

# Longview United Methodist Church

RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA 27610



*The History of our  
First 25 Years  
1953 - 1978*

*Celebration of 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
held on Sunday, May 21, 1978*

We want to express our appreciation to all members who have helped us in so many ways making this book possible.

Composed by  
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I'M GLAD! AREN'T YOU?

Say, aren't you glad God loved us so,

That He His Son did give;

And that Son to the Cross did go,

That you and I might live?

It is so Grand so Good so Sweet,

God's Love, His Mercy, Grace;

How can we wait until we meet,

And see Him Face to Face?

But we can know His presence here,

Companionship sublime;

If we to Him stay ever near,

And serve Him all the time!

Rev. Lester Tilley

## IN MEMORIUM

### A Prayer for Members of Longview United Methodist Church who have died.

O God, who art the strength of thy saints,  
and who redeemest the souls of thy servants:  
We bless thy name for all those who have  
died in the Lord, and who now rest from their  
labors, having received the end of their faith,  
even the salvation of their souls. Especially  
we call to remembrance thy loving kindness and  
thy tender mercies to these thy servants.

For all thy goodness that withheld not their  
portion in the joys of their earthly life,  
and for thy guiding hand along the way of their  
pilgrimage, we give thee thanks and praise.  
Especially we bless thee for thy grace that  
kindled in their hearts the love of thy dear  
name, that enabled them to fight the good  
fight, to endure unto the end, and to obtain  
the victory, yea, to become more than conqueror,  
through him that loveth us. We magnify thy  
holy name that, their trials and temptations  
being ended, sickness and death being passed,  
with all the dangers and difficulties of this  
mortal life, their spirit is at home in thy  
presence, with whom dwelleth eternal peace.  
And grant, O Lord, we beseech thee, that we  
who rejoice in the triumph of thy saints may  
profit by their example, that becoming follow-  
ers of their faith and patience, we also may  
enter with them into an inheritance incorr-  
uptible and undefiled, and that fade not  
away; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

## CHARTER MEMBERS

Mr. & Mrs. Joseph E. Benson  
Mr. & Mrs. Millard Burt  
Mr. Charles Burt  
Mr. & Mrs. R. A. Burt  
Mr. & Mrs. E. Randolph Carmean  
Mr. & Mrs. Wade V. Carter  
Mr. Larry Carter  
Mr. & Mrs. Charlie T. Clark  
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Mrs. Benetta May  
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Mr. & Mrs. Roger E. Pearce  
Mr. & Mrs. Cecil Pittman  
Mr. & Mrs. Ruddell Reed

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Mr. & Mrs. Linwood Smith  
Peggy Strickland  
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Mrs. Barbara McDilda  
Mr. & Mrs. E. B. Valentine  
Mr. & Mrs. Cecil Wooten  
Mrs. Chester R. Boyd  
Allen Craig Boyd  
Judith Beth Boyd  
Patricia Rebecca Boyd Sutton  
Mr. & Mrs. Frederick Byrd  
Mr. George D. Crabtree  
Mrs. Christine Crabtree  
Mrs. Arthur M. Jiles



## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

The day after the organization of the Church, March 29, 1953, the ladies organized the Woman's Society of Christian Service. It was decided at this meeting that all meetings would be held on the first Monday night of each month.

There were twenty four ladies present at the first meeting in the home of Mrs. Betty Jones. At this meeting the following officers were elected.

Mrs. Dorothy Clark---President

Mrs. Dorothy Hall----Vice-President

Mrs. Virginia Ofcharif--Secretary

Mrs. Mary Dixon-----Treasure

Mrs. Virginia Montague--Sec. Of Promotion

Mrs. Sadie Valentine--Sec. Of Spiritual Life

Mrs. Martha Gould-----Sec. Of Status of Women

Mrs. Flora Carmean----Sec. Of Christian Social  
Relations

Mrs. Martha Crawford--Sec. of Missionary  
Education

Mrs. Mabel Carter-----Sec. of Student Work

Mrs. Frances Yates----Sec. of Youth Work

Mrs. Inez Layton-----Sec. of Children's Work

Mrs. Clara Roebuck----Sec. of Literature &  
Publications

Mrs. Ivey Montjoy- ---Sec. of Supply & Worship

The ladies took off in full speed, by the end of the first year we had thirty nine members, with each doing several jobs. There was the kitchen to

supply, so we might be able to serve Methodist Men Suppers, which we continue to do. Being a new church with young families, only two youth, a nursery had to be provided for the babies during the Worship Services, this has continued for twenty five years.

Each week brought on new duties for the ladies, beginning with the first year there were at least two study courses held. We have collected coupons for the orphanage for twenty five years, furnished Church parlor, bought a lot of the parsanage furniture, sent money to the Leprosy Colony, retired several Church bonds, bought youth choir robes, helped with the Dorothy Dix Hospital Christmas Party and many, many more small projects.

We continued to grow with sixty eight members by the end of our second year and eighty six the next year. In the year 1960 we began to dress dolls for the Salvation Army, the first year we dressed seventy three, this project continued as long as they needed our services. We made numerous baby clothes and sent overseas. These are just a few of the accomplishments of the ladies.

There has always been a place to spend the money made by the ladies from flea markets, bake sales, Bazarr and Rummage sales, but each year we have given a life membership pin, as we

know this money goes to missions. The following have received these pins from Longview United Methodist Church.

#### LIFE MEMBERSHIP PINS

Mrs. Sadie Valentine	Mrs. Dot Clark
Mrs. Marjorie Everett	Mrs. Dot Hall
Mrs. Sarah Wright	Mrs. Mary Jane Walton
Mrs. Virginia Montague	Mrs. Martha Gould
Mrs. Georgia Anthony	Mrs. B. B. Baskett
Mrs. Julia Morrisey	Mrs. Eve Brewer
Mrs. Emma Williams	Mrs. Alice Burt
Mrs. Helen Hudgins	Mrs. Ozzie Marshall
Mrs. Ruth Pollett	Mrs. Betty Taylor
Mrs. Jean Wilson	Mrs. Ivey Montjoy
Mrs. Ann Ellington	Mrs. Ola Mae Brown
Mrs. Sophie Hechstrasser	Mrs. Lillian Aliff
Mrs. Mary Ann Barbour	Miss Lynn Taylor
Mrs. Ruth Seymour	Mrs. Shirley Small
Mrs. Peggy Thompson	Mrs. Gladys Houch
Mrs. Lindy Roberts	Mrs. Sarah Murphy
Mrs. Virginia Harris	Mrs. Dot Montague

Our United Methodist Women's success can be credited to all the ladies working together under the leadership of good presidents. Following is a list of our presidents in order of service.

Mrs. Dorothy Clark	Mrs. B. B. Baskett
Mrs. Marjorie Everett	Mrs. Azalee Sain
Mrs. Sarah Wright	Mrs. Virginia Montague
Mrs. Martha Gould	Mrs. Ruth Pollett

Mrs. Betty Taylor  
Mrs. Bea McGimsey  
Mrs. Zelda Ponder  
Mrs. Dot Clark

Mrs. Lillian Aliff  
Mrs. Dot Melton  
Mrs. Mary Ann Barbour  
Mrs. Micky Robey

These are some of the high lights of our Society, if some things were left out it was due to lack of information. The history of our Society has been misplaced, so with the help of several I have tried to get it together again.

Clara Roebuck

LONGVIEW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

METHODIST MEN PRESIDENTS

<u>CHURCH YEAR</u>	<u>NAME OF PRESIDENTS</u>
1954-55	Mr. R. G. Ofcharif
1955-56	Mr. Claude Dail
1956-57	Mr. Cecil Montjoy
1957-58	Mr. John T. Morrissey
1958-59	Mr. Claude Holliday
1959-60	Mr. Allen Kendall
1960-61	Mr. Bill Edwards
1961-62	Mr. Gardland Montague
1962-63	Mr. Bertram Pollett
1963-64	Mr. Wade Carter
1964-65	Mr. Jim Langstaff
1965-66	Mr. Donald McGimsey
1966-67	Mr. Jimmy Steerman
1967-68	Mr. Claude Mobley
1968-69	Mr. A. Q. Roebuck
1969-70	Mr. Dan Harris
1970-71	Mr. David Arthurs
1971-72	Mr. Sammy Small
1972-73	Mr. Ben Seymour
1973-74	Mr. Ben Seymour
1974-75	Mr. Elmore Stott
1975-76	Mr. Merlin Thompson
1976-77	Mr. Dan Harris
1977-78	Mr. Grady Snyder

## METHODIST MEN

The Methodist Men was organized in 1954 with Rudy Ofcharick - President.

The main purpose of this organization was fellowship, working on improving the church property, helping others. Each year the men entertain wives with a steak dinner. They enjoy a week-end at the beach. A number of men attend Methodist Men Retreat, which is held every year. They meet on the second Friday night in the month for a dinner meeting.

Some achievements the men have attained are listed below:

1. They have sponsored a Boy Scout Troop for many years.
2. They are a financial supporter of the Raleigh Rescue Mission.
3. They supply fruit bags for children of the church each Christmas.
4. Methodist Men supply workers for various jobs when needed for the Church and Grounds, such as painting, laying tile, cleaning grounds and building storage house and pavilion for picnics. They also do many other jobs.

## UNITED METHODIST YOUTH

The Longview MYF was founded in 1952 under the leadership of Virginia Montague. The 1st president Allen Boyd was elected in 1953. In that same year Larry Carter became our 1st ACS delegate. From 1954 to 1955 there were not enough youth in the church to have organized meetings but in late 1955 under MYF President Danny Ray the Friday night recreation sessions were begun.

In 1956 the youth became involved with the Fair Booth project. From that time to the present the youth have played an important part in the success of the Fair Booth. Cheryl Dail was president in 1956 with Mr. & Mrs. H. R. Honeycutt as the Adult Advisors.

In 1959 Virginia Montague became the Adult Advisor again and John Brewer became president. In 1961 Baxter Myers became MYF President and the MYF continued to grow. In 1962 Mrs. Howard Brewer became the Adult Advisor and continued to help in the youth dept. for several years.

The MYF sent Lynn Taylor as their 1st delegate to the summer workshop program in 1965. Since then youth from Longview have gone to workshop programs every year.

In 1965 Lawrence Whitfield became president and the group continued to grow. During this

time under the leadership of Rev. Lester Tilley the youth became more active in the church service.

In 1967 Lynn Taylor became youth advisor for the youth dept. In 1967 the youth took there 1st Christmas family project. For several years this was the main youth service project.

In the early 70's it was decided because of the rapid growth of the youth group that a youth director should be hired. Steve Wilson was hired as our 1st Youth Director, soon followed by Ed Woodard. Since then several persons have worked in the youth dept. Our present Youth Director Alan Gibson is working with the youth to continue to move forward with projects and activities. Over the years the youth of Longview Methodist have made a definate impact in our Church and community.

It was the youth who in 1959 suggested that the Chapel be named the Carl Walton Memorial Chapel. Since the beginning of Longview our Youth dept. has always been a group that any member of our church could be proud. We, the members pray that each group in the future will continue to be happy and grow in Christ.

Lynn Taylor

Youth Advisor 1967-74



## SUNDAY SCHOOL

We met on March 29, 1953 for our first formal services. Nursery and Primary children met in the basement of Virginia and Harvey Montagues home. Virginia and Clara Roebuck were the teachers. The rest of the Sunday School met in the basement of Tom and Fran William's home (Now the Roebuck home.) Dot Clark taught the Grammar grades. Cecilia Montjoy and Larry Carter were the only youth, so they met with the adults. Mr. Sam Hall was the teacher of this class. In (April or May) we met in Longview Elementary School.

The Sunday before Christmas we met in our church. The children met in the basement and grammar grades in the two small class rooms. The adults in the Sanctuary.

Doris White became the Primary Director.

As our church grew in members our Sunday School enrollment increased and the metal building was acquired in 1956, to help with the overflow. The adults were divided into two classes. Charlie Taylor and Sam Hall were the teachers. We were soon too crowded and plans were made to build the Dowd Building to be used as Sunday School building.

The Dowd Building was occupied in 1957 and houses Nursery through sixth Grade. In addition

to this in 1972 the walkway was inclosed to become a music room and nursery. Also in 1976 our Library was furnished with uniform bookcases and became a resource center for teachers. The Library has back copies of Literature, filmstrips, filmstrips and picture files, along with books and audio visual equipment. This was done when Rev. Tucker was pastor.

As our church grew, we grew to four Adult Classes, The Williams Class, which uses the International Lesson, The Aldersgate Class, which is Bible Study, The Christian Dialouge Class, which began when Rev. Walker was pastor. This class uses literature dealing with Social Concerns and Bible Study and are presently studing the Teachings Of Jesus. Also the Young Adult Class, for collage age, this class has been active on and off for a number of years. At the present time there are a good number of this age. There literature deals with Social Concerns, Moral Issues and Bible Study.

Our Youth department has had some very active years and some not so active due to the number of youth involved. At the present time we have a very active group of about thirty youth. Classes are divided into Junior High and Senior High. They meet in the metal building.

As our adult classes grew so did our Nursery and Elementary departments. We had classes as follows: two year old class, three year old class,

four year old class, and five year olds, we had first and second grades, third and fourth grades, fifth and sixth grades. Some of these classes have been combined in recent years.

Due to some very dedicated workers we feel our children and youth received and are receiving, through our Sunday School, very good teaching of the Bible and some good examples to live by.

Dot Clark, Durwood Barbour  
and Peggy Thompson

## THE MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Over the span of 25 years, this Church has been blessed with good instruments of music, talented and capable musicians to play the instruments, patient directors, and faithful choir people to lead the congregation in singing. A few names stand out as being special to the Ministry of Music at Longview United Methodist Church. All the others were and are members of a group where each voice shares equal importance in the eyes of God and gratitudes of the congregation.

Early in 1953 when the fledging congregation worshiped in Longview School Auditorium. Dr. Millard Burt and Mr. Warren Barfield gathered a small group of singers, and with Cecelia Montjoy (Adams) as pianist, formed a choir. Soon after, in May 1953 Mrs. Rachel Boyd (Hayes) assumed direction, and choir practice was held each week in her home on New Bern Avenue. In May of 1955 Mrs. Boyd (Hayes) relinquished her duties to Mrs. Robert Senter (Hilda). With the exception of 1961 (Edith Blechler) and July 1966 to February 1967 (Bruce Jones) Mrs. Senter has been and is our Music Director.

Mrs. Senter is a very talented and qualified person in the music field and we are very fortunate to have her as our Choir Director.

Our First Church organ was a small Hammond with amplification installed by Mr. Jimmy Stephenson of Stephenson Music Company in Raleigh. The organ not only sounded great during the Hymns, it picked up short wave radio during the sermon. Our present organ was purchased in 1972 and has served the Church well. Our choir has been very active here in the church and has joined other choirs in other Churches and Services on numerous occasions. Many have been blessed by its offerings.

Betty Taylor

The 25th Anniversary Committee would like to extend our appreciation to the Choir members, Organist and Director for the inspiration they have provided the membership through the years.

## THE LONGVIEW METHODIST DAY SCHOOL

The inception of the Longview Methodist Day School was spearheaded by the Longview Methodist Church's first minister, Reverend Carl Walton. The organizational meeting was held July 29, 1954, with the following persons present: Dr. Millard Burt, Chairman, Rev. Carl Walton, Mrs. V. E. Fisher, Mr. R. G. Ofcharik, Martha Crawford, Wade Carter, Nita Hammons, and the ex-officio members.

The purpose of the kindergarten was well expressed by Rev. Walton in his message to the Official Board when he was asking approval for the kindergarten. He stressed the evangelistic opportunity of teaching Christianity to a great number of children.

The first school year (1954-55) was to begin with one class of not over thirty-five four and five year old children. The Director-Teacher was Mrs. Myrle Fisher and her assistant teacher was Mrs. Nita Hammons.

In the fall of 1957, an all-day care program was gradually started to meet the needs and requests of families where both parents were employed outside the home. The hours the school was opened changed to 7:15 A.M. until 6:00 P.M. and these are the present hours the Day School is open. Mrs. Ozzie Marshall became Director-

Teacher in January of 1957 and at her request, was relieved of the "Director" duties by Mrs. Doris White in the fall of 1957.

After-school care (care for children in the first, second, and third grades) was part of the Day Care Program. Children walked from near by Longview Gardens School.

Primarily because of the high standards for teachers and the educational programs they developed, the Day School was approved (the highest rating in North Carolina) by the North Carolina Education Department and the all-day care program is licensed by the North Carolina Welfare Department. The staff feels especially honored when the children of professionals in the field of education and child psychiatry choose our school as the one in which to enroll their children even though our location is in some cases inconvenient to them.

Every member of the Longview United Methodist Church can justifiably be proud of the Church's Day School. Repeatedly, the staff has been told by many parents how much the school has meant to their child and that they chose our school because of what former parents had told them concerning the school. Of course, the highest compliment of all is to feel or see the

love of the children for all of the staff.

The needs of the community have changed drastically since the school opened in 1954. In the early 1960's the demands of the young parents in the community and area were for more kindergarten classes for five-year olds. Because there was no more classroom space available, it was decided to use one classroom both in the morning and in the afternoon for kindergarten students. Mrs. Louise McCoy taught afternoon classes of five-year olds from 12:45 P.M. each year from 1965 through 1969. In 1968, Mrs. Frankie Liles agreed to start teaching (in addition to her morning class of four-year olds) an afternoon class of three and four year olds on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. The program was expanded to include Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons for 4's and Tuesday and Thursday afternoons for 3's with Mrs. Lindy Roberts teacher. Mrs. Roberts was also the morning Arts and Crafts Teacher. This concern for meeting the needs of three and four-year olds instead of five-year olds increased when many five-year olds had the opportunity to enter public kindergarten in the mid 1970's. When public kindergarten became available to all five-year olds in the area within the next two years, the bulk source of students was eliminated. Transportation to and from two public schools was first offered in the school year 1976-77--



another policy change in order to conform to the needs of changing conditions.

The school started with a staff of two and in May of 1960 the enrollment was ninety-three with a staff of ten; in 1967 the staff consisted of fifteen employees; in 1977 the staff number was twelve. The enrollment range has been twenty-nine students in the fall of 1955; 100 in 1960; 134 in 1965; 121 in 1970; and 120 in 1975.

Even though the enrollment and services offered during the years have varied greatly, the basic organizational structure of the program has remained the same.

During the nine months of the school year, all students are placed in morning classes according to their chronological age. Their time is divided into periods of quiet play or instruction and more active activities. Each morning includes a time for music, playground play, teaparty, discussion, story time, etc. Twice a week every class is shown filmstrips for 30 minutes and each week every student enjoys a period in the Arts and Crafts room with this special teacher. The classrooms are arranged in work or interest centers, such as: Housekeeping Center for dramatic play and developing social skills; Block Center for developing perceptual skills, eye-hand coordination, mathematics concepts, and encouraging

cooperative endeavor; Creative Center providing a wide variety of materials for creative art activities and crafts; Game Center containing games, toys and puzzles for developing fine motor skills, discriminatory abilities and critical thinking; Listening Center equipped with record player, records or games to develop auditory skills; Library Center filled with inviting books and a cozy place to "read" and the Science Center full of "look-touch-smell or find out what will happen! items."

Financially, the school has been a successful operation. The first few years were difficult since so many items of supplies and equipment needed to be purchased, but since that time the school has been self supporting and several Church bonds have been retired, from Day School funds.

Besides the benefit of using the Church facilities for the purpose of performing a public service, some of the parents of students became Church members. Other assets have been; The Day School provides a place of care for children of Fair Booth workers; Day School teachers help teach during Bible School and the refreshments were provided by the school; the filmstrip library of over 150 films, the projector, books, records and record players have been used by Sunday School and Bible School teachers; the playground, and

the Day School is responsible for the purchase of many things seen in the Church--classroom chairs, tables and curtains; water fountains, pianos, wall and metal storage cabinets, the basement floor tile, light fixtures, folding doors, air conditioners, basement kitchen stoves, freezer and commercial refrigerator; and the cement walks to the right of the Church, to the playground and metal building.

The expenses of the Day School have been kept at a minimum because many Church members have taken the responsibility of many buildings, maintenance and repair jobs--Henry Marshall made the wall storage cabinets and shelves in the classrooms and the basement area, supervised the building of the picnic table and the new pavilion and does many handy-man jobs each year; Cecil Montjoy was responsible for installing the present basement lights and is the person called upon for advice whenever the furnace, refrigerator or freezer is giving trouble; Rev. Cotton helped with the plumbing when he was minister; Ed Brown helped by building and repairing the playhouse on the playground, installing the newer playground equipment, putting formica on classroom table tops, and repairing the large wooden trucks, tractors, and cars; Ben Seymour has been very helpful in keeping the grounds neat and clean; and many

other Church members have contributed in various ways. Bob McCoy has been one of those "in the background" helpers for years.

The years between 1972 and 1978 can best be described as years of transition and adjustment to the changing conditions of our community. Prior to 1972, the Day School had been voluntarily licensed by the N. C. Welfare Department. When the N. C. law became effective in 1972, requiring all day-care to be licensed by the N. C. Child Day Care Licensing Commission, it was necessary to make several alterations in the Church building. Lighted exit signs and a fire alarm system were installed throughout the building. The kitchen was equiped with stainless steel drainboards and a stainless steel work table. A dishwasher was installed along with a ventilation fan and hood above the kitchen ranges.

The most significant change in recent years has been the size of the morning kindergarten program. As the public schools phased in their five-year kindergarten program, the Day School's enrollment of five-year-old children decreased. Also, during these years the character of the Church's immediate community was changing. While in the past years many of the kindergarten children lived in neighborhoods outside the Longview Community, rising gasoline costs and increasing traffic now made carpooling less de-

sirable for parents. Presently, a nearby public school offers extended day-care beyond regular school hours. These factors, along with the inflationary nature of the economy, have combined to effect a decrease in the Day School's total enrollment during the school years 1976 and 1977.

In the interest of serving the whole community, the Day School accepts children of all races, faiths and ethnic backgrounds.

Another community service provided by the Day School is in the area of nursing education. For the past several years, students at Wake Technical Institute's School of Nursing have been allowed to spend time in the Day School assisting in the classrooms and observing characteristics of healthy, normal children. This is included in the course of study for nursing students.

During these transitional years the Day School has maintained its high academic standards. The teachers continue to study and improve their skills and use the very best educational practices in their classrooms. Each year, the pre-school program has been reviewed and approved by the N. C. Board of Public Instruction.

Each member of the Day School staff is a warm, vibrant Christian personality, truly dedicated to serving children. During the eight years I have been employed at the Day School. I have

watched literally hundreds of children blossom, grow and thrive in the Day School's loving, nurturing atmosphere. This Christian out-reach into the lives of so many families in the community reflects credit on the entire membership of the church.

#### Day School Directors

1954-1956-----Myrtle Fisher  
1957 (January-May)-----Ozzie Marshall  
1957-1959-----Doris White  
1959-1962-----Mae Moore  
1962-1963-----Ozzie Marshall  
1963-1972-----Ola Mae Brown  
1972-1978-----Caroline Patterson

#### Summer Program Directors

Doris White  
Janie Moore Rogers  
Mae Moore  
Pauline Horton  
Caroline Patterson

Treasurers have been: Helen Reaves, Clarence Parkhurst, Claude Holliday, Maurice Toler, and Ruth Seymour.

Day School Committee Members have been: Each Minister, Director and Treasurer; Ed Brown (Chairman); Millard Burt (Chairman), Mable Carter; Wade Carter; Martha Crawford; Nita Hammons; Charles Holloman; Henry Marshall (Chairman); Ralph Rigden, Merlin Thompson; Raeford Murphy (Chairman); Ivey Montjoy; Ola Mae Brown.

The following persons have been members of the Day School staff. In parentheses is given the period of their employment with "y" representing "year" and "s" representing "summer". An "\*" means "presently employed."

Cecelia Montjoy Adams ( $\frac{1}{2}$ y)	Lillian Aliff (1y)
Rachel Alston (18y)	Georgia Anthony (3y)
Joyce Blitch (4y)*	Rosalind Bowling (7y)
Mary E. Bridges (1y)	Lynette Brown (5s)
Ola Mae Brown (13y)	Jackie Burgess (11y)
Louise Candler (3y)*	Ruth Davenport (3y)
Bertha Davis (15y)	Louis Davis (1y)
Nancy Earp ( $1\frac{1}{2}$ y)	Ann Edwards (1y)
Ann Ellington (5y)*	Sandy Ellington (3s)
Myrle Fisher ( $1\frac{1}{2}$ y)	Pam Franklin (2s)
Elizabeth Freeman (2s)	Judy Green (1y)
Nita Hammons (2y)	Mona Harris(13y)*
Marilyn Herndon (1y)	Pat Holliday (7y)
Brenda Horton (2s)	Gwen Horton ( $4\frac{1}{2}$ y)
Helen Horton (1s)	Lisa Horton ( $\frac{1}{2}$ y)
Pauline Horton (20y)*	Bessie Jones (1y)
Audrey Lassiter (3y)	Margaret Lassiter (3y)
Debbie Liles (1s)	Frankie Liles (12y)
Harry Mason ( $\frac{1}{2}$ y)	Ozzie Marshall (19y)
Wanda Marshall (2s)	Louise McCoy (17y)*
Clara McLean (14y)	Carol Mason (4y)
BeMac Miller (3y)	Debora Moore (1s)
Janie Moore (1s)	Mae Moore (7y)
Doris Moreland (1y)	Kathy Morgan (1y)
Cathryn Oliver (1y)	Caroline Patterson (8y)

Billie Pinkerton (3y)  
Lindy Roberts (18y)  
Dorothy Scott (6y)  
Inez Smith (17y)\*  
Mrs. Lee Smith ( $\frac{1}{2}$ y)  
Jean Thompson (3y)  
Barbara Toler (8y)\*  
Doris White (2y)

Cathyrine Reeder (1s)  
Mrs. Rochelle ( $\frac{1}{2}$ y)  
Mrs. D.R. Slickker (1y)  
Mrs. Coye Snipes (1s)  
Ruby Thomas ( $\frac{1}{2}$ y)  
Terry Thompson (2s)  
Mary Wall (10y)

JANITORS

Charles Hawkins  
Freddie Murphy  
John Thomas

Kenneth Satterwhite  
Melvin Surles  
Fletcher Snipes

Cleveland Jones

The Day School information was written by Mrs. Ola Mae Brown and Mrs. Caroline Patterson, present Day School Director.



## A HISTORY OF LONGVIEW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Longview United Methodist Church, formally organized and constituted on Palm Sunday, March 29, 1953, came into existence because the Raleigh Board of Missions, an agency created to assist in the development of new churches, decided a Methodist church was needed in the rapidly growing community where the church now stands, 2312 Milburnie Road.

The Sunday the church was organized, 55 members were received into the membership. Four adults and 12 children and infants were baptized. Then on May 24, 1953 charter membership rolls were closed, with 122 persons present for the service. Four adults and young people were baptized.

This culmination was prefaced with the involvement of a lot of people devoting time, energy and financial support in a united effort of Christian brotherhood to The Glory of God. Assistance came from the Raleigh Board of Missions, which has given Longview over \$17,000 through the years from the \$10 Club. Edenton Street Church, the Mother Church of Methodism in North Carolina, helped out with the preacher's salary. Some members of Longview since have helped establish new churches through the \$10 Club, personal contributions and other efforts.

The Rev. W. Carlisle Walton, Jr., who quickly

became affectionately known as "Carl", was sent to Longview to organize a new church. Methodists in the area were contacted and on January 14, 1953 eight persons besides the pastor met for the first prayer meeting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie T. Clark, a husband and wife team still called "Dot and Charlie." The course of this small band of Christians to get a church organized was charted. They would knock on doors and ring doorbells. Among them was Mrs. Sadie Valentine, the "Matriarch" of the church and lovingly called "Miss Sadie" until her death.

Their efforts bore fruit. March 1, 1953, the first "Sunday Worship" service was held in the basement of the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Williams, Jr., which is known now as the Roebuck home. Space in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Montague next door was "commandeered" for use by the children. Services were held in the Williams basement for about three months. The congregation grew so rapidly it became necessary to find larger quarters.

The Sunday worship services were transferred to Longview Elementary School on May 24, 1953, service for the closing of the charter membership rolls was held.

Presiding over the charter service was the Rev. W. A. Cade, superintendent of the Raleigh District of the North Carolina Conference of

the Methodist Church, and Carl Walton Jr., pastor of the new church.

In a business session that followed, E. R. Carmean, Charlie T. Clark and T. A. Williams were elected as stewards. Trustees elected were R. A. Burt, Cecil C. Montjoy and J. W. (Jimmy) Shelton.

Other officers elected were: Mrs. W. V. Carter and Mrs. C. C. Montjoy as communion stewards; Mrs. Sadie Valentine, Luther E. Lewis, Marvin Layton, Mrs. Mary Dixon, Mrs. Martha Crawford, Cecilia Montjoy and Larry Carter as members of commission for membership and evangelism.

Members of the commission on missions were Sam Hall, Mrs. Flora Carmean and Mrs. Clara Roebuck. Those on the finance commission were W. V. Carter, elected as treasurer, to serve with Fred Dixon and Al Q. Roebuck.

Fred Dixon was designated as a member at large of the commission on evangelism. Andy Jones was named Sunday School superintendent and Sam Hall was elected superintendent of membership cultivation. Mrs. C. T. (Dot) Clark was named superintendent of the children's division and Mrs. Harvey (Virginia) Montague was elected superintendent of the youth division.

A landmark event was breaking ground in 1953 for the chapel, to seat 150 people, that was

occupied on December 20 of the same year. The first spade of dirt was turned by Mrs. Sadie Valentine and R. A. Burt, oldest members of the church. Assisting in the groundbreaking were J. William McGee, chairman of the Raleigh Board of Missions and Church Extension of the Methodist Church, sponsors of Longview and the Rev. Mr. Walton.

The Rev. Mr. Walton brought the message that preceded the groundbreaking and a special song was sung by the children's department under the direction of Mrs. Charlie Clark.

In a special offering in which working members of the church contributed one day's pay, a total of \$704.84 was raised. The gifts were dropped in a scale model of the church built by Ed Valentine, a member. There were 120 members present.

Arrangements for the groundbreaking were in charge of Al Crawford, who was assisted by Mrs. Virginia Montague, Mrs. Jimmy Shelton, Mrs. Bill Everett, Charlie Taylor, Clarence Steppe and Chuck Wooten.

After the groundbreaking approximately 200 persons enjoyed a watermelon party on the lawn of Mr. and Mrs. Wade Carter, adjacent to the two-acre church site.

Attending the groundbreaking services were

pastors from the Methodist churches in Raleigh, people from Apex, Macedonia and Holly Springs, where the Rev. Mr. Walton served before coming to Raleigh. John Duncan, chairman of the building committee, and Mr. Fred Noble, head of the finance committee of the Board of Commissions, also were present.

A metal building was erected in the summer of 1956 to help take care of some of the growing needs of the church, including church school and youth. Fire destroyed the interior of the metal building in December 1962. Restoration was immediate.

The O. W. Dowd Memorial Education Building was occupied on Worldwide Communion Sunday in October 1957. See Footnote on last page.

Although the plans have never materialized, long range plans devised by the architect called for a large sanctuary to be built between the Dowd building and the parking lot. Another building was planned for the area where the playground is now located and to create a courtyard effect.

A great tragedy struck the church February 4, 1959, when Carl Walton lost his life in the crash of the new Turbo-jet American Airliner in the East River near LaGuardia Field, N. Y.

Nine months earlier he had resigned his pastorate at Longview to accept a position as director of ministry for the Methodist Television, Radio and Film Commission in Nashville, Tenn.

Mary Jane Walton and the four children, Pat, Pam, Bill and Lee, participated in note-burning ceremonies May 17, 1970 to mark the final payment by Longview on property valued at \$185,000. Bishop William R. Cannon of the Raleigh area presided.

The Rev. John T. Maides came to Longview as its second pastor in May 1958. In the spring of 1961 he moved to Asbury Methodist in Durham.

The Rev. Worth B. Cotton succeeded Rev. Maides and served Longview for three years, transferring to Troy in the spring of 1964.

The Rev. Lester A. Tilley, now deceased, came to Longview from Jacksonville to succeed Rev. Cotton. He served until 1968 when he was succeeded by the Rev. F. Odell Walker, who was pastor at the time of the 1970 dedication services.

Rev. Walker was succeeded by the Rev. C. Clyde Tucker, who served six years and was succeeded in 1977 by Dr. Robert F. McKee.

The church owns the parsonage its ministerial families occupy at 137 N. Lord Ashley Road.

The Rev. Ralph Pritchard, retired, and his

wife, Virginia, have settled in the community and made valuable contributions to the life and ministry of the church.

Although the active membership of the church at its quarter century interval is only about twice as large as its original charter membership due to community changes, Longview United Methodist Church is one of many activities.

Closely tied to the Longview Church is the Kindergarten and Day School that was pioneered by Rev. Walton and the Administrative board. The purpose of this venture was to stress the evangelistic opportunity of teaching Christianity to a great number of children. The school was successful from the start and has been outstanding in Church and community life ever since.

The first school year 1954-55 began with 35 four and five year olds. Mrs. Myrle Fisher was director and Mrs. Nita Hammons, teacher. Since that time we have had outstanding directors and dedicated teachers.

Longview's church school activities include Bible study in the Aldersgate class, the International Lesson in the Williams class and dialogue in the Christian Dialogue class. There are elementary and youth classes, plus a nursery for tiny tots during the church hour.

In addition to the Sunday school program, the church has an active Methodist Youth

Fellowship, founded in 1952 under the leadership of Virginia Montague; perpetuated by the efforts of Lynn Taylor, youth adviser for a long while and directors hired since 1970. The activity bus has been utilized and enjoyed by youth and adults of the church.

Another joint effort we enjoy together is the first Sunday assembly. The first Sunday of each month all the members of Sunday School meet in the Fellowship Hall for a joint assembly, and coffee and donuts at 9:30. This is headed by the Adult Coordinator.

The Methodist Men's Club meets monthly in the Fellowship Hall, enjoys a meal prepared by one of the United Methodist Women groups, and offers fellowship, entertainment and inspiration. The Methodist Men undertake many projects and support other projects of the church. Male leadership in the church is parallel to leadership and membership in Methodist Men.

Groups, formerly called circles, now comprise United Methodist Women, formerly known as Woman's Society of Christian Service. The groups have home meetings, plus general monthly sessions, and perform such duties as feeding the Methodist men, taking care of the nursery, flowers for the altar, along with special projects for the church and parsonage. Like the men, they also provide church leadership.



Longview United Methodist Church has not been with out a choir since it acquired a congregation. When the church worshiped in the auditorium of Longview Elementary School in 1953, Dr. Millard Burt and Warren Barfield gathered a small group of singers and with Cecilia Montjoy (Adams) as pianoist, formed a choir. In May 1953 Mrs. Rachel Boyd (Hayes) assumed direction and held weekly practices in her home on New Bern Avenue. Mrs. Robert (Hilda) Senter assumed directorship of the choir after Mrs. Boyd (Hayes) relinquished her duties in May 1955. Except for 1961 (Edith Beichler) and July 1966 to February 1967 (Bruce Jones) Mrs. Senter has been music director ever since.

A cafeteria service at The North Carolina State Fair, another source of income, provides hard work and fellowship among the church membership.

Church suppers and other events that have been traditional at Longview United Methodist Church continue.

In this quarter century the church has had baptisms, weddings, deaths and tragedies. Like all organizations our church has had its ups and downs but with Gods help we keep striving for the ultimate goal.

As Gene Houck described it so appropriately,  
"There are a lot of memories in this church."

Jim Whitfield  
Historian

Footnote: Dowd Building was named for Rev. O. C. Dowd, who was District Superintendant at the time plans were made for our education building.

Due to his great interest and support of this project the building was named in Honor of him. A portrait of Rev. Dowd is found in the front entrance of the education building.

LONGVIEW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
LIST OF CHAIRMAN OF ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD

<u>CHURCH YEAR</u>	<u>NAME OF CHAIRMAN</u>
1952-53	None
1953-54	T. A. Williams, Jr. (1st)
1954-55	Millard P. Burt
1955-56	W. B. Wright
1956-57	John T. Morrissey
1957-58	W. N. White
1958-59	Henry F. Marshall
1959-60	Alton McGraw
1960-61	S. T. Sain
1961-62	S. T. Sain
1962-63	S. T. Sain
1963-64	S. T. Sain
1964-65	E. B. Baskett
1965-66	E. B. Baskett
1966-67	E. B. Baskett
1967-68	John Castleberry
1968-69	John Castleberry
1969-70	John Castleberry
1970-71	Lee Hudgins
1971-72	Lee Hudgins
1972-73	Daniel P. Harris
1973 (7 Mos. Year)	Daniel P. Harris
1974	Daniel P. Harris
1975	Henry F. Marshall
1976	Henry F. Marshall
1977	David Arthurs
1978	David Arthurs

## CHURCH SCHEDULES

Church School	9:45 A.M.
Worship Service	11:00 A.M.
Youth Groups - Sunday	6:00 P.M.
Choir - Youth - Sunday Night	7:00 P.M.
Choir - Adult - Thursday	8:00 P.M.
Women's Society & Circle Meetings:	
General Meeting - First Monday	8:00 P.M.
Circle #1 - First Tuesday	10:30 A.M.
Circle #2 - Third Tuesday	8:00 P.M.
Circle #3 - Third Monday	8:00 P.M.
Circle #4 - Second Monday	8:00 P.M.
Vacation Church School - Summer	9:00-11:30 A.M.
Methodist Men - Second Friday, Dinner Mtg.	7:00 P.M.
Cub Scouts - Every Monday	7:00 P.M.
Administrative Board - Wednesday	8:00 P.M.
Council on Ministries - Wednesday	7:00 P.M.
Weekday School - Year Round	
Kindergarten - Regular School Year	

## CHURCH SECRETARIES

Helen Lewis

Nell Jones

Lillian Aliff

Connie Hawthorne

Shirley Small

Ruth Seymour

## ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Through the foresight of The Raleigh Board of Missions, The Ten Dollar Club, The Edenton Street United Methodist Church and the vision of people The Longview Methodist Church was born.

November 1952 - W. Carlisle Walton, Jr. was appointed pastor.

January 14, 1953 - The Church was born out of a prayer meeting in the home of Charlie and Dot Clark.

March 29, 1953 - (Palm Sunday) The church was formally organized with 55 members.

May 24, 1953 (Aldersgate Sunday) "Charter Membership Sunday" for 108 members.

December 20, 1953 (Christmas Sunday) The congregation moved into the Chapel in which we worship today.

1953 - Church received Charter

1954 - Kindergarten and week day school started by our church.

1954 - Started having cafeteria at North Carolina State Fair, which continues today.

1954 - Bible School was held and has continued each year since that time.

1956 - Film library was started by Rev. Walton, film were stored in the home of Pat Lawson. This is now the Media Center at the Methodist Building.

1956 - Metal building was purchased

October 1957 - (Worldwide Communion Sunday) The O. W. Dowd Memorial Education Building was occupied.

1958 - Purchase of the Parsonage on Lord Ashley Rd.

1958 - Church Library started

- 1963 - Stain glass windows put in the Chapel.
- 1967 - Remodeling of Parsonage
- 1969-70 - Air conditioning of the Chapel and Fellowship Hall.
- 1970 - Marked the final payment on a property valued at \$185,000.
- May 1970 - Dedication Services were conducted by Presiding Bishop of the Raleigh area, Bishop William Cannon.
- 1972 - New Organ for Chapel was purchased
- 1974 - Longview United Methodist Church started helping sponsor The Terhune Family, missionaries to Japan.
- 1974 - Lay Witness week-end
- 1976 - Chandliers for Chapel were purchased and installed.
- 1976 - The Laura Allison Melton Scholarship was begun in her memory. The first scholarship was awarded in the fall of 1977.
- 1976 - Activity Bus was purchased
- 1976 - Sunshine Club for Senior Citizens in the Church was formed by Ozzie Marshall and is still active.
- 1977 - The Longview United Methodist Church Scholarship Foundation was begun in memory of Albert Q. Roebuck, Jr., with 10% of our income from the Fair Booth. Money can be donated to this Foundation in Honor of or Memory of other individuals. Scholarships will be given using the interest earned on the principal. A scholarship will be presented this year.
- 1978 - Mini-Ashram week-end - This was organized by

Annie Laurie Whitfield.

The concerns of the Church go from cradle to heaven;  
from worship and study to fellowship and work in  
Christian Living.

The Church's mission is "to go forward together".  
You are invited to become a part of the thrust.

## FAIR BOOTH

The first year of the Fair Booth was 1953. The men of the Church got together and built our first Fair Booth, the proceeds from the first year of operation according to the Church Records were \$1,086.04.

The Methodist Men has played a big part in the Fair Booth operations since 1954. Each year, from the beginning of the Fair Booth, the Methodist Men would build the booth, provide power and water to the booth, paint booth, clean cooking utensils and have everything ready for operation on opening day of the fair. After the fair was over the booth would be disassembled and stored until the next year. The booth was stored for several years at Mr. R. A. Burts home on Collenton Road. In 1965 the fair booth was almost ready for operations when one night fire broke out and destroyed the Booth. The men of the church got together and rebuilt the booth in time to open. Since then a building has been rented from the N. C. Agriculture Department, but it has to be set up each year for operation.

The Fair Booth operations requires a working Committee of several people plus a manager. For each day of operations, which starts at 8:00 A.M. and closes around 11:00 P.M. thirth to forty people are needed for a smooth operation.

The receipts from the Fair Booth operation have been used to retire the mortgage on our church

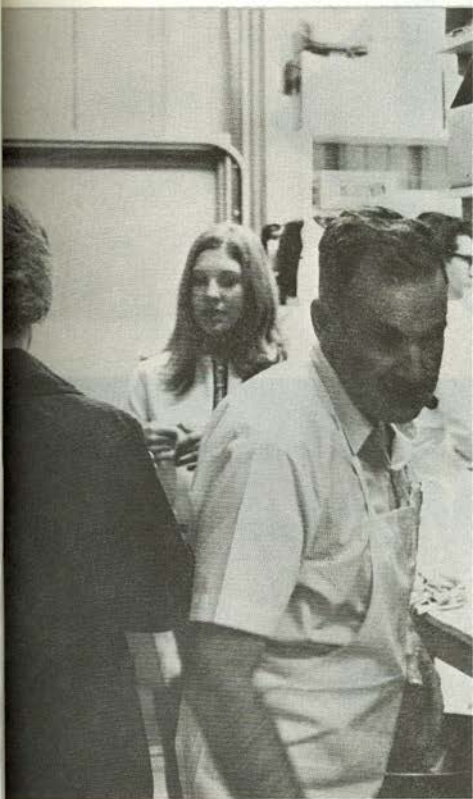


property as well as various other debts incurred by the church. It has played a very important part in the financial support of the church.

Cecil Montjoy









POEMS

by

Rev. Lester Tilley-----Former Pastor

Melinda Melton Dillard---Former Member

Dan Harris-----Present Member

SUNSHINE AND SHADOWS

God never willed that man should live  
In sunshine every day,  
For then there'd be no clouds to give  
The rain, the dust to lay.

Into each life some rain must fall,  
Some days be dark and dreary;  
But on that Friend of one and all,  
May call the sad and weary.

And if they call, He'll surely hear,  
He'll gladly give His aid;  
Then clouds and rain they will Not fear,  
For FAITH in Him is Staid.

Rev. Lester Tilley

## FRIENDS

It's good, it's grand, it's glorious, too,  
That there are people just like you,  
Who laugh and love, who lift and bear,  
The strain of toil, the fret of care!

God uses such as you, dear friends,  
For many good and noble ends,  
And He'll remember when you go,  
The things you do, the love you show!

Yes, you can know He does approve,  
Knows all your deeds, your every move.  
"Well done," He'll say, "Thou faithful one,  
You know my plan, you know my Son!"

This be your peace, that peace within,  
As God forgives your every sin,  
Assuring you eternal bliss,  
Which no one here need ever miss!

"Greater love hath no man than this, that a man  
lay down his life for his friends." John 15:13.

Rev. Lester Tilley



Must it all come back.....

One day at the sea  
the water returned to me  
Heaven and Sky touched  
the waters

Small shells were uncovered  
by waves  
and upon the frothy shoreline  
I became a part of this  
moment  
discovering things  
old but new  
different and yet the same  
I enjoyed this day at the sea  
when Jesus returned to me.

Malenda Melton Dillard

My life  
in so many ways  
is a flower  
ready to bloom  
having been prepared  
throughout my life  
ready for changes.  
to bloom,  
would be exciting  
but sometimes  
I feel, I'd rather be a bud

Malenda Melton Dillard

## YOU CAN WIN

It doesn't take a lot of things  
To make you worth a lot,  
It only takes the will to win  
And using what you've got.

When you work with what you have,  
You soon will have much more,  
The way that seemed a dead-end-street,  
Will be an open door.

Now through that open door does lie,  
the path that winners trod,  
Where you can win your biggest game  
While holding onto God.

And when you know how great it is,  
To be a winner too,  
You'll look around for someone's hand  
And take them on with you.

So be a winner all the way,  
Don't worry 'bout the breaks,  
Just go to work with what you have  
And give it what it takes.

Dan Harris

## MY FRIEND

Since the day you took my hand  
And gave that friendly smile,  
Our friendship's been a treasured thing  
And growing all the while.

Each time I see your smiling face,  
I feel your friendly glow,  
I know again the joy in life,  
And it does thrill me so.

I know that I have grown a bit,  
My light is shining brighter,  
because you came into my life  
And made the load much lighter.

Now I'm sure you know the One  
Who holds us by the hand,  
Who guides us through each newborn day  
With a love we understand.

So this will be my prayer for you  
Wherever you may be,  
That He'll guide and comfort you  
The way He does for me.

Dan Harris

## THE LITTLE THINGS

It really is the little things  
That mean the most of all...  
The "let me help you with that" things  
That may seem very small,  
The "I'll be glad to do it" things  
That make your cares much lighter,  
The "laugh with me, it's funny" things  
That make your outlook brighter...  
The "never mind the trouble" things  
The "yes, I understand,"  
The interest and encouragement  
In everything you've planned...  
It really is the little things,  
The friendly word or smile,  
That add such happiness to life  
And make it more worth while.

Mary Dawson Hughes

## THE BEST MEMORY SYSTEM

Forget each kindness that you do  
As soon as you have done it;  
Forget the praise that falls to you  
The moment you have won it;  
Forget the slander that you hear  
Before you can repeat it;  
Forget each slight, each spite, each sneer  
Whenever you may meet it.

Remember every kindness done  
To you, whate'er its measure;  
Remember praise by others won  
And pass it on with pleasure;  
Remember every promise made  
And keep it to the letter;  
Remember those who lend you aid  
And be a grateful debtor.

Remember all the happiness  
That comes your way in living;  
Forget each worry and distress,  
Be hopeful and forgiving;  
Remember good, remember truth,  
Remember heaven's above you,  
And you will find through age and youth  
True joy, and hearts to love you

--Author Unknown

I LOVE THE CHURCH!

I love the Church Christ founded here,  
It's done so much, I see;  
The Church which to His heart was dear,  
Is dear also to me.

I love the services each week,  
The Hymns of prayer and praise;  
I go my Master there to seek,  
And follow in His ways.

I love the organ and the bell,  
I love the choir that sings;  
I love the Gospel Truth to tell,  
I love just simple things.

And when I come, IF night or day,  
To meet Christ face to face;  
I will NOT fear the Judgment Day,  
For I'll be saved by GRACE!

Rev. Lester Tilley