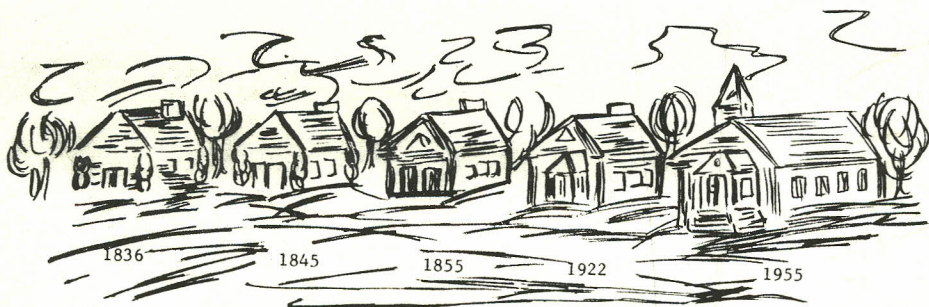


HISTORY OF CLOVER GARDEN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The Clover Garden United Methodist Church, like most of the older Methodist Churches in America, had its beginning in Camp Meeting Revivals conducted by Methodist Circuit Riders on "Flint Hill Camp Meeting Ground" near the present Clover Garden Church. On that Camp Ground a Log Meeting House was raised in 1836 known as "Flint Hill Camp Meeting House". A few years later, according to neighborhood reports, a larger Log Church, 1845, was built a few hundred yards back of the present church grounds and used for a few years as both a church and school house.

About 1855 a New Building was erected a few yards from the present site and name of church was changed to Clover Garden. This building was remodeled in 1922, and the two doors replaced with one double door opening into a central aisle replacing the two former aisles, also adding a stoop to the entrance of the church. In 1954 this wooden building was sold and moved away, and only a few feet away from the pillars of this church the present brick structure was erected. This New Sanctuary was completed and Dedicated on September 18, 1955. For 137 years, these five Sanctuaries under the ministry of 52 pastors, the people of Clover Garden have carried forward the mission of Christ and His Church in the redemption of mankind.



According to the records of the North Carolina Conference the Clover Garden Church from 1836 to 1973 has been on circuits with other churches that often shifted from Charge to Charge, the name of which was sometime changed. Beginning with 1836, Clover Garden for several years was on the Hillsboro Circuit, then the Alamance Circuit, later South Alamance, Swepsonville, Saxapahaw, and at present Whitney-Cross.

It is very difficult, however, to name the pastors of Clover Garden Church for her first nine years, for at that time the Bishop often appointed two pastors to some circuits, and these sometime moved to another circuit during that year. Therefore, the list of pastors begin with the year 1845.

YEAR APPOINTED	NAME	YEAR APPOINTED	NAME
1845	E. L. Perkins	1902	N. C. Yearly
1846	Samuel Pearce	1903	M. M. McFarland
1848	William M. Jordan	1905	C. M. Lance
1849	Daniel Culbreth	1909	M. M. McFarland
1851	W. H. Barnes	1910	G. W. Vick
1852	Nathan A. Hooker	1911	W. F. Galloway
1854	Theophilus W. Moore	1915	N. B. Strickland
1855	Gaston Farrar	1919	W. R. Hardisty
1856	Henry Gray	1923	L. M. Chaffin
1857	Henry Gray	1924	L. A. Lupton
1858	J. B. Alfred	1927	J. W. Autry
1859	John Tinnin	1929	J. O. Long
1861	William Welsh	1930	J. W. Demmette
1863	R. S. Webb	1931	E. G. Overton
1865	William M. Jordan	1933	J. H. Thorpe
1866	Alfred Norman	1937	T. B. Hough
1868	T. J. Gattis	1940	V. E. Queen
1871	R. S. Webb	1941	H. L. Harris
1875	William M. Jordan	1946	D. D. Traynham
1876	R. F. Bumpas	1950	C. C. Wiggers
1878	R. H. Brown	1954	Daniel Sain
1880	John Tillett	1957	J. M. Waggoner
1884	L. L. Johnson	1961	T. R. Sigmon
1888	J. C. Hartisell	1964	Paul Walters
1890	J. D. Martin	1967	J. H. Bailey
1891	M. J. Hunt	1970	N. C. Burgess
1895	B. C. Thompson	1972	C. E. Woodruff, Jr.
1899	J. A. Daily	1973	C. E. Woodruff, Jr.

The average length of the pastorate of these 55 ministers that served Clover Garden for 128 years was 2 years and 6 months, with 29 serving only one year, 6 serving 2 years each, 10, 3 years, 9, 4 years, and one 5 years. These ministers led many young men to set high ideals for their future. Several went to college. Some became doctors, some lawyers, a few school teachers, and many Christian Laymen became church leaders.