



GIBSON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

FOUNDED 1884 - CLOSED 2009 - RE-OPENED 2010

DR. WILLIAM KELLON QUICK, PASTOR: 2010-2011

REV. PATRICIA HALL STONE, PASTOR: 2011-

Gibson UMC

Gibson, North Carolina



"Come, Follow Me."

DEDICATION

Pastors from 1884 - 2011

A. P. TYRE	1884-85	W. H. KEELER	1940-42
L. E. STACY	1885-87	W. H. BROWN	1942-42
J. W. NORTH	1887-89	J. P. PEGG	1942-47
J. T. LYON	1889-92	W. L. MANESS	1947-51
L. M. WOOD	1892-93	F. R. DAIL	1951-54
W. S. DAVIS	1893-95	M. W. WARREN	1954-58
W. J. CROWSON	1895-96	G. L. KINLEY	1958-62
M. D. HIX	1896-99	C.H. MEWBORN	1962-67
J. A. LEE	1899-1903	W. A. CROW	1967-69
G. B. PERRY	1903-04	J. DAVID JONES	1969-75
F. B. McCALL	1904-07	H. T. PICKETT	1975-77
L. I. NASH	1907-09	JOHN E. WOOD	1977-77
W. W PEELE	1909-09	RUTH E. HARPER	1977-83
N. E. COLTRANE	1909-11	JOHN BUTSON	1983-89
O. W. DOWD	1911-15	RICHARD LEONHARD	1989-93
W. H. BROWN	1915-19	KATHRYN JOHNSON	1993-96
J. E. UNDERWOOD	1919-20	CHONG HO YANG	1996-99
A. J. PARKER	1920-24	HAROLD SALMON	1999-2007
J. B. THOMPSON	1924-28	TOM MILLER	2007-09
E. B. FISHER	1928-32	CHURCH CLOSED	2009-10
J. H. BUFFALOE	1932-36	WILLIAM K. QUICK	2010-11
J. W. LINEBERGER	1936-40	PATRICIA STONE	2011-



We dedicate this publication to

JOHN G. BERRY, JR.

AND

SADIE L. ODOM (MRS. G. C.)

whose love, dedication, vision and hard work kept this church cared for while it was closed and until we were able to re-open its doors; and to those faithful servants, Pastors and Laity, who served from its founding in 1884 to the closing in 2009.



CELEBRATING THE CHURCH'S RE-OPENING - JULY 4, 2010



1884 Gibson Church was born. In 2009, Gibson Church was closed. The North Carolina Conference closed the building, but the love in the heart of the Gibson Methodist family was never closed. Prayers ascended to heaven that their church might be re-opened. One of those persons troubled by this action was a man who had first entered the Gibson Church building as a lad of five. He had a special heart for the church and the town. This man, now a retired Methodist Pastor teaching at Duke Divinity School, had been present with his wife Mary, the day in March 2009 when the congregation first learned the church would be closed. He purposed in his heart through prayer and action that the decision might ultimately be reversed and the church re-opened.

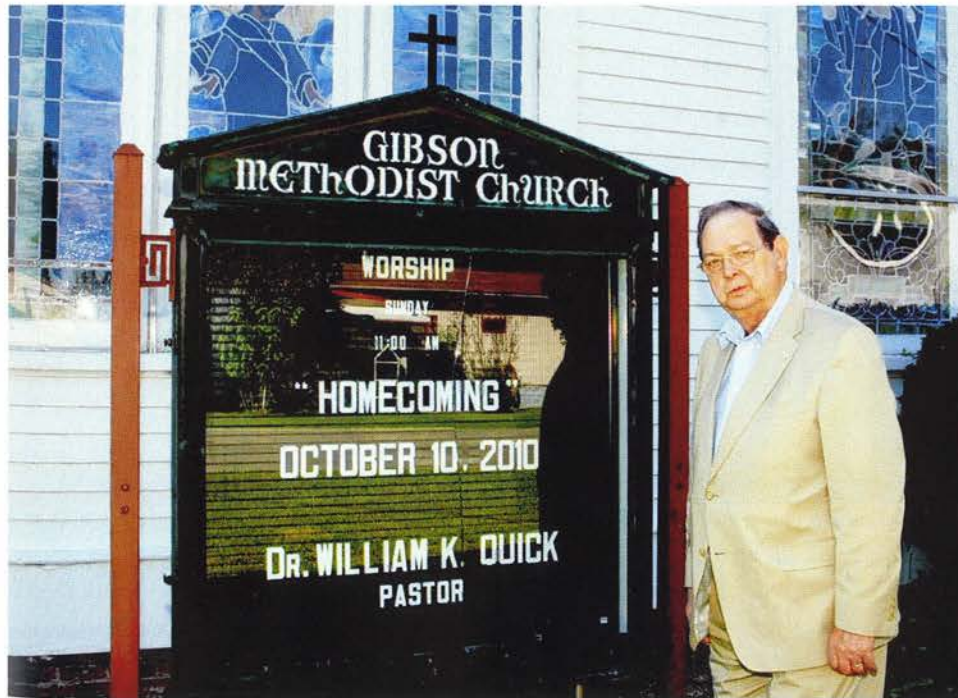
After conversations with the Bishop, the District Superintendent and some members of the congregation, Dr. William K. Quick was summoned to the Rockingham District Parsonage on Mothers' Day 2010 to hear the news that the Bishop had given approval to re-open the church if Dr. Quick would agree to be appointed to serve as the Pastor-in-Charge. He readily agreed to the one year appointment and on July 1, 2010, Dr. and Mrs. Quick met with twelve previous members of Gibson to commence the re-birth of the Church as the Gibson Chapel.

From mid-October through the end of December when Dr. Quick was under medical care in Michigan, the Chapel was served by Rev. Leon Newton, a retired member of the South Carolina Conference. Both graduates of Duke Divinity School, Bill and Leon had been first-graders together in the Boykin School.

Following Duke, Bill entered the NC Conference and later served 25 years in the Detroit Conference.

Leon entered the SC Conference where he served for his entire ministry.

Right: Rev. Leon Newton



A BRIEF HISTORY OF GIBSON UMC

The Gibson United Methodist Church grew out of St. John, founded in 1835 by Thomas Gibson, a local preacher. The railroad had come to Gibson in 1884 and it seemed the town might grow to be a commercial center. Feeling a need for spiritual growth as well as physical and material growth, several citizens 'removed' themselves from St. John and in 1884, under the pastorate of the Rev. A. P. Tyre, organized the Gibson Church which, with St. John, became St. John-Gibson Charge.

According to the deed recorded in Richmond County, Frank B. Gibson and wife Edith, in November 1885, deeded for the sum of \$100.00 to Eli Gibson, George T. Pate, D. D. Wright, A. D. Gibson, William F. Gibson, Archie P. Gibson, Sr., and N. N. Gibson - Trustees - sites for a church and a parsonage with the express condition that no intoxicating liquors would be sold upon the premises during their lives or the lives of their children. In case the said conditions were not complied with, the conveyance would be void and the land would be returned to Mr. and Mrs. Gibson or their heirs.

Mr. Gibson, a man of many talents, much energy, and great ambition, led the drive to build the church - a one room sanctuary with benches on each side of the center aisle (men sat on one side and women on the other). In the corners near the pulpit were short benches running parallel to the walls. They formed the Amen Corners. The church entrance was where the large rear window is today. There was no steeple nor classroom until 1912 when the church was remodeled under the pastorate of Rev. O. W. Dowd. Stained glass windows were installed, including beautiful memorial windows in the sanctuary in memory of charter members or others in their families. In the 40s the church felt the need for a Fellowship Hall and additional classroom space.

Before 1912, Sunday school classes met at different areas in the sanctuary. Children met in an Amen Corner where they were given small cards with a colorful Biblical picture on one side and a Bible Verse (to be memorized) and a short story on the other. Children delighted in the cards, and to study the Sunday school lesson - and the catechism - on Saturday night was as much a ritual in the home as was the Saturday bath.

The Frank B. Gibson family was active in the church. Mr. Gibson was Sunday School superintendent and taught a class. Mrs. Gibson donated the foot-pedaled organ and was organist until her daughters were able to play. Daughter Berta, "Miss Berta," played regularly until she retired in the 20s. She loved music and people, and she was able to gather about her men and women who formed an excellent choir.

The Rev. F. Roderick Dail drew the basic plan for the education building. Construction was completed at a cost of \$40,000 during the pastorate of his successor, the Rev. Millard Warren. Rev. Dail returned for its consecration in 1956. With all indebtedness paid, it was dedicated by Bishop Paul Neff Garber in 1957.

(—Mrs. J. Nelson (Carolyn) Gibson, Copied from: HERITAGE OF SCOTLAND COUNTY)

For a church as small in membership as the Gibson Church has been, there has been an unusual amount of good leadership among the laity. Mildred L. Odom was recognized conference-wide for her work with youth, and Nelson Gibson was delegate to General Conferences ten times in addition to serving on National committees with global concerns (GBGM). He also served as North Carolina Conference Lay Leader.

Since that time three dozen pastors have served this Church. A new parsonage was constructed in 1984. A generation of leadership was lost by death and Gibson, like many small towns across America, became a part of what Anita Jones, in her career as a painter, called 'Vanishing America'. Small towns by the hundreds changed dramatically in the decades of the 70s and the 80s. Gibson was not spared. The High School merged into Scotland High in Laurinburg. The town lost two doctors and a dentist and numerous businesses including the anchor Z. V. Pate store.

Richmond, Scotland and Robeson counties became part of a new Rockingham District served by a superintendent living in Laurinburg. Many churches of small membership either closed or became preaching stations served by a part-time pastor. A number of rural and small-town churches became victims to these closing, or, were merged with nearby Methodist congregations. In 2009, Gibson was added to the list, merging with St. John. Efforts were begun to reverse the decision and, in May 2010, the District Superintendent revealed that the decision had been arrived at that the Gibson Church should be re-opened as the Gibson Mission and that Dr. William K. Quick would be appointed as the Pastor-in-Charge. The re-opening of the Church and subsequent growth, have made possible Gibson to become once again a part of the North Carolina Conference pastoral appointments with a new pastor being appointed to follow Dr. Quick at the 2011 Annual Conference in Raleigh.

- Dr. William K. Quick



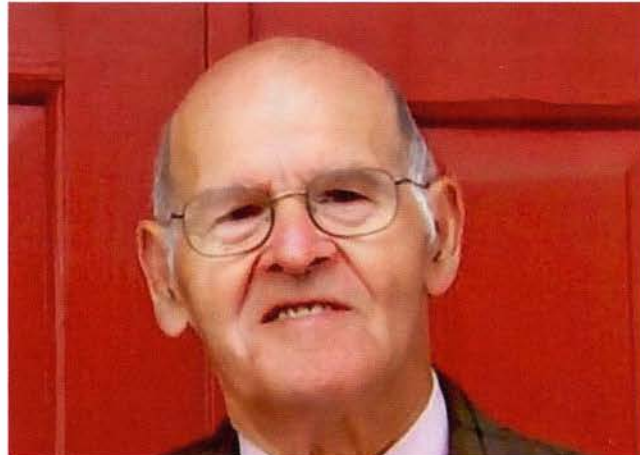
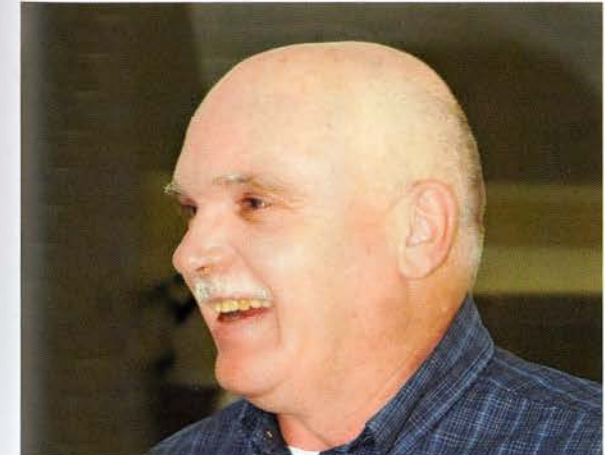
DR. WILLIAM K. QUICK
PASTOR-IN-CHARGE
JULY 1, 2010 - JUNE 30, 2011

REV. PATRICIA STONE
PASTOR
APPOINTED JULY 1, 2011

"Offer them Christ."



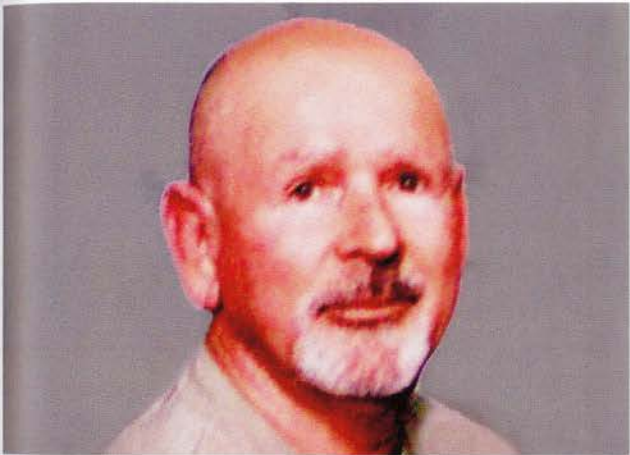
THE CHURCH IS PEOPLE - THE GATHERED CONGREGATION



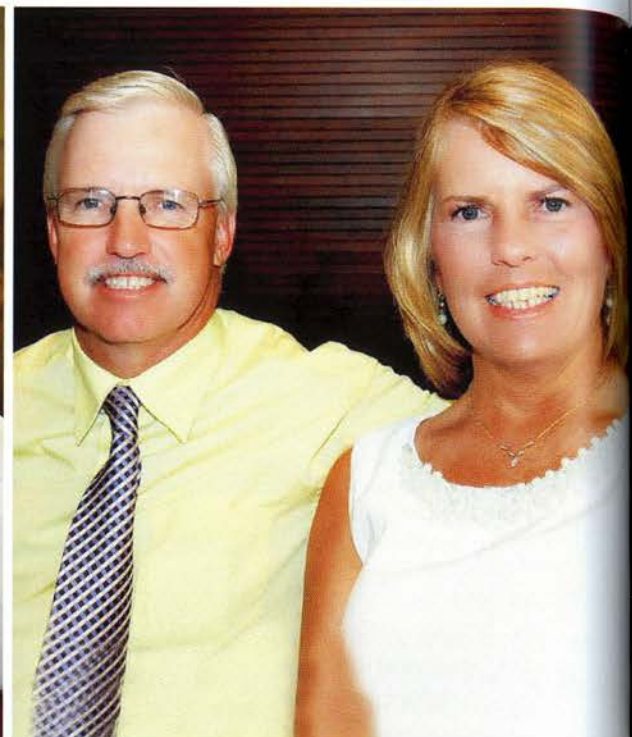
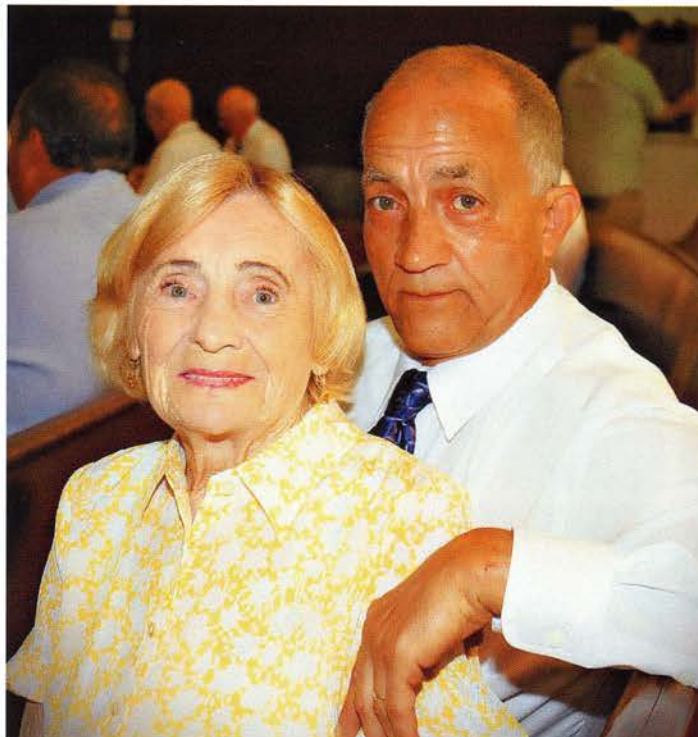
From Top: (l.-r.) 1) Ila Brown Adams, John Berry, Jr., Lee Vance Brooks, 2) James Brown, Gerald Buss, Lula Adelle Cottingham, 3) Robert Cottingham, Brenda Dudley, Boyd Freeman,



From Top:(l.-r.) 1) Carrie Gallops, J. D. Gibson, Emmie Grooms; 2) Greyson Grooms, Frank Lea, Adam Liles, 3) Louise Liles, Mary Ann Liles, Annie Shoemake



FROM TOP L-R: HEATHER MOODY, FIORELLA MOSCOSO, DOUGLAS LYTCH ODOM;
2) BUCK ODOM, ANDREW QUINTERO, MICHAEL DOUGLAS QUICK; 3) WENDY LOCKLEAR, LINDA STURDIVANT, JEAN HOPE YATES.



TOP L-R: FORREST & SANDI HUNSUCKER, TOM & ANITA TEAL JONES, STEVE & BECKY LILES;
BOTTOM L-R: SADIE & G.C. ODOM, CHRIS & SHERRY PEELE, SHULER & MADELINE PEELE.



TOP: (L-R) BILL AND MYRTLE PEARSON, FRANKIE AND MARY STANLEY, CHARLES & CHARCIE STRICKLAND
BOTTOM: (L-R.) HAROLD & ANN QUICK, CAROL & N. W., QUICK, MARY & BILL QUICK.



TOP-L.-R. JEAN & FORREST YATES, AGNES GIBSON PRUITT, SARAH JANE (HARGRAVE) & DAN PATE);
BOTTOM: KIM, ALEXANDRA & TIM KOTTYAN, ABBY KATE, GINA, SARA MADISON & RON LEGGETT.



Top l. to r. - Madison , Ander & Dona Berry; Brenda Dudley, Wendy Moody, Heather Locklear and & Families;
Bottom: l. to r. - Shuler & Madeline Peele, Riley Morgan & and Elijah Swinney-Hayes; Josh, Emily, Sherry & Chris Peele.



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ABBY KATE & SARA MADISON LEGGETT



WAYNE, ASHLYN, FAITH & JASMINE LOCKLEAR; JACOB & HANNAH MOODY



2010 MEETING TO BEGIN THE RE-ORGANIZATION OF GIBSON UMC



APRIL 24, 2011 EASTER SUNDAY



JESUS SAID: "COME AND LEARN OF ME."



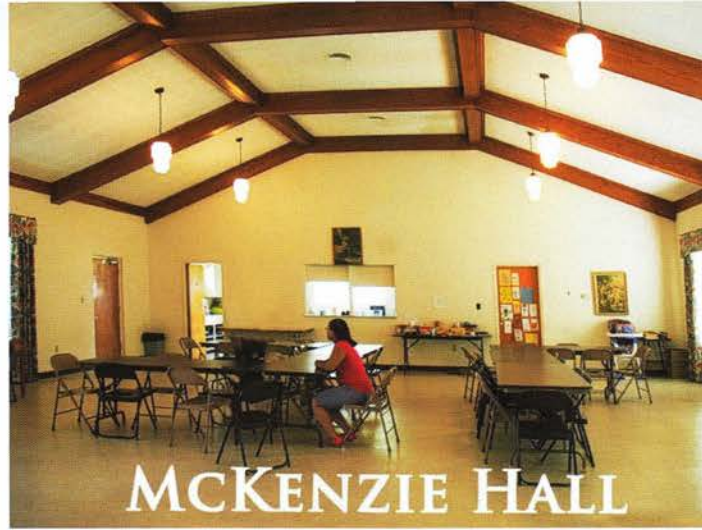
PALM SUNDAY - FIFTEEN NEW MEMBERS - BY BAPTISM, PROFESSION OF FAITH AND TRANSFER



PALM SUNDAY 2011 - 45 PERSONS COME FORTH
TO ACKNOWLEDGE THEIR COMMITMENT TO GIBSON CHURCH.



APRIL 24, 2011 EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE AT GIBSON CEMETERY
2011 Easter Sunrise Joint Service with St. John UMC,
Gibson Baptist & Pentecostal Holiness Churches





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"Unless the Lord
builds the house,
they labor in vain
who build it."

Ps. 127:1



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