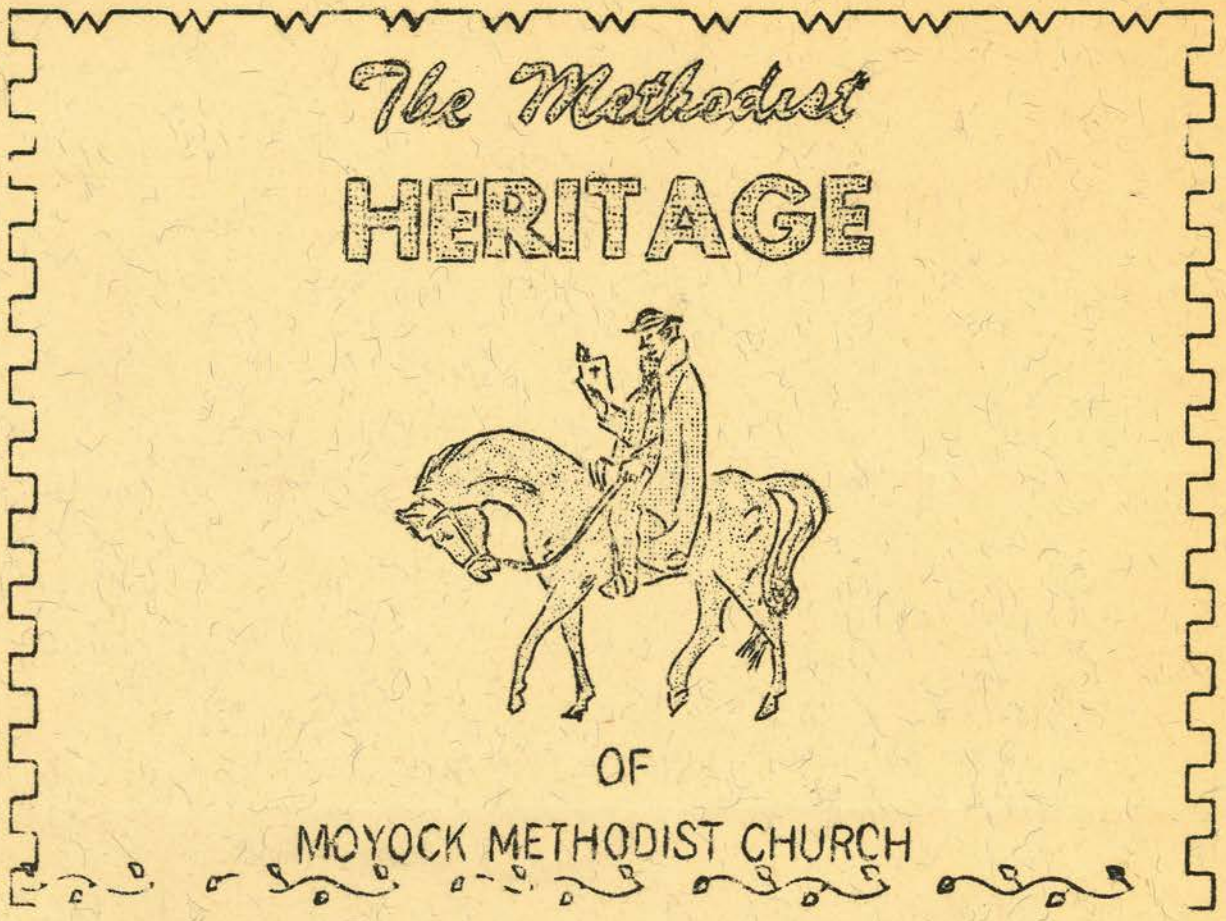


The Methodist
HERITAGE



OF

MOYOCK METHODIST CHURCH



HISTORY OF MOYOCK METHODIST CHURCH FROM 1810-1965

Prior to 1810, on the same plot of ground as the old Methodist Church, which is now a two apartment house on the corner of South Mills Road and Camellia Drive, was a small church, which we would call today a community church. Ministers of different denominations preached in it, and all denominations attended.

The church closed down for a few years soon after 1810, and no services were held there during that time. In 1820 Major Cox, great-uncle of D. A. Cox and great-great-uncle of Mrs. Buck Ownley and E. A. Cox, realized the need for a church in Moyock, and started a drive, which resulted in the re-establishment of one at the site of the old Methodist Church.

This first building was also used as a school building for a number of years. In 1844, when Mr. John Gilman was teaching, there was dissatisfaction about the children abusing the church. Mr. Mathias Hudgins said he would let the church have the land and would help to build a new school house, if others in the community would also help. The new small school building was located diagonally across the road on the now Newtown road and the corner of South Mills road. It was later used as a dwelling when the Moyock Academy was built. The little church on Camellia Drive was sold and moved to Pudding Ridge Road, and in 1855 another Methodist Church was erected which is now an apartment house located on Camellia Drive. It is recorded that soon after the church was completed Mrs. Patsy Pritchard presented it with a new Bible.

In 1862 Dr. Webb was the pastor, and at about the same time Mrs. Adelia Barnard (Mother of Mrs. Luna Jarvis and great-grandmother of W. W. Jarvis, Jr.) was Superintendent of Sunday School and served about fifteen years. Mrs. Ann Mercer taught the Blueback Speller in Sunday School. It is said that the church was crowded every Sunday and that Thanksgiving was observed in the church.

During this time the teachers and pupils sat during the entire service where they held their classes. The children studied a catechism. There were ten questions to learn each Sunday, if one question was missed it had to be repeated the next Sunday.

The adults studied the Bible; the teacher and pupils would read together each verse of a chapter, then they would close their Bibles and the teacher would ask questions about it.

Even small children were required to be reverent in church. Talking, even whispering, or laughing in church was considered a disgrace. The children and young people called their pastor and his wife, Uncle and Aunt. The adults called them Brother and Sister.

It was customary to have prayer services the week before a revival and usually there were many conversions at these prayer meetings. All converts were taken on probation for twelve months. Each group of ten had a class leader. They were given a book of

discipline which they were asked to study carefully. If they lived a consecrated life, not breaking any of the rules for one year, they were accepted into full fellowship in the church. Small boys were often called on to lead in prayer in the church, and by the time they were twelve years old almost every one would pray in public.

All money was paid to the pastor, who acted as treasurer, and sent the proportionate amount to the proper channels.

Until 1900 the territory lying from the Virginia line to the Albemarle Sound at Edenton, N. C. was a part of the Virginia Conference. Moyock Circuit at that time was in the South Norfolk District and was known as Currituck Charge with seven churches.

In 1864 Rev. J. C. Hummer was Pastor here. He lived at Northwest, Virginia in what is now known as the Hathaway place, which is on the N. C.-Va. line.

Preachers who served this church while it was in the Virginia Conference, prior to 1899, were: Rev. J. J. Edwards, Rev. Rowsie, Mr. William Magee, Mr. Knally, Mr. C. H. Hobday, Mr. W. C. McVaden, Mr. Joshua Garrett, Mr. James A. Dalby, Mr. James Crowder, Mr. A. J. Proctor, Mr. J. B. DeBerry, Mr. John Russell, Mr. T. L. Routten, Mr. J. G. Fenon, and W. E. Judkin. The last to serve the Currituck Charge while it was still in the Virginia Conference was A. C. Jordan.

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In ~~1900~~ when our church, at the same location, was transferred to the North Carolina Conference, C. D. Durant was the first minister, with Rev. R. B. John our first Presiding Elder. Those that followed with faithful service were: Rev. J. H. M. Giles, Rev. Rufus Bradley, Rev. James Y. Old, Rev. B. H. Black, Rev. B. B. Holder, Rev. S. J. Kilpatrick, Rev. W. M. Hester, Rev. T. J. Folger, Rev. J. B. Hurley, Rev. W. B. Humble, Rev. C. T. Thrift, and Rev. J. A. Thorpe.

The present brick church was built in 1937 on a lot adjoining the Methodist Parsonage located on Highway 168, the thorough-fare through Moyock, and now named Bagley Boulevard. Rev. E. G. Overton was the pastor during the construction of this new house of worship and he held the first service there on October 24, 1937. The distinction of being the first member baptized into membership in the church in the new edifice of worship went to Frances Flora, now Mrs. Paul Casey, and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Will C. Flora; while first to receive the ordinance of infant baptism were J. L. Sanderlin, Jr., Russell Randolph, Jr., and Alice Owens Poyner, now Mrs. Harry Faircloth. Mrs. Will C. Flora was received by certificate immediately preceding the baptism of her daughter.

At the conclusion of the worship hour within the church, the cornerstone laying ceremony was held. Those taking part were: Rev. E. G. Overton, Pastor, Mr. R. O. Bagley, Senior member of the Board of Stewards, Mr. W. W. Jarvis, Sr., Chairman of the Building Committee. Among the documents sealed in the receptacle back of the cornerstone were the names of the officers of the church, the church roll, a history of the church by R. O. Bagley, a list of those present when the first shovel full of dirt was dug for the foundations

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of the building, a copy of the dedicatory program at Memorial Methodist Church, also in Currituck County and erected on the spot where North Carolina Methodism had its beginning, a copy of the Daily Advance of October 30, 1937, a copy of the North Carolina Christian Advocate with the list of appointments at the Western North Carolina Conference this year, a copy of the Norfolk Ledger-Dispatch, a picture of the church, a picture of the old church, a picture of the pastor and a new one dollar bill donated by E. G. Overton, Jr., son of the pastor, and a picture of the oldest member, Mrs. Jakie Lee, and the youngest member, Mollie Creekmore, now Mrs. Howard Winslow, Jr.

Financing the building of a new church was not easy during the depression year of 1937. Jobs were scarce, laborers received fifty cents to one dollar a day for field work; the price of corn and soybeans, the main crop grown, was low. So it is more remarkable than surprising that on the Thursday before the church was to be dedicated on Sunday, the building committee needed \$1,200.00 to finish paying the cost of their \$10,000.00 church. The Methodist Conference requires that a new church must be debt free before it can be dedicated. A small group of laymen met that Thursday and personally assumed this obligation so that the dedication service might be held at the appointed time.

Newspaper clippings tell the story of the church dedication service. The pastor, Rev. E. G. Overton, by request of his congregation, delivered the sermon. His topic was, "Paul (the pastor) may plant, Apollos (the layman) may water but God giveth the increase." It was reported that every pew was filled and that extra chairs were placed in every available space. It was during this service that the congregation heard for the first time the Hammond Organ, a gift, in the words of the pastor, "of two of the best friends Currituck County ever had." The donors had asked at the time that their name be withheld, but in time we came to know that these good friends were Mr. and Mrs. Joseph P. Knapp. The first organist in the new church was Mrs. C. I. Moore and during the twenty-eight years since that time there has been three other faithful organists: Mrs. Will C. Flora, Mrs. Dudley Bagley and the present organist, Mrs. Frank Painter.

Mr. R. O. Bagley, Senior Steward of Moyock Methodist Church, who had served in this capacity for fifty years, in his remarks that day, gave praise to some of the families who had helped make this day possible. Mentioned were: Mercer, Sanderlin, Morse, Jarvis, Barnard, Jones, Lee, Poyner and Creekmore. He also recalled the name of Thomas L. Jarvis, beloved Sunday School Superintendent for many years and his wife, Mrs. Luna Jarvis, known to many as "Grandmother Jarvis" whose life had been a blessing to so many. They were the parents of W. W. Jarvis, Sr. Another pioneer Mr. Bagley recalled was Mr. Thomas L. Sanderlin whose son Ed. W. Sanderlin would be remembered as beloved Superintendent for thirteen years. His daughter, Mrs. D. A. Gardner and her husband from Orangeburg, S. C. were praised for their support and interest. Another daughter, Mrs. W. W. Jarvis, Sr. is an active member at the present time. Mr. Bagley also cited Dr. Stuart Mann and his nephew, Dr. Marvin Mann, who in addition to their financial support, both served on the building committee.

Quoting from Mr. Bagley's remarks again; he gave much praise to many of the outstanding women who did real sacrificial service that we might have a little church and a better world in which to live. Some of the women mentioned were: Mrs. Sabrina Wilson, Mrs. Adelia Barnard, Mrs. Molly Poyner, Mrs. R. O. Bagley and Mrs. (Betty) John Morse.

At the close of the morning service, dinner was served cafeteria style in the new classrooms upstairs, using the new kitchen. The dinner came as a complete surprise to all those who had come from a distance. The pastor stated, "to go without eating would be viewed by Moyock Community as an unfriendly act."

Presiding Elder, B. B. Slaughter, of the Elizabeth City District, delivered the memorial address at the evening worship hour. Thus ended Sunday, November 14, 1937, a great day in Moyock Methodist Church.

At this time Moyock Charge included four churches: Moyock, Pilmore Memorial, Sharon and Ebenezer (which later burned). Perkins Church which had been on the Moyock Charge had been transferred to the Camden Charge a few years prior.

The pastors who followed Rev. E. G. Overton were: Rev. A. E. Brown, Rev. R. L. Crossno, Rev. A. J. McClelland, Rev. J. H. Miller, Jr., Rev. Philip Schuyler, Rev. Ambrose Burgess (Supply), Rev. R. Norman Knight, Rev. R. Dennis Ricks, Rev. Oscar Williams, Rev. R. C. Hamilton and the present pastor, Rev. Horace L. McLaurin.

The years from 1937 to 1965 have seen steady growth in Moyock Methodist Church. It was in June, 1959 that the church decided it would go station.

The progress of the church can be seen through the growth of its budget.

In 1940, the Budget for Moyock Methodist Church was \$897.00 including the following items: Pastor \$650.00; District Supt. \$52.00; Superannuates \$26.00; Bishops \$15.00; Orphanage \$65.00; District Parsonage \$7.50; Administrative Fund \$5.00; benevolences \$70.00; retirement fund \$6.50. (Extra expences: Kerosene (7¢ a gal.) \$16.; Electricity \$14.00; Postage \$1.00; Repairs \$5.00; Literature \$3.23; cleaning church \$4.50; Flowers for funerals \$14.00) Total...\$955.00)

In 1965 the Budget for the church was \$8,915.00 including the following items; Pastor \$4,500.00; Benevolence \$1,125.00; Conference Connectional items \$956.00; \$2,334.00 for Church expences-local. We must remember that this is also a contrast from the years of depression to the years of inflation. And though we are proud of our accomplishments, there is much that we need to do to be a Great Self Giving Church.

It would be impossible to list all who have given dedicated service to Moyock Methodist Church as both Church and Church School officials and as teachers, though we do want to give the names of the

Church School Superintendents, beginning with: Mrs. Adelia Barnard, Mr. Thomas H. Fulford, Mr. Thomas L. Sanderlin, Mr. W. S. Mercer, Mr. T. L. Jarvis, Mr. E. W. Sanderlin, Mr. C. P. Jamison, Mr. Dal Bowser, Mr. Cecil L. Mackey, Mr. E. A. Cox, Mr. T. B. Elliott, Mr. I. C. Yagle, Mr. Ennis Bundy, Mr. W. W. Jarvis, Jr., Mr. Leroy Powers, Mr. R. J. Breiner, Mr. Wallace Davis, Jr., Mr. Sidney Lowe, Mr. Alfred Midgette to the present Superintendent, Mr. Jack Raisor.

It is also difficult to single out individuals who have given of their time sacrificially, because each person who has faithfully filled the pews each Sunday has been a witness to their great faith in Jesus Christ and His Church. To name a few who, during these past twenty-seven years, will be remembered for their devotion and service: Mrs. Willie Holt, Mrs. Amanda Poyner, Mrs. Ruth Mackey Powers, Mrs. Margaret Poyner Dunston, Mrs. Fred Foutz and Mrs. W. D. Cox.

For many years the need for a new parsonage was recognized, but it was not until February 23, 1964 at a church conference that the church voted to buy a lot from Phillip Garrett on which to build a new parsonage. Rev. R. C. Hamilton was the pastor at this time. Appointed to the building committee were: R. J. Breiner, Chairman, E. A. Cox, Edgar Evans, A. T. Creekmore, Sr. Leroy Powers, Sidney Lowe, Alfred Midgette, Fred Newbern, W. W. Jarvis, Jr., Dr. W. H. Romm, Jack Whitehurst and J. H. Winslow, Jr. Mr. Edgar Evans was the Contractor of the building project. As the new brick parsonage neared completion a committee to furnish the home was needed. Named to this committee were: Mrs. W. H. Romm, Chairman, Mrs. William Creekmore, Mrs. Bob Breiner, Mrs. Dudley Bagley and Mr. Jack Raisor.

In March 1965 the parsonage was ready for use and our pastor, Rev. Hoarace L. McLaurin, his wife and two young sons moved in. It was a day of happiness and satisfaction for our congregation when we felt that we had an adequate and comfortable place for our pastor to live.

This history would not be complete without giving a few high lights of the beginning of the women's special work in Moyock Methodist Church. The organization was called, Womans Home Mission Society, Parsonage Aid Society, The Ladie's Aid Society and Missionary Society and now called the Women's Society for Christian Service. The minute book of the Womans Home Mission Society records that the first meeting was held March 15, 1911. The last recorded minutes in this book give the date as Dec. 15, 1915, and by this time it was called The Ladies Aid Society. Besides their mission work the main objective seemed to be raising money by giving Ice Cream Suppers, Oyster Suppers, plays and selling refreshments at any and all times to help meet the needs of the Parsonage and Church. They also report helping to support school efforts. One item stated \$3.00 was paid Cecil Mackey for lumber for tables at School House. Another interesting item was an account of making \$28.35 on an Ice Cream Supper and using it to purchase: a refrigerator for the parsonage; two ice cream freezers for public use and with the balance paid part on the church debt. Names of members listed in this book for the year 1911-1912 were: Mrs. M. Y. Self, Mrs. Mollie Poyner, Mrs. Charles Barnard, Miss Lou Bright, Mrs. R. O. Bagley, Mrs. Ed.

W. Sanderlin, Mrs. W. L. Wilson, Mrs. J. E. Barnard, Miss Lena Sanderlin, Mrs. W. R. Dudley, Mrs. J. W. Poyner, Miss Mattie Poyner, Mrs. T. L. Jarvis, Mrs. Nan Gray, Mrs. A. J. Fulford, Mrs. Emma Jones, Mrs. J. Russell Jarvis, Mrs. Winnie Morgan, Mrs. J. A. Martin, Mrs. S. D. Poyner, Mrs. S. M. Mann and Mrs. W. H. Creekmore.

And so today, Sunday, October 3, 1965, we come again to give Thanks to God for being a part of His Great Kingdom through Service and Worship in the Moyock Methodist Church, remembering the great commission of the church; Go ye therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost; Teaching them to observe all things what so ever I have commanded you; and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.

Matt:28 - 19-20

Sincerely
Rev. H. L. McLaughlin
Moyock Methodist
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Mrs. S. D. Poyner, Mrs. S. M. Mann and Mrs. W. H. Greenmore.
 Jones, Mrs. J. Russell Jarvis, Mrs. Winnie Morgan, Mrs. J. A. Martin,
 Mrs. T. L. Jarvis, Mrs. Max Gray, Mrs. A. J. Fulford, Mrs. Bona
 Sanderlin, Mrs. W. B. Diller, Mrs. U. W. Poyner, Miss Hattie Poyner,
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1894	Charles O. DuRant	1950-1951	Jimmy Miller
1896	J. H. M. Giles	1951-1952	Phillip Schuyler
1900	Rufus Bradley	1952-1955	Norman Knight
1902	James Y. Old	1955-1959	R. D. Ricks
1904	L. B. Jones	1959-1961	Oscar Williams
1904	B. H. Black	1961-1964	R. C. Hamilton
1906	B. B. Holder	1964-1967	H. L. McLaurin
1907	W. E. Trotman	1967-1973	Arthur Wesley
1908	S. J. Kilpatrick	1973-1975	Morton L. Funkhouser, Jr.
1910	M. Y. Self	1975	Albert Gore
1912	J. A. Martin		
1913	John E. Blalock		
1915-1917	M. W. Hester		
1917-1919	T. J. Folger		
1919-1921	J. B. Hurley		
1921-1923	W. B. Humble		
1923-1928	Charles T. Thrift		
1928-1933	John A. Thorpe		
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Dear Mrs. Mitchell,

The following data is correct concerning the Pastors of the Moyock United Methodist Church.

- 1862 Reverend Webb
- 1864 Reverend J. C. Hummer
- Reverend J. J. Edwards
- no dates available { Reverend Rowsie
- { Reverend William Magee
- { Reverend Knally
- { Reverend C. H. Hobday
- { Reverend W. C. McVaden
- { Reverend Joshua Garrett
- { Reverend James A. Dalby
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- { Reverend W. E. Judkin
- 1894 Reverend C. D. Durant
- 1896 Reverend J. H. M. Giles
- 1900 Reverend Rufus Bradley
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- 1923 Reverend C. T. Thrift
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- 1937 Reverend A. E. Brown
- 1939 Reverend L. T. Singleton

- 1943 Reverend R. L. Crossno
- 1948 Reverend A. J. McClelland
- Reverend Ambrose Burgess
- 1950 Reverend J. H. Miller
- 1951 Reverend Philip T. Schuyler
- 1952 Reverend R. Norman Knight
- 1955 Reverend R. Dennis Ricks
- 1959 Reverend Oscar Williams
- 1961 Reverend R. C. Hamilton
- 1964 Reverend Horace L. McLaurin
- 1967 Reverend Arthur Wesley
- 1973 Reverend M. L. Funkhouse, Jr.
- 1975 Reverend Albert N. Gore
- 1979 Reverend Stephen P. Eason
- 1982 Reverend Charles McKenzie
- 1984 Reverend Michael A. Davis

Charge Connections:

Until 1900, part of the Virginia Conference, South Norfolk District, Currituck Charge (with 7 churches, 1 being Moyock).

1937, Moyock Charge contained 4 Churches: Moyock, Pilmoor Memorial, Sharon and Ebenezer Churches. Ebenezer burned. Perkins Church once on with this charge was moved to the Camden Charge.

1959, Moyock seperated from Pilmoor Church and became a station appointment.

Yours in Christ,

Michael A. Davis

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