

MEBANE

The Methodist Church was begun in Mebane in 1900. In this year a minister was appointed and in 1902 the first church building was constructed. The first building to be erected at the present site, on the corner of Fourth and Holt Streets, was begun by the congregation in 1948, and completed in 1949. This building includes a sanctuary with a seating capacity of 600, an adequate Fellowship Hall below, a kitchen, and Sunday School rooms.

The next building project to be undertaken by the church was that of a new parsonage built across Fourth Street from the church. This \$29,000 home with 10 rooms and three baths, was completed and occupied in October of 1953. It is completely furnished throughout.

By 1957, the membership had so increased that the church building was inadequate to meet the needs of the growing congregation. As a result, plans were drawn up for the addition of an Educational Building to the original structure. This three-story building opened in 1957, added 14 rooms for use by the Church School. The unfinished third will provide additional classroom space upon its completion.

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THE HISTORY OF OUR CHURCH

- 1900 - Rev. F. T. McCulloch conducted organizational service for The Methodist Protestant Church.
- 1902 - Rev. W. D. Fogleman appointed pastor.
- 1903 - Laying of the cornerstone, April 5th, with church opened for services October 4th, with 39 charter members.
- 1906 - Rev. C. M. Lance organized The Methodist Episcopal Church, South, known as Central Methodist Church, with 23 charter members.
- 1935 - Pulpit Bible given in honor of Mr. and Mrs. James F. Jobe by their eleven children to the Methodist Protestant Church. Unveiling was by grandchildren Mary Louise Cheek and Velma Rhen Nicholson with all the Jobe sons and daughters present.
- 1941 - The two churches united with Rev. T. B. Hough as minister.
- 1948 - Groundbreaking for a new church building.
- 1949 - First service held in new sanctuary.
- 1953 - Colonial brick parsonage built.
- 1957 - Three story Educational Building constructed.
- 1967 - Completion of chapel in Educational Building.
- 1967 - Pulpit Bible given in memory of Mr. and Mrs. James F. Jobe. Again all the children were present, presentation by Talmage Jobe.
- 1968 - Organ for chapel given by John M. McIntyre in memory of his wife, Lucile Dillard McIntyre.
- 1969 - Church parlor given and named "The Sudie Cook Shaw Memorial Parlor" by those members who had contributed to the Memorial Fund.
- 1972 - Installation of new heating plants in the church and parsonage under leadership of Henry B. Dixon, Chairman of Trustees.

Ministers who have served, with year each was appointed, are as follows:

Central Methodist Church, South; C. M. Lance (1906), M. M. McFarland (1909), B. T. Hurley (1911), F. B. Noblitt (1912), E. C. Durham (1914), R. G. L. Edwards (1915), B. F. Boone (1916), N. C. Yearby (1919), L. E. Thompson (1923), B. T. Hurley (1925), D. A. Clark (1929), J. D. Bundy (1931), T. R. Jenkins (1935), W. T. Phipps (1939).

First Methodist Church, Protestant; W. D. Fogleman (1902), R. M. Andrews (1907), George W. Holmes (1908), Charles J. Edwards (1910), W. E. Swain (1912), W. F. Kennett (1915), E. A. Bingham (1918), C. L. Whitaker (1919), T. M. Johnson (1921), Edward Suits (1926), W. M. Loy (1928), C. I. Smith (1932), E. Lester Ballard (1933), D. I. Garner (1936), C. L. Spencer (1939), J. W. Sneed (1941).

The Mebane Methodist Church, now named The Mebane United Methodist Church; T. B. Hough (1941), T. M. Vick, Jr. (1952), C. H. Mercer (1955), L. L. Parrish (1960), A. P. Hill, Jr. (1962), W. S. Potter (1968), Ralph I. Epps, Sr. (1970).