

HISTORY OF FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Faith United Methodist Church was organized as Glen Raven Methodist Church September 7, 1907 by Rev. David Loy. The people met in a factory house in Glen Raven village until 1910 when land was given by Levi Michael on Glen Raven road. In 1912 the church was put on a circuit with Graham and Haw River. The three churches had 150 in Sunday School. By 1916 under Rev. R.S. Troxler the three churches grew to 246 members and paid \$111.00 benevolences. In 1918 land was purchased from L.A. Johnson on W. Davis and Webb Ave. for \$200.00. Under Rev. Troxler a new building was built in 1919 from trees given by Capt. J.A. Turrentine. Membership grew to 323 and budget \$3,748.00. The next pastors, Rev. J.H. Abernathy and J.A. Ledbetter, saw growth.

In June, 1922 land was purchased on W. Davis St. for \$500.00 and a parsonage built. Rev. J.M. Morgan was pastor. From 1923 - 1942 the following pastors served the Church: Rev. Clyde Aumn, T.A. Williams, W.H. Nease, O.C. Loy, A.D. Shelton, J.P. Pegg, R.S. Troxler, J.F. Coble, R.H. Lewis, G.W. Crutchfield.

In 1943 Glen Raven Methodist Church was made station with 177 members under Rev. E.G. Purcell. There were 189 members by 1944, and an educational building was built. By 1949 membership reached 273 with 242 in Sunday School. Under Rev. Johnnie L. Joyce a new parsonage was built on Davis Street. Between 1951 - 1959 the Church had the following pastors: Rev. M.K. Glover, J.D. Cranford, E.F. Shuler, Christian White. Under the ministry of Rev. White land was purchased and the present sanctuary and educational building built in 1958. Rev. White and members did much of the labor. The following pastors served from 1960 - 1977: Rev. R.T. Commander, J.W. Scott, G.W. Johnson, T.J. Whitehead, C.F. Hirschi, Eric O. Murray. Plans were made under the ministry of Rev. Hirschi for a new parsonage. Mrs. Bessie Hornaday gave one lot on the corner of Greenwood Terrace and Harriet Drive and the church bought the other. Under the ministry of Rev. Murray the parsonage was built in 1976 at a cost of \$53,000.00.