

*One Hundredth Anniversary*  
*of the*  
Macon United Methodist Church



ESTABLISHED 1874 - 1974

Macon, North Carolina

*Enter To Worship* - - - - - *Depart To Serve*

This book is lovingly dedicated to the many deceased men and women of the Macon United Methodist Church whose lives have meant so much to the Macon Community.

DEED OF AUGUST 22nd., 1874

B. I. Egerton  
To  
Jno. E. Boyd  
Jno. B. Powell  
Sam'l Bobbitt  
& Others - Trustees

State of North Carolina  
Warren County Know all men  
by these presents that I, Benj.  
I Egerton, for and  
inconsideration of the love I  
bear for the cause of Christ  
and from an earnest desire to  
promote His Heritage on  
earth, do give and grant and

by these presents convey unto Jno. E. Boyd, Jno. B. Powell, Sam'l Bobbitt, Geo. W. Myrick, Jno. M. Brame, Wm. H. White, Dr. R.S.F. Peete, and Benj. I. Egerton, Trustees, appointed by the Quarterly Conference of the Warren Circuit, North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South a certain tract or parcel of land with all its appurtenances, at or near Macon Depot bounded as follows: Beginning at a stone on the R. and G.R. Road line, thence N. and West 18 P 4 L to a stone, thence S. 73 W. 18 P 4 L to a stone, thence S and E to the R and G R Road line, thence Eastwardly along said line to the corner, thence along said line Southwardly to another corner, thence along said line to the beginning, containing about two acres, for the purpose of erecting thereon a church edifice for the use of said Methodist Episcopal Church South. The said trustees and their successors are to have and to hold the property aforesaid for the use aforesaid, free from the claim or claims of myself, my heirs, my executors or administrators, and from the claims of all others whatsoever so long as it may be used for the purpose above mentioned or purpose of Religious Worship, and when it ceases to be used for said purpose, then this deed is null & void and the said land is to revert back to the original owner or his heirs.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 22nd day of August 1874.

In the presence of  
B. I. Egerton (Seal)

Witness  
Frank M. Fitts

## HISTORY OF MACON METHODIST CHURCH

(This early history of Macon Methodist Church was compiled by Mr. Thomas E. Powell, Mrs. Emma Nowell, and Mrs. L. R. Harris. This history was read at the Homecoming Service held at the Macon Church in May, 1965 by Miss Helen Thompson).

According to a History of the Macon Methodist Church as compiled by Mr. T. E. Powell and read by him at a "Home-Coming Service" held in that Church October 4, 1936. The Church was organized in 1874 to supersede Pegram's Church, situated about seven miles from Macon, near "Buck Spring," home of Nathaniel Macon.

The original membership was not large, being composed of former members of Pegram's, Hebron, and Prospect Churches. The lot on which the building stands consists of two (2) acres, donated to the church by Benjamin Iredell Egerton, the deed for which was recorded in 1876.

Mr. Powell states that he recalls when the Church was being built, but he is not certain of the date when it was finished. But, if in 1876, this is the seventy second anniversary of its existence. (This was read at Homecoming, 1949).

Mr. Powell further states that he remembers when the first service was held and recalls that the sermon was preached by Dr. Closs, who was at that time an eminent, divine, and outstanding pulpit orator, though rather elderly.

The original board of trustees is a matter of record, and consisted of the following: John Early Boyd, John B. Powell, Capt. Samuel Bobbitt, George W. Myrick, John M. Brame, William H. White, Dr. R. S. F. Peete, and Benjamin Iredell Egerton, two of whom were never members of the Church.

Among outstanding stewards, through the years have been Capt. W. G. Coleman, John B. Powell, E. W. Thompson, W. E. B. Harris, Winfield S. Gardner, Larkin Overby, Sr., James Overby, Peter M. Stallings, S. S. Reeks, John D. Newell, John Kerr Harris, A. F. Brame, all deceased.

The contractor who constructed the original building was Mr. Albert Jones who resided in the Embro neighborhood. Most of the material was donated by the leading families, and was of the very best quality. The workmanship also was of the very finest.

During the pastorate of the Rev. B. P. Robinson about twenty three years ago (1926), the church was practically made new, the outside walls brick veneered, choir loft built in auditorium, new slate roof put on and steeple erected. An educational building was added at the rear. The total cost of this building was \$16,500, of which \$2,500 was donated by the "Duke Foundation."

Our church has never been without faithful, loyal workers for its growth and welfare. Among the best means of fund-raising in the early days were ice-cream suppers and oyster suppers. In the summer the church grove was made beautiful with Japanese lanterns. The freezers were watched with interest by youngsters to be on hand when dashers



were taken out and given a good licking. Mrs. Dan Lawrence, who refreshes our memory on these times, comments that they were really delightful occasions for the social life of the entire family, and besides were practically the only times many people ever had any ice cream. To meet anyone on the street munching an ice cream cone was unthinkable.

Regular food sales were a favorite activity of the church ladies. To attract patronage to these the then little Wilton Drake had a little hand organ which he played on the street outside. There's no telling how much this music added to a day's income.

Our church was escaped thus far misfortunes of fire, flood, and other disasters. But we recall an instance that might have resulted seriously. We were attending a Christmas Program, a gorgeous tree in the front delighting the crowd of people in the audience. In the midst of the activities, Dr. Perry rose, pointed upwards and said, "The house is on fire, but there is no danger." A shock was felt, and the fire could be seen in the ceiling. But the people, children and all, moved quietly and calmly outside while men went to the top to put out the fire. One colored man called out, "Give me a light so I can see the fire." A bucket-brigade soon conquered the blaze, the people returned to their places, and the program was resumed. But the burnt spot remained a long time.

Later the Woman's Missionary Society, under the presidency of Mrs. Val Alston Bell, installed the heating system, and furnished chairs for the Sunday School rooms, at a cost of \$2,000.

Still later, the W.S.C.S., Miss Helen Tompson, president, put in modern rest rooms, and new carpeting. Total amount of improvements and additions equalled \$5,000.

During the pastorate of the honored C. W. Robbins, extensive interior decorating was done, making the Macon Church one of the most attractive to be found in any small North Carolina town. An organ, chimes, and electrically-illuminated cross, memorials, were installed at the same time.

The church has been served by twenty-six pastors as follows: (1949)

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| 1. Sam Hoyle         | 14. D. N. Caviness  |
| 2. J. R. Griffith    | 15. R. H. Broome    |
| 3. A. R. Raven       | 16. J. A. Hornaday  |
| 4. Rev. W. C. Gannon | 17. Dr. J. T. Gibbs |
| 5. R. S. Webb        | 18. H. B. Porter    |
| 6. Dr. R. O. Burton  | 19. B. P. Robinson  |
| 7. John M. Cole      | 20. J. A. Martin    |
| 8. A. McCullen       | 21. E. C. Durham    |
| 9. P. L. Herman      | 22. O. I. Hinson    |
| 10. J. A. Guthrie    | 23. J. O. Long      |
| 11. E. H. Davis      | 24. E. R. Clegg     |
| 12. C. W. Robinson   | 25. C. W. Robbins   |
| 13. W. W. Rose       | 26. LaFon C. Vereen |

Of these the following survive: E. H. Davis, H. B. Porter, B. P. Robinson, E. C. Durham, J. O. Long, E. R. Clegg, C. W. Robbins, and the present pastor, LaFon Vereen.

The Church has always met its obligation in full, both as to local assessments and missions and benevolences. The budget for the current Conference year totals \$2,226.54. (1949)

No sketch of the church would be complete without reference to the splendid work that has been done in the Church School under the superintendency, in recent years, of E. W. Thompson, S. S. Reeks, both deceased, W. T. Person, Fletcher Bobbitt, and the present incumbent, Simon M. Gardner.

Nor should we fail to mention the fine work by the "Epworth League," for many years, now being carried on by the "Methodist Youth Fellowship". Not a few of the present-day leaders received information and training during youth, from the old "Epworth League."

The present (1949) Board of Trustees consists of F. M. Drake, Simon Gardner, and Macon Thornton.

The current (1949) Board of Stewards is composed of Simon Gardner, Chairman; Macon Thornton, Clarence Thompson, Robert Shaw, Frank Newell, Raymond Harris, Jr., Wilton Drake, and D. A. Grissom, Lemuel Harris, and Plummer Fitts.

"Time would fail me to tell" of the host of elect ladies Marthas and Marys, who have promoted the interests of Christ's Kingdom, through the Macon Methodist Church, though I should like to pay tribute to some of those who, in comparatively recent years, have ceased from their labors, and have entered into their heavenly reward; namely, Mrs. E. W. Thompson, Mrs. J. E. Rodwell, Mrs. Mary Egerton Harrison, Mrs. Alice Russell Rodwell, Mrs. Hattie Drake Brame, Mrs. Winnifred Drake Reeks, Mrs. Florence Pettway Perry, Mrs. T. E. Powell, Mrs. W. T. Person, Mrs. Lewis Thompson and Misses Florence Lamb, Lucy Boyd Thornton, Estelle Perry, and Betty Overby.

The Macon Methodist Church is as "a city set on a hill," and its influences, like "echoes," shall continue to "roll from soul to soul and grow forever and forever."

While we rejoice today in our beautiful, visible church, may we be building also that greater, invisible church, "a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens whose builder and maker is God."

II Cor. 5:1

Read in Macon Methodist Church at Home-Coming June 5, 1949, by Helen E. Thompson. Revised and enlarged by Emma Thornton Nowell, from the copy of Mrs. L. R. Harris, supplemented by Mr. T. E. Powell's original history not in these files. With additions by Miss Helen Thompson and read again by her at Home-Coming May 16, 1965.



## A CONTINUING HISTORY OF THE MACON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Covering the years 1949--to May 1965

During the past sixteen years, from 1949 to May 1965, our Macon Methodist Church has continued to grow spiritually under the consecrated ministries of the Reverends: L. C. Vereen, H. L. Davis, W. A. Crow, A. W. Nichols, F. S. Love (now deceased, May, 1965), Leon Ross, H. L. Harris, and M. T. Mann.

The W.S.C.S. continues to actively participate in the church and Conference work. Our Methodist Youth Fellowship has enlarged its scope of work within Warren County through the Warco Subdistrict, which encompasses all of the Methodist Churches in the county and periodically has joint services with inspirational speakers. There has been wider participation in the youth organizations of the *North Carolina Conference* and several of our young people have held district and conference offices. Our conference summer camps have been attended by a number of our boys and girls who received inspirational guidance and came home to stimulate interest within their own M.Y.F.

During the past sixteen years (since the history of our church was last summarized) our Sunday School has progressed under the leadership of Mr. S. M. Gardner and Mr. Raymond Harris, Jr., assisted by Mr. W. B. Thompson.

Each summer we have held a joint Methodist-Baptist Vacation Bible School, alternating, first at one church site then the other; where the teachers of the young people have continued Christian instruction, able assisted by various members of each church.

Mid-week "Prayer Meetings" have been held throughout most of these years. It has been a time when those in attendance especially enjoyed the informal ' talks" made by the minister, and the singing of hymns is an integral part of the service.

Our Sunday morning preaching services have grown from twice a month to every Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. We are grateful for the privilege of having had some of our Conference's most able and consecrated ministers, and in each there has been dedicated leadership.

In 1950, when extensive interior decorating was done in our Sanctuary, several members of our church, some former members, and friends felt that certain other physical additions would add to the beauty that the eye perceives, and more important, to the reverence and enjoyment of our worship service. To this end there were various gifts and memorials and it seems fitting that they should be mentioned:

- (1) The electric organ, a memorial to Mr. W. G. Egerton by the Thornton family; supplemented by church funds.
- (2) The chimes, a memorial to Mr. C. A. Harris by his wife and children.
- (3) The electric cross, a memorial to Mr. and Mrs. John Egerton Rodwell by their children.
- (4) The communion table, given by Miss Helen Thompson and Mrs.

- Hope T. Williams in memory of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. Whitford Thompson.
- (5) The Baptismal Font was presented by the Gardner family during the life-time of their father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Winfield Scott Gardner.
  - (6) The chancel kneeling cushion and various other gifts, by Mrs. Lula G. Harris.
  - (7) The pulpit Bible a gift of Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Gardner.
  - (8) Two beautiful sets of Communion table covers by Mrs. F. M. Drake and granddaughter, Mrs. Paul Bennett, and Dr. Bennett of Goldsboro, N. C.
  - (9) The altar flood light a gift from Mrs. D. C. Lawrence (nee Mamie Thornton) of Sanford, N. C.
  - (10) The brass altar candle holders came through a legacy left by Mr. Russell Ellis to this church (as did the amplifying system in the Gardner Room).
  - (11) The brass altar vase was so placed by the official board of the church honoring Mrs. E. J. Bullock (nee Olivia Brame).
  - (12) Mrs. H. W. Rodwell of Warrenton, a former member of this church, gave the organ light.

Each of these gifts to our church has added in its own distinctive way to the beauty and reverence of the worship service. To the glory of God may we use them.

In a category to themselves are the memorial windows of our church which were installed in 1951 under the leadership and supervision of Mr. W. R. Drake during the ministry of the Reverend L. C. Vereen. They were dedicated in 1957 at the time of the parsonage dedication. At this memorable service Bishop Paul N. Garber officiated. Miss Carrie Brame presented to the church the Memorial Windows "to the glory and praise of God," and in memory of:

Gertrude Lamb and E. Whitford Thompson  
Sallie Egerton and Winfield Scott Gardner  
Clara Bobbitt and Thomas Edward Powell  
Harriet Drake and Anderson F. Brame  
Martha Dora Loyd and William E. B. Harris  
Eva Bracey and Fletcher Bobbitt  
Peter M. Stallings  
Mary Newell and John J. Milam

Mr. S. M. Gardner accepted these gifts as a sacred trust to be guarded reverently "in honor of the faithful and devoted lives" to whose memory they were given. Then Bishop Garber dedicated the windows "to the glory of God and in Memory of His servants."

Of special significance is "the Gardner Room", our Sunday School Assembly Room, so named in 1959 in honor of Simon M. Gardner; for forty-three years Sunday School Superintendent; and for over thirty



years chairman of the Board of Stewards, as well as Benefactor for many church needs.

On July 5, 1959, while Dr. F. S. Love was our minister, recognition was made of his fiftieth year in the ministry, and at the same time Mr. Robert H. Shaw received a gold emblem for twenty-five years of faithful service as Church Treasurer. Quoting from the recognition service; "we fail to recognize as often as we should the sacrifices of those who labor so diligently in the work of God's Kingdom. Often we must be awakened to the fact, and value, of these services by their cessation."

In 1955 a significant change took place when Macon, Warren Plains, and Hebron became the Macon Charge. Up to that time these churches had been a part of the Warrenton Circuit. This change was made when the Reverend W. A. Crow was minister of the Warrenton Circuit. The Reverend A. W. Nichols, while attending Duke University, served the Macon Charge as its first minister. He and his family remained in North Carolina only one year before returning to Tennessee. Mr. and Mrs. Nichols and two daughters were the first to live in the new parsonage.

Immediately after the new Charge was formed plans were made for building a parsonage at Macon. The Thornton family presented a land grant for the building (specifying that additional land behind the building could be used as a garden or for church recreational purposes). Serving on the building committee were: the Honorable W. R. Drake chairman; Mr. German Walker (deceased), Warren Plains, and Mr. G. W. King, Hebron.

The contract was let to Mr. J. L. Smiley. The total cost was \$10,485. (Macon \$4,785.00--Warren Plains \$3,110.00--Hebron \$2,590.00). The funds were raised without delay. On November 7, 1955 the first payment went to the contractor; and on March 23, 1956 the last payment was made. There was no church debt remaining. Each church had paid fully its proportionate part.

In furnishing the parsonage, quality, durability and good taste, and attractiveness were the aim, for we wanted a home for our ministers in keeping with their honored position within the church community. Serving on the furnishings committee were: Mrs. E. J. Bullock, Mrs. Walter Smiley and Mrs. A. P. Powell.

When the N. C. Conference of 1956 convened, Dr. F. S. Love was appointed to Macon and served as our dedicated pastor for three years. Dr. Love died in May 1965 at the Methodist Retirement Home in Durham.

In April 1957 a dedication ceremony was held-(as before mentioned the sanctuary windows and parsonage were dedicated on the same date). Mr. W. R. Drake, chairman of the building committee, presented the parsonage, and Mr. Martin Wilson, chairman of the board of trustees of the charge accepted the parsonage. In the words of Bishop Garber, with whose presence we were honored, "Peace be to this house...It is right and proper that buildings erected for such service should be formally and devoutly set apart. The dedication of this building is vain

without the consecration of those whose gifts and labors it represents. (A copy of this dedication is preserved and in the hands of W. R. Drake).

Immediately following the dedication Dr. and Mrs. Love held open house, receiving with them were Bishop and Mrs. Garber and the Reverend and Mrs. L. C. Vereen. The large attendance for the occasion manifested the interest in the events of the day.

More recent history has been the last three years with the Reverend M. T. Mann who came to us in 1962 as our minister. Mr. and Mrs. Mann, Jennifer, two years old, and Tommy, almost one, have brought to our community the energy and zest of young people. Under Mr. Mann's energetic leadership, using his many talents, and giving dedicated service, an outstanding church-program has been accomplished. Among the events of these years have been Evangelistic Services with splendid sermons given by prominent ministers of the Conference. Holy Week services were held with the Reverend G. J. Haynes of the Macon Baptist Church bringing the first message followed by Methodist ministers of Warren County.

At Christmas time our church sponsored "caroling" at the hospital and to the shut-ins. On Christmas Eve we held a candlelight Holy Communion Service; and observed "White Christmas" for the unfortunate. This has been an annual service.

During the pastorate of Mr. Mann, various commissions of our church have been active. Programs on "Social Concern" have brought a doctor and our county welfare officer to us as speakers. Our Commission on Missions and Education held a charge study of "The Churches Mission Among New Nations." The Commission on Membership and Evangelism has worked with the minister in strengthening the ties of church membership, and reaching the individual through the various programs of the church.

This church's history would be incomplete without emphasizing the faithful and spiritual work of the Woman's Society of Christian Service. No phase of church need is neglected by them. Their organization fills not only the spiritual need of its members, but is much of their whole life. There is a loyalty and co-operation among them that is worthy of noting. Seldom could one find so small a group with so many capabilities. The Mission Study classes are ably and interestingly taught by members who are often invited to teach elsewhere. Several of the Society members hold and have held district offices. The Spiritual Life group seeks growth through inspirational worship, and prayer. Miss Helen Thompson is the dedicated leader. To mention any of these ladies for special accomplishment would be unfair-they all serve. Suffice it to mention recent presidents for their fine leadership: Miss Carrie Brame, Mrs. C. E. Thompson, Mrs. J. K. Harris, and Mrs. L. R. Harris.

Of particular interest are the annual Christmas suppers sponsored by the W.S.C.S. where good food, candlelight, festive decorations, good fellowship, and song are the order of the day. It sets the mood of the



true Christmas Spirit. If you have not been to one, do come.

Each year the Society helps send several boys and girls to one of the Methodist Church camps.

This year our Society was instrumental in sending our minister to the United Nations sessions.

The Beginners Class in our Church School has had Mrs. S. M. Gardner as teacher for approximately thirty-one years. Her cheerful spirit, gentle manner, and love for them have endeared each group to their teacher. After leaving her class they often go back for a visit.

We are happy at the present time that one of our young people, Miss Mary Elizabeth Grissom is now training at High Point Methodist College to become a full-time Christian Education Director--a first from our church.

During the past three years (1962-1965) during Mr. Mann's ministry many physical improvements have been made. The basement floor has been tiled; the sanctuary, lower floor, and much of the upstairs has a new coat of paint. Our kitchen has been modernized much to the delight of the ladies of the church. These improvements were accomplished through the financing and efforts of church members and friends. W. B. Thompson, Retired Colonel, United States Army, native of Macon, "jack-of-all-trades", electrician and cabinet-maker gave of his talents and made possible the work as well as giving the kitchen sink. His right hand men were the Reverend M. T. Mann, H. M. Fuller, Allen Harris, and others who helped at various times. Mrs. D. C. Lawrence of Sanford, (nee Mamie Thornton) financed the electric wiring. Mr. Willoughby Harris and his mother, Mrs. C. A. Harris, gave the water heater. The Woman's Society of Christian Service bought the modern electric stove. Mann's Hardware, Inc. of Sanford, N. C. supplied material at cost. Substantial checks from a church friend and a former member Miss Lallah Betts of Raleigh and Mrs. Ed Shaw of Norfolk helped considerably with expenses. Mrs. Hope Williams has recently added folding chairs to meet our Sunday School needs. Carpeting and light fixtures (which have not yet been installed) were contributed by Jonesboro Heights Methodist Church of Sanford, N. C. which is Mr. Mann's home church. We appreciate these indeed, but the greatest gift is the fine young minister from that church. "The gift without the giver is bare" and with each gift our hearts reach out to that other heart and we are joined in Christian love.

The present leadership of every church determines the mark it makes in the "sands of time." We are in good hands.

The Christian leaders of our church for 1965 are:

Church Trustees:

C. E. Thompson, R. A. Harris, Jr., and W. B. Thompson.

Stewards:

W. R. Drake, S. M. Gardner, R. A. Harris, Jr., Theo R. Stallings, E. P. Fitts, D. A. Grissom, Willoughby Harris, W. B. Thompson, R. H. Shaw, C. E. Thompson, Marvin E. Harris.



Church Lay Reader - W. B. Thompson  
 Charge Lay Reader - W. R. Drake  
 Sunday School Superintendent - R. A. Harris, Jr., Asst. - W. B. Thompson  
 Division Superintendents:  
 Children - Mrs. C. E. Thompson  
 Youth - Mrs. L. R. Harris  
 Adults - Miss Carrie Brame  
 Church Treasurer - E. P. Fitts  
 Charge Treasurer - Mrs. C. E. Thompson  
 Organists - W. R. Drake - Allen Harris  
 W.S.C.S.  
 President - Mrs. L. R. Harris  
 Vice-president - Mrs. C. E. Thompson  
 Treasurer - Mrs. Henry Fuller  
 Secretary - Miss Carrie Brame

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And now we add to our history this event: Homecoming and Family Day May 16, 1965. May the ties that bind us bring us together more often, and always may our efforts be to the glory of our Lord.

In compiling this history of sixteen years, 1949 - May 1965, no doubt many worthy things have not been mentioned. It was; however, an honest effort on the part of the writer.

Respectfully submitted by:  
 Olivia Brame Bullock  
 (Mrs. E. J. Bullock)  
 May, 1965

Typed and printed by Allen Harris

#### MEMBERS OF MACON METHODIST CHURCH IN 1892

Samuel Bobbitt	Lizzie L. Rodwell
Martha Bobbitt	Maria Turner
John A. Boyd	Robert Thornton
William J. Boyd	Emma W. Thornton
Rufus W. Daniel	Rebecca Thornton
Susan J. Daniel	Lucy B. Thornton
Thomas E. Daniel	W. G. Coleman
Anna Dowlin	E. A. Thompson
Amanda Egerton	Walter A. Overby
James T. Egerton	Georgiana Daniel
Penina Egerton	Emily W. Curl
Nannie Egerton	Benjamin W. Powell
W. S. Gardner	Patrick L. Faucette
Sallie E. Gardner	James E. Dunn
Sarah Hunt	Lucy K. Dunn
Evilina J. Harris	Florence Perry

Sarah L. Thompson  
William E. B. Harris  
Dora Harris  
Mary E. Harris  
John W. Harrison  
Molly W. Harrison  
Mary T. Jenkins  
Harriett Myrick  
W. P. Massenburg  
Panthea Massenburg  
William Marshall  
Mary Smith  
Jane E. Nicholson  
Elkana Overby  
Elizabeth R. Overby  
James B. Overby  
Rosetta Overby  
L. W. Overby  
Betty Overby  
Emma W. Overby  
John B. Powell  
Caroline G. Powell  
Maggie Powell  
Carrie A. Rhodes  
Sallie D. Perry  
Pattie L. Powell  
Willie Powell  
Annie L. Perry

Louisa Wiggins  
E. W. Thompson  
G. Gertrude Thompson  
Betty Munn  
Ida B. Powell  
Sarah E. Daniel  
Ann T. Olson  
Sarah Estelle Perry  
Harriet C. Faucette  
Mary E. Dunn  
Emma B. Egerton  
Mattie Nowell  
Dora B. Harris  
J. B. White  
Anna T. Perry  
Pauline Powell  
T. Edward Powell  
William G. Powell  
Sarah A. Downtin  
Mattie P. Downtin  
Betty M. Downtin  
Anna Elizabeth Overby  
Myrtis M. Harris  
Mamie E. Thornton  
William Alston Harris  
David H. Overby  
Burly P. Daniel  
Blake Hawkins  
Joshua O. Walker

(This list of the members in 1892 were found in the papers of Mr. Larkin Overby now in the possession of Mr. Warren Overby)

#### REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE OF THE MACON CHURCH

1974

##### Church Trustees

Mr. Theo Stallings (76)  
Mr. W. R. Drake (76)  
Mr. W. M. Stevenson (76)  
Mr. C. E. Thompson

##### Church Lay Reader

Mr. R. A. Harris, Jr.

##### Chm. of Council of Min.

Mr. Larry Cooper

Eccumenical Affairs

Mrs. Henry Fuller

Committee on Education

Mrs. Margaret Sipe  
Mrs. L. R. Harris  
Mrs. Henry Fuller  
Mrs. Warren Overby

Committee on Evangelism

Mrs. Edna Harris  
Mrs. James Williams  
Mr. Wheeler Stevenson  
Mrs. Marvin Tharrington

Committee on Missions

Mrs. L. R. Harris  
Mrs. Robert Shaw  
Mrs. Wheeler Stevenson  
Mrs. C. A. Harris

Committee on Social Con.

Mrs. Marvin Tharrington  
Miss Carrie Brame

Committee on Worship

Mr. W. R. Drake  
Mrs. C. E. Thompson  
Mrs. Margaret Sipe  
Mrs. Ann Williams  
Mrs. W. R. Drake

Coordinators

Mrs. Henry Fuller (family)  
Mrs. James Williams (child)  
Mrs. C. E. Thompson (adult)  
Mrs. Bernard Williams (youth)

Committee on Stewardship

Mr. Tommy Wagner  
Mr. George Harris  
Mr. E. J. Bullock  
Mr. C. E. Thompson  
Mr. Haley Robertson

Health and Welfare Repr.

Mrs. D. A. Grissom



Secretary of Enlistment

Mrs. L. R. Harris

Administrative Board Chm. & Vchm.

Mr. Willoughby Harris Chm.

Mr. Theo Stallings VChm.

Youth Member to Council on Min.

Miss Sharon Page Williams

Secretary of Finances

Mrs. E. P. Fitts

Treasurer

Mrs. E. P. Fitts

Pastor Parish Relations Com.

Mrs. Edna Harris

Mr. Willoughby Harris

Mrs. Henry Fuller

Committee on Nominations

Mrs. Margaret Sipe (76)

Miss Carrie Brame (76)

Mrs. Henry Fuller (75)

Committee on Finance

Mr. W. R. Drake

Mr. Theo Stallings

Mr. Larry Cooper

Mrs. E. P. Fitts

Mr. R. A. Harris, Jr.

Mr. Warren Overby

Mr. Willoughby Harris

Mrs. C. E. Thompson

Mr. C. E. Thompson

Organist

Mr. W. R. Drake

Mrs. L. R. Harris (asst. organist)

Administrative Board Members

Mr. Willoughby Harris, Chm.

Mr. Theo Stallings

Mr. Larry Cooper

Mrs. Margaret Sipe  
Mrs. Marvin Tharrington  
Mr. W. R. Drake  
Mrs. Bernard Williams  
Mrs. James Williams  
Mrs. E. P. Fitts  
Mr. R. A. Harris, Jr.  
Miss Carrie Brame  
Mr. Tommy Wagner  
Mrs. L. R. Harris  
Mrs. D. A. Grissom  
Mrs. C. A. Harris  
Mrs. C. E. Thompson  
Mrs. Henry Fuller  
Mrs. Warren Overby  
Miss Sharon Page Williams

## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

The women of the church have always done an excellent job in carrying on the work of the church.

At first the women's organization was called the Missionary Society. In 1939 it was changed to the Woman's Society of Christian Service. When the churches united in 1972 the society became the United Methodist Women.

The Methodist women are faithful in their commitment to the church always emphasizing the spiritual work and also cooperating in helping to make financial aid to worthy causes that are needed. At the present time the members have given \$2500.00 for restoring and remodeling the church. This money was made by the members having food sales. At the present time Mrs. C. A. Harris is the President. Mrs. C. E. Thompson-Vice-president. Mrs. Henry Fuller-Treasurer. Miss Carrie Brame-Secretary.

Three Ladies have served as stewards--Mrs. Marvin Drake-Mrs. L. R. Harris-Mrs. W. C. Williams.

Three of the ladies are now directing the Junior Choir. It provides music for the services.

## PRESIDENTS OF THE WOMEN'S SOCIETIES

Mrs. W. T. Person	Mrs. J. K. Harris (1956-1959)
Mrs. Val Alston Bell	Mrs. C. E. Thompson (1960-1963)
Miss Helen Thompson	Mrs. L. R. Harris (1964-1971)
Mrs. Curtis Crissman	Mrs. C. A. Harris (1972-1974)
Mrs. John S. Nowell	
Miss Carrie Brame (1952-1955)	

Secretaries

Mrs. John S . Nowell  
Mrs. L. R. Harris  
Miss Carrie Brame  
Mrs. Herbert Scholz

Treasurers

Mrs. P. M. Stallings  
Mrs. S. M. Gardner  
Mrs. R. H. Shaw  
Mrs. Henry Fuller

THE MACON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH SCHOOL  
1874-1974

The Church School meets each Sunday at 10:00 A.M. The young people of the church have contributed \$240.00 to help in restoring the church. They also have a youth choir to provide music for the church service.

This is a list of the Church School Superintendents and the Chairmen of the Education Commission.

Mr. Sam Ricks  
Mr. James Overby  
Mr. W. T. Person  
Mr. Fletcher Bobbitt  
Mr. Simon M. Gardner  
Mr. R. A. Harris, Jr.

Mr. Willoughby Harris  
Mrs. L. R. Harris  
Mrs. Margaret Sipe

Mrs. Sipe is chairman of the Education Commission at this time. The Church School had a successful Bible School in 1974.

MACON, N. C. Macon United Methodist Church

The Macon Methodist Church was added to the Warrenton Methodist Church in 1880. The Macon Church remained in Warrenton Charge until 1955. At that time the Macon Methodist with Hebron and Warren Plains formed a charge. In 1972 the Methodist Episcopal Church was united with the United Evangelical Brethen. Then the name was changed again. This time it is The United Methodist Church.

Much work has been done on the church since 1972. The front steeple was in a bad condition, so the steeple was torn down and replaced by a porch extending across the front. The members are planning a steeple for the church.

About \$25,000.00 has been spent in the restoring the front of the church, covering the roof, painting the interior, and putting in a new heating system.

The church is indebted to its friends and members for their liberal contributions. Without them the church could not been restored. Mr. Simon M. Gardner before his death gave most of the new carpet. The remainder will be given by the United Methodist Women.



1874 Methodist Ministers 1974

Sam Hoyle	J. A. Martin
J. R. Griffin	E. C. Durham
A. R. Raven	O. I. Hinson
T. J. Holden	J. O. Long
W. C. Gannon	E. R. Clegg
R. S. Webb	C. W. Robbins
R. O. Burton	LaFon C. Vereen
John M. Cole	H. L. Davis
A. A. McCullen	W. A. Crow
P. L. Herman	A. W. Nichols
J. A. Guthrie	F. S. Love
E. H. Davis	Leon Ross
C. W. Robinson	H. L. Harris
W. W. Rose	M. T. Mann
D. N. Caviness	Al E. Thompson
R. H. Broome	Lynn Ogborne
J. A. Hornady	Richard E. Parsons
J. T. Gibbs	Dennis A. Weaver
H. B. Porter	
B. P. Robinson	

Prayer for the Macon Church  
By Simon M. Gardner

Dear Father, we pray Thy blessings on Thy church and we thank Thee for the heritage of Thy Church. May it always occupy a place in the community life of Thy people. May we ever be on guard to protect and nurture its growth. Eternal God, may we, too, grow in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

We thank Thee for the manifestation of Thy power and Love. We know that every good and perfect gift comes from Thee and as we work together in thy church, increase our faith in Thee and each other that by our works we may prove our faith. May we develop in ourselves the faith in God and the qualities of character on which our country are founded: such as courage, honor, patience, hard work, love for freedom, and the willingness to sacrifice all for Thee.

We are grateful for the privilege of worshipping in Thy Church. We pray for courage to do our best even when we know it is not enough. Give us vision to find ideals that will change our own lives and those of others. May we study Thy word and use it as a light to guide us.

Keep us ever near Thee, we ask for Christ's sake. Amen

(Mr. Gardner served as Sunday School Superintendent for many years. He made many wonderful prayers. This is one of them).

(By Mrs. L. R. Harris)

PICTURE OF CHURCH BEFORE BEING RESTORED

