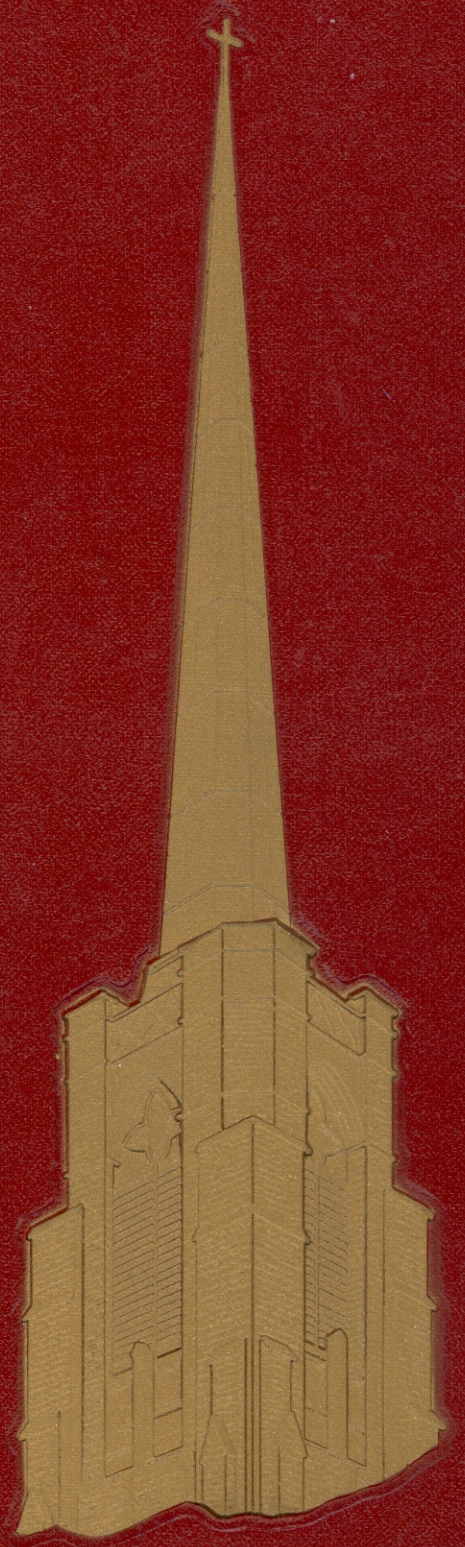


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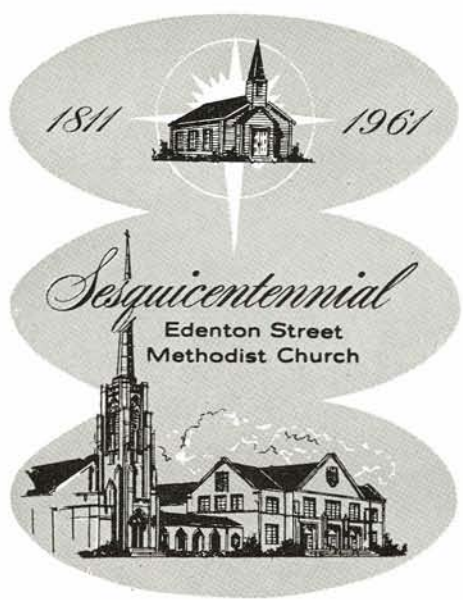
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“**W**hen Jesus came into the coasts of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, saying, Whom do men say that I the Son of man am? And they said, Some say that thou art John the Baptist: some, Elias; and others, Jeremias, or one of the prophets. He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am? And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God. And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven. And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church: and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.”

Matthew: Chapter 16; Verses 13-18.

DEDICATION

The Congregation of Edenton Street Methodist Church of 1961 is honored to dedicate this memorial volume to its past members in grateful recognition of their sacrifices and loyalties; and to its future members, in hopeful anticipation of the duties and devotion they will render to Christ and His Church.

FOREWORD

Edenton Street Methodist Church is now observing the one hundred and fiftieth year in which men and women have sought God within its walls.



In the sight of God one hundred and fifty years may be but the twinkling of an eye, but for His creatures it spans a great era of time. Except for the worship of God, the men and women who gathered on this site one hundred and fifty years ago had little in common with our members today. As they congregated beside the muddy roads outside the wooden building before or after services, the news they discussed did not come by way of the television or the radio, nor even the telegraph, for none had been invented. It was not even brought by the railroads, for none yet ran in this country. Perhaps they discussed the new president, James Madison, who had just succeeded Thomas Jefferson. They may have discussed the Indian troubles in Florida, which was still owned by Spain. If they discussed international affairs, they would not have mentioned the downfall of Napoleon, for the Battle of Waterloo still had not been fought. They may have discussed our troubles with England, but it would be

a year or two later that the British would occupy Washington and burn the White House.

Fifty years later, when Edenton Street Methodist Church was already an "old" church, its members gathered on the same site to discuss in worried tones the solemn words of President Lincoln, and the bloody holocaust which was soon to sweep this Nation.

Edenton Street Methodist Church had already passed its hundredth birthday when its members first began to worry about World War I, and to pray for its members who were "over there."

Now another fifty years has passed, and still other members gather to worship on this same site. As we pass the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the foundation of our Church, a sense of obligation impels us to look back in respect and appreciation to those who have preceded us.

We who gather to worship at Edenton Street Methodist Church owe an immeasurable debt to those who established our beloved church and served it faithfully through the many years of its history. Many of us have been baptized and have joined the church here, have been married at its altar, and in God's time will pass down its aisle on the way to our last resting place. Much of the teachings of Jesus, the spiritual precepts and the love of God which we have learned through the years, we have learned from this great church and its faithful workers.

One of the purposes of this book, therefore, is to memorialize those who have gone before, and to preserve something of the history and tradition of this great Church. We also hope in this book and in our Sesquicentennial events to witness to those who will follow us, our deep love and loyalty to Edenton Street Methodist Church and its institutions.

None of these purposes, however, express the real aim of this book. It is our hope that it will give our members an awakening sense of indebtedness to those who have served this Church in the past, and a realization that we, in turn, are serving others who in countless generations to come, will worship here where we worship today. In this way it is our sincere hope that this book may lead us all to dedicate ourselves anew to the service of God through his Church, in the confident hope that for still another one hundred and fifty years to come people will find Jesus Christ at Edenton Street Methodist Church.

*Charles H. Young, Chairman
Sesquicentennial Committee*

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The Church's one foundation
Is Jesus Christ her Lord;
She is His new creation
By water and the word:
From heaven He came and sought her
To be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her,
And for her life He died.

Elect from every nation,
Yet one o'er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation,
One Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy Name she blesses,
Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses,
With every grace endued.

'Mid toil and tribulation,
And tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation
Of peace forevermore;
Till, with the vision glorious,
Her longing eyes are blest,
And the great Church victorious
Shall be the Church at rest.

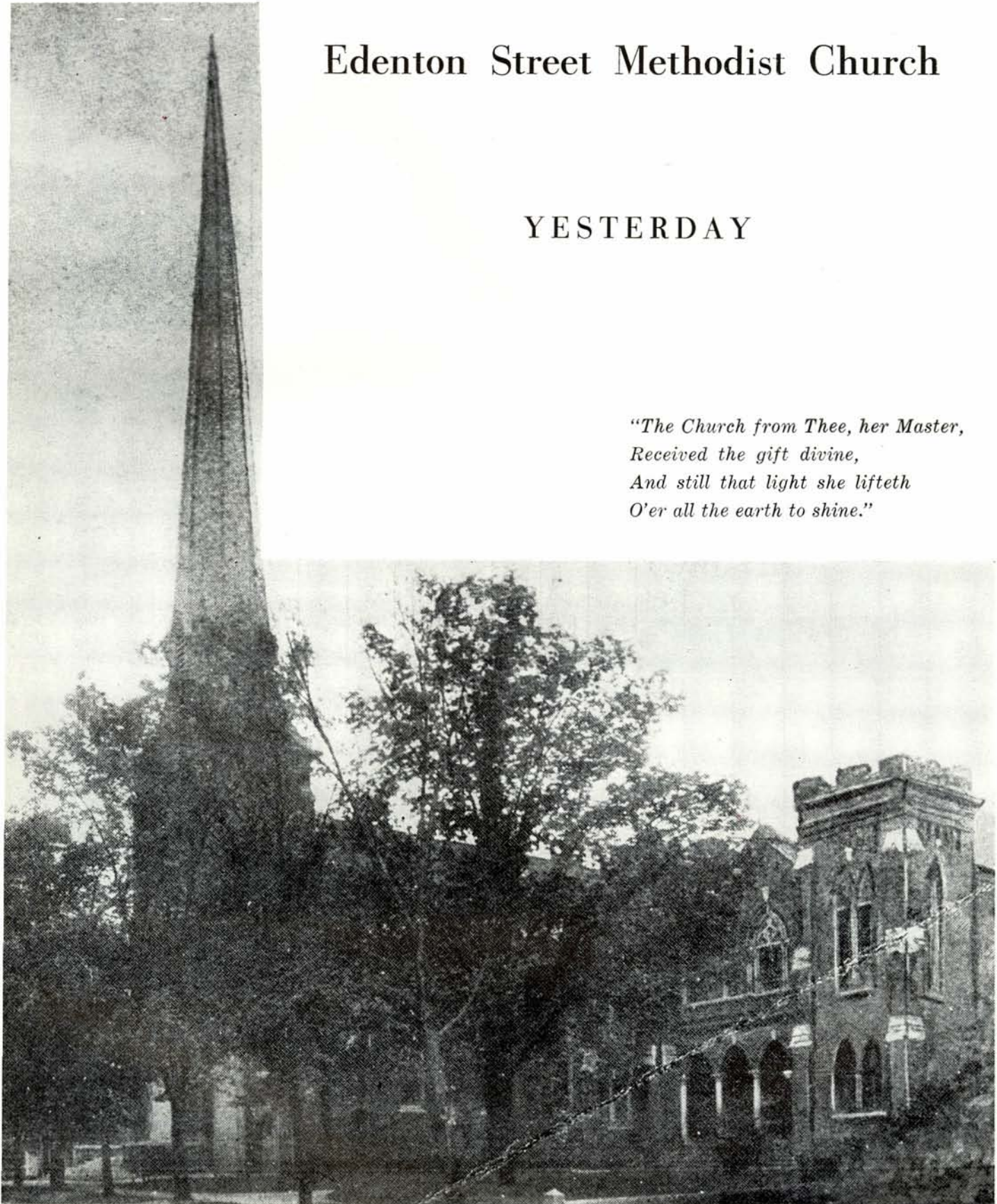
Yet she on earth hath union
With God the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion
With those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy!
Lord, give us grace that we,
Like them, the meek and lowly,
On high may dwell with Thee.

—*Samuel J. Stone, 1839-1900*

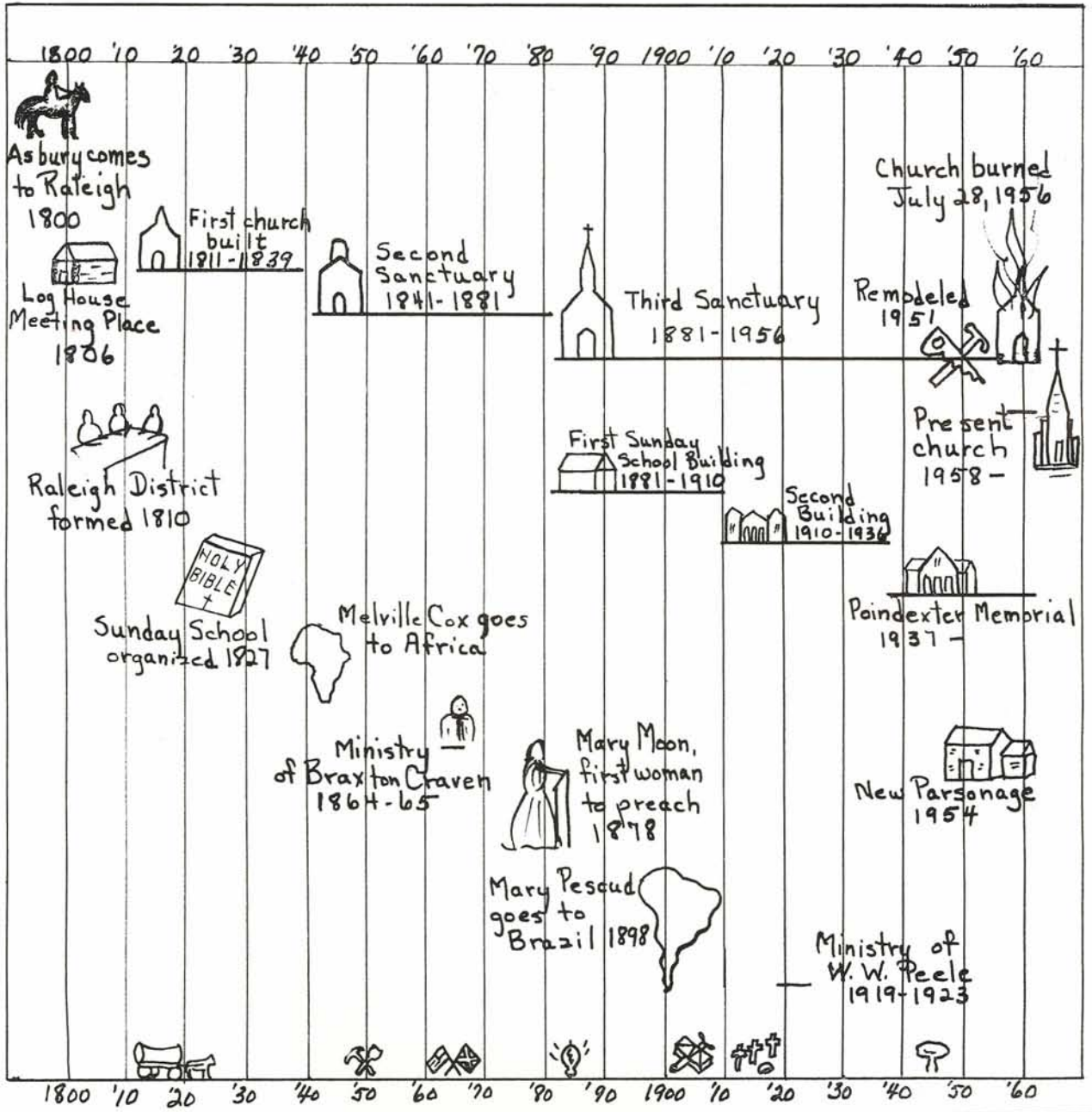
Edenton Street Methodist Church

YESTERDAY

*"The Church from Thee, her Master,
Received the gift divine,
And still that light she lifteth
O'er all the earth to shine."*



HISTORICAL MILESTONES



EDENTON STREET METHODIST CHURCH, organized 1811, rebuilt 1841, 1881, 1951, 1957, has been served by some eighty-one ministers and associates. It has occupied four different church buildings, of which two were destroyed by fire. The Church School, organized in 1827, has been housed in three different buildings, and has been headed by ten Church School Superintendents and fourteen Directors of Christian Education. The old Parsonage, which stood beside the church, was built around 1895, and was demolished in 1954. It was replaced in 1954 by a new Parsonage in residential Raleigh. These milestones of growth which have marked the increased physical stature of the church are symbols of its growing ministry and of its devoted desire ever to move forward in its calling to Christ.

THINE ANCIENT CHURCH'S STORY

HISTORICAL SKETCH by Mary Gardner

Edenton Street Methodist Church stands upon a busy corner in downtown Raleigh. Amid the clamor of traffic, the nearby bustle of commerce, and the hum of the surrounding government offices, the church raises its lighted steeple high above the city to thrust its shining cross toward the heavens. Three times daily the carillon bells peal out the great hymns of the church, calling the varied citizenry to thoughts of God. This church has an immense potential of spiritual power. Rich in history and tradition, strong in membership, its vision and its ministry can be world-wide.

Just as a lofty spire must have its foundation deep in the earth, so must a far-reaching church have its foundation deep in the past. Edenton Street Methodist Church, large and vibrant today, is rooted in history by modest origins. Like most beginnings, the earliest events are veiled in obscurity. The city of Raleigh was founded in 1792, and Francis Asbury is the first Methodist minister known by name to have preached here. Asbury was an itinerant preacher called "The Prophet of the Long Road" and was the first bishop to be ordained in the Methodist Church. In his journal for March 6, 1800, he wrote, "We came to Raleigh, the seat of government. I preached in the State House. Notwithstanding the day was cold and snowy, we had many people to hear."

In 1800 there were no church buildings in Raleigh. Ministers of the various faiths preached in the Court House or the Capitol upon their occasional visits. Doubtless other Methodist preachers

had preceded Asbury. The Carolina Circuit, consisting of 638 members and three preachers in the two Carolinas, had been formed twenty-four years earlier in 1776. At that time there were less than 5,000 Methodists in all the colonies. A man named Jesse Lee is known to have preached Methodist sermons in this locality as early as 1780. For a number of years at the turn of the century, Raleigh was only one charge in a large circuit.

The first Methodist church building in Raleigh was erected in 1805 or 1806. It was constructed of hewn logs and located in Joel Lane's Woods on what is now the west side of Blount Street between Lane and North Streets. This building was known as "Asbury's Meeting Place."

At the Annual Conference held in New Bern, in February, 1807, Raleigh Circuit was formed. Christopher Mooring was appointed as the first preacher in charge, with Gray Williams as helper. The population of Raleigh, according to the census taken a month later, was eighty-five families. Thus the organization and membership of Raleigh Methodism has a continuity of at least as far back as 1807.

Three years later, in 1810, Raleigh District was formed, and



"Crown thine ancient Church's story; Bring her bud to glorious flower."



Bishop Francis Asbury, "The Prophet of the Long Road." A driving force in Methodism, who brought his message to Raleigh in the early days of the community.



The church built in 1811, existed before the invention of photography. No pictorial representation is known to exist. Above is a fanciful drawing of what may have been the appearance of this earliest church building.

One of the first events following the Conference was the erection of a new House of Worship. This building was completed in 1811, on the site now occupied by the present Church and Education Building. Since all of the early records have been lost, it is uncertain when this building became designated as Edenton Street Methodist Church. However, the establishment of a church on the present site is the event which occurred 150 years ago, and whose Sesquicentennial is being observed this year. This early church was built on land donated by Willie Jones, a colorful Revolutionary patriot from Halifax, North Carolina, and one of the founders of the City of Raleigh. All that is known of the building itself is that it was a frame structure sixty feet long and fifty feet wide, erected by William Glendening, a native of Scotland. It is amusing to consider that when the church was built, some voiced the objection that it was too far from the center of town. This building served the congregation until 1839, when it was destroyed by fire.

The message that Bishop Asbury brought to that Conference of 1811 lost none of its potency in the years that followed. Over the decades the church gave of her members, her finances and her moral support to the organization of new churches in the area. No records are available prior to 1841; but since that time Edenton Street Methodist Church has been host to thirteen Annual Conference Sessions (1841, 1853, 1865, 1874, 1882, 1897, 1909, 1922, 1927, 1944, 1954). Numerous special sessions, conference-wide meetings, and meetings covering larger areas of Methodism have also been held here.

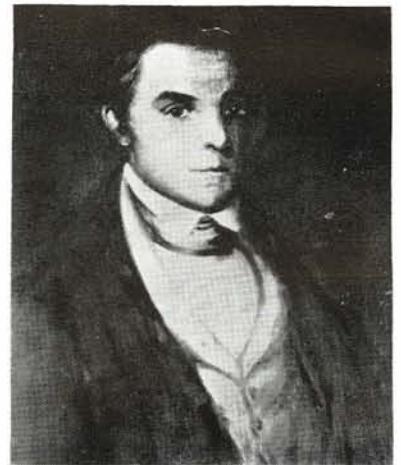
In 1812, the membership of the church was reported for the first time. At that time it consisted of seventy-six members, of whom thirty-two were white and forty-four were Negroes. The church became a permanent station in 1820.

A long and unbroken line of ministers has served the church



The old Communion Service and the old Parsonage Bible. These treasured mementos from deep in the church's past may now be seen in the Church Building in a case just outside the library.

from its establishment until the present. Their names are listed elsewhere in this history. Little but the names, themselves, is known of the early ministers. Occasionally a sentence or a phrase from deep in the past will reach down to the present. In 1819, the pastor was Hezekiah G. Leigh, who was known as an eloquent orator. Henry Clay after hearing him preach one day said, "He

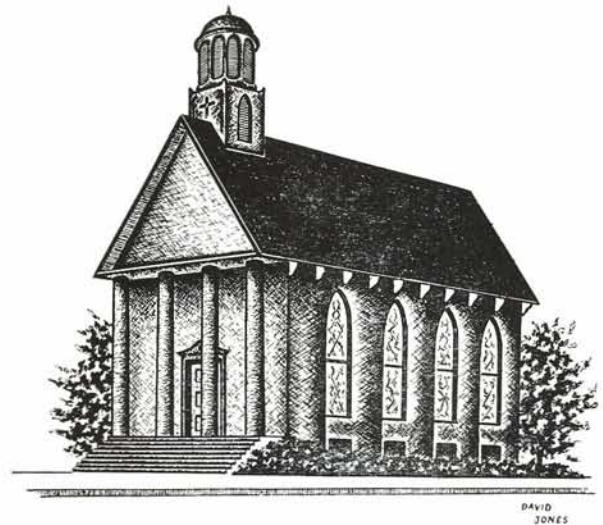


Willie Jones, the versatile and spectacular Revolutionary War figure who donated the land upon which Edenton Street Methodist Church now stands. A native of Halifax County, Jones was one of the founders of the city of Raleigh. The original of this portrait is in the N. C. Department of Archives.

on February 7, 1811, the Annual Conference met in Raleigh for the first time with Bishop Francis Asbury presiding. The business sessions were held in the Senate Chamber of the State House, and the preaching services were held in the House of Representatives. Concerning the Conference, destined to be one of the great milestones in North Carolina Methodism, Asbury wrote in his journal: "Sabbath, the 11th, I preached in the State House to two thousand souls, I presume . . . An old time revival broke out . . . We have had and mean to have, while Conference is in session, preaching three times a day; meetings sometimes hold until midnight." It was said that Raleigh had never witnessed the like before.

made me smell the brimstone." Leigh spent most of his later years working for higher education, to establish colleges in North Carolina and Virginia.

When the original church burned in 1839, all the authentic records up until that time apparently were lost in the fire. Church records appear to have been lost at least one time after that. In 1881, Sunday School Superintendent Donald Bain wrote that "anterior records were destroyed by troops passing through the city at the close of the late war." It is certain, however, that a new brick building was built in 1841 to replace the one which burned. From descriptions of this building and from a very small early sketch, it appears to have been typical of church architecture of the day. It had a columned portico in front, gothic church windows on the side, and a cupola or low steeple on top.



The church built in 1841. This artist's rendering is taken from a very small early sketch made nearly one hundred years ago. The church was a brick structure built to replace the first church which had burned to the ground two years earlier.

Among the noteworthy events of the early days of the church was a revival under the pastorate of The Reverend Sydney Bumpass in 1848, when more than 250 were converted and about 150 joined the church. In 1878, there was another great revival held, which was conducted by Mrs. Mary Moon, an evangelist of the Society of Friends. It was said that this revival also resulted in converts who could be counted by the hundreds. Its special significance

to us today is that Mary Moon was the first woman ever to preach from the pulpit of Edenton Street Methodist Church. (Fifty-one years later, during the pastorate of The Reverend F. S. Love, another woman, Mrs. Victoria Booth Clibborn Demarest, conducted a revival with record attendance and a number of converts. Mrs. Demarest was a granddaughter of William Booth, founder of the Salvation Army.)



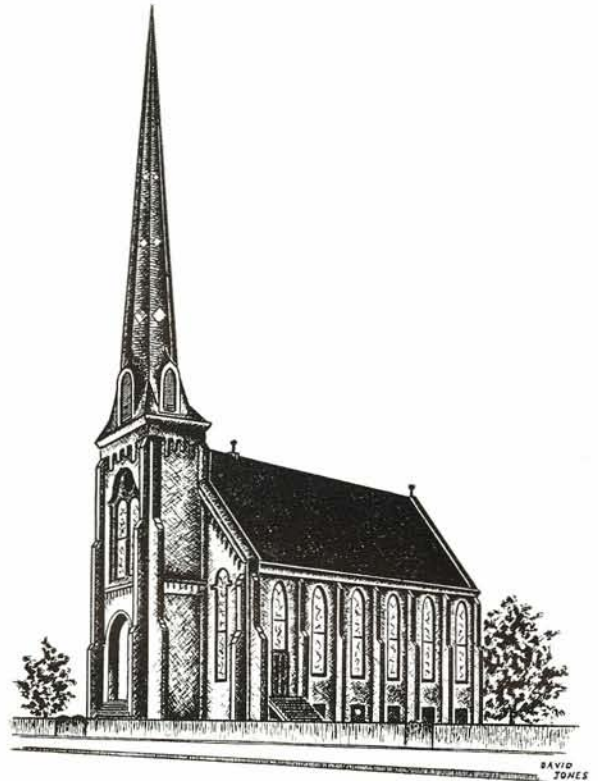
The earliest existing picture of a church group activity. This is choir practice in 1890, being held in the living room of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Young at the State School for the Blind, Deaf and Dumb, on Jones Street one block from the church. At that time W. J. Young was Superintendent of the State School as well as the Church School. The second figure from the left on the second row is Myrtle White (now Mrs. J. L. Foster), the only member of this choir still living. She is now 91 years old.

Meanwhile the growth of Raleigh as a community had been matched by the growth and broadening of activities of Edenton Street Methodist Church. Sunday School picnics were festive occasions early in the church's life. As early as 1850, the Sunday Schools of all the Raleigh churches used to gather on Capitol Square for an annual Fourth of July celebration. Carrying their banners, they would parade through the streets, then attend services in one of the nearby churches, and finally return to the Square for a picnic lunch on the grounds. A few years later many of these same children, older by then, marched on a different mission as the nation was torn apart by civil war. The church gave of its members to that great conflict, and the minister, Braxton Craven, came to this pulpit in 1864, after having served for two years in the Confederate Army.

When the State Institution for the Deaf, Dumb and Blind was established one block away on Jones Street, many of its people made Edenton Street their church home. Their presence at services, church socials and classes was for many years a regular part of church life. The ministry of Edenton Street to these people deprived of sight, speech, or hearing is one of the impressive chapters in the history of the church.

In July 1881, the church building, overcrowded and obsolete by now, was torn down to be replaced by the building which stood for so long on this spot and which is the church remembered by most of the congregation today. It was built under the superintendence of Thomas H. Briggs. The cornerstone was laid September 13, 1881, and the following is from a newspaper story of that date.

“Much interest has been manifested in this new church, and there has been great liberality shown in the way of contributing towards the fund of its erection. The cost will be about \$22,000. The building will be built of brick, with a front on Edenton Street of fifty-five feet. It will have in the center of the front a tower twenty feet square, which will project eighteen feet from the building. This tower will be surmounted by a spire, the total height of which will be 184 feet. This will make it the loftiest in the city. The church and the spire will be covered with slate. The church will be rectangular in form and quite lofty, with large windows and heavy buttresses. The trimmings will be of galvanized iron and terra cotta.”



The new church built in 1881. This is the building that stood so long and is so well remembered by most of the congregation. For over a half century its steeple was the highest mark on the Raleigh skyline. This artist's rendering is based on an early photograph. Note the wooden steps up the side and the picket fence along the sidewalk.



The sanctuary interior of the church of 1881. This photograph, taken much more recently, shows the balcony, the pulpit, the center arch and the choir loft which date back to the early construction. The organ, lighting, and some furnishings were added at later dates.

The pastor of the church at that time was the Reverend A. A. Boshamer. The laying of the cornerstone was his last public act. He had arisen from a sick bed to officiate, and he returned to his bed immediately after the ceremony. He died one month later of typhoid fever. Funeral services were held in the Sunday School room, at which time it was said, “His name may be remembered as one who gave the best he had to the service of our Sunday School and Church.”

According to *The Methodist Discipline* a church building may not be dedicated until it is free of indebtedness. This new building was so dedicated in 1887 by Bishop W. W. Duncan. An account of that day says that “one of the

largest audiences ever assembled in a church in this city was present. The dedicatory hymn, written by ex-Governor W. W. Holden, was grandly rendered by the congregation."

When our nation was involved in the World War of 1914-1918, Edenton Street Methodist Church, like the other churches and organizations, sent its young men to participate in the conflict. From the church membership eighty-four are known to have served in the armed forces, of whom five gave their lives. One of the active members of the church, the Honorable Josephus Daniels, served in the presidential cabinet as Secretary of the Navy during this war. These individuals are memorialized by a bronze plaque now hanging in the church building.

For several years between 1915 and 1920, the church was served by assigned "deaconesses" who served as assistants to the pastor in the fields of visitation, help to the needy and care to the sick. These were Miss Florence Whiteside, who was succeeded by Miss Jenny Williams. The latter resigned and left the church because of poor health.

From 1919 until 1923, this church was fortunate to have been served by The Reverend W. W. Peele as its pastor. Fifteen years after leaving Edenton Street Methodist Church, he was elected a Bishop of the Methodist Church. He is the church's only minister to have been so honored. In his pastoral report to the church's quarterly conference in 1923, Dr. Peele paid the following tribute to his church: "Our people are a united people, they love one another and they love the church and, as a result, they are blessed spiritually."

The succeeding years of growth in membership and attendance made necessary an enlarging and remodeling program for the church. In 1950 a building committee, headed by C. A. Dillon, was appointed to formulate and execute plans for this building program. At the morning worship service on the last Sunday before the renovation began on the sixty-nine year old building, the pastor, Dr. Howard P. Powell, preached to a capacity congrega-



William Walter Peele, a native North Carolinian who served as minister of Edenton Street Methodist Church from 1919 until 1923. He became a Bishop of the Methodist Church in 1938, the only pastor of this church to have been so honored.



Bronze plaque memorializing those who served in World War I. It hung for years in the church sanctuary. After the church burned it was removed to the educational section of the building.

tion on "Remembering Our Heritage." He said, "I wonder what the State of North Carolina, the City of Raleigh, some of our homes, the personal lives of some of us, our business and professional life would be without the influence of the church. Some of us are prone to forget our heritage. Heritage means something which is unpurchasable. . . I hope when we come into this building again we shall be more reverent than ever before . . . We are privileged to pass on to those who live after us this heritage. Let us be conscious of this responsibility."

That same evening, as a closing service, Holy Communion was held in the sanctuary. At this service tribute was paid to the nineteen former organists who had served since the installation of the organ in 1888. Favorite hymns of the former organists were played in their honor. Mrs. J. L. Foster, the first organist, was present for this service. The late Mrs. J. P. Pillsbury, who served twen-

ty-eight years, was oldest in point of service.

During the nine months period while the sanctuary was being enlarged and renovated, morning worship services were held at the Ambassador Theater and evening services in the Joseph G. Brown Chapel of the Education Building. On March 11, 1951, the worshippers returned to their church home to find an enlarged and more beautiful sanctuary and to hear a sermon by Bishop Paul N. Garber on the topic "Good News."

Much of the furnishings and equipment of the newly renovated sanctuary were memorial gifts, including a four manual organ, a new set of organ chimes to complement the tubu-



Mrs. J. P. Pillsbury, who served as organist for more than 28 years, longer than any other organist.

lar tower chimes previously given, stained glass windows, and the elaborately carved woodwork in the chancel.

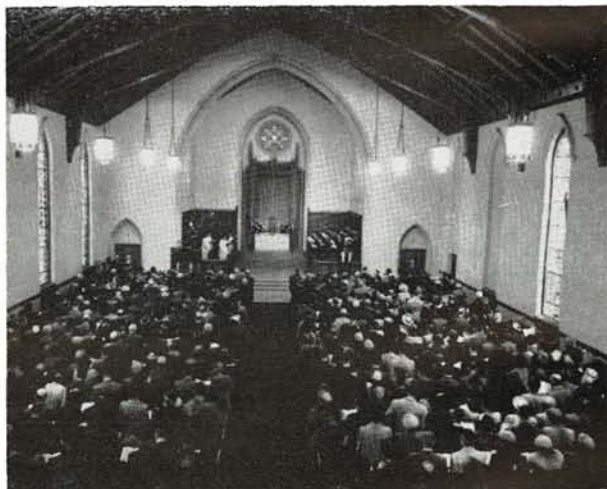
This renovated sanctuary, designed to serve the church for many decades, lasted but a brief five years. On Saturday night, July 28, 1956, the city was shocked by the tragic news of the destruction by fire of the Edenton Street Methodist Church sanctuary. During a severe thunder storm a bolt of lightning struck the cross-tipped steeple. Minutes later the entire building was engulfed in flame. Soon the steeple toppled in the darkness, and it was apparent that it was



A full sanctuary in one of its last days. This picture was taken on Easter Sunday, 1950, the last Easter before the sanctuary was dismantled and remodeled.

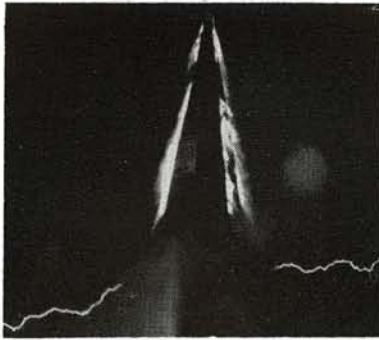
impossible to save the building. The fire fighters worked valiantly far into the night to save the Education Building.

Plans for rebuilding a new sanctuary were begun while the ashes of the old were still warm. Church members assembled in their Sunday School classes the next day with heavy hearts, but with determination to rebuild. Morning worship service that day and for the next eighteen months was held in the Ambassador Theater. At a special conference called by the pastor and held immediately after that first service following the fire, Dr. Powell de-



First services held in the remodeled sanctuary. This picture was taken March 11, 1951, when the congregation returned to the church after attending services in a nearby theater for nine months. The lights, stained glass windows, and open chancel were among the many new features.

clared: "We will want to make plans for immediate rebuilding of our sanctuary; we want these plans to be made carefully, representing the very best thought and always representing our prayers, and above all, our love for God . . .



The steeple flames, as lightning continues to flash across the skies.

I feel that Edenton Street Methodist Church is stronger and better today than ever before."

During the service Dr. Powell read numerous letters and telegrams from friends from a wide area, many of them containing donations to the rebuilding fund. He announced the very first donation of \$1.00 which had been given to him early that morning by an eight year old pri-

mary department student. This small contribution grew into over a half million dollars as friends and nearly 3,000 members of the church pledged themselves to give sacrificially to the rebuilding program. Matched with the insur-



Sunday Morning, July 29. Sunday School was held in the intact Education Building, but Eleven O'clock service was held at the nearby Ambassador Theater.



The first rebuilding donation. Little Linda Miller gives the pastor a \$1.00 contribution on the morning after the fire.



The Old Parsonage. A frame dwelling, believed to have been built about 1895. It stood just west of the old sanctuary, on the corner of Dawson and Edenton Streets, the site where the present sanctuary now stands. It was demolished in 1954, after the New Parsonage was built.

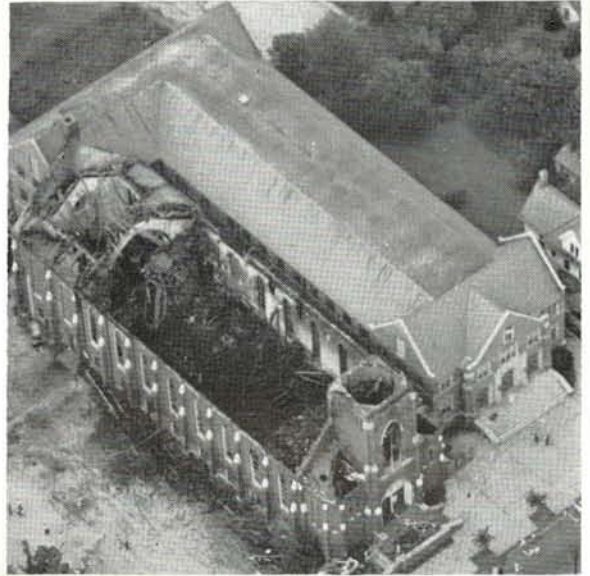


The New Parsonage. A modern brick home, built in 1954, and located on Iredell Drive. Church members look forward to the present pastor's annual Christmas open house in this parsonage.

DESTRUCTION AND REBUILDING



The cross above the flames. July 28, 1956.



Aerial view of the hollow shell.



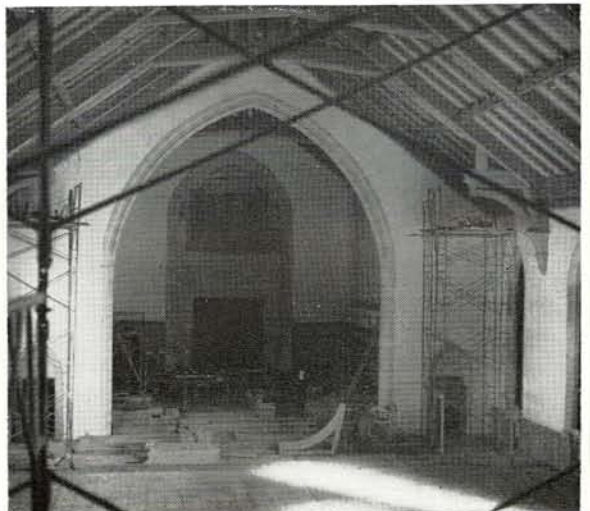
The sanctuary consumed by fire.



The rubble inside the burned-out church.

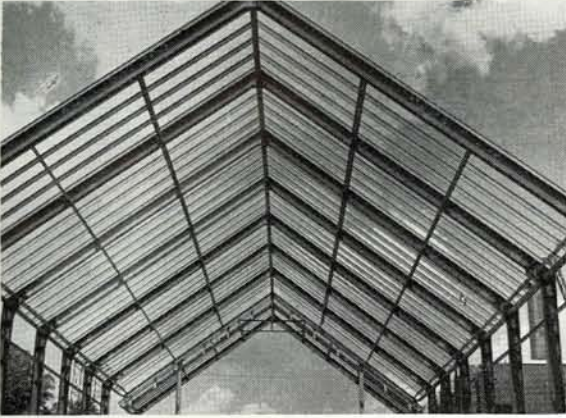


Groundbreaking, December 28, 1956.



Stone arch of the chancel; oak beams of the roof.

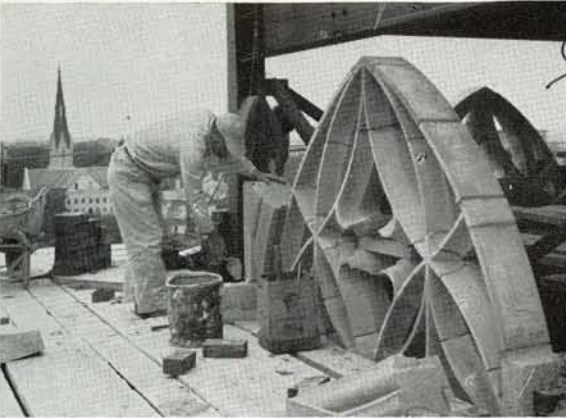
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The steel framework takes shape.



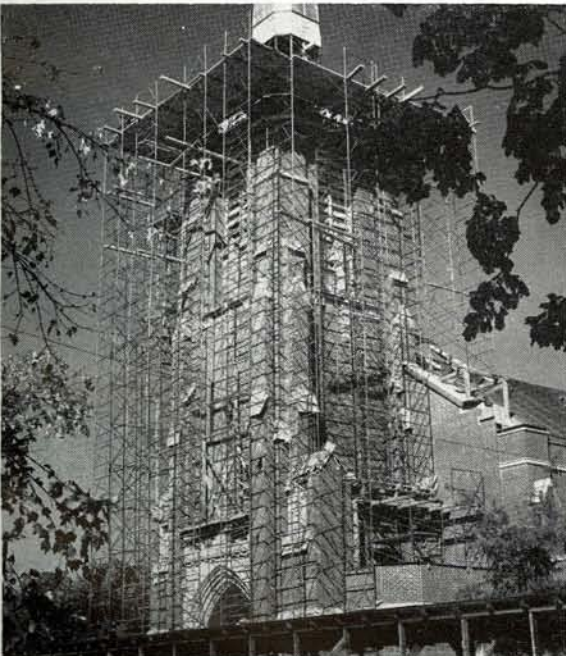
Cornerstone ceremony, June 16, 1957.



High above the city, exacting detail.



Hoisting the steeple aloft.



The facade with scaffolding.



A new spire on the skyline.

ance settlement, funds were then available for the erection of an enlarged new sanctuary at a cost of approximately one million dollars.

A new building committee was formed with C. A. Dillon again serving as chairman. The committee, working with Architect Charles W. Davis, a church member, and Consulting Archi-



Conclusion of the successful fund-raising campaign. Pictured are the pastors and the chairmen of the various committees.

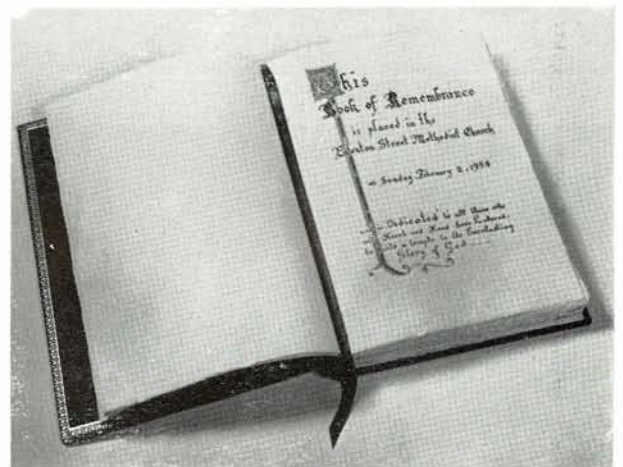
tect A. Hensel Fink, designed a structure in red brick which was distinctively new, but which recreated the spirit and form of the beloved sanctuary which burned. The new structure was erected on the vacant corner lot which had formerly been occupied by the old parsonage, torn down in 1954. A wing housing the church offices and more Church School classrooms



The Cornerstone. Laid June 16, 1957.

joined the sanctuary to the Education Building. A cloistered walk joined the two buildings at the front, and the interior court was planted in grass and lighted with fixtures saved from the old church.

Ground breaking ceremonies for the new building were held on Friday, December 28, 1956, exactly five months after the burning. Bishops W. W. Peele and Ralph S. Cushman were present along with the pastor and three former pastors of the church, Dr. F. S. Love, Dr. E. C. Few, Dr. A. J. Hobbs, and The Reverend R. G. Dawson, District Superintendent. The cornerstone was laid during the Church School hour on June 16, 1957.



The Book of Remembrance, in which is told the story of the rebuilding, and in which is inscribed the names of all those who gave and who served in the rebuilding.

All the memorials previously given to the church which burned were re-established in the names of the original donors. Many additional memorial gifts were received, including more stained glass windows, carillon bells, lighting fixtures, church portals, furnishings for the new library and numerous other articles of worship and service in the church. All of the gifts as well as the names of all those who participated in rebuilding the sanctuary are recorded in the Book of Remembrance which stands encased in the Narthex of the church and which is opened to various pages on successive Sundays.

The great day of rejoicing and thanksgiving

came on Sunday, February 2, 1958, when members of the congregation worshipped for the first time in their newly completed building. Again the sermon was delivered by Bishop Garber, who spoke on the topic, "Our Church." Also participating in the service, along with the pastor, was District Superintendent R. Grady Dawson. Bishop Cushman was guest preacher for the evening service that same day. A Consecration Service for the Memorial Gifts was held on Sunday, May 25, 1958.

In this new building and with a growing membership Edenton Street Methodist Church marches out of the past and turns itself toward the challenges of the future.



First service in the rebuilt sanctuary. This picture was taken Sunday, February 2, 1958. The new structure was designed to perpetuate the spirit and form of the burned church.

A SEXTON'S SERVICE

A church sexton's service is a different matter from a church member's service. To most workers church service means preaching and prayer meetings, choir practice and Sunday School, visitation and social suppers. But to the sexton, church work means bells to ring, furnaces to fire, equipment to move and floors to sweep. And only a few can speak of so much of this kind of service as can George Harris, who served as sexton of Edenton Street Methodist Church for 43 years.

George began work as sexton in 1917, and served here continuously as 10 pastors came and departed. Though almost completely retired now, George is still present every Sunday morning to render services to the Church School classes.

George recalls that his first days with this church were before the days of electricity was here. There were gas lamps in the sanctuary and gas light on the streets. There were hitching posts outside the church, and those who did not walk to services drove in buggies and carriages. On winter Sunday mornings George would begin to fire the stoves at 4 o'clock in order to have the building warm in time for

the various morning church services.



George Harris, Sexton of Edenton Street Methodist Church for 43 years.

Sexton work was more varied in the early days, says George, and his duties sometime involved being Secretary, Treasurer, overseer, janitor and cook. He took care of all the upkeep on the buildings, and sometimes he worked all through the night to have things ready the next day.

It was during George's time that the men of the church decided to have their first supper. In George's words, "They called me one Friday night and told me they wanted something to eat. So I went down and got some chickens, dressed 'em and cooked 'em and fixed some hot biscuits. And that was the first supper ever served in this church."

In all his years of service George never missed a day because of sickness. Rain or shine, he was always there. "Someone asked me once, 'George, if it was sleeting and raining, would you go?' I told 'em, 'If I go when it's fair I gotta go when it's not.'"

George still has a key to Edenton Street Methodist Church, and his work as sexton is now being done by his nephew, Oris Harris. But whenever necessary George is still available to help out.

A MISSIONARY-MINDED CHURCH

A notable and rich heritage of Edenton Street Methodist Church through the years is her giving to the field of foreign missions. In 1831, Melville Cox, while pastor of the church, left his pulpit to go forth as a missionary to Africa. He volunteered for foreign service and became the first Methodist Missionary to the Dark Continent. He arrived in Liberia in March 1833 but died only five months after he began his work there.



Above Left: Mary Pescud who left this church to serve as missionary to Brazil. Above Right: Frances Burkhead who left to serve as missionary to China.

Through the succeeding years the church has supported several missionaries, among whom were The Reverend C. W. Weems in Korea; The Reverend T. H. Yun in Korea, and The Reverend H. H. Stanley in Belgium. The church is currently supporting the work of The Reverend and Mrs. Clyde Tucker in Chile and The Reverend and Mrs. Lester Griffith in Tunisia.

Two women of the church also went forth in the field of foreign missions. In 1898, Miss Mary Pescud, a faithful teacher in the Church School, sailed for Brazil where she served intermittently for a number of years. A few years later in 1912, Miss Frances Burkhead departed for China where she served for fifteen years, and later concluded her missionary service in Mexico.

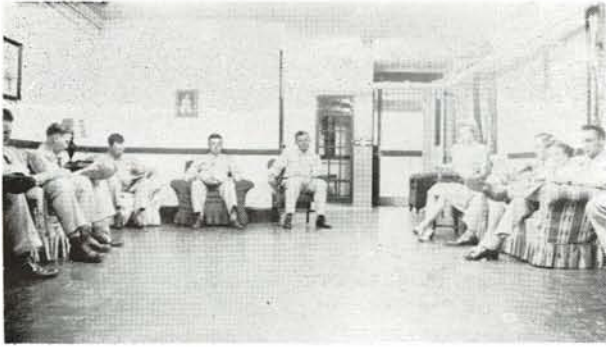
No further early record has been found of individuals going out from Edenton Street into the ministry. During later years, the list includes The Reverend Joseph Bostick, The Reverend Henry Ruark, The Reverend John William Garrison, now a missionary in Brazil, The Reverend W. Eastwood Atwater, The Reverend Jack Crum, The Reverend Robert Wood, The Reverend Jack Hunter, The Reverend Repton Merritt, The Reverend R. F. Munns, The Reverend William D. Moore, The Reverend David S. Willis, Jr., and The Reverend Charles K. McAdams.

The Methodist Home for Children

Edenton Street Methodist Church's ministry to the Methodist Home for Children, formerly known as the Methodist Orphanage, dates from that institution's founding in 1899. The children at the home are clothed by organizations and individuals of Methodist churches throughout the North Carolina Conference, and Edenton Street Methodist Church has shared in this privilege. The Home has been the object of numerous Church School class projects since its inception. On the first Christmas of the orphanage's operation, Mrs. I. M. Procter, a member of this church, spearheaded a project, sponsored by the women of the missionary society and the former local circles of the church which has become a tradition, and is still promoted each year. It is the Annual Christmas program complete with a Christmas tree, and presentation of Christmas gifts—their own "Wishes" to each child by "Santa Claus". During the years after this custom was established, Mrs. Procter missed only two of these programs until she was incapacitated by ill health. In



A Christmas pageant in the Church School. Such observances are annual occurrences, and are an activity in which the children of the church have the opportunity to participate together. At Christmas time the children of the Methodist Home are present in the activities as well as the thoughts of many of the church organizations.



Ministry to Service Men during World War II. Accommodations were provided for them to sleep in the church building, and to have breakfast, recreation and fellowship on the weekends when they visited Raleigh.

visited the weekend visitors. The pastor, Dr. A. J. Hobbs, visited with these service men each Saturday night.

Each Sunday morning members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and Wesleyan Service Guild served a substantial breakfast to the service men. They were joined at breakfast by the pastor who conducted a twenty minute religious and social period at the breakfast table. Following breakfast the men moved to the Young Adult class room to read, write, telephone, and have fellowship with one another and with the young adults of the church. At 9:30 they were already in church school with the young adults, and at 11:00 o'clock a large number of these service men worshiped with the Edenton Street congregation. On Mondays, the young adults of the church wrote letters to the parents of the service men who had been church guests on Saturday and Sunday. Under this program several thousand individuals were served socially and spiritually during the course of the war.

On May 8, 1945, the war in Europe was over. On that evening more than 500 persons gathered at Edenton Street Methodist Church for a service of prayer and thanksgiving and an address by the Honorable Josephus Daniels on the topic "We Dedicate Ourselves." On August 14, 1945, when the fighting came to an end in the Pacific, fifty minutes after the news had gone out, more than 400 persons came to Edenton Street Methodist Church for another service of prayer and thanksgiving led by the pastor.

The Church School

The Sunday School of Edenton Street Methodist Church is now housed in its third educational building on the present site. It too has a rich heritage of service. In the early days of the church, union Sunday School classes were held for the Methodists, Baptists and Presbyterians at several locations. During the pastorate of The Reverend Bennett Blake, in 1827, the union Sunday School was dissolved, and the Methodists opened their Sunday School in the church building, with three classes: the older whites, the more youthful whites and the colored members. Nathaniel Blake was the Sunday School's first superintendent.

In 1839, following the destruction of the church by fire, Sunday School was conducted for a short time in a building on the corner of Hargett and Fayetteville Streets. It was later moved to the Baptist Church on Moore Square. In 1841, the Sunday School came to meet again in the newly erected church.

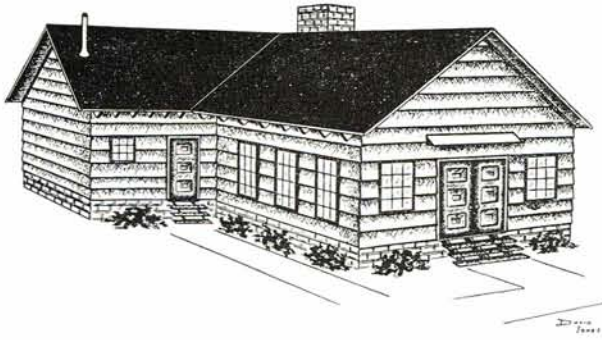
1935 the children from the Methodist Home were enrolled at Edenton Street Methodist Church School, and this church is continuing to serve as the church home for the children and the majority of its staff.

Ministry to Service Men in World War II

With large numbers of its men folk away in service during the war, the church's thoughts turned increasingly toward ministry to the numerous service men who came to Raleigh on the weekends. In the fall of 1942, quarters beneath the church sanctuary were remodeled to sleep fifty service men on Saturday nights. M. H. Harris, a retired police officer and a member of Edenton Street Methodist Church, supervised the weekend visitors. The pastor, Dr. A. J. Hobbs, visited with these service men each Saturday night.



Military visitors. Two soldiers who passed a Saturday night and Sunday Morning at Edenton Street Methodist Church. Their names may be forgotten, but they are representative of the thousands who were similarly served during the war years.



The first Church School Building. No photograph is known to exist of this plain wooden building, built in 1881. This artist's conception is drawn from descriptions by several church members who still recall it with affection.

This building was completed just a few months before work was begun on the new sanctuary.

On November 10, 1881, the Sunday School building had its first marriage ceremony. On that date Joseph G. Brown was married to Miss Alice Burkhead. Miss Burkhead was the daughter of a former pastor, who performed the ceremony. Joseph G. Brown was later to serve the Sunday School for twenty-seven years as its superintendent.

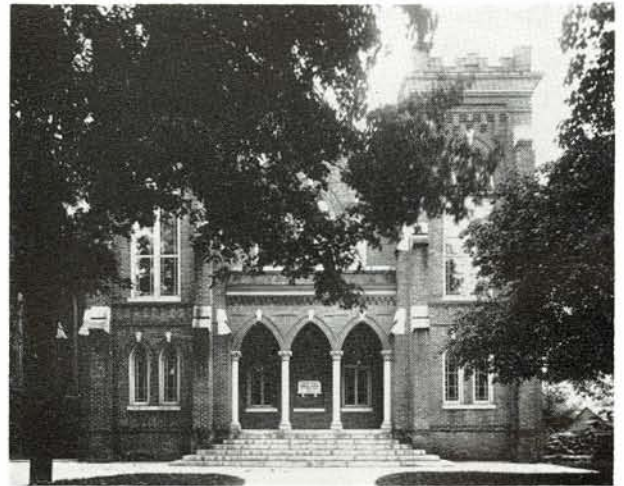
The steady growth of the Sunday School brought about a need for a larger building in a few years. The successful movement for a new Sunday School building was launched at a banquet given by the women of the church's circles to members of the Official Board in February, 1909.

A farewell service was held in the old building on May 1, 1910. Two years later a modern brick building, trimmed with granite, replaced the small wooden structure. The interior was furnished in dark oak. Seating capacity of auditorium and combined classrooms was 1,500. Formal opening was held April 28, 1912. Three services were held that day, marked by large attendance and the raising of the \$31,000 cost of the building. In the afternoon other Sunday Schools in the city joined this church in fraternal services. In the evening The Reverend Leslie P. Howard, of First Methodist Church in Rocky Mount, North Carolina, preached the celebration service. The Reverend Harry N. North was the church's pastor at that time.

Under the visionary leadership of Joseph G. Brown as superintendent, the Sunday School continued to grow in membership and effectiveness. Mr. Brown's death on January 30, 1927, was a greatly mourned loss in the school and the church. While reading the birth announcements during the assembly period at Sunday School, as was his custom, he was stricken and was carried from the church. His death that same afternoon brought to a close a life full of service for his church and his city. He had served as superintendent of Edenton Street Methodist Sunday School since 1905.

As the Sunday School continued to grow in enrollment and attendance, the need for increased space became more acute. This need was met 1936, through the generosity of Dabney T. Poindexter, a member of the church, who

As far back as 1850 the importance of providing a separate room for the Sunday School was recognized by the Sunday School's leaders. After several attempts resulting in failures, a committee finally submitted a plan; and a building was erected and dedicated in 1881. This first Sunday School building was located just east of the church; it was a plain wooden structure eighty feet long by forty feet wide with a seating capacity of just over 600, and an "infant" class in the rear seating one hundred children. The cost of the building was \$3,000. Those few church members who recall this building remember the word "WELCOME" painted on the wall above the platform. The Sunday School had thirty-seven officers and teachers and 355 students. W. J. Young, Sr. was the superintendent.



The second Church School Building, erected in 1912 at a cost of \$31,000. Inside was a central auditorium with adjoining classrooms on the sides. The exterior granite columns are still in existence.



Joseph G. Brown, visionary Superintendent of the Church School for over twenty-seven years. He was married to the minister's daughter in the first wedding ceremony held in the old Church School Building. Years later he was fatally stricken while making an announcement to the assembled Sunday School classes.

1937, several hundred people attended an open house in the new Poindexter Memorial Building. Officers and teachers of the church school received through the building.

At present the church school is staffed and equipped to meet the needs of all ages from crib nursery to the oldest adult member. Among its many activities are Children's-Rally Day, vacation Church School, promotion day exercises, additional sessions of missionary units with primary and junior children, family nights, etc. The church school has been host to numerous Annual Christian Workers' Schools for the Raleigh area of the Methodist Church.

Prior to 1929, direction of church school activities had been accomplished by volunteer lay members and by various pastoral assistants in addition to their other duties. In 1929, the Church School acquired a Director of Christian Education as a member of the church staff. Since that time the Church School has been served by thirteen Directors of Christian Education. Of these, Miss Mildred Hudgens resigned to go into missionary work. The Reverend Charles K. McAdams, interim director, and The Reverend Vernon C. Tyson later became associate pastors of the church. Robert T. Bedle is now the present Minister of Music-Education.

donated funds for the erection of the present Poindexter Memorial Education Building, memorializing his wife, Mrs. Vashti Rand Poindexter. This new building, which together with its furnishings, represents an outlay of \$175,000, was formally opened and dedicated on June 6, 1937. The chapel in the Poindexter Building is named in memory of Joseph G. Brown. It is frequently used for weddings, funerals and church meetings as well as for worship services. The altar in this chapel is the gift of the late M. H. Harris.

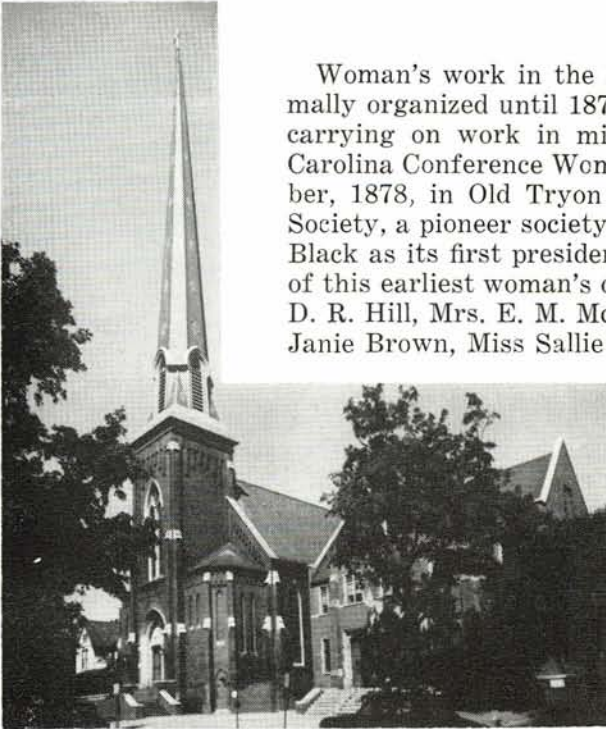
At the laying of the cornerstone for the Poindexter Building, the speaker was Dr. W. P. Few, then president of Duke University, and the uncle of the church's pastor, Dr. Eugene C. Few.

The eleven o'clock worship service in the sanctuary on the day of the opening of the new church school building featured special music and a sermon delivered by Dr. W. W. Peele, who was at that time Presiding Elder of the Greensboro District of the Western North Carolina Conference. Three days later on June 9,



The first Vacation Bible School ever held at Edenton Street Methodist Church. Participants were Primary Department students. Superintendent was Miss Mattie F. Reese. This school was held about 1921 or 1922.

WOMAN'S WORK



"How lovely is thy dwelling place,
"O, Lord of Hosts, to me"

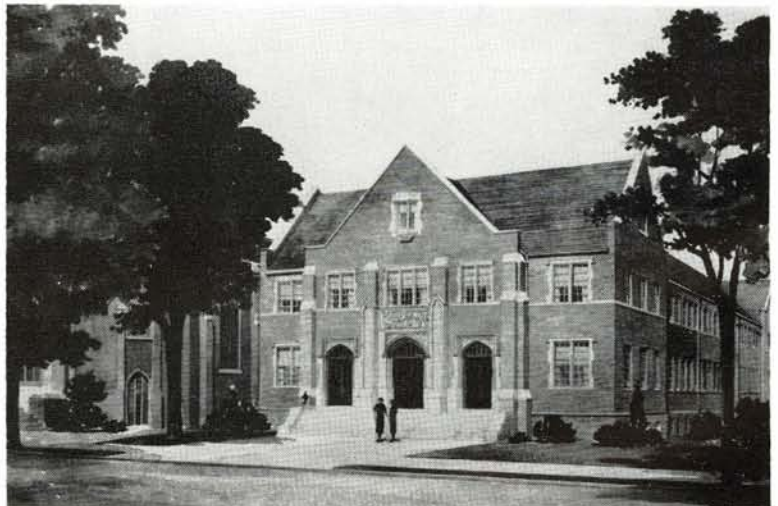
A fine photograph of the earlier sanctuary.

Woman's work in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, was not formally organized until 1878, although Southern Methodist women had been carrying on work in mission fields much earlier than that. The North Carolina Conference Woman's Missionary Society was organized in November, 1878, in Old Tryon Methodist Church in Charlotte. Edenton Street Society, a pioneer society, was organized on March 4, 1879, with Mrs. W. S. Black as its first president. The following is a list of the charter members of this earliest woman's organization of the church: Mrs. W. S. Black, Mrs. D. R. Hill, Mrs. E. M. McVae, Miss Mary Pescud, Miss Nellie Young, Miss Janie Brown, Miss Sallie Brown, Miss Blanche Fentress, Miss Rachel Hill, Mrs. M. J. Gayle, Mrs. Lizzy Murphy, Mrs. R. H. Whitaker, and Miss Narcissa Hutchins.

On November 6, 1892, a Young Woman's Missionary Society was organized by Mrs. Lucy Cuninggim with nine charter members. Two of the charter members, Mary Pescud and Frances Burkhead, later went out as missionaries to foreign lands. The society was later renamed in honor of Mary Pescud. Although never a large group, the Mary Pescud Missionary Society has had an enviable record in the North Carolina Conference. During all the years of its existence its members have supported missionaries and native Bible women in foreign lands and for many years have held the distinction

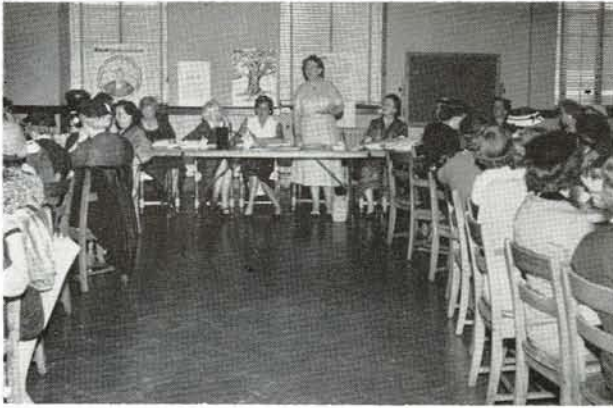
of having the highest per capita giving in the North Carolina Conference. When unification of the three branches of Methodism gave to the Southern Methodist Church the inheritance from the Northern Church of the Wesleyan Service Guild, the Mary Pescud Missionary Society became a circle of the Guild, though still retaining the name, Mary Pescud. Its membership at the time of unification was thirty-six.

The charter meeting of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild of Edenton Street Methodist Church was held on Sunday afternoon, September 15, 1940. The women of the church, assembled in the sanctuary, had as their speaker and installer of officers Miss Sallie Lou McKinnon, a former missionary to China and Africa, and then a secretary of work in Foreign Fields of the Woman's Division of Christian Service. The occasion was made memorable by the fact that 442 women signed the charter membership book as charter members of this organization. They elected Mrs. H. O. Lineberger and Mrs. A. W. Hoffman as first presidents of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild, respectively.



The Poindexter Memorial Education Building. Erected in 1937 at a cost of \$175,000, memorializing Mrs. Vashti Rand Poindexter. The original of this water-color painting hangs in the hall of the building.

The next day the women of the Raleigh District met at Edenton Street Methodist Church for an



Organization Meeting. This is a planning session of the officers and circle leaders of the Woman's Society of Christian Service. Mrs. Graham Poyner is presiding.

ary societies were begun within the Methodist Church, plans were made to organize missionary groups for children. As a result of these endeavors, The Bright Jewel Bands became the young people's division of the Woman's Missionary Society. In 1882, Mrs. W. S. Black, assisted by Miss Grizzie Bagley, organized a unit of the Bright Jewels at Edenton Street Methodist Church. It was composed of boys and girls of the Primary Department through the Intermediate age group, and was sponsored successively by various loyal members of the woman's societies.

Early in this century, it was recognized that there was too great a gap between the Bright Jewel Bands and the adult auxiliaries; and under the direction of Miss Emma Page and Miss Lilly Dicke, a Young People's Missionary Band was formed in 1912. It continued as an adjunct of the Woman's Missionary Society. During World War I the girls of this organization made hospital shirts and rolled bandages. In 1923 the organization changed its name to the Marion Allison Missionary Society in honor of its president who had died in office.

As this mission band grew, so did the Epworth League which had been organized a few years previously to care for the older boys and girls. This group sought to promote young people's work in all categories rather than strictly in the mission field. In 1924 an Intermediate League was formed for young people from twelve to seventeen, and the Marion Allison Society became the mission department of the Walter Lambeth Intermediate League. Shortly after this, a junior league came into being. This plan of three leagues for young people continued as the Epworth League until unification when the organization was changed to the present Methodist Youth Fellowship.

Notable Personalities of the Church's History

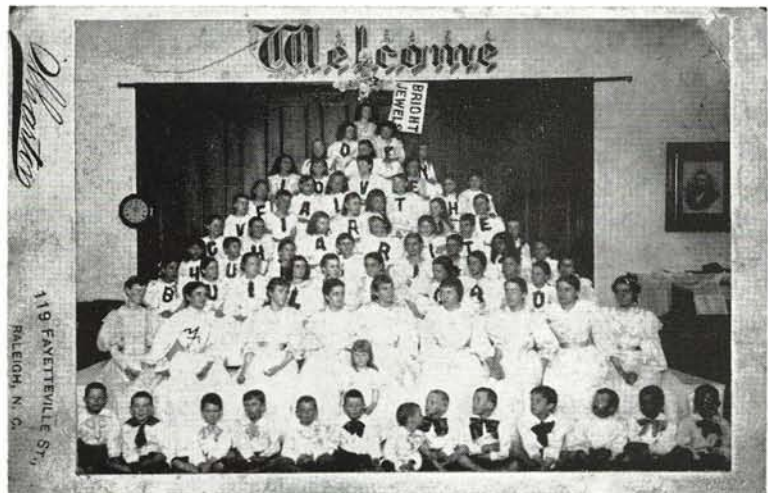
An attempt to pay tribute to the entire roster of outstanding men and women who, through the years, have given of their time, talents, and means to the cause of Christ through Edenton Street Methodist Church would be an impossible task. One may well wonder what

open forum on plans for the new organization. In the afternoon the Edenton Street Woman's Society held its first general meeting.

Since unification the Edenton Street Woman's Society of Christian Service has been hostess to several Annual Meetings, including the 1942, 1945 and 1952 Annual Meeting of the N. C. Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service and the 1944 Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Jurisdiction Woman's Society of Christian Service. The Annual Meeting of the North Carolina Conference Wesleyan Service Guild was held at Edenton Street Methodist Church in 1951, and in 1961.

Youth Organizations

As far back as 1878, when woman's mission-



The Bright Jewels, first youth organization of the church. This early picture was taken in 1897 in the first Sunday School Building. The identifying sign overhead has fallen, but youth organizations have continued uninterrupted down to the present day.

the church would be like today had they not lived and served. The influence of Joseph G. Brown, W. J. Young, Sr., and W. J. Young, Jr., all long time superintendents of the church school, who also served in other capacities in the total program of the church, will continue to be felt for decades to come. Men like Henry J. Young, who was church treasurer for many years and Joseph Daniels, who was the long time teacher of the class of State College boys and later of the Baraca Bible Class have left an indelible stamp. Tribute to any members of the church must include the long years of loving service of Miss Mattie Reese, Mrs. Lena Wynne Brown and Miss Bessie T. Brown with the children of the church. Mrs. Vitruvius Royster and Miss Sallie Reese served notably in early missionary work; Mrs. Alma Wynne Edgerton was a moving spirit in the church school for many years, as well as a church organist. Mrs. J. P. Pillsbury, beloved organist for nearly thirty years and Mrs. LeRoy Theim, a soprano in the choir for forty-seven years, are unforgettable memories to many of this congregation.

The worth of these and countless others who through the years have made Edenton Street Methodist Church a stronghold of Methodism can be matched today by scores of others. Their names are legion, too numerous to mention here. By their attitudes and practices toward their church they, together with the long line of able pastors, have made her ministry rich and full. They have accepted the challenge of the hymn:

“Rise Up, O men of God.
The Church for you doth wait,
Her strength unequal to her task;
Rise up and make her great!”



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LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE



CHARLES K. McADAMS, former Associate Pastor of Edenton Street Methodist Church, well remembered and warmly recalled by all who know him.

CHARLES KENNETT McADAMS, a native of Orange County, North Carolina, a graduate of North Carolina State College in the Class of 1942, came to Edenton Street Methodist Church as Lay Associate on January 1, 1950. As a result of his outstanding contributions to campus life Charles was listed in WHO'S WHO in American Colleges and Universities and elected to the Golden Chain Honor Society.

Married to Verna Brock of Mount Olive, North Carolina, in 1942, they are the parents of four children: Charles Kennett, Junior; Cynthia; Patricia; and David.

Mr. McAdams came to Edenton Street Methodist Church from a teaching position in the High School of Chapel Hill, North Carolina. In recognition of his pastoral concern for the entire membership of the Church and total program, he was licensed as a Local Preacher and became Associate Pastor in 1954.

After nearly ten years of service on the Staff of Edenton Street Methodist Church, Mr. McAdams was called to serve Methodist College, Fayetteville, North Carolina, as Director of Public Relations and Development.

Charles McAdams, loyal Church Staff member, untiring worker, compassionate minister to the sick and the suffering, concerned citizen, devoted husband, loving father, affectionate friend to many, "I thank my God upon every remembrance of you." —Philippians 1:3.

Charles sends this Sesquicentennial greeting from his new home in Fayetteville, N. C.: "One of the highest privileges of my life has been the opportunity to serve on the staff of this great church, and to share in love and service with so many of her consecrated and dedicated members. May the church of the future continue to be a blessing as she provides a redemptive fellowship of love."

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DONALD W. BAIN.....1877-1880
JOSEPH G. BROWN.....1898-1903, 1905-1927
WILLIAM J. YOUNG, JR.....1903-1905
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These pictures of former pastors hang in the hall of the Poindexter Memorial Building.



Sydney D. Bumpass



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MINISTERS In Greater Service

Among the many ministers who have served this church with loyalty and devotion, the following three have gone forth to render great service to Methodism in other fields above and beyond the walls of Edenton Street Methodist Church:

MELVILLE B. COX
Foreign Missions



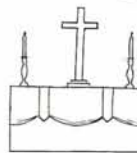
Melville Cox, a native of Maine, was assigned as pastor of this church in 1831. After serving here for only a few months, he heard a call from the Dark Continent, and left the pulpit to volunteer for foreign service. Upon completing some months of study and preparation, he sailed for Africa in 1833, thereby becoming the first missionary from all Methodism to serve on the African continent. He arrived in Liberia in March, 1833, but his ministry was tragically short. In June of the same year he contracted an African fever, and he died in July 1833. Dying, Melville Cox left this epitaph in his own words: "Let a thousand fall before Africa is given up." He lies buried in a grave in Central Africa.

BRAXTON CRAVEN
Education



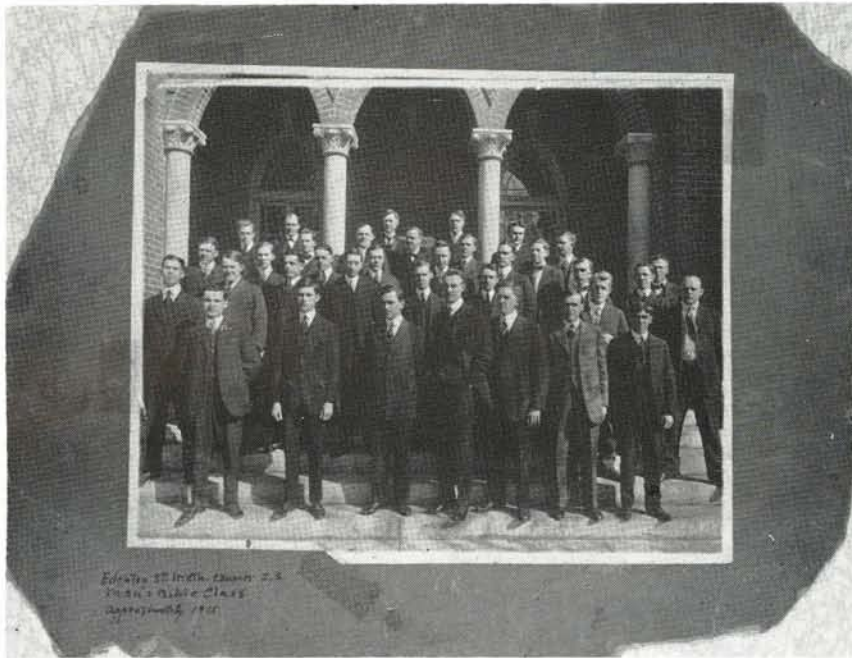
Braxton Craven, a native North Carolinian, began his career as a teacher at the age of 16. In 1840, at the age of 18, he became a licensed preacher. He was appointed assistant teacher of Union Institute and soon was made principal of that school. The school was rechartered as Normal College and later became Trinity College with Craven as its founder and principal. During the Civil War, Dr. Craven commanded the Confederate Military Post at Salemburg, and came to Edenton Street Methodist Church in 1864 for a two year tenure. In the fall of 1865 he was re-elected President of Trinity College, where he served until his death in 1882. Trinity College is the forerunner of today's Duke University. It has been said that the history of Trinity College is the history of Braxton Craven, for his blood flowed through its every vein.

W. W. PEELE
Leadership



William Walter Peele was born in Gibson, N. C., in 1881. He attended Trinity College, and was ordained in 1906. He became a professor at Rutherford College, and served as president of that institution from 1907 to 1910. He was Head Master of Trinity Park School, and later a professor at Trinity College. He served as pastor of Edenton Street Methodist Church from 1918 to 1923. After serving as pastor of other North Carolina Churches he was made District Superintendent of the Greensboro District in 1931. In 1938 he was named Bishop of the Richmond District. Bishop Peele is the only minister of Edenton Street Methodist Church to have become a bishop, and the only native North Carolinian to enter the Methodist Episcopacy from this state.

LAYMEN In Greater Service



The Men's Bible Class, around the year 1915. In this group were Josephus Daniels, who became Secretary of the Navy; Willis Smith, who became U. S. Senator from North Carolina; and J. Crawford Biggs who became U. S. Solicitor General. Pictured here are numerous other outstanding civic, business and professional leaders. Contemporaries of this group will enjoy identifying the faces of old acquaintances.



JOSEPHUS DANIELS, Secretary of the Navy, 1913-1921; Ambassador to Mexico, 1933-1942; founder, editor and publisher of the Raleigh News and Observer; and author of numerous books. Mr. Daniels was known and beloved at Edenton Street Methodist Church for his magnetic lessons as teacher of the Men's College Class and later as teacher of the Men's Bible Class. During his days in government service, his faithfulness led him to make frequent long trips back to Raleigh to worship in his church home.



CLYDE R. HOEY of Shelby, N. C., never transferred his membership to Edenton Street Methodist Church, but he served as teacher of the Men's Bible Class during the time that he was Governor of North Carolina. He was Representative and Senator in the State Legislature for 8 years, Governor of North Carolina from 1937 to 1941, and United States Senator from North Carolina from 1945 until his death in 1954. His portrait hangs in the Fellowship Hall of the church.



WILLIS SMITH of Raleigh, N. C., was active in numerous phases of legal activity. He served as president of the Wake County Bar Association, the North Carolina Bar Association, and in 1945-1946, as President of the American Bar Association. He was Speaker of the North Carolina House of Representatives in 1931. In 1950 he was elected United States Senator from North Carolina, and served in that office until his death in 1953. The Chancel Rose Window of Edenton Street Methodist Church is a memorial to Willis Smith.

A Mother Church In Methodism

By The Reverend W. A. Cade



Like all the churches of God, Edenton Street Methodist Church is situated in the midst of an imperfect and sinful world where it should shine as a light of truth and minister the Word of Life to the people. Edenton Street has been such a church for one hundred and fifty years here in Raleigh, the Capital City of North Carolina. For much of this century and a half it has been recognized as one of the great and influential Methodist churches in our state and nation.

During this hundred and fifty years of its life and ministry this grand church has been served by a large number of able and good ministers. Some of them have experienced unusual distinction. Over a century ago the Reverend Melville Cox was sent to Africa as the first foreign missionary of the Methodist Church there. In 1938, The Reverend W. W. Peele was elected a Bishop of the Methodist Church. Young men and women have gone out from the membership of the church to be ministers and missionaries in near and far-away places of the world. Some of them are there today. Through the vision and generosity of Edenton Street, other missionaries than those from this church are now serving God and humanity in foreign lands.



served our state and nation as governors, senators, ambassadors, cabinet ministers and other important secular and political positions. Situated in the heart of our Capital City, this church has nourished the hearts and minds of countless state officers and employees, teachers and students in our schools and colleges who have worshipped here, thus preparing them for righteous service at home and abroad. And so it is that the ministry and influence of this church have gone out beyond its walls to the ends of the earth through the works of these Christian laymen.

Others who have made Edenton Street their church home have

Incident to a rapidly growing and changing population in this area, Edenton Street Methodist Church, together with other Methodist churches of Raleigh, takes a leading part in the founding and support of new Methodist Churches in and around Raleigh. Nine such churches have been organized during the past fifteen years. This extension of the church is accomplished through the agency of the "Raleigh Board of Missions and Church Extension of the Methodist Church, Inc." Thus it is that this historic church observes the Sesquicentennial of its life and ministry, not as a church that has been, but as one that is now, and as one that will continue to be.



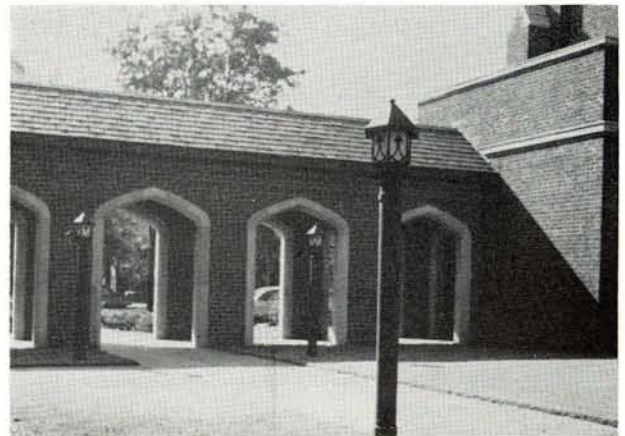
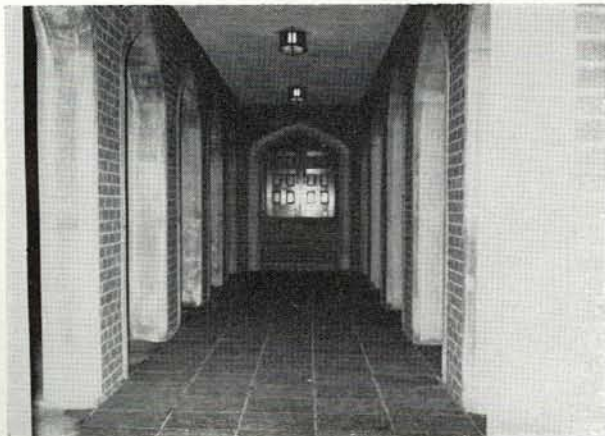
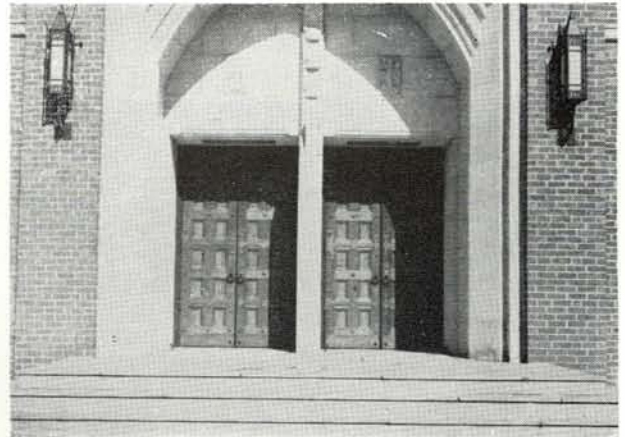
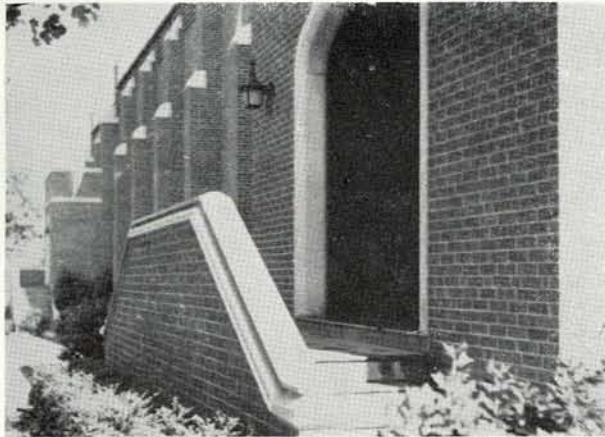
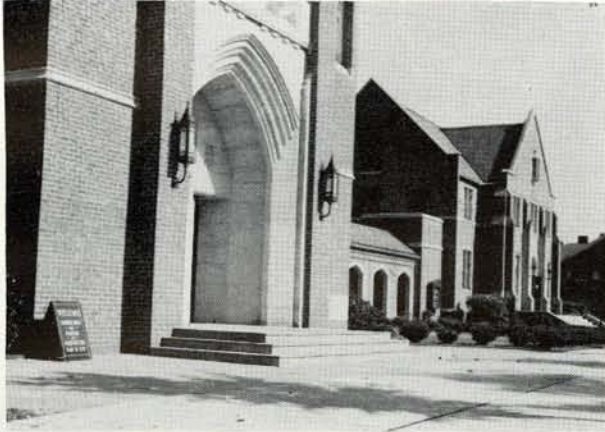
But a church's life and influence is not expressed most permanently and effectively in a spectacular ministry in distant and high places of the world. It is expressed, rather, in the lives of its people from generation to generation, and from childhood to old age. It would be interesting to hear a roll call of that multitude of people who, from their birth until death, partook of the Word of Life in Edenton Street

Methodist Church. Many of them were baptised, ministered to each Sabbath, were married and were buried from the altar of Edenton Street Methodist Church. They lived their lives, did their work, and died in the faith because Edenton Street Methodist Church has been here these hundred and fifty years.

"Faith of our fathers, living still!" Such faith continued from generation to generation. Such is exemplified in the life and ministry of Edenton Street Methodist Church, a mother church in Methodism.



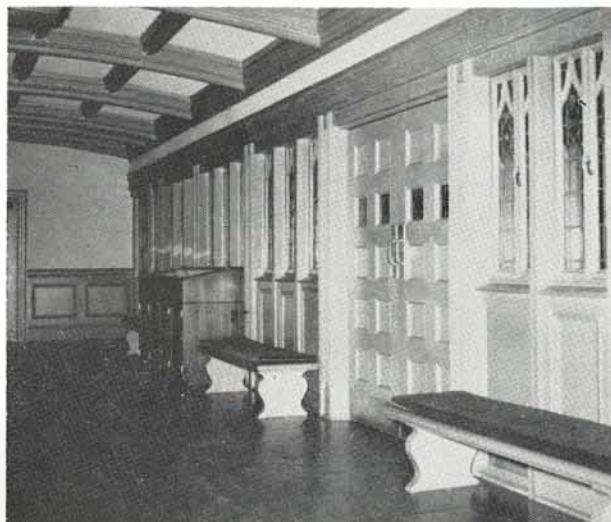
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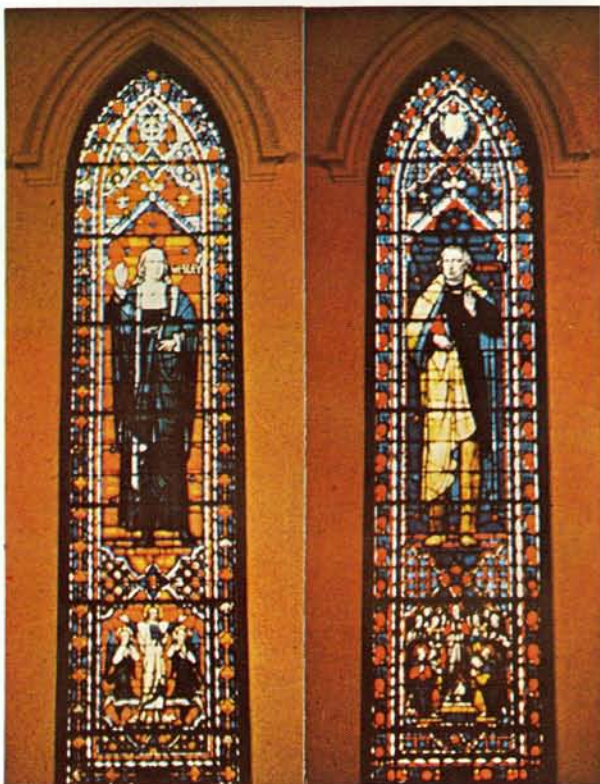
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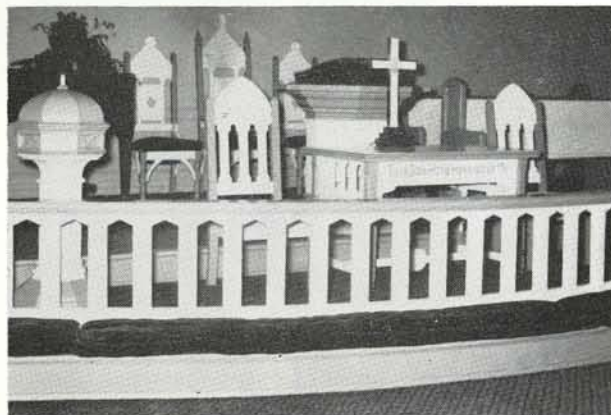
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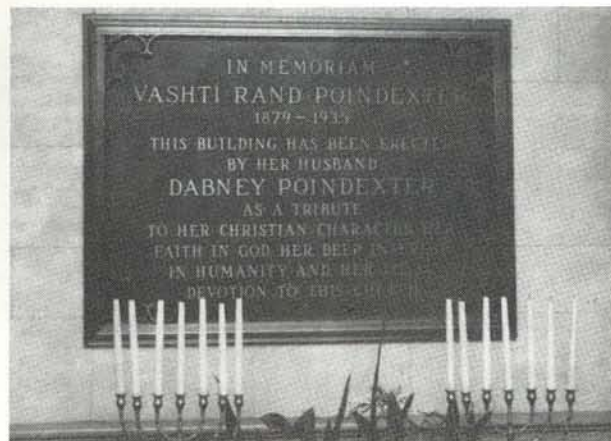
The Narthex of the Sanctuary.



These beautiful stained glass windows depicting John Wesley and Francis Asbury were made a part of the church when the sanctuary was remodeled in 1951. When the church was rebuilt following the fire, these windows were replaced with Biblical characters. They now exist only in the memory of the congregation.



The Altar of the Joseph G. Brown Chapel.



The Memorial Plaque in the Poindexter Education Building.

THE CHURCH STAFF



VERNON C. TYSON, Associate Pastor, comes from a large family of ministers. His father is a minister, and he has five brothers, all in the ministry. Vernon is a graduate of Guilford College and Duke University Divinity School. He is married to the former Martha Buie of Biscoe, N. C., and they have two sons, Vernon, Jr., and Timothy. During his student days Vernon was Chaplain at Oak Ridge Military Institute. He has served the following pastorates: Stem-Bullock Charge and Goldston Charge. He came to Edenton Street Methodist Church in 1958, as Minister of Christian Education, and was appointed Associate Pastor in 1959.



ROBERT H. GARRISON, JR., Business Manager, has recently come to the church staff from the world of business. He attended Mars Hill College and N. C. State College. Bob is a veteran of World War II. He is married to the former Martha Dowell of Raleigh, and they have three children. (Left)



MRS. W. EDWARD ANDERSON, Pastor's Secretary, like the pastor is a native of Sampson County. Prior to her marriage in 1959, she was Fay Jackson. She is a graduate of Peace College, in Raleigh, and has served as the pastor's personal secretary for the past seven years. (Right)



MRS. H. O. LINEBERGER, SR.



MRS. WILLIAM V. YOUNG



J. KEITH NICKALSON



ORIS HARRIS, Sexton, has served with our church for eleven years. (Left)

HELEN FELLERS, Maid, has served with our church for eleven years. (Right)



MRS. LINEBERGER, Church Hostess, is a longtime active member of the Edenton Street Congregation. She is a graduate of Elon College, and has been Church Hostess for eight years. She served as the first president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service in this church. (Above left)

MRS. YOUNG, Staff Secretary, joined our church staff in 1959. Prior to that time she was Church Secretary at West Raleigh Presbyterian Church. (Above center)

MR. NICKALSON, Building Superintendent, has served in his present position for the past three years. Prior to that time he was with the J. J. Barnes Company of Angier, N. C. (Above right)

THE MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Worship in music as a part of the spiritual life of Edenton Street Methodist Church is under the direction of Robert T. Bedle, Minister of Music and Education and of Mrs. William D. Miller, Church Organist. It

is their privilege to present to the church the musical messages of faith and devotion, to lead in singing, and to train the various choral groups. Mr. Bedle (right) is the first staff member to combine the positions of Minister of Music and Minister of Christian Education. He is a graduate of Asbury College, and studied voice under Robert Malone of Carnegie Hall in New York City. He is listed in "Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities." Before he came to this church in 1959, he served for the previous five years in churches in Pensacola, Florida. He is married to the former Frances Osborne of Greensboro, and they have two children.



Mrs. William D. Miller,
Organist.



Robert T. Bedle, Minister of
Music and Education.

Catherine Ritchey Miller (left) has been Organist of Edenton Street Methodist Church since 1948. She received her Bachelor's Degree from Reed College, and her Master's Degree from the University of Montana. Mrs. Miller has given organ recitals in widespread cities in the United States and is North Carolina State Chairman of the American Guild of Organists. She has been Organist and Teacher of Organ at Peace College since 1955. Mrs. Miller is the wife of Dr. William D. Miller, Associate Professor of Silviculture at North Carolina State College.



Soprano Soloist,
Mrs. Donald Redding



Tenor Soloist,
Edward Hill



Contralto Soloist,
Mrs. Ben Rash

THE CHANCEL CHOIR (pictured below) is the senior music group of the church. These forty-one dedicated men and women have the responsibility for the vocal music at all the Sunday morning and evening services. Additionally they give cantatas and musical programs on special occasions throughout the year.





THE OFFICIAL BOARD IN SESSION NOVEMBER 14, 1960

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Claude H. Farrell.....	Vice-Chairman	D. L. Cozart.....	Treasurer

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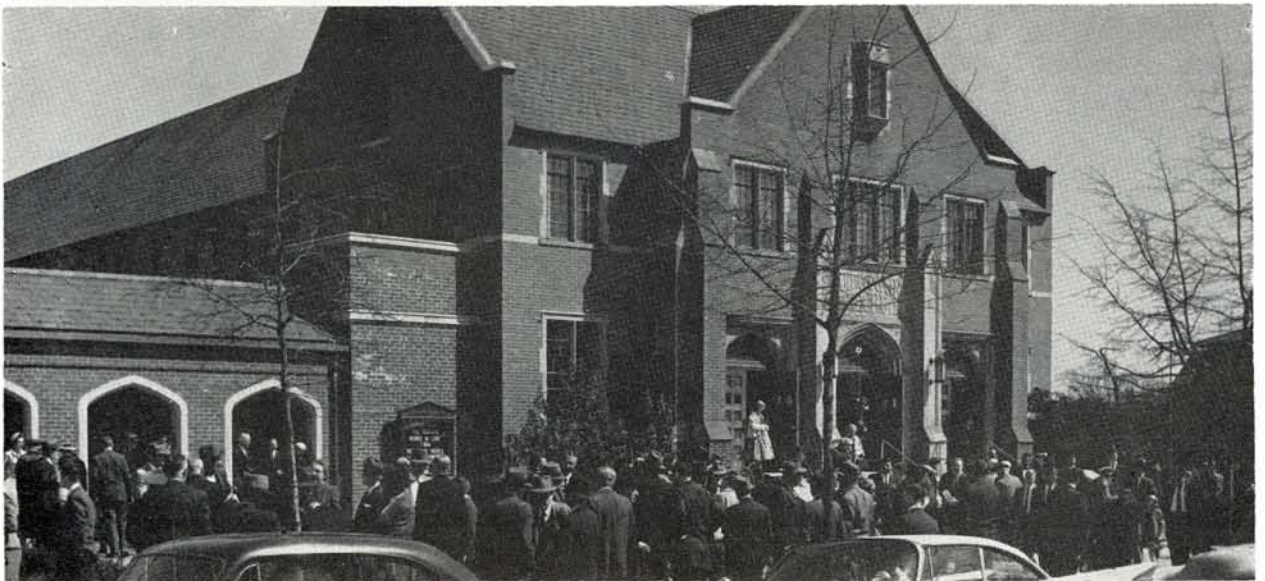
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Amburn, John L. Baldwin, Jesse G. Bean, Kenneth Brigman, Mrs. Fred E. Broadus, Col. Russell Daniels, Garland Dawkins, C. P. Deyton, C. P. Dillon, C. A., Jr. Duncan, John N.	Garriss, W. T. Green, Garland O. Gulledge, Sidney L. Hester, W. F. Holoman, W. Kern Howard, Jack O. Jackson, Charles G. Jennette, W. R. Jones, Drewry J. Kolbe, Melvin	Laursen, W. A. Lineberger, Dr. Henry Maxwell, J. Myron Meares, J. S. Meares, M. A. Merritt, Miss Mable Moore, Harry B., Jr. Moore, Iral B. Myatt, W. A., Jr. Page, W. Legrand	Pearse, R. J. Peterson, Martin R. Pollock, J. Emmett Raper, Hugh M. Sanders, Dr. Lee H. Ready, Dr. I. E. Sherrill, Mrs. Russell Shinn, W. E. Smith, Miss Clyde Smith, Dr. Everett L.	Speight, Hubert C Stanley, Thomas E. Teal, Mrs. Hubert Wilkerson, Dr. Charles B., Jr. Williams, Dr. Robert Wilson, Robert M. Womble, Miss Susan G. Wooten, Kenneth F., Jr. Wynne, Robert, Jr.
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SUNDAY MORNING





FROM TRICYCLE TO WALKING CANE



THE NURSERIES



The crib nursery was made available in 1958 for mothers with new babies who wish to attend Sunday School and Church. The nursery is staffed by young mothers and other volunteers. Mrs. Charles Wilkerson is the Home Nursery Visitor.

Secretary for Nursery Department: Mrs. W. H. Darden, Jr.



Nursery A was organized in 1935 to meet the needs of children under three years old whose parents felt they were ready for Sunday School. The teachers through the years have had a happy experience working with them. Teachers: Mrs. George Crawford, Superintendent; Mrs. David Hanse, now Mrs. Frank Thomas; Mrs. T. E. Green, Jr.; Mrs. Phillip Davis.

Nursery B is for the three to four year olds. These children have a fellowship period, following which they have a worship service at the altar, on which is a brass collection plate and candlestick, memorial to a former member. There is a fine spirit of co-operation among the teachers. Teachers: Mrs. J. Earle Baker; Mrs. Don Paschal; Mrs. Lewis Polier; Mrs. Warren Barfield; Mrs. W. R. Gerock; Mrs. Mary McDonald; Mrs. Blanche Bradley; Mrs. Paul Ferguson.





THE KINDERGARTEN DEPARTMENT

This department is made up of four and five year olds learning to share activities together. Here they are taught to play cooperatively and to become familiar with Bible stories. The workers divide the period into a play session and a worship time. In the play period they follow their own inclinations, using play materials furnished by the department. Through this play they are guided to share, to give, and to take. Sometimes they make gifts for their parents or for the sick. The second half of the period is devoted to worship in songs, prayers and stories.

Mrs. C. P. Dayton is superintendent, aided by the following: Mrs. Pullen Sizer, teacher and helpers, Mrs. Bernard Terry and Mrs. Winifred Cranor; Mrs. J. E. Thompson, teacher, and helpers, Mrs. W. H. Keel, Mrs. Howard Gray, and Mrs. W. E. Davis; Mrs. Joseph I. Lee, teacher, and helpers, Miss Natalie Coffey and Miss Frances Hedden; Mrs. John R. Adams, teacher, and helpers, Mrs. J. Ed Wall, Miss Mary Ferree, and Mrs. W. R. Gerock. Mrs. Robert Burch is secretary for the department which supervises about seventy-five children.





THE PRIMARY DEPARTMENT

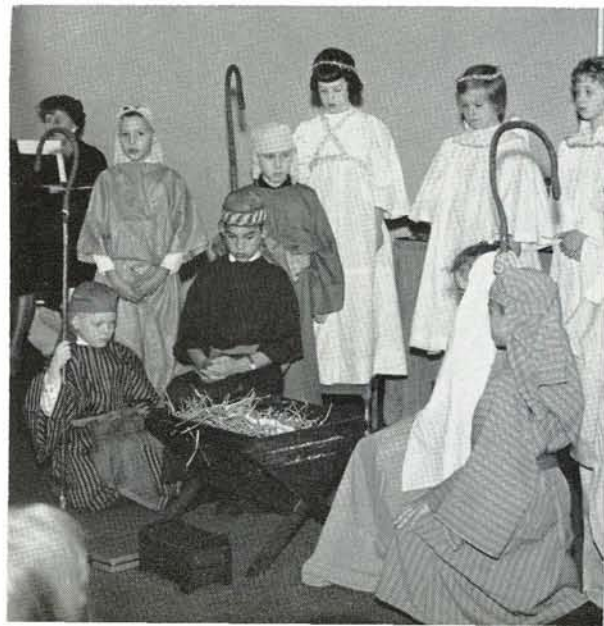
Edenton Street has always been foresighted in making arrangements for the religious education of its children. As early as 1878 Mr. W. J. Young, Sr., superintendent of the Sunday School, recognized the need for separation of the children from the adult group. So a new Sunday School building was erected separating the main school by sliding doors, and fitted with raised circular seats.

This first division of children from the adults was called the "Infant Class", and was supervised by Mrs. W. J. Young, Sr. She kept it until 1895, when Miss Mattie Reese became superintendent. At this time the department consisted of children up to the age of 12. There were 50 enrolled. In 1896 the Intermediate department was formed by taking the older children out of the Infant Class (Primary Department). These consisted of children of what is now Junior and Intermediate age. Under "Miss Mattie's" leadership the children's group increased so rapidly that in 1899 a new classroom was built. This was soon out grown and in 1912 a new Sunday School Building was erected.

"Miss Mattie" was not satisfied only with the numbers of children, but she was concerned with the quality of their religious training. After many months of hard work and study, she published a simplified set of the 25 doctrines of the Methodist Church for the use of the Primary Department. Thus, when the children were promoted to the Intermediate Department, they were not only well grounded in the fundamental truths of the Bible, but were also well versed in the beliefs and doctrines of the Methodist Church.

During the ensuing years up to 1935 there was further expansion and division of the Primary Department. At the time of "Miss Mattie's" retirement in 1937, the department had been subdivided into three graded classes, ages six, seven, and eights with two sections in each class.

Mrs. E. Y. Floyd then became superintendent. Under her leadership, the department has increased even further until it has reached its present enrollment of 115 children, with 13 teachers. There are 8 classes in all. Mrs. Floyd by working with her teachers and having monthly meetings for study and planning, has developed further the program of the children's religious training. Missionary instruction has been added to the curriculum by special sessions held during the winter months. During all of this time, Mrs. Floyd has been ably assisted by Mrs. Sally Page Ruffin Weaver (Mrs. J. G.) as musical supervisor. At the present time, 1960, Mrs. Floyd remains as superintendent.





THE JUNIOR DEPARTMENT

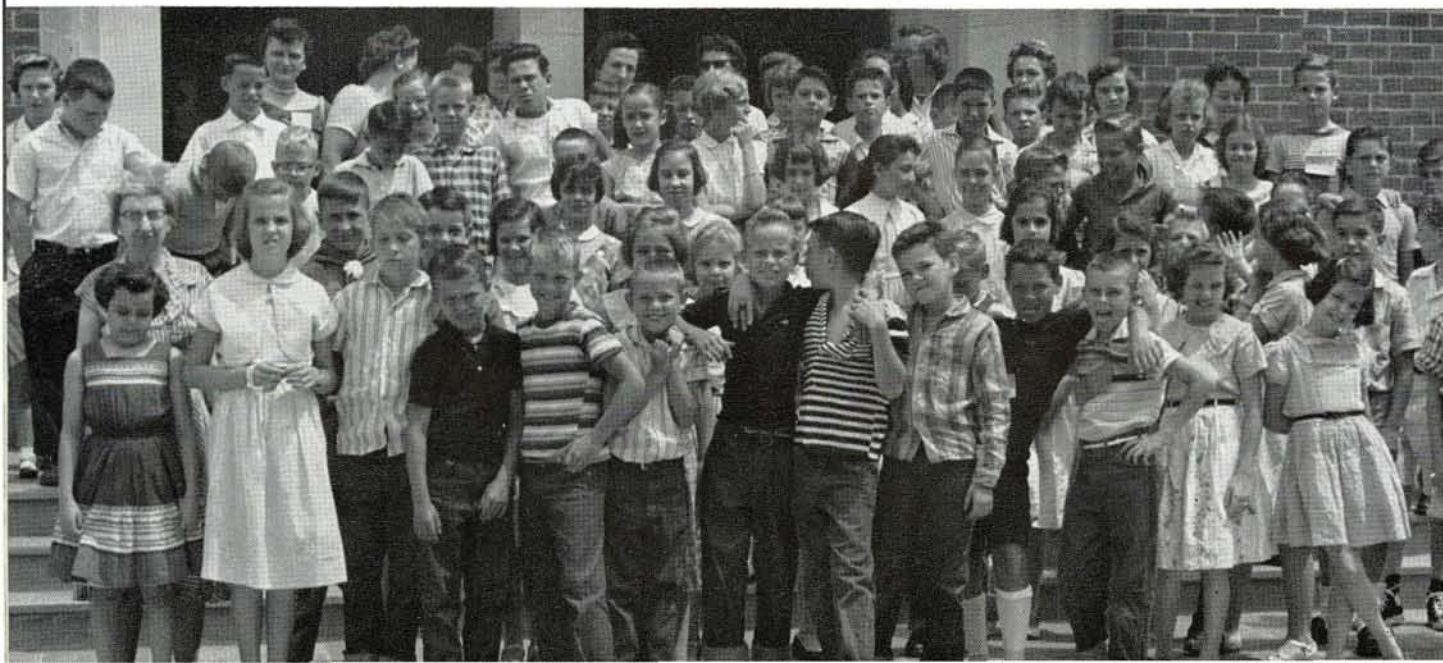
The nine classes of the Junior Department, embracing children within the fourth, fifth, and sixth grade age groups, has an enrollment, as of January 15, 1961, of 178.

The closely graded lesson materials are used throughout the department. Copies of the story paper, "Trails for Juniors", are distributed each Sunday.

Each year the Juniors engage in an intensive mission study course, holding additional sessions for several Sundays. The department is annually host at an Open House for its parents and friends.

Monthly departmental teachers meetings are held. Mrs. Martin Cutler is the superintendent.

Pictured below is the Junior Department at Vacation Bible School.



CHRIST ABOVE ALL



THE METHODIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

The Methodist Youth Fellowship, more popularly known by the letters MYF, is the organization of our church for all young people 12 through 23 years of age. On December 31, 1941, following the unification of the three Methodist groups, the Methodist Youth Fellowship was formally installed.

This fellowship takes in all meetings, activities, and projects of this age group. In Edenton Street Church we have three separate departments within the MYF—the Intermediate (or Junior High) group; the Senior (or Senior High) group; and the Older Youth, ages 18-23.

Each of these groups meets on Sunday morning during the Church School hour for worship and study in classroom participation. On Sunday evening they meet for fun and fellowship, with supper served by the circles of the church, followed by worship services and programs for each group.

There are many other activities, such as socials, the annual trip to the beach each spring, the annual barbecue outing and hayride at Enos Blair's farm, softball and basketball teams, participation in the Sub-District activities, the annual Sweetheart Banquet and many others.

Each year the three groups pledge to the Methodist Youth Fund, which goes toward the support of youth work in our church, on the Conference level, and nationally, as well as toward the support of various missionary projects.

For the past four years, since the burning of our church, the young people have had several projects to make money to go toward the Rebuilding Fund. They have sold light bulbs, candy, Christmas cards, had car washes, etc., to make money for this fund.

The MYF motto is "Christ Above All" and the purpose is "to live clean lives following the highest that we know; to give our loyalty and service through the Methodist Church of which we are a part; to hold the ideals of unselfish service ever before us; and in simple trust, to follow Jesus as our Saviour and Lord".



YOUTH COUNCIL

Charles Wright—President
Forrest Hedden—Vice-President
Jody Johnson — President, Older Youth
Linda Haley — President, Seniors
Marianna Nicks—President, Junior Highs

COUNSELORS

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Cobb—Older Youth
Mr. and Mrs. Donnell P. Dunham—Seniors
Dr. Jere Roe—Seniors
Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Jordan—Junior High
Mr. and Mrs. Robert T. Bedle



JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH OFFICERS

Marianna Nicks—President
 Gordon Wilson—Vice-President
 Lynn Thiem—Secretary
 Richard Jordan—Treasurer
 David Hanse—Christian Faith
 Beth Wood—Christian Citizenship
 Sara Jones—Christian Outreach
 Shelton White—Christian Witness
 David Parsons—Christian Fellowship
 Carolyn Cobb—Music Committee
 Kern Holoman—Contact Committee
 Stevie Brittan—Offering

JUNIOR HIGH TEACHERS AND WORKERS

Marguerite Ready
 L. B. Parker
 James Weaver
 Mrs. Hugh Dupree
 Mrs. Ernest Graham
 Dr. Isa Grant
 Miss Helen Ruffin, Secretary
 Thomas Edison, Superintendent

SENIOR YOUTH OFFICERS

Linda Haley—President
 Harold Landis—Vice-President
 Jane Teal—Secretary
 Tommy Smith—Treasurer
 Kelly Fleming—Publicity
 Nancy Ray—Pianist
 Hughes Pope—Christian Witness
 Bill Crossland—Christian Fellowship
 Ed Bailey—Christian Outreach
 Donald Johnson—Christian Citizenship
 Sally Crump—Christian Faith

SENIOR YOUTH COUNSELORS

Mr. and Mrs. Donnell P. Dunham
 Dr. Jere Roe

SENIOR YOUTH TEACHERS

P. D. Snives, Superintendent
 Mrs. R. Shelton White
 Hugh Stone
 I. Edward Johnson
 James J. Garland
 Edward Avent



OLDER YOUTH OFFICERS

Jody Johnson—President
Belle Cline—Vice-President
Harriet Kiker—Secretary-Treasurer
Ella Kiker—Secretary-Treasurer

COUNSELORS

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Cobb—Evening Fellowship
Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Thiem—Church School

TEACHERS

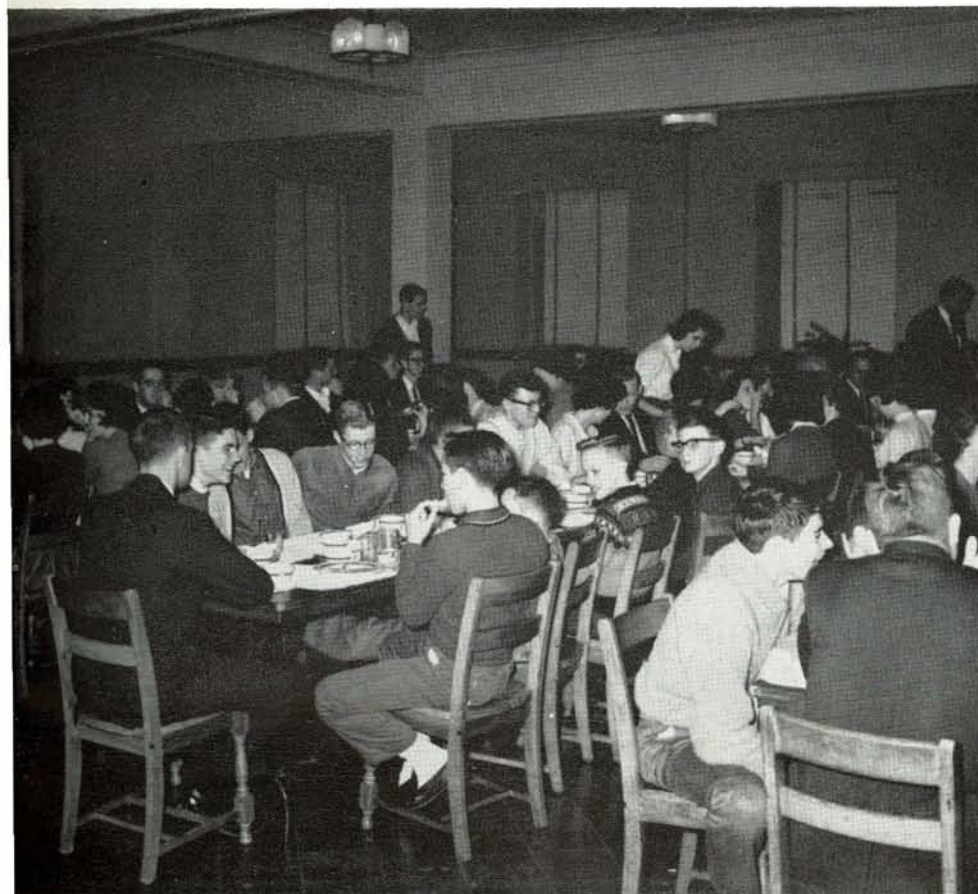
Kent Burns
Sid Gullede



SUPPER

All youth get together at 5:30 on Sunday afternoons for recreation and supper. The meal is prepared by the various Woman's Society of Christian Service and Wesleyan Service Guild Circles.

After the meal the youth ordinarily go to their respective rooms for the program.



MYF ACTIVITIES



The Annual Junior High Christmas Banquet.



Older Youth enjoy a swimming party.



A highlight of the MYF year is the annual barbecue at Enos Blair's Plantation.



"MYFers" returning from hay-ride.



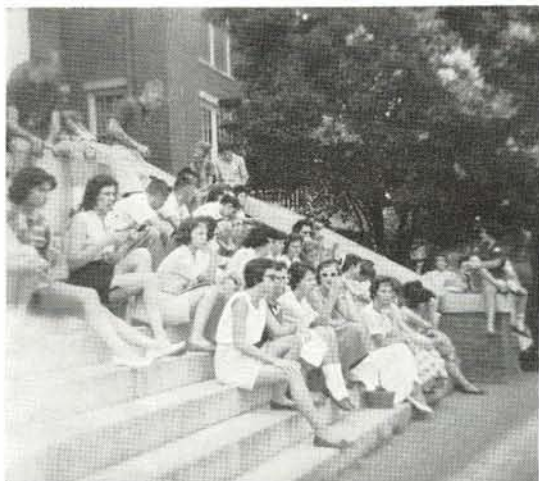
Our defending champs of the Raleigh Church League in basketball are mostly seniors and older youth with a few "real old" youth. Herb Cobb (Number 12) won the League Sportsmanship Award. The Youth Division also sponsors a softball team which placed second in the League.



The Senior Council enjoys a laugh during one of the monthly planning meetings.



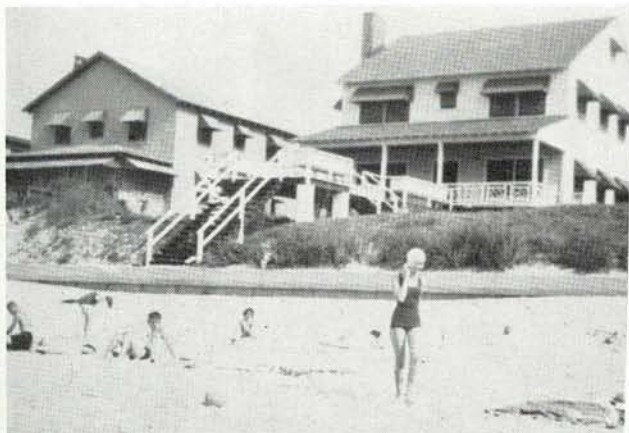
One of the yearly activities is the Christmas Play. The youth cast (left presents the play in the Fellowship Hall and traditionally leads the congregation to the Sanctuary for silent meditation at the Nativity Scene (right).



Representatives of our youth meet with those of other churches in summer assemblies such as this one at Louisburg College for leadership training and program co-ordination.

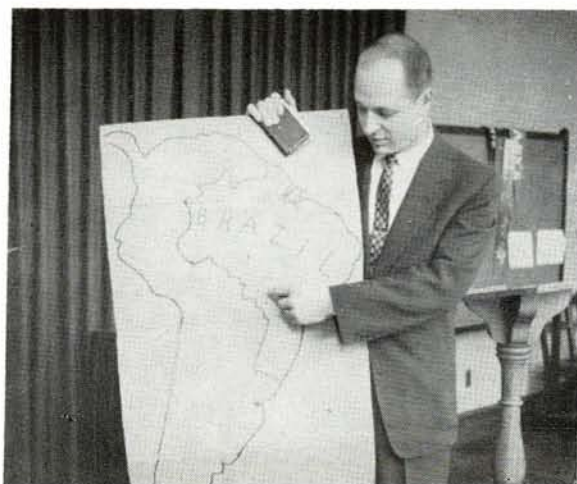


Outstanding speakers are used periodically in youth rallies. Last year's speakers included Dr. Ford Philpot (above), well known TV Evangelist, and Eugenia Price and Rosalind Rinker, authors of several spiritual books for teen-agers.



The week-end Beach Retreat is open to all Older Youth, Seniors, and third-year Jr. Hi's. Since seats on the chartered bus are limited, a point-system is used to determine who will make the trip, and competition is usually spirited. Points are based on participation in activities, conducting programs, and attendance. Discussion groups are held twice daily, and recreation plays an important part. The theme in 1960 was "God's Will For My Life".

MYF PROGRAMS, PLANS AND PLAY



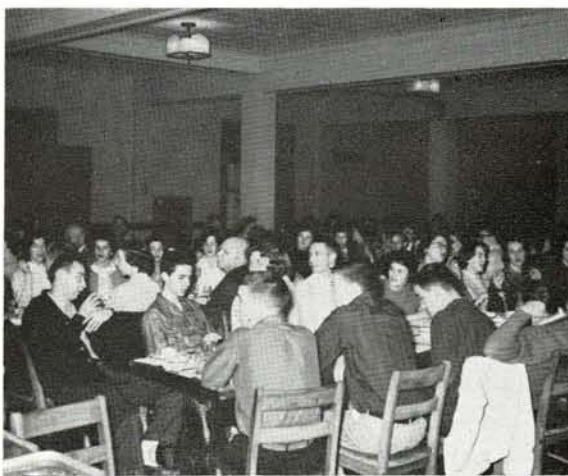
A program - planning session. (Above left). Normally each age group plans and presents its own programs.

The Reverend Geddie Strickland presents to MYF listeners a story of his ministry among Brazilian Indians (Above right).

Car washing to raise funds for the rebuilding pledge (Left).

Ping-Pong tournament. An annual event (Below left).

Fellowship singing on Sunday evening (Below right).



FRANCIS ASBURY CLASS

Early in 1958, the Board of Education of Edenton Street Methodist Church realized the need for a new Sunday School Class to include single men and women and young married couples. A member of the Board approached Frank Anderson, Jr. with the idea of helping to organize this class. Frank had able assistance from Clyde Erwin, Jr., Pat and Frank Culbreth, Joyce and Kelly Summerville, and Jane and Carlton Garner. This small group secured Dr. Claude Farrell as teacher, but due to previous commitments, he was unable to take over immediately; so The Reverend R. L. Nicks of the Methodist Home for Children taught for several months. At the present time, Mrs. Burnie Batchelor and Mr. Jim Garland assist Dr. Farrell as associate teachers.

The class first met in the church parlor, but as the membership grew, a room was secured adjacent to the church office which has been enlarged recently to accommodate the present membership of sixty-seven young adults. Members of the class bought an air conditioner and draperies to enhance the appearance of the new classroom.

The group has coffee and fellowship upon arrival at Sunday School, and then they proceed to improve themselves by studying varied lesson topics that apply to the individual as well as to the group.

They contribute monthly to help a needy family and have an additional project of distributing "The Upper Room" to motels throughout the city. Through continued Christian endeavor, the members aspire to attain the character of Francis Asbury for whom the class is named.





May, 1948. Mrs. Lula Mae Paschal and Larry Brewer at the opening of the Fellowship Center, a suggestion made by former Governor Melville Broughton.



June 25, 1944. A group picture showing service men who spent the night at our church's quarters, former Governor Melville Broughton, and at far right end our present teacher, John Harris and daughter Emmalee.



Lounge Room. This room has placed an important part in class history.

COKESBURY BIBLE CLASS

TEACHER: JOHN H. HARRIS

In order to fill a need for those leaving the Young People's Department, the young adult class was organized in June, 1937. This was the first such class in Edenton Street Church. Soon outgrowing the small room in the Poindexter Memorial Building, they moved to the basement under the Church Sanctuary. The class furnished a lounge area adjoining the classroom, where the members could meet to become better acquainted and to fellowship together. This has been a feature maintained by this class in all of its locations, and it has contributed largely to the informality and friendliness which is characteristic of this group.

During the war a mimeographed newsletter was mailed regularly to those members serving in the armed forces. Soon after the war the name of the class was changed to The Cokesbury Bible Class.

The membership, as of October 1, 1960, was 131 with approximately 20 additional, who serve as teachers in other Church School departments, on an inactive roll.

The officers and members, who have contributed to the success of the class, are too numerous to name; however, those who have served as teachers of this group and to whom the Cokesbury Class will always be grateful are Mrs. Milton Howell, Messrs. John W. Sexton, Gilbert Swindell, Edwin C. Gill, and John H. Harris, the present teacher.

HUGH ISLEY CLASS



The Hugh Isley class, originally named the Aldersgate Class, was organized in November, 1947, with Mr. Hugh G. Isley as teacher, Mr. Fred Noble as class advisor, and Tom Willis as the first class president. The class was organized for young adults and today consists of 149 members.

Many members have assumed positions of leadership and service throughout the Sunday School and Church. By unselfishly providing these teachers and leaders, the class feels that it has not only done a Christian service, but has grown in strength and spirit. A major class project is sponsorship of the Boy Scout Explorer Post.

Wishing to honor its beloved teacher, Mr. Isley, for his many years of faithful and diligent service, the class unanimously voted in 1955 to change its name to the Hugh Isley Class.

Much fellowship is enjoyed by the class, and the atmosphere of true Christian friendliness prevails each Sunday morning in the attractive classroom which replaced the earlier room destroyed in the church fire. The semi-annual socials of the class usually include the members' children and provide a high spot in the yearly program.

In November, 1960, Hugh Isley and Fred Noble began their fourteenth year as teacher and advisor, respectively, and have provided the class with countless hours of Christian teaching and leadership. Class officers for 1960-61 are: C. R. Farinholt, President; Don Harley, Vice-President; Mrs. I. L. Bigham, Secretary; Zack Taylor, Treasurer; and Mrs. Charles Morehead, Pianist.



Hugh Isley, Teacher



Class Social



Mrs. W. W. Peele (Betsy)
Wife of Bishop Peele

BETSY PEELE BIBLE CLASS

First organized as the Business Girls' Class with a membership of twelve or fifteen, the class had increased to about eighty by 1923. In September of that year the name was changed to Betsy Peele Bible Class in honor of their teacher, Mrs. Peele. With a membership today of 203, it is divided into twelve sections to maintain a close fellowship within the class. This class through the years has had an active interest in both local and foreign missions.

The Betsy Peele Class meets on the first Tuesday night of every other month (six times a year) for a business meeting and dinner. The meeting at Christmas is a very special one at which blessings are shared in a love gift of money to one of our missionary families, as well as a gift to local missions.

The Class that Bought the Buffalo

In 1944, \$60.00 was sent to the Board of Missions for the purchase of a buffalo to furnish milk for children at Ingraham Institute in India. In 1946, \$60.00 was sent to a Methodist school for children in Jodpur, India for a tuition fund and toward the purchase of a movie projector.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

- 1930-1953 Little Sister — girl from Methodist Home for Children.
- 1954 Girl Scouts—Still active.
- 1945 Crusade for Christ.
- 1953 Equipment for study at Methodist Home.
- Playground equipment for School for the Blind.
- 1954 Room furnishings at Y. W. C. A. Member in \$10.00 Club.
- 1956 Scholarship to High Point College.
- 1956-1958 Gift to Church—Main door and two windows in steeple—\$1,500.00.
- 1960 Special gift to Missions.
- Special gifts to Missionary families each year at Christmas.



Present Teachers: Mrs. A. C. Jones; Mrs. Howard Powell, Assistant; Mrs. D. S. Coltrane, Assistant; Miss Elizabeth Whisner, Assistant. 1960-61 President: Mrs. O. F. McCrary.



THE ALMA WYNNE EDGERTON BIBLE CLASS

The Alma Wynne Edgerton Bible Class was organized in 1918 or 1919, and was the first adult class for women in Edenton Street Methodist Church.

Mrs. N. E. Edgerton, nee Alma Wynne, saw the need for a class for young mothers who brought their small children to the Primary Department. There was no class for them to attend, so they would stand around the room until class was over. Mrs. Edgerton organized this class for these young mothers.

It was first called "The Mother's Class". There were thirty-five members in the beginning; later it grew to ninety. There are now seventy members on roll; some of them are inactive, so they are considered in the Home Department of this class. Many of the "Young Mothers" are now grandmothers and still active.

One of the members, Mrs. Ella Hester, has had twenty-six years of perfect attendance. If she is out of the city she attends wherever she is and brings a card from that class confirming this. This is a record rarely equaled.

Mrs. J. C. Wooten was the first teacher, Mrs. N. E. Edgerton the first president, and Mrs. P. E. Furr the first secretary. Mrs. Furr is still active. Other teachers during the forty-one years have been Mrs. M. T. Plyler, Mrs. U. B. Blalock, Mrs. Reynolds, Mrs. F. S. Love, the only male teacher, Mr. C. Hillman Moody, Mrs. Gurney P. Hood, and at present Mrs. Earl Brian and Mrs. Forrest Hedden. Mrs. Edgerton who was the guiding spirit and beloved leader served as president until her death. Other presidents were Mrs. B. Troy Ferguson, Mrs. J. S. Bloodworth, Mrs. A. Wray White, Mrs. H. C. Debnam, Mrs. Joseph Carpenteri, Mrs. A. W. Hoffman, Mrs. T. M. Phillips, Mrs. Albert Doub and at present Mrs. Arthur Polier.

This class has always been vitally interested in missions, home and foreign, and the fourth Sunday of every month includes a discussion on missions.

The main project of the class for several years has been collecting clothes for the Women's Prison. Mrs. T. M. Phillips and Mrs. E. F. Barbour have charge of this work. The articles collected are carried to the prison every few months. This project is meeting a great need.

PRESENT CLASS OFFICERS

President.....Mrs. Arthur Polier
 Vice-President.....Mrs. A. W. Hoffman
 Secretary.....Mrs. W. D. Lee
 Assistant Secretary.....Mrs. Myrtle Banks
 Treasurer.....Mrs. Cader Rhodes
 Assistant Treas.....Mrs. H. E. Holland



MEN'S BIBLE CLASS

When The Reverend W. C. Norman was serving his second pastorate at Edenton Street Methodist Church, just before the new century began, an older men's Sunday School Class known as the "Bible Class" or the "Norman Class" was formed and taught by Mr. Norman. This first men's class was not the forerunner of the present Men's Bible Class, however.

In 1904, organized Sunday School classes began to take hold. On July 3, 1904, the "Norman Class" organized officially and adopted its name as a tribute to the memory of the late Reverend Norman. At that time the only other organized class was one of young men from A & M College, taught by Josephus Daniels.

On April 23, 1905, 18 young men formed a class with Professor H. H. Hume as Teacher. This was the origin of the present Men's Bible Class. There was some discussion about using the name "Barracca", but because there was an objection to it, the name "Helon" was chosen. In the Greek, the name "signified strength and the proper sentiment for a class of young men". About a year later Professor Hume moved to Florida. T. B. Eldridge who had taught the Norman Class before moving from Raleigh, returned, and was elected teacher. At that time, the old objection to the name "Barracca" had "abated", according to the record, and on October 14, 1906, the Helon Class voted to change its name to The Barracca Class. Nearly three years later, on April 9, 1909, T. B. Eldridge resigned. Professor J. A. Bivens was elected Teacher with Prof. H. E. Satterfield as Assistant.

Somewhere around April 28, 1912, when the "new" Sunday School building was put to use, Prof. Satterfield replaced Prof. Bivens as Teacher of The Barracca Class. Records show that he was still teaching the class in 1914. The crisis of World War I probably disrupted membership and record-keeping because from 1914 until 1933, when Robert Ruark was Teacher, the class records have not been located. During this period the class name was changed from "Barracca" to "The Men's Bible Class," and the Norman Class which had been reduced to about six elderly men, dropped out of existence.

In 1946 a new Constitution and By-Laws were adopted and the "Purpose" of The Men's Bible Class was declared to be:

"To promote the program of Christian education of the Methodist Church through (1) its regularly weekly meeting for the study of God's work; (2) financial support of the Church School; (3) the work of its various committees."

How well these purposes have been practiced forms the history of The Men's Bible Class.

It would be impossible to relate even the names of the distinguished leaders of The Men's Bible Class. Further, it would be futile to attempt to list the unselfish acts which have been carried out by class members. Nor would the members, themselves, expect to be noted for their efforts. The men of the Bible Class throughout its 56-year history, have been men of consequence and distinction in their business and professions, in our community, state and nation. The responsibilities they assumed in The Men's Bible Class were not needed to lend luster to their names or careers. They gave their special talents as dedicated tithes from busy lives to further the class purposes and to revitalize their own relationships with God and their fellow men.

If The Men's Bible Class at Edenton Street Methodist Church has a claim to distinction, it is not in its leaders or accomplishments. The merit of the class lies simply in being a regular gathering place where men reach, each in his own manner, to touch the hem of Christ's garment. The virtue that flows into a man at this touching may bring quiet serenity to a troubled mind; lift a heart to meet the challenge of a trying week; inspire an unselfish outreaching; spark a courageous defiance of evil. Whatever happens to a man at this reaching is his own business—and God's. The Men's Bible Class merely offers this community the place and opportunity for men to stretch out their hands together.

The record of this reaching together has made the history of The Men's Bible Class not something to be written, but something that is lived in as wide a variety of dedicated services as there are men and minds and talents and needs. For this reason the men of The Bible Class invite others to join them in the rewarding experience of reaching for the hem of His garment.





TROOP 10, BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Troop 10, Boy Scouts of America is sponsored by the Men's Bible Class of Edenton Street Methodist Church. This is the oldest continuously active troop in the city of Raleigh, having been first chartered on November 19, 1923, and has been operating since that time.

The scout room is located in the basement of the sanctuary and is spacious and well equipped. The troop meets each Monday night for instruction, training, and recreation. The majority of the present members of the scout troop are in the higher ranks of scouting and several expect to receive the Eagle Award by the end of the year. This year four boys received the God and Country Award which is given by the Church.

Under the very capable leadership of Scoutmaster Frank Mansfield, who was selected as the outstanding scoutmaster of the Occoneechee Council last year, and other excellent scoutmasters of the past, many of the members of the church and other churches have received valuable training as boy scouts. Many honors have come to the troop both as a troop and to individual scouts. In 1955, Ross Moore, an eagle scout in the troop, was selected to make the annual report on scouting to the President of the United States. Charles Riddle, another outstanding eagle scout, has recently entered into the scout leadership field as a professional scouter thus making scouting both his vocation and advocacy. During the life of the troop thirty-four boys have reached eagle, the highest rank in scouting.

Scoutmaster Frank Mansfield, surrounded by helping Scouts, erects sign at Scout-arama. (They won first place.)





Above: Award night in Troop 10. Below: An Explorers' Outing.





EXPLORER POST NO. 10

Post 10 was formed in 1954 with the Hugh Isley Class as the sponsor. The exploring program is designed and directed by the Boy Scouts of America for boys 14 to 18 years of age. The program is built around activities in Service, Outdoors, Social Affairs, Vocational Programs, Personal Fitness and Citizenship, all designed to build character, responsibility, and leadership into the lives of the boys.

The boys presently active in the Post include Herbert Cobb, Brian Davis, Ernie Wiggins, Charles Wright, Jr., Ben Wilder, Gray Baldwin, Tommy Smith, Joe Strickland, Jerry Murchison, Kelly Fleming, Gordon Carson and Dale Hunsicher.

The Post is directed by Charles Wright, Sr., Post Adviser, and Tom Willis, Assistant Post Adviser. The Post Committee members include Charles D. Williams, Chairman, Herbert Cobb, Tom Stanley, Leroy Bigham and Ernest Pearce.



WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

The Woman's Society of Christian Service was formed in 1940 with unification of the three branches of Methodism. This year, 1961, there are four hundred forty members, distributed among seventeen circles which meet in the homes of members on the first Monday of the month. The General Meeting held at the church each third Monday opens with Spiritual Life Service, followed by the program, business session, and luncheon.

The budget is \$6,700.00. It includes a pledge to Missions of \$4,100.00; the support of a missionary, Sudie Hunt Doughton, in Chile; and a \$500.00 scholarship for a student of the Methodist Home for Children. In addition to the budget, members contribute annually to Week of Prayer Projects approximately \$267.00, to My World Bank \$273.00, and for Life Memberships \$545.00. The finances are derived from individual pledges, since money-raising projects are not encouraged.

The Program and Devotional Booklets, plus "The Methodist Woman" and "The World Outlook" are used for program material. Three Mission studies a year are conducted on subjects chosen by the Woman's Division.

Local Community service includes help for the needy and supplying personnel for work with retarded children of the public schools.

Below: WSCS in front of Church School Building.





Above: Sacrificial meal during Quiet Day Service, October 26, 1960, in observance of Week of Prayer.

Sudie Hunt Doughton, (right), is a special term missionary of the Woman's Division of the Methodist Church. She is serving at the Sweet Memorial Methodist Institute in Santiago, Chile. A native Tar Heel, her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George E. Doughton, reside at 2313 Wilson Street in Durham.

Miss Doughton's work in the foreign mission field is supported by the WSCS of Edenton Street Methodist Church, which contributes \$2,100 per year and by the WSCS of the Durham District, which contributes \$900 per year.



Sudie Hunt Doughton



WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD

The purpose of the Wesleyan Service Guild is to provide a channel through which employed women can achieve spiritual enrichment and Christian fellowship and take an active part in developing a world Christian community.

The Wesleyan Service Guild of Edenton Street Methodist Church was organized in 1940 upon the union of the Northern and Southern divisions of the Methodist church. There are now seven circles in the Guild with a membership of 191. One of the circles, The Mary Pescud circle, is the oldest organization in Edenton Street Methodist Church. It was organized on November 6, 1892, as the Mary Pescud Missionary Society with Miss Mary Pescud as its first president, and in 1940, it became the Mary Pescud Circle of the WSG. Miss Pescud was a missionary to South America; and another charter member of the circle, Miss Frances Burkhead, was a missionary to China.

The Guild supports Foreign and Home Missions with major emphasis on Foreign Missions.

The Guild initiated some years ago, and continues to sponsor, a sacrificial breakfast on Good Friday. The offering received at this service is used for some special cause.



METHODIST MEN

The Methodist Men's organization was begun in the mid-nineteen forties. Dr. A. J. Hobbs was the Pastor at that time. The purpose of this organization is to enable the men of the church to become better acquainted and to allow them to enjoy fellowship as they gain knowledge. The objectives of the organization for 1960-61 are:

"Methodist Men should serve the men of Edenton Street Methodist Church. We want to grow in number, in knowledge of Methodism, in knowledge of Edenton Street Methodist Church, to know each other better, and to grow in knowledge of God.

"Methodist Men's Fellowship should lead in demonstrating appreciation and support of the Chancel Choir.

"Methodist Men should encourage attendance at the Sunday evening worship services."

For the past several years the group has met on the second Monday night of each month. There is an informal gathering from 5:30 until 6:30 p.m. Light refreshments are served while the men assemble. Dinner is prepared by the ladies of one of the circles of the Woman's Society of Christian Service. Several boys from The Methodist Home for Children are always invited as guests.

Programs of an informative nature are usually presented. The December, 1960, program was "Choir Appreciation Night." Members of the Chancel Choir were special guests for dinner and thrilled the group with several beautiful Christmas selections. The Choir was conducted by Mr. Bedle and accompanied by Mrs. Miller. Each member of the Chancel Choir received a gift from the Methodist Men's Fellowship.

Methodist Men stress Sunday evening worship service attendance. They contribute to the service by singing in the Crusader Chorus one Sunday night a month during the year.

The current officers are:

President, Dr. Richard S. Hunter; First Vice-President (Program Chairman), John Hornbuckle; Second Vice-President (Membership Chairman), Parrott M. Hardy; Third Vice-President (Arrangements Chairman), F. Kent Burns; Secretary, Dr. Lloyd B. Stanley; Treasurer, W. T. Arthur; and Chaplain, The Reverend Robert L. Nicks.



THE W. A. STANBURY MEMORIAL LIBRARY



Dr. Powell accepts books in honor of The Reverend Vernon Tyson, Mr. Bedle and himself. These were presented by Miss Mary Gardner's Junior class.

When Miss Ann W. Woodall was Director of Religious Education, she, Dr. J. E. Hillman and Mrs. C. D. Douglas were among the people who first acted on the idea of establishing a library whose primary purpose would be to serve as a resource center for the Edenton Street Methodist Church and Church School. From the nucleus of books organized by these pioneers, Mr. Richard Lewis, later Director of Religious Education, and Miss Clyde Smith, librarian at the Olivia Raney Library, enlarged the collection and set up the library as a functioning part of the Church.

When the new Sanctuary and annex were built in 1957, it was decided to set aside a room for the library directly adjoining the office of the Director of Religious Education. The Library is called, "The W. A. Stanbury Memorial Library" in memory of a former Pastor. The furnishings of the room were given by Mrs. Earl W. Brian and the late Dr. Brian. Mrs. Brian served as secretary and pastoral assistant to Dr. Stanbury from 1923 to 1929. There are now 815 volumes on our shelves in addition to periodicals, film strips, slides and records. During the past year memorial gifts totaling approximately \$500 have enabled us to add substantially to the usefulness of this comparatively new and fast growing part of our Church.

The library is staffed by volunteer workers under the direction of Mrs. Lucian Peacock, Librarian.



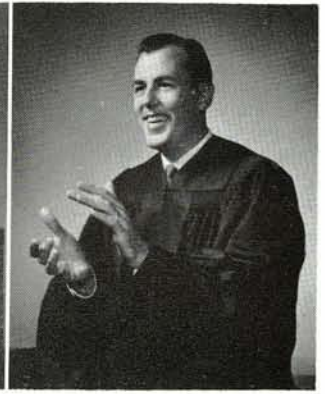
Mrs. Frank Wilson uses library materials in preparing to teach her class.



Farewell to the Lester Griffith family, missionaries to North Africa.



J. Warren Smith, Charge Lay Leader.



Choir Director Bud Bedle applauds a praiseworthy performance.



Mary Gardner, Superintendent of the Children's Division, and Don Dunham, Superintendent of the Youth Division of the Church School, confer on educational matters.



Preparing Sunday Night Supper for the Methodist Youth Fellowship.



10:30 Sunday Morning. A posed picture taken in the courtyard at the conclusion of Sunday School.



Miss Corinna Sanders and Mrs. H. O. Lineberger prepare mid-morning snacks for Vacation Church School.

OUR MISSIONARIES IN FOREIGN FIELDS

It is the privilege of our church to support with its funds, its prayers and its loving concern the work of these two families in foreign mission service. As our representatives they are bringing the message and the benefits of Christianity to peoples of faraway lands.



The Lester E. Griffith, Jr. family, serving in Tunisia. Left to right are Forrest, Valerie, Janice, Lester and Eric. Lester Griffith is a native of Cleveland, Ohio. He attended Ohio Wesleyan University and Vanderbilt School of Religion and did graduate work at Yale. After serving as pastor of several rural churches in Tennessee, he was designated a missionary to strife-torn Algeria and assigned to Edenton Street Church for support. He was director of the mission at Fort National in eastern Algeria, and was active in the "each one teach one" program to combat illiteracy. The smouldering warfare in North Africa surrounded his activities, and at one time he was a captive of the Algerian rebels. After a one year furlough in the United States, he and his family returned to Africa, and he is now in charge of a mission school in Tunisia.



The Clyde Tucker family, serving in Chile. Left to right are Theresa, John, Yvonne, Michael, Clyde, and Thomas. Clyde Tucker studied at Duke University, and has served as a pastor in Virginia. He is married to the former Yvonne Herndon of Durham. Their assignment in Chile takes them to Nueva Imperial in the South Central part of the country. Their charge is on the edge of Araucanian Indian territory, a tribe not yet completely civilized or conquered. Their work is principally with education, medical relief and hygiene. They were most active in the disastrous earthquakes in Chile in 1960.

A REDEMPTIVE EXPERIENCE IN CAPTIVITY



The Reverend Lester E. Griffith, Jr., one of our missionaries, was serving in Algeria in the summer of 1958. On all sides he saw manifestations of the emotions and divisions brought about by the struggle for Algerian independence from France. This is a complex question, and one which is far from solved today, nearly three years later. In August, 1958, Lester Griffith was making a journey away from his assigned post when he was taken prisoner by members of the "National Liberation Army," the soldiers of the Algerian rebels, who initially believed that he was an enemy to their cause. For weeks, his whereabouts were unknown; and his family, his friends, and his church had no knowledge of his fate. When the rebel soldiers became convinced that he was a religious worker and not a political one, they eventually set him free. Mr. Griffith in a letter to the Pastor of this church has given the following redemptive interpretation of his experience as a prisoner:

I was on my way out to freedom from my captivity among the Algerian rebels when the answer to one of the strongest questions I had in those days became crystal clear.

I was with a patrol of four soldiers, three of whom had gone ahead to scout the way. The fourth, an eighteen year old boy, unmindful of danger, led me steadily forward. My thoughts gradually centered on this young soldier. I thought to myself, "Just what is it that makes this illiterate boy walk silently on with no knowledge of whom he is leading or why? He knows the danger, for many have already met death on these same paths."

Then I knew I had the answer. He was led on by an idea. To himself he was saying and believing, "Our independence is coming, and I am ready to die for it." An unknown leader out there somewhere was giving the orders, and he was obeying without question or hesitation. He knew what he was living for and what he was willing to die for.

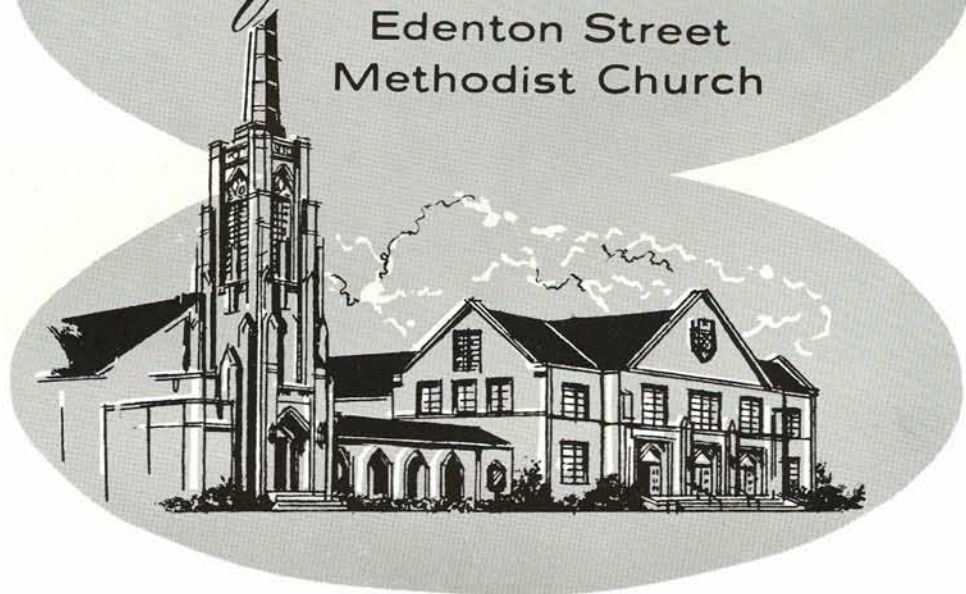
Then a new thought came to me. Our battle of life is on different terms, but the parable is there. To die is not the worst by far that can happen to us; that gradual death of the soul as we back away from right principles into the slavery of an uninspired, selfish, and undisciplined life is immeasurably worse.

We are called to citizenship in the highest community of all, the Kingdom of God. We have a known leader for all Eternity, Jesus Christ. Will our ardor in our cause and our trust in our Leader match that of my youthful guide?

The COMMEMORATION of
One Hundred and Fifty Years



Sesquicentennial
Edenton Street
Methodist Church



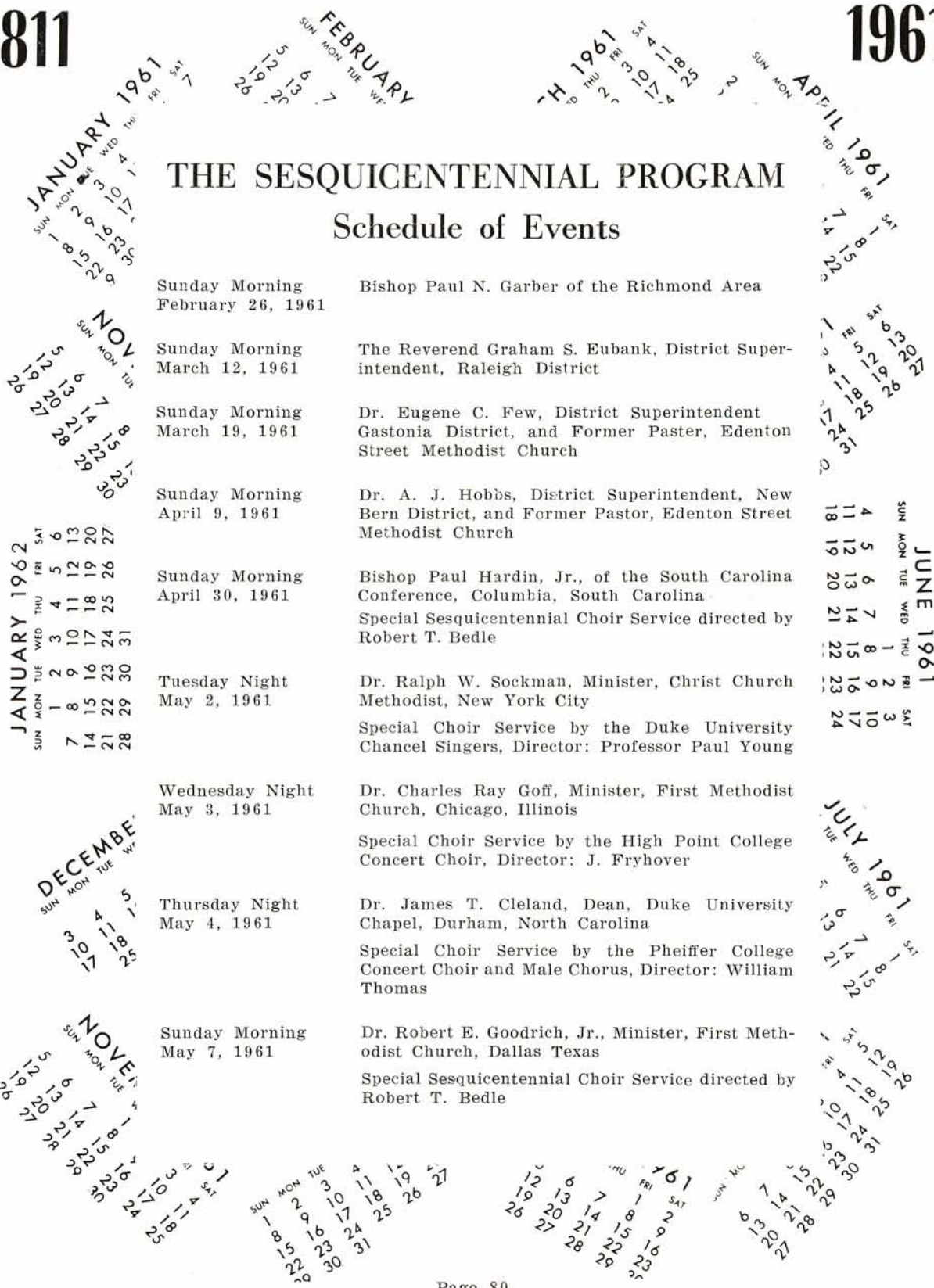
*"Unshaken as eternal hills
Inviolable she stands.
A mounta'n that shall fill the earth,
A house not made with hands."*

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THE SESQUICENTENNIAL PROGRAM

Schedule of Events



- Sunday Morning**
February 26, 1961
Bishop Paul N. Garber of the Richmond Area
- Sunday Morning**
March 12, 1961
The Reverend Graham S. Eubank, District Superintendent, Raleigh District
- Sunday Morning**
March 19, 1961
Dr. Eugene C. Few, District Superintendent Gastonia District, and Former Pastor, Edenton Street Methodist Church
- Sunday Morning**
April 9, 1961
Dr. A. J. Hobbs, District Superintendent, New Bern District, and Former Pastor, Edenton Street Methodist Church
- Sunday Morning**
April 30, 1961
Bishop Paul Hardin, Jr., of the South Carolina Conference, Columbia, South Carolina
Special Sesquicentennial Choir Service directed by Robert T. Bedle
- Tuesday Night**
May 2, 1961
Dr. Ralph W. Sockman, Minister, Christ Church Methodist, New York City
Special Choir Service by the Duke University Chancel Singers, Director: Professor Paul Young
- Wednesday Night**
May 3, 1961
Dr. Charles Ray Goff, Minister, First Methodist Church, Chicago, Illinois
Special Choir Service by the High Point College Concert Choir, Director: J. Fryhover
- Thursday Night**
May 4, 1961
Dr. James T. Cleland, Dean, Duke University Chapel, Durham, North Carolina
Special Choir Service by the Pheiffer College Concert Choir and Male Chorus, Director: William Thomas
- Sunday Morning**
May 7, 1961
Dr. Robert E. Goodrich, Jr., Minister, First Methodist Church, Dallas Texas
Special Sesquicentennial Choir Service directed by Robert T. Bedle



Bishop Paul Neff Garber, of the Richmond Area

Bishop Paul Neff Garber was born at New Market, Virginia, July 27, 1899. He received the degree of Bachelor of Arts from Bridgewater College in 1919; Master of Arts, University of Pennsylvania in 1921; and Doctor of Philosophy, University of Pennsylvania, in 1923. He also studied at Crozer Theological Seminary and has received honorary degrees from five colleges and universities. Bishop Garber has been a member of the faculty of the University of Pennsylvania, Brown University, and Duke University, where he was Dean of the Divinity School.

In 1926 the Western North Carolina Conference welcomed Dr. Garber to its membership. In 1944 he was elected Bishop of the Methodist Church. He served as Bishop of the Geneva Area and had supervision of the Methodist Conference in North Africa, Spain, Switzerland, Belgium, Czechoslovakia, Poland, Yugoslavia, Hungary, Austria, Bulgaria, and the Madeira Islands. Since 1952 Bishop Garber has been in charge of the Richmond Area which comprises the Virginia and North Carolina Conferences.

A MESSAGE FROM BISHOP GARBER

The first Methodist Church in the world was the Foundry Church in London, England. John Wesley was the first pastor and under his leadership the Foundry congregation adopted certain practices which can be considered the landmarks of world Methodism.

There were nine landmarks in this mother church of Methodism; first, vital religion was stressed; second, the church had a sane theology; third, it was a witnessing church; fourth, it was a democratic church; fifth, the Foundry was a place where laymen and laywomen played a vital part; sixth, the congregation believed in home and foreign missions; seventh, the members of the Foundry felt that they had an obligation to care for the poor and the needy; eighth, an educational program was stressed; and ninth, the Foundry was a growing and evangelistic church. These nine characteristics were the landmarks of early Methodism.

I am so happy that on the 150th anniversary of the founding of our Edenton Street Methodist Church, Raleigh, it can truly be said that this congregation in 1961, in a modern era, is still in historic succession with the Foundry, the mother church of Methodism. Edenton Street Methodist Church has never removed the ancient landmarks which our fathers have set.

First, vital religion is stressed in our Edenton Street Methodist Church. Our pastors have always emphasized the historic theme of Methodism such as salvation by faith, the witness of the spirit, the doctrine of assurance and the holiness of life. Hearts were warmed at the Foundry in 1739 and hearts are also warmed at Edenton Street Methodist Church in 1961.

Second, the sane theology of pioneer Methodism still characterizes Edenton Street Methodist Church. "Is thy heart right? Dost thou love and serve God?" are still the theological tests of membership.

Third, our Edenton Street Methodist Church in 1961 is known as a witnessing church. Just as the Foundry, our members testify to their faith by doing no harm, by avoiding evil of all kinds, by doing good to all people, and by attending upon the ordinances of God.

Fourth, a democratic spirit is found in 1961 in Edenton Street Methodist Church. It is not a class church but instead people of all social and economic strata are welcomed in this congregation.

Fifth, laymen and laywomen in 1961 play a vital part in Edenton Street Methodist Church. They are in historic succession with those pioneer members of the Foundry who supported John Wesley in laying the foundations of world Methodism.

Sixth, Edenton Street Methodist Church, like the Foundry, has always led in the missionary movement. It is with justifiable pride that we remember that it was a pastor of Edenton Street Methodist Church, Brother Melville B. Cox, who became the first American Methodist to go as a foreign missionary and who died in Liberia as our first martyr of Methodist missions.

Seventh, the humanitarian spirit of Edenton Street Methodist Church is shown in 1961 by the manner, for example, in which the congregation supports the Methodist Home for Children in Raleigh and the Methodist Retirement Home in Durham. Edenton Street members have always given generously to help the poor and the needy and assist sick people through the Golden Cross Society.

Eighth, as at the Foundry, Edenton Street Methodist Church through an excellent church school program in the Poindexter Educational Building, stresses the union of piety and learning. The support by Edenton Street Methodist Church of our Methodist colleges and Wesley Foundations shows concern for the Christian education of young people who might be denied a college education without the support of this congregation.

Ninth, and of greatest importance, because of its passion for souls, Edenton Street Methodist Church in 1961 is truly in historic succession with early Methodism. As a result, although now a down-town church, Edenton Street Methodist Church continues to grow, and this is because of the evangelistic zeal of the pastors and members.

As your Bishop, your colleague and friend, I thank our Heavenly Father for the many contributions made by Edenton Street Methodist Church toward the saving of souls and the betterment of mankind during the past one hundred and fifty years. I am grateful that in 1961 Edenton Street Methodist Church is truly in historic succession with the Foundry, the mother church of Methodism. My prayer is that Edenton Street Methodist Church in the years ahead may always continue this program and ever remain loyal to the historic landmarks of early Methodism.

Fraternally yours,
Paul Neff Garber

GUEST SPEAKERS



DR. RALPH W. SOCKMAN
Pastor, Christ Church, Methodist,
New York City

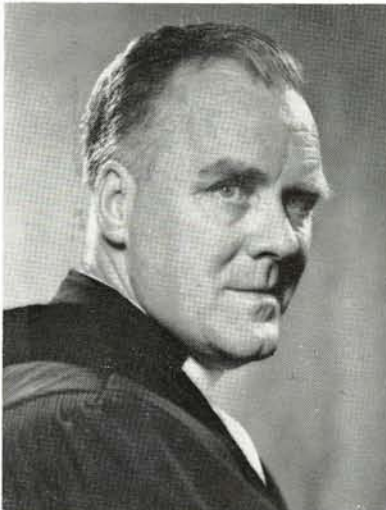
Dr. Robert E. Goodrich, Jr., a Texan, after attending schools in his home state and Louisiana, was graduated from Centenary Academy. Through his junior year, he attended Centenary College, and after a three-year venture into radio, returned to college to prepare for the ministry. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Birmingham-Southern University. Subsequently he studied for three years in the Theological School of Southern Methodist University. Centenary College conferred upon him an honorary doctorate.

Dr. Goodrich has served as pastor in the churches of Port Arthur, Houston, El Paso, and Dallas. Through radio he has reached millions. He was the producer of the first professional Methodist radio program and for two years was the preacher on the Methodist series of the Protestant Hour. His filmed program, **The Pastor Calls**, is now televised under the auspices of the National Council of Churches.

Among the books written by Dr. Goodrich are **What's It All About?** and **Reach for the Sky**.



DR. ROBERT E. GOODRICH, JR.
Pastor, First Methodist Church,
Dallas, Texas



DR. JAMES T. CLELAND
Dean of the Chapel,
Duke University,
Durham, North Carolina

Dr. Ralph W. Sockman was born in Mt. Vernon, Ohio, and graduated from Wesleyan University. From Columbia University he received both his Master of Arts and Doctor of Philosophy degrees. Having completed training at Union Theological Seminary, he joined the staff of the Madison Avenue Methodist Church, now Christ Church, Methodist. In 1917 he came into the full pastorate where he has served over forty years.

Since 1928, he has been the speaker on the National Pulpit, the oldest leading Protestant broadcast in the world. He is president of the Church Peace Union, a Carnegie Foundation, and the Board of World Peace of the Methodist Church. He is also Chaplain of New York University. Among his books are **The Higher Happiness**, **How to Believe**, **The Whole Armor of God** and **Man's First Love**.

Dr. Sockman holds honorary degrees from twenty-one schools. Twice he has refused the position of bishop. In a poll conducted by **Christian Century** he was named one of the six most outstanding clergymen of all denominations in the world today.

Dr. James T. Cleland, Dean of the Chapel and James B. Duke Professor of Teaching at Duke University, was born in Glasgow, Scotland. After graduation from Hillhead High School in that city, he received his Master of Arts degree from Glasgow University. Coming to America, he earned distinction with work at Union Theological Seminary in New York City. In 1951 Davidson College bestowed upon him an honorary Doctor of Divinity Degree.

Dr. Cleland has been affiliated with the instructional departments of the following schools: Amherst College, Massachusetts; Glasgow University, Divinity Hall, Scotland; Union Theological Seminary, New York City; Pacific School of Religion, Berkeley, California; and Duke University. His lectureships include the Frederic Rogers Kellogg Lectures, Episcopal Theological School, Cambridge, Massachusetts; The Hoyt Lectures of Auburn Seminary, Union Theological Seminary, New York; The Peyton Lectures, Southern Methodist University, Texas; and the Zimmerman Lectures, Luthern Theological Seminary, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania.

Dr. Cleland's writings have been published in **Best Sermons**, **The Interpreter's Bible**, **The True and Lively Word** and **Occasional Sermons**.

FOR THE SESQUICENTENNIAL

A native of Chester, South Carolina, **Bishop Paul Hardin, Jr.**, attended school in that city and then was graduated from Wofford College with a Bachelor of Arts Degree and from Candler School of Theology, Emory University, with a Bachelor of Divinity Degree. Later the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity was conferred upon him by Wofford and by Birmingham Southern College.

Bishop Hardin joined the Western North Carolina Conference in the fall of 1927, and served numerous pastorates, including Central Church, Shelby, and Wesley Memorial Church, High Point. In 1949 he became the minister of the First Methodist Church of Birmingham, Alabama, where he served eleven years.

In 1960 Bishop Hardin was one of five men elected on the first ballot by the North Alabama Conference as delegates to the General and Jurisdictional Conference. At the Jurisdictional Conference at Lake Junaluska in July of that year he was one of the four men elected to the episcopacy, after which he was assigned to the new Columbia Area.



BISHOP PAUL HARDIN, JR.
Bishop, Columbia Area,
South Carolina



THE REVEREND G. S. EUBANK
District Superintendent,
Raleigh District, North Carolina

Dr. Charles Ray Goff, a native of Iowa, is the pastor of the famed Chicago Temple, the oldest church in Chicago. He was educated at Northwestern University, where he was honored with an Alumni Merit Award, and at Garrett Biblical Institute, where the degree of Doctor of Divinity was conferred upon him. He was later affiliated with both of the above schools.

Before coming to the Chicago Temple, Dr. Goff served churches in Oak Park and Rockford, Illinois.

He is a leader in civic and ecclesiastical affairs and is much sought after as a lecturer, having spoken for interdenominational conferences and conventions in almost every state in the union. He is the author of **A Better Hope, Anyone for Calvary?; Invitation to Commune; and Chapel in the Sky.** Dr. Goff is the preacher for a network program called **Methodist Men's Hour** currently carried over four hundred radio stations.



DR. CHARLES RAY GOFF
Pastor, Chicago Temple,
Chicago, Illinois

GREETINGS FROM FORMER PASTORS

The messages printed below are excerpts from letters received at the church from all of the living past pastors.



Dr. Frank S. Love
1929-1931

Dr. Eugene C. Few
1932-1938

Greetings and congratulations to a great church in a high hour. You can recall your history with pride and look to the future with confidence. When we hear the story of 150 years—a thrilling history of missionary endeavor and evangelism—and recall the disasters of fire and storm and the measure of your faith and courage as you turn to rebuild, one can but thank God for this great church with its ever-increasing awareness of its place in service to the world and to all mankind.

In our retirement we recall the days of association with you with joy and thanksgiving.

F. S. Love

God and His Church are permanent. They abide. How many dedicated members have been willing to pour their lives into Edenton Street Methodist Church—into something bigger than themselves — during the past One Hundred and Fifty years! Congratulations to the present Pastors and members who count it a privilege to serve a Church that will remain a blessing long after they have gone.

John C. Glenn

Surely, the rich heritage bequeathed us by the original founders of Edenton Street Methodist Church and by others who have followed them in uncompromising devotion to their church and Lord, are sufficient to cause us with becoming humility and determination to dedicate ourselves as never before to sustained loyalty to the church and to Christ Jesus, our Redeemer, the Eternal Rock, upon which the Christian Church is built.

Yours in gratitude to Edenton Street Methodist Church and to our God.

Eugene C. Few

Many of God's most noble spirits, men and women of warm hearts and never-failing loyalties, have made their contribution to maintain in the heart of our State one of the great churches of all time. As one generation of loyal workers has passed, another has risen to maintain the noble ideals and principles which have from decade to decade kept her on the course that leads to Christian victory. For all these great souls, both past and present, who have given so generously and faithfully of their talent, their prayers, their labors, their loyalty, and their means, we thank our Heavenly Father.

I know that thousands upon thousands of Christian men and women everywhere will join me in fervent prayer that Edenton Street Methodist Church may continue through all the years ahead to show people the way of our Lord, and to lead them into and along this blessed way.

A. J. Hobbs



Dr. John C. Glenn
1938-1942

Dr. A. J. Hobbs
1942-1947

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Recognizing that an event of such significance as the One Hundred and Fiftieth Anniversary of the organizing of Edenton Street Methodist Church should be appropriately observed, the church had planned a commemorative program for many months. More than one year ago the above committee was named for the purpose of planning activities which would suitably denote the passing of this milestone in the life of the church. Charles H. Young, a lifelong active church member, was chosen to direct this large project. The committee first met in the Joseph G. Brown Chapel on May 10, 1960, and decided upon a program that would include outstanding speakers, outstanding music, a commemorative book, and messages of lasting value. The various subordinate committee chairmen were chosen, who in turn picked their working committees. Thanks is expressed to all of these and to the many not named here who have contributed some part to making this Sesquicentennial a meaningful activity in the service of Christ.



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WEDNESDAY EVENING, MAY 3, 1961, 8:00 O'clock

The Organ Prelude.....Mrs. William D. Miller, *Organist*
The Choral Call To Worship
The Hymn 50—"Saviour, Breathe An Evening Blessing".....Evening Prayer
The Evening Prayer
The High Point College Concert Choir.....J. Fryhover, *Director*
The Lesson From The Holy Scriptures—James 4:10-16
The High Point College Concert Choir.....J. Fryhover, *Director*
The Sermon—*THIS IS YOUR LIFE*.....Dr. Charles Ray Goff
Text—"For what is your life? It is even a vapour." —James 4:14
The Hymn 225—"Take My Life, And Let It Be".....Messiah
The Benediction And Choral Response
The Organ Postlude

THURSDAY EVENING, MAY 4, 1961, 8:00 O'clock

The Organ Prelude.....Mrs. William D. Miller, *Organist*
The Choral Call To Worship
The Hymn 378—"I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord".....St. Thomas
The Evening Prayer
The Pfeiffer College Concert Choir and Male Chorus.....William B. Thomas, *Director*
The Lesson From The Holy Scriptures—Philippians 3:13-21
The Pfeiffer College Concert Choir and Male Chorus.....William B. Thomas, *Director*
The Sermon—*A COLONY OF HEAVEN*.....Dr. James T. Cleland
The Hymn 384—"O Where Are Kings And Empires Now".....St. Anne
The Benediction And Choral Response
The Organ Postlude

SUNDAY MORNING, MAY 7, 1961, 11:00 O'clock

The Organ Prelude.....Mrs. William D. Miller, *Organist*
The Chiming Of The Hour
The Choral Call To Worship
The Invocation
The Hymn 18—"For The Beauty Of The Earth"Dix
The Apostles' Creed
The Anthem—"Praise To The Lord".....*arr. Christiansen*
The Sesquicentennial Choir, Robert Bedle, *Director*
The Responsive Reading
The Gloria Patri
The Lesson From The Holy Scriptures
The Hymn Of Christian Fellowship—"Blest Be The Tie That Binds".....(First Stanza)
The Worship In Tithes And Offerings
The Offertory—"Alleluia".....*Thompson*
The Dedication Of Tithes And Offerings
The Sermon—*FOR SUCH A DAY*.....Dr. Robert E. Goodrich, Jr.
The Hymn 280—"Onward, Christian Soldiers!".....St. Gertrude
The Benediction And Choral Response
The Organ Postlude

THE MEMORIAL BOOK COMMITTEE

To the congregation and friends of this great church the Sesquicentennial Book Committee is pleased to present *Edenton Street in Methodism*. Every step in its preparation was undertaken with prayer that it might be worthy of its theme and that it might furnish both the present members and those of generations to come with an inspiring documented history of this beloved organization.

Work on the publication was started in June, 1960. After selecting the type of book that would be appropriate, determining the subject matter desired, and studying the organization of the volume, the committee accepted bids and awarded the printing contract. Research then began. Many members of the church and friends of the congregation gave invaluable aid in supplying history and pictures. The collection of material for the section on the Church of Today was made possible by the whole-hearted cooperation of the entire congregation. Former associates, pastors, and the present bishop contributed greetings and messages.

Now with the distribution of the publication, the committee's work is ended. Its members have considered it a pleasure, a privilege, and an inspiration to produce the book and fervently hope that it will meet with the approval of the membership of the church who entrusted to them the task of publishing it.



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The committee wishes to express its appreciation to all those who were helpful in the publication of *Edenton Street in Methodism*. It is not possible to name all individually, but the following deserve personal commendation for many hours of unselfish assistance in this work:

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Edenton Street Methodist Church



TOMORROW

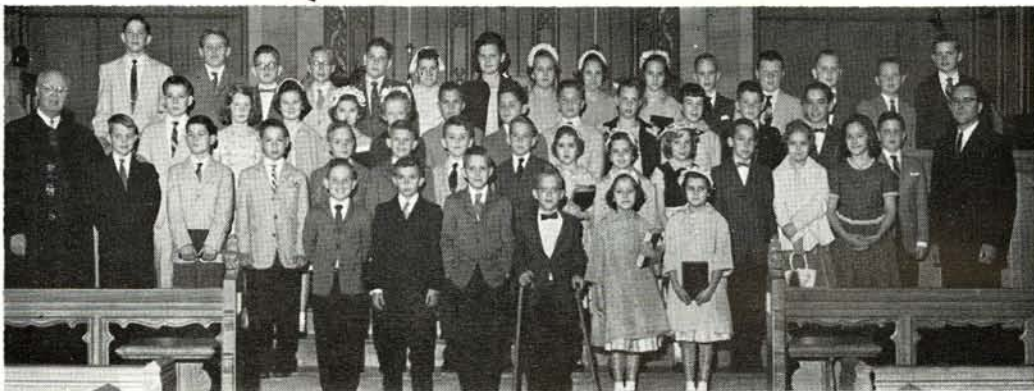
*"O, Spirit of the Living God,
Thou Light and Fire Divine,
Descend upon Thy Church once more
And make it truly Thine."*

OUR HOPE FOR YEARS TO COME



*"Give a little child a place
In the Kingdom of Thy Grace."*

Our church of tomorrow, our hopes, our desires,
and our dream of the future will some day be
entrusted to our children of today. Our devotion
and our duty is a heritage we share with them.



OUR CHURCH OF TOMORROW

BY C. A. DILLON

One hundred and fifty years ago . . . what an inspiring scene if we could go back and witness the beginning of our great church. Certainly it was a small beginning, but it was a significant one. Destiny was involved, and destiny helped to design the pattern of Methodism in Raleigh. It was the beginning of a church that would survive great physical hazards including fire, lightning and storm. It would undergo repeated destruction, building and rebuilding, until today we have a church structure whose beauty is admired by all who behold it. A nucleus of Edenton Street Methodist Church members has been the center around which many new churches have been activated and have grown up while the membership of our own church continues to be large.

One hundred and fifty years ahead of us . . . what shall this church be? We try to visualize it, but we are powerless to see so far into the future. Yet we are already vitally concerned about the blueprint for the future. We must plan wisely and work diligently for the constant and effective growth of Edenton Street Methodist Church, on this very spot and on the land around it, so that there shall ever be a great Methodist Church in downtown Raleigh. We believe this is our privilege and opportunity to serve the glory of God.

We need a downtown church which will provide opportunities for worship, enrichment and spiritual growth for all ages. We need and want older people, yes, but we want many more children and youth and young adults. We want and we have an increasing number of these young people. Our church must have a vital program to meet the need of all age groups.

To do this effectively we must have a beautiful and adequate church plant. As times change our church will be called upon to provide for an increasing number of functions. In the very near future we will be in need of additional Sunday School rooms. Our children and youth also need facilities separate and apart from the rooms which are used for worship. They need places where they can carry on a wide variety of wholesome and constructive recreational activities. We should begin planning immediately for the construction of a recreational annex to our education building. We must have space, appropriately designed and equipped for dramatics, indoor games, Christian fellowship in play and other creative outlets for the energies of our young people.

If we are to have an adequate church plant, it will be necessary for us to acquire all the surrounding land available, even if we are called upon to make sacrifices in money to gain possession of the land which we want and need. There must be room for the growth and enlargement of church buildings. Around the buildings of the present and the future, additional parking facilities will be needed. People will not go to church where there is little parking space, just as they will not patronize a store with limited space for their automobiles. A large and attractive parking place with beautified surroundings will encourage people to attend the services of the church.

People will continue to come to our church seeking spiritual growth and guidance. There are more hearts hungry for spiritual help and nourishment now than ever before. There are disturb-



Clyde A. Dillon served as Chairman of the Building Committee for the remodeling program in 1951, and for the reconstruction in 1957. He has been active in the physical expansion plans and programs of the church for more than thirty years. From this experience he has anticipated the concrete needs of the church of the future at the request of the Sesquicentennial Committee.

ing elements in modern society which make it necessary for our people to seek, more and more, spiritual direction in their lives. Those who do not find spiritual direction will add failure to failure.

Our church program should be designed to give people, especially young people, what they really need. Such a program would require us to have not one full-time associate pastor, but two. There will be enough challenge from the entire community to keep two good associate pastors busy, on the streets, in the homes of our people, with the people who might become numbered among us, and in hospitals and nursing homes, where there are anxious eyes looking for a true minister of Christ to come to their bedsides. Schools will be calling for the assistance of good ministerial helpers. Clubs and civic organizations need their inspiration. We will also need a full-time director of religious education and training in the ever-growing church. We should by all means have a full-time minister of music who will teach the meaning of the beautiful hymns of the church and who will train the various groups to sing them.

Looking to the future development and growth of Edenton Street Methodist Church, we are aware of the challenge that lies ahead of us. If we stay constantly alert to provide an adequate and appropriate church plant, plenty of parking space, and a consecrated and well-trained staff, we shall be an ever-growing church in downtown Raleigh; and we shall attract at all times the young and the old by doing the most that we humanly can for the good of all, under the leadership of the Holy Spirit. As God directs and as we respond to his every call, we shall seek His approval and we shall be a happy people.



*"Young souls meekly striving
To walk in holy ways."*



Vacation Church School



Tea party time in the nursery



Game time at Scout meeting



Fund-raising for the MYF

FROM THE HEART OF THE PASTOR A Prayer For Our Church

SERVING CHRIST AND HIS CHURCH over a period of one hundred and fifty years is a distinction and a sacred privilege for which to be thankful. To have been numbered among the congregations and pastors responsible for these years inspires a prayer of Thanksgiving to Almighty God. Therefore, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, the following prayer is offered:

OUR EVERLIVING LORD, we come to acknowledge an unpayable indebtedness, the proportions of which we shall never be able to comprehend until together we find ourselves in The Father's House. Reverently and humbly we give Thee hearty thanks for those from whose hearts and hands we received Thy benedictions. For the warmth of their hearts, touched and made tender by the Eternal Heart of God, we bless Thee. For their impressive examples of fortitude and unqualified loyalty to the Church they loved, we praise Thy Name. For those who have received and preserved their influence and made it a part of our heritage we are grateful.

We hold in tender memory those who from the beginning of this Church and throughout succeeding years have given themselves as officers, teachers, and workers in the Sunday School, thus giving to the Church well trained boys and girls in mind and heart. We thank Thee for those children whose parents have, through the Sacrament of Baptism, dedicated them early to our Saviour and His Church. For those who in the atmosphere of this Sanctuary have committed their lives to Christ through repentance and the forgiveness of their sins and have assumed the vows of membership in the Church. Blessed be Thy Name for all those whose marriage vows have been spoken at the Altar of this Church thereby laying the foundation for Christian homes. For those hearts have been comforted and whose minds have been alerted, we thank Thee. For all the prayers that have been prayed here during the one hundred and fifty years of history, we lift grateful hearts.

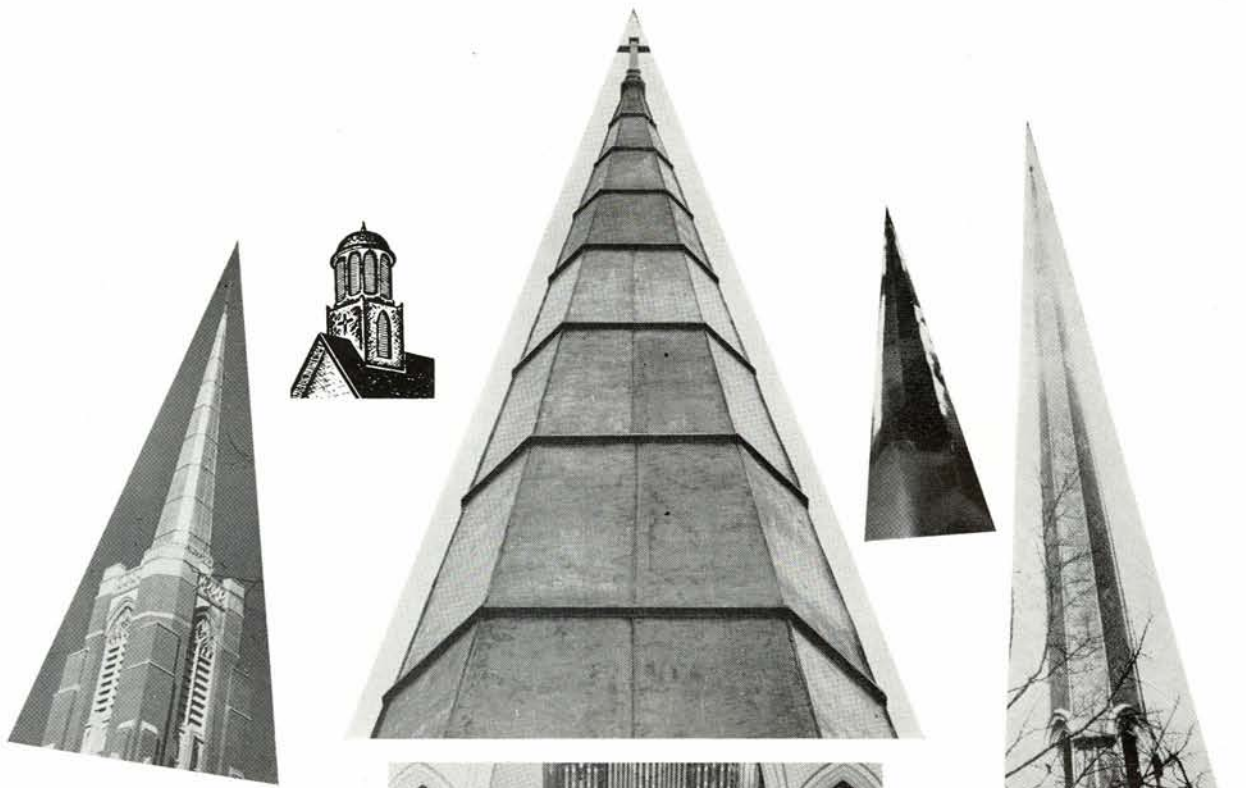
Make us worthy as we serve between generations preceding and succeeding us that we shall not fail to strengthen the influence of the Church—proving ourselves worthy of our heritage and equal to our responsibilities for the future. Through the ministry of the Holy Spirit intensify our concern for all those for whom this Church will have a responsibility through the coming years. Forbid that any one should be denied the benefits of grace through our neglect.

Grant unto those ministers, laymen and laywomen who will succeed us great vision, dedication, wisdom, generosity, and devotion as followers of the Master in preserving spiritual traditions purchased for them and us through sacrifices which we have not yet been willing to make.

Growing out of our faithfulness and loyalty to the Church may congregations find here spiritual hospitality to the Highest—going forth refreshed, purified, and empowered to make goodness attractive and immortality a necessity. In this Blessed Hope our Forefathers have lived; in this Blessed Hope we are now living, and in this Blessed Hope we anticipate in our prayers a glorious future for our Church! Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Howard P. Powell, Minister of Edenton Street Methodist Church.



JESUS WITH THY CHURCH ABIDE

(Litany)

Thomas B. Pollock, 1836-1896

Frederick A. J. Hervey, 1846-1910

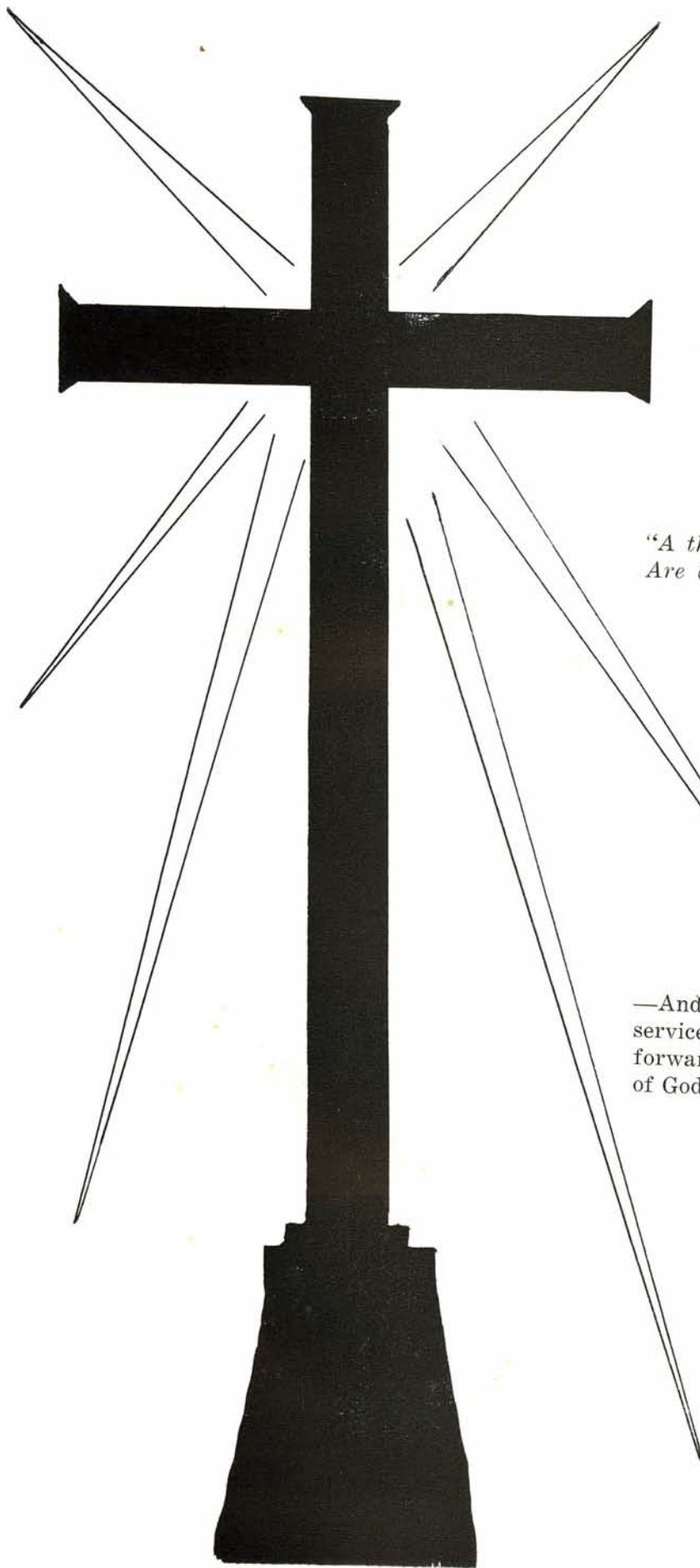
1. Je—sus, with Thy Church a—bide; Be her Sav—iour
2. May her voice be ev—er clear, Warn—ing of a

Lord and Guide, While on earth her faith is tried:
Judge-ment near, Tell—ing of a Sav—iour dear

We be—seech Thee, Hear us. A—men.
We be—seech Thee, Hear us. A—men.

3. May she guide the poor and blind,
Seek the lost until she find,
And the broken-hearted bind;
We beseech thee, Hear us.
4. May her lamp of truth be bright;
Bid her bear aloft its light
Thro' the realms of pagan night;
We beseech, thee, Hear us.

5. Judge her not for work undone,
Judge her not for fields unwon,
Bless her works in thee begun;
We beseech, thee, Hear us.
6. May she holy triumphs win,
Overthrow the hosts of sin,
Gather all the nations in;
We beseech, thee, Hear us.



*“A thousand ages in Thy sight
Are as an evening gone—”*

—And one hundred and fifty years of
service is no more than a single step
forward in the everlasting purpose
of God.