter +
 111 Willie Carter +
 112 Laura Bland +
 113 Alice Bland +
 114 Thurey Moore
 115 Henry Carter +

116 Beatrice Moore
 117 Mary Clark +
 118 Lizzie Clark +
 119 Klona Bland +
 120 J. G. Sloan
 121 Fred Moore
 122 Clara Hearne
 123 Orline Bland +
 124 Blanche Clark +
 125 Alex Clark +
 126 Mary Harmon
 127 Sallie Durham
 128 Robert Hatcher
 129 William Clark +
 130 Mrs L. B. Byrum
 131 E. G. Moore
 132 Robert Moore
 133 Alice Clark +
 134 Maggie Reed
 135 Lillian Reed
 136 J. D. Hatcher
 137 Marrie Moore
 138 Mrs Hatcher
 139 Emma Pitty +
 140 Daisy Oldham +
 141 Bertha Durham
 142 Fittie Clark +
 143 Johnnie Hearne
 144 Daisy Mcintosh +
 145 Pearl Mcintosh +
 146 Sida Smith
 147 William Moore
 148 Mrs Moore
 149 Letta Swan
 150 Rose G. G. son +
 151 D. H. Mcintosh
 152 A. H. Sloan
 153 Etta Clark +
 154 Bessie Johnson

No	Roll	No	Roll	1895
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15-11 K. J. Davis
 15-15 R. S. Howard
 15-20 Ada Heathcote x
 15-27 Lizzie Durham
 15-35 Falmage Sloan
 15-41 Mary Sloan
 15-48 S. A. Check
 15-55 A. K. Poe
 15-62 M. L. Brownson x
 15-69 W. A. Poe
 15-76 Alley Sperry
 15-83 Gammie Woody +
 15-90 Emma West
 15-97 Haywood Brownson x
 16-04 Jessy Brownson x
 16-11 W. N. McIndosh x
 16-18 Mrs. W. G. Brown +
 16-25 Miss Estell Brownson x
 16-32 Ch. S. Williams
 16-39 E. W. Williams x
 16-46 H. D. Durham
 16-53 Lizzie C. Albani +
 16-60 Lawrence Durham
 16-67 Lizzie Williams
 16-74 Estelle Williams
 16-81 Mollie Williams
 16-88 Miss B. B. White +
 16-95 " Alice Ellis
 17-02 Bertha Utley
 17-09 Johanna Ellis
 17-16 J. B. Hunt
 17-23 Lizzie Williams x
 17-30 Sarah Utley
 17-37 Jennie Moore
 17-44 Lillian Poe
 17-51 Maud Utley
 17-58 Miss B. B. White +
 18-05 " " " "

17-62 Miss Clara Brown x
 17-69 " Minnie Howard x
 17-76 " Pigea Howard x
 17-83 Fanny Utley
 17-90 Lela Durham
 17-97 Jennie Andrews
 18-04 F. J. Utley
 18-11 T. C. Farrell
 18-18 " Minnie Farrell
 18-25 " Fannie Andrews +
 18-32 " Ollie Gunter
 18-39 " Julia West
 18-46 " Sankey Hackney
 18-53 Ludy Farrell
 18-60 Chesley Farrell
 18-67 E. J. Kelly
 18-74 Jack Farrell
 18-81 Paul Farrell
 18-88 Peter Farrell
 18-95 Berta Gunter
 19-02 Fannie Clark
 19-09 Lizzie Clark
 19-16 Lodie Forester
 19-23 Mr. West
 19-30 Lullie Durham
 19-37 Cronie Snipes
 19-44 Brown Clark
 19-51 Watson Smith
 19-58 Lizzie Smith
 20-05 Martia Snipes

- 1 L. W. Byrnum.
- 2 L. B. Byrnum.
- 3 J. B. Atwater.
- 4 Miss Lillie Lambeth.
- 5 J. B. Atwater.
- 6 Miss Mattie Atwater.
- 7 A. W. Howler.
- 8 Mrs J. B. Atwater.
- 9 Miss Hammie Williamson.
- 10 Mrs L. W. Byrnum.
- 11 Miss Lillie Williamson.
- 12 Mrs J. B. Atwater.
- 13 Miss Hammie Hearne.
- 14 " Annie Hearne.
- 15 " Maimie Moore.
- 16 " Sallie Hurham.
- 17 " Monie Garner.
- 18 " Julia Lambeth.
- 19 C. W. Neal.
- 20 W. A. Poe.
- 21 H. H. Poe.

- 22 J. J. Neal
 23 R. B. Lambeth
 24 W. A. Brown
 25 G. H. Heislop
 26 G. H. Sturdivant
 27 R. H. West
 28 H. C. Riddle
 29 G. W. Houshee
 30 A. K. Poe
 31 G. W. Brewer
 Mrs 32 Ellie Gunter
 " 33 Henrietta Gunter
 " 34 Nealie Gunter
 " 35 Maggie Reeves
 " 36 Mary Brantley
 " 37 Leilie Anipes
 " 38 Lellie Andrews
 " 39 Alice Harrell
 Mrs 40 H. H. Hornaday
 " 41 A. H. Sloan
 " 42 W. A. Andrews

- 44 S. W. Andrews
 45 A. B. Riddle
 46
 47 Ollie Poe.
 48 Lenrher Sturdivant
 49 Chas Garner
 50 Watson Kimble
 51 Cary Garner
 52 J. R. White
 53
 54 Hattie Garrell
 55 Mable Hearn
 56 Carrie Sturdivant
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 58 Flossie Moore
 59 Martha Hearn
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 61 Mand Hearn
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 63 Nanie Garner
 64
 65 Nannie Sturdivant
 66
 67 Loney Branlley
 68
 69 Charlie Cret
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 71 Jennie Abernathy
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 73 Sida Williams

- 60 Briggs Atwater
 66 Charlie Atwater
 67 John Hearn
 68 Jim Williams
 69 Chas Williams
 70 Ambrose Snipes
 71 Shellie Marshall
 72 Charlie Boon,
 Miss 73 Mattie Neal
 74 Carrie Neal
 75 Cornie Thomas
 76 Lela Thomas
 77 Gertrude Thomas
 78 Ella Brantley
 79 Pearl Honshee
 80 Rosa Lasiter
 81 Kate Lasiter
 82 Lela Hearn
 83 Beatrice Moore
 84 Mary Snipes
 85 Lessie Sturdivant

761	Bessie Sturdivant
77	Bertie Gunter
78	Lizzie Kimbol
79	Lorenice Brantley
8011	Maud Brown
814	* Ivey Moore
811	Ina West
811	Lima Neal
811	Lerner Sturdivant
811	Alba Andrews
811	Abbie Ellis
812	Henry Poe
813	Jeff Hurham
814	Gancey Neal
815	Base Poe
816	Sam Hearne
817	Clarence Poe
818	Fred Moore
819	Frank Moore
820	Gurtis Williams
821	Ed Williams

- 7 Goy Durham
- 8 Kemp Riddle
- 9 David Riddle
- 10 John White
- 11 Willie Boon
- Miss 12 Bessie Prantley
- 13 Mattie Poe
- 14 Mand Sturdivant
- 15 Naomi Sturdivant
- 16 Ella Brown
- 17 Minnie Neal
- 18 Mary Poe
- 19 Nellie Williams
- 20 Leida Marshall
- 21 Mand Harrell
- 22 Addie Harrell
- 23 Mary Bynnon
- 24 Pearl Hislop
- 25 Hleta Moore
- 26 Leina Brown
- 27 Genie Hearne

- 28 Leewit Moore
 29 gardon west
 30 grower Neal
 31 Seaton Pae
 32 Newton Garner
 Henry Riddle
 Carwin Riddle
 35 Lion Sturdivant
 36 Sam Riddle
 37 Karl Neal
 38 Robert Williams
 39 Emma Cotton Sturdivant
 40 Carney Jefferson Bynum
 41 grover look
 42 Lacy look

INDEX TO SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS ROLLS 1892-1900

1. ABERNATHY: Jennie, Willie, Carney
2. ANDREWS: Albra, Willie, Moody, Ada, Lillie, Euda, Emma, W., Annie, Callie, Sankie, Tellie, B.W., Blanch, Leden, Mrs. L.J., Blennie
3. ATWATER: James Bobbit, Mrs. M.C., John Nathaniel, Mrs. J.N., Miss Mattie, Miss J.B., William Briggs, Charlie
4. BAIN: Mary, Gracy, George, J.M., Mrs. _____
5. BLAND: Willie, J.T., Laura, Alice, Neona, Orban
6. BOONE: Charlie, Willie
7. BRANTLEY: Mary, Ella, Lizzie, W.N., Lucy, T.B., Lorena, Mrs. T.B., Mrs. V.M., Bessie
8. BREWER: G.W.
9. BROWN: N.S., Maude, Ella, Lina
10. BURNETTE: J.M., Nannie
11. BYNUM: C.W., Mrs. C.W., L.B., Mrs. L.B., Mrs. M.C., Miss N.W., Annie, H.A., Carney J.
12. CAMPBELL: Dora
13. CARTER: Mrs. J.C., Ida, Ada, Emma, J.L., Mrs. H.C., Bynum, Willie, Henry, Corrina
14. CHEEK: Miss _____, S.A.
15. CLARK: Sarah, Fannie, Fronie, Mary, Lizzie, Blanch, Alex, William, Adderson, William A., Alice, Settie, Etta, Geroam
16. COLE: Mrs. J.M., J.M., Bessie, Earnest
17. COOK: E.W., Z.T., Miss Alice, Minnie, Martin, Groser, Ella, Lucy, Tilton, Cora, Lacy, Mrs. E.W., Mrs. Z.T.
18. COOPER: Octavi, Hattie, Sarah, Willie, Mid (Octavi was father of Flonnie Cooper Hatley)
19. COUNCIL: Lessie, Girdie
20. CREEL: Charlie, Maggie
21. CROWSON: M.C., Haywood, Jessie, Mrs. W.J., Miss Estell, Miss Clara
22. DALRYMPLE: H.L., Mrs. H.L., Myrtle, Anna, Howl, J.W.
23. DAVIS: K.J.
24. DOWDY: Lula, Nannie
25. DURHAM: Sallie, Bertha, Lizzie, H.B., Clarence, Ella, Jeff, Coy
26. ELLINGTON: J.R., Mrs. J.R., J.H., E.P., Ada, Cassie, Daisy
27. ELLIS: Addie, Johnnie, W.M.
28. FARRELL: T.C., Minnie, Ludy, Charlie, Jack, Paul, Peter, Alice, Hattie, Maude, Addie
29. FOUSHEE: Lida, G.W., Pearl
30. FOWLER: Ambrose, A.W., C., Etta

31. GARNER: Nonie, Carey, Newton
32. GRIFFEN: Emma
33. GUNTER: Ollie, Henrietta, Nealie, Charles, Bertie
34. HAITHCOCK: Ada
35. HALL: Emy, Willilm, Mrs. J.H., Louise
36. HARMON: Mary
37. HATCHER: Robert, J.D., Mrs. _____
38. HEARNE: Lena, Lula, Fannie, Annie, Maude, Tom, Mable, Jennie, Martha, Willie, George, Clara, Johnnie
39. HERNDON: Nonnie
40. HESLOP: C.T., Pearl
41. HOGAN: Riga (?)
42. HORNADAY: H.F., Mrs. _____, W.T., R.L.
43. JOHNSON: Jim, Maggie, Leroy, Fred, Alice, Ola, Cora, Roxie, Bessie, Ada
44. KELLY: E.T.
45. KIMBALL: Mossie, Watson, Lizzie
46. LAMBETH: A.T., Mrs. B.G., J.R., R.L., R.B., J.L., Effie, B.G., Lilly, Julia
47. LASSITER: Rosa, Kate
48. MARSHALL: Shellie, Lida
49. MOORE: Hattie, William, Flancy, Beatrice, Fred, Fleta, A.C., E.G., Robert, Mamie, Iva, Jennie, Frank, Flossie, Dewitt
50. McINTOSH: Daisy, Pearl, D.H., W.W.
51. MEACHAM: Nettie
52. NEAL: W.D., Mrs. W.D., Grover, Betty, Charley, John, Lina, Lonnie, Walter, Mary, Susan, Carey, Martha, J.R., J.J., Mattie, Minnie, Yancey, Carl
53. NICKELSON: Mary
54. OLDHAM: Sally, Lela, W.E., Daisy, E.W., Ada
55. PASCHAL: David, J.R., F.C., Frank, Charley, Ollie
56. PETTY: Emma
57. POE: W.A., Ollie, Henry, Bazel, T.H., Mrs. A.E., A.K., Clarence, Mary, Mattie, Seaton
58. RAY: Johnny, Charley
59. REEVES: Maggie
60. RIDDLE: D.C., A.B., Kemp, David, Henry, Garvin, Sam
61. ROSE: Mrs Betty, Richard, Florence, Rosetta, Sallie
62. SLOAN: E.J., Letha, Alt, Talmage, Mary
63. SMITH: Bettie, Nancy, Luther, Askew, Bitha, Willie, Carey, Ida

Mary Smith	Francis Watts	Joyce Henshaw	Florence Durham
Pauline Williams	Woodrow Riddle	Elsie Suitt	Jennie Abernathy
Gay nell Riddle	Martha Williams	Joanna Hackney	Iola White
Edna Snipes	Edna Cooper	Nonie Tripp	Elsie Knight
			Stedman Andrews
			Bruce Ward
			Nell P. Atwater

6. TEACHER: Mrs C.L. Neal

Edna Abernathy	Elsie Riddle	Garland Andrews	James Caviness
Elzada Abernathy	Dorothy Riggsbee	Frank Snipes	Aubrey Wilson
Pauline Williams	Helen Hackney	Roy L. Eubanks	Jessie Durham
Myrtle Johnson	Lois Smith	Myrtle Hobby	Irene Snider
		Virgil Snider	Pauline Hearne
			Garland Cooper

7. TEACHER: Miss Betty Snipes

Mrs. W.L. Smith	Virginia Abernathy	Edna Knight	Elizabeth Wilson
Wade Riggsbee	Christine Riggsbee	Rupert Eubanks	Garland Andrews
J.T. Riggsbee	Everette Knight	Lillian Knight	Sallie Abernathy
William Riggsbee	Robert Eubanks	Aubrey Wilson	Robert Canada
John Abernathy	Randolph Riddle	Thomas Snipes	Gretchen Riggsbee
Deloise Riddle	Lambert Andrews	Bynum Riggsbee	

1932 NEW FACES

1. G.E. Moore Class	7. Betty Snipes Class	9. Wilma Andrews Class
Frank Wachse	Lib Smith	Manley Durham
	Vivian Riggsbee	Willis Knight
5. Mrs. W.C. Abernathy Class	Hettie Jones	Roland Eubanks
Leona Cooper	Ivey Eubanks	Ken Cooper
Louise Farrell	Eleanor Stout	Rachel Cooper
		Wynell Stout
6. Clytie Foushee Class	8. Miss Wilson Class	10. Lula Smith Class
Thena Howard	Lewis Cooper	Gretchen Riggsbee
Christine Stubbs	James Gales	
	Melvin Fowler	

TEACHERS 1962 - 1966

1. Hettie Ellis	8. Thena Snipes
2. Vivian Riggsbee	9. Louise Harris
3. C.E. Durham	
4. Walter "Corkey" Harris	
5. Sally Fowler	
6. Gurney Williams	
7. Erma Ellis	

1967 - 1977

Intermediate - Ronnie Hatley	Young Couples - Doris Williams
Juniors - Louise Harris	Primary - Mrs. Bobby Smith
Elementary - Vivian Riggsbee	Women - Thena Snipes
Kindergarten - Emma Johnson	Men - Gurney Williams

In 1972 Velna York took over the Juniors Class. In 1977 Leitha Glosson was teaching grades 6-8 class. In 1981 there were 5 classes. The teachers were as follows: Men's Class: Gurney Williams, Women's Class: Thena Snipes, and Vivian Riggsbee, Youth Class: Kay Christy, Fellowship Class: Ruth Lucier, Children's Class: Linda Ellis. There were 47 members.

In 1985 there are 5 classes. The teachers are as follows: Men's Class: Gurney Williams, Women's Class: Thena Snipes, and Vivian Riggsbee, Fellowship Class: Leon Glosson, Children's Class: Mike & Eleanor Rose, Nursery Class: Pat Parker. There are 44 regular active members.

LIST OF SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS

1875 - 1909	Carney W. Bynum
1909 - 1930	James B. Atwater
1930 - 1943	Edgar Moore
1943 - 1947	Roy Riggsbee
1947 - 1949	Layton Jones
1949 - 1951	Julius Suitt
1951 - 1954	Lewis Cooper
1954 - 1956	Carey Durham, Jr.
1956 - 1958	Sally Fowler
1958 - 1960	Marshall Parker
1961 - 1964	Walter Harris "Corkey"
1964 - 1967	William H. Gattis "Bill"
1967 - 1972	Ralph Suttles
1972 - 1975	Dean Riggsbee
1975 -	Robert Elmore

(Note: Members of the church believe that C.A. Snipes, Hampton Knight, and John W. Snipes were also S.S. Superintendents. According to family members, however, these men were not superintendents, but they were very active in the Sunday School program and deserve special recognition. Thomas Suitt, father of Julius Suitt, also deserves special recognition here. He led the choir for many years and directed singing during open assembly each Sunday morning).

Dear Mrs. Gattis,

Here are some items from the Chatham County newspapers about the Bynum Methodist Church. I hope they'll be helpful for your history of the church. It was wonderful to see you again. I'm looking forward to coming back down in November, if not sooner.

I'll send you the photographs and your family geneology in a few days, but I wanted to get this to you as soon as possible.

All my best.

Doug

1. Chatham Record January 13, 1891. "On last Friday night the good people at Bynum's gave a warm and substantial welcome in the shape of a 'pounding' to Rev. L.L. Johnson, the new pastor of the Haw River circuit."

6. Chatham Record November 2, 1893. "A nice new parsonage for the pastor of the Haw River circuit is almost completed at Bynum's. It is very creditable to the Methodists of that circuit."

4. Chatham Citizen June 15, 1898. "We hear that the Odell Mfg. Co. at Bynum will shortly build a church there for the use of their operatives and others in the vicinity."

7. Chatham Record May 2, 1901. "Quarterly conference on the Haw River Circuit was held at Bynum on last Saturday. Presiding Elder Hall was present, and

every church on the circuit was represented. Messrs. C.W. Bynum, John W. Atwater, W.F. Snipes and W.F. Stroud were elected delegates to the district conference. The question of establishing a church at Bynum was discussed, but action thereon was deferred."

Chatham Record July 15, 1901. "A Methodist church, to cost \$1000, will shortly be built at Bynum, where one has been desired for some time. This will weaken the congregation at Mt. Pleasant, which is one of the oldest in this county."

Chatham Record September 26, 1901. "Work has begun on the new Methodist Church at Bynum under the supervision of that experienced master builder, Mr. J.B. Masemore of Jonesboro."

Chatham Record November 14, 1901. "The new Methodist church at Bynum is rapidly approaching completion and will be ready for service about the first of next month. The congregation for this new church was organized on last Thursday by the election of Mr. C.W. Bynum as treasurer, and Mr. James B. Atwater as secretary and with a membership of seventy-five. A majority of the congregation had been members of Mt. Pleasant church, but 26 were recent converts at the revival just held in Bynum. This new church is named 'Bynum Church' and is on the Haw River circuit, under the pastorship of Rev. J.T. Draper, who is most highly esteemed by all who know him as well as by his own church members."

Chatham Record December 26, 1901. "The new Methodist church at Bynum was completed last week and it is quite a credit to the workmanship of that experienced master mechanic, Mr. J.B. Masemore, who had charge of its

construction."

Chatham Observer January 24, 1902. Bynum Missionary Society reorganized: President, J.B. Atwater; Vice-President, B.N. Mann; Secretary, Miss Lu'a Thomas; Assistant Secretary, Miss Marvin Riggsbee; Treasurer, Mrs. G.E. Moore; Assistant Treasurer, Miss Carrie Sturdivant.

Chatham Record January 30, 1902. "The new church building erected recently lends a new enchantment to the village. Our people are proud of their edifice and they have a just cause for their pride.

The interior of the church will be painted and the walls given the finishing touch shortly."

Chatham Record January 30, 1902. "On Wednesday night an Epworth League, an auxiliary of the M.E. Church, was organized with officers as follows: President, Henry A. Bynum, 1st vice-president (chairman of the devotional department) B.N. Mann; 2d vice-president (chairman of charity and help department) Mrs. J.B. Atwater; 3rd vice-president (chairman of literary department) Mrs. B.N. Mann; secretary, Miss Nonie Ganner; treasurer, Miss Alice Cook."

Chatham Record October 23, 1902. Women's Foreign Missionary Society formed. President, Mrs. B.N. Mann; 1st Vice-President, Mrs. B.W. Bailey; 2nd Vice-President, Mrs. Ed Sturdivant; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Fannie Williamson; Recording Secretary, Miss Annie Bynum; Treasurer, Mamie Moore.

Chatham Record January 22, 1903. "At the morning service, the indebtedness

of the church, \$364, was lifted."

Chatham Record November 26, 1903. "During the year we have raised the debt on the church and painted it, notwithstanding the factory was shut down for four months."

In 1909, after the death of James B. Bynum, Jr.

ORGANIZATION OF THE CHURCH IN BYNUM

The idea of organizing a church in Bynum had no doubt been the subject of much discussion for several years. It is said that Carney Bynum was in favor of such a move but his plan was met with resistance. The first serious discussion to organize a church began to be heard in 1898. An article appeared in the 15 June edition of the Chatham Citizen for that year which stated, "We hear that the Odell Manufacturing Company at Bynum will shortly build a church there for the use of their operatives and others in the vicinity."

Again, in the Thursday, 2 May edition of the Chatham Record for 1901 it was stated, "The question of establishing a church at Bynum was discussed (at the Quarterly Conference of the Haw River Circuit), but action thereon was deferred."

By 15 July of that same year a decision had been made to build a Methodist Church at a cost of \$1000.00. The weekly issue of the Record read, "This will weaken the congregation at Mt. Pleasant, which is one of the oldest in this country." The article also stated, a church "has been desired (in Bynum) for sometime. "

Finally, in September, 1901 work was begun on the new Methodist Church here, under the supervision of J.B. Masemore of Jonesboro Heights. The original structure, which was completed in December, consisted only of the sanctuary. According to Mary Gattis, remembering her childhood years in the church several years later,

the Sunday School classes met in the Sanctuary. Each class was separated from the other by curtains which were hung in the sanctuary. The structure was woodframe.

Without a doubt, the most important date this early period was Thursday, 7 November, 1901. On that date the congregation which became Bynum Methodist Church was organized. CW Bynum was elected treasurer and JB Atwater was elected secretary. There were 75 members. A majority of the members transferred their membership from Mount Pleasant. But 26 were converted during a revival held a few weeks earlier in Bynum. Details about the revival remain a mystery to us. We do not know which 49 transferred from Mount Pleasant. The earliest church membership roll we have on hand dates from only 1906. By comparing the 1906 official Church roll with the 1901 Sunday School roll we can get some clue as to who some of the charter members were. The trustees for the church were C. W. Bynum, James B. Atwater, CP Emory, Rufus Lambeth and HA Bynum.

Time and space does not permit us to give detailed sketches of each of these members but the following leaders will be sketched briefly to give us an idea of the strong spirit which was prevalent throughout the congregation: CW Bynum, Mrs. L. B. Bynum, JB Atwater, AW Fowler, Jenny Belle Abernathy and WS Williamson. CW Bynum and Mrs. L. B. Bynum have already been mentioned.

James Bobbitt Atwater, a son of Jehiel and Martha W. Atwater was born in 1864 in Orange County. In His youth he received Jesus Christ as his Savior and joined Mount Pleasant Methodist Church. In 1898 he married Nell Eastwood Page. When the church was organized in Bynum his family transferred their membership from Mount Pleasant to Bynum. In 1909, after the death of Carney Bynum, JB

Atwater became Sunday School Superintendent and he served in that capacity for nearly 20 years. As indicated earlier he served on the board of trustees. He also served as recording secretary, and for twenty years he was a member of the North Carolina Annual Conference Sunday School Board. He rendered much valuable Service to his community, country and church. He was "translated to the larger life beyond" on 4 November, 1930. His daughter Nell Page Atwater said of him, "next to his family there was nothing in the world he loved more than the church." One of her most vivid memories was the rigid rule of keeping Sunday morning quiet in the house while he studied his Sunday School lesson in preparation for teaching the men's class. Nell Page also remembers fondly that if the children were well enough to get out of bed they were well enough to go to church. JB Atwater was very involved in organizational work. In a letter dated 17 June, 1898 JB Atwater wrote to his bride to be, "We are going right ahead on securing subscriptions to ^{build a} church here. We have about \$300.00 subscribed already."

This Atwater family is one of the oldest families in the church.

AW Fowler was another early leader in our church (Sunday School). He was born in Chathan County and reared in the neighborhood. He was a very active member of the Methodist Church but his life was tragically cut short 21, August, 1900. Until that time "he evidenced the life of a sincere christian by his daily walk." As a Sunday School teacher he was efficient, prompt and true. And when his name was called by the secretary his manly form and sterling face were always seen at this class. Indeed he was true and honest wherever placed. He was quiet and unpret-

entious, especially kind in his home. From a boy he was good to his mother. One among the last acts was to intercede for and ward off punishment from a number of wayward boys. Why it is that such a life as this was cut off before it reached the noonday splendour - while other, less worthy and less useful are allowed to continue remains to be understood hereafter. Our duty is the cheerfully submit to this Divine dispensation."

"Where as it has pleased the great Head of the Church to remove from our Sunday School our brother and friend AW Fowler - Resolved first that our brother showed in his life the true marks of a Christian and fully met the requirements of a good neighbor and citizen. Second - that we tender his family our Christian sympathy and pray that this dispensation of providence may be for their good."

Bynum January 6, 1901

LB Bynum
JB Atwater
CW Neal

Jenny Belle Abernathy was a daughter of RS and Sophia Abernathy. She was born in 1884 and died in 1900. She joined the Bynum Sunday School and continued as a member until her death. With the exception of a few months when her family was away, when the hour for Sunday School came she was usually found in her place. As a child she was gentle, kind and agreeable. She always seemed to have much respect for her parents. Her father said concerning her that she always seemed to grow more and more thoughtful of him - always wanting to do something for his comfort. She joined the Methodist Episcopal Church South at Mt. Pleasant in 1894. One of her closest friends said of her that "she was truly a Christian girl."

The Abernathy family is another of the older families of the church. Descendants of ES Abernathy include Ora Abernathy, Sally Fowler, and Rufus Abernathy.

W. J. Williamson was born in 1818 and died in 1894 after an extended illness. He was a rather remarkable man, honest in his convictions, true in every relation of life, an earnest man - with an open heart and a ready hand to the cry of distress. He was a faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal Church South for many years. He loved his church and cause of Christ, always contributing to the full extent of his ability in church work. His life and character left no doubt as to his future. He was a faith-teacher in the Bynum Sunday School.

The first pastor of the newly organized church in Bynum was Rev. Jesse Thomas Draper. He came onto the Haw River Circuit in 1900 and left in 1901. Before coming to this circuit he served Haw River Quarterly Conference Minutes. 1901 Roanoke Circuit, Lewiston Mission, Youngsville and Clayton. Our present Sanford District Superintendent, Rev. James CP Brown, remembers Rev. Draper serving his home church. The man Rev. Brown described in a letter to the historical committee here at Bynum was the able leader who pastored this flock in the early days. Rev. Brown said of Rev. J. T. Draper, "He spoke in a deliberate and emphatic cadence evidencing reverence toward God and great devotion to the Gospel." Rev. Draper impressed all who knew him as someone to be trusted as a "bearer of important truth from God." Rev. Brown remembers that he was very long-winded, but he recalls that he closed all of his prayers with these words, "And at last, O Lord, when we have crossed over that river, gather us together on the other side as one unbroken family. We pray for Jesus' sake.

Amen."

Rev. Brown said he always dressed in a black or navy suit with a white shirt (stiff collar) and dark tie. He stood straight as a ramrod. His face was radiant; it almost seemed to glow.

After Rev. Draper left the Haw River Circuit he served other appointments at Hillsboro, Clinton, Whiteville, Roanoke Rapids, Roanoke Island, Troy, Raeford, Ffarmont, Warren, Middleburg, Murfreesboro, Caledonia, Garysburg and Aulander. He was a seasoned minister with 16 years of experience when he served this circuit. He was not a poor, less than desireable preacher on his way out taking what he could get. Nor was he a new preacher using churches as stepping stones. He was a good man and a quality preacher who loved the Lord.

Bynum Church was organized as part of the Methodist Episcopal Church South. It was a member church of the North Carolina Conference, in the Fayetteville District. Rev. BR Hall was the District Superintendent (presiding elder).

The third pastor at Bynum Church was Rev. E. E. Rose. Rev. Edward Eugene Rose, called Ed was born 5 March, 1866 in Warren County. In his youth he was greatly encouraged in his efforts to prepare for the ministry by the Rev. John N. Cole (after whom Ed named his oldest son), pastor of Ed's church, Lion Methodist on the Ridgeway Circuit, from 1884 to 1887. Ed entered Trinity College, (now Duke University), Durham, North Carolina with the class of 1892, but left after about 2½ years to serve the Person Circuit, Durham District, as supply pastor eary in 1891. In November 1891 he was admitted to the North Carolina Methodist Conference. He was ordained Deacon in Wilmington in 1893, Elder in Elizabeth City in 1895.

On 20 December 1893, in the Mount Tabor Church, Bahama, North Carolina Ed married Maggie Naller Umstead, the daughter of John Wesley and Louisa (Goodman) Umstead.

Ed's pastoral charges and places of residence were many, to be exact (11) circuits from 1891-1917. His pastoral charge is Haw River, Fayetteville District was 1906-07 and his residence was in Bynum. On January 3, 1908 he and Mrs. Rose had a son Robert Franklin Rose at this residence.

Ed had three other sons, Jon Cole 1894, Bernice 1898, and Marion called Simon in 1901. Ed's health failed while he was assigned to the Carthage Circuit, and he was compelled to give up his work for a while, but after spending some time in a hospital in Richmond, Virginia, he was seemingly restored to health and finished his full term on that circuit. Ed died 6 December, 1918 in Durham and is buried at Maplewood Cemetery beside his wife Maggie and a son Bernice. John Cole and Simon are buried also in Maplewood Cemetery. Robert who is the baby and his wife Delores Mangum Rose reside at 2423 State Street, Durham, North Carolina.

On 11 July, 1908 at the third quarterly conference for that year Rev. N.W. Watson reported, "The Sunday School of the circuit is in fairly good condition and the outlook in that direction seems hopeful. If a larger percentage of the adult membership could be induced to attend our Sunday Schools it would doubtless give new energy to the work and prove a great blessing to them."

"Mann's Chapel, Bynum, Mt. Pleasant and Cedar Grove have had successful children's Day services. A large congregation was present at each of these services and good has been accomplished."

At the fourth quarterly conference in 1908 held 25 September Rev. Watson stated, "The general state of the church... may be classed as hopeful. Special revival services have been held at all of the churches. These meetings were inspiring and helpful to the membership, resulting, i believe, in the deeper consecration of many lives.

Rev. LM Chaffin reported to the conference on 1 May, 1901, "some of them (Sunday School Classes) are perhaps in more flourishing condition than others. Some of our people need stirring up in regard to the owrk of the Suncday School."

On 17 July of that same year the pastor expressed concern that the protracted meetings which had been held at Bynum and the other churches did not result as everyone had hoped they would. He did report one baptism: Owen B. Parker.

There was an obvious lull in the zeal of the people but it was not to last. On 9 July, 1910 Rev. WH Moore reported, "As far as I know our people in general are behaving themselves, and a larger number of them are endeavoring to live consistent lives." On 15 October he reported, "Protracted meetings have

been held at all the churches in the charge . . . Several of these meetings were good revival meetings, resulting in the quickening of the spiritual lives of some of our members, and in the professed conversion of quite a number of souls."

The "destroyer" tried desperately to tempt the people to use a long spell of bad weather as an excuse to stay away from worship and Rev. Moore acknowledged to some extent the evil one was successful but he noted, "The heart of the pastor has been encouraged by the knowledge that the Gospel preached has met with appreciation by all, and salvation to some."

In July of 1911 Rev. Moore gave great commendation to JB Atwater, our Sunday School Superintendent at the time, stating, "The Superintendent deserves commendation for his faithfulness under the discouragements with which he contends."

Then we move to 1924. The pastor was CH Caviness. He indicates that there is still a good spirit amount the people but room for improvement. The pastor, "he said," is gratified to find a goodly number of people in Church who seem to be interested in and loyal to the church. (However) a larger expression of spirituality is greatly desired. Where this coveted desire is achieved all other problems will be solved."

As from the earliest days - even until this present day there has been a keen interest in the spiritual development of our children. Let us pray that parents and fellow members alike will never lose this interest, nor the courage to work for it. On 24 May, 1924 Rev. Caviness capsuled this characterizing feature thusly, "work (in the Sunday School) is progressing very well and we are looking for increased activity and more

intense ----- in this most important department of our Church work. We are very interested in the children and we try to give attention to them as occasion is afforded."

A change was made in December of 1924 which has had long-lasting effect on our church. Prior to this date the pastor was paid quarterly at the conferences with money raised during the quarter by knocking on doors of the church members in the community. It was noted each quarter how much was give to the pastor. For example, at one quarterly conference it was reported that the pastor received \$76.61 for that quarter. \$21.77 was contributed by the people of Bynum leaving the remaining \$54.84 as contributions from the remaining five churches on the charge. Bynum made, by far, the largest single contribution. In addition to this financial assistance give to the pastor quarterly the people also gave freely to the pastor other physical needs. An article which appeared in an 1891 edition of the Chatham Record described one such occasion, "on last Friday night the good people at Bynum gave a warm and substantial welcome in the shape of a "pounding" to Rev. LL Johnson, the new pastor of the Haw River Circuit." A "pounding" consisted of giving the pastor large amounts of food and other necessities. This tradition has continued, although to a lessor degree, to this day.

The decision made 16 December, 1924 probably had a great deal to do with that. In a communication from the circuit lay leaders the following motion was made, "Layment should this year relieve our pastor of all responsibility in regard to financial affairs of our church, thus leaving hime free for teaching, studying, visiting the sick and ministering to the needs of

the flock."

"We should devise methods for doing this work which will insure our pastor a respectable living for each month of the year. We should not expect him to wait until the whole year's work is completed before he reaps any financial reward. He may have that (spiritual food) to eat of which we know not; yet he is human enough to eat bread and meat."

This motion was voted on and unanimously accepted, thus proving that it has traditionally been the desire of the good people at Bynum Church to provide adequately for the preachers, and to seek to move forward in her ministry. Obviously this placed a greater financial burden on the people but they did not give up. In fact, they saw to it that "at least $\frac{1}{4}$ of the financial obligation was met each quarter." According to Rev. Caviness, "This proved a blessing to the charge and saved the pastor humiliation and embarrassment."

The spiritual work of the church did not falter during that time. On 12 June 1926 it was reported, "We have held one revival this quarter and the following new members have been received into the church by vows - (Roy Riggsbee, WC Abernathy), Roy Lee Eubanks, Jr., and Thomas Snipes." The pastor at that time was Rev. W. J. Watson. Watson reported in September that "32 heads of families promised they would erect (family) altars in their homes." Rev. Watson acknowledged that there were "many backsliders," but, all-in-all, it was a glorious time of spiritual renewal.

Resolutions of Respect

Passed by the Sunday School at Bynum N.C.

Whereas, Our Heavenly Father in His unerring providence has removed from us by death, Mrs. Sophronia J. Bynum, the beloved wife of Mr. S. B. Bynum, Oct 6th 1892:

- Resolved 1. That we submit to the will of God, but deeply lament the loss of one we so much esteemed and loved.
2. That in her death the Sunday School at Bynum has lost one of its purest members and for 17 years a most faithful teacher.
3. That while we miss her presence in the Sunday School, the church, the Missionary-Society and at home, we will ever cherish her memory, and strive to follow her meek and christian example, which she ever set before us in every path of life.
4. That we deeply sympathize with the family in this sore bereavement, and pray that they may all meet her safely in Heaven.
5. That these resolutions be entered on the records of this Sunday-school, a copy sent the bereaved family, and to the Raleigh Christian Advocate for publication.

Mrs. S. S. Johnson
 " M. M. Riggsbee
 " W. S. Andrews
 " Miss Julia N. Lambert
 " Martha S. Williamson
 Committee

A Tribute

Her class of this school wished to offer their tribute of love in memory of their beloved teacher Mrs S. J. Byrum. She was a faithful teacher, ever trying to lead us to the blessed Saviour - She was never absent when we had a school - would admit of her being present. Now often have I heard her in her soft pleading tone urging her pupils to be punctual, and I do I remember the smile of joy that lighted her face when I told her not long before her death that her class now was one of the most punctual in Sunday School. We feel that she is now with the Saviour of whom she always taught us. May we, as a class, as we shall be taken from earth one by one, be united with our teacher in Heaven.

{An expression of love from
her class in Byrum S. School} by Lillie Lambert.

Oct-1892.

In the death of Mrs. S. Bynum I feel that I have lost one of my best and truest friends and I shall ever cherish her sacred memory. Any one with her in the seclusion of her own quiet home, as I often was, could but feel the sweet influence of her pure and unselfish life. She was always the same - never pretending anything she was not.

Her pity at money ever shone as a divine lustre through her soul.

Her peaceful and Christlike death, as well as her quiet unassuming manner of life has had a peculiar influence over me, and though she be dead, yet her influence will ever live and guide those who love her. You said to have her leave us, but she has only left earth for a brighter home in heaven, and the good ones here to live with the many loved ones in heaven.

By her death earth has become less attractive, but heaven so much brighter.

By divine help I shall try to follow her, as she followed her Saviour whom she trusted, that I may die the death that she died, and enter into the eternal "Rest" that she is now enjoying.

From one who loved her

The above was recorded here
by order of Bynum S. School

- Sketch -
of the life of W. J. Williamson,

W. J. Williamson was born in Chatham County September the 12th 1818. Most of his early life was spent in Moore County. He moved back to Chatham about 20 yrs ago, and took charge of the flouring mills at Bynum. Was taken ill Saturday night of the 23rd of Dec. and, after a short and severe attack of Pneumonia, he died Thursday morning of the 28th at 4-00, in his 76th year. He had raised a large and creditable family - leaving in his home when he died, a wife, and four affectionate daughters -

He was, rather a remarkable character; honest in his convictions, true in every retition of life, an earnest man - with an open heart, and ready hand to the cry of distress. He had been a faithful member of the M. E. Church South for many years.

He loved his church and the cause of Christ, always contributing to the full extent of his ability in church work.

His life, and character leave no doubt as to his future. His friends and relations need not weep, as they that have no hope.

The Sunday School, at Bynum has lost one of its best, and most faithful teachers, and the community, one of its best citizens.

Resolved -

1st As a Sunday School, we will ever cherish his memory, as a good, and useful man in our midst -

2nd That while his death was sad to us all, we are encouraged to know that, as he lived, right, all is well with him - that he is now

safe from the ills and toils of this life.
 3rd That this sketch of his life together with these
 resolutions be copied upon the minutes of
 this Sunday School, and a copy be sent to the
 family of the deceased.

Bennum N.C.
 Jan'y 14th 1894.

L. B. Bennum } Comm-
 B. G. Lambeth }
 H. C. Carter }

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Resolutions regarding life of
C. W. Bynum - deceased

It was our Heavenly Father's good pleasure to remove from earth to Heaven on August 31st 1909, our dear brother and fellow laborer in the Church C. W. Bynum. We, the members of the Quarterly Conference of the High River Ch of which he was a most worthy and loved member, desire to show our appreciation of his useful life.

Therefore, Resolved first: That in his death the Church has lost one of its most useful members, and the Community one who was ever ready with heart and hand to help forward in everything which tended to the moral and spiritual uplift of its people. Second: That his unexampled fidelity to the Cause of truth and righteousness and temperance, and his unparalleled love and devotion to the Sunday School Cause deserve special emphasis. Resolved, third; That we deeply feel and deplore the loss of our dear brother and our hearts are filled with sadness that we shall meet him on earth no more. Fourth that we tender to his bereaved family our sincere brotherly love and tenderest sympathy in their sad distress and pray our Heavenly Father's richest blessings upon them; Fifth, that a copy of these resolutions be spread upon our record book, a copy be sent to his family, and to the Raleigh Christian Advocate for publication.

Oct 9-1909

C. W. Mann }
Ruffin Furran } Committee
Ch. B. Wilson }

A W. Fowler died the 21st of Aug - 1901.
 Aged 27 yrs, 4 mos and 9 days -
 He was born in Chatham Co & resided in
 this neighborhood and has for several years
 belonged to the Methodist Episcopal Church
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 for and ward off punishment from a
 member of wayward boys. Why it is that
 such a life at this age was cut off here it reaches
 its noon day splendor - while there was
 nothing ungodly allowed to continue
 remains to be understood here after - Our
 duty is to carefully record this divine
 dispensation -

Whereas - It has pleased the great
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 resolved 1st That our brother showed in his life
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 the requirements of a good neighbor & citizen
 and That we tender his family our Christian
 sympathy and pray that this dispensation of
 Providence may be for their good.

L. B. Pyburn
 J. B. Atwater
 C. W. Neal } Com.

Pyburn Jan. 6 - 1901 -

Jennie Belle Abernathy daughter of R. S. and Sophia Abernathy was born June 10th 1884 and died Dec 7th 1900. At a very early age she joined the Sunday School at this place and continued a member until the time of her death (with the exception of a few months while the family were away). When the hour for Sunday school came she was usually found in her place.

As a child she was gentle kind and agreeable. She seemed always to have thorough respect for her parents. Her father said that she seemed to grow more and more thoughtful of him -

Always wanting to do something for his comfort.

She joined the M. E. Church South when about 10 years old. One of her intimate friends and class-mates said of her "That she was truly a Christian girl" how much she is missed by her home & by her associates! But God has taken her unto Himself, and let us bow in humble submission. Some day He will claim each one of us - We know not whether it will be in innocent childhood, in the bloom of life, or in middle age when we feel strong, and see so much in this world to live for. Or perhaps it may be in old age when the fire of life is burning low. So let us try to be ready when the summons comes.

Whereas it has pleased our Heavenly Father to remove from our midst our friend and companion Jennie Belle Abernathy. Therefore be it resolved that in her death the S. S. has lost a good and true member, one always ready to respond to the call of duty.

Resolved that we bow in humble submission to his All divine will, believing that He doeth all things well.
Resolved that we extend to the family our sincere sympathy.
That a copy of this memorial be spread upon the minutes and a copy sent to the family.

Wm. J. W. Atwater
Miss Hallie Williamson
Miss W. V. Atwater

Wm. Cary Garner son of James M. and Mary Garner was born in this vicinity 16 Sept 1876 - died Sept 11th 1901. He was the grand son of Alfred Garner and M. Temple and the descendant of Wm. Houshee and Abner Brown His kinship for generation past were the sterling good people of Chatham Co. He joined the Baptist Church at Mt. Kilead Aug 1890 and was baptised into full connection the 2. of Sep. following.

There need be no effort at words and strong language to set forth virtues of this young man a finer and more open young man character could be seldom found. All who knew him were swift with eulogy and praise at the announcement of his death.

He was keenly alive in laying a foundation that would support and mature a grand Christian character. He evidenced the fact by his daily walk that the example and counsel of a true and good father, the tender love of a mother, the sweet affection of two devoted sisters, and above all an abiding trust in his Redeemer were shaping and moulding his young manhood. His face was an unerring index to his true Christian character, gentle as a woman, modest and sweet spirited, respectful and true to his employers, offensive to none, at the same time solid and determined for the side of truth and right.

It seems hard to see ones life fade and ones fondest hopes decay but to know that God is leading brings peace and comfort day by day. To have known and loved this young man makes it impossible to place a low estimate on human nature.

To his parents and sisters a life long rich legacy is left and let them remember that its better to have loved and lost than never to have loved at all. God in His infinite wisdom and goodness took him to himself.

While his deathbed suffering was sharp and severe yet he met it with a Christian heroism. Let his life and example be imitated by all our young people and may his virtues linger long with those left behind.

Resolutions of Respect: Cary Barnes

Whereas, God in his wisdom has seen fit to remove from our midst by death on Wednesday, Sept 7, 1901 - our beloved friend and brother Cary Barnes; and whereas, we feel most keenly the loss occasioned by the death of this true and noble young man - therefore be it

1 Resolved - that while we bow in humble submission to the will of God, whose acts we cannot always understand, yet we miss him so much and can but feel regretful that such a bright and promising young man should be brought to such an untimely death

2 That Mt Lilead Church has lost one of her truest and most faithful members and this - Byrum Sunday S - one of its best and most exemplary young men - True and faithful to all his trusts, his life was indeed an example worthy of emulation by all associated with him.

3 That we tender the beloved family our deepest sympathy in this most trying ordeal of their lives, and commend them for comfort and consolation to our Heavenly Father whose grace alone is sufficient for them.

4 That these resolutions be recorded in the Record Book of this Sunday S - and that a copy be given the bereaved family, and copies sent to the Biblical Recorder and the Chatham Record for publication

J. B. Atwater }
 J. N. Atwater } Commit
 G. E. Moore }

While many of us remember his with peculiar
sadness and grief that beautiful evening when
we laid his body to rest in Mt. Pleasant Church
yard, yet we have this promise, though he be
dead yet shall he live again

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TOTAL		23000

AVERAGE RECEIVED PER BUNNY--approximately
230.00

ANNUAL BUDGET 1955-56
BYNUM METHODIST CHURCH

Pastor's Salary.	\$1360
Pastor's Travel Expense.	80
Episcopal Fund	28
District Superintendent's Fund	75
Conference Claimants Fund.	230
Ministers Retirement Fund.	14
Minimum Salary Fund.	61
Orphanage.	121
Church Extension	68
College Sustaining	137
Camp Don-Lee Building.	17
Golden Cross	17
Methodist Retirement Homes, Inc.	34
World Service and Conference Benevolences.	208
Alaskan College Fund	9
Ed Smith Fund.	45
United College Appeal.	80
District Work.	28
Electricity (Estimated).	15
Literature (Estimated)	110
Oil (Estimated).	75
Janitor (Estimated).	60
Parsonage Fund	144
Miscellaneous.	<u>50</u>
TOTAL	\$3066

AVERAGE NEEDED PER SUNDAY--approximately
\$59.00

1977 CHURCH OFFICERS

PASTOR.....GARY C. SMITH
 LAY LEADER.....JG. WILLIAMS
 ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD CHAIRMAN..KEN COOPER
 CHAIRPERSON OF COUNCIL ON MINISTRIES..MRS. LEON GLOSSON
 CHAIRPERSON OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.. ROY EUBANKS
 CHAIRPERSON OF PASTOR PARISH RELATIONS COMM.. ROY HATLEY
 CHAIRPERSON OF SOCIAL CONCERNS...RUTH LUCIER
 CHAIRPERSON ON EVANGELISM..MRS. MARY ALICE HEATH
 TRUSTEES..LEWIS COOPER,
 SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT..DEAN RIGSBEE
 CHURCH TREASURER..MRS. JACK PARKER
 MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY ..MRS. ROY EUBANKS
 COORDINATOR OF YOUTH MINISTRIES..ROBERT ELMORE
 COORDINATOR OF CHILDREN' MINISTRIES..JENNIFER COOPER
 COORDINATOR OF YOUNG ADULTS..SHARON COOPER
 PRESIDENT OF W.M.W...MRS. BIVIAN RIGSBEE

1977 CHURCH BUDGET

PASTOR'S SALARY	8,000.00
TRAVEL ALLOWANCE	500.00
UTILITIES	624.00
INSURANCE (APPRX.)	500.00
SINGLE FIGURE	2200.00
MINISTERIAL EDUCATION	100.00
INTER. COOP.	16.00
MISSIONAL PRIORITIES	30.00
BLACK COLLEGE FUND	50.00
DISTRICT WORK FUND	
MISCELLANEOUS	750.00
MAINTENANCE	\$100,00 500.00

misc.

TOTAL..... 13270.00

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LIST OF PREACHERS

- 1776 Carolina Circuit added: 683 members
Drumgole, Poythress, Tatum
- 1777 J. King, J. Dickens, LR Cole, E. Pride
930 members
- 1779 Carolina Circuit divided: New Hope, Tar River, Roanoke,
Mecklenburg
- 1780
- 1781 Tar River: James O'Kelly
- 1793 Haw River Circuit formed
- * 1895 (Parsonage built in Bynum) W. H. Pucket
- * 1899-1901 J.T. Draper (Bynum church organized, 1901)
died 1954 Warrenton, North Carolina
- 1901-1904 RW Baily
died 1930 Raleigh, North Carolina
- 1905-1906 EE Rose
died 1918 Durham, North Carolina
- 1907 NM Watson
- 1908-1910 LM Chaffin
died 1939 Jonesboro, North Carolina
- 1911 GB Perry
- 1912 WE Troutman
- 1913 EL Stack
- 1914-1915 WE Brown
- 1916-1918 GW Perry
died 1943 Greenville, North Carolina
- 1919-1920 JW Autry
- 1921-1922 JR Edwards
died 1948 Roanoke Rapids, North Carolina
- 1923-1924 CH Caviness
died 1950 Siler City, North Carolina
- 1925 WJ Watson
- 1926-1929 AE Brown

- 1930-1932 LA Tilley
- * 1933-1935 JF Starnes (no longer known as Haw River Circuit;
now Bynum charge)
died 1946 Durham, North Carolina
- 1936-1939 C. Reichard
- 1940-1943 KF Duval (Sunday School class rooms added - 1940)
- 1944-1945 GC Kinlaw
- 1946-1947 DC Boone
- 1948-1951 JM Cline
- 1952-1954 WC Shaw
- 1955 RN Robertson
- 1956-1957 Warren Bishop
- 1958-1962 F. Lloyd, Jr.
- * 1963-1967 JM Short (Bynum becomes station in 1964)
- 1968 CH Beale (Church building brick-veneered. Restrooms)
1967 B. Gattis enters full time ministry.
November 1967 new hammond organ added.
March 1968 new hymnals.
- 1969 Bobby Smith
- 1970-1972 CP Pearce
- 1973 LeVerne Womack
- * 1974-1975 Warren Langer (New parsonage built)
- 1976 Gary Smith
- 1977 John Capps
- 1978-1980 Jim Hebel
- * 1980- David Francis (Bynum goes full time 1983)

MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH IN 1906

James Bobbit Atwater	Mary Ellen Brown	John C. Abernathy
Nellie Page Atwater	Alice Louisa Abernathy	Ellen Cates
Robert S. Abernathy	Martha S. Brown	James Cates
Sophia M. Abernathy	David C. Riddle	William E. Williams
Willie C. Abernathy	William Meacham	Robert D. Williams
Carney W. Bynum	Lula Meacham	Bernice Rose
Mary C. Bynum	M. Etta Ellis	Ina Belle Foushee
Annie B. Taylor	G. Edgar Moore	Ben Hall Hackney
Henry A. Bynum	Dewitt T. Moore	Will S. Andrews
Ann Eliza Tillman	Alice Sturdivant	Annie L. Bynum
George Hearne	Maud E. Sturdivant	Lina G. Brown
Martha L. Neal	Clara J. Hearne	Sarah Farrell Clark
Minnie Moore	Thomas J. Hearne	Eugenia Bynum Hearne
Mamie Moore	Talton S. Riggsbee	Fleta C. Moore
Flossie Durham	Bessie Sturdivant	Callie M. Meacham
Robert J. Moore	Joseph B. Sturdivant	Flonnie Adline Meacham
Madeline Riggsbee	M. Elizabeth Sturdivant	Ellen Banks Williams
Marvin Riggsbee	Luther R. Sturdivant	Eliza Jane Williams
Bettie Smith	Vermyo Snipes	Carl Leander Neal
Lula M. Smith	Demetrius Snipes	Leroy W.H. Riggsbee
Fannie D. Hatch	Ambrose Snipes	M. Simon Rose
Annie E. Williams	Mary A. Snipes	Mattie Brown
Wm G. Williams	Joseph W. Mann	Mary Lee Steadman
Mossie Williams	Annie O. Mann	Mrs. N.M. Watson
Orphia Williams	James H. Stroud	J.N. Atwater
Ida Williams	Ira Foushee	Mrs. J.N. Atwater
Earnest Williams	Deller Foushee	B. Atwater
Charles W. Clark	I. Armon West	Nora M. Sturdivant
Columbus Fowler	Lucy F. West	Delie M. Wright Deaver
Nancy Fowler	Dollie C. Clark	Hampton Knight
Minnie L. Durham	Jessie Clark	Nora L. Chaffin
Manley Durham	Annie Moore	Leonidar M. Chaffin
Francis Fowler	Nellie Williams	Nellie L. Chaffin
James E. Sturdivant	Lilly C. Brammon	Car ? Moore
Jefferson N. Durham	Gordan F. West	W.W. Kimball
James Williams	Ella O. West	Eloise Kimball
John Marshall Hearne	Ina V. West	
Robert Henry Abernathy	Maggie W. Rose	
Coy Lee Durham	John C. Rose	
Carney Wildon Abernathy	J.R. Durham	
Martha B. Hearne	J.N. Taylor	
Malel Horton Hearne	Walter Harris	
Maud Miller Hackney	Beulah Harris	
Lizzie May Kimball Griffen	William R. Sturdivant	
Lessie Sturdivant	Minnie Audrey Lassiter	
Lena Sturdivant	Daisy Cates	
Cora D. Sturdivant	Naomie Sturdivant	
Tiny Evelyn Riggsbee	Minnie Maud Foushee	
Ivey Annie Moore	Ad Clark	
Betsy Mary Elizabeth Johnson	Rupert Adrian Lassiter	

BAPTISMS

Roy Lee Eubanks 1916 by W.E. Brown
 Robert Talmage Eubanks 24 October, 1917 By Perry
 Ambrose M. Eubanks 1916 by W.E. Brown
 Robert Bynum Atwater 20 June, 1918 by Gibbs
 John Paul Edwards September, 1923 by Edwards
 Julian Brooks Snipes 3 September, 1916 by W.E. Brown at Mann's Chapel
 Marvin Snipes 1907 by W.E. Rose Mann's Chapel

MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH IN 1919

J.B. Atwater	Roy Riggsbee
Nell P. Atwater	Eugenia Riggsbee
Frank P. Atwater	Madeline Riggsbee
Warren E. Atwater	J.T. Riggsbee
W. Briggs Atwater	Ab Riddle
R.H. Abernathy	Mrs. Ab Riddle
John C. Abernathy	Plato Riddle
W.C. Abernathy	Jesse C. Riddle
Mary E. Andrews	S. Sturdivant
J.T. Bland	J.E. Sturdivant
Mrs. JT Bland	Nellie B. Sturdivant
Ina Canada	J.B. Sturdivant
J. Manley Durham	Mrs. J.B. Sturdivant
Flossie Durham	Wm R. Sturdivant
Carey Durham	Lula Smith
Frank Durham	Earnest Williams
Mrs. Nora Eubanks	Lela Williams
Ira Foushee	
Mrs. Della Foushee	
Maud Foushee	
Clytae Foushee	
Bettie Pearl Foushee	
Columbus Fowler	
Thomas J. Hearne	
Martha Hearne	
John M. Hearne	
Fannie Hatch	
Hampton Knight	
Annie Moore	
Maurice Moore	
Mrs. Canor Moore	
Robert Bland Moore	
G. Edgar Moore	
Minnie Moore	
Robert J. Moore	
Dec T. Moore	

BIRTHS

Sue Riggsbee 13 Feb , 1945
 Phil Cooper 2 Feb , 1947
 Bill Gattis 14 Nov , 1945
 Brenda Eubanks 29 Apr , 1945
 Peggy Lane 10 Jul., 1948
 Carolyn Snipes 21 March, 1950
 Elizabeth Heath 12 Nov., 1945
 Don Parker 31 Jan , 1953
 Dean Riggsbee 22 Oct , 1954
 Frankie Snipes 7 July, 1955
 Earl Dawson 2 Dec , 1953
 Sharon Cooper 16 Mar , 1957
 Gail Ashworth Nov., 1956
 Susan Lane Apr., 1958
 Rodney Durham 1957

OTHER IMPORTANT DATES

J.N. Atwater received into membership 18 June, 1910
 Rufus Abernathy 24 October, 1919
 Follie Mae Abernathy 1951
 Henry Carter 7 July, 1946
 Carey E. Durham 26 March, 1916
 Warren Durham 18 May, 1942 (Profession of Faith)
 Bobbie Jean Durahm
 Frank Durham 26 March, 1916
 Louise Durham March, 1922
 Vernon Durham 24 October, 1919
 Andy Dawson 6 June, 1946
 Roy Lee Eubanks 18 April, 1926
 William Fowler 9 February, 1945
 Mary Catherine Fowler 8 July, 1946
 Jean Ann Fowler
 Mrs. H.G. Gale: 28 May, 1944
 William Hughes Gattis enters the ministry June, 1967
 Charlie Howard joins church 22 June, 1946 (PF)
 Mrs. Emma Johnson 18 May, 1941
 Trannie Johnson 25 June, 1944
 Prate & Lavenia Johnson 1950
 Cubie Johnson October, 1944
 Claiborne Jones 14 May, 1943
 Gert Maynard 16 June, 1946
 C.W. Neal 18 April, 1920 (CT)
 Jack Parker 1951
 Marshall Parker 1950 (PF) died 13 December, 1971
 Emmie Riggsbee 18 April, 1936
 Lula Smith died 14 December, 1963
 Thomas L. Snipes joined 18 April, 1926
 Lora Snipes 1951
 Tommy Snipes 1950
 Julius Suitt 1951
 Velna Suitt 1951

Jake Tripp 1 September, 1946
 Gurney Williams 4 June, 1941
 Ruth Williams " " "
 Lowell Williams 18 May, 1942
 Mrs. Ora Abernathy 1 January, 19
 (CT)
 Ted L. Williams 21 April, 1957
 Emmie Riggsbee 21 April, 1957 (PF)
 Jimmy Dawson 21 April, 1957 (PF)

MEMORIES

Over the years this church has been greatly loved and supported by her members. Many fond memories have been recalled by those who grew up in this church. These memories are worthy of our attention.

Mary Gattis Remembers early years in Bynum Church: "Bynum Methodist Church is very dear to me. I grew up in the Sunday School and worshipped there. Some of my precious memories are of the Sunday School teachers who shared their love of God with me. Some of them were Miss Effie Lambeth, Mrs. Lora Neal, Miss Mamie Moore, Mrs. Flossie Durham, and my aunt Martha Hearne.

Rev. George Perry was the first minister I can remember in the pulpit. This was in the year 1917. After his three years as pastor, Rev. J.W. Autry came as the new minister. One thing I remember so well about him; he made all us children sit on the front pew on the right hand side of the sanctuary. He taught us to sing. One song in particular I remember was "Brighten The Corner Where You Are." He was a very dedicated man. I joined the church in 1922. Rev. J.R. Edwards was the pastor at that time. Mr. Edwards had some morning services during his revivals for the people who had to work at night, and it was during one of those morning services that I, along with Edna Snipes, joined the church. Mr. Edwards was very much interested in the youth of the church.

I can remember some of the revivals. We would have some student ministers to help with the revivals and on a few occasions they would come down to the mill during lunch and preach. The sermons lasted about 15 minutes. They were preached out under the tree to the ones who wanted to join them.

Rev. J.C. Reichard had morning services at the church during revivals. I remember some of those services were so inspiring. We usually had a good attendance of the working people who worked at night. I remember one morning service seeing the altar filled with people and Rev. Reichard so overjoyed that tears

were streaming down his face.

I can remember some happy times during some of the revivals. There were two ladies in our church that were so filled with the Spirit that they could not hold it back. They would clap their hands and shout, "Praise the Lord." They were Miss Mamie Moore and Mrs. Mary Williams.

Another memory I have is the Pounding of the preachers. As a new preacher came, the church people got together and carried baskets of food to the parsonage as a way of welcoming the new preacher, and at Christmas time we always did this for the parsonage family. Also Mr. Arthur London of J.M. Odell Manufacturing Company gave a basket to the preachers when they came. He remembered them at Christmas for many years of his life.

Things were not so easy when it came time to pay the preacher in those days. We didn't have the money paid in as we do now. I have known the times when some one of the membership would go to the members and collect the money in person when we were lacking in some of our funds. When Rev. Dan Boone came as our pastor in 1947 he changed this. He started on a budget by using envelopes and we would pay some each Sunday, which has helped the people to support the church.

I remember all the nice picnics we had at Lakewood Park and Pullen Park. My mother enjoyed these so much. She always enjoyed the hobby horse buggies. The children's days when we could be in a program, and the Christmas programs and the beautiful tree and gifts also hold special memories for me. Homecomings and covered dish dinners were also special. But most of all the love and fellowship we have always shared in Bynum United Methodist Church are what I remember. We have shared a lot of sorrow but the love of God in our church has helped us to overcome all the sorrow and heartbreak. My prayer now is that Bynum United Methodist Church will always be here as a bright light in our community and will continue to grow in the years to come."

October 15, 1984

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To: Friends and Members of Bynum United Methodist Church

When I think of Bynum United Methodist Church, my recollection is as it should be...not so much the memory of a traditional church building brick veneered to stand the test of time...but the memory of a caring community of Christians in search of their place in God's Kingdom. Highlighted for me, of course not unlike others, are those experiences which have marked and confirmed me as one of God's children. Few of us as ministers doubt the significant role our home congregations played in the scheme of God's grace. Many of us may be able to recount the moment and even the place we felt the call to ministry. However, prior to that moment, there were likely many occasions and happenings in our home church which were only preparing us in subtle and unassuming ways for a response to greater service and challenge.

I have come to believe that in the past of every effective and devoted minister there probably stands a supportive and nurturing home church. God has created us so that we are capable of bringing out the best in each other--enabling each to find his or her own fullest potential by believing in each other. That is what Bynum Church gave me...self-confidence and worth by believing in me and in the power of God's grace. It demonstrated that early as I was encouraged to stand before that assembly and recite Psalm 100, to act our God's story through Christian drama, to lead as a youth officer, and later to serve as Sunday School Superintendent. I was confident because some folks along the way in that congregation had endowed me with the belief that God believed in me and He could be trusted not to fail me.

But more than believing in me there were those who themselves believed in God. And what I learned from them was not so much in content as in example which is most often true, for "faith is caught more often than taught." For some of them faithfulness at church and being the church was as natural as breathing is to life. I can still see them in the recesses of my memory like Mrs. Flossie Durham and "Ese"(Louise) Jones taking their familiar pew each time the doors of the church were opened. I can remember the seriousness and importance that my Sunday School teachers placed upon the Christian life during my youth and young adult years. They stand tall to be counted---Mr. Carey Durham, Mrs. Louise Harris, and Mr. Gurney Williams along with student pastors Warren Bishop and Frank Lloyd.

But if there is one event that captures the sort of Gospel message of love and acceptance I experienced during my growing up years at Bynum Church it would be the annual Sunday School picnic to Pullen Park in Raleigh each summer. It did not matter if I was not at the side of my mother or father; there was a sense of freedom and yet security at those picnics, for I was with my extended family--God's family gathered or scattered even at Pullen Park as Bynum Methodist Church. It is good to know that during my early spiritual pilgrimage, I felt that I had a place and a people to belong to.

I rejoice that my parents always made the church a significant part of their lives and consequently that value was passed on to me. Thanks be to God for them and for you, Bynum United Methodist Church. May you continue to be a place and a people to belong to by the grace of God.

Hope,

Bill H. Gattis

Reverend William H. Gattis

St. Luke United Methodist Church, Sanford, N.C.

Rufus Abernathy has also shared some of his fond memories.

"My most lasting memory of church activities and community would be my having the opportunity to serve as Sunday School Secretary for three years, taking part in the children's programs, and making friends with others. I was privileged to serve as Sunday School Secretary under Mr. J.B. Atwater. Mr. Atwater and Mr. Rufus Lambeth had a lot of influence, at one time, in and on our Bynum community.

I would not want to appear ungrateful to my church for its influence, but I had many other experiences that have meant a great deal to me. My first fish was caught at the old grist mill, my first homerun, my first friends, ringing of the mill and church bells, the company store on Saturday night, Mr. Gus and Don Ward and Mr. Charlie Lutterloh at our Saturday baseball games, hunting with cousin Luther Smith and George Smith, playing in the old kissel and corbett trucks, and Mr Bob Ellington's store across the road from the church and the one where Claiborne Jones' house is now, the days of Mr. Riddle the blacksmith and Dee Durham the shoer of mules and horses, Mr. _____? and the grist mill and the building of the bridge and dam and the hard surface road, the high ceiling and the pot bellied stove and my grandpa Abernathy keeping the stove burning, the gas lights over head burning, and the ding dong bell, the reservoir at the top of the hill. It had a fascination and it was a source of irritation when baseballs were fouled and fell into it.

I am overwhelmed with thoughts that came to mind about my days in and around my birth place. Not knowing what I have written will be any help to you I'll stop and get ready " to send it.

P.S. So many people have had good influence over me I hesitate to name them. My parents would have to come first and my two sisters. There was a little girl in my early manhood that was mighty important to me growing up. She is Mary Frances Smith Gattis.

I'll never forget those that gave their nickels, dimes, and quarters and

and bought me a most needed suit of clothes when I graduated from Elon College in 1933.

Sunday School class picnics were something we enjoyed. Once a year for more years than I can recall the church seniors would crank up the model T and mill truck for an all day party and picnic spread at Lakewood Park, Durham, NC." Nell Page shared some of her memories in a letter to Mary Gattis in July, 1984. "I was pleased to get your note and interested to hear that a history of Bynum Church is in the works. You are right about my father's dedication. I would say that next to his family there was nothing in the world he loved more than that church, or so it seemed. The fact that I left Bynum at about age 8 doesn't leave me with many memories that would be very useful to you. I guess my most vivid one is the rigid rule of keeping Sunday morning quiet in the house while Papa studied his Sunday School lesson in preparation for teaching the men's class. Also the fact that if we were well enough to get out of bed we were well enough to go to church. Hence I spent most of my Sunday mornings in church! As for my pleasant memories (I'm sure you have these same ones, too) I can still feel the excitement of seeing that big holly tree in the back of the church at Christmas that held at least one present for every single person in the crowded pews. Then that wonderful day when we got to show off on "Children's Day" and I felt sure the adults could hardly wait to see us (poor things!). And last but not least the picnic in such glamorous places as Lakewood Park in Durham...

One other little item I found in one of my father's 'love letters', in a letter dated 17 June, 1898 he writes to my mother (3 months before the wedding): "We are going right ahead on securing subscriptions to church here, have about \$300.00 subscribed already. I expect I will have to get you to beg some for us - Possibly you might get some lumber given." (the uncle who raised her was a lumber dealer)."

Memories Of Fannie Riddle Atwater:

"Every Sunday morning the church bell rang. We all got ready for church. Mother and Daddy took us to church. They didn't just send us. That is so good to remember.

We knew our friends would be there. My first Sunday School teacher was Mrs Fannie Hatch. Later she married Mr. Matthew Bland. Later I was sent to older class taught by Maud Foushee, then to Lora Neal's. By then I made Miss Martha Hearne, later Miss Julia Lambeth.

Some of my memories I really treasure were Children's Day when we all marched around in the church before we gave our program. Every one took part from the small children to the teenagers. We had Scripture, prayer, songs, poems, and a Bible story - all given by the children.

Next was our Christmas program. A big holly tree was put in the church and a Christmas program was planned by each class taking part. Then gifts were given: neck ties, hankies, all hung on the tree and they looked so pretty. All other gifts were under the tree, as well as a treat for every one to take home from Mr Odell.

I joined the church when Rev. George Perry was our pastor. There were several children who joined that night. It was a very sacred time in my life. The year was 1916 and I've tried to live the best I could since then.

Ten years later we moved to Durham but I've never forgotten the church that did so much for me as a child."

Mr. John London shares some of his thoughts about some of our early members: "When I first started to work at the mill in 1931 Mr. Moore said, 'You will learn that you can always rely on what Henry Abernathy and Talton Riggsbee tell you.' I've found that to be true all of their lives."

Mrs. Louise Riggsbee Jones remembered, "_____ was afraid of Santa

Claus and wouldn't go to him to get his present. She also fondly remembered the particular Christmas when she received a baby doll at the church. (see the picture in the middle section of this book of the doll which is now over 60 years old). When asked if she remembered any particular preacher she answered, "I loved all of our preachers. One was no more special to me than the other. But one I particularly remember was John Cline. He was here when the boys (Claiborne, her son, and some of the other neighborhood boys) were growing up. He spent a lot of time with them and he made a lot of difference in their lives."

On Thursday, 4 July, 1901 the following article appeared in the Chatham Record concerning one of the members of our early Sunday School. "On last Tuesday Mr. Robert S. Abernathy was riding a buggy drawn by a mule, and when near the residence of C.W. Bynum the mule became frightened and ran away. Mr. Abernathy jumped out of the buggy and fell with such force as to break his left leg between the knee and the ankle, and was unconscious for about an hour. About ten years ago he jumped off the bridge at Bynum and broke his right leg."

The Ladies' Aid Society of Bynum was organized by a lady who was a member of the church for four years. Mrs. Brown served as president of the society for four years. Some of the members at that time were Mrs. Flossie Durbin, Mrs. Martha Neal, Mrs. Lula Smith, Mrs. Carl Neal, Miss Winnie Moore, Mrs.

BYNUM PARSONAGES

Luther and Carney Bynum, being devout Methodists, donated a parcel of land for the Haw River Circuit parsonage to be built on. They retained ownership, however. As long as the land was used for church use it would remain in the hands of the membership. But if ever the church decided not to use the land anymore, it would then return to the Bynum family.

The first parsonage was completed in 1895 and stood just in front of where the present parsonage is located (1985). The first preacher to live there was Rev. W.H. Pucket. That parsonage was used until 1975 when the present parsonage was built.

In the 2 November, 1893 issue of the Chatham Record the following article appeared, "A nice new parsonage for the pastor of the Haw River Circuit is almost completed at Bynum's. It is very creditable to the Methodists of that circuit."

That parsonage was a two story white frame roomy house with large front porches. It was located on a hill across the road from Carey Durham's store. The old house served as home for thirty-three preachers and families, being in use by the church for a period of eighty years. In 1977 Willis Beal purchased the house and had it moved south of Pittsboro where it is still in use today.

A new parsonage was completed 10 October, 1974. The indebtedness was paid off in record time; another testimony to the fact that commitment to a vision accomplishes much. The present parsonage is a one story three bed-room brick home surrounded by a large attractive lawn.

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Mr. Louise Higginbee Jones remembered, "_____ was afraid of death"

BYNUM METHODIST WOMEN

Women's missionary societies within Methodism date back to the early 1800s. The earliest society was known as the Women's Foreign Missionary Society. It was organized in Boston in 1869. Within the next fourteen years seven more societies had been founded. The eighth and final society to be organized was the Women's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Protestant Church.

In 1939 the Methodist Church was formed by a merger of the Methodist Episcopal Churches, North and South and the Methodist Protestant Church. In 1940 the six existing women's societies merged to form the Women's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild.

In 1968 the United Methodist Church was formed by a merger of the Methodist Church and the Evangelical United Brethren Church. In that same year the WSCS and the Wesleyan Service Guild became part of the United Methodist Church. In 1972 the United Methodist Women was formed by the General Conference.¹

According to the Chatham Record; 23 October, 1902 edition, a Women's Foreign Missionary Society was formed on the Haw River Circuit. The president was Mrs. B. N. Mann; first vice president was Mrs. B.W. Bailey; second vice president was Mrs. Ed Sturdivant; corresponding secretary was Miss Fannie Williamson; recording secretary was Miss Annie Bynum; and treasurer was Mamie Moore.

It was apparently not until the late 20s that a group was formed specifically at Bynum Church. Mary Gattis remembers the early days of the Bynum society;

"The Ladies' Aid Society of Bynum Methodist Church was organized in the year 1927 by Mrs. Adrian Brown, the wife of the minister at that time. He was pastor of the church for four years. Mrs. Brown served as president of the society for four years. Some of the members at that time were Mrs. Flossie Durham, Mrs. Martha Neal, Mrs. Lula Smith, Mrs. Carl Neal, Miss Minnie Moore, Mrs.

1. Information on the history of the Women's Society in general was contributed by Belinda Francis.

Roy Riggsbee, Mrs. Daisy Abernathy, Mrs. Ella Andrews, Mrs. Fleta Eubanks, Mrs. Gales, Miss Mamie Moore, Miss Julia Lambeth, Miss Effie Lambeth, Mrs. Kara Knight, Mrs. Ira Foushee, and Martha Hearne.

As the years passed several of the younger women of the church joined. Some of them were Miss Betty Snipes, Mrs. John Snipes, Mrs. Jessie Jones, Mrs. Alma White, Mrs. Rosa Durham, Mrs. Louise Durham, Miss Elizabeth Moore, Mrs. Ollie Stout, Miss Clytie Foushee, Miss Clara Hearne, Mrs. Ruth Williams, Miss Ruth Cooper, Mrs. Mary Gattis, and Mrs. Donna Cooper.

The Ladies' Aid Society was a vital part of the church. They were active in all the affairs of the church and community. They worked to take care of the parsonage and of the pastor and his family during this time. There were six churches on the charge: Bynum, Cedar Grove, Merrit's Chapel, Ebenezer, Mann's Chapel, and Mount Pleasant. Each church on the charge had one room in the parsonage to furnish and see that the parsonage was well prepared for the pastor and his family.

They organized quilting parties and suppers to raise the money for all their projects. They had many good times when they gathered in the old wooden school house in the upstairs room to cook oyster stew, and chicken stew, with a lot of good pies and cakes. At that time the school was where Mr. & Mrs. Frank Harris' home now stands. People had to go up a high flight of stairs on the outside of the building to eat a good meal. In later years the suppers were cooked in a store building next to where Mrs. Gales lives now. Mrs. Gales, Mrs. Daisy Abernathy, Mrs. Alice Fowler, Mrs. Ella Andrews and several more of the ladies were kept busy on Saturdays cooking chicken dumplings and most any kind of good food. These suppers were very good. The people enjoyed the good fellowship they had with neighbors and friends.

I remember one of the quilting parties which I attended. It was in the

home of Mrs. Martha Neal. Ladies from each of the six churches on the charge came to help with the quilting. They gathered in the appointed place. The quilt was to be made and sold for the benefit of the parsonage. At that time we were expected to furnish all the linens and dishes and cooking utensils. Mrs. Frank Baldwin, from Ebenezer Church, brought homemade doughnuts to serve. She and Mrs. Carl Neal served the doughnuts with hot coffee to all the quilters.

In later years some of the suppers were cooked and served in the basement of Mr. Carey Durham's store. The people always enjoyed these suppers as we had some good string music to listen to while we were eating the good food the ladies had prepared. The music was played by Mr. Frank Durham, Mr. Frank Farrel, Mr. Briggs Atwater, and Mr. Lee Montgomery.

As the years passed the Ladies' Aid Society was changed to the Women's Society for Christian Service. In 1972 the name changed to the United Methodist Women.

The Bynum Church has always had a good Women's group in the church. Sometimes it was small but the ladies remained true. Now in the year 1985 we have a strong group with about twenty members. Mrs. Charles Ray (Erma) Ellis is our current president. The ladies are all dedicated to their church and community. We have lost several of the older ladies to death, but we have gained the young ladies of the church who are faithful.

We supported a little boy from the Methodist orphanage in Raleigh. He was Raymond Lee whose home was in Havelock, NC. The society adopted him when he was six years old. We furnished his clothing and always remembered him at Christmas and Thanksgiving. We had him come and stay in our homes on several occasions. We were his adopted parents until he graduated from the home at age 18.

Currently we work with the Bynum Ruritan Club on projects which benefit

our church and community. We have study classes with sister churches. We work to raise money in various ways to help people who are in need. We send money for missions each year.²

² These remarks were contributed by Mary Gattis who has been a member of the Women's Group at Bynum Church since 1927.

BYNUM METHODIST YOUTH

Attempts to organize a youth group at Bynum have met with varying degrees of success. The most notable attempts came during the years John Cline was pastor here, and again in the late 60s and early 70s.

When Rev. Cline came to Bynum he was not married and consequently he had ample time to spend with the younger people of the church. He especially made a hit with the young boys. Mrs. Louise Jones spoke very highly of Rev. Cline and the influence he had on her son Claiborne.

In the 70s our church probably had the largest concentration of youth of any period of our history. Many of the workers of the church today worked with these youth: Robert and Neal Elmore, Leon and Leitha Glosson, Joan Sedburry and Bernie Collins. It was also during this period that Robbie Carruth, a ministerial student from Duke, came to Bynum to work in the Field Education Program.

Leon Glosson, one of the leaders of the group during that period, recalls some of the activities which characterized the finest hour of youth involvement in the history of our church:

Summer 1975 through Summer 1979: MYF would meet on Sundays at 6:30 PM. Each session would begin with Bible study and discussion about great individuals of faith whose lives are presented in the Bible such as Moses, David, Abraham, Lot, and others. They also discussed why we need to obey the ten commandments.

For activities we went to movies, skating, summer retreats, and other activities which were fun but which also increased our understanding of what it means to be Christians. We usually had one evening a month for special activities. Once we visited the MYF group near Norlina (close to the Virginia, North Carolina state line). This was where Robbie Carruth went when he left Bynum. That group would also come to Bynum. Our youth group also had the Christmas program on two occasions. Eleanor Heath Rose remembers that there was always a group of several

youth at the church sanctuary singing or being involved in some other type of fellowship. She said there was a group made up of four of the young girls in the church: Bonnie Mitchell, Michelle Suttles, Teresa Frye, Vickey Mann, and Sharon Wrenn. These girls sang often during the worship services and on other occasions. They were a very important part of our worship experience.

Members of the Bynum youth group were: Danny Jones, Donna York, Sheri Reynolds, Penny Cooper, Sharen Wrenn, Bonnie Wrenn, Jannette Wrenn, Calvin Wrenn, Michelle Suttles, Lisa Clark, Marie Clark, Michelle Clark, Doug Lane, Brett Glosson, Mark Glosson, Kara Glosson, Jeff Glosson, William Ellis, Angie Ellis, Teresa Frye, Mark Frye, Bonnie Mitchell, Pam Mitchell, Jeff Mitchell, Paul Griffith, Robin Herndon, and Sandy Montoya.

Leon Glosson said the group raised funds by selling doughnuts, bake sales, and Halloween Carnivals. They also participated in a bike marathon, and a shut-in with adult sponsors.

It was a great time for our church to have such an energetic youth group. The youth are the leaders of tomorrow. This saying has been well worn out but it is still very true. May the upcoming youth recapture some of the zeal that marked the youth of a generation ago.

FAITHFUL FAMILIES

(NOTE: Our main purpose here is not chronology but family relationships. If any family members have been left out we very much apologize).

1. ABERNATHY: 1. Robert S. Abernathy m.
 - a. Henry Abernathy m. Alice Farrell (see Farrell)
 - 1.) Elzada Abernathy m. Carl Young
 - a.) Alice Farrell Young
 - b.) Bobby Young
 - 2.) Rufus Abernathy m.
 - 3.) Sally Abernathy m. William Fowler (see Fowler)
 - b. Carney Abernathy m. Ellie Riggsbee (see Riggsbee)
 - c. Will Abernathy m.
 - 1.) Ora Abernathy m. Mozelle of Merritt's Chapel.
2. ATWATER: 1. Jehiel Atwater m.
 - a. Sophronia Atwater m. Luther B. Bynum (see Bynum) (See Resolution honoring her).
 - b. Mary Atwater m. Carney W. Bynum (see Bynum)
 - c. John Nathaniel Atwater m. Lillie Gannon
 - 1.) Mary H. Atwater
 - 2.) William Briggs Atwater m. Mary Ann Clark
 - a.) J Nathaniel Atwater "Dink" (d.1981)
 - b.) Marshall Atwater m.
 - c.) Lillie Gannon Atwater m. Jack Parker
 - Marshall Parker m.
 - Bobby Parker m.
 - Donald Parker m. Pat
 - © Amanda Parker
 - d.) Parker Atwater
 - 3.) Charley B. Atwater
 - d. Martha V. Atwater m. Rev. J.W. Jenkins
 - e. James Bobbit Atwater m. Nellie Eastwood Page
 - 1.) Nell Page Atwater (see Memories)
 - f. Edmund Luther Atwater
 - g. Rufus Henry Atwater m. Eliza Cora Page

(Information on the Atwater family taken from the Atwater Family Reunion booklet referred to earlier).
3. BYNUM: 1. Luke Bynum m.
 - a. Carney Bynum m.
 - 1.) Mary Bynum
 - 2.) Luther B. Bynum m. Sophronia Atwater (see Atwater)
 - 3.) Nancy Bynum
 - 4.) Carney W. Bynum m. Mary Atwater (see Atwater)
 - 5.) Jesse Bynum
 - 6.) Edmund Bynum
 - 7.) Henry Bynum m. Anne Lutheloh
 - 8.) Annie Bynum
 - 9.) Nellie Bynum

4. COOPER: I. Robert Cooper m. Ann Hackney
- A. Grover Cooper m. Vedonia Phillips
1. Ruth Cooper m. Bruce Ward
 3. Gwendelyn Cooper m. James M. Ellis (See Ellis)
 - a. Kenneth Ellis
 4. Eulah Eubanks m. Vernon Durham (See Durham)
 5. Beulah Eubanks m. Roy Lee Eubanks, Jr. (See Eubanks)
 - a. Carolyn Eubanks
 - b. Roy Lee Eubanks III m. Kathy Campbell
 - (1.) Angela Eubanks
 6. Leona Cooper m. Frank Wachs
 - a. Ronald Wachs m. (Preacher: Christian Church)
 - b. Donald Wachs m.
 - c. Robert Wachs m. (Preacher: Baptist Church)
 7. Lewis Cooper m. Ivey Marie Eubanks (See Eubanks)
 - a. Phip Cooper m. Barbara Christian
 - (1.) Shanda Cooper
 - (2.) Travis Cooper
 - b. Tim Cooper
 - c. Don Cooper m. Kathy Gales (See Gales)
 - (1.) Trent Cooper
 - d. Sharon Cooper m. Tim Mitchell
 - (1.) Lindsey Mitchell
 - (2.)
 8. Swannie Cooper
 9. Robert Cooper
 10. Grover Cooper
 11. Kenneth W. Cooper m. Wynell Stout (Daughter of Clyde And Ollie Snider Stout. Ollie was the daughter of William and Nannie Sizemore Snider. Nannie S. Snider ran a boarding house for teachers of Bynum School).
 - a. Kent Cooper m. Linda Allred
 - b. Jennifer Cooper m. Ray Bouldin
 - (1.) Justin Ray Bouldin
 - (2.) Brandon Bouldin
 - c. Penny Cooper
 12. Rachel Cooper m. Baker
- (NOTE: Child 2 of Grover and Vedonia Cooper was Lance Cooper).
5. DURHAM: I. Frank S. Durham m. Florence Mann
- A. Sally Durham
- B. John Manley Durham m. Flossie Moore (See Moore)
1. Carey Durham m.
 - a. Carey Durham, Jr. m.
 - b. Warren Durham m. Bobbie Jean
 - (1.) Rodney Durham m. LaVerne Jones (See Jones)
 - (2.) Preston Durham
 2. Frank Durham m. Louise Smith
 - a. Robert Manley Durham m. Leanna
 - (1.) Scott Durham
 - (2.)
 3. Walter Durham
 4. Vernon Durham m. Eulah Cooper (See Cooper)
 5. Lewis Durham m.
 6. Florence Durham m. L.C. Cooper

- a. Patricia Cooper m. P.A. Mitchell
 - (1.) Bonnie Mitchell m. Rodney Morris (See Morris)
 - (a.) Hannah Morris
 - (2.) Jeff Mitchell
 - (3.) Pam Mitchell
 - (4.) Clint Mitchell
 - b. Cadle Cooper m. Sarah _____
 - (1.) Anglea Cooper
 - (2.) Cadle Cooper, Jr.
 - (3.) Chris Cooper
7. Irene Durham
- C. Coy Durham
- D. Jeff Durham
6. ELLIS: I. Henry Ellis m.
- A. Cecil Ellis m. Josephine Hackney (See Farrell)
 - 1. Charles Ray Ellis m. Erma _____
 - a. Ronnie Ellis m. Linda Boone
 - (1.) Tony Ellis
 - (2.) Becky Ellis
 - b. Nora Ellis
 - 2. Jerry Ellis m.
 - B. J. Morris Ellis m. Gwendelyn Cooper (See Cooper)
 - 1. Kenneth Ellis m.
 - C. Bill Ellis m. Florence Carter (See McDuffie)
 - 1. Pam Ellis m.
 - 2. Amy Ellis m. Mark Riggsbee (See Riggsbee)
 - 3. William Ellis
 - 4. Angie Ellis
 - D. J.V. Ellis m. Hettie Jones (See Jones)
 - 1. Randy Ellis m.
 - a.
 - b.
 - E. Robert Ellis
 - F. Dwight Ellis
 - G. Everette Ellis
 - H. Cathlene Ellis m. Merle Frye
 - 1. Teresa Frye
 - 2. Mark Frye
 - I. Pauline Ellis m. Carlton Mann
7. EUBANKS: I. Ambrose Eubanks m.
- A. Roy Lee Eubanks m. Fleta Moore (See Moore)
 - 1. Roy Lee Eubanks, Jr. m. Beulah Cooper (See Cooper)
 - a. Carolyn Eubanks
 - b. Roy Lee Eubanks III m. Kathy Campbell
 - (1.) Angela Eubanks
 - 2. Rupert Eubanks m. Vivian Fowler (See Fowler)
 - a. Brenda Eubanks m. James Stubbs (See Stubbs)
 - (1.) Shannan Stubbs
 - (2.) Jimmy Stubbs
 - b. Rudy Eubanks m.
 - (1.) R.B. Eubanks
 - c. Mike Eubanks m. Sheila _____

3. Ivey Marie Eubanks m. Lewis Cooper (See Cooper)
- a. Phil Cooper m. Barbara Christian
 - (1.) Shanda Cooper
 - (2.) Travis Cooper
 - b. Tim Cooper m.
 - c. Don Cooper m. Kathy Gales (See Gales)
 - (1.) Trent Cooper
 - d. Sharon Cooper m. Tim Mitchell
 - (1.) Lindsey Mitchell
 - (2.)
4. _____ Eubanks m. (Lives in Vass, NC)
5. Robert Eubanks
- B. Mittie Eubanks
- C. Lucy Eubanks m. Clem Gattis
 1. Frank Gattis m. Mary Smith (See Hearne)
 - 2.
- D. Estella Eubanks
8. FARRELL: I. Walter Farrell m. Sally Moffitt
- A. Mary Alice Farrell
 - B. Mamie Farrell m. Ophie Williams (See Williams: 1)
 1. Carl Williams
 2. Ruth Williams m. Gurney Williams (See Williams: 2)
 - a. Lowell Williams m. Doris Jean _____
 - (1.) Denise Williams m. David Bryant
 - (a.) Josh Bryant
 - (b.)
 - (2.) Ashley Williams
 - (3.) Deanna Williams
 - b. Ted Williams m.
 - (1.)
 - (2.)
 - C. Hattie Farrell m. Jack Hackney
 1. Josephine Hackney m. Cecil Ellis (See Ellis)
 2. Joanna Hackney m. Brasington
 3. Helen Hackney m. Dollar
 - D. Annie Farrell
 - E. Addie Farrell m. John Eric Pendergraph
 - F. Alice Farrell m. Henry Abernathy (See Abernathy)
 1. Elzada Abernathy m. Carl Young
 2. Rufus Abernathy m.
 3. Sally Mae Abernathy m. William Fowler (See Fowler)
 - G. Herbert Farrell m. (1.) Lona Johnson (2.) Lessie Thrift Williams
 - H. Frank Moffitt Farrell m. Ruby Teague
 1. Louise Farrell m. Frank Harris
 - a. Walter Franklin Harris "Corky" m. Linda _____
 - b. Dan Farrell Harris m. Pat
 - (1.) Holly Harris
 - (2.) Emily Harris
9. FOUSHEE: I.
- A. Martha Foushee m. Lonnie Oldham
 - B. Lida Foushee m. Ab Riddle (See Riddle)
 1. Plato Riddle
 2. Woodrow Riddle

3. Fannie Riddle m. _____ Atwater
 4. Eloise Riddle
- C. Pearl Foushee m. Walter B. Riddle (See Riddle)
 1. Gaynelle Riddle m. Isaac Mann
 2. Elsie Riddle m. Everette Thomas
 3. Richard Randolph Riddle m. Mozelle Beal
 a. Rickey Dorman Riddle m.
 (1.) Rickey Riddle
- D. Ira Foushee m.
 1. Maude Foushee m. Colan Yow
 2. Clytie Foushee m. Fred Riggsbee
 3. Palmer Foushee m. Ethel
 4. Nell Foushee m. _____ Dark
 5. Pearl Foushee m. _____ Lindsey
 6. Ina Foushee m. Marvin Canada
- E. Mossie Foushee m. William Williams (See Williams: 1)
 F. Fred Foushee
 G. Frank Foushee
 H. Minnie Foushee
10. FOWLER: I. William Fowler m. Alice Meacham
 A. Maurine Fowler m. Julius Suitt (See Suitt)
 1. Velna Suitt m. (1.) _____ Reynolds
 a. Sheri Reynolds m. _____ b. Timmy Reynolds
 m. (2.) Billy York (See Whitaker)
 a. Donna York (Velna's Step Daughter)
 B. James Odell Fowler m. (1.) Callie Howard King
 1. Jean Ann Fowler m.
 2. Mary Catherine Fowler m. Claiborne Jones (See Jones)
 a. LaVerne Jones m. Rodney Durham (See Durham)
 b. Danny Jones
 m. (2.) Eula _____
 1. Chris Fowler
 C. Melvin Fowler m.
 D. Jessie Erma Fowler m. Manley Dawson
 1. Manley Dawson m. Jean Mansfield
 2. Jimmy Dawson m. Carol Walker
 a. Jason Dawson
 3. Earl Dawson m. Kathy Ivey
 a. Brad Dawson
 b. John Dawson
 4. Rodney Dawson m. Sherene Whitaker (See Whitaker)
 a. Dustin Dawson
 E. Vivian Fowler m. Rupert Eubanks (See Eubanks)
 F. William Fowler m. Sally Mae Abernathy (See Abernathy/Farrell)
11. GALES: I. Henry Gaston Gales m. Beulah Campbell
 A. James Gales m.
 1. Jimmy Gales (Killed in Viet Nam)
 2. Bobby Gales m. Tammi Morris (See Morris)
 a. Cameron Gales
 3. Kathy Gales m. Don Cooper (See Cooper/Eubanks)
 B. Lillian Gales m. Tommy
 C. Virginia Gales
 D. Buddy Gales

- E. Edna Gales
- F. Leonard Gales (Killed in WW II)
- G. Henry Gales

12. HEARNE: I. George Atlas Hearne m. Eugenia Haithcock

- A. Fanny Hearne
- B. Lena Hearne
- C. William Hearne m. Betty Neal
 - 1. Robert Hearne
 - 2. Emma Hearne
 - 3. Cora Hearne
 - 4. Lilly Hearne
 - 5. Charles Hearne
 - 6. James Hearne m. Ethel Farrell
 - a. James Hearne, Jr. m. Marjie Wicker (Daughter of Bernice and Bessie Johnson Wicker (See Johnson: 2).
 - 7. Henry Hearne m. Elsie Suitt (See Suitt)
 - 8. Pauline Hearne
 - 9. Rufus Hearne
 - 10. John Hearne
- D. Lula Hearne m. Luther Smith
 - 1. Walter Smith m. Laura Moody
 - a. Emma Smith m. Herman Johnson
 - b. Elizabeth Smith
 - c. William David Smith
 - 2. Arthur Smith
 - 3. George Smith m. Rosa Stubbs (See Stubbs)
 - 4. Mary Frances Smith m. Frank Gattis (See Gubanks)
 - a. William Hughes Gattis m. Irene Faircloth
 - 5. Clara Lois Smith m. Peayton Lewis
- E. Annie Hearne
- F. Maude Hearne
- G. Mabel Hearne
- H. Eugenia Hearne m. Roy Riggsbee (See Riggsbee)
- I. Martha Hearne (Much beloved Sunday School Teacher)
- J. Clara Hearne

13. HERNDON: I. Thomas William Herndon m. Frances Hackney

- A. Sada Herndon m. Lewis Blake
- B. Jenny Herndon m. Watson Durham
- C. John G. Herndon m. Lena M. Pearson
- D. Norvela Herndon m. Lloyd Tripp
- E. Lola Herndon m. Bun Seymoure
- F. Betty Herndon m. Paul Hatley
- G. Annebelle Herndon m. Albron Meacham
- H. Ethel C. Herndon m. Andrew Smith
- I. Thomas H. Herndon m. Bernice Mudge
- J. Herbert Herndon m. Alice Howard (See Howard)
- K. Benjamin Layton Herndon m. Christine Riggsbee (See Riggsbee)
 - 1. Billy Joe Herndon m. (1.)
 - a. Robin Herndon m. (2.)
 - 2. Kaye Herndon m. Mike Haines
 - a. Paul Haines
 - 3. Jeff Herndon

14. HOWARD: I. Matthew Howard m. Leitha Catherine Glover

- A. William Howard m. Helen Smith
- B. Lillie Howard m. "
- C. Alice Howard m. Herbert Herndon (See Herndon)
- D. Callie Howard m. (1.) Henry King
 - 1.
 - m. (2.) James Odell Fowler (See Fowler)
 - 1. Jean Ann Fowler
 - 2. Mary Catherine Fowler m. Claiborne Jones (See Jones)
 - m. (3.) Henry King
- E. Charlie Howard m. Lizzie Briggs (See Stubbs)
- F. Thena Howard m. Thomas L. Snipes (See Snipes)
- G. Roy Howard m. Peola
 - 1. Leitha Howard m. Leon Glosson
 - a. Tony Glosson m. Jane
 - (1.) Stephen Glosson
 - (2.) Christopher Glosson
 - b. Brett Glosson
 - c. Mark Glosson m.
 - (1.) Paul Glosson
 - d. Kara Glosson
 - e. Jeff Glosson
 - 2. Jackie Howard m. Gail
 - a.
 - b. Wendy Howard
 - 3. Gary Howard m. Sarah
 - a. Gary Lee Howard
 - b. Christy Howard

(NOTE: Howards came to Bynum in 1928).

15. JOHNSON: 1: I. Allie Johnson m. (1) Mattie Campbell (d. 1927)

- A. Hobert Johnson m. Trannie McDuffie (see McDuffie)
 - 1. James Allen Johnson m. (1.) Iris Garner
 - a. Rebecca Johnson
 - b. James Allen Johnson, Jr.
 - m. (2.) Faye
 - a. Mike Johnson
 - b. Amy Johnson
 - 2. Janie Johnson m. Ralph Suttles
 - a. Frankie Suttles m.
 - (1.)
 - b. Donna Suttles m.
 - (1.)
 - (2.)
 - c. Michelle Suttles m.
 - 3. Cubie Johnson m. (1.) Charles Ashworth
 - a. Gail Ashworth m. Jimmy White
 - (1.) Abigail White
 - m. (2.) Ollie Wrenn
 - a. Jannette (Cubie's step children: Sharon and Calvin Wrenn).
 - b. Bonnie
- B. Margaret Johnson m. Carnie Williams (See Williams: 2)
- C. Paul Johnson m. (1.) Rachel Elkins
 - 1. Herman Johnson

- m. (2.) Fannie Howell
1. Allie Johnson
 - D. Thomas Prate Johnson m. Lavenia Morris (See Morris)
 1. Paulette Johnson m. Dail Bryant
 - a. Christian Lee Bryant
 - b. Lucas Thomas Bryant
 - (Allie Johnson m. (2.) Effie Louise McDuffie (See McDuffie))
 - A. Cora Lee Johnson m. Johnson
 - B. Carlene Johnson m. Wayne Jacobs
- (NOTE: Allie Johnson came to Bynum with his family in 1927).
16. JOHNSON: 2; I. Elbert L. Johnson m. Lula Parrish
- A. Rob Johnson (came to Bynum in 1928) m. (1.) Eunice Oliver
 1. Nancy Louise Johnson
 - m. (2.) Vera Riddle
 1. Virgile Johnson
 - B. Bessie M. Johnson m. Bernice Wicker
 1. Marjie Wicker m. James Hearne, Jr. (See Hearne)
 - a.
 - b.
 - C. Rubie Johnson m. Rosie Murphey
17. JONES: I. Young Austin Jones m. Hettie Stephens
- A.
 - B. Martha Jones m. (1.)
 - m. (2.) Phil White
 - C. Paul Alexander Jones m. Louise Riggsbee (See Riggsbee)
 1. Hettie Jones m. J.V. Ellis (See Ellis)
 - a. Randy Ellis
 2. Claiborne Jones m. Mary Catherine Fowler (See Fowler)
 - a. LaVerne Jones m. Rodney Durham
 - b. Danny Jones
 - D. Kyle Jones m. Bettie Snipes (See Snipes)
 - E. Layton Jones m. Jesse Snipes (See Snipes)
 - F. Clarence Jones m. Viola Clark
 - G. Sam Jones m.
18. KNIGHT: I. Hampton Knight m. Cara Hobby
- A. Everette Knight
 - B. Elsie Knight (played Piano at church for several years).
 - C. Edna Knight
 - D. Lillian Knight
 - E. Helen Knight m. Bill Campbell (Helen played piano at the church also).
 - F. Willis Knight m.
 - 1.
19. LANE: I. Crawford James Lane m. Barbara Saunders
- A. Benjamin Franklin Lane m. Eleecy Stutts
 1. Johnnie Lane m. Lewis Gaines
 2. James Crawford Lane m. Betty Ann Whitaker (See Whitaker).
 - a. J.C. Lane, Jr. m.
 - b. Susan Lane m. Gene Farrell
 - (1.) Ann Farrell
 - (2.) Lane Farrell
 - c. Doug Lane
 3. Eloise Lane m. Phil Todd
- (NOTE: Lane family moved to Bynum in 1933).

20. LUCIER: I. George Lucier of Massachusetts m. Ruth Miller of California. They met while working on their Ph.D.s at the University of Maryland. George works at Research Triangle Park. Ruth is Associate Professor of Religion and Philosophy at Bennett College in Greensboro. They moved to Bynum and joined the church in March, 1975.
21. MOORE: I. Moore m. Annie Bland
- A. Edgar Moore m. Elizabeth Cook
 - B. Mamie Moore
 - C. Flossie Moore m. John Manley Durham (See Durham)
 - D. William Moore m. Sophronia Council
 - 1. Emma Moore m. Joe Hatley
 - a. Walter Hatley m. Nora Mann
 - (1.) Robert Hatley m. Flonnie Cooper (Daughter of Octavi Cooper).
 - (2.) Raymond Hatley m. Ella Bullock
 - (3.) Roy Hatley m. Rita
 - (a.) Ronnie Hatley m. (1.)
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 - m. (2.) Gayle Willoughby
 - b. Annie Hatley m. Harvey Dickson
 - c. John Hatley m. Pauline Lassiter
 - d. Vallie Hatley m. Ellis Williams
 - 2. George Moore
 - E. Ivey Moore
 - F. Dennis Moore
 - G. Fletcher Moore
 - H. Robert Moore m. Cara Burnette
 - 1. Bland Moore m. Louise Stroud
 - a.
 - b. Frankie Moore m. Rev. Tom Danek
 - 2. Lina Burnette Moore
 - 3. Lawrence Moore
 - 4. Edgar Pace Moore m.
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
 - I. Fleta Moore m. Roy Lee Eubanks (See Eubanks)
22. MORRIS: I. Willie Morris m. Mae
- A. W.H. Morris "Dubb" m.
 - 1. Tammi Morris m. Bobby Gales (See Gales)
 - 2. Toni Morris m. Freddie Saunders
 - B. Lavenia Morris m. Thomas Prate Johnson (See Johnson)
 - C. Libron Morris m. (1.)
 - 1. Libron Rodney Morris m. Bonnie Mitchell (See Durham)
 - a. Hannah Morris
 - 2.
 - 3.
23. McDUFFIE: I. Duncan John McDuffie m. Bessie Iola Wimberly
- A. Effie Louise McDuffie m. (1.) Allie Johnson (See Johnson: 1)
 - m. (2.) Henry Carter
 - 1. Florence Carter m. Bill Ellis (See Ellis)
 - B. Trannie McDuffie m. Hobert Johnson (See Johnson: 1)

- C. Cubie Thelma McDuffie
- D. Helen Aileen McDuffie
- E. Flora Dillie McDuffie
- F. Roy Caley McDuffie
- G. Mary Alice McDuffie m. (1.) Milton Duke
 - 1. Ed Duke m. Barbara
 - a. Kristy Duke
 - m. (2.) Charles Heath
 - a. Eleanor Heath m. Mike Rose
 - (1.) Danielle Rose
 - (Eleanor has another step-brother named Joey Heath).

24. NEAL: I. W.D. Neal m.

- A. Charley Neal m. Martha Williamson
 - 1. Carl Neal m. Vernie Tripp
 - a. Doug Neal m. Helen
 - b. Martha Neal m. (1.) Barnie Collins
 - (1.) Lee Collins
 - (2.) Leonard Collins
 - (3.) Lyle Collins
 - 2. John Neal
 - 3. Lonnie Neal
 - 4. Lillian Neal m. Kirkpatrick
 - 5. Walter Neal
 - 6. Billie Neal

25. RIDDLE: I. m.

- A. A.B. Riddle m. Lida Foushee (See Foushee)
 - 1. Plato Riddle
 - 2. Woodrow Riddle
 - 3. Marvin Riddle
 - 4. Fannie Riddle m. Atwater (See Atwater)
 - 5. Eloise Riddle
- B. Riddle m.
 - 1. Walter Bright Riddle m. Pearl Foushee (See Foushee)
 - a. Gaynelle Riddle m. Isaac Mann
 - b. Elsie Riddle m. Everette Thomas
 - c. Richard Randolph Riddle m. Mozelle Beal
 - (1.) Rickey Dorman Riddle m. (1.)
 - (a.) Rickey Riddle
 - 2. Emma Riddle m. Pete Herndon

26. RIGGSBEE: I. Elbert Riggsbee m. Madeline Williamson

- A. Talton Riggsbee m. Emmie Clark
 - 1. James Talton Riggsbee m. Louise
 - a. Emma Sue Riggsbee m. Starnes
 - (1.)
 - (2.)
 - b. Cornealia Riggsbee m. (1.) Mitchell
 - (1.) Talton Mitchell
 - (2.) Cindy Mitchell
 - (3.) Tabitha Mitchell m. Terry Pendergraph
 - m. (2.) Robert A. Elmore
 - 2. Clyde Riggsbee m. Vivian Snipes (See Snipes)
 - a. Joseph Riggsbee m. Judy Lloyd

- (1.) Chad Wesley Riggsbee
 (2.) Cynthia Riggsbee
- b. Thomas Dean Riggsbee m. Janet
 (1.) Matthew Riggsbee
 c. Mark Riggsbee m. Amy Ellis (See Ellis)
3. Gretchen Riggsbee m. Perkins
 a. Chet Perkins
4. Christine Riggsbee m. Layton Herndon (See Herndon)
5. Maxine Riggsbee m. Shirley Whitaker (See Whitaker)
 a. Sherene Whitaker m. Rodney Dawson (See Dawson)
 (1.) Dustin Dawson
- B. Roy Riggsbee m. Eugenia Hearne (See Hearne)
 1. Bynum Riggsbee m. Mary
- C. Ellie Riggsbee m. Carney Abernathy (See Abernathy)
- D. Louise Riggsbee m. Paul Jones (See Jones)
- E. Marvin Riggsbee m.
27. SNIPES: I. Fletcher Snipes m. Daisy Hackney
- A. Charles Andrew Snipes m.
1. John Wesley Snipes m. Lessie Smith
 a. Vivian Snipes m. Clyde Riggsbee (See Riggsbee)
2. Julian Brooks Snipes m. (lives in Pittsboro)
3. Marvin Snipes m. (lived in Florida. Died in 1985).
4. Thomas Lynch Snipes m. Thena Howard (See Howard)
 a. Lora Snipes m. (1.) Clark
 (1.) Lisa Clark
 (2.) Marie Clark
 (3.) Michelle Clark
 m. (2.) Henry Sparrow
- b. Carolyn Snipes m.
- c. Frankie Snipes m. (1.) Gilmore (Killed)
 (1.) Melinda Gilmore
 m. (2.)
- d. Tommy Snipes m. (1.)
 (1.)
 (2.)
 m. (2.) Pat
 (1.) Step son: Mike
5. Bettie Snipes m. Kyle Jones (See Jones)
6. Jese Snipes m. Layton Jones (See Jones)
28. STUBBS: I. John Vander Stubbs m. Pherby Evans
- A. Missouri Stubbs m. Charles Briggs
 1. Lizzie Briggs m. Charlie Howard (See Howard)
 2.
- B. Rosa Stubbs m. George Smith (See Hearne)
- C. Don Stubbs
- D. Johnny Stubbs
- E. Craven Stubbs m.
 1. James Stubbs m. Brenda Eubanks (See Eubanks)
 a. Jimmy Stubbs
 b. Shannon Stubbs
- E. Christine Stubbs m. Farrell (Alton Farrell's brother).

29. WILLIAMS: 1: I. William G. Williams m. (1.) Fowler
 A. Offie Williams "Shike" m. Mamie Farrell (See Farrell)
 1. Carl Williams
 2. Ruth Williams m. Gurney Williams (See Williams: 2)
 a. Lowell Williams m. Doris Jean
 (1.) Denise Williams m. David Bryant
 (a.) Josh Bryant
 (b.)
 (2.) Ashley Williams
 (3.) Deana Williams b. Ted Williams m. (1.) (2.) Kate
 B. Ida Williams
 C. Earnest Williams m.
 1. Clarence Emory Williams m.
 2. Alton Williams
 3. Pauline Williams "Ping" m.
 D. Charley Williams m. Gertrude
 William G. Williams m. (2.) Mossie Foushee (See Foushee)
 A. Mary Williams
 B. Adell Williams
 C. Clarence Williams
 D. Eller Williams
 E. Robert Williams
 F. Elizabeth Williams
30. WILLIAMS: 2: I. Vernon Williams m. (1.) Mattie Viola Williams
 A. Dewey Williams
 B. Gurney Williams m. Ruth Williams (See Williams: 1/Farrell)
 1. Lowell Williams
 2. Ted Williams
 C. Carnie Williams m. Margaret Johnson (See Johnson: 1)
 Vernon Williams m. (2.) Katie Council
 A. Louise Williams
 B. Effie Williams
 1.
 2. Butch Williams
 C. Andrew Williams
 D. Charley Williams
31. WILLIAMSON: I. m.
 A. Martha Williamson m. Charley Neal (See Neal)
 B. Madeline Williamson m. Elbert Riggsbee (See Riggsbee)
32. WHITAKER: I. Grady Whitaker m. Clara Strong
 A. Dorothy Whitaker m. William G. York
 1. Billy York m. (1.)
 a. Donna York m.
 m. (2.) Velna Suitt Reynolds
 a. Step Daughter: Sheri Reynolds
 B. Mary Dell Whitaker m. (1.) Jobe
 m. (2.)
 C. Strong Whitaker
 D. Betty Ann Whitaker m. J.C. Lane (See Lane)
 E. Shirley Whitaker m. Maxine Riggsbee (See Riggsbee)
 1. Sherene Whitaker m. Rodney Dawson (See Fowler)

NEW DIRECTIONS

Many wonderful things have happened and are continuing to happen during the first five years of this decade. Three events deserve special attention. These three developments characterize the new direction this church is moving.

1984 was a landmark year in the beginning of this new surge of spiritual renewal. On 1 January, 1984 the people of Bynum Church made a decision to go full time. For the first time in over fifty years the church stepped out in favor of committing to full time ministerial support and full time involvement in the life of the church. Needless to say there was some hesitation but the members stood together. By October the church had already paid 100% of the Conference askings apportionment. The resistance, however, began to mount as it came time to make a decision for 1985. After two heated debates and some unrest for several weeks the Administrative Council voted to remain full time. In spite of the opposition which had been voiced, once again the people have bound themselves together in one mind and one accord. As of 15 August, 1985 the church has paid 85% of her Conference askings for this year. Our budget has been in the black all year. Attendance is up 8 - 10 per Sunday. There have been quite a few quality rededications, and at present we have five potential families under consideration for full membership.

The various committees within the church have become very active in implementing avenues of ministry in the areas of membership nurture and outreach to the community. Each part of the Body is working together so that the whole Body is more productive in its service to the Lord. The Nurture Committee has planned and carried out services of worship designed to educate our people in the area of worship, and also activities designed to enhance Christian fellowship such as an ice cream social and a spiritual life retreat to be held on 28 September at one of our Conference church camps. The Outreach Committee planned our Homecoming last year which attracted a group of 175 worshippers. That committee also planned

the 1984 "Love Week" services during which time Rev. John Hobbs came to preach at our church. Revival services are also being planned for this year in October. The Outreach Committee is also organizing a food pantry to help the needy in the Bynum area. The people believe, as indicated in a statement prepared by our Administrative Council, that the church exists for primarily two reasons: (1.) to make disciples (Evangelize), outreach; and (2.) to teach (Edify), nurture. These functions answer two basic questions: Why does the church exist in the community, and why does the church exist as a gathering community of believers? These ministries are carried out through regular meetings, in which the people gather for Bible study, prayer, and mutual encouragement. Through these meetings the people are renewed to be disciples in their daily lives.

The second major development which has surfaced during the past five years began on Monday, 20 February, 1984. On that date Rev. John Hobbs came to Bynum for our 1984 "Love Week" services. While Rev. Hobbs was at Bynum he conducted a daily Bible study each morning, and each evening he brought a message from God's Word. These services were well attended. There were significant gatherings around the altar each night as lives were transformed by the saving power of Jesus Christ. Revival came to Bynum church that week and it has continued to this day. The flame has not faltered. If anything, it burns brighter. Rev. John Hobbs is one of the Conference Evangelists of the North Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church. On 22 February Brother Hobbs invited Kenny Davis, of Kenny Davis Ministries, Incorporated, of Rocky Mount, NC, to come to Bynum to minister through music during one of our evening services. Kenny arrived early that evening only to find that his sound equipment didn't work. He wrote later in his newsletter, "God sent a young man who also arrived early to fix it." Kenny sang and ministered at the piano as John shared from his heart. The people came to the altar and poured out their hearts. Kenny said he met many of God's good people that night.

Beginning on Tuesday, 23 January, 1984 and continuing through Tuesday, 13 February, a small group of ladies from our church began to gather on Tuesday mornings at 10 for prayer concerning the "Love Week" services which would be held later. The members of that initial group were Mary Gattis, Helen Howard, Skin Eubanks, Sally Fowler, Joanna Brasington, Hettie Ellis, Peola Howard, Mary Alice Heath, and Vivian Riggsbee. This was primarily the same group which gathered each morning for the Bible study sessions which Brother Hobbs conducted. On the final morning of the Bible study sessions Mary Gattis made a recommendation that this group continue to meet on Tuesday mornings at 10 for prayer and sharing. This would prove to be a positive sign that there had indeed been revival at Bynum. A small spark had been ignited. At times the flame flickered a little but for the most part the prayer group has been one of the most positive aspects of the life of the church.

At a mid-week service held on Thursday, 19 July, 1984 it was suggested that the group meet in various locations, perhaps in the homes of those who had been unable to attend morning worship or any of the other activities of the church. Since the inception of the prayer group the members met primarily in the homes of Peola Howard and Mary Alice Heath. But on Tuesday, 24 July the group began to meet in the home of Mrs. Beulah Gales. We have met at that location since that time with the exception of one or two times. The average attendance at these groups has doubled since its inception. We now have several brothers and sisters from other churches attending.

Each week an offering is received. As the total offering grows the members of the group prayerfully select some needy family in the community to assist financially. We have sent over \$100.00 to John Hobbs' Maranatha Ministries. We have given money to a family whose home was completely destroyed by fire. We have assisted a man who was injured on his job and eventually laid off without compensation. We have assisted a family whose income was cut when the mill closed. As the Lord has

prospered us - so we give of our bounty to help others in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Our Lord has said that when we help even the least of His brothers and sisters, we assist Him. Prayer and sharing have become a vital part of the life of our church.

The third major event took place on Sunday evening, 21 July, 1985 at 7:30 at Rock Spring Church. At that time Rock Spring, Bynum, Mt. Gilead, and Pleasant Hill Churches came together for a service of praise and prayer for healing. It was the first time since the early days of these churches that such a prayer meeting has been held. The service lasted nearly two hours. It was a great time of praise, love, sharing, fellowship, and testimonies to the Lord's goodness, love and power. When the invitation was given for those seeking prayer for healing to come forward to be anointed and prayed for by the elders, 12 - 15 people came forward. The glory of the Lord overwhelmed us. We put aside ridiculous man-made barriers and we broke a long tradition of skepticism as to the power of prayer. The door has now been opened for future gatherings of this sort. If we do not go through this door it will close in our faces and we will once again lapse into a long lull of skepticism and doubt. Praise God for the opportunities He is giving us to break out of these shackles which have so long bound God's people. Let us refuse to put them on again.

These three developments are significant in that they show the revival of important foundational concerns which characterized the early days of our church and the committed service of the people. Rev. C.H. Caviness summed it up in 1924 in a statement to the quarterly conference which has already been recorded in this account. It is recorded again here as a prophetic word for us and for all Christians. Brother Caviness said, "A larger expression of spirituality is greatly desired. Where this coveted desire is achieved all other problems will be solved."

Recently we have witnessed the revival of this coveted desire. If it continues God will prosper this church and use us greatly. If we ever lose this

coveted desire we will cease to exist as Christ's Church. We will be nothing more than a religious club. May God bless you as you go forth to write the future of God's Church in Bynum.

- 1873 Sunday School organized at Bynum.
- 6 Oct. 1892 Sophronia Bynum dies.
- * 1895 First Bynum Parsonage built.
- *Thurs. 7 Nov. 1901 Bynum Church organized (75 members; 26 converted in revival)
- * Dec. 1901 Sanctuary built/completed
- 31 Aug. 1909 Carney W. Bynum dies
- * 1927 Women's Group started at Bynum by Mrs. A.E. Brown
- * 1934 Haw River Circuit becomes Bynum Charge
- * 1940 Sunday School CLASS rooms added.
- 1950 Pulpit Furniture donated by men's Sunday School Class (More furniture donated later by other members)
- * 1964 Bynum becomes Station Charge
- * 1965 Central air conditioning added
- 1967 William Hughes Gattis enters full-time ministry. (The only previously life-long member of our church to enter the ministry)
- Nov. 1967 New Hammond Organ dedicated.
- Mar. 1968 New Methodist Hymnals given in memory of various deceased members and loved ones
- * 1968 Church building brick veneered and rest rooms added.
- * 1975 New Parsonage built.
- 1981 New Communion set given in memory of various members and loved ones
- 1983 American Flay given by Robert & Neal Elmore, Tabitha Mitchell, Louise Riggsbee in memory of J.T. Riggsbee.
- Christian Flay given by Women of the Church
- Permanent silk flower arrangements given in memory of Mrs Leessie Snipes and Mrs Ollie Stout
- * 1 Jan. 1984 Bynum Church goes full time.
- * Feb. 1984 John Hobbs leads Revival. Prayer Group formed.
- 1984 Candle sticks/holders given by Robert Elmore in memory of his Father, James Elmore.
- Candle Lighters given by Ruth Lucier in memory of her Father, Rev. Miller.

The lovely picture of Jesus Christ praying at Gethsemene which is hanging over the pulpit was given by Sally Fowler in memory of her mother and father. The date the picture was given is not known.

Also, In 1983, new Cokesbury Hymnals given by various members of the church in memory of deceased members and loved ones.

2B—THE PITTSBORO HERALD, WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17, 1977

Youth add to church

by Mary Gattis

We, the members of the church, wish to thank Rev. Capps and the youth of the church for the good job they did in putting the new book racks on the backs of the pews. It adds a lot to our church.

The attendance was good at Bynum Methodist Church Sunday morning for the worship service. Rev. Capps gave a very good message on faith. We were glad to have visitors worship with us. Rev. Capps expressed his thanks to all the people who helped to make the vacation Bible school a success last week.

We are glad Mr. Thomas Snipes is able to be out again and to attend church.

Mrs. Elsie Lane of Sanford spent last week with her son J.C. and family. She returned home Friday and Mrs. Ollie Stout went home with her to spend a few days.

Mrs. Helen Howard, Mrs. Roy Lee Eubanks and myself visited Mrs. Ada White and Mrs. Gertie Carter at Kellers Rest Home last Monday night. We helped

Mrs. Ada celebrate her 78th birthday. We hope she will have many more birthdays.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Hatley visited Mrs. Ada last Sunday night and carried her a nice birthday gift and she enjoyed her visit with them.

We were glad to see Mr. and Mrs. Julius Suitts at church Sunday morning. They haven't been able to attend for a good while.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Harris spent the weekend at the beach, along with Dr. Lowell Williams and two daughters.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Cooper, Jenny and Penny spent part of last week in Detroit attending a car show.

Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Lane and Douglas, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Farrel and Ann, Mrs. Helen Howard and myself attended the drama, The Sword of Peace, at Snow Camp Saturday night. We all enjoyed it very much.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Williams of Durham

visited his parents Sunday afternoon.

The Ruritan Club will meet Tuesday night, and it is ladies' night. They will all be going out for a steak supper.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ray Ellis spent the weekend at the beach.

Mr. and Mrs. Willis Beale have bought the old parsonage in Bynum and are in the process of getting it moved to a new location on the Goldston road. This old house is one of the oldest in Bynum. It has been reported it was built in 1894. We understand it was to be moved Tuesday if weather permitted.

Mrs. Mae Morris has moved from the Mill Village and is now making her home with her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Prate Johnson.

Mrs. Charlie Howard is serving on the jury this week.

Rev. and Mrs. John Capps had friends from Richlands to visit them Sunday and attend church with them.



Church news

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4, 1981 - 9B

Bynum Methodist News

by David Francis

Mr. and Mrs. David Francis and Robert Elmore attended the Christian Workers' School at St. Luke United Methodist Church in Sanford on Sunday and Monday. More than 400 United Methodists from across the Sanford District attended the school.

This coming Sunday, March 8, will begin the season of Lent. Some of the activities planned in our observance of Lent include revival services to begin March 29. The guest speakers for the four services will be Rev. Ted Wilson from First United Methodist Church in Raleigh, and Rev. John Cline from Highland United Methodist Church, also from Raleigh. The Fellowship Sunday School Class is planning a special service for Good Friday. The public is invited to attend both of these special events.

The topic of the sermon Sunday morning was "Prayer." The text was taken from Matthew 6:5-15.

Our members in the hospital include Mrs. John (Lessie) Snipes in NC Memorial in Chapel Hill, and Mr. J.T. Riggsbee in Chatham Hospital in Siler City.

Church calendar for March: March 8 is Evangelism Sunday; March 29 is One Great Hour of Sharing Sunday. The United Methodist Women will conduct the morning worship service.

Bynum Methodist News

by David H. Francis

The Outreach Committee and the Nurture and Membership Care Committee met jointly on Sunday, Jan. 25, and again on Sunday, Feb. 8 to discuss the church calendar for 1981. Among the events planned is a revival to begin on Sunday, March 29. A different guest speaker will speak each night.

A confirmation study will begin on Wednesday evening, April 29, and will continue each Wednesday evening for four weeks. These meetings are for the benefit of anyone who is interested in learning more about the United Methodist Church and would like to learn more about the Christian faith.

The topic of the sermon Sunday morning was "Making Excuses". The text was taken from Exodus 3:7-10.

This Sunday, Feb. 15, is Scout Sunday.

Sunday, Feb. 22, is Brotherhood Sunday.

A church newsletter will be sent out beginning the third week in February and each month thereafter. The newsletter is edited by Barbara Cooper.

COUNTY HERALD, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25, 1981 - 5B

More Church news

Bynum UM Church

by David Francis

Sunday was One Great Hour of Sharing Sunday at Bynum. The United Methodist Women conducted the morning worship service. Ruth Lucier delivered the morning message on the subject of "the law of love." The text was taken from the Gospel according to Matthew, chapter 25, verses 31-46. There were 41 in attendance at the morning service.

The UMYF met at the parsonage for a special hour of sharing on Sunday evening. Saturday the youth group will hold a bake sale in the Bynum area. Everyone is invited and encouraged to come out and support the group.

Our revival services will begin Sunday evening at 7 p.m. Robbie Caruth, from St. Mark's UMC in Raleigh, will deliver the message on Sunday. Ted Wilson, from Mt. Olive First UMC in Mt. Olive, N.C. will deliver the message on Monday. David Francis, minister at Bynum, will deliver the message on Tuesday, and John Cline, from Raleigh, will deliver the message on Wednesday.

Barbara Cooper, our musical director, has planned a special afternoon of singing to set the spirit for revival. The theme will be "Sounds of Joy." Everyone is invited to attend these special events. "Sounds of Joy" will begin at 2 p.m. at the church on Sunday afternoon. Featured in the afternoon sing will be the Hickory Mountain Quartet, the Chatham UMC choir, the Mt. Gilead Baptist Church choir, the Rock Spring Baptist Church choir and quartet, and others.

Please keep in mind the Good Friday candlelight service which will be held on Friday, April 17 at 7 p.m. The service will be conducted by the Bynum Fellowship Sunday School Class. The theme will be "What Shall I Do With Jesus?"

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Homecoming Planned

The Bynum United Methodist Church will be having its homecoming Sunday, Aug. 24. The 11 a.m. service will be followed by a picnic. The afternoon program will be a song festival. All members, old friends and neighbors are welcome to attend.

Bynum Methodist

by David Francis 25 Jun, 1981

Sunday, June 14, marked the beginning of my second year at Bynum United Methodist Church and I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to all of the wonderful people of this area who have helped to make this one of the happiest years in our lives.

The 1981 session of the North Carolina Annual Conference was held at Methodist College in Fayetteville during the week beginning June 7. David Francis and Belinda Francis attended portions of the Conference. David worked with the Conference Secretary's Office during the week.

On Saturday, June 27, at 4 p.m., the Bynum Ruritan Club, in conjunction with the Bynum UMW, will sponsor a chicken supper to be held at the Ruritan Building in Bynum. After the supper there will be an "Old Timers" softball game. The purpose of the supper is to raise money for the Bynum softball field.

Plans are being made for a Vacation Bible School to be held at our church in July. Helping with the Bible School will be Jenny Bouldin, Susie Farrell, and Bonnie Morris. More help is needed. The Bible School will be open to members from other churches as well.

David Francis is planning a Wednesday afternoon session to be held during the summer for the children of the church. All of the children of the church are encouraged to attend. This will be a time for parents to bring their children to the church for several hours on Wednesday afternoons while they shop or carry out other responsibilities. It is designed to let the children know that their church cares about them and that they are a vital part of the church program.

Plans are also being made for a Homecoming service to be held on Sunday, August 23. The Reverend Charlie Reichard will be the guest speaker at the morning service. Rev. Reichard was at Bynum when our church was on a charge with several other area churches. He is loved by many members, not only of the United Methodist Church, but also of other churches. The public is invited.

Rodney Durham and Laverne Jones were married on Sunday at 3 p.m. in our Sanctuary. Ronald Hatley and Gayle Willoughby were married at 5 p.m. at Duke University Chapel in Durham.

by David Francis WCD. APR. 8, '81

Revival services were held last week. Guest speakers were Robbie Carruth, Ted Wilson, David Francis and John Cline. Attendance was good throughout the week. The services proved to be a time of worship and fellowship. The afternoon sing was a time of Christian sharing. Visiting groups included the Land Mark Trio, the Rock Spring Baptist Church Choir and Quartet, the Chatham United Methodist Church Choir and others. Keith Henderson brought a message in song during the service on Wednesday evening. Our thanks go out to all who helped.

The morning message Sunday was taken from Matthew 26:14-16, 20-25; 27:3-6. The topic was "What Will You Give?" There were 35 in attendance at the morning service.

The UMYF will resume meeting at the regular time next Sunday evening. There will be a snack, a program, and a planning session to discuss summer activities. All youth are urged to attend.

Friday, April 17, there will be a special Good Friday candlelight service at 7:30 p.m. using the theme, "Today we walk where Jesus walked."

Family Week will be May 3-10. The Festival of the Christian Home will be May 10.

Aldersgate Sunday will be May 24. On this Sunday we will receive new members. Two of our preparatory members will be baptized also.

by David Francis WED. MARCH 11, '81

Last Thursday night the United Methodist Women met at the home of Rev. and Mrs. David Francis. Belinda Francis gave the devotional and the following program. Final plans were made for the One Great Hour of Sharing service March 29.

The Finance Committee met Sunday, Feb. 22, and approved the budget for 1981.

The United Methodist Youth Fellowship met Sunday night and finalized plans for the doughnut sale to be held Saturday in Pittsboro and Bynum. The purpose of the sale is to raise money for summer youth activities. Everyone is urged to support our UMYF by buying a box of doughnuts. The youth group is also planning a bake sale to be held Saturday, March 28, at Harris and Farrell's store in Bynum.

The topic of the sermon Sunday morning was "Preparing Our Loved Ones to Receive the Word of God." The text was taken from Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23. There were 68 present at the morning worship service.

Our members in the hospital: Mrs. John Snipes and Mr. J.T. Riggsbee are both at UNC Memorial.

Friday, April 17 a special service will be conducted by the Fellowship Class. "What Will You Then Do with Jesus?" will be the theme

Bynum UM Church

by David Francis

Our congregation celebrated Holy Week by participating in a candlelight service on Friday evening, April 17, at 7:30 p.m. Our Fellowship Sunday School Class sponsored the service: Neal Elmore, Belinda Francis, Ruth Lucier, Barbara Cooper, George Lucier, Robert Elmore and David Francis. Others involved in the service were Michelle Suttles, David Cooper and Helen Thrift. The theme of the service was "Today We Walk Where Jesus Walked."

There were 47 in attendance at the worship service on Sunday morning. The topic of the morning message was "I've Been There". The text was from Romans 5:1-6.

Following the morning service the Administrative Council met. Among the decisions made by the council were: Have the land beside the church building cleared off, sponsor

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a chicken supper to be held May 9 (Saturday) at the Runtan building in Bynum. The tickets will be \$3.50 for adults, and \$2 for children. Fried chicken, barbecue chicken and chicken stew will be served.

Louise Harris returned home from Durham County Hospital on Saturday and is progressing nicely. J.T. Riggsbee and Lessie Snipes are also home. Let us continue to remember these loved ones in our prayers.

"Dink" Atwater of Bynum died on Sunday afternoon from an apparent heart attack. Funeral services were held 2 p.m. Tuesday at Bynum United Methodist Church. Graveside services were at Mt. Pleasant United Methodist Church Cemetery. The family has requested that gifts be directed to the Rescue Squad in Pittsboro. Let us also keep this family in our thoughts and prayers.

Homecoming Planned

The Bynum United Methodist Church will be having its homecoming Sunday, Aug. 23, 10 a.m. The service will be followed by a picnic. The afternoon program will be a song festival. All members, old friends, and neighbors are welcome to attend.

by Rev. David Francis

Rev. Francis conducted the worship service at Keller's Nursing Home Sunday afternoon at 4 p.m. The devotion was taken from Hebrews 12:1-3. It was a great time of fellowship and love.

The topic of the message Sunday morning was "Must We Be Born Again?" The text was taken from John 3:1-9. 58 attended the morning worship service.

The Bynum UMYF held a doughnut sale on Saturday to raise money for summer activities. They sold 200 dozen doughnuts. Our group would like to say "Thank You" to everyone in the Pittsboro area for their support.

Sunday, March 22, will be One Great Hour of Sharing Sunday at our church. Ruth Lucier will deliver the morning message. The UMW will conduct the morning worship service.

On Sunday, March 29, we will begin our Revival services at 7 p.m. An old fashioned afternoon sing will be held on Sunday afternoon beginning at 2 p.m. to help us get in the spirit of revival. Several area groups have been invited to participate in the event, including the Hickory Mountain Quartet. The public is invited to attend these services. Our youth group will serve refreshments during the afternoon sing-a-long.

Our youth group will also hold a bake sale on Saturday, March 28.

Bynum United Methodist Church

Sunday evening the youth choir from St. Luke UMC in Sanford presented the musical "Celebrate Life" at Bynum UMC. The spirits of 130 worshipers were lifted as joyous shouts of "He is alive" rang throughout the sanctuary. It was indeed a wonderful time of celebration.

On July 19 at 7:30 pm, Rev. Ron Snyder of Rougemont UMC will be our guest preacher for our Thursday evening worship service. Little Trent Cooper will bring the word in song. All friends of our fellowship are cordially invited to come and worship with us.



Rev. Reichard

Revivals and Homecomings

Rev. Reichard to speak at Bynum UM

Bynum United Methodist Church will have their annual homecoming service on August 23. The Rev. Charlie Reichard will be the guest speaker at the morning worship service. Rev. Reichard was minister at Bynum when the congregation was on a circuit with Mt. Pleasant, Mann's Chapel, Ebenezer, and Cedar Grove. He is known and loved by many of the people of this area. All friends of the church are invited to attend. There will be no Sunday school that morning. The worship service will begin at 11 a.m.

Following the morning worship service there will be a covered dish supper at the Ruritan Building. During the afternoon service there will be a time of sharing and singing. Several of the area's finest gospel groups will be featured.

GOOD FRIDAY AT BYNUM UMC

Bynum United Methodist Church will hold its annual Good Friday Service this coming Friday at 7:30 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

Special Easter services will begin at 6:30 a.m. on Sunday with the Sunrise Service at the church cemetery located north of Bynum on 15-501. Breakfast will be served at the Ruritan building from 7 to 8:30 a.m. and then there will be 30-45 minutes of fellowship and singing in the church sanctuary. Morning and worship will begin at 9 a.m.

Beginning Monday, April 11 and continuing through Wednesday, April 13 at 7:30 p.m. each night the Rev. Charles Bryant of Raleigh, will conduct a seminar on gifts of the Holy Spirit and building up of the church.

Finally, on Saturday, April 30, the Bynum UMC Women will sponsor a chicken supper from 4-7 p.m. Plates will be \$4.00. An auction sale will follow the supper.

Each of these events are open to the public.

SOMETHING BIG IS COMING UP!

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The St. Luke Youth Choir will be under the direction of Hoyle Purvis, Music Director, Barry Lane, pianist, Robin Marley and Peggy Lane, vocal assistants.

DATE: SUNDAY, JULY 15, 1984
LOCATION: BYNUM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
TIME: 7:30 p.m.

We hope to see you there as we share with you the message of God's love through music!

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LUNCH ON THE GROUNDS: 12 P.M.

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Bynum Church

BYNUM — On 20 December members of Bynum Church took time out from their own Christmas preparation to help bring a little Christmas' joy to the patients at Keller's Nursing Home in Pittsboro. The Rev. David Francis opened the service with a prayer and followed the prayer with a reading of Romans 8:31-39.

Then the UMW and UMYF joined together in singing several Christmas hymns. Santa Claus also joined the party. He gave gifts to each of the patients. The gifts were given by members of Bynum Church. Afterwards, refreshments were served, then everyone joined together in singing more Christmas hymns.



NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE
THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The Reverend Mr. David Francis
P.O. Box 6
Bynum, North Carolina 27228

Dear David:

Thank you for your letter of request and for the opportunity to negotiate some possibilities for service to your people.

Also, I want to commend you for your focus on the Holy Spirit in your Sunday evening Bible Study and Prayer Group. You can only expect positive results from endearing the ministry of the Holy Spirit to your people. I only wish I had been more faithful to such throughout my entire ministry.

The dates that you suggested are no possible for me. It appears that the earliest possible date for a beginning on a Sunday night is April 10 or May 8 (the latter one being Mother's Day). Let me know what you think about these dates. If they are not suitable, we'll begin again.

I should like also to suggest that something be worked out with the attendance of the other churches in your sub-district. While our services do not cost the local churches anything, except a rental of a film (around \$35.00), it is costly for our Conference to supply such services. That is why we attempt to get as many involved in our workshops as possible.

Thank you again for the prospects of our working together and getting our dates worked out. Let me hear soon. Requests are mounting.

Sincerely yours,

Charles V. Bryant

Council on Ministries

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