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THE HISTORY OF
JORDAN'S CHAPEL
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
1896 - 1977

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Tell ye your children of it, and let your children tell
their children, and their children another generation
Joel 1:3

DEDICATION

THE HISTORY OF JORDAN'S CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH IS DEDICATED TO MRS. MARTHA JANE JORDAN,
THE ONLY LIVING CHARTER MEMBER OF OUR CHURCH.

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

My ministry at Jordan's Chapel began in June 1975. The services are conducted three times each month and the messages have been inspiring ones. At Jordan's Chapel there is a deep spirit of the Holiness of God. The church has grown much since I have been the pastor with the help of the church members who have the same spirit of the Lord in mind and heart as I. I believe with this Spirit in hearts and lives of its members, the Church can continue to grow as it has in the past two years. I look forward to the worship services with great inspiration to expound the word. We have a good choir and several laymen who conduct the worship services on the second Sunday. I am serving my third year as pastor of Jordan's Chapel and looking forward to a great year in the Lord. There are three churches on the Charge, and Jordan's Chapel has grown the most of the three. It has been my privilege to serve this church. I believe with the leadership we have that the Church has a great future in store. It takes work for any church to go forward for Christ, and I believe that this Church has many members to help it to do just that. The words in this statement are true beyond the shadow of every doubt. I close with a prayer in my heart that we all continue to work together for God's Glory.

Edward C. Batchelor, Pastor
Jordan's Chapel United
Methodist Church

SECTION I

High on a hill overlooking the banks of Burgaw Creek, stands the beautiful Jordan's Chapel United Methodist Church and Cemetery; well kept in appearance and loved by many.

The history of Jordan's Chapel United Methodist Church is one of love and service. It was a dream of a few people which has materialized into a reality. Even today we have dreams for our Church, which one day, with the continued faithful service of its members, will also be a reality.

We are a small church in size, but because of our love for our Church, and our faith in God, we are big. We are steadfast in our beliefs--teaching the Word of God.

In 1896, some 81 years ago, Jordan's Chapel began as a mission, a part of the Burgaw Circuit. Services were held at the Player School House which was located about 200 yards across the branch from what is now the corner of State Road 1509. Rev. D. A. Futrelle was the first pastor serving from 1896-1899. Also serving during our first years were Rev. J. W. Martin (1899-1902), Rev. C. C. Brothers (1902-1904), and Rev. W. F. Sanford (1904-1906).

In 1905, George F. and Annie E. Jordan gave one acre of land for a permanent cemetery and church building. The deed for this land is dated February 5, 1908 (Book 60, page 62, Pender County Register of Deeds). Mr. and Mrs. Jordan also donated \$600 to be applied towards the building. In 1906, a large one room structure was built on our

present site. The first pews were built in Burgaw by Mr. Jack Atkinson. With the help of Mr. John T. Jordan and Mr. Jessie Jordan, they were hauled by rail carts to the Church and each pew cost \$3.00. Mr. and Mrs. Will Casteen were instrumental in helping to secure other furnishings in the Church. In order to raise money, box suppers and ice cream suppers were held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Will Casteen. Rev. C. T. Rogers (1906-1907) was serving as our pastor. During this time, it was a common practice to pay the preacher with eggs, chickens, milk, butter or other home grown items.

In 1923, Mr. John Jordan using a pattern given to him by Rev. L. A. Watts (1923-1927) handmade and varnished the first offering plates for the Church. These were used in the Church for a number of years. Today these offering plates are still being used in the Church in two of the Sunday School classrooms.

"On June 21, 1925, we had an all day observance of Children's Day. Approximately 200 people gathered for the event and it proved to be one of the biggest that Jordan's Chapel ever experienced.

A committee composed of Mrs. Sidney (Lineaus) Lane, Mrs. George F. (Maybelle) Jordan, and Mrs. Johnny (Mary Thomas) Jordan had charge of the program. The Sunday School met at the usual time and at 11:00 a.m. the Sunday Service was held. At 1:00 p.m. dinner was served which was prepared and served picnic style by the ladies of the Church. At 2:30 p.m. the Children's Day exercises were presented to an attentive congregation which filled the building

with many standing in the rear of the Church. An improvised stage was made and curtains were hung. The background of the stage was decorated with cape jasmines and big blue and red dahlias. After the program and a twenty minute intermission, the congregation returned to the Church for the regular 3rd Sunday preaching service, held by Rev. L. A. Watts. Again at 8:00 p.m. the congregation returned for the prayer meeting service which was organized to be held each Sunday night. This annual observation continued for many years and was enjoyed by all who attended." (Taken from a newspaper clipping in The Pender Chronicle, July 19 25)

In 1930, the Sunday School began having Sunday School picnics which are still a tradition today. Also our Vacation Bible School began in the early 1930's.

In 1937, Mrs. W. F. Walters (wife of the pastor) organized our first Ladies Aide Society (today known as United Methodist Women). In 1940, the name was changed to Woman's Society of Christian Service.

In 1941 we started having Homecomings at Jordan's Chapel. Also Mr. Pat Moore gave a piece of land in front of the Church. This was deeded to the Church on April 15, 1946 (Book 257, Page 557, Pender County Register of Deeds).

With a smile, Mr. Roy Lanier remembers the one room church: "If the wind were blowing to the East, the building would lean to the East; or if it were blowing to the West, the building would lean to the West." It is felt that this was a main reason for a new church being built.

In 1943, Mr. W. R. Jordan and Mr. Pat Moore drew up plans and designed our present sanctuary and the two side Sunday School rooms.

In 1944-45, the large one room church was torn down and in its place the present main body of our church was built. During the time of construction, Sunday School and Worship Services were held in the home of Mrs. Martha Jane Jordan. Rev. I. J. Strawbridge (1941-1945) was pastor during this time of growth in our church. The church was financed by donations from members and friends without any financial loans. Mr. Pat Moore was a big contributor of lumber, material and money. As building supplies were scarce and hard to find due to World War II, Mr. W. R. Jordan contributed his time trying to find building supplies from Wilmington to Clinton. He and Mr. Roy Lanier designed the front of the Church building. The design of the window glass was selected by Mrs. W. R. (Estelle) Jordan and each window cost \$22.00. Mr. Ritter of Castle Hayne, North Carolina built the doors and the windows. Carpenters who helped build the church were Mr. W. R. Jordan, Mr. Roy Lanier, Mr. Dennis Lanier, Mr. Sidney Lane, Mr. John T. Jordan, Mr. George F. Jordan, Mr. Marshall Jordan, Mr. Bernard Prescott and others whose names we were unable to secure. Some of these were paid and some donated their time on the labor. The electrical wiring and light fixtures were donated by Mr. Norman Bonds of Burgaw, North Carolina. The first heating system in the present church was a pot-belly heater that belonged to Mr. Roy Lanier. Later a coal

and wood circulator belonging to Mr. Pat Moore was used for heating. Members would take turns arriving at the church early to "start" the stove so the building would be warm for the congregation. Neither of these heaters gave off enough heat to warm the sanctuary and two classrooms so, two gas heaters were placed in the two side classrooms.

In 1947, Mrs. Sidney (Lineaus) Lane helped to organize our first Methodist Youth Fellowship group. During her leadership an attendance board was donated by the group.

In 1952, the Charge was divided and Jordan's Chapel was placed in the Rocky Point Charge along with the Rocky Point and Herrings Methodist Churches.

During the period Rev. C. F. Hirschi (1951-1952) served, he donated the beautiful portrait of Christ which today is the focal point in our sanctuary. The beauty of this portrait has been a joy to many during the years.

Rev. A. R. Knotts (1952-1955) donated the hymn board, which is still in use in our Church today. In 1956, the Methodist Youth Fellowship donated the furniture for the Young People's Class. This furniture is still being used in the Church today.

In 1957, the Educational Building was added and through the help of our preacher, Rev. Edward Osteen (1956-1961) we received some financial help from the Duke Endowment of less than \$200.00. The Church held a barbecue dinner in Burgaw and raised about \$200.00. The balance was absorbed by the Church and the labor was all donated.

Carpenters were Mr. W. R. Jordan, Mr. Roy Lanier, Mr. Sidney Lane, Mr. Ivey Blackburn, Mr. John T. Jordan, Mr. George F. Jordan, Mr. Marion Lane, Rev. Edward Osteen and others whose names we were unable to secure. Labor on the wiring in the building was donated by Mr. Harry Jordan.

Rev. Osteen with the help of Mr. Paul Flynn helped secure tables, chairs, and chalk boards which had been discarded by the Pender County Board of Education for use in the Educational Building of our Church.

In August 1958 perfect attendance pins were awarded for the first time.

In 1961 the present gas heating system was installed with three additional space heaters in the other classrooms.

In 1963 the Church was reroofed. Mr. Pat Moore gave the roofing materials and Mr. Delva Jordan and Jesse Jordan donated the labor.

In 1964 the Church had a face lifting, both on the outside and inside. Mrs. Martha Jane Jordan donated paint for the outside of the building and Mr. and Mrs. Delva Jordan did all of the painting. The inside of the Church was painted by Rev. and Mrs. Eakins, Mrs. Delva (Bertha) Jordan and Mr. Henry Pridgen. Mr. Roy Lanier and Rev. Eakins put a new ceiling in the Church during the year.

In August 1964 carpet purchased by the United Methodist Women was installed in the Sanctuary. Today the United Methodist Women are responsible for keeping the carpet as well as the Church clean.

In 1964 the children of the Church joined together and sold Christmas cards. With the money from this project new offering plates were bought to match the other furnishings in the Church.

With the help of friends and members, new pews at a cost of \$86.94 each were bought and installed in the Church during 1964. Mrs. Deams (Lila) Hodges donated a pew in memory of her husband, Mr. Deams Hodges; and Mrs. Fred (Fannie) Raynor donated a pew in memory of her husband, Mr. Fred Raynor. Others donating pews were Mr. and Mrs. Roy Lanier, Mr. and Mrs. Marion Lane, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Lane, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Jordan and Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Page. Mr. and Mrs. Pat Moore donated four pews. Those donating money for pews and other furnishings were Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Beasley, Mr. and Mrs. Ivey Blackburn, Mr. and Mrs. Linwood Cochran, Mr. and Mrs. Nick Harris, Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Jordan, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Jordan, Mrs. Jesse (Martha Jane) Jordan, Mr. and Mrs. John T. Jordan, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Overstreet, Jr., Mrs. Bernard (Katie) Prescott and sons, and Mrs. Owen (Bliss) Rivenbark. We feel others may have contributed but we were unable to secure their names.

Also during 1964, the observance of Family Week began and Rev. Charles F. Eakins (1962-1964) donated a pair of wooden candleholders during his years as minister.

In 1965 the Church yard had a "face lifting". Mr. J. D. Player of Jacksonville, Florida, formerly of the Wrightsboro area near Wilmington, donated several crepe myrtle trees. Mr. Player raised

these trees from sprouts that he had been given from around the Wrightsboro School. These trees were planted at the back of the Church yard by Mr. Nick Harris and Mr. W. R. Jordan. During 1965, several other donations were made to the Church. The Methodist Youth Fellowship gave a lecturn stand. Mr. E. J. Casteen donated two pulpit chairs in memory of his mother, Mrs. Irene Malpass Casteen Simmons and our lovely altar table was donated in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Will G. Casteen by their children. The altar rail and pulpit were bought by the Church in 1965.

During 1966 our Church received from Julius R. and Ina Moore, the steeple which is on the Church today. They also donated the lighted church sign in front of the Church. Also, the Methodist Youth Fellowship donated the cross and candleholders on the altar table.

In 1967 the Church Library was started.

An addition of a nursery and two restrooms were added in 1967. To start the fund for this addition to the church, Mr. Pat Moore donated \$600.00. The Church Building Fund paid the balance of the cost. Mr. Delva Jordan drew up the plans and did the carpentry work. The Church paid him for his labor even though he did not charge anything. He in turn took the money and set up a fund for the needy within the Church treasury. Others helping on this project with free labor were Mr. Lawatha Crews, Mr. Nick Harris, Mrs. Delva (Bertha) Jordan, Jesse Jordan and Miss Donna Jordan. Mr. Harry Jordan donated the

labor on installing the plumbing in the restrooms.

Also during the year, the Methodist Youth Fellowship donated a Baptismal Bowl to the Church.

In 1968 the altar was changed to make room for the choir with Mr. Roy Lanier and Mr. Clifford Hill doing the work.

In 1969 Myers Craft of Burgaw, North Carolina donated three easels to the Church.

In 1970, Mr. N. J. Page saw a dream of his become a reality. For many years he had felt we should have a sunrise service at our Church and on March 29, 1970, our first Easter Sunrise Service was held. Mr. Page recalls the first Sunrise Service. "On Easter Morning, having rained most of the night, the outlook for our Service was dreary indeed, but we know the Lord comes to our aid, when we have done our best. About twenty minutes before the time set for the Service, the rain ceased. We had a background of deer playing in the field behind the Church while our devotion was being carried out. It was an enjoyable occasion and everyone must have received a blessing as I did, because they have kept on coming. Our meeting was enjoyed by quite a few members who have now gone on to their Eternal Rest but the memory of them and the part they played in our lives will live on in our hearts as long as life lasts. As soon as this service was completed and we had returned home the rain really came down again. So, Brothers and Sisters, let's keep the faith and the Risen Savior in our minds."

In May 1972 the Family Sing-In began. In June the Methodist Youth Fellowship donated a window air conditioning unit which was installed in the sanctuary. In September the Adult Sunday School Class bought and installed a window air conditioning unit in their classroom. Mr. Herman Moore donated fifty hymn books to the Church.

In 1973, the Educational Building was remodeled and folding doors were installed which enabled us to have three classrooms or one large meeting room. As their project for the year, the Methodist Youth Fellowship helped to pay for the folding doors.

In May 1974, one of our most rewarding ideas came to past. The second Sunday of each month was designated as Layman's Day. With only one layman (Mr. Marion Lane) the idea took hold and in 1975 three more laymen were certified. With four certified laymen in our Church and with visiting laymen, we have continued to enjoy these special "Second Sundays". Also in 1974, Mrs. Sidney (Lineaus) Lane donated a much needed cover for our bread tray used in the Communion Service. Up until this time some type of paper covering had been used.

In January 1975 the Adult Sunday School Class donated fifteen folding chairs. The Methodist Youth Fellowship donated a large number of hymn books. In May, Mrs. George (Maybelle) Jordan and family donated the beautiful Sanctuary Bible in memory of Mr. George Jordan. The Bible stand was given in his memory by friends. This beautiful Bible and stand were dedicated in August 1975 by Rev. Leon Brock, assisted by Mr. Marion Lane. The outside of the Church was

painted again in 1975 by Mr. Robbie Harris.

In 1976, the Methodist Youth Fellowship took on as their project to paint the Sunday School classrooms. Also during the year the Adult Sunday School Class bought eight more folding chairs for the Church. During the latter part of 1976, an anonymous donor began buying "The Upper Room" for distribution in the Church.

On April 18, 1976, at the Easter Sunrise Service, Mr. Clifford Hill gave a short tribute to a deceased member of our Church who through the years contributed so much to it.

A Memoir

"As we look back into the life of our deceased brother, Julius Moore, we see a man who was very dedicated to God. Always full of love for his Church as well as all its members. The fact that he lived in Wilmington with his daughter, Mrs. Paul Sammons (where he helped nurse his wonderful wife who was blind and helpless) did not keep him from sharing with Jordan's Chapel his love for all of us, his playing of his violin as well as sharing his tithes. Today as we Christians peer into the future, it might be well that we too would set our goals to follow in the footsteps of this beloved man whom God was so kind to allow to live on this earth for 93 years."

By Clifford Hill

As 1976 was the bicentennial year, we felt it should have a special meaning in our Church. On July 4th, we helped to celebrate

our nation's 200th birthday. Women and young girls dressed in old fashion dresses and bonnets and men came dressed in the typical dress of the 1700's. After a short program, a picnic lunch was served. Some 100 people enjoyed this great day in history. After lunch, The Coastal Plains Gospel Singers sang for the crowd. It was truly a great "Birthday Party".

In May 1977, our first newsletter "The Joyful Cry" was mailed. Rev. E. C. Batchelor was responsible for getting this organized and printed. Included in this newsletter are birthdays, anniversaries, newsbriefs, a report on our stewardship and a short personal note from our pastor. Also, in May an anonymous friend donated a record player and 25 records of varied interest for use with the Church School. In July, through an extra collection in our Adult and Bible Sunday School Classes, a window air conditioning unit was placed in the nursery. This unit will help cool all four classrooms in the back of the Church.

On July 17, 1977, the Woodmen of the World, Camp 1061, gave to the Church the Christian and American Flags. These make a beautiful addition to our Church and are another symbol of our Christian faith.

The new sanctuary windows, at a cost of \$150.00 each, were installed in August 1977 by Mr. Nick Harris, Mr. Clifford Hill, and Mr. Roy Lanier.

For the enjoyment of our children during picnics and other outside activities, a gym set was donated by Leon and Mary Harris.

Other donations have been made during the years but we do not have dates for these. These donations include the shrubbery and picnic table which were donated by the Stag Park Home Demonstration Club. Mr. Tom Batson donated the two hollies on either side of the Church and planted all of the shrubbery. The Bible Class bought the hand railings for the front steps and Mr. W. R. Jordan and Mr. Roy Lanier installed them. Also, from time to time money in different amounts has been donated to the Church. Those donating whose names we were able to secure were Mr and Mrs. John Taylor and Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Smith. Through the years, Mr. and Mrs. Delva Jordan have given an extra part of their time and energy to be our Church "keepers". This included having the Church warm or cool, whatever the season demanded, closing up after Church and in general, taking care of the Church. Even though this is not often recognized by the Church members, it is certain that we all do appreciate it.

And so we look towards the future. The following appeared in a Church Bulletin, March 29, 1970. The author is unknown.

"Jordan's Chapel United Methodist Church stands on the hill near the creek. It is like a memorial to the great men and women of faith who have lived and died in this community.

It is like a light shining to show people the right way. It is a place of God's beauty that one can look in on while passing by. It is a place where a person can go to worship a true and living God. It is a place that has offered hope thru the years, thru Jesus Christ.

It is a place, where the teachings of Christ's love can be continued and work for Christ can be done. It is a place that has added so much spiritually to this community and we welcome all to worship with us."

At 11:00, I will be
welcome of the Church
and has conducted
school roll with
School is composed of
Primary, Junior, and
Class.

On a regular
devotion before
church, we always have

Giving perfect
young men hold the
all having plus for
1976-1977, twenty-two

Jesse Jordan

Grain Lamb

Brenda Blackburn

Bertha Jordan

Dolva Jordan

Bobbie Lane

SUNDAY SCHOOL

One of the highlights of our Church is our Sunday School. Even though we think of Sunday School as being first thing on Sunday morning, in our early days, it was held in the afternoon. At times, it has been conducted outside or in the homes of the members of the Church. In 1928 the Sunday School was reorganized and has continued to grow. We have at present 86 on the Sunday School roll with an average weekly attendance of 72. The Sunday School is composed of seven classes: Nursery and Kindergarten, Primary, Junior, Intermediate, Young People, Adult and the Bible Class.

On a rotating basis, each class is responsible for the morning devotion before Sunday School begins. No matter which class has charge, we always have an interesting and informative devotion.

Giving perfect attendance pins began in 1958. At present three young men hold the record; Charles Lane, Greig Lane and Jesse Jordan, all having pins for 16 years perfect attendance. For the Church year 1976-1977, twenty-one pins were awarded, representing 177 years.

Jesse Jordan	16 years
Greig Lane	16 years
Brenda Blackburn	15 years
Bertha Jordan	14 years
Delva Jordan	14 years
Bobbie Lane	14 years

Linda Highsmith	12 years
Dee Jordan	12 years
Marion Lane	12 years
Roy Lanier	10 years
Clifford Hill	7 years
Mabel Hill	7 years
Ethel Lanier	6 years
Patsy Harris	4 years
Teresa Harris	4 years
E. J. Highsmith	4 years
Joy Highsmith	4 years
Hugh Overstreet	3 years
Don Johnson	1 year
Raymond Johnson	1 year
Billy Jo Locklear	1 year

The Sunday School year starts the first Sunday in September and ends the last Sunday in August.

Promotion Sunday is a highlight of the year. When children are promoted to the Junior Class, they are presented a Bible and when they graduate from high school, they are also presented a Bible with their name engraved on it. These are gifts from the Church.

Family Week has been observed in our Church since 1964. It begins with Children's Day on the first Sunday in May. On the first Sunday night in May, we have the Family Sing-In and this was started

in 1972. It is a night of singing, the reading of poems, and playing of musical instruments with family groups participating. Thus far, we have had at least 18 families to participate each year. On Saturday evening of the week we have a family cookout at the Church. This special week ends with Mother's Day on second Sunday in May. It's a week of fun for everyone and is greatly anticipated by one and all.

The Sunday School birthday bank started in 1965. Money from the bank is being used for the Church Library.

An annual event enjoyed by all is our Sunday School Picnic. In past years, we have been to several beaches, White Lake, Lake Waccamaw, Mt. Misery, Moores Creek, Old Brunswick, Fort Fisher, Greenfield Lake and more recently Camp Kirkwood. The adults as well as the young people and children look forward to the picnic in August of each year.

There always has to be a leader of any group and in our Sunday School we have been fortunate to have had some excellent superintendents. With their help and leadership, we are a growing and learning body. Those who have served as superintendents were: Mr. George Pierce Jordan, Mr. Jesse Jordan, Mr. Alfred Beasley, Mr. Mack Moore, Mrs. W. R. (Estelle) Jordan, Mr. Joseph Jordan, Mrs. G. F. (Maybelle) Jordan, Mr. Marion Lane, Mr. Roy Lanier, Mr. Harry Jordan, Mr. N. J. Page and our current superintendent is Mr. Marion Lane.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Vacation Bible School began during the early 1930's with an attendance of approximately 17 children and has continued almost annually since that time. As our Church has grown, so has the Bible School and this year, 1977, we had an attendance of 37.

For several years, a youth minister from Duke Divinity School came each summer and led the activities. Since about 1950, the Bible School has been coordinated by various women of the Church. Mrs. G. F. (Maybelle) Jordan, Mrs. Roy (Ethel) Lanier, Mrs. Delva (Bertha) Jordan, Mrs. Nick (Patsy) Harris, Mrs. Marion (Bobbie) Lane, Mrs. Hazel Lanier Smith and Mrs. E. J. (Linda) Highsmith have served as coordinators for Bible School.

The children always look forward to Vacation Bible School -- the learning of new songs, studying the Bible, crafts, games and of course, the refreshments.

MUSIC

Music is considered to be an important and enjoyable part of any worship service. We are very fortunate to have several pianists on the Church and Sunday School roll. We also have several members and a pastor who play the guitar. An active adult choir and a growing and enthusiastic children's choir add greatly to our services.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Casteen helped secure the first musical instrument in the original church building which was a second-hand

organ. This organ served our Church for a number of years until rats infested it. At that time, Mr. W. R. Jordan "loaned" the Church his personal organ. This was used until 1939 when Mrs. W. F. Walters was responsible for securing the donation of the first piano from the Edenton Street Methodist Church in Raleigh. Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Jordan went to Raleigh to pick up the piano. This piano was used in the Church until August 1964 when it was replaced by a newer model. The Woman's Society of Christian Service paid for the piano with monies they raised and a generous gift of \$125.00 from Mrs. Fred (Fannie) Raynor, leaving a balance of \$300.00. Through a donation from Mr. and Mrs. Julius Moore the balance was paid.

Through the years, many of our members and a number of pastor's wives have played for the various services. Even so, there have been times when our congregation sang without musical accompaniment for lack of an organist or pianist.

Some who have served at the keyboard were: Etta Onsby, G. P. Jordan, Pearl Batson, Annie Jordan Harris, Irene Malpass Casteen Simmons, Jessie Jordan Batson, Eleese Jordan Player, Bliss Rivenbark, Lineaus Lane, Inez Jordan, Mr. I. J. Strawbridge, Rev. C. F. Hirschi, Faye Lanier Gardner, Lois Lanier Janicki, Peggy Batson, Tom Prescott, Linda Lane Highsmith, Lavinia Blanchard, Grace Price, Gloria Wells and Bertha Jordan. There have been others who played for special singing groups from the congregation or invited in from other churches.

As a Church, we have invited Gospel Singing Groups to come and sing for us over the past few years. Among these groups have been the Shore-Lites from Wilmington, N. C., the Kings Crusaders from Wallace, N. C., JanChrist from Westview Methodist Church, Burgaw, N. C. and the Coastal Plains Gospel Singers from Garland, N. C.

The adult choir was organized in late 1961. At present there are 15 members and Tom Prescott is the director. Those participating in the choir are: Ivey Blackburn, Judy Cumbo, Dorothy Gray, Patsy Harris, Clifford Hill, Mabel Hill, Bertha Jordan, Harry Jordan, Louise Jordan, Bobbie Lane, Marion Lane, Roy Lanier, M. J. Page, Bliss Rivenbark and Gloria Wells.

In May 1977, the Children's Choir under the direction of Mrs. E. J. (Linda) Highsmith was organized. Mrs. Bertha Jordan and Tom Prescott play piano for the choir. There are sixteen members: Dean Blackburn, Ray Bland, Vickie Bland, Dan Cumbo, Fred Cumbo, Jr., Teresa Harris, Joy Highsmith, Raymond Johnson, Billy Jo Locklear, Michelle Miles, Kelly Padgett, Dewey Rivenbark, Michael Rivenbark, Eddie Sholar, Freddie Sholar and Mary Emily Wells.

Basically, Jordan's Chapel United Methodist Church is a church of people who enjoy singing to the Lord. This is one part of the service where all can participate.

METHODIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

The Methodist Youth Fellowship was organized in 1947 with Mrs. Sidney (Lineaus) Lane serving as leader. It is a youth group composed of young people between the ages of 12 and 20.

The MYF has had several leaders during the years: Mrs. Sidney (Lineaus) Lane (1947-1959), Mrs. Roy (Ethel) Lanier (1956-1960), Mr. and Mrs. Marion Lane (1960-1966), Mrs. L. C. (Della) Beasley and Mrs. Delva (Bertha) Jordan (1966-1968) Mrs. L. C. (Della) Beasley and Mrs. Nick (Patsy) Harris (1968-1970), Mr. and Mrs. Delva Jordan (1970-1972) and Mr. Charlie Overstreet (1972-present).

The MYF has given a large number of gifts to the Church. In order to do this, they have had bake sales, suppers and have sold Christmas cards. Contributions include the attendance board, furniture for the Young People's Class (1956), offering plates (1964), lecturn stand (1965), cross and candleholders for altar (1966), Baptismal bowl (1967), air conditioner for Sanctuary (1972), helped to pay for folding doors in Sunday School rooms (1973), painted Sunday School rooms (1976), put a new top on pump house (1976) and clean the Church yard.

Social activities for the group are also a very important part of the MYF. At one time they had an active choir that visited other churches; also participation in sub-district meetings, roller skating, bowling, movies and putt-putt. The community always looks forward to Christmas when our MYF goes caroling.

At present, the Methodist Youth Fellowship meets each Sunday evening at the Church.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

The Ladies Aide Society was first organized in 1937 by Mrs. W. F. Walters. In 1940, the name was changed to Woman's Society of Christian Service. In 1968, we became the United Methodist Women when the Methodist Church merged with the Evangelical United Brethren Church forming the United Methodist Church. This change came about after a ten year transition period of preparation.

Mission work is our biggest project at home and abroad. We have a monthly meeting, Monday night after the first Sunday in each month. Meetings are held in different members homes on a rotating basis.

The women of the Church have always been very active in assisting the Church in any way. Projects over the years have included the kneeling pad for altar, assisting in paying for the piano, installation of carpet, the communion cloth, an extra communion tray, a vacuum cleaner, the flower stand, door mats, drapery rods and drapes for Sunday School rooms, large trash can, Church calendars, cookbooks, having the Sanctuary floor sanded, serving refreshments for Senior Citizens Night and Christmas Eve Night at the Church, gifts for shut-ins in the community and in nursing homes for Christmas and cleaning of the Church. Also the women helped to furnish the parsonage.

Mrs. Estelle Jordan holds a perfect attendance record for 25 years (1937-1962). We have 17 on roll with an average attendance of 14.

Past presidents of the UMW are: Mrs. Owen (Bliss) Rivenbark, Mrs. Harry (Louise) Jordan, Mrs. Sidney (Lineaus) Lane, Mrs. Martha Jane Jordan, Mrs. G. F. (Maybelle) Jordan, Mrs. John T. Jordan, Mrs. Roy (Ethel) Lanier and Mrs. Marion (Bobbie) Lane.

Present officers are: President, Mrs. Nick (Patsy) Harris; Vice-President, Mrs. Harry (Louise) Jordan; Secretary, Mrs. Clifford (Mabel) Hill and Treasurer, Mrs. Dewey (Elizabeth Ann) Rivenbark.

CHURCH LIBRARY

In 1967, acting on a great deal of faith (because there was no money for this project), Mrs. G. F. (Maybelle) Jordan began a committee to start work on a Church Library. Serving on the committee with Mrs. Jordan as Chairman were Mrs. Sidney (Lineaus) Lane, Mrs. Roy (Ethel) Lanier, Mrs. Marion (Bobbie) Lane, and Mrs. Clifford (Mabel) Hill. Having searched for means of getting funds for this project, money from the Church Birthday Bank was set aside to help buy books. This was a beginning. Many of the books in the Library have been donated by members and friends of the Church either in memory of a loved one or in honor of a loved one. John and Mary Russ of Burgaw, N. C. donated a large number of books in 1968. Also N. J. and Beulah Page, the W.S.C.S. and individual Sunday School

classes have donated books. Donations of money have been used to buy books and the Committee has done so, with much thought and prayer as to the type of books which would be of benefit to our Church. At this time we have approximately 150 books.

Assisting in the work of the Library at different times were Mrs. Delva (Bertha) Jordan, Miss Donna Jordan, Mrs. Nick (Patsy) Harris, Miss Teresa Harris and Mrs. Donna Beasley Lockhart. At this time the Church does not have a librarian but we are using the honor system for checking out books. Everyone is encouraged to check out books and enjoy them. We are proud of our Library and have a variety of books from which to choose. Anyone wishing to make a contribution may get in touch with Mrs. Maybelle Jordan.

OBSERVANCE OF EASTER

The five Sundays before Easter are the Lenten Season. Each Sunday a special devotion is given. Also, we observe "No Silent Pulpit" during the season.

On Saturday before Easter, the children all gather at the Church for the annual Easter egg hunt. We always have lots of eggs to hide and lots of children to look for them.

The Sunrise Service began in 1970 and has continued to be one of our most beautiful and meaningful services. It is composed of beautiful music, songs, prayers, responsive readings and a short message. All who attend are blessed greatly by this service.

OBSERVANCE OF MOTHER'S DAY AND FATHER'S DAY

The presentation of roses or sometimes carnations and even gladioli has been a tradition in our Church for many years. For a period of about twelve years, the Methodist Youth Fellowship was in charge of the devotional period, which included singing special songs, poems and scripture.

This year (1977), the Intermediate Sunday School Class was in charge for the observance of Mother's Day and the Junior Sunday School Class in charge of the Father's Day services. The oldest and youngest parent were honored with a beautiful carnation.

This year the Adult Sunday School Class chose to honor a "Mother of the Year", the mother they felt had done a great deal for our Church. Mrs. Roy (Ethel) Lanier was selected and presented with a beautiful carnation. This honor is not necessarily for a senior mother, but for any mother in our Church who has done a great deal to promote the christian way of life, and truly Mrs. Lanier had done this.

One of the most enjoyable traditions we have in respect to these two occasions is that at the close of the Sunday School hour on Mother's Day, all of the men and boys in the Church sing to the women and girls. Then on Father's Day, the women and girls sing to the men and boys. This tradition is one we hope will never change.

SENIOR CITIZENS NIGHT

Senior Citizens Night began in 1972 by the United Methodist Women. It is always held the last Sunday evening in May and honors all senior citizens both in our Church and the community. The first two years Mr. and Mrs. Norman Blake showed slides of the Holy Land. For the past three years, Mr. Marion Lane has shown movies of Homecomings here at the Church beginning with 1964.

In 1976, we began honoring the wisest (oldest) senior citizen present, male and female. Mr. Clifford Hill and Mrs. Maybelle Jordan were honored in 1976. In 1977, Mr. Roy Bradshaw and Mrs. Maybelle Jordan shared the honor.

HOMECOMING

Homecoming started at Jordan's Chapel around 1941 when Rev. I. J. Strawbridge was our pastor. Homecoming was traditionally held on the last Sunday in October but in 1964 it was changed to the last Sunday in September. This has always been an enjoyable time for the members and friends of the Church, especially when former members and friends return for the church services. Each year seems to be bigger and better. In 1964, a new tradition of taking movies started. It's always a joy to sit back and see what happened years ago, and how much we and our Church have changed through the years.

OBSERVANCE OF MEMORIAL DAY

Memorial Day is remembered with a special devotion honoring the veterans of our Church and community. Members of the Methodist Youth Fellowship place flags on graves of the veterans in the Church Cemetery.

VETERANS OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL AND CHURCH

WORLD WAR I

Hodges, Arthur	Army	Deceased
Hodges, Oscar Deems	Army	Deceased
Lane, Charles Sidney	Army	Deceased

WORLD WAR II

Beasley, L. C.	Army	
Hanchey, Walter B.	Army	Deceased
Harris, Johnny Davis	Army	
Jones, Asa Thomas	Navy	
Jones, W. W. (Buck)	Air Force	
Jordan, Charlie Lance	Navy	
Jordan, Delba T.	Navy	
Jordan, Emmett	Army	
Jordan, George	Army	
Jordan, Lawrence A.	Navy	
Jordan, Paul G.	Navy	
Jordan, Robert Murray	Navy & Coast Guard	
Lane, Sidney Marion	Navy	
Page, Nelson James	Army	

OTHER

Batson, Ray	Coast Guard	
Batson, Russell	Army	Korean
Fredrickson, Eddie	Navy	Vietnam
Harris, Nick Owen	Army	Korean
Jordan, Eugene	Navy	
Jordan, John Carl	Coast Guard	
Lane, William N.	Coast Guard	
Lanier, Stanley Wayne	Army	Vietnam
Overstreet, Charles	Army National Guard	
Overstreet, Hugh III	Army	Vietnam
Prescott, Charles Thomas	Army	
Prescott, Joseph Neal	Navy	
Prescott, William B.	Army	
Rivenbark, Dewey	Army Reserve	
Wells, Ray	Army	

OBSERVANCE OF CHRISTMAS

Christmas is a very special time of year for Christians everywhere. This is certainly true at Jordan's Chapel.

The season begins four Sundays before Christmas with special devotions during Advent. On the second Sunday night of December, everyone looks forward to the "Candlelight Service". This program,

under the direction of different individuals in the Church, has been given for 6 years and has been enjoyed by many. The program consists of the singing of songs and the reading of scripture. The service is closed with the lighting of the candles.

Since our Church was founded, there has always been a Christmas program presented by the children who tell the Christmas story. Some of the programs and plays which have been presented are: "A Joyous Night", "The Christmas Story", "Back to Bethlehem", "A Glorious Night", "The Road to Bethlehem", "The Christmas Obe", "The Road to Christmas", and "Christmas for Grandpa". In 1976 our play was "The Christmas Story" directed by Mrs. E. J. (Linda) Highsmith.

In years past the Christmas tree would follow the program. This would include exchanging gifts and a visit from Santa. Now our custom has changed and we spend Christmas Eve together. We meet at the Church, sing songs and read scripture. Then we have our Christmas tree with Santa passing out gifts to everyone. The United Methodist Women provide refreshments for this occasion.

HOPES AND ASPERATIONS

Jordan's Chapel United Methodist Church is a place of worship which has matured and grown in wisdom due to its years. In contrast, the ideas, efforts and accomplishments are youthful and full of vigor.

The goals for the Church are as varied as the degrees of enthusiasm displayed by its members.

A new educational building is a dream for most of the members of Jordan's Chapel and a true-to-life vision for many. This building will serve as an answer for the problem of crowded classrooms. It can also serve as a meeting place for the United Methodist Women and Men and as a gathering place for covered dish suppers and homecomings. Other dreams are the enlarging of the sanctuary, construction of a vestibule, a covered sidewalk between the Church and our new educational building, a paved parking area and hopefully, one day, to have the entire Church and outer buildings bricked.

Environment creates the mood for listening, learning and growing spiritually. The accomplishment of the goal to repair the interior of the Church will aid in the creation of this environment. The addition of central heat and air conditioning will provide much comfort for the members of the congregation in all parts of the Church.

Superior instruction could be accomplished with the addition of chalkboards, felt boards, tape recorders and visual aid equipment in each classroom.

In summation, it is the hope and dream of the members of the Church to provide for the spiritual needs of our community; to serve God through service to Jesus Christ; to mature, as a group and as individuals, in our faith and belief as we work to help others; and to constantly glorify God's name and Kingdom through each individuals thoughts, words and deeds.

SECTION II

<u>DATES SERVED AT CHURCH</u>		<u>REMARKS</u>
1896-1899	Rev. D. A. Futrelle	
1899-1902	Rev. J. W. Martin	
1902-1904	Rev. C. C. Brothers	
1904-1906	Rev. W. F. Sanford	
1906-1907	Rev. C. T. Rogers	
1907-1909	Rev. J. J. Barker	
1909-1911	Rev. C. M. Lance	Died 1935, buried in Clinton, N. C.
1911-1913	Rev. T. G. Vickers	Died 1944, buried in Raleigh, N. C.
1913-1917	Rev. J. C. Whedbee	Died 1948, buried in Sumter, S. C.
1917-1920	Rev. L. M. Chaffin	Died 1939, buried Jonesboro, N. C.
1920-1921	Rev. O. P. Fitzgerald	
1921-1923	Rev. C. H. Caviness	Died 1950, buried Chatham County, N. C.
1923-1927	Rev. L. A. Watts	Died 1975, buried in Greenville, N. C.
1927-1930	Rev. E. G. Overton	Died 1944, buried in England
1930-1932	Rev. W. J. Watson	Died 1950, buried in York County, Va.
1932-1933	Rev. G. W. Blount	Retired, living in Raleigh, N. C.
1933-1935	Rev. N. B. Johnson	

1935-1937	Rev. C. A. Jones	Died 1952, buried Fuquay Spring, N. C.
1937-1941	Rev. W. F. Walters	Died 1946, buried in Goldsboro, N.C.
1941-1945	Rev. I. J. Strawbridge	Now living in Winston Salem, N. C.
1945-1947	Rev. W. C. Benson	Died 1965, buried in Wilmington, N.C.
1947-1951	Rev. R. E. Walston	Retired, living in Goldsboro, N. C.
1951-1952	Rev. C. F. Hirschi	Now living in Enfield, N. C.
1952-1955	Rev. A. R. Knotts	
1955-1956	Rev. G. E. Pingle	
1956-1961	Rev. E. R. Osteen	
1961-1962	Rev. C. O. Gardner	Died 1969, buried in Holly Hill, S.C.
1962-1964	Rev. C. F. Eakin	Lives in Pelham, N. C.
1964-1966	Rev. J. T. Ledford	Lives in Manns Harbor, N. C.
1966-1967	Rev. G. F. Blanchard	Lives in Roxboro, N.C.
1967-1972	Rev. C. E. Price	Lives in Hampstead, N. C.
1972-1975	Rev. Leon Brock	Retired, now living in Wilmington, N. C.
1975--	Rev. E. C. Batchelor	

LAYMEN

Mr. Bert Simmons (now deceased) served our Church from 1947 until 1951 as Lay Pastor due to the illness of Rev. R. E. Walston. He was from the Burgaw Charge and received pay for this service.

Without a full-time pastor, the laymen have become a very important group in our Church. Second Sunday of each month is Layman's Day. We are very fortunate to have in our Church four certified laymen. Mr. Marion Lane was certified in 1961 and is Associate District Lay Leader of the Burgaw Sub-District. In May 1975, through an extra effort on their part of attending two training sessions at Lake Waccamaw, Mr. Clifford Hill, Mr. E. J. Highsmith and Mr. Charlie Overstreet were all certified. All of these laymen are very active in this work.

It is hoped that we will be able to enlist new laymen and laywomen from our Church in the future.

SECTION III

CHARTER MEMBERS

1906

With an idea it takes people to make it come into shape and then into a reality. The following is a list of the charter members of our Church. Mrs. Martha Jane Jordan is the only living charter member. Without these hard working, dedicated people, our Church would never have been.

Beasley, Alfred	Jordan, Lizzie B.
Beasley, William W.	Jordan, Martha Jane Murray
Casteen, Mary J.	Jordan, Sally A.
Casteen, William G.	Jordan, Walter
Corbett, Jake	Moore, Ina Hodges (Mrs. J. R.)
Corbett, Julia	Moore, J. R.
Eason, Fred	Player, Aletha
Hodges, Annie J.	Player, Annie
Jordan, Ida	Player, Mary
Jordan, Jesse W.	Player, Mary Clewis
Jordan, J. H.	Woodcock, Bert
Jordan, John B.	

CHURCH REGISTER

<u>NAME</u>	<u>DATE JOINED CHURCH</u>	<u>DISPOSITION</u>
Batson, Donald	1945	Transferred
Batson, E. J.	9-24-51	
Batson, Herbert W.	July 1921	Deceased
Batson, Peggy Garland	10-15-50	Transferred
Batson, Wilber J.	8-8-23	Deceased
Beasley, Alfred	1906	Deceased
Beasley, Della	8-8-65	
Beasley, Donna	1963	Transferred
Beasley, Mrs. Joe	December 1952	
Beasley, Kathy	1963	
Beasley, L. C.	8-8-65	
Beasley, William W.	1906	Deceased
Benton, Myrtle	1924	Transferred
Blackburn, Brenda	10-10-75	
Blackburn, Ivey	4-21-57	
Blackburn, Jimmy	7-5-66	
Blackburn, Shelia	10-10-75	
Blizzard, Sallie J.	12-20-25	Deceased
Brown, Mrs. V. J.	4-6-52	Deceased
Brown, V. J.	4-6-52	Deceased

Cameron, Martha Jordan		
Campfield, Ellen	1911	Deceased
Campfield, J. W.	1911	Deceased
Campfield, Lizzie	1911	Deceased
Casteen, Mary J.	1906	Deceased
Casteen, William G.	1906	Deceased
Chadwick, Alma		Deceased
Chadwick, Elbert Ray	10-27-62	Transferred
Chadwick, Mary Harris	8-11-31	Transferred
Chadwick, Patsy Croom	10-27-62	Transferred
Charles, Frances	10-26-44	Transferred
Charles, Sammy	1943	
Cochran, Margaret Jordan		Transferred
Corbett, Jake	1906	Deceased
Corbett, Julia	1906	Deceased
Crews, Lawatha	4-6-58	
Cruso, Thelma Jordan	10-10-34	
Cumbo, Frederick E.	4-25-76	
Cumbo, Judith B.	4-25-76	
Eason, Fred	1906	Deceased
Ezzell, Ivan	2-19-50	
Ezzell, Judy Faye	2-19-50	
Ezzell, Macal	2-19-50	Transferred

Fredrickson, Edward Wendell	10-25-70	
Gaffios, Mrs. Nick	10-10-34	Transferred
Gaines, Lela May Jordan	3-15-25	Transferred
Goff, Violet Harris	May 1946	Transferred
Graham, Leola	1-23-77	
Graham, Naomi	July 1921	
Gray, Dorothy	10-22-76	
Hanchey, Olivia Jordan		Transferred
Hand, Grover	1921	Deceased
Harris, Annie	1910	Deceased
Harris, Nick Owen	1945	
Harris, Nick, Jr.	10-10-75	
Harris, Patsy	April 1962	
Harris, Sharon	10-10-75	
Harris, Teresa	10-10-75	
Harding, Edward Glenn	1945	Transferred
Highsmith, E. J.	8-26-73	
Hill, Clifford	8-8-65	
Hill, Mabel	8-8-65	
Hodges, Albert	1910	Deceased
Hodges, Annie J.	1906	Deceased
Hodges, O. D.	1910	Deceased

Hodges, Mrs. O. D.	1-29-39	Deceased
Jackson, Neil		
Jackson, Gida		
Johnson, Juanita	8-26-76	
Johnson, Richard Berry	8-26-76	
Jordan, Bertha	April 1962	
Jordan, Charlie		Transferred
Jordan, Carol	5-17-64	
Jordan, Delba T.	9-2-36	
Jordan, Delva J.		
Jordan, Donna	May 1962	
Jordan, Dorothy	1945	
Jordan, Estelle	July 1921	
Jordan, Eugene	1956	Transferred
Jordan, George	9-2-36	
Jordan, George Alan	1956	
Jordan, George F.	September 1909	Deceased
Jordan, Glenda Faye		
Jordan, Graham	8-22-53	
Jordan, Harry	9-19-24	
Jordan, Ida	1906	Deceased
Jordan, Inez	11-1-52	Transferred
Jordan, Ivey		

Jordan, J. H.	1906	Deceased
Jordan, J. T.	1910	
Jordan, Mrs. J. T.	1910	
Jordan, James, Jr.	July 1921	Deceased
Jordan, Jesse	May 1962	
Jordan, Jesse W.	1906	Deceased
Jordan, Jessie		
Jordan, John B.	1906	Deceased
Jordan, John Carl		
Jordan, Joseph	10-10-34	
Jordan, Lawrence A.	9-2-36	Transferred
Jordan, Linda	1956	
Jordan, Lizzie B.	1906	Deceased
Jordan, Louise	10-26-44	
Jordan, Martha E.		Transferred
Jordan, Martha J.	1906	
Jordan, Marshall	8-8-20	Transferred
Jordan, Mrs. Marshall		
Jordan, Maybelle B.	September 1910	
Jordan, Melva M.		Transferred
Jordan, Merle	10-22-76	
Jordan, Paul G.	9-2-36	Transferred
Jordan, Raymond	12-18-49	

Jordan, Robert Murray	9-2-36	Transferred
Jordan, Rodney	12-18-49	
Jordan, Roy Lee	12-20-25	
Jordan, Mrs. Roy Lee	12-18-49	
Jordan, Walter E.	8-5-20	Transferred
Jordan, W. R.	1910	Deceased
Lane, Bobbie Ricks	12-18-49	
Lane, Charles	7-5-66	
Lane, Charles Sidney	July 1921	Deceased
Lane, Mrs. Charles Sidney	1-2-21	
Lane, Greig	10-10-75	
Lane, Linda Gale	9-25-59	
Lane, Sidney Marion	9-2-36	
Lane, William Newton	1945	Transferred
Lane, Mary Helen	9-2-36	Transferred
Lanier, Ebert	5-25-69	Transferred
Lanier, Mrs. Ebert	5-25-69	Transferred
Lanier, Elizabeth (Jo)	3-27-77	
Lanier, Ethel	1945	
Lanier, Faye	5-31-46	Transferred
Lanier, Hazel Gertrude	10-15-50	Transferred

Lanier, Linda	10-22-76	
Lanier, Lois		Transferred
Lanier, Roy	1945	
Lanier, Roy Douglas	1950	Transferred
Lanier, Shirley		
Lanier, Stanley Wayne	9-25-59	
Lanier, Wilma Kellam	2-28-60	Transferred
Lanier, Winnie Alice		Deceased
Lee, Virginia	10-30-48	Transferred
McCall, Rachel		Transferred
McMinn, Elma Jordan	3-15-21	
Moore, Dallas	10-1-67	
Moore, Ina		Deceased
Moore, Julius		Deceased
Murray, Arnold	2-19-50	Transferred
Overstreet, Charlie	9-25-59	
Overstreet, Genia	4-21-57	
Overstreet, Hugh, Jr.	4-21-57	
Overstreet, Hugh III	8-22-58	
Overstreet, Pam	1963	

Padgett, Dewey Lee	8-15-76	
Padgett, Elizabeth T.	8-15-76	
Page, Beulah	9-10-54	Deceased
Page, N. J.	8-22-58	
Player, Aletha	1906	Deceased
Player, Elease J.		Transferred
Player, Irby		Deceased
Player, John R.	July 1921	Transferred
Player, Mary	1906	Deceased
Player, Mary Clewis	1906	Deceased
Prescott, Mrs. Bernard	11-1-52	
Prescott, Charles Thomas	9-25-59	
Prescott, Joseph	1964	
Prescott, William Bernard	9-25-59	
Raynor, Fred		Deceased
Raynor, Mrs. Fred		Deceased
Reeves, Ann Evelyn Jordan	10-19-24	Transferred
Register, Catherine Skinner	10-22-50	Deceased
Register, Christine	6-21-67	
Reid, Laurice Batson	1945	Transferred
Rivenbark, Elizabeth Ann	11-12-71	

Rivenbark, Myra Walker	10-10-34	
Rodgers, Iris	10-22-76	
Sholar, Carol F.	10-26-75	
Shrum, Annie Player	1910	Transferred
Walker, Durwood		Deceased
Wells, Cecil Ray	5-25-69	
Wells, Gloria Johnson	5-25-69	
Woodcock, Bertha		Deceased

CHRISTENINGS

The dedication of one's child is a most rewarding experience, both for the parents and the child. The vows that parents take at this time are of the most serious nature but can also be vows of fulfillment and contentment.

No permanent church records have been kept on christenings in the Church until 1976. We have received a few names and dates of those that were christened in the Church before 1976.

Lane, Marion	1924
Jordan, Graham Lyle	10-30-48
Jordan, Samuel Eugene	10-30-48
Lanier, Wayne	September 1950
Jordan, Julia Carol	10-24-54
Hanchey, Ann	9-25-59
Jordan, Alan	1948
Jordan, Joseph Wayne	9-25-59

1976

Padgett, Jason Craig	10-17-76
Padgett, Kelly Leigh	10-17-76
Johnson, Don Richard	10-21-76
Johnson, Raymond	10-21-76
Jordan, Christopher	10-21-76
Jordan, Daniel	10-21-76
Locklear, Billy Jo	10-21-76
Rodgers, Jeffrey Scott	10-21-76

Rodgers, Stacy Allen	10-21-76
Sholar, Edward L.	10-21-76
Sholar, Frederick G.	10-21-76
Sholar, Tamatha Faye	10-21-76

1977

Lanier, Mary Francis	3-27-77
Highsmith, Mandy Gale	4-24-77
Prescott, Christopher T.	6-26-77

WEDDINGS

LANIER AND BLACKBURN

Shirley Lanier and Ivey Blackburn, June 23, 1954, married by Rev. A. R. Knotts.

LANIER AND GARDNER

Faye Lanier and Robert Gardner, August 11, 1956, married by Rev. Ellis Lanier (Baptist minister, cousin of the bride).

LANIER AND SMITH

Hazel Lanier and Jim Smith, December 31, 1961, married by Rev. Carlos Gardner.

KING AND MATHIS

DeVonna King and William G. Mathis, August 31, 1968, married by Rev. C. E. Price.

LANE AND HIGHSMITH

Linda Lane and E. J. Highsmith, December 14, 1969, married by Rev. C. E. Price.

BEASLEY AND LOCKHART

Donna Beasley and Billy Lockhart, June 13, 1970, married by Rev. C. E. Price.

BEASLEY AND REDMOND

Kathy Beasley and Dennis Redmond, July 27, 1975, married by Rev. E. C. Batchelor.

HARRIS AND WEST

Sharon Harris and Joseph West, April 30, 1977, married by Rev. E. C. Batchelor.

SECTION IV

CEMETERY RECORDS

Information for this section was obtained from the PENDER COUNTY NORTH CAROLINA GRAVESTONE RECORDS Volume 1, and from markers in the Church Cemetery.

	<u>DATE OF BIRTH</u>	<u>DATE OF DEATH</u>
Andrews, Infant of Mrs. Wyona Andrews		
Andrews, Wyona		
Batson, Herbert W.	2-9-1897	3-29-1968
Batson, Infant son of T.H. & Jessie Batscu	3-26-1943	3-26-1943
Batson, Jessie A. Jordan	1-4-1906	4-2-1943
Batson, Wilbur J.	12-11-1904	7-15-1974
Batson, John W. Jr.	8-17-1911	8-14-1924
Batson, Mattie Cowan	2-8-1871	6-17-1961
Beasley, Alfred J.	1870	1934
Beasley, Infant daughter of Cephus & Lettey Beasley		
Beasley, Annie Janie Garris	1872	11-11-1956
Beasley, William Wright	1871	3-16-1962
Benton, Buddy	11-25-1936	2-14-1938
Casteen, Edgar James	5-26-1882	1-11-1939
Casteen, Mary Jane Jordan	2-21-1878	2-17-1943
Casteen, Rosa Pope	8-19-1923	8-21-1923
Casteen, Willie G.	12-12-1875	4-13-1958

Graham, Bert Thornwell	4-24-1902	10-6-1969
Graham, Zeb	6-30-1903	3-14-1976
Hanchey, Walter B.	12-29-1912	10-8-1958
Hand, Gussie Fairfax	9-4-1882	9-6-1920
Harris, Annie Jordan	1-19-1893	10-2-1972
Harris, John W.	3-3-1889	12-1-1947
Harris, Joseph Hudson	3-27-1893	11-20-1945
Harris, Robert Thomas	9-23-1940	6-10-1965
Hodges, Anna D. Jordan	9-24-1856	4-9-1945
Hodges, Albert	1-27-1894	7-22-1973
Hodges, Arthur	1-26-1894	4-10-1939
Hodges, Lila T.	8-21-1892	7-28-1973
Hodges, Oscar D.	11-4-1899	11-1-1963
Hodges, Thomas Lee	4-20-1851	6-2-1928
Jordan, Annie E.	1843	1908
Jordan, Bobby Jarold (38 years)		11-28-1976
Jordan, Carl	12-27-1916	6-3-1919
Jordan, Charles D.	8-26-1861	11-25-1937
Jordan, Douglas	7-22-1928	7-25-1928
Jordan, Elizabeth	10-12-1921	10-13-1921
Jordan, Elizabeth Ann	10-31-1942	10-31-1942

Jordan, George F.	1845	1916
Jordan, George F.	12-11-1888	2-15-1975
Jordan, George P.	1875	1914
Jordan, Gilbert Vance	11-21-1916	7-16-1924
Jordan, Harvey	12-25-1913	7-3-1922
Jordan, Ida		
Jordan, James Henry		
Jordan, James McKeithan		August 1970
Jordan, Jessie W.	11-21-1876	7-3-1940
Jordan, John B.	1-28-1854	3-19-1939
Jordan, Maggie May	8-22-1907	7-16-1908
Jordan, Mary E.	6-30-1858	1-10-1928
Jordan, Samuel Harold	10-11-1966	10-11-1966
Jordan, Sarah A. Carney	5-23-1860	1-11-1938
Jordan, Viola	3-10-1888	9-13-1910
Jordan, Walter B.	1-5-1888	5-30-1974
Jordan, William L.	7-25-1851	6-1-1924
Jordan, Baby of James McKeithan Jordan		
Lane, Charles Sidney	12-28-1892	11-4-1969
Lanier, John Ellis, Jr.	4-13-1918	3-31-1963
Lanier, Lillie F.	8-4-1889	5-10-1952
Lanier, Winnie Alice	3-5-1886	8-29-1971

Mathis, Asa E.	1-16-1890	6-23-1963
Moore, Baby daughter of Wade & Gaynell Moore	10-6-1953	10-6-1953
Moore, E. Linwood	4-4-1903	4-12-1924
Moore, Ina Mae	10-17-1884	2-10-1975
Moore, James Patrick	5-2-1906	2-4-1969
Moore, Julius R.	6-20-1882	11-20-1975
Moore, Linwood Jackson	2-13-1938	2-13-1938
Moore, Mack Allen	2-6-1900	8-31-1944
Moore, Pearl Christine	9-7-1907	8-6-1959
Moore, Winnie A.	3-6-1859	9-13-1927
Player, D. W.,	8-10-1938	8-10-1938
Player, E. L.	6-3-1936	6-3-1936
Player, James Boney	6-23-1920	11-26-1923
Player, John Boney	3-6-1868	3-8-1952
Player, Mary Elizabeth Jordan	4-28-1884	9-14-1930
Player, Walter T.	1-6-1908	8-12-1962
Prescott, Bernard	11-16-1909	6-1-1955
Raynor, Fred	4-8-1896	8-14-1962
Raynor, Fannie Lanier	9-9-1894	8-16-1971
Reavill, Katie Robinson	11-6-1900	5-13-1962

Simmons, Irene Malpass Casteen	11-13-1894	12-23-1962
Smith, J. A.	6-24-1879	12-31-1917
Smith, J. A., Jr.	2-10-1910	9-11-1910
Smith, K. L. Hodges	6-12-1870	8-14-1922