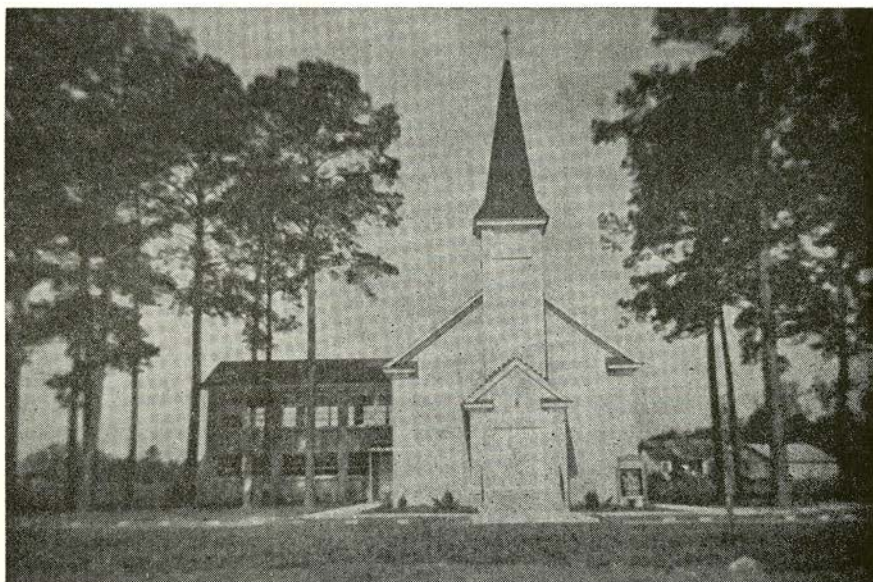


# Lane's Chapel Methodist Church

Route 1    :-    Dover, N. C.

## Dedicatory Service



Let us go up to the house of God—*Micah 4:2.*

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*Presiding Bishop*  
PAUL N. GARBER  
Richmond, Va.

*District Superintendent*  
A. J. HOBBS  
New Bern, N. C.

JOSEPH C. PARKER, *Minister*  
Dover, N. C.

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Thou art welcome, whosoever thou art that enterest this church;  
It is thy Father's; come in the spirit of reverence;  
worship in the spirit of humility; and  
leave it not without a prayer to God  
for thyself, for those who  
minister and, for those  
who worship  
here.

*For your faithful devotion, love and support during my ministry,  
I dedicate this booklet to the congregation of the  
Lane's Chapel Methodist Church*

*J. C. Parker, Minister*

# Dedicatory Service

FEBRUARY 19, 1961 — 3:30 P. M.

Order of Worship

J. C. Parker, Presiding

## Prelude

Invocation . . . . . Minister

Hymn No. 2 — "Come, Thou Almighty King" . . . . . Giardini

## Affirmation of Faith

Anthem by Choir (551) "O Thou Whose Hand Hath Brough Us" . . . . . George Webb

Responsive Reading (page 567) — "The Lord Reigneth"

## Gloria Patri

Second Lesson — 100 Psalm

Prayer . . . . . Dr. A. J. Hobbs  
District Superintendent, New Bern District

## \*Receiving of Gifts and Tithes

Offertory Response, Choir (610) . . . . . People Standing

Hymn No. 162 — "O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing" . . . . . Chas. Wesley

Introduction of Bishop Garber . . . . . Dr. A. J. Hobbs

The Address . . . . . Bishop Paul N. Garber

## The Act of Dedication

Mr. W. R. Newell, Chairman of The Official Board: We present this building to be dedicated to the glory of God and the service of men.

*Then Shall The Bishop Say:* By what Name shall this church henceforth be known?

*To which shall be answered* It shall be called the Lane's Chapel Methodist Church.

*Then shall the Bishop say to all the people:* Beloved in the Lord, we rejoice that God put it into the hearts of his people to build this house to the glory of his name. I now accept this building to be known as Lane's Chapel Methodist Church, to dedicate it, and to set

it apart for the worship of Almighty God and the service of all men. Let us therefore, as we are assembled, solemnly dedicate this place to its proper and sacred uses.

*Then, all standing, the Bishop shall say, the people responding:*  
 To the glory of God the Father, who has called us by his grace;  
 To the honor of his Son, who loved us and gave himself for us;  
 To the praise of the Holy Spirit, who illumines and sanctifies us;

WE DEDICATE THIS HOUSE.

For the worship of God in prayer and praise;  
 For the preaching of the everlasting gospel;  
 For the celebration of the holy Sacraments;

WE DEDICATE THIS HOUSE.

For the comfort of all who mourn;  
 For strength to those who are tempted;  
 For light to those who seek the way;

WE DEDICATE THIS HOUSE.

For the hallowing of family life;  
 For teaching and guiding the young;  
 For the perfecting of the saints;

WE DEDICATE THIS HOUSE.

For the conversion of sinners;  
 For the promotion of righteousness;  
 For the extension of the Kingdom of God;

WE DEDICATE THIS HOUSE.

In the unity of the faith;  
 In the bond of Christian brotherhood;  
 In charity and good will to all;

WE DEDICATE THIS HOUSE.

In gratitude for the labors of all who love and serve this church;  
 In loving remembrance of those who have finished their course;  
 In the hope of a blessed immortality through Jesus Christ, our Lord;

WE DEDICATE THIS HOUSE.

*Then shall the Bishop and people together say:* WE NOW, THE PEOPLE OF THIS CHURCH AND CONGREGATION, COMPASSED ABOUT WITH A GREAT CLOUD OF WITNESSES, GRATEFUL FOR OUR HERITAGE, SENSIBLE OF THE SACRIFICE OF OUR FATHERS IN THE FAITH, CONFESSING THAT APART FROM US THEIR WORK CANNOT BE MADE PERFECT, DO DEDICATE



OURSELVES ANEW TO THE WORSHIP AND SERVICE OF ALMIGHTY GOD;  
THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD. AMEN.

*Then shall the Bishop say:* Accept, O God our Father, this service at our hands, and bless it to the end that this congregation of faithful people may make manifest the Church of the living God, the pillar and ground of truth, and so may this house be the place where thine honor dwelleth and the whole earth be filled with thy glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*THE SANCTUS To be said responsively by the Bishop and the people:* Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious name, evermore praising thee, and saying:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY, LORD GOD OF HOSTS, HEAVEN AND EARTH ARE FULL OF THY GLORY. GLORY BE TO THEE, O LORD MOST HIGH! AMEN

*Then shall the Bishop pray:* O eternal God, whom the heaven of heavens cannot contain, much less the walls of temples made with hands; graciously accept the dedication of this house to thy honor and glory. AMEN.

Solo — "Bless This House" . . . Miss Beverly Dianne Ormond

Hymn No. 279 — "God of Grace and God of Glory" . . . Fosdick

Benediction

Postlude

## Local History of Methodism

The first known place of public worship in this community was Cox's Meeting House. It was located one and one half miles from the present site of the Lane's Chapel Methodist Church. In all probability it was used by other denominations for their place of worship. On April 17, 1794, John Cox sold Cox's Meeting House to Francis Asbury, Bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the United States of America for the sum of five shillings. A copy of the original deed is included in this article. The Meeting House was located on Neuse Road, which was the main artery for all east and west travel from the seaport of New Bern to inland areas. The stage coach used this route and so did the plantation

owners as the means of shipping their farm products to and from the cities which were springing up inland.

The Meeting House was also located close to the ferry across Neuse River which connected with roads leading to Norfolk and Washington and to Tarboro and to Richmond, Virginia. Bishop Asbury used these routes on his journeys North and South. Following are excerpts from his journals, telling of his visits to Cox's Meeting House and to William Cox's. We will begin a day or two prior to his arrival so as to ascertain the direction in which he was traveling.

"February 6, 1788, Wed.: Rode twenty miles and had ice to break in two swamps. Preached at Lloyd's near Washington."

"February 9, 1788, Sat.: I had a very unfeeling people at Mr. O. . . 's to whom I preached on Luke 4:18. Death! Death! Death! in the Lowlands."

"Sunday, Feb. 10, 1788: I had many to hear at S . . . 's; but it was an uncomfortable time: Thence I rode to Cox's on Neuse River, where we had an open time, there is a prospect of good. We then had to move toward Trent. Our rides are still long from fifteen to twenty miles a day."

This is a record of Bishop Asbury's first visit to this community. He was moving south from Virginia through the eastern part of North Carolina. Following is a report of his second visit, this time he leaves this community and goes to New Bern.

"Wednesday, Dec. 14, 1796: We rose early and rode in haste to Cox's being on Neuse River. The weather was damp and chilly. We had very few to hear at the Meeting House. It was a day of great trial, and I was beset on every side."

"Thursday, Dec. 15, 1796: We made a forced march of twenty miles to New Bern. We had no refreshments for man nor horse. Having an inflammation in one of my ears, and having fasted so long, I was very unwell."

Bishop Asbury spent the night of December 14th in the neighborhood, probably with William Cox or John Cox who had two years previous sold him the Meeting House.

Following is a report of his next visit to this little log church and to the community in which he visited often.

“Saturday, Feb. 23, 1799: My subjects at New Bern were I Peter 2:11-12; Hebrews 7:25; I Tim. 4:8. We had uncomfortable weather. We made some spiritual and temporal regulations, in hope that matters would work much better in the future.”

“Monday, Feb. 25, 1799: It was cold to purpose and we had twenty-four miles to ride to William Cox’s on Neuse River, near the mouth of Contentney! Here my text was I John 4:16-17. We hence fled through the counties of Craven, Lenoir, Glasgow, and Edgecombe.”

William Cox was a wealthy plantation owner and probably brother or cousin to John Cox who gave the Meeting House and land to Bishop Asbury.

The Meeting House was located back of the present site of Alam Springs Church ( a colored church 1½ miles toward Fort Barnwell). There is a wooded knoll 1-4 mile from the highway to this location and the elder citizens of this area remember the elder folks when they were children telling them about the log building used for a place of worship. There is a report by some that the Meeting House was burned by the soldiers during the Civil War. It was replaced and later given or sold to the colored brethren for their House of Worship.

It is believed that Cox’s Meeting House was on the Contenty Circuit in 1790. Below is a report taken from Rev. Robert H. Willis’ “History of Methodism in North Carolina in the Eighteenth Century.” “Contenty Circuit seems to have been the best circuit in all Eastern North Carolina. Jeremiah Norman spent a year on this circuit giving singing lessons and from his dairy, a pretty good idea of the circuit may be obtained. The circuit was formed in 1790 and included portions of Greene, Pitt, Craven, Lenoir and Wayne Counties. Among the places of worship were Spann’s Meeting House near Greenville, and the Rainbow Meeting House near John Graingers. Other names which appear often upon the pages of this old manuscript are Forbes, Wooten, Frizzel in Craven, Dr. Randolph in Greenville, all of which are well know names in that part of the state today.”\*

\*Rev. Willis wrote the above article in 1890, and this portion is taken from the original manuscript found in Duke Library



## Lane's Chapel

The land for Lane's Chapel was purchased in September, 1868 from Soloman Wetherington and Harriet Wetherington for five dollars. The deed was made out to John S. W. Pearce, Joseph Humphrey of the county of Lenoir and to Francis Kilpatrick, William Daugherty, Daniel Davis, William Arnold and James Arnold of the county of Craven who were the trustees for the local Methodist Church of the Methodist Episcopal Church South. These persons were to erect or to cause to be erected, a place of worship for the members of the Methodist Episcopal Church South (the name of the local church is not mentioned in the deed).

The original records of Lane's Chapel and also Cox's Meeting House have long since been destroyed or misplaced. Miss Mary Allen Pearce informs me that she had a trunk with many of the church records in it. This trunk was damaged in Hurricane Hazel and the records were soaked and had to be destroyed. The oldest register of membership in our possession has a very good record of church membership, baptism of adults, infants and deaths.\*

The first seventy four names in the register are listed without any record as to when they were baptized, took the church vows or by whom they were received into the fellowship of the church. We can assume then that this is a revision of the church membership records in 1883 for the Lane's Chapel Church. The next fifteen persons to be received into the church received their church vows from the Rev. A. McCullen, Pastor of the Craven Circuit.\*

The Conference Journal of 1883 states that there were four church buildings on the Craven Circuit and they were valued at \$1600. This circuit was a six point work that year; therefore, there were two preaching appointments on this circuit without a church building to worship in. The Journal also states that there was not a parsonage on the circuit for the Preacher and his family. Rev. McCullen served two years on the Craven Circuit and lived in Kinston both years.

In putting together the information we have been able to secure, we are led to believe that the first Sanctuary built on this location was erected in the late 1860's or early 1870's. It was erected facing Neuse Road and remained there until 1938 when it was moved to the present lo-

\*Church Membership Register saved by Mrs. Hugh Lane.



cation. Those contributing to the building fund for the first Lane's Chapel Church Sanctuary were recorded in a building fund record. I am informed by one who read that record as a child, that she remembers these few names and amounts being contributed as follows: J. S. W. Pearce, \$100.00; Henry West, \$100.00; Seth West, \$100.00; W. B. Pearce, \$100.00 and Alex Daugherty, \$25.00 and ten days labor.

From 1838 to 1873, the Methodist Church in this community was on the Neuse Circuit. This circuit often had as many as sixteen preaching appointments during this period. In 1873, the Neuse Circuit had become so large that it was divided, making two circuits out of the one. The church in this community was placed on the Craven Circuit and remained there until 1908. In 1908, Lane's Chapel was put on the recently organized Dover Circuit and has remained on the Dover Circuit since that time.

Immediately after the Civil War there was a depression in the South. The church naturally suffered from this economic hardship and shortage of men. However, there are always dedicated people able to surmount the seemingly insurmountable. We can see great men in the history of this local church and community who have kept the lamp of faith burning.

They appear on the scene to lead God's people and to set before them a challenge, out of which comes the power to save both the church and the people.

In 1878, Rev. R. C. Beamon conducted a revival that lasted three weeks. Many souls were saved and new life came into the church and community. People from far and near came to hear the preaching and stayed to worship God. This was during the era of the great Camp Meetings in America. Methodism grew by great numbers in this period, and we can see the growth of the local church in this thriving community.

During the revival of 1878, the neighborhood people opened their homes to those attending the meeting. The ministers and their wives stayed in the Pearce home. The ladies slept in one room and their husbands in another. There were so many people boarding in the home that it is reported they used a barrel of flour a week for the three week period.

In 1883, Dr. Jules Carr\*\* was visiting in the neighborhood seeking students for Trinity College. He visited in one home and found the young ladies knitting lace. He inquired of them what they planned to do with it when they completed this task. Miss Susie Kilpatrick and

\*Church Membership Register saved by Mrs. Hugh Lane

\*\*Professor at Trinity College

Miss Glennie Watson informed him they were raising money to buy a communion table for the church. Dr. Carr bought the lace for \$10.00 and they applied it to the purchase price of the table and bought the marble top table we have in the church today. That year Dr. Carr also influenced two young men to attend Trinity College from this community. There were David Pearce and George West. David Pearce died before entering his senior year in Trinity College. Mr. George West became a prominent farmer, businessman and mayor of Dover, N. C.

The Methodist faith seems to be the more predominant in this area as it wins many followers and establishes three new church before the turn of the twentieth century.

A new congregation is organized by some of the families attending Lane's Chapel in 1891. Lane's Chapel is the founding church of Bethany Methodist Church which is just a few miles from here. The West family and the Kilpatricks, who were and still are very active people in church work and community projects, recognized the need of a church in their own community and began the work of organizing one. It was a great task to arise early on Sunday morning and cook for and feed a large family, then dress them and ride in horse and buggy or mule and cart over a bad road to church a number of miles away. (Today we arise, dress, cook on an electric or gas stove, ride in a nice warm car over a smooth highway to a new church that is warm and comfortable, where we worship God.) Mrs. Susie West remedied this by taking matters into her hands and with the support and assistance of Rev. J. G. Johnson organized and built Bethany Church. The original membership roll for this church is in the Dover Methodist Church and it is still preserved just as Rev. Johnson set it up. I also found in the Old Manuscript Room of the Duke Library in Durham a hand written report by Rev. Johnson telling the particulars of the organization of this church (Bethany) and the Dedictaion Service for the building.

The Bethany records list these family names as transferring from Lane's Chapel in 1891: Evans, Kilpatrick, Pearce, Rhem, Watson, Williams, West, Phillips, Cox, Richardson, Rouse and Stephenson. Most of these families are still prominent and well known family names in eastern North Carolina. The number of those transferring from Lane's Chapel to Bethany was forty-nine (49).\*

During this time, the Rev. Johnson was very busy in other ways. He received 38 persons into the fellowship of the Lane's Chapel Church by Profession of Faith and Baptism. He also organized two other church-

\*Original Church Membership Register in Dover Church Office



es, one at Cove City which was Epworth Methodist Church and the Dover Methodist Church. He helped to build the church buildings at Dover and at Bethany. He is still remembered by some as a big man with a hearty laugh. His ministry was a powerful force. It spread over the western part of Craven County and is still felt today.

Cox's Meeting House and Lane's Chapel have been beacon lights to this community since their founding days. I find no record of them sending any of their sons or daughters into the christian ministry, but their doors have remained open through wars, depressions, prosperity and discension. They have remained open to offer comfort and spiritual guidance to God's people.

From Bishop Asbury's Journal, we take this statement, "There is a prospect of Good," referring to this community and our forefathers. We gather then that the church was answering a need and supplying spiritual food to its members. One hundred years later we read in the report of Rev. A. L. Ormond which he made to the District Conference this statement, "Some members do not live as they ought, they drink a little. I am trying to save them."\*\* The need of Christianity is always a prominent and requiring responsibility. The church is needed in every generation to direct them in the footsteps of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. What would have been the outcome of this community had there never been a church here?

\*\*District Conference Record Book, Duke Library

## Record of Building Program for Present Building

The Sanctuary was moved to the present location in 1938 and renovated at a cost of \$1,345. The church membership and church school attendance continued to grow, causing an acute need for more space. The leaders of the church recognizing the need and the tremendous task ahead of them, talked this matter over for some time. In 1948 they organized a building committee for the purpose of securing funds to build an educational plant including a large assembly hall, and, to enlarge and rework the Sanctuary. This building fund was started when the Rev. Ralph Lewis was pastor of the Dover Charge. The first effort however, was in 1938 when Rev. E. H. Measamer and some of our laymen sought help from Duke Endowment, but found the undertaking to expensive.



On November 22, 1953, the ground breaking services were held by the members of the church and Rev. W. R. Crowder. Those taking part in this service were W. R. Newell, reader; Wiley Hill, reading scripture; The Building Committee - J. L. Brown, Chairman, W. R. Newell, Wayland Tew, Dalton Eubanks; The Finance Committee, John Rhem, Rocky Brown, Wordell Davis and Mrs. Dalton Eubanks, Treasurer. The architect for the building was Jack Carey of Kinston, N. C. and the contractor was Fred Gardner of Kinston. The total cost of the building was above \$57,000.00 when completed and furnished.

The land where the church stands today was given by Mr. Robert Elliott and his wife, Mrs. Clemmie Elliott. Mr. Heber Griffin also traded some footage across the back of the church lot making the present lot large enough to contain the present church building.

The final approval of the New Bern District Board of Church Location and Building was granted on Monday, May 3, 1954, at Newport, N. C. Mr. W. C. Chadwick made the motion that Lane's Chapel be permitted to proceed with their building plans. It was seconded by Mr. H. I. Saunders and passed unanimously.

The people of this community and especially the members of this church have accomplished much in the recent past. The sacrifices have been many, but the will to carry on in the face of seeming defeat is very strong as has been proven by these people. Many obstacles had to be overcome, many trips made far and wide, back-breaking planning by the leaders and supporters which required time from regular income jobs, all freely given that the Glory of God might be spread to sinful men and spoken to seeking minds.

The list of contributors to this project is numerous and would require as much more space as has been used in this article if they were named one by one. Suffice it to say that all have done a wonderful work and those giving above and beyond the call of duty are to be commended. Those signing the note and paying that note each year without complaining are to be greatly appreciated by one and all. Mr. Hugh Lane gave and gave generously, paying as the members reached each level set up in the planning stage. May God bless each and all for the gifts so freely given.

# Ministers Serving this Community

Neuse Circuit	1901-05 Rev. W. H. Townsend
1855 Rev. Henry Gibbons	1906 Rev. G. B. Webster
1867 Rev. N. A. Hooker	1907 Rev. W. B. Humble
1869 Rev. Joseph L. Green	1908-12 Rev. M. W. Dargon
1870 Rev. T. B. Reeks	1912-14 Rev. L. B. Pattishell
1871 To be Supplied	1914-17 Rev. F. B. Noblitt
1872 Rev. N. A. Hooker	1917-20 Rev. J. B. Pate (Died on Charge)
1873 Rev. L. W. Pigott	1920 Rev. F. E. Dixon (Finished year out)
Craven Circuit	1921-22 Rev. S. A. Nettles
1874-76 Rev. D. Culbreth	1922-25 Rev. E. B. Bell
1877 Rev. T. B. Reeks	1925-28 Rev. R. E. Atkinson
1878 Rev. R. C. Beamon	1928-29 Rev. C. A. Jones
1879 Rev. W. P. McCorkle	1929-33 Rev. L. E. Sawyer
1880-81 Rev. J. W. Rumbly	1933-37 Rev. E. L. Hill
1882-83 Rev. A. McCullen	1937-38 Rev. E. H. Measamer
1884-86 Rev. W. J. Crowson	1938-40 Rev. R. N. Fitts
1887-88 Rev. J. F. Washburn	1940-43 Rev. H. L. Harrell
1889-92 Rev. J. G. Johnson	1943-45 Rev. M. E. Tyson
1893-94 Rev. A. L. Ormond	1945-49 Rev. R. H. Lewis
1895 Rev. J. Stanford	1949-50 Rev. D. C. Boone
1896 Rev. D. C. Geddie	1950-54 Rev. W. R. Crowder
1897-98 Rev. W. J. Crowson	1955-57 Rev. H. B. Jones
1899-1900 Rev. C. O. Durant	1957-58 Rev. R. R. Blakenhorn
	1958- Rev. J. C. Parker

## Copy of Original Deed

THIS INDENTURE made this 17th day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety four between John Cox of the County of Craven and State of North Carolina of the one part and Francis Asbury, Bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the United States of America of the other part, Witnesseth: that the said John Cox for and in consideration of the sum of five Shillings to Him in hand paid by the said Francis Asbury Bishop aforesaid for and on the part of the Methodist Episcopal church aforesaid hath bargained and sold aliened transfered and confirmed and by these presents doth grant bargain and sell alien transfer & set unto the said Francis Asbury and his successors in & for the use of & benefit of the Methodist Episcopal church in America for the purpose of keeping a public meeting house open to the preachers in said Connexion one acree of land lying and being in the county of Craven on the South side of Neuse River and east of Moseley's Creek beginning at a pine tree marked standing on the main Road side a little above the meeting house running thence No. 71 E. 15 poles to a stake thence So. 11 poles to a stake thence So. 71 W. 15 poles to a stake from thence to the beginning including the meeting house already erected thereon commonly known by Cox's meeting house. To have and to hold the said one acre of land hereby granted with the priviledges & appurtenances to the same belonging or in anywise belonging or appertaining to him the said Francis Asbury Bishop aforesaid and his successors forever in trust for the use and benefit of the Methodist church in America as aforesaid free and clear & freely and clearly exonerate & discharge of and from him the said John Cox his heirs Extrs. Admrs. & from any person claiming & to claim by from or under him them successors of them and that the said Methodist Church shall & may from time to time and at all times hereafter have hold occupy possess & enjoy the said Messauge or tenement of one acree of land free & clear and freely & clearly discharged of and from him the said John Cox & of and from the lawful claim or demand of any other person claiming from by or him. IN Testimony whereof the said John Cox hath hereunto set his hand and seal the day and year above written.

s/John Cox

(SEAL)



Signed & Sealed in Presence of *Thos. Cox*      *Thomas Hyman*

State of North Carolina Craven County Court. December Term 1805

Then was the above Deed proved in open Court by the oath of Thomas Hyman one of the Subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be registered.  
Attest. *Sam'l. Chapman, C.C.*

#### NORTH CAROLINA, CRAVEN COUNTY

I, Jane Holland, Register of Deeds in and for said County and State, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and accurate copy of the original instrument now on file in my said office, Book 36, page 689.

Witness my hand and official seal this 22nd day of September, 1960.

*Jane Holland*      Register of Deeds

For our dedicatory service we are happy to welcome to our church and to our community Bishop Paul Neff Garber, a native of Virginia. Bishop Garber received the degree of Bachelor of Arts from Bridgewater College; Master of Arts, from the University of Pennsylvania; Doctor of Philosophy from University of Pennsylvania and a student at Crozer Theological Seminary. He holds honorary degrees from Simpson College, Duke University, Randolph-Macon College and Bridgewater. He was elected bishop of the Geneva Area in Switzerland. In this area Bishop Garber had supervision of the Methodist conference in North Africa, Spain, Switzerland, Belgium, Czechoslovakia, Poland, Yugoslavia, Hungary, Austria, Bulgaria and Madeira Islands. In 1952 Bishop Garber was appointed as bishop of the Richmond Area which comprises the Virginia and North Carolina Conferences. Under the great leadership of Bishop Garber the Richmond Area has made tremendous strides. New churches have sprung up all over this area. There are 84 new churches in the North Carolina Conference alone and two new colleges are taking their place in the expanding growth of Methodism.

We welcome Dr. A. J. Hobbs, District Superintendent of The New Bern District and Mrs. Hobbs to our church. They are leading us in God's Work here in this great district. Dr. Hobbs is a native of Gates County, North Carolina, a graduate of Duke University and Yale University. The Hobbs' have served at Centenary, New Bern; First Church, Wilson; Edenton St., Raleigh; and St. Paul, Goldsboro. The Rev. and Mrs. Hobbs are carrying on the work of the Lord with the dedication of true Methodists.

We are deeply indebted to the ministers serving this charge during the period it required to raise the funds and to build this church building. Each of you receives a special invitation to this service and we pray that all of you are able to be with us today. May your ministry continue to be a vital witness of God's Love and to the power of His Holy Spirit.

You shall be remembered for your faithful leadership and your devotion to the church family and your love for God. God bless you all.

For those giving information and help in compiling this booklet, and for Mrs. Martha Rhem's assistance in typing and correcting, I am deeply grateful.

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