

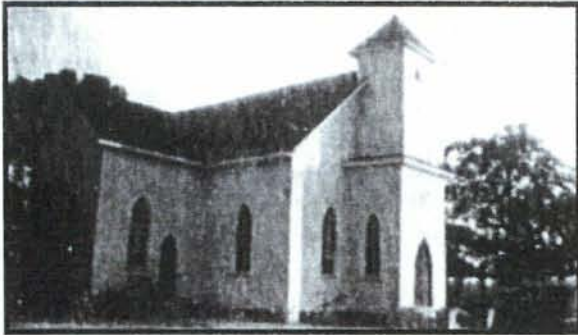


*History of
Pine Level*



First United Methodist Church

Fifty Years 1955-2005



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HISTORY OF THE PINE LEVEL FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

THE EARLY YEARS

In the summer of 1955, Rev. J. W. Dimmette, the former pastor of the Princeton Methodist Church, came to Pine Level to help organize a Methodist church. The Princeton Methodists encouraged and assisted in this endeavor. Rev. Dimmette had personally canvassed the town in the spring to determine if there was an interest by enough people to organize a Methodist Church. Organizational meetings by those interested were held in the old American Legion Building, which was a part of the old Pine Level School gymnasium. A revival was held in the gymnasium May 31st through June 8th. It was led by the Rev. Thomas A. Collins, executive secretary of the NC Methodist Conference. A small group of thirty-three became the Charter Members that began the Methodist church in this community.

The Board of Missions of the N.C. Methodist Conference bought the vacant Missionary Baptist Church which was located on the corner of Highway 70 and what is now Church Street from Mr. Leon Godwin for \$4,000. Mr. Godwin had been using the church to store furniture for his downtown hardware and furniture business. The Baptists had recently vacated the church for a new church on Peedin Avenue. This building was to become Pine Level's First Methodist Church.

The businesses and people in the town were very generous. They donated paint, supplies, and the services needed to renovate and get the former Baptist Church ready to now be a Methodist Church. By October 1955, according to an article in the Smithfield Herald, the structure had been repaired and partially renovated.

On October 2, 1955, the Methodists held their first Sunday church service with twenty-three of the thirty-three members on roll present and a congregation of more than one hundred present. A week long revival starting on September 23, 1955, had preceded this first Sunday Service. The Goldsboro District Superintendent, Rev. H.M. McLamb, preached on Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday nights, the Rev. Ben O. Merritt of Bailey preached on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights, and Rev. McLamb held the Sunday morning service.

Alton and Suzette Fitzgerald's infant daughter, Evelyn Suzanne, was baptized during this first Sunday morning service. Special music was presented by the Fellowship Methodist Church choir.

Rev. Dimmette, a pastor for thirty-seven years, had previously been pastor of the Princeton, Fellowship, and Micro Methodist Churches' charge for two years. He was assigned by the N. C. Conference to come to Pine Level on July 23, 1955. Pine Level Methodists would then be on the charge with Fellowship and Micro. In 1956, this changed. Pine Level was placed on a charge with Sanders Chapel, and Rev. Earl Tyson became pastor of the charge.

The church has continued to hold its Homecoming on the first Sunday in October in remembrance of its first service on October 2, 1955. It is the custom to invite pastors who once served or someone closely connected to the church to be the Homecoming speaker. After the service, a picnic lunch would be spread on the grounds underneath the giant old oak tree located in front of the church. The oak tree was uprooted by Hurricane Fran in 1996 and was cut into pieces and taken away by the National Guard who had come to the town to assist in the cleanup of the devastation caused by this powerful hurricane. This outside picnic tradition ended in 2003 when the church's new addition took away much of the front yard, however the new fellowship hall was now complete and Homecoming could be held inside.

In 1956 Sunday services were shared by Pine Level and Sanders Chapel. Pine Level had 11 o'clock services each second and fourth Sunday while on first and third Sunday Pine Level had an 8 o'clock evening service. This gave Pine Level and Sanders Chapel a church service each Sunday of the month—with two Sundays at eleven and two Sundays at eight in the evening.

In later years this time of service changed to Sanders Chapel having a nine o'clock service and Pine Level having an eleven o'clock service for six months and then reversing the times for the remaining six months of the year.

In the eighties the two churches agreed to change service times again. This time, from January-June Pine Level would have 11 o'clock services and Sanders Chapel would have 9:45 services. From July – December, Pine Level would have 9:45 services and Sanders Chapel would have 11 o'clock. This schedule remains in effect in 2005. On Fifth Sundays no church services were held at either church giving the pastor a weekend free from preaching. In March 2002, the two churches agreed to begin having church services every Sunday even on fifth Sundays.

Fifth Sundays also include an evening service to which all six churches in Pine Level participate. The services as well as the pastors preaching at the service rotate among the churches. An offering is taken whereby funds (managed by the pastors) are available for emergency needs of individuals and families in the community. One of these offerings was given to our church in 2003 at the suggestion of Mr. Tom Raines. At the time the community knew the Methodists were working hard to repay the loan for the fellowship hall that had just been added. The churches participating in the joint services are: Methodists, Free Will Baptists, Missionary Baptists, Pentecostal Free Will Baptists, Mt. Sinai, and Giles Chapel.

Through the sixties and early seventies in the spring or fall each year a revival was planned with a visiting pastor coming to preach for three nights or a week. The pastors and sometimes their families were invited into members' homes for the evening meal. Rev. Ernest Porter of Edgerton in Selma, Rev. Paul Leeland (later our District Superintendent and then assistant to Bishop Marion Edwards), a Rev. Creech of Goldsboro, Rev. Everett Eason of Four Oaks, Rev. John Roberts of Princeton, Gary Allred of Antioch are the only revival preachers recalled. Most older members remember

the 1966 revival speaker (although no one remembers his name) from Atlantic Christian College (now Barton College) who was invited by our Pastor John Edgerton. At the conclusion of the revival, Rev. Edgerton informed us he had learned the speaker expected to be paid fifty dollars for each of the three nights he had preached. At this time in our history that amount was exorbitant. The speaker was paid and careful attention given in the future to a revival speaker's payment expectations.

Pine Level and Sanders Chapel Methodists purchased in 1956 the Thomas F. White home place on Blanche Street in Pine Level across from the Pentecostal Holiness Church as the parsonage. The Thomas F. White house had been the family home of Pine Level Methodist members Edward L. White and Rupert A. White. The Rev. Earl Tyson and family moved there when he became the pastor of the charge in 1956.

This parsonage was the home of the Tyson family (1956-57), the Rev. Jerry Juren family (1957-60), and the Rev. J. D. Mitchell family (1960-1965) who lived there until the Sanders Chapel Church leaders built the present brick parsonage next door to their church. This became the new parsonage for the two churches. The Mitchells moved there in 1964. They moved after being assigned to another church in 1965.

The Thomas F. White homeplace and parsonage was bought in 1964 by the Pentecostal Holiness Church for \$2,202.50. The house was torn down and replaced with a parking lot for their church.

There have been a total of 174 people who have joined Pine Level Methodist since 1955. Through member deaths, memberships being moved to other churches as families moved, and members whose whereabouts are unknown, the membership stands at 98 today. There are now about sixty people actively involved in the church.



The Parsonage for the pastor of the Pine Level-Sanders Chapel Charge is located in the Sanders Chapel community

**PINE LEVEL FIRST UNITED METHODIST PASTORS
1955-2005**

1955-56	Rev. J. W. Dimmette and Margaret
1956-57	Rev. Earl Tyson and Betty Jo
1957-60	Rev. Jerry Juren and Ann
1960-65	Rev. J. D. Mitchell and Helen
1965-67	Rev. John Edgerton and Marilyn
1967-72	Rev. Richard Lewis and Jo Ann
1972-75	Rev. Bennie Tripp and Stella
1975-77	Rev. W. S. Burns and Dot
1977-80	Rev. Russell Blake and Evelyn
1980-85	Rev. Gene Bruton and Sheila
1985-87	Rev. Clarence Warren and Ruby
1987-89	Rev. Scott Watford and Tammy
1989-93	Rev. John Toney and Amy
1993-96	Rev. Adam Abbott
1996-98	Rev. Jan Hill and Rick
1998-2002	Rev. Michael Coppock
2002-	Rev. Sandy Schaller and Art



J.W. Dimmette



Earl Tyson



Jerry Juren



J.D. Mitchell



John Edgerton



Richard F. Lewis



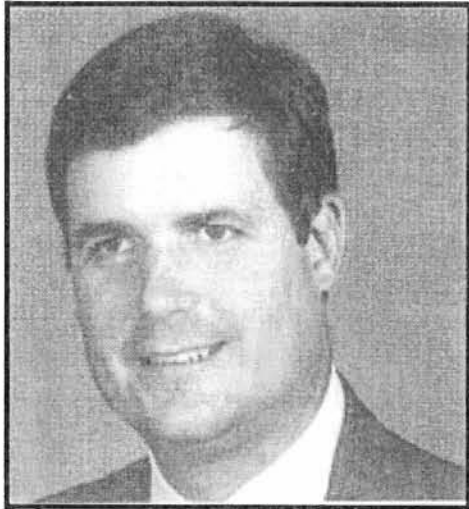
Bennie Tripp



W. S. Burns



Russell Blake



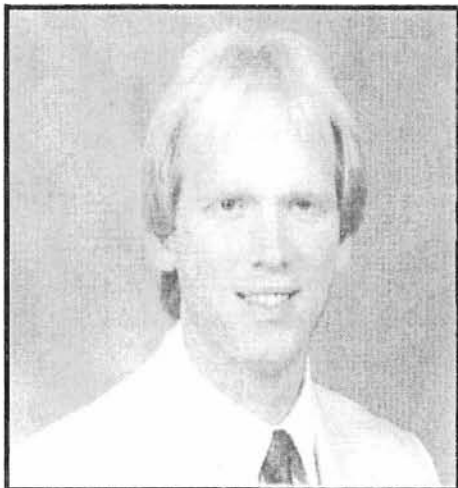
Eugene Bruton



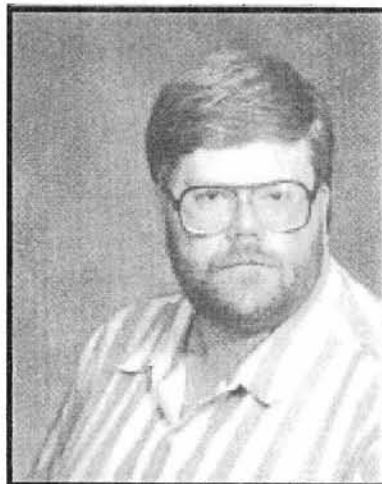
Clarence L. Warren



Scott Watford



John Toney



Adam Abbott



Jan Hill



Michael Coppock



Sandy Schaller

CHARTER MEMBERS

PINE LEVEL FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH -1955

MEMBER	HOW RECEIVED	ADDRESS
1. Mrs. Joel Walter Dimmette	Certificate/Princeton Charge	Pine Level
2. Mrs. Pattie Townsley	Certificate/Princeton Charge	Lusambo, M.M.C.C. Belgian, Congo
3. Alton G. Fitzgerald	Certificate/Clinton Charge	Pine Level
4. Thaddeus Parker	Certificate/Princeton Charge	Pine Level
5. John P Daughtry	Certificate/Apex Charge	Pine Level
6. Mrs. Margaret Daughtry	Certificate/Apex Charge	Pine Level
7. Bobby Stott	Certificate/Bailey Charge	Pine Level
8. Mrs. Sallie Stott	Certificate/Elm City Charge	Pine Level
9. Robert M. Dimmette,MD	Certificate/Stedman Charge	5601 Wyngate Dr. Bethesda, MD
10.Mrs. Suzette Fitzgerald	Certificate/Clinton Charge	Pine Level
11.Mr. James E. Dimmette,MD	Certificate/Stedman Charge	1112 N. Apt.2 Washington Street, Dallas, Texas
12.Mrs. Grace Dimmette	Certificate/Stedman Charge	1112 N. Apt.2 Washington Street, Dallas, Texas
13.W. A. Dimmette	Certificate/Stedman Charge	Honolulu
14.Ed L. White	Vows-Baptism	Pine Level
15.Mrs. Leola White	Benson Charge	Pine Level
16.Margaret Kirk Edwards	Cooleemee Charge	Rt. 3, Selma
17.Jack R. Edwards	Free Will Baptist Church	Rt. 3, Selma
18.Robert Lee Fitzgerald	Certificate/Micro Charge	Pine Level
19.Miss Maude Hales	Cert./Mt. Vernon Charge	813 S. Walter Reed Dr. Arlington, Va.
20.Mrs. Byrd Hawkins	Cert./Cameron, Denton Ch.	Rt. 3, Selma
21.Mrs. Irene Pittman Parker	Cert./Free Will Baptist	Pine Level
22.Mrs. Sallie Raynor	Cert./Four Oaks Charge/Vows	Rt.3, Selma
23.Linda Watson	Missionary Baptist/Vows	Rt. 3, Selma
24.D. H. Barber	Fellowship/Pine Level Charge/ Vows	Pine Level
25.Jerry Rhodes	Vows and Baptism	Rt. ,Selma
26.Clarence Pemberton Hawkins	Vows and Baptism	Rt. 3, Selma
27.Jerri Alice Fitzgerald	Vows and Baptism	Pine Level
28.Sandra Creech	Vows and Baptism	Rt. ,Selma
29.Winston Barnes	Vows and Baptism	Pine Level
30.Jessie Rhodes	Vows and Baptism	

31. Mrs. Josephine Branch	Vows and Baptism	
32. Tom Pittman	Free Will Baptist Church	Pine Level
33. Mrs. Tom Pittman	Free Will Baptist Church	Pine Level

Another list dated October 2, 1955 includes the names:

Number 20 is Miss Rosalee Hales Mt. Vernon Charge Cert. 2702 S. 8th St.
Apt. 282, Arlington, Va.

Number 31 is Mrs. Delmar Grey Rhodes, Selma

Number 32 is Robert E. Branch, Smithfield

Number 33 is Mrs. Robert E. Branch, Smithfield

This list excludes numbers 30-33 from the first list. The October 1955 Smithfield Herald News article does not include them.



CHARTER MEMBERS WHO WERE PRESENT ON OCTOBER 2, 1955

1st Row: Winston Barnes, Jerry Rhodes, Delma Gray Rhodes, Linda Watson, Sandra Creech, Jeri Alice Fitzgerald; 2nd Row: Pemberton Hawkins (Pem), Suzette Fitzgerald, Sallie Raynor, Rev. H. M. McLamb (Goldsboro District Superintendent), Dr. and Mrs. J.W. Dimmette, Pastor; 3rd Row: Mrs. C. C. Hawkins, unidentified, Alton Fitzgerald, John Daughtry, Margaret Daughtry, Jack Edwards, Margaret Edwards; 4th Row: Unidentified, Thaddeus Parker, Irene Parker, Ed White, Bobby Stott, Robert Fitzgerald.

**CHARTER CHURCH OFFICERS
1955-1956**

Trustees:	Thaddeus Parker, Chairman Edward L. White Alton G. Fitzgerald, Secretary	Stewards:	John P. Daughtry Edward L. White Jack Edwards Alton G. Fitzgerald
Treasurer:	Margaret S. Daughtry		
Secretary of Church School: Alton G. Fitzgerald			
Commission of Finance:	Edward L. White, Chairman Thaddeus Parker John P. Daughtry, Secretary Margaret S. Daughtry, Treasurer Pastor J.W. Dimmette		
Commission of Education:	John P. Daughtry, Chairman Thaddeus Parker, Church School Superintendent Jack Edwards, Teacher and Secretary Mrs. J.W. Dimmette, Teacher Margaret K. Edwards, Pianist Pastor J.W. Dimmette		
Commission of Evangelism:	Alton G. Fitzgerald, Chairman Thaddeus Parker Church School Teachers Bobby Stott Edward L. White, Secretary		
Commission on Missions:	Mrs. Thaddeus Parker, Chairman Mrs. Edward L. White Mrs. J.W. Dimmette, Secretary Mrs. Margaret Edwards Suzette G. Fitzgerald Mrs. Margaret Daughtry Mrs. Bobby Stott Officers of the Women's Society of Christian Service when organized		
Pastoral Relations:	John P. Daughtry and Thaddeus Parker		
Communion Steward:	Mrs. Edward L. White		
Delegate to District Conference:	John P. Daughtry	Alternate:	Edward L. White Church School Superintendent



**GROUNDBREAKING SUNDAY
FOR A NEW CHURCH BUILDING
1969**

Leola White, Tom Pittman, Suzette Fitzgerald, Elbert Fitzgerald with Lisa Windham, Lois Peedin, Rev. Richard Lewis, Minnie Ann Windham, Contractor Ben Boyette, Clarence Peedin, Bobby, Chris, and Shirley Jones, Alton Fitzgerald, Walt Edwards, Jo Ann Lewis (Pastor's wife), Richard Lewis, Jr., Margaret Daughtry (hidden), Arnold White, John Daughtry, Gloria Peedin, Janice White, Terry Windham, Sally Raynor, Alvin Peedin, Billy Ray Windham, Mike Lewis, Frances Edwards, Danny Edwards, District Superintendent Al Fisher, Glenn Edwards, Freddie Creech, Edward L. White, Mary Fred Creech, Vicky Windham, Glenn Creech, Stan White, Evelyn Fitzgerald, Thomas White, Mike White, Chris White

1970--A NEW CHURCH BUILDING FOR PINE LEVEL FIRST UNITED METHODISTS

In the late sixties the Pine Level Methodists began investigating the possibilities of building a new church. The present church was old with no insulation, central heat, air conditioning, or bathrooms. Rather than expending the great cost of doing these improvements on the already old building, the congregation appointed a building committee with John P. Daughtry and Glenn P. Creech as co-chairmen. With the assistance of the NC Conference, Gordon Peoples of Fayetteville was chosen as architect to design the church and Ben Boyette Construction of Goldsboro to build it. Rev. Al Fisher was the Goldsboro District Superintendent. A new church was constructed on the premises next to the old church. The old church was used for services until the new church was completed.

The oak pews in the new church sanctuary were moved from the old church. These had been given by individuals and families, some in memory or in honor of a family member. A list of those giving a pew could not be located. The choir pews were given by individuals or families at the time of the new church construction in 1970.

The pews from the old church lacked about 15 feet filling the rear of the new sanctuary. Pews were not added to the vacant area until 2003 when the Pentecostal Holiness Church sold us six pews for one thousand dollars. These are an almost perfect match.

The open space at the rear of the sanctuary was put to good use. This space could be filled with tables to accommodate gatherings that overflowed the small new fellowship hall. Chairs were set up there when a wedding, funeral, or Fifth Sunday night service required more seating. At Christmas the area was filled with the Christmas family gift boxes and groceries to be delivered to fifteen to eighteen families.

Many church members gave their time and expertise in the building of the new church. Elbert Fitzgerald, Billy Ray Windham, and Danny Edwards were especially helpful with the bathroom fixtures and plumbing.

The old church was then torn down with Glenn Creech taking the lead, the grounds landscaped, and a new brick sign, given by Mr. and Mrs. John P. Daugtry, was erected in the front. The congregation took great pride in the accomplishment. The cornerstone indicates that the new church was completed in 1970. Also, behind this cornerstone is concealed a time capsule with pertinent items related to the era. The capsule will be opened at some later date, perhaps at the church's 100th anniversary. Rev. Richard F. Lewis had been with the church through the building program and had given good leadership.

After the church was completed, those in the community who had contributed in any way to helping build this new church—and there were many—were invited to a pig picking. Glenn Creech, assisted by the men of the church, cooked the pig while the ladies contributed the trimmings and dessert. Tables were set under the shade of the oak tree for the picnic.

As in 1955 the Board of Missions and the NC Conference came to support us in 1970. Funds from the Ten Dollar Club, Duke Endowment, a loan from the Board of Missions, and labor donated by the members and community had made it possible for the small congregation to have a new church. Within seven years—1977—the congregation had a debt free church. Its members through hard work—BBQ suppers, the ladies serving meals they prepared for church and civic organizations, sheeting tobacco, community support, and the blessings of God, the church was paid for.

On May 9, 1977, Sunday afternoon church services of dedication and mortgage-burning were held with the message presented by Bishop Robert M. Blackburn of the North Carolina Methodist Conference in Raleigh. Also assisting in the services were Rev. W.S. Burns, pastor of the church; Rev. J. Paul Edwards, District Superintendent of the Goldsboro District of the NC Methodist Church; John P. Daughtry, Glenn Creech, and Arnold White.

An imported brass Turkish brazier which was loaned to the church by Mr. and Mrs. J.B. Talton, members of the Sanders Chapel Church, was used in the burning of the mortgage papers. Other pastors offering prayers during the dedication were former pastors Rev. Bennie Tripp of Greenville and Rev. Richard F. Lewis of Knightdale, as well as Rev. Roy Turnage of Goldsboro and the Rev. Floyd Cherry of the Pine Level Free Will Baptist Church. A solo, “Bless this House” was sung by Mrs. Dot Burns, accompanied by Janice White. Refreshments were served by the United Methodist Women in the Fellowship Hall to the approximately one hundred church members and visitors present.



Dedication and Note Burning 1977:
Pastor W.S. Burns, J. Paul Edwards,
Richard F. Lewis, NC Bishop Robert
Blackburn, Bennie Tripp and Roy
Turnage



**Dedication Sunday with brass urn
used for note burning:** Arnold and
Janice White, Pastor W.S. and Dor-
othy Burns

THE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

In the late fifties, the women of the church organized the **Women's Society of Christian Service** with Irene Parker as its president. After 1968 the organization became **The United Methodist Women**. It has continued to meet monthly, at first in the homes of the members with the hostess in charge of the program. In 2003 the meetings began to be held in the new fellowship hall. The hostess continues to plan the program and serve refreshments. The UMW has given strong leadership in the programs of the church locally and also around the world where concern focuses especially on women and children. The treasurer sends contributions quarterly of our mission pledges to the Goldsboro District Treasurer who ultimately directs the funds to the world UMW's mission fields.

The UMW has been a part of many church projects. Boxwoods were purchased and planted around the new church in 1970, and then in 1991 shrubs were purchased for the east side of the church. The men of the church planted these.

In the eighties, knives and Danny Duzits were sold. On October 11, 1980, "Fotos of Goldsboro" came to the church and made pictures as a fund raising project for the UMW. Coupons were sold to the public for \$5 each. This fund raiser netted \$325 for Methodist Women's projects. Again in February 1988, Pine Level joined with Sanders Chapel to have a picture directory made. The first meal to honor Senior Citizens of the church was organized by the UMW on April 4, 1987. This has been an annual observance since.

Since 1995, each year a candle burning service for missions has been held with all the church participating, giving in honor or in memory of loved ones. Those being remembered have their names printed in the church bulletin. This service is usually held on Mother's Day and Father's Day. A candle is burned during the church service representing the number of minutes annually our mission money would support UMW missions in the world. Although our missional gift amounts to only a few minutes of candle burning, since Methodists are a connectional church, all working together supports a strong mission program both in the U.S. and in foreign countries.

The UMW participates with other churches in the Goldsboro District Mission Studies. In the early years of our church a mission study was held annually with other ladies joining with us for a Sunday afternoon study topic. A very well remembered mission study at our first church was led by Mrs. Gladys Kirk, mother of then church member, Margaret K. Edwards. We ceased to sponsor these ourselves but visited those held by Sanders Chapel and larger churches in the district. Often the mission studies are led by ladies who have attended training at the August School of Missions week held annually at Methodist College in Fayetteville. In 2002 and 2003, our local UMW has

again hosted a mission study with other churches in the area being invited to attend. Here we learn the plights of women and children throughout the world and how our mission money is used. Each year one study is a Bible study. Other studies focus on various topics, but the central theme is to keep us aware of how we can be Christ's hands and feet in the world.

A project begun in March of 1989 resulted in Chrismons being made to decorate a Chrismon tree in the sanctuary each Christmas. Mary Belle Johnson, aunt of Teresa White, instructed the ladies as to the origin and meaning of this special tree at a program of the UMW. Work on the Chrismons began and by Christmas enough had been made to decorate the tree. Since then others have been added. Each year the ladies meet (sometimes the men and children help especially in getting items from the attic) and decorate the tree and the church on the Saturday before the first Sunday of Advent. Arnold White has taken responsibility for getting the tree, setting it up in the sanctuary, and removing it after Christmas.

For many years Grace White assembled an advent wreath of live greenery for the altar at Christmas. In 2000, a permanent wreath of greenery was given by Vernell Harvey to be used. One of the four purple candles on this wreath is lighted each Sunday of Advent by a family who also gives a special reading of the meaning of Christ's coming into the world. The white center candle—the Christ candle—is lighted on Christmas Eve during our communion service.

At each December UMW meeting all bring fruit, candy, wrapping paper, cards, and bows. Fruit baskets are assembled for twelve to fifteen sick or shut-in people as well as three large trays for Autumn Care Rest Homes. Members make visits to deliver the fruit baskets.

The UMW began a Christmas project in 1983 involving the whole church whereby families in our area are given boxes of groceries. Gifts for the children are bought by the ladies of the church. At first, around eight families were chosen to receive our boxes of groceries and children's gifts. Then in the nineties as the needs of the community grew and our congregation grew, we were filling two, three, or more boxes for each of fifteen families. The families to receive the boxes are chosen in cooperation with the local schools as well as from congregational input.

In the beginning the boxes of groceries and gifts were assembled after the children's Christmas program which was held the Sunday night closest to Christmas. Later, because of space problems, assembling was done by a small group of youth and adults the afternoon prior to the evening's Christmas program. After the 5:00 PM program, refreshments that have been brought are enjoyed by everyone. Then with the addition of a ham or turkey, Christian literature, and a Christmas card to each box, the boxes are loaded into cars and trucks and delivered by church volunteers to the chosen families. What a blessing we receive for this Christmas endeavor!

A Prayer/Communication Telephone Calling List was begun about 1994. Hospitalizations, serious illnesses, deaths or announcements that occur during the week and need immediate attention are communicated by telephone to the church families. These calls are made when emergencies happen after the Sunday announcements and should not wait until the following Sunday. Those who have served as callers are Frances Edwards, Grace White, Margaret Daughtry, Lorraine Cooper, Freddie Creech, Minnie Ann Windham, Mildred Hadnott, and Janice White.

In 2002, the UMW tried a new plan for flowers on the altar that would include many families in the church, not just the UMW members who had been taking a month each to place flowers on the altar each Sunday. Freddie Creech coordinated the families who would give the arrangement each Sunday in honor or memory of someone with this announcement in the bulletin. Casey's Florist of Princeton contracted to deliver the arrangement for each Sunday and pick it up for \$35. This plan has worked so well that it is being continued.

Through the years the UMW ladies have taken responsibility to oversee the cleaning of the church. Since the 2003 addition to the church, volunteers are taking a month each for church cleaning. Those participating are Frances and Walt Edwards, Billy Ray, Minnie Ann, and Vicky Windham, Sandy and Gary Cooper, Arnold and Janice White, and Mike White and family. The kitchen and fellowship hall are cleaned by those participating in its use.

When a death occurs in the church family, the ladies of the church prepare and serve a meal for the bereaved family at the church. In earlier years, meals were prepared and taken to the bereaved family's home. This is also the custom whenever a new pastor arrives. The ladies prepare a meal and deliver it to the family at the parsonage on moving day.

From time to time Migrant Health Kits, School Kits, and Layette Kits are assembled for distribution in the Goldsboro District. Cards are sent to missionaries. Old Christmas cards are collected and sent to St. Jude's Hospital. Campbell soup labels which are turned into useful purchases for orphanages and mission projects around the country are collected. Locally, school supplies are collected and distributed at the school.

Bible School refreshments are planned and served by the ladies each summer..

Also, graduating high school seniors and college seniors are honored with a gift keepsake from the UMW during a church program planned especially for them on the Sunday nearest their graduation.

A church service is planned annually with the ladies participating in all phases of the service. This Sunday is called "Women in the Pulpit" Sunday. A lady from outside our church is invited to bring the message.

Once a year the UMW presents Mission Pins to honor and recognize people in the church. Purchasing the pins also contributes to mission funds of the Conference United Methodist Women.

Leola White served as Communion Steward from 1955 until 2002. In some early years Suzette Fitzgerald assisted also. Minnie Ann and Billy Windham presently serve as communion stewards. Communion was shared about once a quarter until about 1998 when it became once a month. In approximately the year 1997 our method of taking Holy Communion changed from the traditional kneeling at the altar to intinction which allows a larger number of people to be served in a shorter amount of time.

Vernell Harvey applied to the Methodist Conference for several years and received grants for funds for our church to use to help with needs in our community. She has served as the treasurer of funds which we have called "The Sharing Group Funds". Some of the needs which have received assistance are fire victims, winter gas bills, groceries, accident victims, medical assistance, etc.

For the last few years we have had an annual BBQ Chicken lunch and supper fundraiser. Billy Daughtry and Teresa White have headed up this very busy day with the cooperation of the ladies of the church making tea, cakes, etc. and the men doing the cooking outside in the shade of the tree across the street. From the selling of tickets at the beginning to the cleanup at the end, this is a time of hard work, cooperation, and great fellowship.

In addition, at Easter, Thanksgiving, and Christmas the ladies of the church have sponsored bake sale fundraisers at the Town Market. At other times with the help of many at the church, there have been yard sales. All efforts added to our building funds to build the addition to the church.

Officer records of the UMW before 1980 could not be located, but memories of several long time members recalled Irene Parker as being the first president of the group when it was organized in the fifties. Others recalled who have served as president are Margaret (Edwards,Gore) Hunt, Freddie Creech, Faye Patterson and Janice White.

UMW OFFICERS

Officer records available since 1980 indicate the following UMW officers.

President: Frances Edwards; Secretary: Margaret Daughtry;
Treasurer: Faye Patterson. Other ladies have served in additional UMW
official capacities each year.

1981-82 President: Leola White; Secretary: Norma Walters; Treasurer: Vernie
Edwards.

1983-84 President: Norma Walters; Secretary: Lois Peedin; Treasurer: Vernie Edwards.

1985-87 President: Vernie Edwards; Secretary: Mary Daughtry; Treasurer: Suzette Fitzgerald.

1988-89 President: Mary Daughtry; Secretary: Margaret Daughtry; Treasurer: Bettie Thomas.

1990-92 President: Emmie Fitzgerald; Secretary: Margaret Daughtry; Treasurer: Bettie Thomas.

1993-97 President: Johnsie Faulkner; Secretary: Margaret Daughtry, Grace White 1994-1996; Treasurer: Suzette Fitzgerald 1992-1994, Vernie Edwards 1994-Present.

1998-2000 President: Mildred Hadnott; Secretary: Margaret Daughtry 1997-1999; Lorraine Cooper 2000-2004; Treasurer: Vernie Edwards 1994-Present.

2001-Present President: Jean Stowers; Secretary: Lorraine Cooper 2000-2004; Vicky Windham 2005- ; Treasurer: Vernie Edwards 1994-Present.

PURPOSE OF UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

THE ORGANIZED UNIT OF UNITED METHODIST WOMEN SHALL BE A COMMUNITY OF WOMEN WHOSE PURPOSE IS TO KNOW GOD AND TO EXPERIENCE FREEDOM AS WHOLE PERSONS THROUGH JESUS CHRIST; TO DEVELOP A CREATIVE, SUPPORTIVE FELLOWSHIP; AND TO EXPAND CONCEPTS OF MISSION THROUGH PARTICIPATION IN THE GLOBAL MINISTRIES OF THE CHURCH.



It was in Mary Daughtry's home where UMW members Suzette Fitzgerald, Frances Edwards, Janice White, Grace White, and Emmie Fitzgerald help with the annual assembling of Christmas fruit for the Autumn Home Care Rest Home and other community sick and elderly



UMW with just assembled welcome bags for Micro-Pine Level's faculty and staff (August 2005): Virginia Richards, Teresa White (hidden), Grace White, Jean Stowers, Vernell Harvey, Frances Edwards, Minnie Ann and Vicky Windham, Lorraine Cooper, and Janice White.

THE METHODIST MEN

A Methodist Men's group was begun in 1997 by Rick Hill, Pastor Jan Hill's husband. They meet on each second Sunday morning for devotion, breakfast, and fellowship. Breakfast is sometimes eaten out, but more often cooked and eaten at the church. Presidents who have served are Wade Faulkner and Jack Stowers. Treasurers have been Al Hadnott and Arnold White. The major cooks have been Mike Walters, Billy Daughtry (now seems to be the chef), Jack Stowers, and Walt Edwards. Others help out in clean up.

The men have completed several projects for the church. One project was to add to the sign out front the times of our services and the name of our pastor. They also added exterior lights to the east side of the church, a programmable thermostat to the sanctuary and have made special contributions to worthy causes. Billy Daughtry with the help of all the men in the church heads up the cooking for the BBQ chicken and grilled fresh ham fundraisers which we have had since 2001. About eleven large grills are loaned by men in the community for this day of cooking chickens. The Fire Department generously loans large pots, etc. to help out also. The grilled hams are sometimes done at Easter, Thanksgiving, or Christmas. At these times the ladies sponsor a bake sale at the Town Market.

Walter Ralph Edwards has headed up the maintenance of the church as well as having been the Administrative Board Chairman for many years calling on the men to help as needed. He has turned on and off the heat and air conditioning, changed light bulbs inside and outside as well as air filters, installed cabinets, hall lighting, door stops, changed doors, batteries, repaired plumbing, etc.—if a job needs doing and he can do it, he does. Danny Edwards also assists in this area.

Bob Harvey with the assistance of his son, Rob Harvey, was instrumental in overseeing the church's purchase and installation of a sound system. Rob built and donated a cabinet to enclose it.

The men have taken responsibility for cleaning the exterior of the church and yard maintenance especially before Homecoming. Bob Harvey has pressure washed, Arnold White along with others like Thomas and Judy White have pruned, sprayed, fertilized, applied round-up, brought pine straw, and weekly mowed grass. Clarence and Lois Peedin, Billy Ray and Minnie Ann Windham, John and Margaret Daughtry, Glenn Creech (also sent workers), Walt and Frances Edwards, and others raked leaves and did other yard work. Over the years most of the men have mowed grass at one time or another. Thomas and Judy planted ornamental trees, shrubs and flowers around the church. Arnold has applied linseed oil each year since 1970 as a preservative on the outside wooden cross on the front of the sanctuary.

In 1997, the parking area and drive around the church were paved by Baker Grading Co. for \$6,800. Thomas and Judy White marked the white parking lines on the pavement.

The Church Choirs

Pastor Earl Tyson began the first choir in 1956 or 1957 with Margaret Edwards as pianist. Through the years the choir became quite strong through the leadership of the pastors such as Earl Tyson who liked to sing and urged others to join the choir. The years that J. D. and Helen Mitchell, Richard Lewis, W.S. Burns' wife, Dot, Jan and Rick Hill, Michael Coppock, and now Sandy and Art Schaller were years with active choirs. Dot Burns often sang specials for church as would Rev. Scott Watford's wife, Tammy. Since about 1996 there has been much interest in the choir with special music presented for church and with dedicated choir members who attend choir practice faithfully. Janice White has been accompanist since about 1966. In 2002, Ann Pittman became a choir member and later pianist with Janice serving as substitute. Pastor Sandy Schaller's husband, Art, also contributes to choir leadership as well as playing the piano.

Among those who were faithful to the choir in the last few years are Frances Edwards, Faye Patterson, Louise Eason, Vernell Harvey, Mildred Hadnott, Vernie Edwards, Vicky Windham, Michael White, Bob Harvey, Johnsie and Wade Faulkner, Art Schaller, Ann Pittman, Mary Margaret Daughtry, and Janice White.

The first children's choir began in the late sixties. Among its members were Vicky and Terry Windham, Evelyn Fitzgerald, and Thomas and Chris White. They wore white robes with red bow ties which were made by the mothers. Leola White bought the fabric for the robes. Some practices were held in the Pine Level School auditorium after school and at other times at the church (the first church). The choir members were students at the school and the pianist, Janice White, was a teacher there.

In the seventies, a children's choir was active for some time. Among its members were Mary Fred Creech, Dee and Darrell Evans, Mike and Stan White, Gloria and Alvin Peedin, and Glenn Edwards.

Another children's choir was begun in the nineties with Sunday afternoon practice. They sang specials for church services. Some members of this choir were Tyler and Mary Margaret Daughtry, Drew Wagner, Blair Middleton, Andrew and Benjamin White, Dustin, Deanna and Blake White, Emily, Matthew, and Patrick White, Adam Peedin, Josh Strickland, Stephen Green, and Brandon and Brian Vaughn.

Then in the late nineties, Mary Daughtry with the support of the church, began a youth Handbell Choir, The Methodist Melody Makers. This choir has given the youth an opportunity to make a wonderful contribution to the worship services. They meet on Wednesday nights during the school year for practice and share their music once or twice each month. Invitations have been accepted to play at other churches as well as for special programs in the community such as the school's Faculty Night. Those who have participated are: Drew Wagner, Matthew, Emily, and Patrick White, Adam Peedin, Tyler and Mary Margaret Daughtry, Stephen Green, Dustin, Deanna, and Blake White, Kelly

Cooper, Gena Pittman, Emmie Fitzgerald, Andrew, Benjamin and Teresa White, Josh and Cindy Strickland, Hannah Parrish, and Freddie Creech with Mary as director.

With the support and encouragement of Judy White and Mary Daughtry a younger children's handbell choir was also begun—The Mini Methodist Melody Makers. Pam Peedin and Patty Norris directed. Those who have participated are: Patrick White, Allie Wagner, Matthew Peedin, Patrick Norris, Stephen Green, Blake White, and Mary Margaret Daughtry. They also played for Sunday services. Later, some of them became members of the youth handbell choir.



Adult Choir: Mildred Hadnott, Vernell Harvey, Mary Margaret Daughtry, Faye Patterson, Michael White.

Back: Ann Pittman, Art Schaller, Janice White, Louise Eason, Vicky Windham, Vernie Edwards, Frances Edwards

YOUTH PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

In the sixties, the youth of this church joined Sanders Chapel youth for MYF. It was not until the late nineties that MYF was begun for Pine Level Methodist youth. Today the youth in the Methodist Melody Makers Handbell Choir also participate in the MYF which meets usually on Sunday afternoons. They have been active having fundraisers to help pay for Methodist Hymnals, handbells, tables, music, and an angel stained glass window for the sanctuary. Fundraisers include car washes, helping with the yard sales, selling doughnuts, Sunday lunches, etc. The group went on a mission trip to the M.E.R.C.I. center out from Goldsboro to work one Saturday in the spring of 2004. They participate each November in a NC Conference youth gathering weekend called "Pilgrimage" in Fayetteville. Some summers the group goes to a water park called Emerald Point near Greensboro and to Lake Junaluska for water rafting. In addition to all the fun things, the MYF meetings include learning about the Bible, helpful lessons for living, and seeking God's guidance.

Mary Daughtry as chairman, Judy White, and Teresa White with the assistance of the parents of the youth, and other adults began a strong summer Bible School program in the nineties. It continues with Bible School usually beginning on a Monday night in July and concluding on Friday night with the children's program and a cookout. The ladies of the church assist by bringing refreshments each night.

In 1998, 1999 and 2000 the youth were treated to Amtrak train rides from Selma to Raleigh. Some adults joined in the ride while others drove to Raleigh to meet the train. In 1998, the group went from the train station to a nearby McDonald's to eat. The next two years all went to Pullen Park where Pizza was brought for a fun supper. Janice White arranged this to encourage the youth to attend Sunday School.

On the Wednesday before Thanksgiving, the youth have enjoyed going skating or bowling after handbell practice. Also bowling has been a fun activity at other times since about 1996.

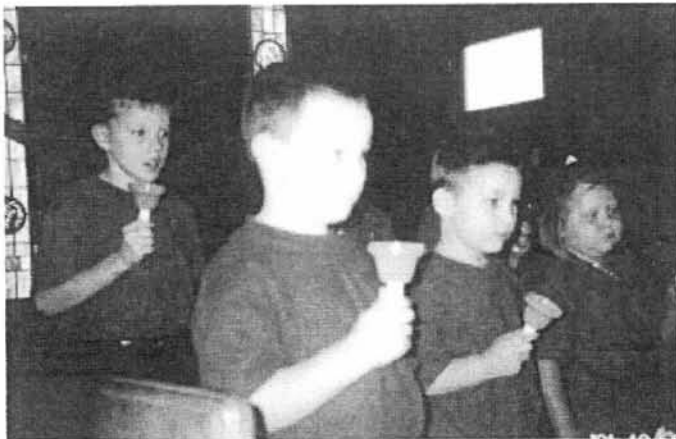
About mid December the youth go Christmas caroling. Church members and shut-ins around town are visited. Parents arrange for them to travel in most interesting ways: sometimes in vans, or on a trailer, or in the back of pickups, or in the back of a big truck, or on a hay ride. They meet for pizza at the church, go caroling, and return to the church for hot chocolate, marshmallows, and cookies.

The 5:00 PM Sunday evening Christmas program, a tradition of many years, continued into the nineties with Judy White becoming its director. She was assisted by other youth mothers making this a special evening for the church. The youth of the church participate in a play or a program of readings and singing after which Santa comes to visit with gifts for the children. Parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles and friends attend to be reminded of the true meaning of Christmas. Church members—Elbert Fitzgerald, Wade Faulkner, Mike Walters—have helped out as Santa. Others in the community have been Santa too.

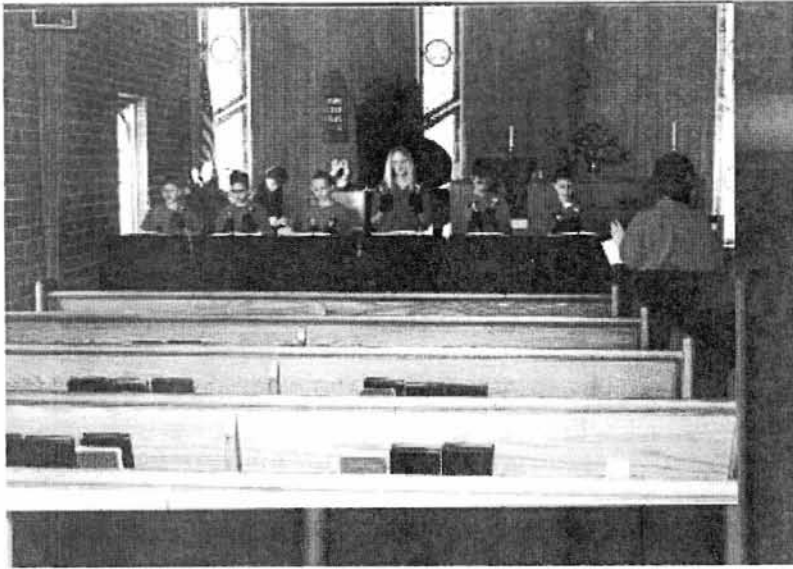


1997 Homecoming Youth Choir: Blair Middleton, Blake White, Mary Margaret Daughtry. - 2nd Row: Dustin, Andrew, and Emily White, Drew Wagner, Patrick White. Back Row: Brandon Vaughn, Ben White, Matthew White, Tyler Daughtry.

1998 Youth Choir: Mary Margaret Daughtry Blake White, Patrick White. Second Row: Ben, Matthew, and Andrew White, Tyler Daughtry, Blair Middleton. Third Row: Dustin White and Drew Wagner



Mini-Methodist Melody Makers:(2001) Matthew Peedin, Patrick Norris, Allie Wagner, Back: Blake White (unseen Patrick White and Stephen Green, Mary Margaret Daughtry,



Methodist Melody Makers: (2003)
Blake and Patrick White, Mary
Margaret Daughtry, Deanna White,
Stephen Green, Adam Peedin. Mary
Daughtry, Director.

Methodist Melody Makers: (2003) Tyler
Daughtry, Teresa, Andrew, Ben, and
Matthew White, Drew Wagner.



Adam Peedin, Kelly Cooper, Deanna White,
Ben White, Josh Strickland (2001)

In the spring an Easter Egg Hunt is featured either at the park or at the church for the children. Thomas and Judy White were organizers of the hunts in the early nineties. Sometimes to the dismay of the older kids, the younger kids were called to begin hunting first. Hot dogs, pizza, or refreshments were provided by parents and grandparents. Emily White likes to tell the story of the year Janice White came to the park with her five young grandkids wearing plastic freezer bags on their feet to protect their shoes from the recent rain and wet grass!

In the nineties, Bob Harvey encouraged the youth and adults to join in a "No Hungry Neighbors" walk on a Saturday morning in the spring. Those who walked, or if they were too young to walk the distance rode bicycles, collected donations for feeding the hungry which would be turned in to the June Annual Conference along with other participants' collections. This has continued most years since. Sometimes refreshments were enjoyed when we all returned to the church. Collections were between \$100 and \$200. The pastor or the lay member to Annual Conference brought back tee shirts for those who walked.

Judy White organized the youth and their parents to host the Sunday lunch for the seniors and occasional Sunday lunches at other times to raise money for youth projects. Those joining to eat gave monetary donations for the lunch. Parents also helping with these lunches have been Pam and Alvin Peedin, Teresa and Stan White, Patty and Clay Norris, Gloria Wagner, Cindy White, Mike White, Thomas White, Billy and Joan Green, Cindy and Terry Strickland, Mary and Billy Daughtry, Gary and Sandy Cooper, and Cindy and Pete Parrish.

One Sunday each year is designated as Youth Sunday. The youth, the pastor, and youth adult leaders plan an entire Sunday Service in which the youth are the participants. This service is a blessing to all.



Youth bowl at Rainbow Lanes in Clayton (about 1996)

Craig Hardin, Tyler Hardin, Drew Wagner holds Allie Wagner, Matthew Peedin, Adam Peedin, Patrick White, Mary Margaret Daughtry, Blake White, Ben White. Second Row: Tyler Daughtry, Matthew White, Dustin White (hiding behind Matthew), Stephanie Jones, Deanna White, Emily White, Andrew White, Thomas White, Mary Daughtry. Third Row: Teresa White, Renee Hardin, Mike White, Billy Daughtry, Judy White, Gloria Wagner, Bob Wagner, Pam Peedin, Alvin Peedin, Stan White.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES



Bible School refreshment time (about 1955): Elizabeth Baker, Will Holloman, Tyler Daughtry, Patrick White, Jonathan Cooper, Mary Margaret Daughtry. Front: Joshua Cooper, Brian Vaughn, Blair Middleton, Ben White

Bible School Commencement (2002): Mary Daughtry, Director, presents certificates to participants. Ken Rush returns to his seat.



Playtime at Bible School (2002): Tyler Daughtry, Patrick and Clay Norris (behind), Matthew White, Andrew White, Brittany Eason, Drew Wagner, Matthew Peedin

Youth enjoy pizza (1998): Gloria Wagner, Allie Wagner, Matthew, Pam and Adam Peedin, Drew Wagner, Matthew White



YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Christmas Program "Hanging of the Greens" (11-30-97):

Brian Walters, Wesley Edwards, Dustin White, Emily White, Deanna White, Gena Pittman, Ashley Walters, Michael Walters, Rick Hill (back to camera)



Santa visits (about 1997): Santa (Wade Faulkner). Tyler Daughtry, Andrew White, Matthew White, Deanna White, Emily White, Joshua Cooper, Jonathan Cooper, Ben White, Blake White, Dustin White, Drew Wagner, Mary Margaret Daughtry, Adam Peedin.

Christmas Program concludes (about 1998): Tyler Daughtry, Matthew and Patrick White, Andrew White, Drew Wagner, Deanna White, Mary Margaret Daughtry, Blair Middleton, Adam Peedin, Dustin White, Ben White



YOUTH ACTIVITIES



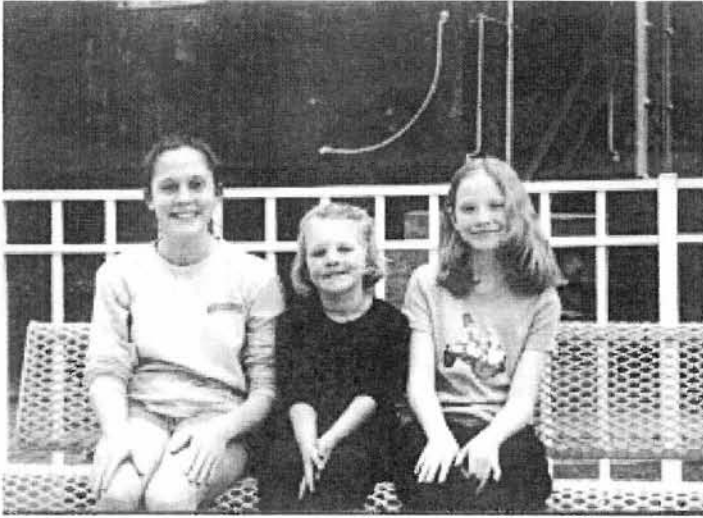
Youth head out for caroling: Emily White, Gloria Wagner, Brandon Vaughn, Drew Wagner, Matthew White, Cindy White

Easter egg hunt fun (about 2000): Patrick Norris, Allie Wagner, Mary Margaret Daughtry, Blake White, Adam Peedin. Second Row: Greg Baker, Ben White, Andrew White, Tyler Daughtry, Third Row (assistants): Dustin White, Drew Wagner, Matthew White.



Allie Wagner swings at Pullen Park in 1999 after the train ride to Raleigh from Selma

YOUTH ACTIVITIES



Fun at Pullen Park in 1999 - Emily White, Mary Margaret Daughtry, Deanna White

Youth and some adults gather for train ride from Selma to Raleigh: Drew and Allie Wagner, Blake and Patrick White, Mary Margaret Daughtry, Blair Middleton, Ben, Dustin, and Andrew White. Second Row: Josh Strickland, Matthew White, Tyler Daughtry, Emily and Deanna White, Judy, Teresa and Stan White. Third Row: Ed White, Mary Daughtry, Wade Faulkner, Gloria Wagner, Bob Wagner, Vernell Harvey, Johnsie Faulkner and Thomas White.



Church group plays in town softball church fun on July 4th 1998 at the Town Park: Benjamin White, Mary Margaret Daughtry, Tyler Daughtry, Andrew White. Second Row: Michael Coppock, Jean Stowers, Danny Edwards, Mike Walters, Teresa White. Third Row: Thomas White, Wade Faulkner, Billy Daughtry, Roger Davis, Michael Walters, Stan White.

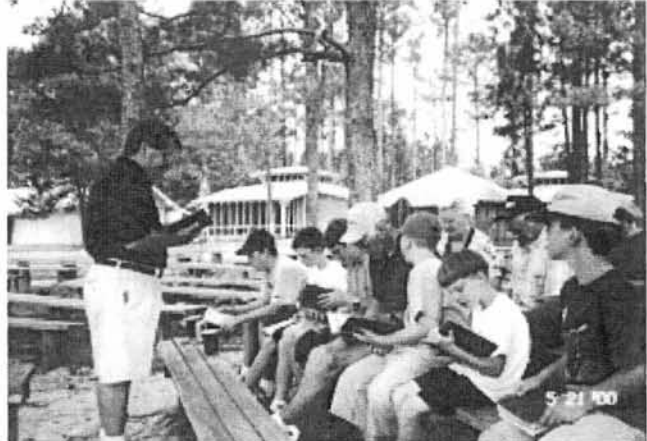
CAMP DON LEE RETREAT

Bennie Tripp, our pastor from 1972-75, encouraged our families in the church to go camping at the Methodist Camp Don Lee on the banks of the Neuse River among the tall shady pines. Plans proceeded for all who would like to semi-rough it and a tradition was born that has lasted for thirty plus years. Cabins for sleeping and primitive showers and restrooms were available. In the nineties new cottages began to be built. Our group is given one of these which usually accommodates our number. It faces the river, has a screened porch with rockers and ceiling fans. Some people take pickup campers, tents, vans, and trailers for sleeping. In the first camping years, a trip was made in the spring and in the fall, however now just a May trip is taken. Whether the weather is sunny and warm or hot, cold, windy and rainy, reservations have been made, so off the campers go to make the best of a weekend together. Groceries are taken for meals to be cooked in the outdoor kitchen for Saturday and Sunday. Everyone is on his own for the Friday night meal since arrival to the campground can be from 4 or 5 o'clock in the afternoon to midnight.

In the early days Glenn Creech invited friends with fish nets and boats. The men fished and usually by Saturday night a fish fry was the evening meal. Later, fishing became unreliable so Glenn began taking a pig to have a pig-pickin' late Saturday afternoon. The pig cooked all day with the men and sometimes the ladies sitting around enjoying fellowship in the sunshine or shade as one wished. The ladies added boiled potatoes, slaw, and hush puppies and sometimes strawberry shortcake for dessert. By the time for eating we sometimes had as many as thirty-five to join us for the BBQ. Glenn suffered a stroke in 1996 so the menu changed from pork to grilling chickens which the men could handle very well.

Over the years, depending on the age of the children, fishing, canoeing, swimming, sailing, softball, basketball, horseshoes, biking, water gun fights, card games etc. have been enjoyed. Always on Sunday morning around eleven everyone knows to gather. A church service convenes either on the benches in the outdoor sanctuary, in a circle outside the "kitchen", or if raining inside the kitchen, or on the screened porch of the more up-to-date cabins. When we first began going, the youth provided the church service with readings, stories and prayer, but when Rev. John Farmer became the camp director in the eighties, he began bringing the Sunday worship "story". This "story" gets the attention of everybody from the youngest to the oldest. Rev. Farmer tells his stories with great attention to detail and voice inflection, with the story often having an unexpected ending that makes us want to be a better person. We always have transported Cokesbury hymnals for group singing, sometimes on Saturday night around the campfire, but always for the Sunday morning gathering where favorites are requested and sung. The children look forward to the campfire on Saturday night where marshmallows are roasted with peanut butter and crackers available, hot chocolate, and sometimes even hotdogs are roasted.

For some years the church service at Pine Level Methodist was cancelled on the third Sunday of May since the majority of the congregation would be at Don Lee. As our church grew and many did not go camping, services at home were held even though twenty or so would be at the river. Sometimes the pastor chooses to go with the campers, and have a lay person deliver the Sunday sermon or either the pastor leaves early on Sunday morning to return to the churches for services.



Don Lee Church Service, May 2000: Rev. John Farmer, Matthew, Andrew, Dustin, Arnold and Ben White, Tyler Daughtry. Second Row: Frances and Walt Edwards, Freddie Creech, Stan White. Third Row: Billy and Mary Daughtry, Jean and Jack Stowers, Mike White, Danny and Vernie Edwards.



Don Lee Meal time: Mary Margaret Daughtry, Stephen Green, Blake White, Andrew White and Tyler Daughtry

Sailboating at Don Lee in 2000: Pastor Michael Coppock in the boat, Matthew, Mike, Blake and Dustin White.

LAY WITNESS MISSION WEEKEND--1978

In 1978 our pastor, Russell Blake, was instrumental in having our church host a Lay Witness Mission. This was a weekend that brought around sixteen visitors from many areas of North Carolina to our church to give witness to their Christian faith. The visitors were made up of youth, men and women who stayed in the homes of the church members. We served meals at the church starting on Friday night with a time afterwards for them to witness, Saturday morning groups gathered in members' homes for sharing, then another meal Saturday night and session. The weekend ended Sunday morning with the church service led by the leader of the Mission group and lunch. A couple of people from Sanders Chapel came on Friday and Saturday nights to keep the nursery for us. Later, when Sanders Chapel had their Lay Witness Mission a couple of our people went over to their church and kept their nursery. This was a powerful weekend of prayer, song, good food, witness to the Lord, and spiritual growth for our youth and adults as well.

PINE LEVEL FIRST UNITED METHODISTS HOST GROVE UMC OF RADFORD, VIRGINIA

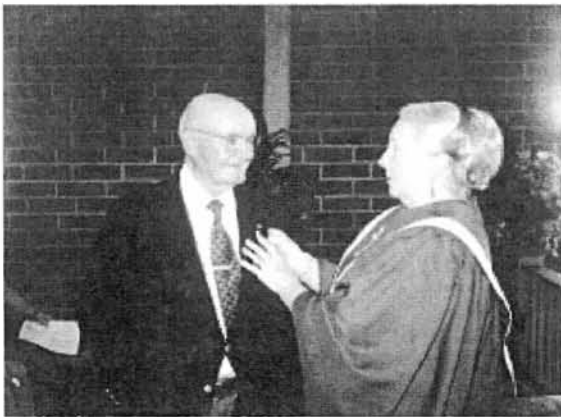
Thirty or so adults and youth from Pastor Jan Hill's home church, Grove UMC, came in 1997 to do mission work in this area after the devastation of Hurricane Fran. Our church became their motel for the weekend. We served them homecooked food, arranged for showers, and at night they spread sleeping bags and cots in the church for their tired bodies. On Saturday they spent the day cleaning debris, cutting fallen trees, repairing houses, etc. They were a blessing to those whom they helped, and we gladly served as their hosts.

Just a few months prior to the visit by Grove UMC, Hurricane Fran had done considerable damage to our church when it came through in September 1996. Our church sign out front was crushed by the big oak tree which was uprooted. Thankfully, it fell toward the road and not toward the church. Wind blew so many shingles from the roof that the church had to be recovered and the sanctuary ceiling painted because of the leaks. Again, we were blessed because our insurance covered the damages. The National Guardsmen came to town to help also. They had large chain saws to cut up the big tree and a front end loader hoisted the huge root onto the large flatbed truck to haul it away. Mr. Pat Bizzell came with his tractor to fill up the hole and smooth out the dirt so the yard could be reseeded.

MISSIONS



Ready to feed the Radford VA volunteers who came to help our community after hurricane Fran in 1997: Belvin and Louise Strickland, Minnie Ann Windham, Walt Edwards, Billy Ray Windham, Patrick and Ed White



Mildred Hadnott presents Ed White with a UMW Missions pin



Ready to "Walk for Hunger" in 1999: Tyler Daughtry, Ben and Blake White, Drew and Allie Wagner, Adam Peedin, Patrick White, Andrew White. Second Row: Mary Daughtry, Thomas and Judy White, Vernell Harvey, Janice White, Teresa White, Gloria Wagner, Pastor Michael Coppock, Pam Peedin and Bob Harvey



Christmas Boxes of food and children's gifts are assembled and distributed to those in need in the community: Mary Margaret and Billy Daughtry, Andrew and Stan White.



Volunteers helped repair in Seven Springs after Hurricane Floyd: Terry Strickland and Arnold White. Others not seen were Gary and Sandy Cooper, Mike White, Michael Coppock, Thomas White, Janice White.

GIFTS TO THE CHURCH BEFORE SEPTEMBER 30, 1955

Twelve gray metal folding choir chairs—1955—Princeton Methodist Church

First pulpit—1955—Leon Godwin and W.B.Oliver, Pine Level. It is in a classroom today.

Two pulpit chairs—1955—Addie Futrell, Pine Level. They are in use today.

One pulpit Bible—1955—John and Margaret Daughtry, Pine Level. It is on the lectern today.

One pulpit Bible marker and scarf—1955—Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Dimmette, Pine Level

One altar rail kneeling pad—1955—Ed and Leola White, Pine Level

One hymnal board—1955—Thaddeus Parker, Princeton. It is in use today.

One Church School Record—1955—by an unnamed donator

One set of choir curtains—1955—Suzette Fitzgerald, Pine Level

One table—1955—Talton Furniture Co., Smithfield. It is in a classroom today.

One flower arrangement—1955—Boyette's Flower Shop, Princeton. It was used on Oct.2.

Transportation of pews from Gatesville—1955—Gurley Milling Co., Selma

One flower arrangement for week of revival—1955—D.and B. Florist, Selma

One inside church bulletin—1955—John P. Daughtry, Pine Level

Twelve cane bottom chairs—1955—Jones Bros. Furniture, Pine Level

Fifty church hymnals—1955—Mrs. Floyd C. Price, Pine Level

One flower arrangement for Organization Day—1955—Johnson's Florist, Smithfield

One gift from Hay Street Methodist Church, Fayetteville, Bible class

Legal services lawyer—1955—Albert Noble, Smithfield

Church repair—1955—E.W. Price, Pine Level

Wiring service on church—1955—Donnie Ellis, Pine Level

Paint donations—1955—Jones Bros. Furniture, Pine Level; Leon Godwin, Pine Level; Bill Rains, Goldsboro; Graham Holt, Princeton; W.B. Oliver & Son, Inc., Pine Level; Tom Pittman, Pine Level.

Choir and pulpit lights—1955—Grover Godwin, Pine Level

Work done on pews—1955—Ralph Styron, Pine Level

Work on grounds—1955—Ed White, Thaddeus Parker, Jack Edwards, John P. Daughtry, Alton Fitzgerald, Bobby Stott and his school boys, and others. J.W. Dimmette, Pastor.

Gift on heating plant—1955—Miss Rosalie Hales

Two payments on piano—1955—A. F. Fletcher

LATER GIFTS

First communion set—1955—Donated

First collection plates—1955—Donated

Baptismal font and pulpit lectern—1955—Built and given by Ralph Styron

Communion cloths—1955—by Leola White. First cloths used for ten years were Leola's table linens. She sewed the ones used today in 1965 and gave them to the church.

Children's choir robes—1965—cloth given by Leola White. Mothers of the youth made the choir robes.

Adult choir robes—1965—given by Suzette Fitzgerald. These robes came from Pine Level High School. They were gray robes used by the graduating classes until the high school moved to North Johnston and were used by the choir until 1998. Suzette, assisted by Leola White, made stoles with one side white and the other red to wear with the robes.

New pews purchased by individual church members (no record)—1965—These were moved to the new church in 1970. In use today.

Communion table—1966—given by Tom and Helen Pittman

Pair of brass collection plates—1970—given by Edward and Joyce Evans

Refrigerator and kitchen stove—1970—given by Glenn and Freddie Creech

Punch bowl, cups, and electric coffee pot—1970—Leola and Ed White

Kitchen stove hood—1970—given by John Daughtry

Dishes for kitchen—1970—given by Paul and Mary Crocker

First brass altar flower urn—1970—given by Leola and Janice White

Piano for education building—1970—Margaret K. Edwards, Whiteville

Pair of antique brass multi-candle candelabra—1970—given by Lucille Oliver and Suzette Fitzgerald.

First Pulpit Scarves—1970—given by Lois Peedin, Minnie Ann Windham, Faye Peedin

Plumbing and bathroom fixtures—1970—Elbert Fitzgerald and Billy Ray Windham

First Altar Candlelighter—1970—Freddie Creech

First brick church sign in front of church—1970—John and Margaret Daughtry

First set of curtains in education building—1970—made and given by Suzette Fitzgerald

Choir Pew—1971—Given by Mrs. Floyd Price

American and Christian flags—1976 and 2003—Woodmen of the World, Kenly
Gift arranged by Emmie Fitzgerald

Portable kitchen sink and cooking table for Camp Don Lee use —1983—Elbert Fitzgerald

Hot water heater for Camp Don Lee use—1983—Billy Windham

Griddle and large coffee pot—1999—Vernell and Bob Harvey

Second brick church sign to replace the first one which was destroyed by Hurricane Fran— 1996—Billy and Mary Daughtry

Hymnals and two folding tables—1997—Al and Mildred Hadnott

Second set of curtains in education building—1993—made and given by Mary Daughtry

Second refrigerator—1999—Tony and Nobie Braswell. It is being used in new kitchen.

Microwave—1996—Mike and Norma Walters

The Methodist Messenger newsletter—1997—Mary Daughtry

Two outside stone urns—1999—Mary and Billy Daughtry

Kitchen cookware and utensils, etc.—2003—Ladies of the church

Two fellowship room tables—2003—Mrs. Ila Mae Moore

Gas hook-up, burial of gas tank, etc.—2003—Arranged for by Elbert Fitzgerald and Billy Daughtry

Microwave for kitchen, desk and chair for pastor's study—2003—Mildred Hadnott

Intinction communion set, foyer bench, Last Supper picture and sconces, Christ and the Children picture for children's room, Brass Altar Urn, Two silk flower potted arrangements on altar rail, two potted trees on altar, two tall silk greenery arrangements, porcelain angel on piano, two large magnolia arrangements in brass urns, wall clock, numerous flower and shrubbery plantings in the landscape of new church, outside stone bench, TV, TV cart, VCR, and children's videos, —given during the nineties by Thomas, Judy, Emily, Matthew, and Patrick. Several of these gifts were on birthdays and anniversaries in honor of Ed and Leola White.

Fellowship Hall dedicated to Lorraine Cooper—2003—in honor of her generosity to the building fund of the church

There may be other items given that I have not listed because records have not been kept, and I have forgotten. Money has been given toward needed purchases and this is not listed, but be assured that God knows who gave and that is the important thing. All is given to the glory of God.

OTHER INFORMATION AND PURCHASES BY THE CHURCH

Piano—1970—purchased from Fredrick's of Goldsboro. Moved to fellowship hall when new piano was given for sanctuary.

First kitchen cabinets—1970—Fussell Cabinet Shop, Pine Level. They were moved to the nursery and installed by Walt Edwards assisted by men of the church when the new addition was added in 2003.

Commercial Electrolux Vacuum Cleaner—1970—purchased from Ralph Thompson.

Organ—1978—Purchased by the UMW from The Princeton Church of God. Melba Woodruff from Selma accompanied a UMW committee to the Princeton Church of God to play and give her opinion of the organ they were selling. Faye Jones was also there representing their church and played for the committee. Leola White made the gathered brown organdy covering for the exposed back of the organ and also the piano. This greatly improved their appearance to the congregation.

Sound System and cabinet—1998—This was purchased with the leadership of Bob Harvey and his son, Rob. They were instrumental and gave much time to its installation. Rob gave the cabinet which encloses and protects the system.

Wooden storage cabinet in the Pastor's study—1989—Built by Walter Ralph Edwards and stained by Danny Edwards.

Nursery Crib and Accessories—1996—Billy and Mary Daughtry

Carpet Sweeper—1998—Emmie Fitzgerald.

Kitchen Flatware, Salad Shredder, etc.—1998—Mildred Hadnott

Handbells, tables, and table covers for the Methodist Melody Makers—1999—Money to purchase came one-half from the youth, their parents, and others who earned money by having car washes, serving after church lunches, selling doughnuts, etc. and the church paid the remaining half. Judy and Thomas White gave two handbell tables. Mary Daughtry coordinated the purchase of the handbells, tables, covers, music, and became its director. She was assisted by Freddie Creech.

Japanese Maple Tree—2002—Church purchased and tree was planted at the Town Park as a living memorial to those who died in 9/11. Bob Harvey coordinated the planting which was part of a statewide campaign called "Trees of Strength".

Installed new florescent lighting in hallway of old education building—2003—Walt Edwards, Danny Edwards, Gary Cooper

Candleholders For Fellowship Hall—2003—Mildred Hadnott

Cokesbury Hymnals—2004—Jean Stowers sent about fifty to the bindery from the Smithfield Public Library at a cost of \$6 each to be rebound.

Large Tea Dispenser—2004—Mary and Billy Daughtry and Freddie Creech

Large Punch Bowl, Bud Vases—2004—Freddie Creech

Commercial Sharpe Vacuum Cleaner—2004—Dunn Vacuum Cleaner and Service Center

Flatware service for 100—2005—Given by members; coordinated by Freddie Creech

Two Child's Chair Booster Seats, One High Chair—2005—Given by UMW; Purchased by Vernie Edwards

Pictures of Charter Members—1955, Groundbreaking for New Church—1969, Groundbreaking for New Addition—2002—Given by Janice White in 2004.

Celebration Hymnals—2005—given to choir by Phil and Ann Pittman in honor of Janice White.

MEMORIALS AFTER 1970

Bobby Ray Jones (1971)—Pair of single brass candelabra and foyer table given by Jones Brothers.

Bobby Ray Jones (1971)—Two choir pews given by his wife, Shirley Jones and his children, Chris and Michelle.

Janie Peedin (1971)—One choir pew given by The Harold Peedin Family

Fannie Ida Daughtry (1979)—Altar Paraments given by John and Margaret Daughtry

Rupert A. White (1984)—Memorial money given by family and friends was used to purchase pew cushions

Katherine Shipley (1992), **Helen Pittman** (1992), **Bettie Thomas** (1992) and **Sallie Raynor** (1993)—Church donated money to buy pew Bibles and racks for the church as a memorial.

John Daughtry (1995)—Memorial money given was requested to go to help pay for new heating and air conditioning in the church sanctuary.

Alvin Kornegay (1998)—Memorial money along with a generous donation from Faye and Bill Patterson as well as some church money was used to purchase new choir robes.

Suzette Fitzgerald (1999)—Memorial money given by family and friends was used to purchase The Cross and The Flame—Symbol of the United Methodist Church.

Al Hadnott (2000)—Memorial money given by family and friends was used to purchase a complete set of CDs of the United Methodist Hymnal.

Al Hadnott (2000)—Candlelighter given by United Methodist Men

Alton Fitzgerald (2001)—Memorial money given by family and friends was used toward helping to furnish the Pastor's Office.

Judy White (2002)—Four large peace lily planters for fellowship hall by Thomas, Emily, Matthew, and Patrick White.

Ed White (2001) and **Judy White** (2003)—Memorial money given by family and friends was used for a baby grand piano for the sanctuary.

Tom and Helen Pittman, Irene Parker, Tommy Pittman (2003)—a table and mirror was given for the entrance hall by their families: Gene, Bruce, Darlene, Gena, and Scott Pittman, Susan and Jerry Sasser; Randy and Carol Oliver and family, Bobby and Lynn Parker and family.

STAINED GLASS MEMORIAL WINDOWS ADDED—YEAR 2000

In 1999 Glenn P. Creech, chairman of the church's Administrative Board for many years, and one of the co-chairmen of the 1970 building committee passed away. As a memorial to his memory and service to the church, his wife, Freddie, and daughter, Mary, and the memorial funds given to the church at his death placed two stained glass windows at the front of the sanctuary. Bob and Vernell Harvey and Arnold and Janice White gave the two other stained glass front windows. The stained glass was purchased from Salem Art Glass in Winston -Salem. A Sunday service of dedication was held by the pastor, Rev. Michael Coppock, in April 2000.

The following year at the request of church members who wanted to complete all the sanctuary windows in stained glass, window orders were taken. Windows were purchased by Grace White, the Ed White Family, Wade and Johnsie Faulkner, Bill and Faye Patterson Family, Tom Pittman Family, Danny and Walter R. Edwards Family, Margaret Daughtry Family, Billy Windham Family, Clarence Peedin Family, Elbert and Emmie Fitzgerald, Mike and Norma Walters, and the Methodist Youth. These were dedicated in November 2001.

When the addition to the church was done in 2002 and 2003, the John P. Daughtry memorial window was moved from the old entrance, which faced 70-A to the right side of the new entrance on Church Street. Jack and Jean Stowers purchased a memorial window which was also placed at the front entrance on the left side. Mildred Hadnott purchased the rectangular stained glass with the church name over the front door of the new entrance.

Two Front Windows: **In memory of Glenn P. Creech**, given by Freddie Creech, Mary Daughtry, and Friends

Two Front Windows: **In Honor of our Children and Grandchildren**, given by Bob and Vernell Harvey and Arnold and Janice White

WINDOWS ADDED IN 2001

Side Windows: **Given in Honor of Arnold and Janice White** by Grace White
Given in Honor of Ed and Leola White by Winston, Chris and Danita, Thomas, Judy, Emily, Matthew, and Patrick
Given in Honor of Our Children and Grandchildren by Wade and Johnsie Faulkner
Given in Memory of Tyler Peedin and Byrone Murray and in Honor of Our Children and Grandchildren by Bill and Faye Patterson

Back Windows: **To God Be the Glory**, Given by Danny and LaVerne Edwards, Walter Ralph and Frances Edwards
Given in Honor of Billy Ray and Minnie Ann Windham by Their Children and Grandchildren

Given In Memory of John G. and Bettie Thomas and Elbert T. Fitzgerald, Sr. By Elbert, Jr. and Emmie Fitzgerald

Given In Memory Of Tom and Helen Pittman By Irene Parker and Family and Tommy Pittman and Family

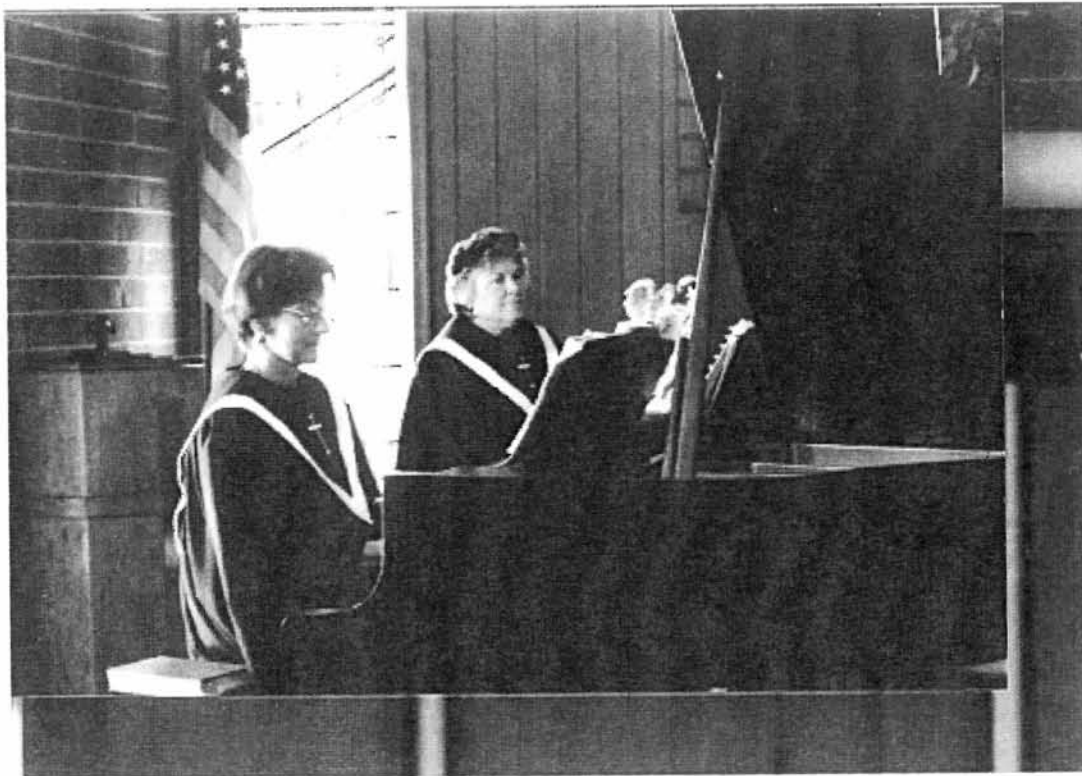
One Top Angel Window Given To the Glory of Our Lord in the Year 2001 By the Church Youth

Second Top Angel Window Given By Mike and Norma Walters

Lord's Supper (over choir door) Given in Honor of Clarence and Lois Peedin By Their Children and Grandchildren

Two Entrance Windows: In Memory of John P. Daughtry By His Wife, Margaret and Sons

In Honor of Their Children and Grandchildren Given by Jack and Jean Stowers—2003



Ann Pittman, pianist and Janice White, organist play for Homecoming in 2003.

CHURCH TREASURERS 1955-2003

1955-1962	Margaret S Daughtry	PINE LEVEL-SANDERS
1962-1967	Janice C. White	CHARGE TREASURER:
1967-1968	Shirley Jones	1984-1998 Danny Edwards
1968-1973	Lois Peedin	
1974-1997	Arnold White	
1997-2002	Vernell Harvey	
1997-to present	Frances Edwards, assistant; collects and deposits money, keeps records of collections.	
2002-to present	Jean Stowers	

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

ADULT CLASS

Thaddeus Parker and LaRue Edwards 1955
John Daughtry 1960's
Rupert White 1973-83
Betty Thomas 1988-95
Arnold White 1965-to the present
Norma Walters 1980-2002
Mike Walters 1992-2002
Freddie Creech 2002 to the present
Teresa White 2003-2004
Phil Pittman 2003 to the present
Substitute teachers: Wade Faulkner
Bob Harvey Mary Daughtry
Gena Pittman

YOUNG ADULTS

Mike Walters, Mary Daughtry, Phil Pittman,
Ann Pittman

CHILDREN

Margaret Daughtry, Janice White, Faye
Patterson, Joyce Evans, Minnie Ann
Windham, Johnsie Faulkner, Judy White,
Mary Daughtry, Teresa White, Cindy
White

TEENS

Jack Edwards 1950's
Fred Welch 1955

Arnold White 1960's

Frances Edwards 1970's
Emmie Fitzgerald 1980's
Wade Faulkner 1990's
Mike White 2000's

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS

Thaddeus Parker, Alton Fitzgerald, Tom
Pittman, Arnold White, Ed White, John
Daughtry, Danny Edwards, Clarence Peedin,
Mike White, Billy Daughtry, Stan White

ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD CHAIRMEN: John Daughtry, Margaret (Edwards, Gore) Hunt, Arnold White, Billy Ray Windham, Glenn Creech, Walter R. Edwards

SUNDAY SCHOOL SECRETARIES: Alton Fitzgerald, Ed White, Thomas White, Billy Daughtry, Walt Edwards

NEWSLETTER: THE METHODIST MESSENGER—Mary Daughtry 1997-Present

MEMBERSHIP RECORDS: Margaret Daughtry 1955-1980,
Janice White 1981 to the present

PIANISTS: Margaret (Edwards, Gore) Hunt 1955-1966;
Janice White 1966-2002;
Ann Pittman 2002 to the present; Substitutes: Freddie Creech 1960's
and early 70's, Jeri Fitzgerald early 60's, Emily White 1997 to the
present, Janice White 2002 to the present.



Baby Grand Piano is dedicated in memory of Ed White and Judy White in September, 2003 Patrick, Emily, Thomas, Leola and Matthew White

NEW ADDITION—2003

On June 25, 2001 the Administrative Board made it official. The Building Fund and Savings account had grown to about \$63,500. This encouraged some to think an addition to the church was possible. Steps to look into this possibility would begin by contacting Architect John Hickman of Kinston. Mr. Hickman had experience in drawing plans for churches and had knowledge of how Duke Endowment helped small churches. By July Mr. Hickman had met with the congregation supplying the information needed. A Building Committee was appointed. Appointed to the committee were Walter Ralph Edwards, Administrative Board Chairman; Mike Walters, Mike White, and Stan White, trustees; and Freddie Creech, Judy White, Bob Harvey, Billy Ray Windham, and Janice White. Janice volunteered to be available for communication between Mr. Hickman, Duke Endowment and the building committee. Later, Billy Daughtry joined the committee after Judy White died, Bob Harvey resigned, and Mike Walters moved away.

Duke Endowment's Dr. Valerie Rosenquist, Associate Director of the Rural Church Division, came in August giving the qualifications for receiving financial assistance. One qualification was the town's population had to be less than 1500. The present population was about 1400. This seemed to be another confirmation that now was the time to build the addition. There were three housing developments under construction in town. This would greatly increase town population. Also this would hopefully bring church growth. Following Dr. Rosenquist's visit, her subsequent letter recommended a relocation of the church. The building committee concluded this step was financially out of reach. Dr. Rosenquist stated the church needed more land for parking and church activities. This had been addressed by the committee. Property owners on both sides of the church had given permission for parking on their property. Trustees Mike Walters and Mike White visited the Pentecostal Free Will Baptist Church Board Meeting where permission was given for parking on their property on the west side of the church. In addition, Mike Walters visited Lena Holt, owner of the property on the east side. She reconfirmed that the property was not for sale, but gave permission for parking.

Mike Walters wrote letters on behalf of the church with the reasons for remaining at its present location to Goldsboro District Superintendent, Dr. Milton Gilbert and Dr. Rosenquist. Ultimately, permission was given to proceed on the present site by Dr. Joe Mann, Director of the Duke Endowment Rural Church Division. Duke Endowment application forms were filled out and accepted. Approval was received for payment of 30% of the construction costs to a \$300,000 project. Charge Conference had approved, the land was surveyed by Dennis Blackman of Smithfield, the town planning board had approved and a permit issued. Dr. Bruce Taylor, Chairman of the General Board of Discipleship and pastor at Centenary UMC in Smithfield had met with the congregation to talk about stewardship and had given some ideas for fundraising. The District Building Committee chaired by Rev. Bobby Smith of Benson gave permission to proceed. Many details had been worked out. Mr. Hickman was given the go ahead to draw plans with the needs the church in mind.

The architect's plans included two new classrooms, kitchen, two restrooms, a storage room, renovations of the present educational building, a steeple, and a fellowship hall to accommodate one hundred people. The plans were approved by the building committee and after minor changes by Duke Endowment. The church family was given the opportunity for several weeks to study the architect's drawings also and to make any suggestions for changes. The architect's drawings were sent to six different contractors, some we had suggested and others the architect suggested because he had worked with them and knew them to do quality work.

By August 2002 bids were in. Hinnant Construction, a General Contractor of Selma, had presented the low bid of \$249,995 for the renovation and 2,800 sq. ft. addition. Subcontractors were Creech Electrical and Plumbing (plumbing) of Selma, Cool Dimensions (AC) of Smithfield, Pekoe Electric (electrical) of Kinston, C and J Carpet (carpet and vinyl) \$8,899 (deducted from Hinnant contract) of Smithfield, D and R Cabinets of Durham, and Kivetts (steeple) \$11,000 of Clinton won contracts also. The architect fee was \$15,900, cost of Fellowship Hall tables and chairs were \$3568, a property survey was \$1,423 and Casey's Landscaping, \$1,627. A 4½ % building loan for up to \$240,000 from the local Heritage Bank was accepted by the building committee after talking to three other banks and being turned down by the Conference Board of Missions. The total cost estimate on the Duke Endowment Application was \$313,000 with them contributing \$90,000 toward the construction.

Groundbreaking Services were held on August 18, 2002. Dr. Milton Gilbert spoke at the 10:45 service after which the congregation went onto the front church yard where the addition would be built. Pastor Sandy Schaller and Dr. Gilbert conducted a short service. Then several people "broke ground" with the spades. All gathered for a group picture after which a covered dish lunch was spread.

Work on the project began in October 2002 and was completed in June 2003. The project originally was to be completed within six months, however bad winter weather and other delays extended the completion date.

In addition to the building committee, another committee spent many hours planning the layout of the kitchen and its appliances, floor coverings, paint colors, blinds, window treatments, pastor's study furniture, etc. Mary Daughtry and Teresa White headed up this committee with Judy White enthusiastically working especially with the early planning. To the dismay of the whole church family, Judy became ill with melanoma in December of 2002 and passed away in February 2003. Others who helped on this committee were Faye Patterson, Vicky Windham, Jean Stowers, Emmie Fitzgerald, Vernie Edwards, and Darlene Pittman. In the fall of 2002 some of these ladies traveled to several churches where fellowship halls had recently been built to talk with representatives about what they liked about their building and brought back ideas which helped them make good decisions for our building.

Wooden blinds for the windows in the fellowship hall and Sunday School classrooms were purchased in early 2005. Then window treatments were added in the fellowship hall during the summer of 2005.

Dedication services were held on June 22, 2003, with Dr. Gilbert bringing the 11:00 service. Vernie Edwards presented a framed document to Lorraine Cooper stating the new fellowship hall would be named the Lorraine Cooper Fellowship Hall in appreciation for her kindness and generosity to the church. Also Vernie presented a plaque "The Lorraine Cooper Fellowship Hall" which would be displayed in the church.

Afterwards, a ribbon cutting was held at the new church entrance with Pastor Sandy, Dr. Gilbert, Lorraine Cooper, Board Chairman Walter Ralph Edwards, Youth Representative Andrew White participating. The whole congregation gathered around. Then a covered dish lunch was enjoyed in the new fellowship hall. In addition to Dr. and Mrs. Gilbert, Mr. and Mrs. Hickman, and the family of Lorraine, many other friends attended this historic day's festivities.

The fellowship hall has been used for many activities. One of the most enjoyable has been the Wonderful Wednesday fellowship meals held the first Wednesday of each month. The meals are coordinated and prepared by Minnie Ann Windham and Billy Daughtry with assistance from Freddie Creech, Louise Eason, Frances and Walt Edwards, Billy Ray Windham and others. Volunteers bring desserts. A donation of \$5 is taken for each meal. After expenses for the meal are deducted, the remaining money (usually about \$150) is placed into the building fund.

On June 12, 2005--two years from the June 22, 2003 dedication of the new addition—the congregation celebrated the burning of the mortgage at the 11 o'clock service. Again, our District Superintendent, Dr. Milton Gilbert, brought the message. At the close of the service, Pastor Sandy Schaller thanked the congregation for their hard work and contributions that made the day possible. Mrs. Lorraine Cooper was also recognized for her generosity which helped the church achieve its goal. Then Pastor Sandy, Dr. Gilbert, and Mrs. Cooper gathered around the brass urn to burn the note. Mrs. Cooper held the burning paper and then dropped it into the urn. Afterwards, the ashes were scattered on the front lawn of the church. A covered dish luncheon concluded the celebration.

In 2004 the church focused on a new avenue of mission participation—**The Rainbow Covenant**—with the leadership of our Lay Leader and Nurture, Outreach, and Witness chairman, Teresa White. In this covenant a pledge of at least \$500 is earmarked for five different lanes of giving: **WORLD, NATIONAL, UMCOR, MISSIONARY SALARY SUPPORT, and CONFERENCE**. One **ADVANCE SPECIAL** from each lane is chosen each year to support. (There are many **ADVANCE SPECIALS** in each lane from which to choose.) This is in addition to the church's paying conference benevolence and world service, ministerial support and episcopal fund in full. A yard sale headed up by Vernell Harvey and volunteers contributed the funds for **The Rainbow Covenant**. Plans are underway for the same in 2005.

The ADVANCE SPECIALS for each lane chosen in 2004 and 2005 were:

1. **WORLD**—"United Methodist Seminary in Russia." Scholarships will provide good Biblical and theological training for the development of strong ministries for future Russian church leaders.
2. **NATIONAL**—"Red Bird Missionary Conference". This conference program facilitates the development of local churches and local lay leaders in isolated rural mountain communities in Kentucky.
3. **MISSIONARY SALARY SUPPORT**—"Vickie Sigmon of Winston Salem". She works in a high risk community developing Christian community, promoting social justice and proclaiming God's loving presence.
4. **UMCOR**—"Heifer Project International". An inter-faith project that provides animals and other assistance to rural families. Recipients agree to pass on the first born female offspring of their animals to someone else in need.
5. **CONFERENCE**—"The Hand in Hand Project". This is a ministry for children and youth that connects churches with schools. These partnerships offer an avenue outside the walls of our faith community to build solid relationships with our children and our school community. Through this project, we are expanding some of the ongoing projects we have supported many years in the past such as our Christmas Boxes, school supplies and socks for needy children, etc.

For the first time ever, in 2004-2005 Pastor Sandy conducted a thirty-four week Disciple I Bible Study. This is an in depth study encouraged for all Methodist churches to acquaint its members with God's Word. Six members participated from September through June. They were Art Schaller, Michael White, Vicky Windham, Faye Patterson, Teresa White, and Janice White.



Teresa White, Nurture, Outreach, and Witness Committee Chairman, accepted this plaque in February, 2005 from the NC Conference signifying Pine Level Methodist Church a Rainbow Covenant church in 2004

NEW ADDITION



Pastor Sandy Schaller and Freddie Creech break ground for new addition (2002): Janice White, Faye Patterson, Frances Edwards, Vernie Edwards, Johnsie Faulkner, Mike Walters, Walt Edwards (back to camera), Stan White, Michael White, Billy Windham and Dr. Milton Gilbert look on.

Mrs. Lorraine Cooper cuts the ribbon of the new addition. (June 2003): Andrew White, youth representative, Walter R. Edwards, Administrative Board Chairman, Dr. Milton Gilbert, Goldsboro District Superintendent, and Pastor Sandy Schaller participate. Looking on are Patrick Norris and Matthew Peedin, Allie Wagner, and Mary Margaret Daughtry.



Mrs. Lorraine Cooper, Dr. Milton Gilbert, and Pastor Sandy Schaller at the note burning service in June 2005.

**GROUNDBREAKING
PINE LEVEL FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
AUGUST 18, 2002**

KNEELING: MICHAEL ALDEN, EMMIE FITZGERALD, JUDY WHITE, KELLY COOPER, EMILY WHITE,
KEN RUSH

FIRST ROW: MARY DAUGHTRY, FREDDIE CREECH, KAREN ALDEN,
VERNELL HARVEY, BILLY RAY WINDHAM, CINDY WHITE,
DEANNA WHITE, TYLER DAUGHTRY, PATRICK WHITE, BLAKE
WHITE, MARY MARGARET DAUGHTRY, MARIAH CAMPBELL, ALLIE
WAGNER, MATTHEW PEEDIN, KAITLYNN RUSH, ADAM PEEDIN,
GRACE WHITE, DR. MILTON GILBERT, DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT,
LUCRETIA GILBERT

SECOND ROW,
ETC. THOMAS WHITE, ARNOLD WHITE, DAVID AND SIDNEY ALDEN,
CHUCK BARE, JENNIFER BARE, JEAN STOWERS, MILDRED
HADNOTT, GARY COOPER, SANDY COOPER, MIKE WHITE, FRANCES
EDWARDS, DUSTIN WHITE, WALT EDWARDS, STAN WHITE, GENE
PITTMAN, ANDREW WHITE, LORRAINE COOPER, DANNY EDWARDS, BENJAMIN
WHITE, VERNIE EDWARDS, JANICE WHITE, MATTHEW WHITE,
CINDY STRICKLAND, PAM PEEDIN, ANN AND APRIL CAMPBELL, PATRICIA RUSH,
FAYE PATTERSON, BRUCE PITTMAN, DARLENE PITTMAN, GENA PITTMAN, DREW
WAGNER, MIKE WALTERS, MARGARET DAUGHTRY, ART SCHALLER, JOHNSIE
FAULKNER, LOIS PEEDIN, BILLY DAUGHTRY, GLORIA WAGNER, KAILA MILLER,
ANN PITTMAN, BILLY GREEN, CLARENCE PEEDIN, LEOLA WHITE, TERESA WHITE,
BOB HARVEY, PASTOR SANDY SCHALLER

NOTE: JACK STOWERS, MINNIE ANN AND VICKY WINDHAM WERE IN ATTENDANCE TOO.



FUND RAISERS—2/25/2002 TO 9/16/2002

This information, I think, shows our church working together for a wonderful common goal—to pay for a new addition. It was work, but we enjoyed it.

Valentine Dinner	2/25	\$146	Yard Sale	4/15	\$1,126.53
Pancake Supper	4/29	\$210	Yard Sale	5/17	\$616.79
BBQ	6/3	\$6,193	Sunday Lunch	6/5	\$250
Car Wash	6/12	\$234	Yard Sale	6/17	\$503.75
Senior Lunch	6/26	\$215	Yard Sale	7/5	\$187.86
Auction	7/27	\$4,455	Yard Sale	7/31	\$406.42
Yard Sale	8/12	\$295	Donut Sale	9/3	\$224
Yard Sale	9/16	\$601.15			
			7 Month Total: \$15,664.50		



Carwash: Allie Wagner (hands in the bucket), Andrew White, Patty Norris, Josh Strickland, Deanna White, Mary Margaret Daughtry, Drew Wagner

Sunday Youth Luncheon: Emily White, Mary Daughtry, Cindy White, Dustin White



June 2003 BBQ chicken fundraiser: Mary Daughtry, Vernie Edwards, Minnie Ann Windham, Jean Stowers, Pam Peedin, Frances Edwards



Food and Fellowship in Fellowship Hall prior to 2002: Grace White, Virginia Richards, Margaret Daughtry, Freddie Creech, Lorraine Cooper, Frances Edwards.



Grace White, Lorraine Cooper, Pastor Michael Coppock and Virginia Richards in 2002.



Homecoming 2001: Pastor Jan, Rick, Rebecca and Chris Hill and others



Homecoming about 1999: (when we also used the back of the sanctuary for eating): Alton Fitzgerald, Leola White, Margaret Daughtry, Grace White, Suzette Fitzgerald, Evelyn and Evan Schillmoller



Homecoming on the grounds: Left: Chuck and Jennifer Bare, Lorraine Cooper, Virginia Richards, Grace White, Billy Daughtry, Johnsie and Wade Faulkner, Jack Stowers, Danny Edwards. Right; Peggy and Kenneth Starling, Irene Parker, Ed White.



First Homecoming in the new fellowship hall in 2003: Minnie Ann Windham, Vicky Windham, Anna Tyson



Homecoming continued: Clarence and Lois Peedin, Peggy and Kenneth Starling, Mike White, Ann and Phil Pittman and others.

Margaret Daughtry's last Sunday before moving to Cypress Glen Retirement Home in Greenville, 2003: Janice White, Lorraine Cooper, Margaret, Minnie Ann Windham, Back: Frances Edwards, Grace White, Virginia Richards, Freddie Creech.



Blake White visits the work site of the new addition in December 2002.



Installer guides new steeple into place in May, 2003



Mary Daughtry and Judy White attended a Duke football game with Church Youth in 2001.



Jean and Jack Stowers, Clarence Peedin arrive for Church in 2000.



Stan White and Clarence Peedin help cook chickens for BBQ in 2003.



Joan Green helps with youth car wash.



Sandy Cooper, Pastor Sandy Schaller, Darlene and Gena Pittman, Vicky Windham, Michael White, Dustin White, Billy Green, Kelly and Gary Cooper stand among Christmas boxes assembled to deliver to families for Christmas.

REMEMBRANCE—2005

This history is dedicated to the Pine Level First Methodist Church family, and especially to my husband, my children and their families. I felt this information about our church's beginnings important, and that our future will be built on this foundation.

The information has been compiled over a period of fifty years. Thanks to Margaret Daughtry who contributed greatly to the information on the early church. She kept a scrapbook of those years with pictures and news articles. Before her husband John died, I took notes of memories that he and Margaret had of the early days of the church. Also, for the content of this history I have relied on my memory, records since Arnold and I became members in 1961, the NC Conference in Raleigh, talking to older members, the Administrative Board records, the UMW minutes, and information sent to me from Delores Godwin Holt of Princeton, formerly from Pine Level. Much of the later history is written from my perspective, and I tried to be as factually accurate as possible.

“Our story” has been written with the hope that those who read it can see that this church has become what it has in these fifty years through the Lord's guidance and with many people working together and contributing. He has surely blessed us and sent many people our way to help the church succeed in this community. May each of us seek to love one another and to follow the Lord's will and plan for our lives. We have a fine facility. Let us continue to dedicate ourselves to the Lord's work of teaching and leading people to faith in Jesus Christ.

In anticipation of this Golden Anniversary of our church, I have worked as time allowed in the summers of 2003, 2004 and 2005 compiling this information. May we, our children and grandchildren, remember that Pine Level First United Methodist Church exists to draw us and others to the Lord Jesus Christ and to be his hands and feet to carry on His work in this community and the world.

All the pastors and their spouses (except the first two who served before I became a member in 1961.) have been good friends as well as my pastor. The third Pastor, Rev. Jerry Juren, officiated at the marriage of Arnold and me in 1958 at my church, Sanders Chapel. The pastors have been unique with their God-given talents to serve the Lord. Usually they have been new to the ministry, and I hope that in some way all of us have encouraged and supported them in their endeavor. This has been one of the missions of our church, I believe, to encourage, support, love and care for these who were called to make ministry their life's work. Our pastors leave us to go out and serve other congregations or in some instances they begin to serve in other capacities than church ministry. I pray that they look back on being at Pine Level Methodist as a pleasant appointment where they could grow with a great deal of love and in God's grace.

For the future? I dream of the time when we are able to have a pastor who is not a Duke student although student pastors have served us well. This pastor could direct his/her energies to God, this church and community without the added responsibilities of being a Duke student.

Love in Christ to all,
Janice C. White