

Camp Ground United Methodist Church

Fayetteville,

North Carolina



SERVICE OF DEDICATION

Administrative Unit - Church School Building - Fellowship Hall

May 25, 1980

Robert M. Blackburn
Paul Carruth
Vassar W. Jones

Bishop
District Superintendent
Minister

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP SERVICE OF DEDICATION

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Eleven O'Clock

The Organ Prelude: "A Hymn For The Nation" Paul Rogers

* The Chiming of the Hour

* The Choral Call to Worship Chancel Choir
"Cast Thy Burden Upon The Lord" (Mendelssohn)

* The Prayer Invocation

Minister: Almighty and everlasting God, whom the heavens cannot contain, a house fashioned by man, wherein thine honor dwelleth and where people may worship thee: Of thy love and mercy, we beseech thee, reveal thy holy presence here, that these buildings which we have built to the glory of thy name, and do now wholly devote and dedicate to thee, may by thee be accepted and hallowed, to the end that souls may here be gathered, nourished in thy love, and made fruitful in thy service; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

People: **O GOD, BY WHOSE PROVIDENCE WE CELEBRATE THE DEDICATION OF THESE BUILDINGS: SEND UPON US, WE BESEECH THEE, THY HEAVENLY BLESSING: AND, BECAUSE HOLINESS BECOMETH THINE HOUSE FOREVER, MAKE US LIVING TEMPLES, HOLY AND ACCEPTABLE UNTO THEE; THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD. AMEN.**

* The Hymn of Adoration: No. 38
"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" (Van Dyke)

* The Act of Praise: The Reverend Paul Carruth

Minister: The earth is the Lord's and the fulness thereof.

People: **THE WORLD AND THOSE WHO DWELL THEREIN;**

Minister: For He has founded it upon the seas,

People: **AND ESTABLISHED IT UPON THE RIVERS.**

Minister: Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord?

People: **AND WHO SHALL STAND IN HIS HOLY PLACE?**

Minister: He who has clean hands and a pure heart,

People: **WHO DOES NOT LIFT UP HIS SOUL TO WHAT IS FALSE, AND DOES NOT SWEAR DECEITFULLY.**

Minister: He will receive blessing from the Lord.

People: **AND VINDICATION FROM THE GOD OF HIS SALVATION.**

Minister: Such is the generation of those who seek him,

People: **WHO SEEK THE FACE OF THE GOD OF JACOB.**

Minister: Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors.!

People: **THAT THE KING OF GLORY MAY COME IN.**

Minister: Who is the King of glory?

People: THE LORD, STRONG AND MIGHTY, THE LORD, MIGHTY IN BATTLE!

Minister: Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors!

People: THAT THE KING OF GLORY MAY COME IN!

Minister: Who is this King of glory?

People: THE LORD OF HOSTS, HE IS THE KING OF GLORY!

* The Gloria Patri

* The Affirmation of Faith: THE APOSTLES' CREED

Minister: Let us unite in this historic confession of the Christian Faith:

Minister and People: I BELIEVE IN GOD THE FATHER ALMIGHTY, MAKER OF HEAVEN AND EARTH; AND IN JESUS CHRIST HIS ONLY SON OUR LORD: WHO WAS CONCEIVED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT, BORN OF THE VIRGIN MARY, SUFFERED UNDER PONTIUS PILATE, WAS CRUCIFIED, DEAD, AND BURIED; THE THIRD DAY HE ROSE FROM THE DEAD; HE ASCENDED INTO HEAVEN, AND SIT-TETH AT THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD THE FATHER ALMIGHTY; FROM THENCE HE SHALL COME TO JUDGE THE QUICK AND THE DEAD. I BELIEVE IN THE HOLY SPIRIT, THE HOLY CATHOLIC CHURCH, THE COMMUNION OF SAINTS, THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS, THE RESURRECTION OF THE BODY, AND THE LIFE EVERLASTING. AMEN.

The Scripture Lesson:

Jeremiah 31:31-34

The Reverend R. Dennis Ricks

The Pastoral Prayer

The Reverend Vassar W. Jones

The Lord's Prayer: (In Unison)

OUR FATHER, WHO ART IN HEAVEN, HALLOWED BE THY NAME. THY KINGDOM COME, THY WILL BE DONE ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN. GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD. AND FORGIVE US OUR TRESPASSES, AS WE FORGIVE THOSE WHO TRESPASS AGAINST US. AND LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION, BUT DELIVER US FROM EVIL. FOR THINE IS THE KINGDOM, AND THE POWER, AND THE GLORY, FOREVER. AMEN.

The Organ Interlude: "The Church's One Foundation" Samuel J. Stone

Recognitions and Concerns of the Congregation (The Pastor)

The Offering

The Anthem:

Chancel Choir

"All Things Bright And Beautiful" (Hankey)

* The Presentation: THE DOXOLOGY

* The Hymn of Preparation: No. 470
"God of Grace and God of Glory"

The Sermon: Bishop Robert M. Blackburn

THE BURNING OF THE NOTE

The Presentation of the Buildings:

Mr. Travis C. Pritchett, Chairperson of Trustees

Mr. Pritchett: We present this Education Building, this Administrative Unit and this Fellowship Hall to be dedicated to the glory of God and to the service of His people.

Bishop Blackburn: Beloved in the Lord, We rejoice that God has put it into the hearts of his people to build these buildings to the glory of his name. I now accept them that we may dedicate them and set them apart for the study and the Christian fellowship of His people. Let us therefore, as we are assembled, SOLEMNLY DEDICATE THESE BUILDINGS TO THEIR PROPER AND SACRED USES.

* (Congregation standing and responding)

Bishop: To the glory of God the Father, who has called us by His grace; To the honor of His Son, who loved us and gave Himself for us; To the praise of the Holy Spirit, who illumines and sanctifies us:

People: WE DEDICATE THESE BUILDINGS

Bishop: For the comfort of all who mourn; For strength to those who are tempted; For light to those who seek the way;

People: WE DEDICATE THESE BUILDINGS

Bishop: For the hallowing of the family life; For teaching and guiding the young; For the perfecting of the saints;

People: WE DEDICATE THESE BUILDINGS

Bishop: For the conversion of sinners; For the promotion of righteousness; For the extension of the kingdom of God;

People: WE DEDICATE THESE BUILDINGS

Bishop: In the unity of the faith; In the bond of Christian Brotherhood; In charity and good will to all;

People: WE DEDICATE THESE BUILDINGS

Bishop: In gratitude for the labors of all who love and serve this church. In loving remembrance of those who have finished their course; In the hope of a blessed immortality through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: WE DEDICATE THESE BUILDINGS

WE NOW, THE PEOPLE OF THIS CHURCH AND CONGREGATION, COMPASSED ABOUT WITH A GREAT CLOUD OF WITNESSES, GRATEFUL FOR OUR HERITAGE, SENSIBLE OF THE SACRIFICE OF OUR FATHERS IN THE FAITH, CONFESSING THAT APART FROM US THEIR WORK CANNOT BE MADE PERFECT, DO, HERE AND NOW, DEDICATE OURSELVES ANEW TO CHRISTIAN STUDY AND FELLOWSHIP, AND TO SERVICE TO ALMIGHTY GOD: THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD. AMEN.

Bishop Blackburn: Let us now offer unto God our petitions and intercessions for His blessing and grace.

Grant, O Lord that by Thy Holy Word, which shall be taught in this place, and by Thy Holy Spirit grafting it inwardly in all hearts, that the hearers may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and may have power and strength to fulfill the same. **Amen.**

The Pastor: Regard, O Lord, the supplications of Thy servants, and grant that whosoever occupies the office of Pastor in this place as head administrator, counselor and spiritual guide of this congregation of Christ's flock, may be so empowered by Thy Holy Spirit that that person shall be a true instrument of yours. **Amen.**

The Reverend Vereen: Grant, O Lord that all those who come to this place for Christian fellowship with each other, may always find a warm acceptance, and know that they are in the presence of Thy Holy Spirit. May this influence motivate them to be more Christlike people. May the office of Christian Education be always a vital and an effective part of this church, as it ministers to the spiritual needs of the children, youth and adults of this congregation. And may the Kindergarten and Day Care program continue to be an effective Christian ministry and out-reach in the name of Christ the Great Lover of Children. **Amen.**

The Reverend Ricks: Grant, O Lord, that whosoever occupies the office as Secretary-Business Manager, may maintain an open and gracious spirit toward all who enter that office; may they have the patience to do the tedious and often monotonous duties of the office; and that all the work of that office be looked upon with all seriousness and with a sense of Christian out-reach and ministry. **Amen.**

Bishop Blackburn: Now, therefore, O Lord, let Thine eyes be open toward these buildings day and night, and let Thine ears be ready to hear the teaching, the laughter and the prayers of Thy people, which they shall make unto Thee in this place. When ever Thy people seek Christian nurture, fellowship and counseling, may they find it here. **Amen.**

Grant, O Lord, we beseech Thee, that Thy ministers, both clergy and laity, may be clothed with righteousness, and Thy saints rejoice in Thy salvation. And may we all, with Thy people everywhere, grow up into a holy temple in Thee, O Lord, and be at last received into the glorious temple above, the house not made with hands eternal in the heavens. To the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be glory and praise, world without end **Amen.**

- * The Hymn of Dedication No. 478
- "Lead On O King Eternal" (Shurtleff)
- * The Benediction
- * The Choral Response: "A Closing Prayer" (Besig)
- * The Going Forth of the Light
- * The Three Chimes
- * The Organ Postlude: "God Save The People" (Schwartz)

Please plan to share with us today in a fellowship lunch which will be served on the church lawn immediately following the Service of Dedication.

This is a high and holy day in our church. A day in which we offer to God grateful praise for all His love and benefits to us. It is a day in which we offer thanksgiving to everyone who has made this Service of Dedication possible.

We welcome all who have come today for this high moment in the life of this church:

We Welcome You members who have labored in the building of these buildings and the paying for them.

We Welcome You former ministers who gave of yourselves in ministry to this congregation.

Especially do we welcome Bishop Robert M. Blackburn of our Raleigh Area who has been our Episcopal leader for eight years.

We are glad to have our District Superintendent, The Reverend Paul Carruth, who has given us encouragement and inspiration in meeting our obligations here in this church.

A special welcome is given to the Reverend R. Dennis Ricks, who was the minister of this church during the construction of these buildings; and who served this church with distinction for six and one half years.

We extend a warm welcome to The Reverend Albert Fisher, Director of Rural Church Affairs of the Duke Endowment. The Duke Endowment made a liberal grant to the construction of these buildings.

We welcome The Reverend LaFon C. Vereen, who was the Director of our Conference Board of Missions at the time of the construction of these buildings, and was instrumental in helping with a Construction Loan.

Feel free to tour the buildings that we are dedicating, as well as all the Church Buildings, including the William Haigh Owen, Jr. Chapel which is behind the sanctuary.



Old Church Building

CAMP GROUND CHRONICLES

CAMP GROUND OF YESTERYEAR laid the foundation for CAMP GROUND OF TODAY. Those brave men and women, who were the first to worship at CAMP GROUND, were first and second generation descendants of the courageous people, who settled in the Cape Fear River area the Century before.

The name CAMP GROUND tells the story of the Church that had its beginning in Camp Meetings, but how early such meetings were held is uncertain. In the minutes of the First Quarterly Conference held at Mossy Springs, on May 15, 1841, Camp Ground is referred to as a Church. At that meeting, David Derrick was the Presiding Elder, I. P. Kesten, who served nine Churches, was Charge Preacher, and Archibald McKay was Secretary. The next report showed \$15.00 had been collected at Camp Ground that year.

According to tradition, THE FIRST PLACE OF WORSHIP AT CAMP GROUND was a Brush Arbor, which stood on the spot where the new Sanctuary now stands. Later a Log Building was erected and used for worship, until some years later it was destroyed by fire. The historic two-story Colonial Church edifice, still standing on the Church property, was THE THIRD PLACE OF WORSHIP. That old Sanctuary was standing in 1858, according to a Deed, recorded in Cumberland County Court House. The Deed was made and signed by Archibald McKay, on the fifth day of January, 1858, to "E. S. Hobbs, John Buie, Jesse Ellis, Arch Buie, and Thos. I. Owen, Trustees of The Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at Beaver Creek Camp Ground . . . including

the Church, Grave Yard, and Arbor and containing nine acres and a half . . .”

Eighty-five years later, in 1943, at the height of World War II, when The Reverend H. R. Ashmore was Pastor, a cinder block hut was built on the Church grounds for Church and Boy Scout activities. The Reverend T. J. Whitehead was the Pastor, when the building was dedicated on November 4, 1945, and given the name Bundy Hut, in honor of The Reverend J. D. Bundy, Charge Pastor from 1891-1894.



Bundy Hut & Old Education Building

During the Pastorate of Reverend James A. Auman, in the year 1952, a ten-room Church School Building was added at the back of the Sanctuary. Two years later, on February 7, 1954, the Dedication Service was held. Eddie G. Brisson, a member of Camp Ground, was the builder.

1954 was a very important year in the history of old Camp Ground, for it was that year that the Church went Station, and the first full-time Pastor was The Reverend James A. Auman. The increased budget and other obligations connected with a Pastor full time presented a challenge, which the congregation met, but sometimes they had to “beat the bushes”.

THE PICTURE OF CAMP GROUND remained the same for a decade: The old Sanctuary, with the two-story brick building at the rear, and Bundy Hut off to the side. A new Sanctuary had been on the hearts and minds of many of the members for years. The dreams began to become a reality, when David B. Owen left in his Will a sum of money to the Church to be put in a fund for the purpose of building a new Sanctuary. Upon receipt of the bequest in 1958, the David B. Owen Building Fund was established.

CAMP GROUND OF TODAY IN 1980 was the CAMP GROUND OF TOMORROW IN 1960, in the heart of the Pastor, The Reverend Robert E. Walston, when he appointed a Planning Committee to study the needs of Camp Ground. The beautiful new building complex today is the result of the work, dreams and prayers of the people, during the ensuing years.

THE CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION IN 1962 presented a challenge that the "CAMP GROUND OF TOMORROW must reach out to take care of the needs of the vast multitude of people within its bounds. . . . Never has a Church been given a greater opportunity to witness right at home. . . . Camp Ground must change in order to fulfill its mission in the community. . . . must build for THE CAMP GROUND OF TOMORROW".

MEETING THAT CHALLENGE began with the Ground Breaking Service for the new Sanctuary on August 4, 1963, when The Reverend M. W. Maness was Pastor. One year later a Consecration Service was held, and The Reverend J. Malloy Owen, III preached the Sermon. A \$20,000 Grant was received from Duke Endowment, and on October 12, 1969, the Dedication Service was held, while The Reverend R. Dennis Ricks was Pastor.



CONSTANT, PROGRESSIVE WORK AND PLANNING, teamed with wise counseling and guidance, proved to be the prime factor implementing the successful completion of the building program. Soon after the erection of the Sanctuary, plans were already under way for the construction of a Church School building. However, the Building Committee took time to convert the basement room under the Sanctuary into a Church Office-Study, in 1965, for the new Pastor, The Reverend R. T. Commander.

A BUILDING CRUSADE, under the direction of Dr. Edgar E. Walker, of The National Board of Missions, was held the week of April 30-May 7, 1967. It was a successful Crusade, with much activity and Lay involvement, and much interest was stimulated in stewardship - a prerequisite for launching the second phase of the building program. The Crusade projected the future needs of the Church for additional classrooms, fellowship hall and administrative offices, as well as the renovation of the existing classrooms. On December 10, 1967, Mr. Commander appointed a Planning Committee, which immediately went to work to draw up plans.

When the Sanctuary was Dedicated in 1969, the congregation was well prepared to move forward with the new building project. The Trustees had approved the construction of additional buildings and recommended

that the Church School unit be built first. On April 5, 1970, the Ground Breaking Service was held, and work began on The Fellowship Hall, which was completed that Fall. The new classrooms were ready for use in January 1971. During the construction of the new units, The Reverend R. Dennis Ricks was the Pastor. Bishop William R. Cannon lead the Consecration Service held on February 7, 1971, assisted by Dr. Graham S. Eubank, District Superintendent, L. C. Vereen, from The Board of Missions, and The Pastor.

THIS IS CAMP GROUND TODAY IN 1980: A beautiful Church edifice and building complex, with all the rooms attractively furnished and well equipped to carry on the work program of the Church. Since 1971, a Kindergarten-Day Care Center operates in the Educational Building. The Pastor, The Reverend Vassar W. Jones, is now serving in his fifth year, with a full-time Secretary and a Director of Religious Education. With Mr. Jones as Pastor, the Church membership has increased from 740 to 944, the balance of the building indebtedness has been paid, and today, the buildings are Dedicated. \$623,780 is the estimated value of the new structures.

CAMP GROUND'S DAY HAS COME! Is Camp Ground prepared to meet that challenge? That challenge is even greater to an ever increasing number of people within her reach. We can see the change in the physical structure at Camp Ground. Spiritual growth can be seen as distinctly obvious in the fruits of the Spirit. "The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance . . . if we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit." (Gal. 5:22-25). "Lift up your eyes and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest." (John 4: 35). Christ commanded His Disciples: "Ye shall be witnesses unto Me both in Jerusalem . . . Judea . . . Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." (Acts 1: 8). His command is the same to us today in 1980. To the 944 members at Camp Ground, His command is to begin in our own community - right here at Camp Ground.

CAMP GROUND TODAY must obey the command of Christ to witness for Him each day. We bear the name of Christian, and we must be Christ to everyone we meet. Christ is depending on us, and He has promised to be with us. With His help, we will fulfill the mission of **CAMP GROUND TODAY!**

DUKE ENDOWMENT GRANTS = \$41,000
CAMP GROUND SANCTUARY - 1964

Architect: Hollis L. Ivey
Builder: Frank J. Raynor, Sr.

Camp Ground	Church Roll	Church Attend	Sunday School	School Attend	Church Budget	Adm. Bd. Members	Adm. Bd. Attend.
1960	507	201	304	157	16,438		
1970	697	245	422	210	33,493	65	23
1980	944	350	385	240	130,740	69	30

POPULATION			AREA SCHOOLS			1970 Teachers in Cumb County = 1,245	
	County	City		No. Sch.	Enroll.		
1960	148,418	46,106	1925	1	367	1791	1st. Teacher
1970	212,042	53,510	1955	1	1,111	1840	Teacher's Salary \$1.00 per Day
1980	252,005	61,681	1980	19	15,655	1758	Oldest Church at Longstreet

MINISTERS SERVING CAMP GROUND DURING BUILDING YEARS

Robert E. Walston	(1956-1960)
Madison W. Maness	(1960-1965)
Richard T. Commander	(1965-1969)
R. Dennis Ricks	(1969-1975)
Vassar W. Jones	(1975-)

- 1841 CAMP GROUND METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
- 1845 CAMP GROUND METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH,
SOUTH
- 1939 CAMP GROUND METHODIST CHURCH
- 1968 CAMP GROUND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH





Fellowship Hall

Administrative Unit



Church School Building

Ground Breaking Service held Sunday, April 5, 1970, lead by: Dr. Graham S. Eubank, District Supt., M. W. Maness, Former Pastor, R. Dennis Ricks, Pastor

The Service of Consecration held February 7, 1971, and lead by: Bishop William R. Cannon, Dr. Graham S. Eubank, District Supt., L. C. Vereen, Board of Missions, R. Dennis Ricks, Pastor

Architect: Paul H. McArthur, Jr.

Builder: D. F. Tally & Son

AUTOGRAPHS AND THINGS TO REMEMBER