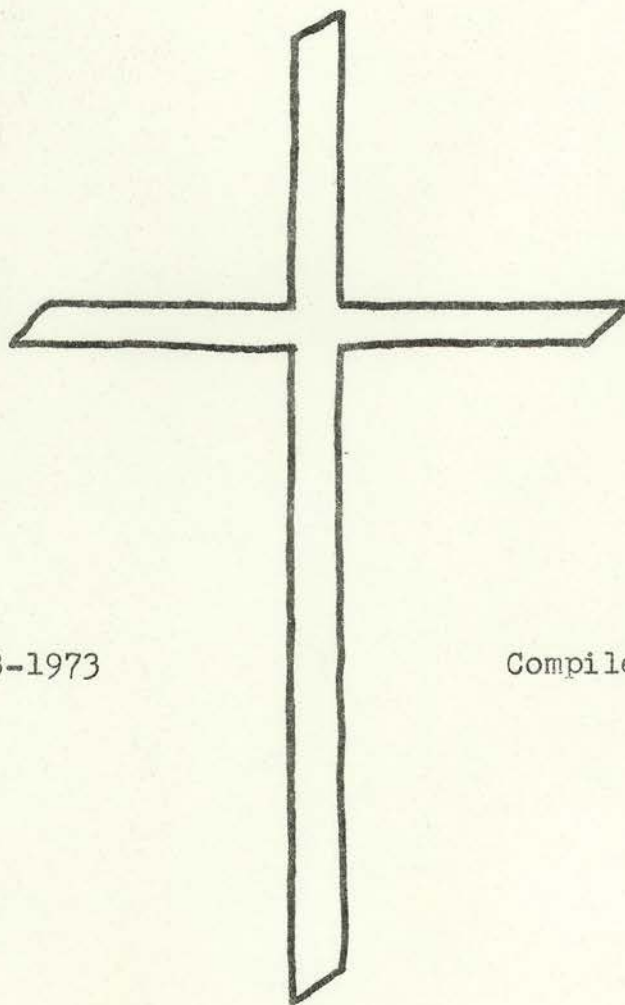


ONE HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY

of

MT. TABOR UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



History: 1873-1973

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INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

From the Pastor: Rev. Robert C. Flynn

Welcome to One Hundred years of wonderful history--especially the history of a Church you love and cherish so much. I feel that you will enjoy reading this collection of documents and special remarks. It has involved long hours and much discussion with community members, but before you now is somewhat an historical overview of Mt. Tabor's One Hundred Years. It will take some study and re-study to catch all that is included, but feel free to take a copy for your own personal keeping.

Yes, it has been a task to compile all of this information, but at the same time a very enjoyable journey on paper. Before you are reprints of actual documents; read them, enjoy them with their valuable content and retrace in your mind, if possible, the past. Things and instances will begin to reoccur for you.

The information included within these pages comes from three sources: 1) The Minutes of the North Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church, available at Duke Divinity School, 2) Mrs. Edmund Latta's statement of 1940, and 3) personal testimony from community members. If you have any questions, corrections, or suggestions please feel free to question, correct or suggest.

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MT. TABOR METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SOUTH

- 1869--Date in written history for 1940 Homecoming by Mrs. Mangum, now Mrs. Edmund Latta, as year of first preacher to come to Mt. Tabor Community, most probably to preach in schoolhouse which used to sit next to this building.
- 1869-1872--Reverends John Tillett and W. C. Cannon, preachers in the schoolhouse.
- 1872-1873--Original frame sanctuary built and dedicated. Joseph B. Griffith appointed pastor at Christmas Conference. Mt. Tabor on Granville Charge of Raleigh District.
- 1872-1874--Rev. Griffith Appointed Pastor.
- 1875--Rev. S. B. Hoyle appointed.
- 1876-1879--Rev. J. E. Thompson.
- 1880-1882--Rev. J. L. Gibbs.
- 1883-1884--Rev. J. B. Martin.
- 1884--Granville Charge temporarily moved to Durham District
- 1885-1886--Rev. J. E. Underwood.
- 1887--Rev. P. L. Groome.
- 1888---Daughters of Willie P. Mangum, Mary S. and Pattie, give deed for land.
- 1888-1889--Rev. J. S. Nelson.
- 1890--Granville Charge moved back to Raleigh District.
- 1890-1893--Rev. V. A. Sharpe.
- 1894-1896--Rev. B. C. Allred.
- 1897--Rev. J. M. Rice.
- 1898--Rev. T. J. Gattis.
- 1899-1902--Rev. W. H. Puckett.
- 1903-1905--Rev. J. D. Pegram.
- 1906-1909--Rev. C. W. Robinson.
- 1910-1911--Rev. M. D. Giles.
- 1912-1913--Rev. M. D. Hix.
- 1914--Mt. Tabor moved from Granville Charge, Raleigh District to Rougemont Charge, Durham District. Rev. J. W. Bennett.
- 1915--Rev. B. F. Boone.
- 1916-1917--Rev. L. M. Hall.
- 1918-1919--Rev. D. A. Petty.
- 1920--Rev. R. E. Pittman. Charge called 'Mt. Tirzah and Rougemont' for one year.
- 1921-1924--Rev. J. F. Starnes.
- 1925--Rev. J. Bascom Hurley.
- 1926-1929--Rev. W. F. Craven. 1926 year when church moved to Bahama Circuit.
- 1930-1933--Rev. C. W. Barbee.
- 1934-1940--Rev. M. C. Dunn.
- 1939--Became Mt. Tabor Methodist Church
- 1940--Year of expansion and renovation of church building.
- 1941-1942--Rev. O. I. Hinson.
- 1943-1945--Rev. E. D. C. Brewer.
- 1945-1947--Rev. T. Marvin Vick.
- 1948-1949--Rev. H. A. Chester.
- 1950--Rev. R. L. Nicks.
- 1951-1954--Rev. David A. Clark.

Dates and Appointments Continued:

1955-1958--Rev. W. K. Quick.
1958--Bacon Fellowship Hall Constructed
1959-1960--Rev. B. H. Lewis.
1961--Mt. Tabor became a station appointment.
1961-1962--Rev. R. L. Carter
1961-1962--Parsonage Constructed.
1963--Rev. George H. Parks.
1964--Rev. D. E. Earnhardt.
1964--Rev. L. C. Adams.
1964-1966--Rev. John Hobbs.
1967-1969--Rev. Darius K. Doyal.
1968--Mt. Tabor became a Charge with Riverview.
1968--Became Mt. Tabor United Methodist Church.
1970--Rev. Robert C. Flynn.
1971--Steeple Constructed.

**To figure ministers term, for example: Marvin Vick, 1945-47,
he served from 1945 conference to the 1948 conference
when H. A. Chester was appointed; Marvin Vick, therefore,
served three (3) years.

Names which appear in church records as having been those of
ministers who served Mt. Tabor, but who do not appear in the
minutes of the Annual Conference:

B. A. Merritt
Millard Charles

HISTORY OF MT: TABOR CHURCH

THE MT. TABOR CHURCH WHICH HAS RECENTLY BEEN REMODELED WAS BUILDED ABOUT THE YEAR 1873, WHICH MAKES IT ABOUT 67 YEARS OLD. THE LAND UPON WHICH THIS CHURCH WAS BUILDED WAS DONATED BY THE MISSES MARY AND PATTIE MANGUM, DAUGHTERS OF JUDGE WILLIE P. MANGUM. THERE IS A RUMOR THAT THERE WAS A CHURCH HERE PREVIOUS TO THAT, BUT NO RECORDS WERE KEPT AND NO ONE IS LIVING WHO REMEMBERS, SO MY STORY BEGINS WITH THE CHURCH WHICH HAS RECENTLY BEEN REMODELED.

JUDGE MANGUM'S PEOPLE WERE EPISCOPALIANS, AND THEY WORSHIPPED IN THIS SAME CHURCH. AS SOME OF YOU OLDER PEOPLE MAY REMEMBER, THERE WAS A SCHOOL-BUILDING STANDING OUT TO THE RIGHT OF THIS BUILDING, WHERE YOU MEN AND WOMEN WHO ARE ABOUT THREE SCORE YEARS AND TEN ATTENDED SCHOOL. ONE LADY HAS TOLD ME THAT HER TEACHER BROUGHT THE SCHOOL CHILDREN OUT TO THE CHURCH EACH DAY FOR A PRAYER AND SONG SERVICE.

WHILE THE CHURCH WAS IN THE PROCESS OF BEING BUILDED, THERE WAS A REVIVAL HELD IN THE SCHOOL-BUILDING, AND THIS YOUNG LADY WHO WAS THEN ABOUT SIXTEEN YEARS OF AGE JOINED THE CHURCH. LATER, AFTER SOME YEARS OF TRAINING THIS YOUNG LADY CAME BACK AND TAUGHT IN THIS VERY SCHOOL-BUILDING. SHE THEN MARRIED A MAN IN THIS COMMUNITY, AND HER LIFE HAS BEEN AN INSPIRATION TO MANY BOYS AND GIRLS. THRU THE YEARS SINCE THIS CHURCH WAS FOUNDED, MANY MORE BOYS AND GIRLS WHO WERE REARED IN THIS COMMUNITY HAVE GONE OUT INTO MANY PHASES OF LIFE, AND THEIR EARLY CHRISTIAN TRAINING HERE IN THIS CHURCH HAS MEANT MUCH TO THEM ALONG THE HIGHWAY OF LIFE. I COULD NAME MANY WHO ARE OUTSTANDING IN CHURCH WORK, IN VARIOUS CHURCHES THROUGHOUT THIS STATE AND OTHERS, BUT TIME WILL NOT PERMIT ME TO DO SO.

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ADD 1 --- TABOR CHURCH

THE WORKMANSHIP IN THIS CHURCH, OF WHICH I SPEAK, WAS OF THE BEST. IT IS SAID THAT AT THAT TIME DAY LABORER'S COULD BE OBTAINED AT THE RATE OF 75c PER DAY, BUT THE FACT THAT MR. WILEY P. LATTA WAS PAID \$2.00 PER DAY IS MANIFEST OF THE FACT THAT THE CHURCH PEOPLE WANTED THE BEST. THE BEST TIMBER THAT COULD BE OBTAINED WAS ALSO USED, AS WILL BE PROVED.

TODAY, YOU ARE WORSHIPPING IN THE NEW MT. TABOR CHURCH, ALTHO THE PEWS ARE THE SAME UPON WHICH YOUR MOTHERS AND FATHERS, GRANDMOTHERS AND GRANDFATHERS SAT. THE BEAUTIFUL WAINSCOTING THAT WAS HAND DRESSED AND PLACED IN MT. TABOR CHURCH IS THE SAME OLD WAINSCOTING. EACH PLANK HAS BEEN PLACED IN ITS ORIGINAL PLACE. THE PULPIT AND THE ALTAR RAIL ARE THE SAME. GREAT MEN OF GOD HAVE STOOD BEHIND THAT SACRED ALTAR AND PREACHED THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST. THE OLD FLOOR IS BENEATH THIS FLOOR. THE OLD CEILING IS ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THAT CELOTEX, AND THE SAME WALLS ARE ON THE INSIDE OF THOSE BRICK. THOSE TWO DOORS UP FRONT ARE THE SAME OLD DOORS. THERE ARE GREAT SPIRITS BEHIND EVERYTHING THAT HAS BEEN DONE HERE.

ON JULY 13TH, 1939, THE PRESENT PASTOR BOUGHT SOME NEW TOOLS AND BEGAN WORK HERE. THERE WAS NOT A PENNY OF MONEY IN THE TREASURY WHEN HE BEGAN WORK, BUT EACH WEEK WHEN THE WORKMEN FINISHED THE MONEY WAS THERE. HE HAS TOLD US THAT A FEW TIMES HE WAS JUST A LITTLE DISCOURAGED, BUT SOMETHING WOULD HAPPEN TO GIVE HIM COURAGE AND HE NEVER LOST FAITH.

ON THE SECOND SUNDAY IN OCTOBER 1939, WHEN HOMECOMING DAY WAS CELEBRATED HERE, ALL THAT WAS LACKING OF THE \$5000 PROJECT WAS \$475. SINCE THAT TIME, THE MONEY HAS BEEN COLLECTED AND TODAY, SEPT. 29, 1940, THIS CHURCH IS BEING DEDICATED, WHICH MEANS THAT EVERY PENNY HAS BEEN PAID AND THIS BEAUTIFUL PLACE OF WORSHIP IS FREE OF ANY DEBT WHATSOEVER.

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REV. M. C. DUNN, WHO SERVES THREE OTHER CHURCHES ON THE BAHAMA CHARGE, HAS BEEN UNTIRING IN HIS EFFORTS TO REMODEL THIS CHURCH, AND HE AND HIS PEOPLE ARE VERY PROUD OF THE WORK THAT HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED AT THE CHURCHES ON THE BAHAMA CHARGE. HE GIVES MUCH CREDIT TO THE ENTIRE CHURCH MEMBERSHIP IN THIS HAPPY EVENT DURING HIS PASTORATE HERE. HE HAS PUT FORTH THE BEST THAT IS IN HIM TOWARD THE BUILDING OF THIS CHURCH. WE ~~MINIMIZE~~ LOVE HIM, HONOR HIM, AND REVERENCE HIM, AND THOUGH THE WAY WAS VERY OFTEN ROUGH, HE HAS PRESSED ON. HE HAS GIVEN GENEROUSLY OF HIS TIME AND SERVICES, NOT ONLY TO THE BUILDING OF THIS BEAUTIFUL PLACE OF WORSHIP, BUT TO THE WELFARE OF THE PEOPLE OF THIS COMMUNITY. WE WANT YOU TO FEEL AT HOME AND OBSERVE THE WORKMANSHIP OF THESE PEWS THAT HAVE STOOD HERE FOR SO MANY YEARS, THE ALTAR, THE PULPIT, THE MEMORIAL WINDOWS, THE SUNDAY SCHOOL ROOMS, THE GROUNDS AND THE CEMETERY.

NOW, I WANT TO READ YOU A LIST OF THE PASTORS WHICH HAVE SERVED THIS ~~CHURCH~~ CHURCH SINCE THE YEAR 1869, ACCORDING TO THE N. C. CONFERENCE MINUTES WHICH WERE OBTAINED AT DUKE UNIVERSITY:

| | | |
|-----------------|----------------|----------------|
| JOHN TILLET | J. M. RICE | R. E. PITTMAN, |
| W. C. GANNON | T. J. GATTIS | J. F. STARNES |
| JOE GRIFFITH | W. H. PUCKETT | J. B. HURLEY |
| S. B. HOYLE | J. D. PEGRAM | W. F. CRAVEN |
| J. E. THOMPSON | C. W. ROBINSON | W. C. BARBEE |
| J. T. GIBBS | M. D. GILES | M. C. DUNN. |
| J. B. MARTIN | M. D. HIX | |
| J. E. UNDERWOOD | J. W. BENNETT | |
| P. L. GROOME | B. F. BOONE | |
| J. S. NELSON | L. M. HALL | |
| V. A. SHARPE | B. D. MERRITT | |
| B. C. ALLRED | D. A. PETTY | |

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ADD 3 -- TABOR CHURCH

AGAIN, I WISH TO SAY THAT MR. DUNN HAS BEEN UNTIRING IN HIS EFFORTS TOWARD THE REMODELING OF THIS CHURCH, AND IT SHOULD BE A MONUMENT THAT WILL STAND AS A SYMBOL OF HIS WORK AMONG THESE PEOPLE. WE SHOULD BE RICHER IN OUR HEARTS BY HAVING KNOWN AND LABORED WITH HIM AND WE SHOULD ALL BE BETTER MEN AND WOMEN BY HAVING KNOWN REV. MILLARD CHARLES DUNN.

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THIS CHURCH HAD ALWAYS BEEN IN THE RALEIGH DISTRICT, AND ON THE GRANVILLE CHARGE, BUT IN THE YEAR 1915 A ROUGEMONT CHARGE WAS MADE AND IT WAS MADE A PART OF THE ROUGEMONT CHARGE, DURHAM DISTRICT. THEN, ABOUT 1920, A BAHAMA CHARGE WAS MADE AND MT. TABOR WAS TRANSFERRED TO THE BAHAMA CHARGE, WHERE IT STILL REMAINS.

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Mrs. Cooper B. Mangum

This Indenture made this 1st Day of March 1888
in the year of our Lord One Thousand eight Hundred
and eighty eight, between Mary S. Mangum of the
County of Durham and State of North Carolina of the one
part and John W. Winstead W. L. Cozart S. R. Hall
J. S. Pannish and A. P. Cofely, Trustees in Trust for the use
and purposes hereinafter mentioned all of the County of
Durham and State aforesaid of the other part. Witnesseth that
the said M. S. Mangum for and in consideration of the sum of one
Dollar to her in hand at and upon the sealing and delivery of the
presence the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged hath given
granted bargained sold released and conveyed and by these
present doth give grant bargain sell release confirm and convey
unto them the said J. W. Winstead W. L. Cozart S. R. Hall J. S. Pannish
and A. P. Cofely and their Successors Trustees in Trust for the
uses and purposes hereinafter mentioned and declared all the
estate right title interest property claim and demand whatsoever
either in law or in equity whithersoever the said M. S. Mangum has
into or upon and singular a certain lot or piece of land
situated lying and being in the County and State aforesaid
on the waters of Deep Creek a branch of Flat River being

The lot whereon Mount Labor Church is erected and bounded as follows. Beginning at a rock near the well running thence South 77 degrees East 4 Chains 11 Links to a rock South 13 degrees West 2 Chains 44 Links to a rock Thence North 77 degrees West 4 Chains 11 Links to a rock Thence North 13 East 2 Chains 44 Links to the beginning containing One Acre Together with all and singular the House woods ways waters ways privileges and appurtenances thereto belonging or in any wise appertaining To have and To Hold unto and Singular the above mentioned and described lot or piece of land situated lying and being as above said together with the House and singular the House woods waters ways and privileges thereto belonging or in any wise appertaining unto them the said J W Wmsted W. D. Cogart S. D. Hall J. L. Parrish and A. W. Copley and their Successors in office for ever in trust that they shall hold and keep the said lot of land with the house erected thereon as a place of worship for the use of these members of the Methodist Episcopal Church South and according to the rules and discipline which from time to time may be agreed on by the members and Preachers of the said Church at their general Conferences and in further trust and confidence that they shall at all times forever hereafter permit such Ministers and Preachers belonging to the said Church as shall from time to time be duly authorized by the general Conference of the Ministers and Preachers of the said Methodist Episcopal Church South or by the Annual Conferences authorized

By the said general Conference to preach and expound Gods Holy
word therein. And the said Mary S. Mangum doth by these
present words warrant and forever defend all and singular the before
mentioned and described lot or piece of land with the
appertances thereto belonging unto them the said J. W. Winstead
W. L. Cozart. S. P. Hays J. S. Parrish and A. P. Cossley and
their Successors in office from the claiming of her self and
her heirs and all persons claiming Title through her or them
In Testimony whereof the said M. S. Mangum hath hereunto set her
hand and affixed her seal the day and year aforesaid
Signed Sealed and delivered

in the presence of Lucie W. Winstead,

M. S. Mangum 

ORIGINAL CHURCH DESCRIPTION

After talking with a number of our senior citizens, it seems that the original church would fit this description:

1. A rectangular, frame building.
2. An old pot-bellied stove in the center of the Church, between our now situated--center first and second pews.
3. There were large columns down the center of the sanctuary to brace the center of the Church.
4. Wainscoating around the wall which still exists, but until 1940 it was stained a real dark color, when it was sanded down to the natural pine color. The pews, altar rail, pulpit, flower stands, etc. were also sanded down to the natural.
5. The walls and ceiling were the style of small strips as is found in many old homes today.
6. The windows were probably clear glass, the type that could be raised.
7. The lighting was of the nature of Kerosene lamps attached to the wall at appropriate positions.
8. The pews are the original and the only difference is that they have been rearranged somewhat and sanded to the natural pine color.
9. The double doors at the back are also the original doors, even the old wooden pegs are visible.
10. After construction and prior to the addition of the vestibule, there was constructed a shed type porch to cover the long series of steps that covered, almost from side to side, the front of the church.

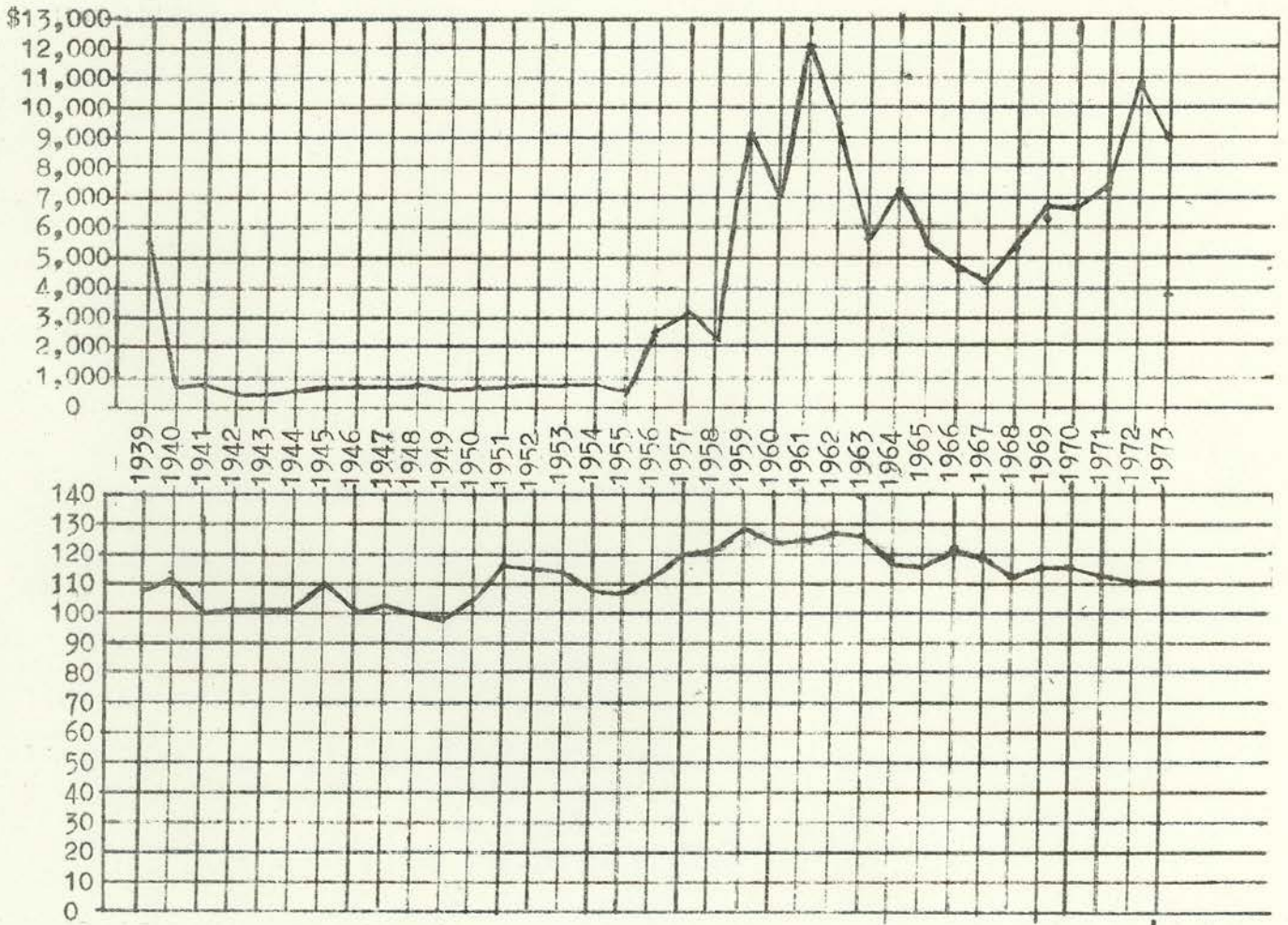
Key Items in Church Budgets for Mt. Tabor United Methodist Church as Reported
in Minutes of Annual Conferences (1939-1973)

| Year | Membership | Number in Church School | Value of Property | Money Raised for Church and Parsonage | Preacher's Salary | Total Budget |
|------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------|---|----------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1939 | 109 | 56 | \$7,200 | \$5,000 | \$ 330 | \$5,562 |
| 1940 | 112 | 71 | " | 174 | 350 | 748 |
| 1941 | 90 ¹ 10 ² | 62 | " | ? | " | 838 |
| 1942 | 90 11 | 29 | " | | " | 558 |
| 1943 | 91 11 | 43 | 8,000 | | 370 | 567 |
| 1944 | 91 11 | 37 | 7,200 ? | | 350 | 626 |
| 1945 | 98 12 | 63 | " | | 389 | 853 |
| 1946 | 100 ? | ? | " | | " | 867 |
| 1947 | 101 ? | 50 | " | | 494 | 815 |
| 1948 | 100 ? | 43 | 10,000 | | " | 890 |
| 1949 | 60 39 | ? | " | 59 | 480 | 824 |
| 1950 | " 44 | ? | " | 39 | " | 862 |
| 1951 | 74 42 | 46 | 15,000 | " | " | 899 |
| 1952 | 73 " | 47 | 20,000 | | 600 | 886 |
| 1953 | 114 | 61 | " | 150 | " | 962 |
| 1954 | 109 | 49 | " | | " | 875 |
| 1955 | 108 | 56 | " | 60 | 400 | 641 |
| 1956 | 112 | 57 | 25,000 | 1,154 | 660 | 2,407 |
| 1957 | 120 | " | 40,000 | 1,406 | 720 | 3,032 |
| 1958 | 122 | 58 | " | 205 ⁶ | 750 | 2,142 |
| 1959 | 129 | 60 | 54,000 | 6,355 | " | 9,090 (\$4000 debt taken) |
| 1960 | 125 | 69 | " | 4,287 | 800 | 7,059 |
| 1961 | 126 | 51 | 56,000 | 9,411 | " | 12,047 |
| 1962 | 128 | 73 | 68,000 ³ | 5,550 | 2,188 | 9,381 |
| 1963 | 127 | 83 ⁴ 38 ⁵ | 68,700 | 1,420 | " | 5,629 |
| 1964 | 117 | 51 35 | 70,400 | 2,908 | " | 7,293 |

| Year | Membership | Number Church School | | Property Value | Money Raised Church/Parson. | Preacher's Salary | Total Budget |
|------|------------|-------------------------|----|-------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|
| 1965 | 116 | 56 | 38 | \$70,700 | \$ 1,513 | \$2,188 | \$5,288 |
| 1966 | 121 | 60 | 40 | " | 737 | " | 4,606 |
| 1967 | 119 | 65 | 35 | 72,000 | 245 | " | 4,156 |
| 1968 | 113 | 65 | 36 | 84,500 | 1,585 | " | 5,329 |
| 1969 | 115 | 70 | 52 | 96,000 | 1,939 | 2,100 | 6,767 |
| 1970 | 115 | 70 | 50 | 96,750 | 1,122 | 2,400 | 6,679 |
| 1971 | 111 | 74 | 40 | " | 1,894 | 2,700 | 7,622 |
| 1972 | 110 | 79 | 40 | " | 4,571 ⁷ | 2,900 | 10,918 |
| 1973 | 109 | 43 | 25 | 99,000 | 3,200 | 3,060 | 8,944 |

- 1 - active
- 2 - inactive
- 3 - \$13,000 parsonage added
- 4 - membership
- 5 - average present
- 6 - Fellowship Hall added
- 7 - \$2,100 steeple added

Graph of Church Membership and Total Budget+ for Mt. Tabor U.M.C. (1939-1973)



MEMORIAL GIFTS

in the

HISTORY OF MT. TABOR CHURCH

Over the many years many people have given generously to this Church we love so dearly. In the following paragraphs we will discover together the many extra gifts that have been given by strong supporters and their families.

Our lovely altar table was given by Mr. and Mrs. Willie E. Mangum in memory of their son Willie Lee Mangum.

Upon this altar table you observe the symbols of cross and candles with holders. One candle and holder symbolizing the humanity of Christ and the other His divinity. In the center is placed the cross which is also the center of our Christian faith and hope. These lovely pieces of art were given by Mr. Garland Roberts.

Also placed upon this altar table are beautiful offering plates, only a couple of years old now. These plates, used here as instruments to gather our offerings and tithes, as all other gifts, were given and received to the Glory of Almighty God. One was given in memory of Mr. Willie E. Mangum by his loving wife Mrs. Nellie S. Mangum. The other is given by Mrs. Goldie S. Jones in loving memory of her parents Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Stem.

Placed upon this altar at certain times of the Christian year are paraments. To this date Mt. Tabor has been given and has graciously received two sets: green and purple. The Green is used during the seasons of Kingdomtide and Epiphany, and the Purple is used during the seasons of Advent and Lent. The Green set was given in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Chris Oakley by Mr. and Mrs. Travis Oakley. (Travis' parents). The Purple set was made by Miss Eunice Parker so that she and her two sisters: Lillian Parker and Ella M. P. Averett might give it in loving memory of their parents Mr. and Mrs. James Parker and their brother Reginald Parker and sister Audrey Parker.

Several years ago the Women's Society of Christian Service labored faithfully to raise the appropriate monies to have the beautiful altar kneeling cushion tailor made. This along with many other fine gifts have added to the beauty of our Church.

Memorial Gifts continued:

Behind the pulpit, which was so beautifully built, is placed a picture of our Master as He has been imagined to have looked. Looking at this portion of our worship setting immediately one would feel the reassurance of peace, compassion and love. This lovely gift was given by Mrs. Percy (Mary) Crabtree.

In 1970 Mr. and Mrs. Onice Parrish and Family gave Bibles to be placed in each Sunday School room in memory of Mrs. Florzle Garrett, the late mother of Mrs. Julean Mangum.

As you observe the facilities of Mt. Tabor Church today, you will discover three pianos. The older of the three is situated in the fellowship hall at the present time, it was given to the Glory of God by Mrs. Florence Mangum in 1940. A few years later another piano was given. The dark mahogany piano that you see was given by Mr. Garland Roberts, Mr. Will Roberts and Mrs. Rhombie Hornton in memory of their mother Mrs. Mary Roberts. And now before you is a new piano given in loving memory of Mr. David Lester Cozart by his wife Mrs. Vivian Cozart. Through the years each of the pianos have and will continue to be used for the praise of God. They have been skillfully played and have added greatly to the joyfulness of this community's worship.

As you continue to observe the many artifacts in our Church's history, please notice the large dark stained chair in the Kindergarten Classroom (right rear room). The origin of this chair is not correctly known, however, it is known that this chair was the chair used in the pulpit area for many years prior to renovations in 1940 when new ones were given. Supposedly there were two other chairs to the set, but no one seems to know their whereabouts. Approximately 1940 William B. Umstead and family gave new chairs, which are mahogany and are still in beautiful condition. They are now placed in our vestibule to add to its attractiveness.

These many wonderful gifts have been and remain to be greatly appreciated, for they have added beauty and meaningfulness to the worship of Mt. Tabor Church. Also, please take notice of the memorial windows and each plate verifying giver and in whose memory they are given. There are six large and two small windows.

Memorial Gifts Continued:

In 1971 Mt. Tabor lost two of its real close friends Mr. Jack Culler and Mrs. Garland (Cora) Roberts. With the knowledge that a steeple was in the planning stages, the families asked friends to make memorial gifts to Mt. Tabor to help construct the existing steeple. These financial contributions helped greatly to raise the \$2,100.00 to construct an appropriated steeple.

The following persons gave gifts in Memory of Mrs. Cora Roberts:

Quality Air-Conditioning
Richard Jones
Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Farmer
Jossie Harris
Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Taylor
The Dorcas Sunday School Class
Mrs. E. B. Roberts
Mrs. W. C. Roberts
Lizzie Jordan
Pauline Jordan
Virginia Jordan
Mrs. Charles Rich
Elva Lewis

The following persons gave gifts in Memory of Mr. Jack Culler:

Pervis Jacobs
Asa Rhew
Neil Rhew
Mamie Parrish
Zack Bacon
Eunice Parker
Lillian Parker
Ella M. Averett
Wallace Mangum
Estelle McDonald
Horace Cain
Helen Andrews
Elma Hall
Rhombie Hornton
Elmo Jones
Ottis Jackson
Woodrow Mangum

Many other gifts were given during 1971 for the steeple construction without specific designation to raise the appropriate funds, also the Spring and Fall Suppers help tremendously

Memorial Gifts Continued:

Recently (1973) we have received many generous contributions to help with the remodeling of our Church, however, only one has been given in memory of someone to this date.

Mr. B. F. Vaughn has given a contribution in memory of his wife Mrs. Lula F. Vaughn.

SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS

for

MT. TABOR CHURCH

Over the years Mt. Tabor Church has had many wonderful friends and to this day still cherishes them and continues to recognize new relationships. Mt. Tabor has continued this one hundred years because its membership on a large part stuck by her and for this we are grateful and hope to strengthen now in 1973. But over the years there have been several persons who set up trust funds, left part of their estates, or have given land to Mt. Tabor Church.

A very special recognition should be made of the late Miss Mary Mangum and Miss Pattie Mangum who deeded the land for the first construction of Mt. Tabor Church. True the Church was constructed in 1873, but it was only until 1888 that the deed was given.

Also another lady that gave a great large sum of land to our Church was Mrs. Mary Crabtree who died only a couple of years ago, September 3, 1971. She very faithfully gave the land for the new cemetery and also the beautiful and convenient lot for the parsonage.

Special recognition should be made of Mr. Garland Roberts and his great love for this Church. Before his death he placed in his will a statement to the effect that at his death the debt on the newly constructed parsonage would be paid, and it was.

Over the years many persons have gone from Mt. Tabor Church to serve the community, state and nation. One person that immediately pops-to-mind is the late Governor William B. Umstead. Before his death he designated that each year a specified amount of money was to be given to his home Church. Today we still have the feeling of the 'Governors' presence and giving as a fine Christian Steward.

Another man who made his love known to us was Mr. Edward Roberts, who resided in Ashville until his death. In his will was a provision for a Church he longed to return to in which he grew up. This provision was quite sizeable and very graciously received.

These were men of God, committed to the Church of our Lord, along side a man who has meant a great deal to our community, Church and hearts, Mr. D. L. Cozart. Mr. Cozart left us something over a year ago, but his love for us here and this Church did not leave, he very wisely and lovingly set up the D. L. Cozart Foundation. This was the result of his heartfelt conviction for Jesus Christ and the Church, and the needs of this

Special Appropriations continued:

community, where he grew as a young man--a place from which his heart never left.

Our prayers and love are in gratitude to these great persons, however, we present today celebrating this Anniversary remember many others who have loved the Church, some have gone on for their reward; others are with us today. But praises be to God for those who do love their Lord and His Church.

Only a few months ago Mr. and Mrs. Baxter Tilley (Arlene Mangum) came to the parsonage with a gift. They had begun a long needed fund: 'The Mt. Tabor United Methodist Church Cemetary Fund'; in hopes that others along with them might establish a fund sufficient enought to supply enough interest each year to care for mowing and upkeep of our cemetary. We are grateful for this jesture of love and hope others will inquire as to how they might contribute or even make provisions in a last will and testimony for the Church of Christ.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

As you have already recognized, much work has been done on our Church facilities. This is due to the faithful work of many devoted members and community friends. Our greatest support comes from our Spring and Fall Brunswick Stew and Bar-B-Que Suppers. Many many people help with these suppers and work really hard to produce a grade A supper. These suppers have provided the majority of the remodeling funds. The people of Mt. Tabor fellowship work hard on these suppers and produce as you probably know the best available Brunswick Stew. We are sure you feel the same, if you have ever tasted it. The Lord has blessed Mt. Tabor Church with these suppers and we trust that the great support will continue.

Also a grateful response should be given to the D. L. Cozart Foundation which has contributed quite generously and faithfully. Before the Foundation contributes, for renovation, additions or special programs; the people of Mt. Tabor must do all in their power to work together and raise the majority of funds for any and every needed function.

Of course as many of us already know, many have sent in special contributions to make this day possible and a simple Thank You just does not seem quite enough.

In any Church the women are very important. This year we are especially proud of our United Methodist Women, they are growing in participation, leadership and finances. This year alone, since June, they have contributed \$200.00 toward the painting and \$181.00 for new and lovely drapes for the Sunday School rooms. Over the period of the last three and one-half years there has been a tremendous growth in this group of ladies in many respects. We are proud of them and are especially grateful for their labors in cleaning, polishing, mopping and the like.

Of course we could not forget our men; many have been genuine contributors of energy and time and this means so much to us here at Mt. Tabor. Thank You!

A special recognition should be given to Mr. Boyd Holliday, our Summer Endowment Student, for his hard hours spent over many North Carolina Methodist Conference Journals. Mr. Holliday during his summer with us did a large portion of the basic research needed for the chronological ordering of ministers and our budgets of the past.

~~We must~~ not forget the Administrative Board, who labored hard hours planning this day and getting real excited about it. Also the Invitations Committee, as many of you know, labored hard to find many of you. Thanks so very much.

Special Recognition Continued:

As a matter of Advertisement we would like to recognize these persons and businesses:

Painter: Mr. John Williams and Sons

Carpet and interior decorating hints:

Manager: Mr. C. F. Golladay

Interior Decorator: Mrs. Virginia Holleman

Carpet Layer: Mr. Larry Hosier

"Riverview Decorating and Home Care Center"

Drapes; "The Remnant Shop" Mrs. Byrd

Sidewalk: Mr. Kenneth Hunt

These persons gave great assistance in coloring, design, repair and adding to the beauty of an already beautiful landmark to Methodism in North Carolina.

The new paint color is called 'Aquamist'

The new carpet is called 'Blue-Green', which includes blue, green and aqua.

APPENDIX

Special notice should be made that the Fellowship Hall that was added in 1958, under the leadership of Dr. W. K. Quick, was named the Bacon Fellowship Hall in honor of Mr. William Bacon. Mr. Bacon was Church treasurer for many years, faithful contributor alongside many others, and a Sunday School Teacher for many years.

Also given by the William Umstead along with the three mahogany chairs was a mahogany table, still in use.

If any names, gifts, memorials have been left out of this book it is probably due to one of two things: 1) lack of proper records or 2) lapse of memory. Please feel free to refresh our memory, so that we may make the addition or correction.

On Display:

Each day of our celebration there will be available for your observance and enjoyment several tables placed in the fellowship hall with old documents, records, antique articles and others instruments that have been used in the history of our Church. **Please do not remove these articles from the fellowship hall.