

# *Dedication Service*

## **Candor United Methodist Church**

**February 14, 1971**



William R. Cannon  
Bishop, Raleigh, N. C.

Dr. Joyce V. Early  
District Supt., Sanford, N. C.

Millard W. Warren, Sr.  
Minister, Candor, N. C.

Organist.....Mrs. Larry Long  
 Youth Choir Director.....Mrs. Herndon Kendall  
 Chancel Choir Director.....Mrs. Robert Chappell  
 Acolyte.....Wade Bruton  
 Ushers.....Messrs. E. Burt and Charles G. Bruton, Wingate Harris and Carlton Thomas

## A BRIEF HISTORY OF CANDOR UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Candor United Methodist Church was organized in 1895, seventy six years ago. It was located where the present Candor Baptist Church now stands. The Reverend J. P. Pate was the first pastor of this church, which was one of eight churches, known as the Pekin Circuit. This was the only church in the community for a number of years; the Baptist were permitted to have services in it each alternate Sunday from that of the Methodist. At the outbreak of World War I, a large, Union Sunday School existed in this church for all denominations.

The charter members consisted of the following six people: Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Bruton, Mrs. Minnie Fox Keith, Mrs. Nannie Batton Steed and Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Tomlinson.

The following persons aided in the building of the church: Samuel Parsons gave the lot for the building and the cemetery; Allison F. Page gave the lumber and J. G. Tomlinson paid the labor bill.

In 1908, during the pastorate of the Reverend N. L. Seablot, the circuit was changed to the Candor Charge and consisted of the following seven churches: Candor, Concord, Jones Spring, Pleasant Hill, Little River, Marcus and Sardis. In 1917, the name was changed once more to the Biscoe Circuit, and consisted of three churches: Candor, Biscoe and Star. It remained a part of this Charge until the year 1957, when Candor Methodist Church became a Station Church.

In 1924, the Church was relocated in a new building on the present site which was donated by J. G. Tomlinson, an original member. The Reverend F. B. Peele was the pastor who led in the erection of the new church, at the cost of approximately \$20,000. And we know that it was built on a long range plan. In fact it was not until 1937 that the debt was paid off. The Reverend H. R. Ashmore was the pastor at this time and Bishop Clare B. Purcell dedicated the Church.

In 1953, an Educational Building, with more adequate facilities, was added to the church, consisting of five class rooms and an assembly hall upstairs and a fellowship hall and a modern kitchen downstairs. The Women's Society of Christian Service furnished the kitchen and the Young Men's Class furnished the fellowship hall.

The next phase of improvement of the Church came in 1964 when complete air-conditioning and electric heat were installed. A new roof was put on the church. This phase was paid for at an approximate cost of \$24,000. The next project was the complete renovation of the church in 1968. The furnishings were donated by the members and friends of the church, many of which were memorial gifts. This debt was paid off in December of 1970 at a cost of \$35,000; the Duke Endowment gave us \$8,000 of this amount.

Three large glass windows were given by Mr. and Mrs. V. W. Burkhead, Mrs. M. F. Ewing, and Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Bruton. These same windows were refortified in 1964-65, and placed in steel frames for permanency by the

families of those who originally placed them there; and were as follows: Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Wyatt, Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Deaton, Mrs. F. B. Burkhead, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Steed, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Harris, Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Bruton, Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Bruton, Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Bruton and Mrs. R. G. Fitzgerald.

Today we are glad, indeed, to have our Bishop, William R. Cannon, and our District Superintendent, Dr. J. V. Early, to lead in the dedication of our latest improvement.

## CREDITS

Artist sketch of first church building by Mrs. J. Paul Wallace.

### MINISTERS SERVING CANDOR UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 1895-1971

MINISTERS	CIRCUITS	DISTRICTS	YEAR
J. P. Pate	Pekin Circuit	Rockingham	1895
J. B. Thompson	Pekin Circuit	Rockingham	1895-97
J. W. Strider	Pekin Circuit	Rockingham	1897-98
D. A. Watkins	Pekin Circuit	Rockingham	1898-99
J. W. Hoyle	Pekin Circuit	Rockingham	1899-1903
J. F. Sanford	Pekin Circuit	Rockingham	1903-04
W. A. Jenkins	Pekin Circuit	Rockingham	1904-08
N. L. Seabolt	Candor Circuit	Rockingham	1908-11
G. W. Starling	Candor Circuit	Rockingham	1911-12
D. B. Parker	Candor Circuit	Rockingham	1912-13
G. T. Simmons	Candor Circuit	Rockingham	1913-16
S. J. McConnell (Supply)	Candor Circuit	Rockingham	1916-17
A. S. Parker	Biscoe Circuit	Rockingham	1917-22
F. B. Peele	Biscoe Circuit	Rockingham	1922-25
N. B. Johnson	Biscoe Circuit	Rockingham	1925-29
J. H. Miller	Biscoe Circuit	Fayetteville	1929-32
W. J. Traywick	Biscoe Circuit	Fayetteville	1932-36
H. R. Ashmore	Biscoe Circuit	Fayetteville	1936-40
Jack W. Page	Biscoe Circuit	Fayetteville	1940-45
M. E. Tyson	Biscoe Circuit	Fayetteville	1945-48
A. M. Williams	Biscoe Circuit	Fayetteville	1948-52
J. F. Coble	Biscoe Circuit	Fayetteville	1952-54
C. B. Harris	Biscoe Circuit	Fayetteville	1954-57
Douglas Byrd	Candor Circuit	Sanford	1957-60
W. R. Meacham	Candor Circuit	Sanford	1960-65
M. W. Warren	Candor Circuit	Sanford	1965-





### CANDOR METHODIST'S FIRST BUILDING

This artist sketch was made from descriptions of Candor Methodist's first building.  
It was located on the site now occupied by The Baptist Church.