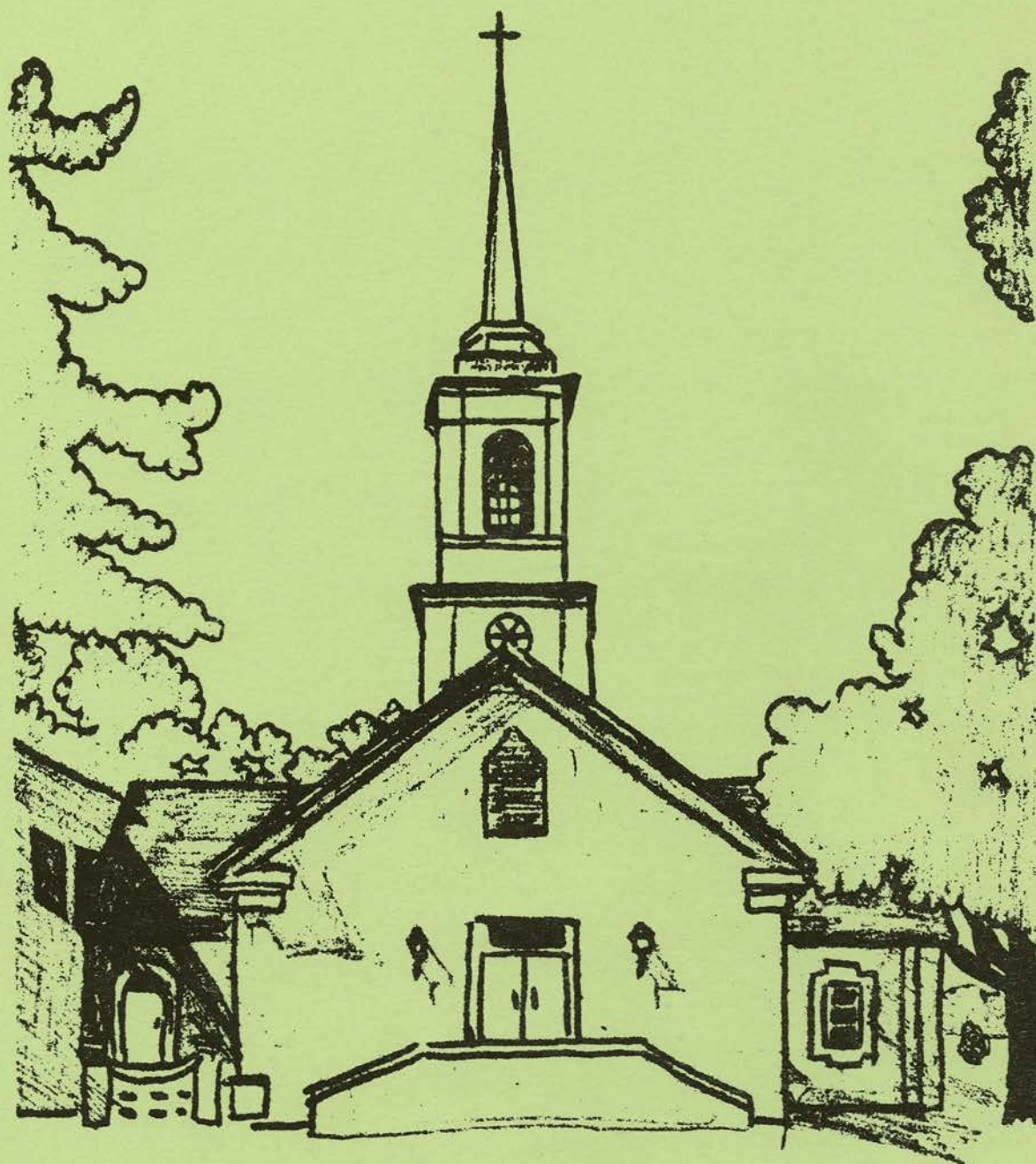


**Pine Forest
United Methodist Church**



Rosewood Community
Route 5
Goldsboro, N. C. 27530

COMPILED AND EDITED

by

MINNIE M. BASS

MARTHA B. GRIFFIN

D A T E S

1876-1975

Many Thanks to These People
For Their Assistance

Mary Alice Smith
David Smith
Helen Gurley
Mae Gurley

Some of the information given
here came from our Father
LEROY M. BASS, an uncle WENNIE BASS,
and AUNT MINNIE MITCHELL. Some of
the things are recorded as we remember
them.

DEDICATED
to the memory of
REVEREND ROBERT E. BROWN

Mr. Brown was Pastor of Pine Forest Church from 1924-1928. He came to our Church a young hard working man. He served as Pastor of four Churches on the Goldsboro Circuit. Mr. Brown had a great interest for the children and young people in his Churches. He started vacation Bible Schools, which included the Adults as well as Children.

When he came to our Church he saw a great need for expansion in both the education and building program of the Church. He and the membership together began an intensive program that made his vision come true. Mr. Brown left us at the end of four years with a newly renovated Church that was a real pride to the congregation and the community.

We at Pine Forest loved Mr. Brown and we shall cherish his memory as long as we live. He gave us new insights to work for new and better things which we hope we will not loose in his memory.

PINE FOREST CHURCH

Pine Forest Church was built in 1904 at a cost of Twelve Hundred Dollars (\$1,200.00). The Contractor was a Mr. Manly and he was assisted in the building by Leroy M. Bass and Edmund Hooks. The Church was dedicated June 26, 1904 by Rev. H. E. Tripp.

LIGHTING: Lights for the Church were kerosene lamps. Later we bought a Delco Plant to furnish lights. Sometimes the motor would stop and we would be in the dark for awhile until someone could go out and get it started again.

HEAT: Heat for the Church was wood and coal heaters. These were later replaced with gas floor furnaces. We now have automatic oil and electric heat, and air conditioning.

THE BIRTH PLACE OF THE PINE FOREST SUNDAY SCHOOL AND CHURCH

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"The Old One Room Pine Forest School"

In 1876 a small number of people felt the need of a Sunday School in the Community, and with Mr. D. D. Carroll as Superintendent, they organized what became known as Pine Forest Sunday School and assembled for worship in a school building about half a mile from the present Church. The literature consisted of two Bibles, one blue-back spelling book, and a first and fourth reader. The children were taught to read and write along with the Bible truths.

Mrs. Lafayette Sasser had charge of the little folks. This being a Methodist Community, it was felt desirable to have a Superintendent of that faith, so Mr. Carroll who was a Missionary Baptist was replaced by Nestus Gurley who served as long as he was physically able. During this time the old School Building was moved to a site just across the road from the present Church Building. H. T. Jones, Baptist, took up the work then, with George Langston as Secretary and Treasurer. In 1904 the one-room Church was dedicated. Following Mr. Jones, the late J. M. Mitchell was elected as Superintendent, a man of great initiative, energy and vision. Today we see the fulfillment of many of his dreams. In 1909 two Bible Classes were organized and the whole Sunday School seemed to take on new life. The enrollment was about 75 at this time. Mr. Mitchell served until his death March 1922. During Mr. Mitchell's illness in 1912 B. H. Bass acted as Superintendent. J. D. Hines the present Superintendent, followed Mr. Mitchell. In these last years the Sunday School has grown very rapidly until at present there are over 200 on the roll. There are five organized classes besides the Primary Department, and the graded lessons are used in all the work. About a year ago the little one-room Church was remodeled entirely according to the "C" type plan for rural Churches, and now the Church is new with ample Sunday School room and double the seating capacity in the auditorium.

STANDARD TRAINING CERTIFICATES: In March 1925 three members of the Sunday School received Standard Training School credit, and in March 1926 four members of the Sunday School won credit at the Goldsboro Training School.

IMPORTANT NAMES IN HISTORY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL: D. D. Carroll, Mrs. Lafayette Sasser, Mr. J. M. Mitchell, Nestus Gurley, D. A. Sasser, H. T. Jones, George Langston, J. W. Mitchell, B. H. Bass, J. D. Hines, V. N. Bass, W. D. Sasser, local preacher who dedicated the first Church, Wilton Gurley, D. H. Newell, Leroy Bass, Poscoe Johnson, Helen J. Davis, Mallie W. Thompson, Alice H. Thompson, Fannie H. Jones, Etta Edwards, George B. Cotton, Cora D. Johnson, Glenn Gurley, Paul H. Thompson, Leslie Thompson, John S. Davis, Mary P. Davis and Thad Gurley.

A HISTORY OF THE PINE FOREST CHURCH

Pine Forest Church was first organized October 1, 1884 by Mr. J. E. Mann with twelve members. For a good many years they held services in the little one room school house. In 1903, during a Festival in this same little school house, the people became aroused by the preaching of Mr. J. D. Sasser, a man of vision, and they decided to build a church. The contract was left to Mr. Menly of Goldsboro, North Carolina. The men and boys of the community started to work on the first Church, a one room rectangular building. The Church was not dedicated until 1905 during the ministry of Rev. H. E. Tripp. The Church and Sunday School grew until soon the one room Church was too small, however, ten years of cramped conditions existed before the class room idea was felt as a solution for the problem, and in 1924, it was decided to build class rooms and a larger auditorium. This time the contractor was Mr. Wilton Gurley, a member of the Church and Community. Again the men and boys came to the support of the Building Program and men went into the woods, cut logs and hauled them to the mill of Mr. F. S. Perkins, who though not a member of the Methodist Church, cut the logs free of cost. Every member of the Church and Community showed a splendid spirit and a great willingness to help.

Crowing trees in a very few weeks were transformed into a house of worship. Surely these can be called "Trees of Righteousness".

IMPORTANT DATES:

1876 Sunday School organized in one room school house.

1883 First Conference Preacher

1904 One room Church built, valued at \$1,200.00

1905 Dedication of the Church by Mr. J. D. Sasser, local Preacher

1908 Two Sunday School Classes organized

1925 New Church Building at Pine Forest with Sunday School rooms

1925 Duke Commission gift of \$1,000.00

1930 (Full Time Pastor, we HOPE)

MEMBERS OF FIRST SUNDAY SCHOOL

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H. T. Jones
George Langston
Fred Yelverton
Patty Faulk
Edward Langston
Walter Faulk
Cora Hooks
J. Leland Becton
Robert Brown
Ernest Faulk
Dora Hooks
Edgar Gurley
Matthew Johnson
Bertha Hooks
Sallie Hooks
Eula Mitchell
G. L. Becton
Sarah Creech
John Eason
Golda Coor
Ellen Curley
Beulah Hooks
Lettie Hooks

Ed Gurley
Cora Atkinson
A. G. Bass
H. Padford
Needham Bass
Herbert Howell
Hugh Edwards
Wilton Gurley
George Hooks
Louis Smith
Ed Brown
Allison Sasser
Archie Smith
Mary Hooks
J. B. Faulk
Elijah Johnson
John W. Sasser
Kenneth Coor
Elijah Eason
Wade Smith
Roxie Coor
Hamie Hooks
Harvey Edwards

Fannie Jones
Luby Edwards
Sim Brown
James Langston
Edmund Hooks
Lizzie Becton
Leroy Bass
Holand Gurley
Oscar Hooks
Stella Johnson
John Bass
Julia Gurley
Floyd Sasser
Roxie Mitchell
Annie Brown
Lizzie Hooks
David Sasser
Wiley Eason
Iola Coor
T. T. Gurley
Edith Brown
Alice Hooks

TEACHERS OF FIRST SUNDAY SCHOOL

H. T. Jones
J. M. Mitchell
Mrs. A. S. Sasser
Mazanna Bass
Minnie Bass Mitchell
G. L. Becton

OFFICERS OF FIRST SUNDAY SCHOOL

G. L. Langston
C. L. Becton
John W. Sasser
George Hooks
James Langston
John M. Mitchell

FIRST BOLL OF PINE FOREST

CONGREGATION

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|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. N. H. Gurley | 28. Mary Barney Brown |
| 2. Julia Gurley | 29. M. B. Brown |
| 3. E. L. D. Gurley | 30. Lora Pate |
| 4. Mary A. Gurley | 31. Seth Dixon |
| 5. M. D. Gurley | 32. Sallie Dixon |
| 6. T. P. Gurley | 33. Laura Dixon |
| 7. Anna E. Gurley | 34. Louvenia Dixon |
| 8. Phoeby Gurley | 35. Matilda Rose |
| 9. Ellen Gurley | 36. W. F. Rose |
| 10. A. L. Sasser | 37. Addie Hastings |
| 11. D. A. Sasser | 38. Fannie Smith |
| 12. Drudie Sasser | 39. Leroy Bass |
| 13. Elizabeth D. Sasser | 40. Kennie Butts |
| 14. J. W. Sasser | 41. Clyde Andrews |
| 15. Mandy Mitchell | 42. James Langston |
| 16. Callie Howell | 43. Edward Langston |
| 17. Fannie D. Jones | 44. W. Needham Bass |
| 18. William Langston | 45. Ed C. Brown |
| 19. G. L. Langston | 46. G. L. Becton |
| 20. J. A. Langston | 47. J. H. Mitchell |
| 21. Lula Langston | 48. Edith Brown |
| 22. Minnie Mitchell | 49. Lizzie Becton |
| 23. A. G. Bass | 50. Luby Edwards |
| 24. Martha Bass | 51. Cora Dixon |
| 25. Mazanna Bass | 52. Cora Hooks |
| 26. Simion Brown | 53. J. H. Game |
| 27. Mary Simion Brown | |

(The above list - Charter Members of Pine Forest Church)

SUNDAY SCHOOL RECORD

January 1898-May 1899

D. A. Sasser, Supt.

<u>Jan. 9</u>		<u>Jan 16</u>		<u>Jan. 23</u>	
No. Present	30	No. Present	26	No. Present	33
Absent	2	Absent	13	Absent	4
Collection	.16	Collection	.10	Collection	.10
<u>Feb. 6</u>		<u>Feb. 13</u>		<u>Feb. 27</u>	
No. Present	26	No. Present	27	Present	29
Absent	23	Absent	23	Absent	21
Collection	.15	Collection	.06	Collection	.10
<u>March 6</u>		<u>March 13</u>		<u>March 20</u>	
No. Present	23	No. Present	23	No. Present	30
Absent	27	Absent	27	Absent	18
Collection	.05	Collection	.05	Collection	.07
<u>March 27</u>		<u>April 3</u>		<u>April 10</u>	
No. Present	34	No. Present	32	No. Present	29
Absent	8	Absent	7	Absent	11
Collection	.17	Collection	.03	Collection	.08
<u>April 17</u>		<u>April 24</u>		<u>May 1</u>	
No. Present	33	No. Present	32	No. Present	30
Absent	9	Absent	7	Absent	11
Collection	.10	Collection	.10	Collection	.05
<u>May 8</u>		<u>May 15</u>		<u>May 22</u>	
No. Present	34	No. Present		No. Present	35
Absent	7	Childres's Day		Absent	11
Collection	.08	Collection	.65	Collection	.13
<u>May 29</u>		<u>June 5</u>		<u>June 12</u>	
No. Present	29	No. Present	38	No. Present	31
Absent	16	Absent	21	Absent	18
Collection	.12	Collection	.12	Collection	.13
<u>June 19</u>		<u>June 26</u>		<u>July 3</u>	
No. Present	16	No. Present	23	No. Present	26
Absent	35	Absent	26	Absent	23
Collection	.05	Collection	.05	Collection	.05
<u>July 10</u>		<u>July 17</u>		<u>July 24</u>	
No. Present	24	No. Present	33	No. Present	26
Absent	30	Absent	18	Absent	30
Collection	.07	Collection	.05	Collection	.07
<u>July 31</u>		<u>July 31 August 21</u>		<u>Aug. 21</u>	
No. Present	22	No record		No. Present	18
Absent	30			Absent	33
Collection	.07	<u>Sept. 4</u>		Collection	.04
<u>August 28</u>		No. Present	18	<u>Sept. 11</u>	
No. Present	26	Absent	36	No. Present	23
Absent	26	Collection	.20	Absent	32
Collection	.06			Collection	.01

<u>Sept. 18</u>		<u>Septe. 25</u>		<u>October 2</u>	
No. Present	21	No. Present	32	No. Present	23
Absent	35	Absent	24	Absent	34
Collection	.05	Collection	.16	Collection	.07
<u>October 9</u>		<u>Oct. 16-H.T.Jones Supt.</u>		<u>October 23</u>	
No. Present		No. Present	33	No. Present	35
No Record		Absent	14	Absent	12
		Collection	.12	Collection	.20
<u>October 30</u>		<u>November 6</u>		<u>November 13</u>	
No. Present	37	No. Present	- No	No. Present	31
Absent	10	Sunday School		Absent	22
Collection	.08	Paining		Collection	.08
<u>November 20</u>		<u>November 27</u>		<u>December 4</u>	
No. Present	34	No. Present	42	No Record	
Absent	19	Absent	11		
Collection	.12	Collection	.17		
<u>December 11</u>		<u>December 18</u>		<u>January 8, 1899</u>	
No. Present	24	No. Present	35	No. Present	47
Absent	30	Absent	19	Absent	13
Collection	.06	Collection	.09	Collection	.14
<u>January 15</u>		<u>Jan. 22</u>		<u>Feb. 19</u>	
No. Present	35	No. Present	38	No. Present	25
Absent	35	Absent	25	Absent	34
Collection	.02	Collection	.11	Collection	.02
<u>February 26</u>		<u>March 5</u>		<u>March 12</u>	
No. Present	41	No Record		No. Present	41
Absent	18			Absent	18
Collection	.12			Collection	.12
<u>March 26</u>		<u>April 2</u>		<u>April 9</u>	
No. Present	42	No. Present	37	No. Present	32
Absent	18	Absent	20	Absent	24
Collection	.12	Collection	.06	Collection	.40
<u>April 16</u>		<u>April 23</u>		<u>April 30</u>	
No. Present	37	No. Present	37	No. Present	35
Absent	25	Absent	25	Absent	27
Collection	.14	Collection	.16	Collection	.27
<u>May 7</u>		<u>May 14</u>			
No. Present	36	No. Present	34		
Absent	27	Absent	29		
Collection	.21	Collection	.33		

Sunday School Superintendents during thid period of time were D. A. Sasser, H. T. Jones and G. L. Becton

Sunday School Teachers: H. T. Jones, G. L. Becton, Mrs Minnie Mitchell J. M. Mitchell, Mrs. A. S. Sasser, E. E. Gurley, Mazana Bass

Secretaries: John Sasser, Needham Bass, George Langston

FIRST ORGAN

The first organ that the Church had was given by Mrs. Martha Brown Bass, and her five sons, Leroy M., Needham, John H., Asa G., and Benjamin H. This family picked cotton to purchase the organ.

The organ presently used in the Church was purchased and donated to the Church by the Aldersgate Class.

Mrs. Minnie Mitchell donated a piano to the Church in the late 1920's.

FIRST WEDDING

The first wedding to be performed in Pine Forest Church was that of Mr. Cyrus Johnson and Miss Cora Dixon.

The next one that we can remember, was that of Mr. Ezra Moore and Miss Mallie Edwards

FIRST FUNERAL

The first funeral that we can remember to be in the Church was that of John M. Mitchell and school was recessed in order that the children could march to the funeral in a body. This was in March of 1922.

The first Prayer Meetings were interdenominational and were first held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Mitchell in 1918. When the attendance outgrew the home, it was moved to Rosewood School. There was always a good attendance, especially among the young people. Mr. Branson, a local Friends Preacher, was always very active in leading the group. Special emphasis was put on the Bible reading, each person was asked to tell the number of chapters they had read during the week. Each person was also asked to quote a verse of scripture from memory.

SUNBEAMS

The children of the Church were organized into a group we called "Sunbeams". There was a meeting once each month for a planned program and a social hour. Their group was sponsored by the Missionary Society and was started in the early 1930's. They usually met in someone's home and were led by Mrs. Paul Thompson and Miss Minnie Bass.

CEMETERY

The land for the cemetery was given to Pine Forest Church by Mr. Robert Sasser. It was given with the understanding that it was to be used for that purpose only. The land was surveyed and lots laid off in 1934. They were sold for \$10.00 each. The first person to be buried in the new Church Cemetery was Mrs. Helen J. Davis, wife of Charles B. Davis.

BIBLE

The Pulpit Bible in the Church was given by Mr. J. Dallie Hines in memory of his wife Mrs. Fannie Jones Hines.

LET'S GO TO EGYPT

Since October 1905, the trip to Egypt has always been a big day for the people of Pine Forest and any persons living in the Community who would like to go. The time for going to Egypt was always the first Saturday after school started at Rosewood in order that the people in the Community could meet the new school faculty. It also served as a home coming day for people who were raised here but were living elsewhere.

The day ususally began with the male population going on ahead to hunt for squirrels and rabbits. There were usually some good fishermen who went along with poles and a big can of worms. By the time the older folks and the children arrived, there was plenty of fish and game ready to be cooked.

The cooking was done over hot coals. Logs were placed parallel to each other and hot coals filled inbetween them. Pots and frying pans were put over the logs for cooking the fobbe. Dr. Roscoe Johnson usually carried a fifty-poung lard stand and made it full of coffee. The big pot full of chicken stew prepared by the ladies was a real delicacy.

For the first years, transportation was by mule and wagon or horse and buggy, if you were fortunate enough to have a buggy. The roads were usually bad, especially if there had been a big rain before hand. The wagon bodies were usually taken off and turned upside down to make tables to put food on for dinner.

Since most of the entire trip was through woods, there was a plenty of winter huckleberries, locusts and haws to be gathered and eaten on the way going and coming back.

While the older folks prepared dinner, the young people and children hiked about a mile up the river to the moss trees and usually returned with all they could carry to take home to be hung on trees in the yard.

Due to the distance to Tony's Bend, as it was first known, the day usually began very early in the morning and you reached home very late in the afternoon. Then came the day of automation which lessened the time considerably.

After sixty five (65) years there have been a lot of changes, a lot of faces missing, and a new day - SUNDAY - has been adopted. We feel sure that if the founders of Egypt could return, and know the custom has lasted for these many years, they would feel a great deal of satisfaction for having a part in such a day of joy and pleasure for such a large number of people. We hold in our hearts a lot of thanks in their memory.

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM OF THE CHURCH

In the Educational field Pine Forest Church is doing something for its members of all ages. It has a wide awake Sunday School, which benefits especially children and the young people. The children are also given special care by the Pastor in both printed matter and in preaching. A children's Sermon is made attractive by a well made pointed story, and is written and illustrated on the inside cover of the regular Church Bulletin. (See the story and illustration of the "Storm King Eagle" on another page of this booklet). Both children and adults of the Church are given Biblical instruction through the Pastor's "Little Printed Preachers", a one verse Bible Study Booklet issued each month.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

With the help of a Duke University student to be supplied the Goldsboro Circuit during the summer months by The Duke Commission, the Pastor intends to put on a chain of Vacation Bible Schools over the Circuit. The policy of these schools will be the study of the Bible itself and not a lot of books about the Bible, to the SCRIPTURES themselves. The Eworth League is doing a fine type of work in this great field of Religious Education. The Pine Forest Chapter is following the League programs with a great deal of interest.

EVANGELISTIC FEATURES

A prayer meeting is held at the Rosewood School House every Wednesday night; this prayer meeting is interdenominational and is run by the young people of the community. A two-weeks Revival is conducted during the summer of early Fall of each year.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

The Eworth League holds a social of some kind at least every two months, and special days are celebrated with social gatherings. Then the Wayne County League Union has socials every quarter, and the Pine Forest Members attend. Plays at the school house have been very attractive; the well set stage with adequate fixtures gives stimulus to all organizations to put on plays, and there have been very attractive plays given by the women of the Church, grades of the school, school faculty, and young people of the community.

PAGEANTS

On Easter Sunday a very impressive pageant was given in the Church by the Sunday School Class of Mr. R. R. Johnson. The class of boys and girls put on the pageant called "HIS MINISTERING ANGELS". The costuming and coaching of the play was well worked out and the audience was thrilled with the vivid and impressive manner in which the scenes of the resurrection of our Lord were brought to mind. The Primary Class also took part in the Easter Program and set before the adults the realness of Religion as a little child sees and believes it to be.

The pageant idea is to be used more and more as the people see the value of teaching the child by giving him something he can do and will delight in doing. For, after all, child or adult, we are all actors on the stage of life.

SOMETHING NEW UNDER THE SUN

We have seen Country Churches with broken window-panes, leaky roofs, unswept floors with neglect written all over what looked more like a shelter for goats than a place for the worship of Almighty God, who in by-gone-days had his people build a temple of tapestries and gold. But who has seen a country congregation supplied with bulletins which give the order of service and announcements just like a big city church?

Yet that very thing is being done on the Goldsboro Circuit where Rev. B. E. Brown is the Pastor -----.

THE BULLETINS. (Quoting from the Advocate)

These Church Bulletins to give added interest and instructions are illustrated with pen sketches. For instance, the Bulletin for March 22, 1925, has a pen sketch of the old Pine Forest Church and under the picture of the little rectangular meeting house was written "Our strength in ages past." On another page of the same bulletin was a sketch of the new Pine Forest Church built this year (1925). This new Church with steeple, Sunday School rooms and up-to-date appearance has inscribed underneath "Our hope for years to come." Truly, the day of the country church is now at hand.

METHODS USED TO PROMOTE BIBLE STUDY

300 copies of a home-made thirty page chapter study have been circulated. The chapter study was made with the idea of showing how to approach and study any chapter in the Bible. The first chapter of Mark was used as a sample, and the little book, well illustrated and called "Near-bout or Straightway" was, in style and make up, similar to this hand book. It was the purpose of the writer to stimulate a keener OBSERVATION, or truer INTERPRETATION and a personal APPLICATION among the Bible readers of the Goldsboro Circuit.

"In simple trust like theirs who heard,
Beside the Syrian Sea,
The gracious calling of the Lord,
Let us, like them, without a word
Rise up and follow thee". (Whittier)

THE ONE VERSE BIBLE STUDY

From the chapter study there has been a more detailed study known as the "One Verse Bible Study" used at the Prayer Meetings with marked success. Attendance has doubled at every Church Prayer Meeting on the Circuit. The verse is presented in a little twelve or sixteen page pamphlet with twenty-five or thirty questions on the one verse and dotted lines for the answers. Every Prayer Meeting attendant gets one of the little pamphlets, and with the pencil he has brought or provided by the Church, the answers are written in as the questions are discussed. The questions are simple so the children will be able to take part. It is common for 25 or 30 girls and boys to attend the Prayer Meetings and keep up with the adults in the study. They take something away from the Prayer Meeting if it is nothing more than the little Bible verse.

SPECIAL DAY LETTERS

Thanksgiving, Christmas, Easter, Revivals, Quarterly Conferences, Church Conferences, All-Day Meetings, Socials, Home-Comings, Vacation Letters, Personal, Special Claims, Missions, Organizing, Building, Bible Study Letters, Charts and League Union Programs. Since March 10th, 1925, twenty-two thousand printed sheets have been circulated on the Circuit.

ONE ROW CLUB

One of the plans for raising money for the Church was the organization of a ONE ROW CLUB. Every member of the Club planted one row of field produce. A great variety of things were marketed, but the largest gift was from the sale of the one rows of cotton. Over a thousand pounds of lint cotton was sold. (The big bales of fair and middlin cotton). Mr. A. H. Veazy, Agricultural Instructor at the Rosewood High School was elected President of the ONE ROW CLUB.

SIGN BOARDS

Attractive sign boards are being placed at all important road crossings in the community directing people to Pine Forest Church. A large well-painted board has been placed on the Church grounds giving the name of the Church and the time of services.

EQUIPMENT NEEDED

The following equipment is lacking. A Delco Light Plant; two teachers tables with suitable chairs for adult classes, two black boards, pulpit furniture, a NEW BIBLE for the pulpit, COMMUNION Set, Communion Table with suitable linen covers, two more class rooms, tables and chairs for Primary Room.

A Modern Heating System is needed very much.

THINGS BEING DONE NOW

Inside painting, finishing off two class rooms, building choir platform, getting chairs for the little folks, new carpet and a great deal of outside work is being done to beautify the Church grounds.

THE CHURCH BUILDING

Pine Forest Church has a main auditorium, two large Sunday School rooms, and two small Sunday School rooms yet to be completed. The auditorium is 32 X 74 feet and has a seating capacity of 300. It is used for all general meetings, for Epworth League, and for part of the Sunday School Classes. The equipment of the auditorium consists of well constructed church benches, one large stove, a piano, chairs for the choir, the pulpit platform and desk.

The North and South wings of the Church Building form two large class rooms, each 21 X 32 feet, and each have a seating capacity of 100. These two rooms are built with rolling doors so that they can be used in connection with the auditorium, giving the Church a total seating capacity of 500. The equipment of these rooms consists of church benches, stoves, blackboards and an organ. They are used for Sunday School Classes and the meetings of the Women's Societies.

THE CHURCH LOT

The Church Lot covers one acre of land. It has suitable shrubbery and flowers planted in an artistic manner and the walks are well laid out. On one side of the Church there is a long table to be used for picnic dinners. There is a pump on the lot. A low fence separates the Church Lawn from the parking space. The lot is valued at \$200.00, the church building at \$7,000.00 and there is \$4,000.00 insurance.

REMEMBERING

When most of the congregation walked to Sunday School and Church. A few, who lived a little far, came by horse and buggy.

When we only had a Church Service once each month on Fourth Sundays.

When there was no intermission between Sunday School and Church. After Classes the Secretary read the Sunday School Record for the Day. The School closed with a song which served as the opening hymn for Church.

When at the beginning of each year twelve ladies from the Congregation volunteered to invite the preacher to their home for dinner after each fourth Sunday Service.

When there was no Church Service after Sunday School the members were in no hurry to go home. They usually visited for awhile outside when the weather permitted.

When there was a home made fence around the Church Yard and benches to sit on. There was also a permanent picnic table.

When all the source of getting water was a pitcher pump.

When there was a big beautiful Magnolia tree that stood in front of the Church door.

When we would have visiting preachers who would have a one night service at the Church.

When our Epworth League group would meet with other Leagues on the circuit for meetings and socials.

When a group of Epworth League members went on a hay-ride to Seven Springs and a thunder storm overtook them. They came home almost drowned.

When we sang "To The Work" real often. This was a favorite of Uncle John Mitchell's, our Sunday School Superintendent.

The star flower bed on the front lawn of the Church. Flowers were planted in the space by the ladies and was real pretty when the flowers were in bloom.

The beautiful pine forest that surrounded the Church.

When Dr. J. Dallie Hines was honored with a "This is Your Life" celebration. Dr. Hines served as Sunday School Superintendent for many years. He succeeded the late John M. Mitchell.

The years that Dr. George Langston served as Secretary of the Sunday School.

The Training Schools for Sunday School Teachers usually held at St. Paul Church in Goldsboro.

The missionary Society raised money to place Mrs. Helen Davis name on the Memorial Roll of the Conference in 1935.

The star over the pulpit. Rev. R. E. Brown offered a prize to the child who would write the best story about it. Myrtle Bass won the prize.

The Womanless Weddings, Bake Sales, Furrage Sales, and selling Sunday eggs all for needed projects for the Church.

When Aunt Winnie Mitchell was teaching the Primary Class on "Giving to the Lord", Calbert Perkins said, "What do you want to give the Lord anything for, everything is his already".

When Hilford Hollowell was a little boy reciting a part for Children's Day and forgot the next line, shuffled his feet, kicked over a vase of flowers and said "I forgits".

The small bell that was placed on the Secretary's desk and was tapped to bring Classes to a close.

The small cards for the Beginner's Class with a picture on one side and the lesson on the other.

When we had printed bulletins as early as 1925. Rev. R. E. Brown was the first Pastor to do this.

In 1925 Pine Forest had 138 Church Members, 197 Sunday School members with an average attendance of 118 each Sunday.

PINE FOREST CHURCH HAS DEDICATION CEREMONIES

October 23, 1927

Hundreds Present Fore Sermon by Rev. Mr. Jones
Former Pastor

Pine Forest Church, one of the churches of the progressive Goldsboro Methodist Circuit, experienced the greatest days in its history when it had dedicated Sunday MORNING: b. Rev. Charles A. Jones, now Pastor of the Rockingham Circuit, and former Pastor of Pine Forest. Rev. R. E. Brown, Pastor of the Church was in charge of the day's program, which was attended by more than 400 people from all Churches on the Goldsboro Circuit and from many points in the County.

A packed house was delighted with the message which Rev. Jones brought, and information pertinent to the day completed the Program.

Special music was arranged by P. R. Johnson and a History of the building was given by V. N. Bass.

Simeon Brown, age 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ and eldest member of the Church was read out for honors. The twins of Mr. and Mrs. V. N. Bass, Walton and Milton, were honored as the youngest members. They are seven.

In memory of John M. Mitchell, an early member of the Church who did much for it, a tablet was unveiled by Rev. R. E. Brown, the Pastor. Mrs. J. M. Mitchell, widow of the man whose memory was honored, was honorary hostess of Sunday's Program.

An elaborate dinner was served at noon and here was introduced a new style "picnic" lunch, Mr. Brown designing a "Cafeteria" style which saw hundreds served with piles of fried chicken and accessories in short order.

Pine Forest has won south-wide attention to itself for the up and doing fashion which it has carried out its functions.

The "Adult Student" of the Methodist Sunday School South has a long story of the Church and a picture of it and of Mr. Brown in its current issue. The story says in part:

In working in the rural field nothing seems to appeal to the farmer quite as much as "common sense", and there have been several good old common-sense principles applied to certain problems. The first we mention is that of using what you have. Pine Forest, North Carolina Built a new Church by using what she had in the way of trees and mills and horses and log trucks and time; for if a man did not have money, he had time, and was put to work on the building. To see trees, under one's very eyes, converted into a house in which to worship has given great hope and inspiration to the Pastor of the Goldsboro Circuit. Truly these trees may be called "tress of righteousness" (Isa. 61:31). In a few weeks' time trees were felled, logs were hauled and sawed into lumber. The building project was the finest example of community cooperation we have ever known. Trees, teams, men, sawmill, lumber, even bricks were all cheerfully given; then in addition on the same men gave their time to put up the building. By using what we had, we now boast of a home-grown, home sawed, home made wonderful new house dedicated entirely to His Name, that he may be glorified.

Aid from The Duke Fund. After we had reached the end of our own giving, we felt ready to ask for outside help, and with one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) already given by the Duke Commission, and the promise of half thousand more (\$500.00) we have cleared the Church from debt and are now in line to be chosen as one of the rural demonstration points in the North Carolina Conference.

Pine Forest has had two ordained Methodist Ministers. They are **Walton** Needham Bass, son of Mr. and Mrs. V. Needham Bass, and Graham Nickens, who is married to the former Inez Sasser of this Community.

WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

During the late 1930's the Missionary Society changed its name to read "Woman's Society of Christian Service". This title was kept until 1969 when it was changed to "United Methodist Women". Since 1925 the members of this Society have been most active in both home and foreign missions, as well as service in the Church. It has been an act of theirs to give life memberships to an adult, a youth and a baby since the early days of the Organization. They have sponsored many fund raising projects for use in the Church. Study classes in mission work and Bible study have taken much of their time. Presidents of the Missionary Society:

Mary Porter Davis
HelentJenks Davis
Sallie Hollowell
Minnie Bass
Ruby Collie
Mary Alice Smith
Helen S. urley
Thelma Taylor

Cora Dixon Johnson
Alice Williams
Eula Vincent Bass
Mittie Sutton Brock
Mary Neal Becton
Edna Thompson
Doris J. Pate
Mae Neal

Mallie Thompson
Claudia Hollowell
Alice Thompson
Hazel C. Hooks
Virginia Woodard
Kathleen Grantham
Louise Seymour
Ruth Westbrook

HARVEST SALE

When the Church was assigned its first full time pastor, we began to plan for a Parsonage. Among the many fund raising projects, was Harvest Sale. The first one was so successful that it has become a yearly event. There is a nice supper, home baked cakes, quilts, needle work and all kinds of home grown products for sale. It is a project that all ages in the Church can participate in. With good weather and good crowds, the sale usually passes the \$2,000.00 mark.

HARVEST SUNDAY

At the Official Board Meeting in September 1973, it was decided not to have a Harvest Sale and Supper. They voted to have a Harvest Sunday on September 16th at which time each person was asked to make a contribution to be used on the Building Fund. The contributions were taken to the altar as each one went to participate in the Communion Service. A total of \$4,407.22 was given on that Sunday or in a few days later by persons not present for the service.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

Fannie Jones Hines	Mazanna Bass Hollowell
Minnie Bass Mitchell	Cora Dixon Johnson
V. Needham Bass	Roscoe Johnson
Helen Jenks Davis	Mallie Edwards Thompson
Alice Herring Thompson	Minnie Bass
Martha Bass Griffin	Mary Neal Becton
Lillian Johnson	Virginia S. Woodard
Roland Braswell	Ruby Collie
Claudia Hollowell	Sallie Sutton Hollowell
Mittie Sutton Brock	Mrs. A. S. Sasser
G. L. Becton	John M. Mitchell

Gladys M. Rouse

This list does not include all the teachers that have taught Sunday School Classes, but a few who have given a number of years in this capacity.

JOHN DALLIE HINES

"Mr. Dallie", 95 years old at his death was a prominent farmer of the Rosewood Community. He was born April 4, 1873 and died November 1, 1968. He served as Superintendent of Pine Forest Sunday School for forty years, and Steward of the Church also. He served as Superintendent for forty years, and Steward of the Church also. He served as Superintendent of the Wayne County Sunday School Association.

Quoting Mr. Henry Belk, "J. Dallie Hines of Rosewood was a remarkable man in more ways than one. For one thing he was in his 95th year when he died, and his mind was as clear as a bell close to the end. His humor lightened his way and the way of those around him. Two main interests of Mr. Hines was education and the Church. He served for years on the Rosewood School Committee and on the Wayne County Board of Education. "Mr. Dallie" as he was known throughout Wayne County, had served as President of the non-denominational Sunday School Association".

C H I L D R E N ' S D A Y

Children's Day along with the trip to Egypt, was always a big day for the folks at Pine Forest, especially the children. Every child in Sunday School had a part on the program. The day was usually around the first Sunday in June. Preparations were started four or five weeks in advance, with practices on every Saturday afternoon. We usually went out to the School Building for these practices, as it was closer to reach for most of the children.

The program usually lasted all day, with each child having a recitation to say and songs to sing as a group. One highlight of the program was a pantomime of one of our most beautiful hymns. The girls who did this were dressed in long white robes. They were trained by Mrs. Ada Coor Gurley.

After the morning session was finished, everyone gathered around big tubs of lemonade and a table full of good food. Those responsible for the lemonade were Ed Brown, Robert Brown, Leroy Bass, Asa Bass and Edward Langston.

We know we shall not remember everyone who should have credit for working with the children for this occasion, but we would like to name a few who should have recognition for working so faithfully. Some of them are John M. Mitchell, Mrs. Minnie Mitchell, Mrs. Ada Coor Gurley, Mrs. Mallie E. Thompson and Mrs. Fannie J. Hines.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

During the early years of the Sunday School, the men's class was called the Philathea Class. The Ladies Class was known as the "Barraca's." The name of the Barraca Class was changed in 1934 to be called the Helen Davis Class, named in memory of the beloved teacher, Helen Jenks Davis. Mrs. Davis had been teacher of this Class for around seven years to her death on Sunday August 12, 1934. She died of a heart attack on her way home to visit her parents in Fairfield, Iowa. Mrs. Davis was not only a great asset and inspiration to her Sunday School and Church, but to the entire welfare of the School and Community. She was constantly reaching out to those people around her who had a need to help in any way she could. Her death was an untimely loss to both her Church and Community.

IN MEMORIUM

Mrs. Helen Jenks Davis, 34 years of age, wife of Charles B. Davis, Goldsboro, North Carolina, Route #1, on Sunday August 12, 1934, heard and responded to the invitation of her Lord and Master to come up higher. Since her marriage April 20th, 1926, she had been a loyal member of both the Sunday School and Missionary Society. She attended and supported faithfully her Church at Pine Forest. Through her services with the Welfare Department, she proved herself a true and loving friend to the poor and the unfortunate.

Through her years of service, she was held in highest esteem by her co-workers. She was a noble, consecrated Christian. Her deeds of kindness and her happy personality endeared her to all those around her. She was a devoted wife, a loving mother, faithful in every detail of her daily life. She will be missed by the whole of Wayne County.

Therefore, it is with feelings mingled with sadness and joy that we write this memorial. Sad because we shall miss her, but rejoicing in the hope of her eternal gain.

We pray that her spirit may ever abide with her friends and inspire them to live nobler lives in Christ. We commend her loved ones to His tender care.

Mrs. J. C. Hollowell
 Mrs. H. M. Hollowell
 Mrs. G. H. Becton

CHOIR

Since its beginning Pine Forest has had good **choirs**. Mr. Roscoe Johnson gave many years of service and training to the choir. We have been most fortunate to have some good singing talent in the Church. We appreciate the many members of our Church who have given their talent and service for all these years, we remember many of them.

CHOIR DIRECTORS:

Roscoe Johnson
Milton Bass
Henry T. Hines, Jr.
Elizabeth L. Braswell

PIANIST AND ORGANISTS:

Mrs. Drucilla Sasser
Mrs. Minnie Mitchell
Mrs. Mallie Thompson
Mrs. Alice Hooks Bass
~~Miss Jessie Hines~~
Mrs. Emma Davis Howell
Mrs. Inez Smith Hollowell
Mrs. Agnes Rose Edwards
Mrs. Lois Cox Gainey
Mrs. Elizabeth L. Braswell
Mrs. Mary W. Williams

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS

Nestus Gurley
J. Dallie Hines
Leslie E. Thompson
Lloyd Hill
H. T. Hines

Benjamin H. Bass
Roscoe Johnson
Harrison Becton
Amos Stroud
G. L. Becton

John M. Mitchell
Roland Braswell
Charles Bryan
H.T. Hines, Jr.
D. A. Sasser

SUNDAY SCHOOL SECRETARIES

George Langston
Charles Bryan
Leslie E. Thompson
Marvin L. Smith

THE PINE FOREST EPWORTH LEAGUE

The Epworth League is a great factor in keeping the doors of a rural Church open every Sunday evening. In a Community where there is only one preaching night per month, the young people drift to other places keeping open house unless the Church keeps her doors open every Sunday evening.

The Pine Forest League was organized about five years ago by the Leaguers from Daniel's Chapel, a very active League of the Goldsboro Circuit. The Pine Forest League is doing a great work among the youth of the Community in a very unselfish manner, is giving song services and holding prayer meetings for the aged, the sick and shut-ins.

There are 19 active members of the League and 25 honorary members. There is a well organized Epworth League Council doing everything to hold up the slogan of the League "All for Christ".

The Officers of the League are as follows: (1924)

President	Edison Bass
Vice President	Samuel W. Alexander
1st Department Supt.	Dewitt Bass
2nd Department Supt.	Olivia Davis
3rd Department Supt.	Sallie Sutton
4th Department Supt.	Mildred Newell
Secretary	Inez Smith
Treasurer	Walton Sutton
Epworth Era Agent	Alton Sutton.

The organization was known as the Epworth League for a number of years. Later it was changed to the Methodist Youth Fellowship. The young people of the Church have been an active part of the Church since they were first organized around 1920.

We now have two groups in the M. Y. F., the Senior Group and a Junior Group.

THE WOMANS MISSIONARY SOCIETY

On Sunday February 8, 1925, the Ladies of Pine Forest Church were called by Mrs. Roscoe Johnson for the purpose of raising funds to furnish the inside of the Church. It was moved that the Ladies organize, and Mrs. Cyrus M. Johnson was elected with Mrs. W. R. Gurley as Secretary-Treasurer. This first organization was called the Ladies Aid Society of Pine Forest Church.

On March 28, 1926 this organization was changed to the Woman's Missionary Society with the following Officers:

President	Mrs. Cyrus M. Johnson
Vice President	Mrs. John M. Mitchell
Secretary	Mrs. D. H. Newell
Treasurer	Mrs. Herbert Howell
Chairman of Local Work	Mrs. Paul Thompson
Treasurer of Local Work	Mrs. L. B. Thompson
Leader of Mission Study	Mrs. J. S. Davis

SPECIAL LIFE MEMBERSHIPS

YEAR	NAME	TYPE	DONOR
1934	Mrs. Mary P. Davis	Life	Pine Forest W.S.C.S.
1934	Mrs. Helen J. Davis	Memorial	W. C. Zone Meeting
1935	Mrs. Minnie Mitchell	Life	Pine Forest W.S.C.S.
1936	Mrs. Cora D. Johnson	Life	Pine Forest W.S.C.S.
1936	Mrs. J. C. Hollowell	Life	W. C. Zone Meeting
1937	Mrs. L. B. Thompson	Life	Pine Forest W. S. C. S.
1938	Mrs. P. M. Thompson	Life	Pine Forest W.S.C.S.
1939	Mrs. Raymond Gurley	Life	Pine Forest W.S.C.S.
1940	Mrs. Mildford Hollowell	Life	Pine Forest W.S.C.S.
1941	Miss Minnie Bass	Life	Pine Forest W.S.C.S.
1942	Mrs. S. S. Smith	Life	Pine Forest W.S.C.S.
1943	Mrs. H. L. Hooks	Life	Pine Forest W.S.C.S.
1944	Mrs. Lee Perkins	Life	Pine Forest W.S.C.S.
1945	Mrs. Dora Smith	Life	Pine Forest W.S.C.S.
1946	Mrs. Marvin H. Bass	Life	Pine Forest W.S.C.S.
1947	Miss Elouise Bass	Life	Pine Forest W.S.C.S.
1948	Mrs. Samuel Collie	Life	PINE FOREST W.S.C.S.
1949	Mrs. V. N. Bass	Life	Pine Forest W.S.C.S.
1950	Mrs. Best Thompson	Life	Pine Forest W.S.C.S.
1951	Mrs. Ernest Grantham	Life	Pine Forest W.S.C.S.
1952	Mrs. George Hooks	Life	Pine Forest W.S.C.S.
1953	Mrs. Marvin Smith	Life	Pine Forest W.S.C.S.
1954	Mrs. Britton Gainey	Life	Pine Forest W.S.C.S.
1955	Mrs. J. P. Coley	Life	Pine Forest W.S.C.S.
1956	Mrs. Ellen Smith	Life	Pine Forest W.S.C.S.
1956	Mrs. Mary Clement	Life	Pine Forest W.S.C.S.
1957	Mrs. Minnie Jordan	Life	Pine Forest W.S.C.S.
1957	Mrs. Mary Neal Becton	Life	Pine Forest W.S.C.S.
1957	Mrs. Nelta Gurley	Life	Pine Forest W.S.C.S.
1959	Mrs. J. C. Hollowell	Life	Jr. Class Pine Forest
1959	Mrs. John Braswell	Life	Pine Forest W.S.C.S.
1960	Mrs. Henry Higgins	Life	Cir. No.2 Of Pine Forest
1958	Mrs. Alton Lancaster	Life	Pine Forest W.S.C.S.
1960	Mrs. Leslie Jordan	Life	Pine Forest W.S.C.S.
1961	Mrs. L. B. Thompson	Life	Pine Forest W.S.C.S.
1961	Mrs. George Tyson	Life	Pine Forest W.S.C.S.
1962	Mrs. Lucian Hinton	Life	Pine Forest W.S.C.S.
1962	Mrs. Ruth Perkins	Life	Pine Forest W.S.C.S.
1962	Mrs. Roscoe Johnson	Life	Pine Forest W.S.C.S.
1962	Mrs. Virginia H. Woodard	Life	Pine Forest W.S.C.S.
1963	Mrs. James Speight	Life	Pine Forest W.S.C.S.
1964	Mrs. Morris Lee	Life	Pine Forest W.S.C.S.
1965	Mrs. Delores Smith	Life	Pine Forest W.S.C.S.
1966	Mrs. Alice Thompson	Life	Pine Forest W.S.C.S.
1967	Mrs. Jason Pate	Life	Pine Forest W.S.C.S.
1968	Mrs. P. M. Gurley	Life	Pine Forest W.S.C.S.
1968	Mrs. Lewis Dillman	Life	Pine Forest W.S.C.S.
1969	Mrs. Raymond Mitchell	Life	Pine Forest W.S.C.S.
1969	Mrs. Seth Westbrook	Life	Pine Forest W.S.C.S.
1970	Mrs. Mae Neal	Life	Pine Forest W.S.C.S.
1970	Mrs. Ella Mitchell	Life	Pine Forest W.S.C.S.

Year	NAME	TYPE	DONOR
1972	Mrs. Jean Becton	Life	Pine Forest W.S.C.S.
1972	Mrs. Agnes Davis	Life	Pine Forest W.S.C.S.
1973	Mrs. Nancy Adams	Life	Pine Forest W.S.C.S.
1975	Mrs. Mary B. Deans	Life	Pine Forest W.S.C.S.
1975	Mrs. J. C. Hollowell	Life	Pine Forest W.S.C.S.

SPECIAL MEMBERSHIPS

B A B Y

<u>Year</u>	<u>Name</u>
1957	Baby Westbrook
1959	Baby C. B. Mitchell, Jr.
1962	Baby Jimmy Thompson
1962	Baby Roland Braswell
1963	Baby Edna Thompson
1963	Baby James Speight
1965	Baby C. C. Mitchell
1973	Baby Gwyn Smith

YOUTH SPECIAL MEMBERSHIPS

<u>Year</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Donor</u>
1953	Ashton Johnson	Life	Pine Forest W.S.C.S.
1954	Mattie Rose Edwards	Life	Pine Forest W.S.C.S.
1955	Rodney Deans	Life	Pine Forest W.S.C.S.
1956	Carol Jordan	Life	Pine Forest W.S.C.S.
1957	Margaret Sutton	Life	Pine Forest W.S.C.S.
1959	David G. Smith	Life	Pine Forest W.S.C.S.
1961	David Rouse	Life	Pine Forest W.S.C.S.
1962	Doris Smith	Life	Pine Forest W.S.C.S.
1963	Linda Sutton	Life	Pine Forest W.S.C.S.
1964	Patsy Thompson	Life	Pine Forest W.S.C.S.
1965	Don Gainey	Life	Pine Forest W.S.C.S.
1966	Linda Woodard	Life	Pine Forest W.S.C.S.
1967	Brenda Smith	Life	Pine Forest W.S.C.S.
1967	Marsha Thorne	Life	Pine Forest W.S.C.S.
1968	Beverly Perkins	Life	Pine Forest W.S.C.S.

P A R S O N A G E

It was a vision of Rev. R. E. Brown as early as 1925 that Pine Forest have a full time Pastor. That vision did not come into reality until 1952 when the congregation of Pine Forest voted to leave the Methodist Charge and obtain a full time Pastor.

In order to have a Pastor full time, we had to build a Parsonage. Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Johnson donated a plot of land to build it on. Again as in the past, all the men and boys of the Church began to donate, both time and labor, for the building. With the labor donated, the Parsonage was built at a cost of \$15,000. The furnishing inside is valued at \$2,500.

In 1970 Mrs. Beulah Johnson gave an additional 8' of land to enlarge the lot, and a new fence was installed. Rev. Wade Goldston was the first full time Pastor for Pine Forest. He and his family moved into the new Parsonage at its completion in 1952.

The Committee for building the Parsonage was:

P. M. Gurley,

Mrs. Beulah Johnson

Charles Bryan

AN ORDER OF SERVICE FOR THE BREAKING OF GROUNDFOR PINE FOREST METHODIST CHURCH

EDUCATIONAL BUILDING
SUNDAY NOVEMBER 15, 1959 - 4:30 P. M.

Hymn #85 (Cokesbury Hymnal) - ONWARD, CHRISTIAN SOLDIERS

Call to Worship:

MINISTER: Give unto the Lord the glory due unto His name, bring an offering and come into his courts.

PEOPLE: Praise waiteth for Thee, O God, and unto Thee shall our vow be performed.

MINISTER: Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made Heaven and Earth.

PEOPLE: Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that built it. AMEN.

The INVOCATION: (the Minister)

The COLLECT: (Here let the people unite with the Minister in prayer)
ALMIGHTY AND EVERLASTING GOD, WHO ARE EVER EXALTED YET ALWAYS NIGH: GRANT THAT WE MAY WORTHILY OFFER UNTO THEE, THE FATHER, THE SON AND THE HOLY SPIRIT, THIS GROUND UPON WHICH WE STAND, TO BE MADE HOLY WITH SACRED ASPIRATION AND DIVINE PURPOSE, AS A PLACE UPON WHICH TO BUILD A TEMPLE WHERE THY GLORY SHALL BE MANIFEST AMONG US, AND WHERE THY PEOPLE SHALL CALL UPON THY NAME AND SHALL SEEK TO KNOW THY WILL: THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD. AMEN.

PRAYER: (The minister)

OUR LORD'S PRAYER

THE RESPONSIVE PSALM

MINISTER: The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof; the world and they that dwell therein.

PEOPLE: For He hat founded it upon the seas, and established it upon the floods.

MINISTER: Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord? Or who shall stand in his holy place?

PEOPLE: He that hat clean hands, and a pure heart: Who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully.

MINISTER: He shall receive the blessing from the Lord, and righteousness from the God of His Salvation.

PEOPLE: This is the generation of them that seek Him, that seek Thy face.

MINISTER: Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors.

PEOPLE: And the King of Glory shall come in

MINISTER: Who is this King of Glory?

PEOPLE: The Lord strong and mighty; The Lord mighty in battle.

MINISTER: Lift up your heads, O ye gates; even lift them up, ye everlasting doors.

PEOPLE: And the King of Glory shall come in.

MINISTER: Who is This King of Glory?

PEOPLE: The Lord of Hosts, He is the King of Glory.

THE GLORIA PATRI

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON

PRAYER

ADDRESS

DECLARATION

The Breaking of Ground:

Rev. H. M. McLamb

Roland C. Braswell

Rev. A. S. Lancaster

Brinkley Taylor

Charles Bryan

Rev. George Tyson

Roscoe Johnson

THE DOXOLOGY

NORTH CAROLINA

WAYNE COUNTY

I, John M. Mitchell, being of sound mind and memory, but considering the uncertainty of life, do make and declare this to be my last Will and Testament, revoking all prior wills heretofore made by me, commending my body to the earth and my soul to the God who gave it.

FIRST: I will and desire that my body have a decent burial as per wishes of my loved ones, and that in due time a stone be erected in accordance to the wishes of my beloved wife to mark the resting place of my body.

SECOND: That my executor hereinafter appointed shall pay my just debts.

THIRD: I give, devise and bequeath unto my beloved wife Minnie O. Mitchell all of my estate consisting of land, personal property, bonds, stocks, and money on hand or in Bank at time of my death, to be used and enjoyed by her during her life time, and after her death the residue of my Estate, I will and devise and bequeath unto the Trustees and Stewards of Pine Forest Methodist Episcopal Church South and their successors in office, all of the residue of my estate consisting of my home place, in fee simple, and also give and bequeath to said Trustees and Stewards and their successors, all of the personal property that my beloved wife Minnie O. Mitchell shall leave or have at the time of her death, in trust that they shall use the net proceeds as follows: ten percent each year to go towards a building fund, said fund to be used for erecting, equipping or repairing of a Sunday School room or rooms, and the balance of said annual income to be used by the Trustees and Stewards of the Church to increase the size of the financial budget of Pine Forest Church, said budget to be used to pay Pastor's salary, church expenses and mission objects of the Church. It's my will and desire that this annual income derived from my estate is not to lessen the annual contributions of the membership of the Church and Sunday School, but rather to enlarge the

financial budget, in order that a larger, greater and more useful work may be accomplished by the Church and Sunday School.

FOURTH: If for any cause Pine Forest Church should ever cease to exist as a Methodist Episcopal Church, then it is my will and desire, and I so direct that the property then existing be sold by the then existing Trustees, and proceeds be turned over to the Methodist Episcopal Conference of Eastern North Carolina, in fee to their only use and behoof.

FIFTH: I do hereby nominate and appoint my trusted friend J. D. Hines the executor of this my Last Will and Testament, to execute the same to all intents and purposes.

In Testimony Whereof, I have this 24th day of February 1922 set my hand and seal.

J. M. Mitchell (Seal)

We the undersigned witnesses do hereby certify that we witnessed the signature of John M. Mitchell, who at his request and in his presence, and in the presence of each other, did see him sign his name to the same, he stating at the time that this was his will, and we did sign our names in his presence.

In testimony whereof we have hereunto set our hands, this 24th day of February 1922.

W. C. Hollowell

R. T. Gurley

PASTORS WHO HAVE SERVED PINE FOREST CHURCH

<u>NAME</u>	<u>DATE OF APPOINTMENT</u>	<u>TERM OF SERVICE</u>
Rev. J. T. Washburn	December 1883	1 year
Rev. W. M. Robey	December 1886	1 year
Rev. R. C. Beamon	December 1884	2 years
Rev. J. G. Nelson	December 1887	1 year
Rev. W. H. Townsend	December 1888	1 year
Rev. M. D. Hix	December 1889	2 years
Rev. M. M. McFarland	December 1891	4 years
Rev. A. L. Ormond	December 1895	2 years
Rev. M. M. McFarland	December 1897	1 year
Rev. H. M. Jackson	December 1898	2 years
Rev. J. M. Benson	December 1900	1 year
Rev. H. E. Tripp	December 1901	4 years
Rev. J. M. Carraway	December 1905	4 years
Rev. J. W. Stancil	December 1909	1 year
Rev. F. T. Fulcher	December 1910	2 years
Rev. C. O. Durant	December 1912	2 years
Rev. W. A. Piland	December 1914	4 years
Rev. K. F. Duvall	December 1918	3 years
Rev. C. A. Jones	December 1921	2 years
Rev. H. L. Ewing	December 1923	1 year
Rev. R. E. Brown	December 1924	4 years
Rev. N. C. Yearby	December 1932	4 years
Rev. J. B. Thompson-Kermit Wheeler	December 1936	3 years
Rev. W. H. Brown	December 1928	4 years
Rev. W. R. Stevens	December 1939	5 years
Rev. W. C. Wilson	December 1944	4 years
Rev. D. W. Charlton	December 1948	2 years
Rev. A. E. Brown	December 1950	2 years
Rev. W. C. Goldston-Bruce Pat	December 1952	2 years
Rev. A. L. Lancaster	December 1954 (short year)	4 years
Rev. George Tyson	June 1958	4 years
Rev. James Speight	June 1962	2 years
Rev. Lewis Dillman	June 1964	4 years
Rev. R. E. Walston	June 1968	1 year
Rev. Leonard Mayo	June 1969	4 years
Rev. James Hicks	June 1973	

PINE FOREST DEDICATED EDUCATION BUILDING

FEBRUARY 11, 1962 IN MEMORY OF JOHN M. MITCHELL

A man who gave his life - and his estate - to the Church he loved will be honored tomorrow at services dedicating the Educational Building of Pine Forest Methodist Church.

The two-story brick structure will be dedicated to the memory of John M. Mitchell in ceremonies beginning at 2:00 P. M. and featuring an address by Bishop Paul Garber of Richmond, Virginia.

Mr. Mitchell, farmer, churchman and legislator, who died in 1922, made possible the burning of the mortgage tomorrow for a building which was not even a dream during his lifetime.

He specified in his will that his 70 acre farm in Fork Township would, at the death of his wife, go to Pine Forest Methodist Church. They had no children.

In 1956 Mrs. Minnie Bass Mitchell died and Pine Forest Church, in the midst of a campaign to build the Educational Building, inherited the farm.

The building cost \$74,000. A finance committee was able to raise more than half that amount from among friends and membership of the Church.

With the question of what to do with the farm left to the church by Mr. Mitchell, members decided that he would have liked nothing better than to see it go for paying off the debt from the New Educational Building.

A grand nephew who is following in Mr. Mitchell's footsteps in the Church and in the North Carolina General Assembly, Rep. Roland C. Braswell, is Chairman of the Finance Committee which tomorrow will present the new building to the Bishop for dedication.

During the afternoon ceremonies, a plaque will be unveiled. The inscription will read:

"The John M. Mitchell Building. This building is dedicated to the memory of John M. Mitchell whose life was a living witness to his Church, his Community and his Lord. Born 1869, died 1922".

Among the oldsters in the Rosewood Community, John Mitchell is remembered for many things:

The time, despite suffering from a stroke, he rode the train to Raleigh to plead for the sale of bonds to build what is now Rosewood School. The times he promoted the first community fairs. His leadership in his Church and Community. And perhaps the day the children of Rosewood sat on the floor all around the Church and up near the altar and listened tearfully as they held funeral services for Mr. Mitchell, their Sunday School Superintendent.

And to all of Wayne County, the big brick structure to be known as the John M. Mitchell Memorial Building, will be a reminder through the years of a man who was still contributing greatly to his church - 40 years after he was buried in the family cemetery in Fork Township.

WHEREAS on March 8th, 1922 Almighty God in His infinite wisdom saw fit to call from among us our beloved Superintendent John M. Mitchell to that glorious, celestial home about where mortality shall put on immortality.

BE IT RESOLVED:

First, that Pine Forest Sunday School bear testimony to our sense of loss in the death of our most noble and worthy superintendent,

Second, that we feel very keenly our loss and will miss him from our Sunday School, but realizing that he has been called from on high to a nobler service in "that house not made with hands eternal in the heavens", we bow in humble submission to the Divine will of Him who doeth all things well.

Third, that we extend to his bereaved widow and other relatives our sincere sympathy and commend them to Him who alone can comfort in sorrow and who is an ever-present blessing to all who believe in and serve Him.

Fourth, that a copy of these resolutions be sent to his widow, a copy to each of the Goldsboro Papers, and the North Carolina Christian Advocate for publication, and a copy be entered on the Sunday School record.

V. N. Bass

Robert R. Johnson

Mrs. P. M. Thompson

Mrs. J. D. Hines

After many months of study and planning, hundreds of miles of travel throughout the country and adjoining counties inspecting all the Churches around for ideas and information, the Pine Forest Church family met on Sunday Night January 8, 1967 and voted to begin the renovation of our Sanctuary.

On Tuesday Night January 10, 1967, a group of our men and women met at the Church, and under the direction of Mr. Lewis Dillman our Pastor, moved the furniture from the old Sanctuary into the Educational Building and a temporary worship center was set up.

Mr. Conrad Wessell was employed by the Church to draw up the plans for the renovation program and was retained as Architect Inspector to see that all was right and up to standard procedure.

The Trustees of the Church were appointed to act as the Building Committee, with Merl McClenny as Chairman, P. M. Gurley, Jimmy Thompson, Mrs. Mallie Thompson, Mr. Leslie Jordan, Stanton Perkins, Brinkley Taylor serving on this Committee. Bids for the overall construction were left to Borden Howell Construction Company, Wayne Electric Company and J. H. Askins, Plumbing and Heating. The overall cost of the building, and furnishings would be around \$70,000.

The basic Church foundation was good and we wanted to keep our Old English Style construction, so we started from that with the new construction. The old Church had a balcony, that was removed and the two small Sunday School rooms under the balcony were taken out to make it all in one big room. The Choir loft at the back of the chancel area was removed and the two little windows on each side taken out, and was replaced by a large Memorial Window about 12 feet wide and 14 feet high. There was about 48 square feet added in this area to give a bay window effect. The old rolling doors which separated the Sunday School Class Rooms on each side from the Sanctuary were removed and permanent walls installed. The chancel area in the old Church was cased off with a decorative picket casing with a hand cut star in the center. This casing was put in the old Church by a former deceased member W. R. Gurley and it was carefully removed and cut in small pieces and given to the members as souvenirs by the Trustees. The star was given to his Sister Mrs. Louise Gurley Sutton. The altar rail and post were done likewise.

The front of the old Church was removed and the new Northex added with an upstairs to provide a place for the heating and air conditioning utilities. The new steeple rests on this addition.

The high ceiling in our old Sanctuary was solid and in good condition and gave a good acoustic so it was left as it was. We also decided to keep the wainscoting along the walls for a touch of the old hurch, along with the new look. The old plastered walls were removed so that the walls could be insulated and were replaced with sheet-rock walls.

The floors were leveled and reinforced to prepare a smooth surface for the finished floor. The long, narrow windows were also retained to keep the original Old English structural design with shutters on the outside to enhance their depth. Our first plans were to replace the old window units with a frosted glass or a light tinted glass with screens. As the building progressed, some of our members expressed a desire to purchase memorial windows for the new Sanctuary instead of following the original plans. This we did, and in so doing, we saved enough from the cost of scree-

ning to have the sound boxes for the organ recessed in the walls on each side of the Choir Lofts to give a better tone to our music.

The outside of the Church was brick veneered, a small porch on the north east corner was removed and the door opening sealed off. The old Sunday School room on the north west corner of the church was turned into the Pastor's Study with an outside entrance at the back. The adjoining room at the front is still being used as a Sunday School Room for the older adults. Both of these rooms were redecorated in a light Sandalwood with Fiberglass Drapes and cornices at the windows.

While the outside construction was going on, we began to think about the inside work, and so a Rug Committee was appointed and a Furnishing Committee. Those on the Rug Committee were Mrs. Helen Gurley, Chairman, Mrs. Mary Neal Becton, Mrs. Billy Smith, Mrs. Lehman Smith, Mrs. Raymond Mitchell, and Mrs. W. W. Sutton. The duties of this Committee was to select a suitable color for the carpet with the vinyl tile to coordinate. They also had to have a color that would blend in tastefully with the furnishings. Our ladies selected a soft aqua green carpet with a flocced vinyl tile to match.

The cost of the carpet for the Sanctuary was \$1800.00 and was paid for by the Woman's Society of Christian Service members. These ladies, over a short period of time, earned the money for the carpet by serving suppers to numerous Civic and Church groups, and preparing dried tobacco for the market for a number of farmers in our area.

The Furnishings Committee appointed was Mrs. Ralph Gurley, Chairman, P. M. Gurley, Mrs. Ernest Grantham, Mrs. Roland Braswell, Mrs. Lyda Grantham, Mrs. Jason Pate, and Mrs. P. M. Thompson. They selected a light pecan finish for the furnishing and decided that they could get the better selections in the furnishings and the best prices by placing their order with Mr. Ed Worley, who represented Page Church Furniture Company. The overall cost of the Furnishings was \$7,363.37.

The interior of the Sanctuary was painted, ceilings and woodwork white, walls a sea mist green. The kneeling pads around the altar are made of aqua velvet and the repository in the Northex is lined with same shade of velvet.

The electrical work was done by Wayne Electric Company with our own Jason Pate as owner. The fixtures in the Sanctuary are lamps of antique gold on steel with eleven small lamps and one large lamp in each globe. There are six of these in the ceiling with three smaller ones in the Northex. Over the Choir Lofts are three Presco-Lites recessed to give a diffused light for the choirs and over the altar and in front of the Memorial Window are three recessed lights to illuminate the cross in the window. There are two Airtholier-Lites at the front entrance. The approximate cost of these fixtures was \$2,664.30. The Sanctuary is electrically heated and air-conditioned.

The drapes for the windows in the Pastor's Study and the Northex, also the cornices, were made and given to the Church by several of our members. The renovation was completed and the building accepted by June 24, 1967. On this day Joyce Williams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Williams was married in our beautiful new Sanctuary. Church services were conducted in the new Sanctuary on Sunday June 25, 1967. Sub. by Mrs. P.M. Gurley

- CHANCEL WINDOW - Given by Davis Family in memory of Mother, Mary Porter Davis, Father, J.S. Davis and Helen Jenks Davis
- PULPIT AND SCREENS - Given by Mr. and Mrs. Calbert Perkins and children to the Glory of God.
- LECTERN AND SCREENS - Given by the Paul Thompson Family in Memory of Paul M. Thompson
- ALTAR RAILING - Given by Mrs. Mary P. Davis Family - Memory of Mary P. Davis
- KNEELING CUSHION - Given by Harrison, Lawrence, Ralph and Fred Becton and families in Memory of Father, George Harrison Becton
- ALTAR TABLE - Given by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bryan to the Glory of God.
- PEW SCREEN - Given by Family of John and Edna Braswell in Memory of them.
- BAPTISMAL FONT - Given by Mrs. Mary Neal Becton in Memory of her husband George Harrison Becton.
- FLOWER STANDS - Given by Mr. S. S. Smith in Memory of his Wife Mamie Smith.
- PEWS - Aldersgate Class - In Memory of Morris Lee. Mrs. Flonnie James and Children in Memory of Jesse H. Gurley.
Mrs. George Hooks - In Memory of Husband George Hooks and her Mother.
Mr. and Mrs. Milford Hollowell and family - In Memory of Messrs. George and Ed Langston.
Mr. and Mrs. Stanton Perkins - In Memory of Son, Thomas Stanton Perkins.
Mr. T. S. Perkins and children - In Memory of Mrs. Ruth H. Perkins.
Mrs. Paul Thompson - In Memory of Douglas Thompson.
Mrs. Roland Gurley - In Honor of Children T. Ralph, R. B. and Dorothy Forehand.
Mrs. Roland Gurley - In Honor of Grandchildren.
Mr. and Mrs. Seth Westbrook and Daughter Susan - To the Glory of God.
Mrs. Edna H. Bass - In Memory of Husband Asa G. Bass.
Gilbert B. Bass - In Memory of Father Asa G. Bass
Miss Elizabeth D. Johnson and Cyrus M. Johnson - In Memory of Mother Mrs. Cyrus M. Johnson.
Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Hollowell - In Memory of W. Elwood and Lula Langston Hollowell.
Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Rouse - To the Glory of God

- Mr. and Mrs. Jason Pat - In Honor our Rev. and Mrs. Lewis Dillman.
- Mr. and Mrs. Cedric Sullivan and Daughters - To the Glory of God.
- Mr. and Mrs. Leslie B. Thompson - In Memory of J. M. and Minnie Mitchell.
- Mr. and Mrs. Roland Braswell & Children - to the Glory of God..
- Mr. and Mrs. Bill Willets and Children - to the Glory of God.
- Mrs. Louise Braswell Cates, Roland, Henry and Robert Braswell - In Memory of Parents John and Edna Braswell.
- Relatives and Friends - In Memory of Sam S. Smith.
- BOOK OF REMEMBRANCES - MR. AND MRS. Lewis Dillman - To the Glory of God.
- MEMORIAL WINDOWS-
- Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Sutton, daughters Margaret, Lynda and Sarah Jane - To The Glory of God.
- Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Gurley - Memory of Thad and Ellen Gurley.
- Mrs. Roland Gurley - Memory of Husband, Roland
- Mrs. Martha B. Griffin, Miss Minnie Bass, and Marvin H. Bass IN LOVING MEMORY OF SON WILLIAM M. GRIFFIN, JR. and Parents Leroy M. and Myrtle B. Bass.
- Mrs. John H. Bass - In Memory of Husband John H. Bass.
- Mrs. Roscoe Johnson - In Memory of Husband Roscoe Johnson.
- Needham Bass Family - In Memory of Husband and Father, V. Needham Bass.
- Jessie Hines and Mrs. Annie H. Davis - In Honor of J. Dallie and Fannie J. Hines.
- CANDLE STICKS - Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Gurley, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Gurley and Mr. and Mrs. Lester Forehand, Jr. - In Honor of Mrs. Nelta Gurley.
- FLOWER VASES - John A. Sasser Family - In Memory of John A. and Minnie Neal Sasser.
- BUD VASE - Junior Methodist Youth Fellowship - To The Glory of God.
- COLLECTION PLATES - Senior Methodist Youth Fellowship - To the Glory of God.
- COMMUNION SET - Mr. and Mrs. Thel B. Overman, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Pate - In Honor of Leslie B. and Mallie Edwards Thompson.

- BREAD PLATES - Alice Thompson Circle - In Honor of Mrs. Alice Thompson
- BIBLE STAND - Dr. and Mrs. Wayne Thompson - In Honor of Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Gurley
- CLASSROOM - A class room in the John Mitchell Building was given by Mr. and Mrs. Lucian Hinton in loving memory of their young son Jerry Hinton who was accidentally killed.
- BIBLES - Bibles for the pews in the Sanctuary were given by the Women's Society of Christian Services.
- GARDEN - THE GARDEN between the John Mitchell Building and the Sanctuary was given by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hunt in Memory of Mrs. Hunt's Mother Mrs. Lydia Jones Bass, and in honor of her Father, Mr. Benjamin H. Bass. The Garden was dedicated on June 2, at 3:00 P. M. in the afternoon with Rev. Lewis Dillman in charge.
- CHOIR PEW - Perry Cox Gainey, Janet Collie, Jessica Thompson and Don Gainey - In Honor of their Mother Lois C. Gainey.
- Merl and Margaret McClenny - In Memory of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. McClenny.
- David G. Smith and Eleanor - In Memory of Mrs. C. W. Walton.
- Friends - In Memory of Leslie Jordan.
- HYMNALS - The Dorcas Circle of the Women's Society of Christian Service presented six copies of The Methodist Hymnal for use in the Choir in Memory of Mr. Roscoe Johnson and in appreciation for his untiring work in the music ministry of Pine Forest Church. Hymnals dedicated October 10, 1968,
- Many gifts and donations have been given to the Building Fund in honor of living people and given as memorials to deceased persons in lieu of flowers.
- IN MEMORIAM - John Dallie Hines; Mr. and Mrs. H.M. Hollowell
 Mr. and Mrs. Leslie B. Thompson, and Miss Katherine Noel
 Dr. D. E. Best - Mr. and Mrs. Paul Davis
 - Mr. and Mrs. George S. Daniels - Mr. and Mrs. Peyton R. Neal - Mr. and Mrs. W.P. Covington, Milton E. Bass, Mrs. V. N. Bass, Mrs. Edna H. Bass, Miss Pearle Willey, Bernard E. Cox, Mrs. Ed Jones, Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Greene, Mrs. Esther S. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Hood, Mrs. and Mrs. Charles D. Harris, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Farrior,

PINE FOREST METHODIST MEN'S CLUB

The Pine Forest Methodist Men's Club began at Pine Forest about 1955. Roland Braswell was elected President. The Charter was requested and 18 men became members. Rev. Alton Lancaster was Pastor at the time.

The Club functioned and among highly noteworthy projects was the accomplishment of planting shrubbery around the Educational Building and installation of a Gas Range in the Kitchen. Mr. W. W. Sutton donated this Range.

Dues were paid in a regular fashion and the men found ways to turn all receipts back into the Church.

In 1966 attendance dropped to a point low enough that the Club became disorganized and was discontinued.

The fellowship of a Methodist Men's Group was reorganized in January of 1968 with Charlie Neal as President and David Smith as Secretary-Treasurer.

Surrounding Community Methodist Churches which had active Methodist Men's Clubs sent delegates to advise and assist in reorganization. The group now benefitting from the mistakes of many became very active and very well organized.

About 1969-1970 when the whole church structure was reorganized, the group became the United Methodist Men.

The group agreed that financing need reconstructing so a \$20.00 a year membership was established.

From the beginning Methodist Men's Club to the present, the group always begins each meeting with a hearty fellowship supper. It is sometimes catered; such times as on Ladies Night when wives and girl friends come with the man, and on family night when the program can benefit the whole family.

One of the most outstanding family night meetings was held in 1970. A growing and close-to-home problem of illicit drug usage prompted the men to have an expert come and talk to the family night meeting. Attendance was the largest in Pine Forest Methodist Men's Meeting History. The response was wonderful. The meeting proved to be of benefit throughout the year and continues to have been helpful even unto the writing of this resume.

This year 1971, sees the Methodist Men at Pine Forest not so great in number (22) but strongly knit and very active. We are considering building a shelter on to the back of the John Mitchell Memorial Educational Building. We actively support a building fund boosters fellowship. We have installed yard lights on the south west corner of the Educational Building to try to inspire more usage of Church Property at night.

Lay workers, also Methodist Men, and members of the Administrative Board are leading the entire township in a township wide revival to be sponsored and housed at Pine Forest. It is the goal of the men and the

Church to draw the whole community into a united body of Christs' disciples, no matter what their Protestant Faith.

Respectfully submitted,

David G. Smith.

OIL PAINTING

On Sunday March 18, 1973, an oil painting of the Sanctuary as it appeared before the renovation was presented to the Church in honor of Mrs. Beulah Johnson for her faithful contribution to the Church and Community

MEMORIALS FOR LESLIE HINES

Memorials given in memory of Leslie Hines by his wife Avis, were two flags, one the National Flag and the Christian Flag, two silver urns and a set of altar cloths.

There are a number of names that have not been named in this History (not intentional) that should be mentioned. Most of them did not have the capacity to be leaders, but they have served our Church and Community well. When there was repair work to be done, Church yards to be cleaned, Church building to be cleaned, meals to be cooked for Fund Raising, they were always ready to help. If a neighbor was sick and needed help, day or night, they were there to lend a helping hand. When death came, they were there to give comfort and aid. Many of them were not able to give large sums of money, but they always gave of their time and talents whenever and wherever it was needed.

You know these people and remember them well for they were yours and our Grand Parents, Mothers and Fathers, Uncles and Aunts, and even Brothers and Sisters. They have made a great contribution to our Church. Let's not forget to keep a memorable place in our hearts for them.

Respectfully submitted,

Minnie Bass.