

**Cedar Grove
United Methodist Church**

"CELEBRATING 150 YEARS OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE"

1932 - 1982

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*Dedicated to all persons who knew the Joy of Coming to the Cedar
Grove United Methodist Church but cannot be with us today.*



Rev. Robert Wallace



Rev. Samuel F. Nicks



Rev. Carson Wiggins



Rev. Carson S. Tyson



Dr. J. M. Ormond



Rev. D. N. Caviness



Rev. W. H. Pluckett



Rev. E. C. Durham

Pastors that served the Cedar Grove Methodist Church

1832 Isaac Haines	1898 E. W. Fox
1837 Addison Lea	1902 J. T. Draper
1851 W. H. Brown	1903 Rufus Bradley
1852 A. H. Johnson	1904 N. C. Yearby
1853 J. L. Fisher	1905 M. M. McFarland
1854 N. A. Hooker	1909 C. R. Ross
1855 H. T. Hudson	1911 J. M. Ormand
1856 T. W. Moore	1915 T. M. Grant
1857 Henry Gray	1917 Marvin Hester
1858 S. D. Peeler	1919 J. E. Blalock
1860 B. F. Guthrie	1923 E. C. Durham
1862 S. D. Ruler	1927 F. A. Lupton
1863 Alexander R. Raven	1931 J. W. Dimmette
1864 N. F. Reid	1933 S. F. Nicks
1866 W. Wilson	1940 J. C. Williams
1867 W. Bobbitt	1944 K. F. Duval
1870 William Barringer	1945 J. B. Hurley
1871 S. W. Crawford	1948 Henry B. Lewis
1872 J. T. Harris	1953 R. Z. Newton
1874 H. P. Cole	1956 O. V. Elkin
1876 J. H. Wheeler	1958 Richard Petersen
1880 J. O. Guthrie	1962 Clyde Tucker
1883 J. E. Gray	1963 Tom Gensel
1886 L. E. Thompson	1964 Francis Bradshaw
1887 J. G. Nelson	1966 Carson Wiggins
1888 W. H. Pucket	1969 John Rutland
1892 J. M. Lowder	1970 Robert Wallace
1893 D. N. Caviness	1974 Buddy Champion
1896 L. Lutch	1975 John K. Young
1897 J. M. Terrell	1978 Carson Tyson

PREFACE

The writer of this history has done much research, including getting information concerning the beginning of the Cedar Grove United Methodist Church from descendants of the early leaders and members.

Kathrine McDade has spent many hours and days searching through many documents etc. in such centers as the Department of History and Archives in Raleigh, materials in the Perkins Library of Duke University and other related sources.

In this research one finds the early foundation of this, the Cedar Grove Methodist Church, to be laid in the founding of the Old Eno Presbyterian Church in 1755. These devoted men and women who worshipped together as a body of Christians who were not as much concerned of being Presbyterians as they were believers in Christ and his teaching. Their chief concern was that the spirit of God was abiding with them.

Some of the families became interested in the organization of the Cedar Grove Methodist Church. In later years the families of these Christian servants grew and others moved into the area. Some became interested in the new church when it was organized in 1832 and became members, leaving the church of their ancestors and laying the spiritual foundation for a new denomination, but realizing that all are the same in the sight of God.

Our purpose is to show that our community is not actually methodist, but we are descendants of the first to live in the community. Our churches have worked together as believers in God as well as being founders of the methodist church.

Much credit and appreciation is due Kathrine Nicks McDade who has worked many hours and traveled many miles interviewing people and in research and compiling information to be included in this history of the church.

We, as members are tremendously grateful for the task she has undertaken. We are also grateful to all who have contributed in any way to help develop this history.

By Irene O. Pender

*THE HISTORY OF THE CEDAR GROVE UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH*

The Community of Believers in Jesus Christ came together in Cedar Grove many years ago:

To all persons whom these concern — Greetings: Where as T. T. and wife Ann, the bearers here are determined, God willing, to remove their family . . . to new settlements . . . we commend them to favorable reception (signed by many Friends) 14th Day of May . . . 1752. This family arrived about August 1, 1752 and as Francis Nash records in his history of Orange County, they settled ten miles north of Hillsborough. John Anderson and his wife Ann Moore were already here. They settled on the Eno River in 1738.

In the same year in England, May 24, 1738, John Wesley listened to the reading of Martin Luther's Preface to Epistles of Romans: "While Luther was describing the change God works in the heart through faith in Christ, I felt my heart strangely warmed. I felt I did trust in Christ, Christ alone, for my salvation; and an assurance was given me that He had taken away my sins, even mine, and saved me from the law of sin and death." John Wesley, the founder of our Methodist Church, went out to preach a gospel of a "New Birth." John Wesley's brother, Charles, wrote 6,500 hymns which are sung in many languages of the world.

Ships moved like shuttles over the Atlantic Ocean from England to America. They brought people of many denominations; they wove a pattern of people settling our community. Many Quaker families came to Eno River Basin as well as more Scotch Irish Presbyterians. Thomas Thompson and wife Ann deeded a plot of land to John Anderson in 1754 for a newly formed community "meeting house." When Hugh McAden, a Presbyterian Missionary, came to the home of John Anderson there was already a "meeting house" for him to preach in. He preached on the second Sunday in August, 1755.

The history of the community is interwoven with the history of many denominations. The land owned by T. T. and wife Ann is now owned by Harold and Vera Walker. They are members of the Mars Hill Baptist Church. This church has a debt to early Quakers, too. A Quaker meeting House and cemetery are located near the site of this church.

Susan Thompson married Alexander Anderson. Here we find a Quaker marrying a Presbyterian. We do not have any history of a Quaker Meeting House in Cedar Grove. The early Quaker settlers did make good neighbors. They were sober, honest and peaceable. They acted according to the Will of God. Very often used the expression, "God willing." They were believers in God and his Guidance.

Pauline and Allen Lloyd tell in their History of the Hillsborough Methodist Church how Bishop Asbury preached in a tavern to about 200 people, August 12, 1780, His text was Hosea 10:12, "It is time to seek the

Lord." Bishop Asbury had ridden seven miles to Hillsborough. We wonder if the people of Cedar Grove went to hear him preach. Bishop Asbury traveled about six thousand miles a year on horseback and became the first Methodist Circuit rider in America. The preachers of the Methodist Church were soon called the traveling Methodist. Some of the first traveling preachers came to Cedar Grove from Virginia. The Brunswick Circuit extended from Virginia into North Carolina. The North Carolina Circuit was formed in 1776. The Leasburg Methodist Church was organized two years later, 1778.

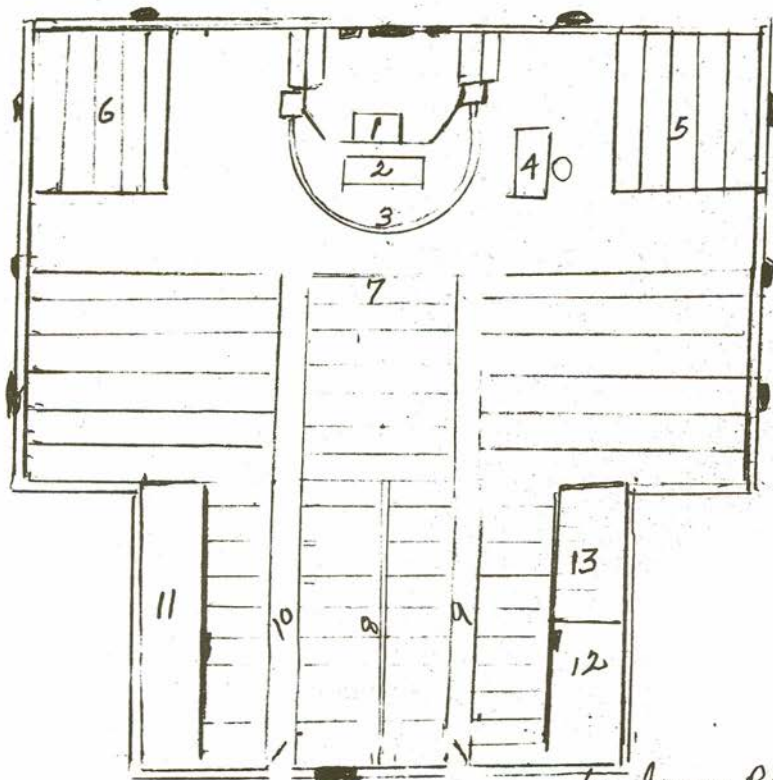
The North Carolina Circuit was divided as Roanoke, Tar River, and New Hope. Not only were Leasburg and Cedar Grove connected by visiting preachers but by schools and trade. Cedar Grove was also near a Christian school, Pleasant Grove or Mount Pleasant Academy. Daniel W. Kerr moved his school from Wake Forest to Orange County January 15, 1836 near the present Mount Zion Christian Church. In 1838 James Clark announced Fairfield School, about three miles south of Cedar Grove, was ready for scholars.

I speak of other nearby denominations because I believe our church is born of the Spirit of God found in the hearts of these early settlers who became the forefathers of many denominations. On January 4, 1754 John Wesley wrote of his desire in his preface to *Explanatory Notes upon the New Testament* ". . . and that we might all agree to sit down together, as humble, loving disciples, at the feet of our common Master, to hear his word, to imbibe his Spirit, and to transcribe his life into our own!"

The first post office at Cedar Grove was established in 1826. Joseph Allison was the first postmaster, Della Finley Allison told of Joseph Allison and John Kelly giving land for the Cedar Grove Methodist Episcopal Church which was organized on the 9th Day of May, 1832. She said "John Kelly did a lot for the church." Our first pastor was Isaac Hines who was sent from Haw River Circuit to serve the churches of the Hillsborough area. Often a log "meeting house" was built until a church could be built. In 1843 we find the names of John McDade, Asahel Moore, Henderson C. McDade, Mary Moore, John A. McDade, Samuel P. Moore, George A. Ellis, John J. Allison, William H. Brown Thomas Anderson associated with the new church.

May 31, 1936 our Sunday School was declared 96 years old. By way of an old record of 1840 which James Compton read on that day. But since schools existed in the community before our church was organized no doubt the Sunday School began at least by 1832. Emily Watson is given the credit of starting the Sunday School for children. In the cemetery we find:

In Memory of Emily Watson
Born October 27, 1811
Died November 1, 1879



by Irene Pender

Floor Plan

The Cedar Grove Methodist Church
Remodeled in 1876

- | | |
|--------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. Pulpit | 7. Mourner's Bench |
| 2. Communion Table | 8. Separated Pews |
| 3. Altar | 9.-10. Aisles |
| 4. Organ | 11. Closet & Library |
| 5. Choir | 12. Closet |
| 6. Amen Corner | 13. Stairs to Second Floor |



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The Cedar Grove Methodist Church

Remodeled in 1876

Mrs. Della Finley Allison said that she came from the mountains. Her daughter was Maria Watson who married Marcellus Kenion. She was the grandmother of Emma Kenion Turner who was a radiant Christian.

Trustees, Joseph Allison, Thomas Taylor, William Maris, John Kelly, Hunter McCulloch and Ira Ellis were directed to build the Cedar Grove Methodist Episcopal Church in 1834. The church built at this time faced the east and had only one door. The pulpit was in the west end of the church. Reverend Isaac Haines was the pastor.

During this time there was an educational revival. The Hughes Academy was established by Samuel Wellwood Hughes in the area. At Leasburg in 1847 Solomon Lea established the Somerville Female Institute. Here we see a presbyterian and a methodist playing important roles in the revival of education.

After the Civil War, times were difficult and money was scarce; but the Cedar Grove Methodist Church began a building program. In 1876 the small church was enlarged by an addition on the south side. Two doors were placed facing the south. The men entered by the left door and the ladies entered on the right. Inside the church wainscoting was placed three and a half feet high and was painted light brown. A matching partition dividing the center seats was built. This partition went down to long seats in front of the pulpit. The men sat on the left side and ladies on the right. The amen corner was on the left side of the pulpit and the choir sat on the right of the pulpit.

John A. Finley was overseer of the building and repair work in 1876. Daniel Graham made seats, altar, and pulpit for \$89.00. John S. Pope, treasurer, kept records of the money taken in and money paid out until July 27, 1876. Thomas Cox Ellis kept records of the building project until July 1, 1880. Total money paid out was \$499.98. Cash received was \$398.35. The amount due was \$107.63 plus 6% interest to be paid by 1880. Times were very difficult and it was paid in four installments. A Sunday School Festival was held to help pay off the debt. \$45.00 was raised at the Festival. This is the first record we have of having a Festival to raise money for the church. We still use the method of having a Harvest Festival to raise money for the church. We wonder if the money raised at the Festival paid for the pulpit. We still use the beautiful pulpit made by Daniel A. Graham.

The District Conference of the Hillsborough District of the M. E. Church South convened at Hillsborough Circuit on June 28, 1883. The morning session was from 9 o'clock to 10:45 and the afternoon session was at 2½ o'clock. Religious exercises were by Bishop John C. Keener. Rev. N. H. D. Wilson was the Presiding Elder of the District. Rev. J. E. Gray was pastor of the Hillsborough Circuit.

"Family prayers were encouraged; many instructed at Sunday School . . . read scriptures, several are well posted in the Bible — many study and teach it prominently in Sunday School. Majority have been truly converted . . . have thought to have prayer meeting from house to house in Cedar Grove . . . they have organized some neighborhood Sunday Schools.

All churches well kept and comfortable in winter. No parsonage."

There was a special Sunday School Conference of the Durham District held at Chapel Hill, N. C. August. 1, 1884. J. J. Taylor reported a very good Sunday School at Cedar Grove between seventy five and one hundred scholars — well attended by parents and children — used church literature. He stated, "the Sunday School is an aid to public worship."

At a Durham District Conference held on July 29, 1885 at Leas Chapel in Person County near Leasburg, Rev. J. E. Gray reported, the churches at Hillsborough and Cedar Grove are well kept, no parsonage. . . Some members drink something besides water — no dancing!"

The Presiding Elder's wife Mrs. N. H. D. Wilson later worked with the Bright Jewels, the Junior Missionary Society for children. The children saved pennies to go in blue and white mite boxes.

Years ago, a dear lady, Demie Taylor Brown, told of her parents going to the August revival at the Cedar Grove Methodist Church on August 31, 1886. They had eaten supper and went into the church for the night service. During the service an earth quake caused the church to tremble. People started rushing out of the church. One lady couldn't get down the aisle fast enough so she lifted her long skirt and started stepping over the benches. Little Demie Taylor and her brother were at home sleeping on a trundle bed and felt the Earth's tremor. This was known as the Charleston Earthquake. About ninety percent of Charleston, South Carolina's buildings were damaged.

One of the most beloved pastors was W. H. Pucket. He encouraged the people to learn new hymns. His beloved wife, Alice Pell, was well remembered for her lovely alto voice. The ladies cried when Rev. Pucket and his wife moved away.

Maud Rogers Limer remembered going to Cedar Grove Methodist Church in a wagon drawn by two mules. She said all of the members had big families and came by wagon loads. She recalled the singing of the choir, the shouting at revival times and the happy occasion of Children's Day. One father told his little girl that he would take her to Sunday School on 3rd Sundays but that the horses would have to rest on the other Sundays.

Julia McDade Oakley told of the forest fire which began in Efland on Saturday before Easter of 1893. Nannie and Emma Currie Woods were walking from Caldwell Institute to their home and saw the smoke. Julia McDade's mother, Martha Maris McDade, gave breakfast to the men who had fought the fire all night long. The fire burned the Eno Presbyterian Church and the Compton Mill.

Rev. W. F. Wilhelm preached to the members of Eno at the Methodist Church on the 4th Saturday and 4th Sunday after the fire. The Presbyterian Church was an almost new building being only fourteen years old. It was a tremendous loss to the community. In a short time plans were made to erect a new building in the village of Cedar Grove.

In the meantime the Methodist and Presbyterians were spiritually blessed as they worshiped together.

Rev. M. M. McFarland was well liked and had a good sense of humor. One day as he visited one of his members, his friend was killing hogs. As Preacher, McFarland watched him salt down the hams, his friend said, "Preacher, I'm salting this ham for you." The preacher walked around the board table thoughtfully. Then he looked up with a twinkle in his eye and said, "If you don't mind, I'll carry that ham right on with me today." He got his ham!

By 1911 Rev. J. M. Ormond and his wife, Katrina Kern, moved to Hillsborough from Leasburg. He was loved by all the people in Cedar Grove. Dr. Ormond loved the rural churches and later served as Director of the Rural Church Work of the Duke Endowment. He supervised the Duke students who went out to assist the ministers in the Country Churches.

Dr. H. W. Moore spoke of remembering Rev. T. M. Grant and Rev. Marvin Hester. Dr. Moore recalled arriving at the church early one Sunday morning. He watched closely while a man cranked his T Model Ford. The T Model back fired and the crank was spun back in the opposite direction causing the man to fall forward against the car and this caused a bad gash. The Drug Store was in front of the church. Dr. Claud M. Hughes sewed up the wound on the front porch of the Drug Store. Dr. Hughes rode horseback over the community to heal the sick. He was one of the best friends the people of Cedar Grove ever had.

Rev. J. E. Blalock was the last preacher to come from Hillsborough. His family was well remembered especially the pretty little girls.

Rev. E. C. Durham was the first pastor to live in Cedar Grove. The churches on the Cedar Grove Charge of Durham District were: Cedar Grove, Walnut Grove, Carr, and Prospect. The Parsonage was built in 1924 on land given by Carl C. McDade. Henry Liner helped build and supervise the work of John and Arthur Finley, John C. McDade, Jim Hawkins and W. H. McDade. This parsonage was built the same year Aycock High School was built. Rev. Durham is remembered by his singing and his poems. Rev. E. C. Durham, Cooper Compton, James Compton and Arthur Finley sang together.

Rev. F. A. Lupton led many to a profession of faith in Jesus Christ. He and his wife Rena Lupton reared a family dedicated in service. A judge and two doctors came from this family.

Rev. J. W. Dimmette's daughter, Pattie, became a missionary. She married Inman U. Townsley at the Duke Chapel August 30, 1937. She and her husband left after the wedding to sail for the Congo as missionaries.

At the third Quarterly Conference June 4, 1934 application was made for a permit giving us the privilege to build a church at Cedar Grove, to appoint committees and solicit donations.

At the fourth Quarterly Conference Oct. 26, 1934, the pastor, Rev.

S. F. Nicks, reported that the application to the Duke Foundation Fund for \$3,000.00 had been granted in full; the building committee had been appointed and that the estimated cost of the church was \$10,000.00 He stated that our task will be to erect the church in 1935.

The building committee was: Chairman W. H. McDade.

J. Henry Liner, Carl C. McDade, Gaines F. Liner, John C. McDade, R. Cooper Compton, Roy Kennedy, Lewis Kennedy and Dorsey F. Wright.

Between forty and fifty men worked at different times according to their abilities. Robert Earl Hughes was a Presbyterian but he worked along with his cousins and uncles. Charlie Oakley did the blasting of stumps and rocks. Sometimes there were eight or ten teams of mules being used as the men dug the basement.

Will Tinnin, Frank McDade, and James Compton hauled logs all day from Will Moore's farm. The weather was so cold the wagons never did break through the ice-covered mud holes. They carried the logs to the saw mill located on Willie H. McDades farm. They were already sawing the pine logs given by W. H. McDade for the frame of the church. Lewis and Lee Kennedy hauled lumber to Fitch Lumber Company in Mebane to be dried and dressed. When the lumber was ready they hauled it to the church.

The rocks were hauled from Fletcher Pittard's farm for the basement. The walls of the basement were made two feet thick. May 5, 1935 it was reported, "The wall is now up to the foundation level and fram work is to be erected on the following week."

Duke University had given rock at the Duke Quarry to the state to be used for building roads. The Cedar Grove Methodist Church was given permission to use the rock. Since only state trucks were allowed in the quarry, they hauled the rock to the church.

Joe and Josh Woods of Winston Salem had worked at Duke as skilled masons and were hired to do the masonry of the church. A third man came to shape and break the stone to be used by the Woods Brothers. They boarded at the home of Ed and Ella Murphy. Bob Lynch boarded with Tom and Lela Oliver. Clair McDade hauled the first load of sand. Thomas Finley and Lewis Taylor made up the mortar. John H. Finley made the rafters on the ground. Fletcher Pittard supervised the raising of the rafters. It took six men to pull them up. Henry Liner was a most capable and patient overseer of the whole building program. He read and explained the blueprints of the architect, H. N. Haines. When C. B. Markham, Assistant Treasurer at Duke University would send the pastor, Rev. S. F. Nicks, a check of \$881.25 covering one installment of the appropriation, he would state that \$118.75 had been deducted for the architect fee. The donation of the Duke Foundation made it possible for the church to be built. We really appreciate what they did for us. The



people were to raise an equal amount before another installment was to be paid from the Duke Endowment.

It was hard to raise money in the thirties. Money was raised in interesting ways. The James and Cooper Compton families, the Henry Pope family and the Carl McDade family planted the Lord's Acre. This profit was given to the church. Walnut Grove and Carr churches also grew the Lord's Acre. Throughout the community there were gifts of time, work, or money. A record was kept of all donations. There were two hundred and nineteen donations ranging from five cents to two thousand; two hundred, ten dollars and fifty cents. It was good for people to work together contributing pews, windows, and the Bible as memorial gifts.

Paul Jobe took down the old church and in return for the lumber he wired the new church. Whitted and Sons did the plastering. Dan Graham and sons painted the church and contributed their work. For many years they continued to paint the church as needed.

The Cedar Grove Methodist Church was dedicated October 29, 1939 by Bishop W. Peele of Richmond, Virginia. A Rally of the Cedar Grove Charge was conducted by F. S. Aldridge, district lay leader. Rev. A. J. Hobbs was District Superintendent. Rev. S. F. Nicks invited the former pastors to be present. Picnic lunch was served under the trees. Virgil Queen, the Duke student who had assisted the pastor, spoke in the afternoon session.

Other work had been going on in the Cedar Grove Charge. Prospect and Carr churches had been painted. A new stone church at Walnut Grove was nearing completion. Rev. M. T. Plyler, said, "Under the care of this devoted Methodist minister churches have made progress, uplift came to the people, and comfort filled their homes. Few men know so many people and have been in so many homes in all this section as has S. F. Nicks."

Some of the young people today do not realize that Duke students went out in the thirties. Paul Root, John Hammons, Victor Hickman, David Reece, Robert Nicks and Virgil Queen did much for the young people through out the charge of Cedar Grove. Robert Nicks was licensed to preach while he was a member of the Cedar Grove Methodist Church in 1937. James P. McDade was licensed to preach in 1939. They both served in the U. S. Navy during World War II. Later Robert L. Nicks joined the North Carolina Conference and James P. McDade joined the Virginia Conference. As far as we know Robert Nicks and James P. McDade are the only ones who went out from our church to preach. But there are many nurses and teachers who have been members of our church.

Rev. J. C. Williams was pastor during the years of World War II. There were many heart aches during these years as men and women volunteered their services. Rev. J. C. Williams preached and won many

hearts and led many to a stronger faith in Jesus Christ.

Rev. K. F. Duval opened the parsonage to the meetings of the church; especially to the Women's Society of Christian Services.

Daisy Fuqua, the wife of J. Bascom Hurley, was from the Prospect community. They had a personal interest in this church. Many wonderful families lived in this community. The pastor and his wife made a good team as they worked together in all of the churches.

Henry B. Lewis introduced Rufus Mosely to Cedar Grove. The two men were filled with the Holy Spirit. The Upper Room was sent to every home on the Cedar Grove Charge. After serving five years, Rev. Lewis wrote, "It is alarming and distressing to note that the charge has lost by death and mostly by transfer to town churches ninety-three members during the five years." 121 new members had been added. This situation shows how a rural church has contributed members to the Methodist Churches in town. A member is not lost if he continues to serve God in any church. One of the favorite verses of Rev. Lewis was, "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus." Phil. 2:5

Everyone enjoyed the talks on Alaska made by Rev. R. Z. Newton and his wife. They also had a special way of reaching the hearts of people who needed comfort.

The Cedar Grove Charge was divided in 1958. Walnut Grove-Carr became one charge and Cedar Grove - Prospect became the other. This was a disappointment to many people. Rev. Richard Petersen, a Duke student, was our preacher after the change. He was filled with the power from God and did more work than seemed possible. He was a scholar and tried to teach us more about the church and its mission. We studied biographies of John Wesley and Martin Luther. His wife Barbara was a joy to know. To see her face light up with love and pride for her husband is something to remember. We especially appreciate Rev. Petersen's work with the young people.

Our church was very fortunate to have Rev. Clyde Tucker and his family with us for one year. When a preacher is a messenger from God, one year can be priceless. The Tuckers from Chile, brought us closer to the work of missionaries and to the country of Chile and to Christ.

Tom Gensel and his wife made close friends among the young couples. It is interesting to note different preachers reach different people. That is God's way of working through them.

Francis Bradshaw was a preacher of the third generation. The lives of his Grandfather, Mike and Father, Bobby blessed him in his ministry. In the verse, "Draw nigh to God and He will draw nigh unto you," We see God working and we can see and feel God at work in the lives of these dedicated men.



NEW PARSONAGE 1966

Mildred Finley gave an acre and a half of land for a New Parsonage. Rev. Francis Bradshaw with the help of the Administrative Board appointed a Building Committee: Harris Pope, Chairman, R. Cooper Compton, Sr., Oscar Compton, Glenn Caruthers, Howard Pittard and Kathrine N. McDade. James Parker was Finance Chairman. Monroe Dickey was the builder. The total cost was \$18,500.00. We were all disappointed that Rev. Francis Bradshaw and his family did not live in the new parsonage.

Rev. Carson Wiggins and his family brought life and music to the parsonage. Rev. Wiggins made many friends in the community. Many young people became active in the church while he and his family were here.

Rev. John Rutland said that he came to preach and not to mow grass. He did preach well. Not many of our pastors have had as their aim to know the members personally by visiting in all of their homes. Rev. Petersen had that as his goal but many of our pastors have been satisfied to know only a few people. The pastors who learned to know the people as they worked appreciated the community more.

When Rev. Robert Wallace arrived in Cedar Grove, he found friends from Efland. The young people were soon playing soft ball. The smiles of the Wallace family made Cedar Grove a happier place. In 1971 Rev. Wallace encouraged members to become better friends by printing a Cedar Grove United Methodist Church Directory. In 1974 with the aid of a photographer of Le Mann & Associates, a new Cedar Grove Methodist Church Year Book with pictures of members was printed. These two booklets contained valuable information. As Rev. Wallace said, "Each pastor, and their wives, have made their own contribution and left their mark on our lives. Each has been different but each has filled a need and has a special place in our hearts."

Rev. Buddy Champion and his wife Kathryn seemed to be a part

of our community immediately. Some of the facts used in this little history were found by him in the Perkins Library at Duke University. His family had great love for people. One little boy in the community said, "Jesus, is my best friend and Blake is my next best friend."

Rev. John Young and his family came to us from Milton. Rev. Young had studied Family Counseling and spent many hours helping people who sought his advise. When Rev. Young had an operation, he found that he lived in a caring community. A Duke student, Mark Wethington, and his wife Bobbi helped wonderfully. Mark took over the job of preaching for Rev. John Young. It was amazing how well he and Bobbi worked with the United Methodist Youth Fellowship. They started the youth choir again. Bobbi worked with the small children. Some of the children will recall the Banjo lessons by Mark. Karen Liner has continued working with the Children's Choir.

We think our pastor, Rev. Carson Tyson, and his wife Peggy have great faith in God and join the community of believers who seek to know and follow the will of God. His cousins Bobby, Tommy, and Vernon have preached in our church. The Evangelistic work of this dedicated Tyson family is prompted by the life and teachings of Jesus Christ.

Rev. Tyson encouraged the remodeling of the basement of our church. Sam Evans was given the contract with the approval of the Administrative Board of the Church. The Basement Committee were: Bill Ray Chairman, Edna Caruthers, Eloise Rountree and Kathrine McDade. Inflation prices caused the remodeling of the basement to cost more than the building of the church. The cost of the basement was \$15,636.59. The cost was high but it was a job well done.

The Young Couples Group was started by Rev. Bob Wallace. Our pastor and the Duke Student, Rick Dake, restarted this group. They brought a covered dish supper at six o'clock on Sunday night.

The music by Ralph C. Compton, Jr. has been the greatest contribution to our church. Dedicating his talent to the glory of God shows us that we, too, need to give our talents in the service of God. His brother Joe W. Compton has inspired us with his special music. Janie Hester Pope has led our choir for twenty five years and played the piano. The choir has sung in all of the churches of the Cedar Grove Charge and the Eno Presbyterian Church. They also sang in Lee's Chapel Baptist Church for their Dedication Service September 25, 1977. Henry Lee McDade gave Rev. Stanfield the land for their church. Jack McDade was invited to speak and other members of the family to attend. We find the Spirit of Jesus Christ is the Common Denominator when we add the different denomination together Through the years

many persons have played the organ, and the piano or sang in the choir. The following lists may help you to remember others:

People who have played Organ or Piano:

Ralph C. Compton, Jr.
Joe Woods Compton
Janie Hester Pope
Miriam Pope Wells
Irene O. Pender
Jerry W. Compton
Edna Caruthers
Lorraine Langston
Karen B. Liner
James Compton, Jr.
Mary Lee McDade
Tom Ellis
Annie Woods Compton
Luna Compton Hughes
Emma Woods Nicks
Alma Compton Walker
Jessie Compton
Onie Terrell
Myrtle Lois McDade
Estelle Patton Ellis
Susan L. Hughes Lindsay

Present Members of Choir

CHOIR DIRECTOR —
Janie Hester Pope
Present Members of Choir
Joe Woods Compton
Edna Caruthers
Louise Phelps Pittard
James Parker
Penny Wright Parker
Mildred Finley
Melvin Wright
Sara Glenn Caruthers
Ruby Compton McDade
Karen B. Liner
Betty Compton
Dwight Compton
Mary Pore
Pam Pore Aldrich
Gladys Phelps Long
Eloise Pittard Rountree
Hannah Ortorsky

VOICES OF THESE CHILDREN ARE HEARD IN CHURCH

Johna Hughes, Kim Liner, Robbie Liner, Joseph Rountree, Don Rountree, Chan McDade, Troy Rountree, Kim Compton, Amy Compton, Russell Westbrook, Bob Compton.

PAST MEMBERS OF CHOIR —

Robin Compton
Jean L. McDade
Pauline Pope
Peggy Tyson
Katherine McDade
Irene O. Pender
Patricia M. Compton
Everette Kennedy
Eva Faw Kennedy
Mozelle Watkins Caruthers
Vera Watkins King
Christine Watkins

Mary Ruth McDade Kaiser
Hazel McDade Lewis
Frances Hill Olive
Gaines F. Liner
Hazel Compton
Margaret Compton
Lizzie D. Long
Alma Walker
Rebecca Liner
John Finley
Arthur Finley

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS

Emma Watson organized the Sunday School

J. J. Taylor
David Washington Jordan
Adams Jordan
*Thomas Cox Ellis
J. B. Game
Henry Lee McDade
John S. Pope
Henry Haley
David Miles
J. M. Atwater
Carl McDade

Ewell Liner
James Compton served 25 years.
Everette Kennedy
Gordon Liner
Kathrine N. McDade
Oscar Compton
Charles N. Langston
Joe Compton
Dwight Compton

*Thomas Cox Ellis did so much for the Cedar Grove Methodist Church the Sunday School asked his family for permission to erect a high four sided pillar of stone in his memory.

Most of the preachers and Duke Students taught Sunday School Classes.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

Ella Burch Murphy
Rebecca Liner
Della Finley Allison
Carl McDade
Dallie McDade
Dan Frank Whitmore
Andrew Hurst
Eber Folger Cude Sr.
Annie Woods Compton
James Compton, Sr.
Zeb Burton, Sr.
Alton Munn, Sr.
Mrs. S. F. Nicks
Mrs. R. Z. Newton
Kathrine Nicks McDade
Irene O. Pender
William Lathan
Dovie Wilmoth Cude
Mildred Finley
Margaret C. Wright
Ruby Compton McDade
Joe Woods Compton
Everette Kennedy

Deborah Pope (Bible School)
Robin Compton (Bible School)
Kay Compton (Bible School)
Eva Faw Kennedy
Jean L. McDade
Charles N. Langston
Alma Lettie O. Carr
Helen Liner
Lizzie D. Long
Wade Caruthers
Parker Roland
Janie Hester Pope
James Parker
Miriam Pope Wells
Frannie Liner
Esquirdo Braddy
Jo McDade Westbrook
Mary L. Kennedy
Vivian Rountree
Betty Compton
Rachel Pope
Diana Oakley Cobb
Barney Pittman

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS CONTINUED:

Gladys Long
Lorraine Langston
Barbara Pope
Patricia Mise Compton

Elizabeth Collins (Bible School)
Faye Kennedy Crabtree
Mildred W. Kennedy
(Cradle Roll)

The Epworth League was started in 1912 by Rev. J. M. Ormand. James Compton worked with the young people for many years. On May 31, 1936 the League met in the new church. There were fifteen young people present. James Compton and his wife, Hazel Wood Compton, were the leaders.

In 1939 the Methodist Youth Fellowship was organized. There were charge wide meetings. Soon the young people participated in sub-district meetings. The best leaders were young couples. The Duke students assisted the pastor in the work.

Some of the young people will remember going to Camp Don Lee, Washing cars to earn money to go to the Beach! Selling ice cream and hot dogs at the Harvest Festival was fun. Riding out on Halloween to collect money for UNICEF and singing Christmas Carols for shut ins will always be remembered. Playing soft ball and eating homemade ice cream at the parsonage was best.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Mrs. Ella Burch Murphy read a history of the Missionary Society stating that it was started in 1878. The people of the community donated books for a library. "Some of the best old books I ever read were in that library," said Maude Liner. The ladies talked about the Chautauquas held at the church. Thomas Cox Ellis helped look after the business arrangements. Women and men enjoyed the lectures and entertainment.

In 1924 Mrs. A. M. Gates came from Durham to help organize the Cedar Grove Auxillary. New officers were: President — Ella Burch Murphy Vice — president — Clyde Hill McDade Secretary — Lessie Haley McDade, Treasurer — Luna Compton.

About 1926 the ladies planned a homemade ice-cream supper with plenty of good cake. The young people helped. Chinese lanterns were made to cover the light bulbs that were strung in the grove. Small card tables were set up under the oak trees. It was a pretty sight about where the new church now stands. The fun and fellowship of that night made it a grand occasion.

Duke students started coming in the late twenties. The women of the church would let them stay in their homes.

Studying about missions and giving to home and foreign missions kept the women busy. Making quilts is an art. The quilts made in our church were first given to the orphanage. Now they are sold at the Harvest Festival.

It is hard to say what is the best way to be of service to your church. Polly Pope tells us by being an honest treasurer. Mary Kennedy shows us as she cares for the children in the Nursery. Mildred Kennedy took care of the Cradle Roll for years. Perhaps Ruth Pope has fed more more preachers than anyone. Edna Caruthers has been one of the best secretaries we have had. Even though we list the presidents of our United Methodist Women, God knows many serve Him quietly.

PRESIDENTS OF THE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Ella Burch Murphy	Mildred C. Finley
Maud Vaughn	Eloise Rountree
Annie Woods Compton	Barbara Petersen
Emma Woods Nicks	Ruby Compton McDade
Lessie Haley McDade	Patricia Mise Compton
Janie Hester Pope	Barbara Pope
Sue Warren Burton	Betty Compton
Lizzie Dorsett Long	Christine Wallace
Jean Liner McDade	Polly Pope
Mary Long Kennedy	*Rachel Pope
Kathrine Nicks McDade	*(President of Guild)
Eva Faw Kennedy	Vickie Rhew Compton

UNITED METHODIST MEN

The United Methodist Men were organized under the direction of Rev. Carson Wiggins in 1968. Barney Pittman was the first president. Since one of the goals was Christian fellowship, they decided to have breakfast meetings at the church and summer cook outs at the home of one of the members. In worship experiences the men made Christian commitment relying on the Holy Spirit as their Guide and source of power. Together they studied the problems of the church and ways to solve them. Projects: Cemetery improvements, patio and walk at the parsonage, patio and walks at the church, installation of air conditioning and many others.

The men of the Methodist and Presbyterian churches have now formed the United Christian Men. They have sponsored a Boy Scout Troop. Dean Deter is the Scout Leader. Bill Finley is President of the United Christian Men.

PRESIDENTS OF UNITED METHODIST MEN

Barny Pittman	Donnie Roundtree
Charles Langston	James Parker
Joe Pope	Gordon Anderson
Oscar Compton	William Ray
Harris Pope	Dean Deter
Mitchell Adams	Melvin Wright

THE CHURCH LIBRARY

Miss Mildred Finley, who had been an active member and had participated in all phases of the church passed away on July 11, 1978. One of her greatest hobbies was a love for books and she spent much of her spare time in reading.

After her death, her two brothers, Thomas B. and William L. Finley gave to the Cedar Grove United Methodist Church approximately six hundred books, providing the church would start a library. This was a most generous gift, valued at \$2616.24.

The men of the church provided the shelving materials for the library and Mr. Gordon Anderson and Mr. Kenneth Liner built the shelves without charge.

The officers of the church appointed Mrs. Irene O. Pender to assume the responsibility of organizing the library, processing and cataloging the books. She also donated all supplies, carpet on the floor, draperies and chair cushions.

Mrs. Pender was appointed librarian, and keeps the library open on Sundays from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 and at other times by appointment.

Mrs. Kathrine McDade, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Pope, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Pope, and an anonymous friend have made donations to the library in books and cash.

The library is well-equipped in all subject areas.

The fourth Sunday in June, 1979 was set aside for the dedication of the library. During the dedication Reverend Carson Tyson presided over the ceremony in which Mr. William Finley presented the memorial saying, "In memory of Mildred Finley I/we present to this church this memorial to be dedicated to the Glory and Praise of God."

Mrs. Irene Pender accepted the gift for the church saying, "We Accept this gift as a sacred trust, and shall guard it reverently in honor of the faithful and devoted life to whose memory it is erected."

A plaque given by the church, is placed on the door of the library with the inscription, *Mildred Finley Library* engraved upon it.

In closing the dedication, Reverend Tyson responded, "In the Faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, I dedicate this memorial to the Glory of God, and in memory of his servant Mildred Finley; In the name of the Father and the Son and of the Holy Spirit, AMEN."

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Irene Pender and Kathrine McDade were asked to prepare a history of the Cedar Grove United Methodist Church. We have just begun to discover rich sources of history. We appreciate the help of everyone who have prepared the way for us. We have enjoyed working together on this assignment.

Irene O. Pender
Kathrine N. McDade

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