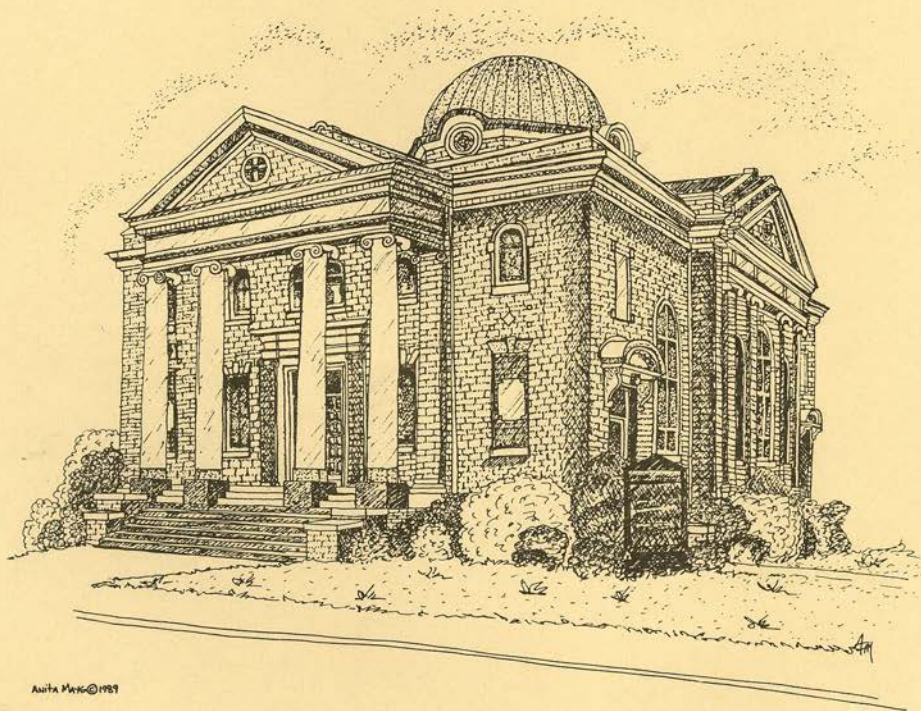


Page Memorial United Methodist Church

Aberdeen, North Carolina

OCTOBER 8, 1989



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CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

1889

1989

Church History in Center

PAGE MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
THE ORDER OF SERVICE
OCTOBER 8, 1989
11:00 A.M.

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Let the people bow in silent prayer upon entering the Sanctuary.

THE ORGAN PRELUDE

LIGHTING THE ALTAR CANDLES

Chad Morgan, Acolyte

(Please rise when Minister and Choir enter)

*THE INTROIT

Chancel Choir

*THE GREETING

Reverend Scott and People

Minister: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you!

PEOPLE: AND ALSO WITH YOU!

Minister: There is one Body and one Spirit;

PEOPLE: ONE GOD AND FATHER OF US ALL!

ALL: PRAISE BE TO GOD! BLESSED BE HIS NAME!

*THE INVOCATION

Reverend Scott

Almighty and Everlasting God, by whose mercy we have gathered together and have come this high hour in the life of the congregation of Thy Church: regard us with Thy continual help, as with devoted minds and dedicated hearts we consecrate our fellowship of faith and witness to Thee and Thy Kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

*THE HYMN OF ADORATION AND PRAISE

No. 57

"O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing"

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(Seated and in Unison)

With deep reverence we come to Thee, O God, our Heavenly Father, through Thy Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. We bring to Thee hearts filled with gratitude and praise for the way Thou hast raised up and blessed Thy Church in this community. This is not our Church; it is Thy Church. We are Thy people. We are not our own, for we have been bought with a price - the precious blood of Christ.

Thou art the spiritual foundation of this Church, the very spiritual life of this Church, the eternal hope of this Church. Thy word is inspiration, comfort, conviction, reproof, meat, salvation, and sanctification to us. This Church has been fully dedicated to Thee. May the Administrative Council and the members ever keep it so.

We ask Thee to fill us with Thy Divine Presence as we rededicate our lives to Thee this day. If we are lukewarm in our love or our loyalty, give us burning hearts for Thee; if we have become so entangled with the affairs of this world that we have neglected the spiritual welfare of our souls, forgive us and give us a new vision of spiritual values and eternal verities.

Give us a vision of the field ripe unto harvest all about us in this community, city, state, country, and throughout the whole world. As we enter a new year in the history of this church, may we be more effective in our outreach for Thee. We pray for a double portion of Thy spirit. In Christ's Name we pray. AMEN.

*A LITANY OF THANKSGIVING

Minister: Let us thank God for our heritage which we this day celebrate.

People: One hundred years of Christian ministry is a gift from the hands of God.

Minister: Let us thank God for those who stood in days gone by and worked with hands and strength that God's glory might be known through this church.

People: Let us thank God for those who serve today as teachers, leaders, and workers of every kind.

Minister: Let us praise God for all obscure and humble saints who have made life sweeter and gentler.

People: We praise Thee, O God, for the image of Christ in ordinary people, their forbearance and their generosity.

Minister: Glory be to Thee, O Lord, for all humble and holy persons in whom the loveliness of our Savior Christ is present.

People: God's glory is evident in the history we share.

Minister: Throughout the years God has worked in and through the humble folk of this church.

People: Now, Our Lord, work through us and allow that we, too, shall contribute to this heritage.

Minister: That when we hear the Master speak, His words may be "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."

People: Glory be to God. AMEN.

Minister: You shall call your walls Salvation

People: And your gates Praise.

*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *"The Apostles' Creed"* 881

*THE GLORIA PATRI *"Glory Be To The Father"* 70

THE RITUAL OF FELLOWSHIP AND PARISH NOTICES

WELCOME - The congregation and the Pastor extend a cordial welcome to all who visit with us as we celebrate our Centennial. We invite you to share your faith and life with us in our common effort to grow in Christian character and personal wholeness.

FIFTY YEARS OF SERVICE PRESENTATION Mrs. Vickie Auman

HISTORY OF PAGE MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Mrs. Criss Shields, Church Historian

SPECIAL MUSIC "Only Jesus Can Satisfy" Miss Denise Allred

SHARING FELLOWSHIP CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER AND CHORAL RESPONSE

WORSHIPING GOD WITH HIS TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY Mrs. Hilma Swaim

THE RECEIVING OF OUR GIFTS

* THE CHORAL DEDICATION

ANTHEM "My Tribute" Chancel Choir

THE INTRODUCTION OF OUR SPEAKER

THE MESSAGE "Doing A Good Thing" Reverend Brooks Patten

* THE HYMN OF DEDICATION 673
"God Be With You Till We Meet Again"

* THE BENEDICTION AND BLESSING Lay Leader, Thomas Simpson

* THE CHORAL RESPONSE Choir

THE POSTLUDE

THE MINISTRY OF FLOWERS

The beautiful flowers that grace our altar today are given in loving memory of their parents, Mr. & Mrs. A.T. Bobbitt, by: Mr. & Mrs. Talmage Bobbitt, Mr. & Mrs. David Bobbitt, Mrs. T.J. Tarlton (Margaret), Mr. & Mrs. Earl Collins (Catherine), Mr. & Mrs. Joe Adams (Sue), Mr. & Mrs. Walter Wright (Carol).

HISTORY
FIRST ONE HUNDRED YEARS
BY MRS. CHARLES SHIELDS, CHURCH HISTORIAN
1883 - 1980
Mrs. J.C. Robbins

In 1883 in the class of Trinity College (now our Duke University) there was a young man licensed to preach and sent to the Sandhills area, heavily populated by Scotch Presbyterians, to see if there was a need for Methodism. Manly, at that time, was our largest town between Sanford and Hamlet; so this young man made his headquarters there.

Yes, there was a **need for Methodism**, and Mr. Shamburger spent his time until conference met in December, going up and down the railroad, preaching everywhere he could find a room and an audience. There being no town here, he preached in a small log school located out near Old Bethesda Church. This school was built by a private family to educate its children. Thus it was that the Reverend Frank M. Shamburger "planted the seeds" for the present church here in Aberdeen today.

When conference met, Mr. M.A. Smith was sent to continue the work begun by Mr. Shamburger at Blue's Crossing (now Aberdeen). A frame church was built in 1889 about where our present one now stands, because by this time enough Methodists were living here to form a church. Those who had been members of the Manly Mission transferred their memberships back home.

Our first parsonage was built in 1890, and the first record of a Quarterly Meeting being held in Aberdeen was dated January 10, 1891. That record as reported by the late Miss Mary E. Page, church historian for many years, was quoted as saying, "Some of our people are deeply interested in church matters, while others are very indifferent concerning such things."

In 1913, with "Miss Mary" laying the first brick, the present church was begun, having been given as a memorial by their children for Allison Francis Page and Catharine Frances Page. It was completed and dedicated on July 5, 1914, with Bishop John C. Kilgo preaching the sermon.

Over the years Page Memorial United Methodist Church has always been a vigorous, moving, and active church and while sitting in the heart of our downtown area, has been a place of pride and service for the entire community. On its twenty-fifth anniversary of its dedication in 1939, there was a week's celebration. Former pastors returned each to preach for one night, and Bishop William W. Peele concluded this event by preaching on Sunday morning.

Roseland Community had a number of members in our church, and in 1939 they withdrew and formed the Roseland Church. Page Memorial and Roseland churches form the Aberdeen Charge.

Our first educational building was erected in the early 1930's with a fellowship hall and kitchen and a full basement, and this unit served well for us and the community for Red Cross work during World War II. Later an additional 3,000 square feet was added during the time when the Reverend T.J. Whitehead was our pastor to give us five more classrooms.

As a growing church we wanted a better home for our pastors, and in 1959 a modern

brick parsonage was built on Wilder Avenue. With ever increasing needs as a church a Building Fund Drive was launched for a new educational building with a square footage of 5,450, which boasts a fine church library of over 1500 volumes of books, musical records and Bible materials. Also housed in this building is the church office, Pastor's study, large fellowship hall, kitchen, restrooms, supply closets, and a mechanical room. It was completed and furnished in 1974. Bishop Robert M. Blackburn dedicated the building in 1976.

"Page Memorial United Methodist Church has been fortunate in the ministers assigned and it has proved to be a good training ground as some of our pastors have achieved prominence - W.W. Peele to become Bishop; F.S. Love a college president; W.C. Ball a District Superintendent; and S.J. Starnes an Editor of the N.C. Christian Advocate." The above paragraph was taken directly from a section of church history written by Mrs. Evelyn H. Pleasants, who for a number of years very ably wrote our church history.

Many dedicated Christians have made this church what it is today. It would take several more sheets of paper even to give names of them; but as I go back and read in the church notes, I find where Susie Page Pleasants, (Mrs. E.L.) served for 45 years as church organist. On her eighty-fifth birthday she wrote this for our church notes:

"During the years between 1910 and 1914 I played the little foot-pedaled organ in the old church. Then in July, 1914, I found myself organist in a beautiful new church with a lovely Estey Pipe Organ. Being able to serve my church from 1910 until 1955 was a privilege for which I shall always be thankful." Several members of her family are today active in our church.

A great sadness gripped our church on December 3, 1971, when our pastor, the Reverend Robert L. Jerome, was killed in a automobile collision. The entire community suffered a great loss. The Reverend Carlos P. Womack, now deceased, came in to lead and guide us until a full-time pastor could be sent.

In August of 1974 a Yokefellow ministry was started at Sandhills Youth Center at McCain, N.C. This center is primarily for first offenders, ages 16 - 18 in the beginning and now ages 18 - 21. A number of our members took the training courses and serve each week, along with members of the other Aberdeen churches.

Over the years we have had a active United Methodist Men's organization. The United Methodist Men of Page Memorial were presented the Bishop's Award for Excellence for the Sanford District for the year 1973. They continue to be a service organization meeting many of the needs in our community.

United Methodist Women are busy year 'round. This devoted group works on conference needs as well as mission projects; and with the continuance of outstanding leadership, we grow and achieve. At this point I would like to "pay tribute" to the wives of our ministers, as I feel, along with their husbands, they too served and inspired us. In this history we want to say "thank you" to the former devoted pastors' wives.

There have been many RED LETTER days in the life of this church and even such a year - 1979. When the North Carolina Conference met in 1980, it named our church its URBAN CHURCH OF THE YEAR. It was a thrill for me to be present at conference when the presentation was made to Dr. Robert Pullman, and he accepted the plaque for our congregation. We were the only church in the North Carolina Conference who sponsored a new church in 1979. A complete record of our accomplishments for the year will be kept

in our Church History Book and this record goes into some detail of why we were awarded the honor for achievement in the urban church category. We are justly proud of this honor, and especially in that the chairperson of the selecting committee told our pastor at Annual Conference that the selection of Page Memorial was a unanimous choice.

Our church is proud of the help we have been able to give the Lighthouse United Methodist Church and especially proud of the Reverend Claude Dial, and his wife, Ernestine, who helped organize this church. It is located six miles south of Aberdeen on the Laurinburg Road and has 46 members at this time. We are truly proud of this dedicated group and shall continue to support and work with them as they grow and reach out.

The mission program is another aspect in which Page Memorial does well. We support two missionaries in addition to that given to the Lighthouse Church, and our goal is to increase each year. We are blessed to have the Huldah Brown Seymour Memorial Trust, which helps several mission causes, and provides scholarships for a number of persons who are committed to teach or preach the Gospel. Meals on Wheels is a project of the United Methodist Women and our Good Samaritan Fund annually aids a number of families in need. Our Hunger Boxes in the vestibule receive several hundred dollars yearly for World Hunger relief. I could go on and on; giving you the many things that are done for and with people, for good, at Page Memorial. We are a working, spiritual church with an outreach that is ongoing and expresses love for our fellow man.

1980 - 1989

Mrs. Charles Shields

As time passes it brings progress and change. Many of the businesses we knew as downtown Aberdeen have closed or moved to shopping centers. The old Carolina Bank building has been renovated and is now an office building. Page Memorial United Methodist Church continues to remain the same with only two major changes in 75 years. During the 1950's the organ was moved from the choir loft and later benches replaced the bentwood chairs that were there. Outside a ramp was added in 1980.

On July 2, 1989 the church became a part of the Aberdeen Historic District and was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in a ceremony that took place on the church steps. This was part of the 25th Annual Fourth of July Celebration in the Town of Aberdeen. From 4:00 - 7:00 P.M. there was a tour of historic homes and buildings. Chairperson of the tour was Mrs. Eldiweiss Lockey. This was the second time the church has been opened for a tour and there were many visitors.

As the buildings age, much maintenance is required. We have dedicated Trustees. They are Roy Smith and Howard Anderson as co-chairpersons with a committee made up of Mrs. Marge Gschwind, Ed Graham, Mrs. Larry Simmons, John Hawthorne, Jerry Wilson and Mrs. Roberta Keller. They have a list of needed projects, and renovation of the organ tops it. The Freeman Trust Fund, left in the will of Mr. Earl Freeman to be used for maintenance of the buildings, is a great help.

The Educational building, built in the early 1930's and added onto in the early 1950's, was in need of renovation. This was done and the dedication was on October 13, 1985. The classrooms were furnished by the following memorials: In memory of Mildred Irene Bayless by Jack Bayless, R.C. Zimmerman by the Wesley Bible Class, Reverend

Robert Leroy Jerome by his family, In Honor of and with praise for God's most precious gift, our children, By Circle Five UMW, and Miss Nora Norris by her former students at the State School of the Blind in Raleigh, family members and friends. There is one room undedicated.

In 1983 we had our first annual Love Feast and Lenten Luncheons. The Reverend Don Phillips collected pictures of all our past ministers. They were framed and now hang in the hall of our newer Educational Building.

On September 21, 1986 the debt for the purchase of the building and property next to the church was retired. It is the old Dr. Bowen office and depot.

We are again having a Bazaar, now as a project of the Methodist Men. Of course, everyone helps. For the first time in the history of the church we have a lady chairperson of the Administrative Board, Mrs. Eldiweiss Lockey. Church membership is 508.

None of us will ever forget the 1988 funerals of Reverend Shelly Fogleman and her three children, Hannah, Sarah and Stephen. This was the family of the Reverend Jan Fogleman. Their car was struck by a drinking driver as they traveled to Florida for the Christmas holidays.

Over the past 79 years we have been fortunate to have two accomplished organists, Mrs. Susie Page Pleasants (1910 - 1955) and Miss June Melvin (1955 - 1989).

Four of Allison F. Page's great grandchildren are members of the church in its centennial year, Mr. Chris Shamburger and his sister, Miss Page Shamburger, Lt. Col. (Ret.) Richard Page, and Mrs. Mary Frances Carrington. Mrs. Susie Page Pleasants was a niece of the founder and three of her children are members: Miss Frances Pleasants, Mrs. Elizabeth Sugg and Mr. Norfleet Pleasants.

Ministers that have gone out from Page Memorial United Methodist Church are: The Reverend Robert Barefield, The Reverend Jan Fogleman and The Reverend Dennis Sheppard.

APPRECIATION

The Minister and parish wish to express their sincere appreciation to the Centennial Committee for the many hours spent in preparing for our Centennial.

The committee members are:

Mrs. Juanita Auman	Mrs. Vickie M. Auman, Chairman	Rev. Julian Scott
Mrs. Audrey Bobbitt	Mrs. Carol Hambrick	Mrs. Criss Shields
Mrs. Nell Bowman	Miss Heather Hambrick	Mr. Thomas Simpson
Mr. Mike Dunn	Mrs. Paulette Kapp	Mrs. Ann Sproles
Mrs. Anna Edwards	Mrs. Eldiweiss Lockey	Mr. Raymond Sproles
Mrs. Marge Gschwind	Mr. David Powers	Mrs. Wendy Worsley Wall
Mrs. Laura Farrell	Mrs. Jeanne Pleasants	
	Mr. Dixie Reynolds	

YOU ARE INVITED

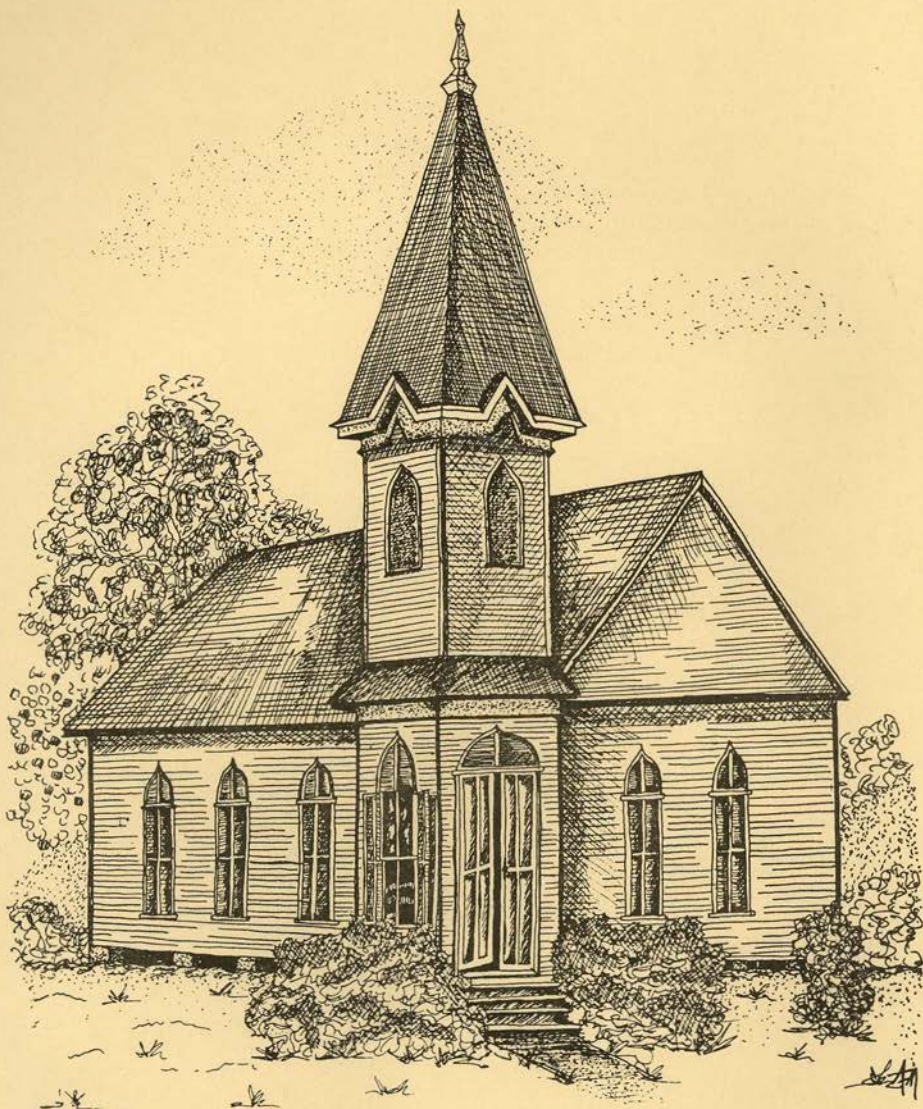
The congregation is cordially invited to share with us in fellowship and covered dish luncheon following the worship hour.

MINISTERS WHO HAVE SERVED PAGE MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Frank M. Shamburger	1883 -	W.C. Ball	1930 - 1934
M.A. Smith	1883 - 1887	L.M. Hall	1934 - 1937
H.W. Jackson	1887 - 1888	S.J. Starnes	1937 - 1939
L.M. Chafin	1888 - 1891	S.A. Maxwell	1939 - 1942
W.J. Crowson	1891 - 1894	Daniel Lane	1942 - 1943
J.H. Page	1894 - 1897	J.O. Long	1943 - 1947
J.E. Thompson	1897 - 1901	T.J. Whitehead	1947 - 1952
George Oglesby	1901 - 1905	W.A. Tew	1952 - 1956
D.N. Caviness	1905 - 1909	C.A. Johnson	1956 - 1959
W.W. Peele	1909 - 1911	Brooks Patten	1959 - 1963
C.L. Reed	1911 - 1913	J.E. Sponenberg	1963 - 1969
W.H. Brown	1913 - 1915	R.L. Jerome	1969 - 1971
F.S. Love	1915 - 1917	Carlos Womack	1972 -
G.M. Daniel	1917 - 1918	W.I. Jackson	1972 - 1976
J.H. Hall	1918 - 1919	L. Ray Sparrow	1976 - 1978
C.B. Culbreth	1919 - 1921	Robert S. Pullman	1978 - 1982
E. McWhorter	1921 - 1925	James Donald Phillips	1982 - 1987
W.V. McRae	1925 - 1928	Berry O. Barbour	1987 - 1989
G.B. Starling	1928 - 1930	Julian W. Scott	1989 -

PAGE MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH MEMBERS FOR FIFTY YEARS OR MORE

Mrs. Forrest Lockey, Sr.	1914	Mrs. Jack Dowless	1932
Mrs. G.D. Martin	1914	Mrs. Lee Buchan	1932
Mrs. C.C. Carpenter	1919	Edwin G. Thompson	1933
Miss Frances Pleasants	1919	Martin A. Robertson	1933
Mrs. Dwight P. Troutman	1920	Mrs. Albert Troutman	1935
Mrs. Marvin McFarland	1921	Mrs. Edmond Graham	1935
Mrs. Robert Farrell	1921	Mrs. George Hilliard	1935
Ralph Leach, Jr.	1924	Mrs. Hubert J. Edge	1935
Norfleet Pleasants	1924	Mrs. James Garrison	1936
Mrs. Ralph Leach	1924	J.C. Robbins	1936
Mrs. Richard Briggs	1925	Mrs. R.M. Hooper	1937
Mrs. Frank A. Cumming	1928	J.B. Edwards	1937
Mrs. Sarah Blue Kennedy	1929	W. Talmage Bobbitt	1937
Mrs. E.B. Satterwhite	1931	David G. Bobbitt	1938
Mrs. T.S. Melvin	1931	Mrs. D.B. Hancock	1939
Miss Gwendolyn Zimmerman	1932	John W. Bowman	1939
Miss Theresa Zimmerman	1932	Mrs. N.A. Pleasants	1939



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