

History Of Parker's Church, Corapeake , North Carolina

Churches

Parkers Church is one of the oldest in Gates County. The original church dates back to 1813 . The church history reveals that, prior to this date , Bishop Asbury , on trips through the county , preached at the home of Thomas Parker . As a result of continued religious services in the Parker home, people in the community felt a need for a place of worship .

Thomas Parker gave the land on which the church was built. It was called Parker's Church in honor of its founder. In 1877 a new church was erected , but three years later the building was completely destroyed by fire . A new building was erected the same year.

During the pastorate of the Rev. B.P. Robinson , 1908-1911 the church was completely renovated and under the leadership of the next pastor , Dr. T. M . Grant, the indebtedness was paid off in 1913. Dedication Sermon was delivered by Bishop Collins Denny.

The new addition to the church , built in 1953, consisted of a nursery , two rest rooms , a kitchen , and an assembly hall with a seating capacity of 100 people was begun in the fall of 1952 and completed in the fall of 1953 at an approximate cost of \$12,000.00. Members of the building committee were : John S. Kittrell, chairman ; R.S. Jones, G.P. Kittrell, chairman of finance and Mrs. H. L. Barnes, Treasurer .

It was through the splendid cooperation of this committee and scores of friends who not and the loyal support of the members

only supported the church by their sentiments , but by numerous contributions as well; that this educational building was made possible.

The educational building of Parker's Church was dedicated on Sunday , August ,22 , 1954 at the 11 o'clock service. Bishop Paul N. Garber delivered the message and conducted the dedicatory rites , assisted by the pastor , the Rev. F. J. Duplissey.

The pastors serving the charge ~~the charge~~ as following:

C. W. Robinson
G. W. Starling
H. M. Jackson
W. N. Brown
E. N. Harrison
B. P. Robinson
T. M. Grant
V. A. Royall
S. T. Moyle
J. C. Whedbee
J. O. Long
B. O. Merritt
J. T. Stanford
C. D. Barcliff
J. A. Daily
W. N. Vaughan
T. J. Whitehead
C. W. Guthrie
W. J. Freeman
R. T. Commander
L. F. Harris
W. E. Wilson
F. J. Duplissey
Worth Pearce (W. H.)
Bill Picket (W. E.)
E. E. Edmonds
M. L. DeHart , Jr. is our present pastor
W. O. Connor