

History of Jerusalem United Methodist Church

According to the best sources available.

Jerusalem Church was founded around 1890 according to local church history. The earliest deed is dated October 25, 1887. It is interesting to note that the conveyers of the deed had a reversion clause stating, "if any one of the officials are convicted of selling any intoxicating liquors on the premises during the lifetime of the grantors and their children, the land will revert to the original owners." The trustees at that time were Joseph Hasty, Archy Morrison, Benjamin Lytch, Albert B. McQueen, A.G. McEachin, Wesley McCallum, David McCallum, Peter McRae and Sarus McQueen. The present structure was built in 1966.

Jerusalem has continued to grow over the years spiritually and in membership.

Former pastors and years served are as follows:

1890 - Rev. George W. Byers
1892 - Rev. W. H. Hairstian
1894 - Rev. M. M. Jones
1921 - Rev. Robert James Shipp
1925 - Rev. H. A. Davis
1936 - Rev. Ira A. Friend
1940 - Rev. Charles G. Bynum
1941 - Rev. Prince William Webb
1943 - Rev. Oscar W. Burwick
1944 - Rev. George W. Patterson
1947 - Rev. James Franklin Sawyer
1954 - Rev. Edward Morton McLeod
1956 - Rev. James H. McCallum
1961 - Rev. Jefferson McCallum
1963 - Rev. Dungee
1964 - Rev. Robert McRae
1966 - Rev. Samuel L. Townsend
1972 - Rev. James William Gamble
1976 - Rev. Oscar M. Graham
1980 - Rev. Willie Gholston
1980 - Rev. Oscar M. Graham
1980 - 1990 Rev. Emma R. McLean
1983 - Rev. James H. McCallum
1984 - Rev. Robert A. Fairley