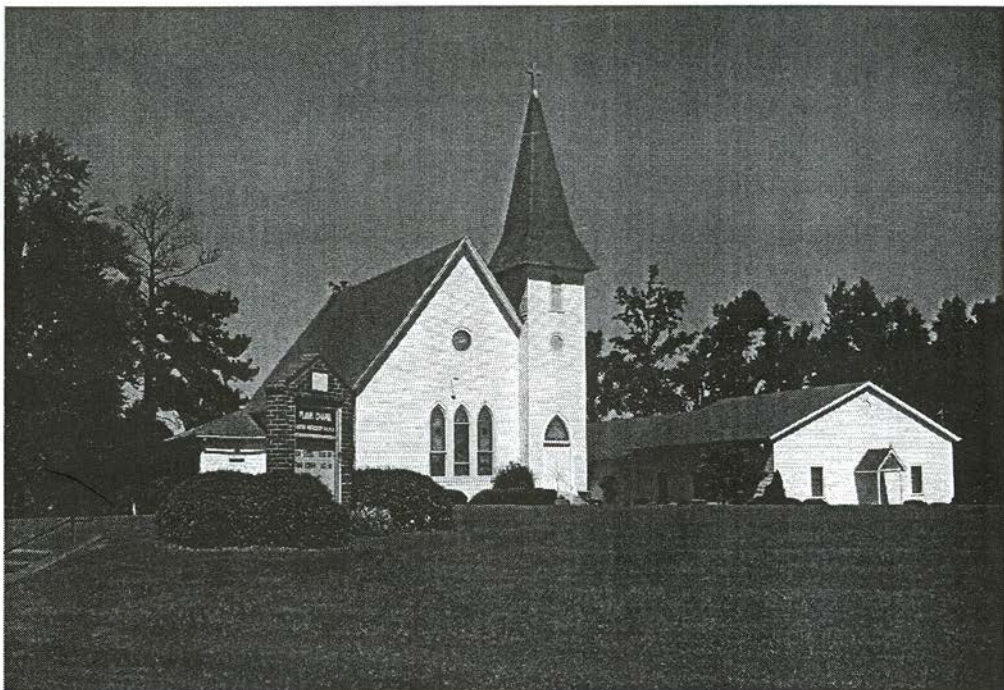


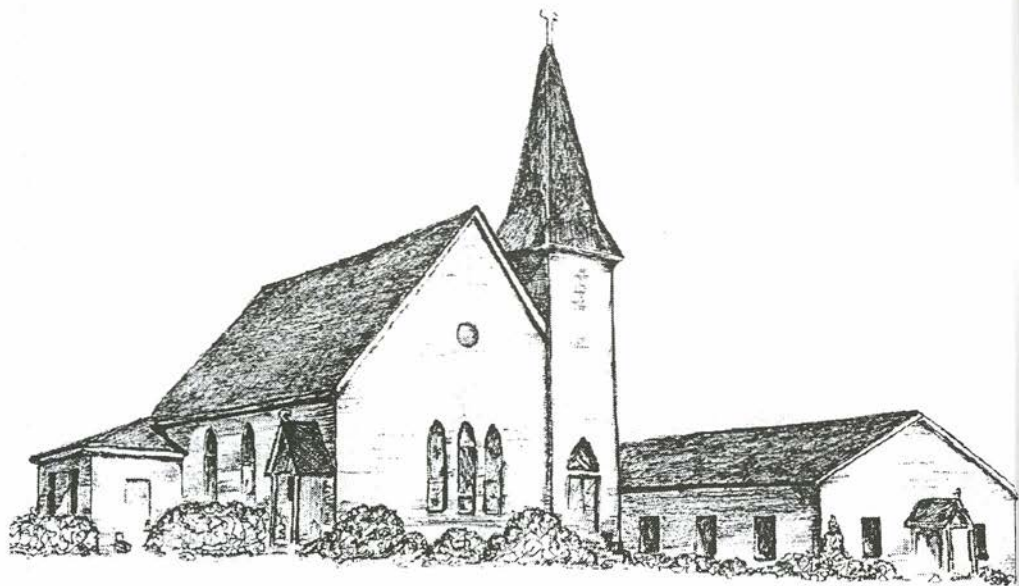
PLANK CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
3047 Bobbitt Road
P. O. Box 507
Kittrell, North Carolina 27544

225th ANNIVERSARY
Est. 1780



Quasquibicentennial Celebration
1780—2005

Remembering our past so we may cherish our future



"BLESS THIS HOUSE O LORD WE PRAY"

“HERITAGE PRAYER”

O God, Our Father, we know our own weakness.

Our minds are darkened,
and by ourselves we cannot find and know the
truth.

Our wills are weak,
and by ourselves we cannot resist temptation, or bring
to its completion that which we resolve to do.

Our hearts are fickle,
and by ourselves we cannot give to you the loyalty
which is your due.

Our steps are faltering,
and by ourselves we cannot walk in your straight way.

So this day we ask you,

To enlighten us;

To strengthen us;

To guide us,

that we may know you, and love you, and
follow you all the days of our life.

Give to your Church your blessing and your
protection.

Guide her in her thinking,
that she may be saved from the heresies which
destroy the faith.

Strengthen her in her witness,
that she may bring no discredit on the name
she bears.

Inspire her in her fellowship,
that those who enter her may find within her
your friendship and the friendship of their
fellow men.

—*From Prayers for the Christian Year by William Barclay*
(Source: *A Guide to Prayer—Upper Room*)

WORDS FOR BICENTENNIAL SONG

by Mrs. Patricia R. Hunt Fuller

This is Plank Chapel
God's house of prayer
This is Plank Chapel
We love so dear
We worship and we share here
God's promises of life
For this is Plank Chapel
Church of my choice.

This is Plank Chapel
God's house of love
This is Plank Chapel
Friend to us all
We sing thee adoration of
Our heritage from the past
For this is Plank Chapel
Church of MY choice!!!!

Tune: "This is My Country"

**225 CELEBRATION
ORDER FOR DIVINE WORSHIP
July 10, 2005
10:30 A.M.**

Prelude		
Chiming the Hour		
Choir Introit	Bicentennial Song: "This is Plank Chapel"	
Congregational Introit		
Hymn	"O For Thousand Tongues"	M57
Invocation		Rev. Carol Dean
Unison Call to Worship		Heritage Liturgy
Announcements		
Moments of Fellowship		
	Introduction of Special Guests	
	Moments of Reminiscing	
Morning Prayer and The Lord's Prayer		
Anthem	"Bless This House"	Choir
Children's Moment		
Offering		
Doxology		M95
Hymn of Preparation		M117
	"O God Our Help in Ages Past"	
Introduction of Guest Minister		Rev. Carol Dean
Scripture	Isaiah 43:18-21	Rev. Edwin Young
Sermon		Rev. Edwin Young
	"Honoring the Past but Looking for a Fresh Encounter with GOD"	
Hymn	"Amazing Grace"	M378
Benediction		
Choral Response		M673
	"God Be with You till We Meet Again"	

*****The congregation will stand as able*****

Reverend Carol Dean	Pastor
Mrs. Janet Bobbitt	Choir Director
Mrs. Patricia Fuller	Organist
Taylor Abbott	Acolyte

WE WELCOME our members, friends, neighbors, former pastors, and former members to this celebration of our 225th anniversary. We are proud of our heritage, and we are happy to have you join us in this joyous celebration.

YOU ARE INVITED TO REMAIN FOR THE LUNCHEON which will be served in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the morning worship service. There are tents set up outside for the old fashioned "on the grounds" eating. We express our thanks to those who have helped to prepare the lunch for serving.

THE NURSERY is available for those children who have not yet reached 5 years old. PARENTS need to pick children up from the Nursery immediately following the services.

ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Past Members of Plank Chapel.

A HISTORICAL DISPLAY has been set up in the Youth Sunday School Class and you are invited to visit this display during your time here.

Conference Officials

Bishop Edwin Gwinn
Reverend Judy Smith

NCCUMC
Superintendent, Durham District

We would like to take this time to thank everyone who had a part in making this Quasquibicentennial Celebration a success.

A special thanks to Reverend Edwin Young

THE ROLL OF PASTORS

Virginia Conference

The John Pleasants Bible printed in 1814, now in the possession of the E. O. Young family, list the Circuit Riders during the last 10 years of Virginia Conference. They are as follows:

1827-	Bell and Goodman
1828-	Dye and Winbourn
1829-	Hooks
1830-	Speck and Weatherly
1831-	Compton and Holmes
1832-	Reid and Alford
1833-	Gregory and Anderson
1834-	Weatherly and Carr
1835-	Compton and Daubd
1836-	Pell and Grey
1837-	Odaub and Law
1838-	William E. Pell—Compton
1839-	Philip Anderson and Thomas R. Brame—Supernumerary

The Reverend John Young, the local preacher, served during these pioneer years and while the Tar River Circuit, including Plank Chapel, was in the Virginia Conference. The personal diary of Reverend Young states that he preached 25 consecutive Christmas Day sermons at Plank Chapel. Thus the dates of Reverend Young's Christmas sermons would be from 1811 through 1836.

(Source of information for above—Plank Chapel History by Mrs. T.L. Fuller and Mrs. J.S. Rowland)

1836-1836	William Pell	Supernumerary	Thomas R. Brame
1838-1839	Phillip Anderson	"	John Brame
1839-1840	Joseph Goodman	"	Phillip W. Archer
1840-1841	Daniel Culbreth	"	
1841-1843	Robert Maynard	"	
1843-1844	Sydney D. Bumpass	"	Rufus T. Heflin

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1844-1846	J.W. Lewis	Supernumerary	Rufus T. Heflin
1846-1847	Alford Norman	"	J.M. Fulton
1847-1848	Thomas S. Campbell	"	James S. Nickolson
1848-1850	Archibald C. Allen	"	J.M. Sharp
1850-1852	Numa F. Reid	"	P.H. Joyner
1852-1857	No Conference records. Listed locally Cartex, J.H. Wheeler, Smoot and Schell		
1857-1858	William M. Jordan	"	Robert C. Maynard
1858-1860	Joseph B. Martin	"	James Reid
1860-1861	W.H. Barnes	"	Robert C. Maynard
1861-1863	Thomas P. Ricard	"	Robert C. Maynard
1863-1864	J.H. Wheeler	"	William Harris
1864-1865	No Record		
1865-1866	J.H. Wheeler		
1866-1867	J.P. Simpson		
1867-1871	Paul J. Carraway		
1871-1874	H.H. Gibbons		
1874-1878	Richard S. Webb		
1878-1882	William H. Moore		
1882-1883	R.G. Barrett		J.P. Finlayson
1883-1884	J.T. Gibbs		
1884-1888	J.J. Renn		
1888-1891	G.W. Fisher		
1891-1893	B.B. Culbreth		
1893-1895	F.B. McCall		
1895-1898	Kenneth D. Holmes		

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SOUTH

- 1898-1900 B.C. Allred
1900-1902 R.H. Broom
1902-1906 Allison L. Ormond
1906-1908 H.G. Stamey
1908-1912 G.W. Starling
1912-1914 C.R. Canipe
1914-1918 J.A. Lee
1918-1920 George B. Perry
1920-1921 W.L. Loy
1921-1923 W.J. Watson
1923-1927 J.C. Williams
1927-1929 K.F. Duvall
1929-1933 R.E. Pittman
1933-1937 B.O. Merritt
1937-1939 J.A. Martin

THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

- 1939-1941 J.A. Martin
1941-1943 E.D. Dodd
1943-1947 R.G.L. Edwards
1947-1951 N.P. Edens
1951-1954 B.T. Hurley
1954-1955 T.H. House
1955-1959 Aaron G. Tyson
1959-1961 Charles E. Owens
1961-1966 R.J. Rudd
1966-1970 Gordon E. Allen Jr.
1970-1973 A.L. Reynolds

1973-1975	C.L. Warren
1975-1980	James A. Williams
1980-1986	Henry Lee
1986-1988	Mike Elliott
1988-1992	Mike Weber
1992-1997	Thomas Hollis
1997-2002	William "Bud" Budzinski
2002 through August 2003	Kris Meyer
2003—September 1 through September 27	Berry Barbour—Interim
2003 September 28	Carol Dean

*(Source of information for above—History of Plank Chapel by
Mrs. U.B. Alexander, Records of Mrs. Rachel Lassiter, Mrs. Hilma Smith and
Church Bulletins.)*

A HISTORY OF PLANK CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The history of Plank Chapel United Methodist Church came down to us largely by tradition. There were no official church records kept locally concerning the founding and early history of the church, but a research by several members in the late 1940's and early 1950's have disclosed a number of relatively reliable facts.

The people who were living in what is now known as the Bobbitt or Plank Chapel community following the Revolutionary War — 1776 — had heard of the Methodist movement which was being spread in America but had originated in England.

At a Baltimore Conference in 1776 the Carolina Circuit was formed.

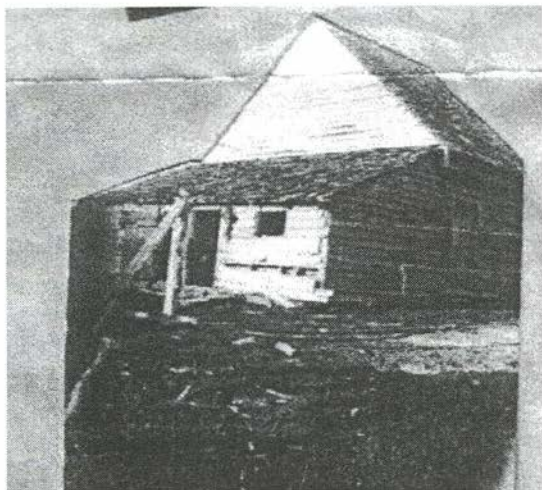
Among itinerants of early Methodism coming to North Carolina was one named John King. Some local young men became preachers. The first one about whom we have record was John Young, who was influenced to become a Methodist by Mr. King. Mr. Young was a native Virginian, reared near Hampton, but moved to North Carolina in 1775, and lived a while in Halifax County. Later he located in the Bobbitt area which was known as Hayesville and was a part of Franklin County. Bishop Asbury ordained Mr. John Young as a Deacon on December 12, 1792. This paper has been preserved by the Young family.

In the summer of 1780 Bishop Asbury visited this section. On July 10, 1780 he records: "Made my journey to Roger Jones', about sixty people. God was with us." Dating from this visit of Bishop Asbury to Roger Jones', the history of Plank Chapel can be traced.

Roger Jones owned and lived in the home place which was in later years the home of his descendants, Mrs. Pamela Elizabeth Earle Jones Allen, better known as "Aunt Melia" to Plank Chapel. She was the mother of Mr. J. Bayard Allen and Nettie Allen Deans. It was in a large room of this house, which stood on what is now known as the 400 block of Gilburg Road, that the Methodist Society was formed in the summer of 1780. The meetings were held here in Roger Jones' home until a Methodist Meeting House was built on a part of his plantation. (Sadly, the house was destroyed.) He (Roger Jones) was the original founder of Plank Chapel and though not a preacher himself was the means, under God, of Methodism being introduced into the community. His descendants are many and are members of Plank Chapel today.

The first building was made of hand-hewn logs and called "The Methodist Meeting House." The date of this building has not been established.

About 1800 this Meeting House was replaced by a building of hand sawed planks and timbers, and put together with wooden pegs and handmade nails. It was a novelty for a building to be built of anything other than logs, thus the new building was named Plank Chapel. This was built on the southern end of Mr. John W. Young's plantation. Mr. Young was minister for many years and affectionately called "Old Father Young" in his later years.



Planks from the first Plank Chapel Circa 1800

A deed found in Franklin County Register of Deeds dated December 9, 1809; states that Roger Jones conveyed to William Jones, William Arendell, Goodman Smith, Daniel Edwards, James Hunt and George King as Trustees. Containing the house now known by the name of Plank Chapel and supposed to contain one acre of land be the same, more or less, together with all the houses, woods, waterways and benefits. This document further states, "this is to be used as a house of worship for the members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, according to the rules and Discipline of the General Conference." The sum of 5 shillings was paid for this tract of land.

The second deed was written in 1836. Thomas Powell sold to John Young as chairman for the sum of \$2.00 for two acres of land located on the Westside of the then Plank Chapel land of one acre. This deed was not recorded until September 29, 1869 when it was presented to the probate courts and proved under oath by H.H. Hight. Jordan Denson and J.H. House who were witnesses were dead as was Thomas Powell and John Young.

The court accepted the presented names of the Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees were: A.T. Fuller, J.W. Young, R.P. Gary, J.T. Hunt, R.P. Overton, T.L.D. Smith and D.D. Overton. The deed was accepted by the court and ordered recorded. This deed is recorded in Franklin County.

In 1858 this church became inadequate and was replaced by another Chapel built of plank. It was built under contract with Mr. William L. Peace for the sum of \$635.00. Both of these were built on the present site of Plank Chapel United Methodist Church.

A Sunday school program, as we know it today, was formed at Plank Chapel in 1872 by Dr. William Clark. He also became the first superintendent of Plank Chapel. In the years 1875 to 1878 Reverend Richard Webb was pastor; he was called the "Missionary Preacher." Taking a special interest in children he gave them cotton seeds in the spring to plant, tend and harvest; then the children would give their profits to missions.

During the last decade of the eighteenth century a great revival of religion swept over America, and Camp Meetings came into being. Plank Chapel was a meeting ground.

The following description of those Camp Meetings is quoted from Miss Nettie Allen s' writings: "Marvelous are the tales our grandmothers have told of Camp Meeting days ... how the year's events dated to or from that great event; of how the crowds that would attend, whole families, young and old, saint and sinner, coming for the days and weeks of service, living in cabin or tent, of the wonderful sermons by the visiting preachers."

Several young men of the community were named in papers of Miss Nettie Allen as "Class Leaders" or preachers during the 1800's including the Civil War period. (Messrs. Thompson Fuller, Lorenzo Dow Smith, Moses J. Hunt, and Medicus Hight.) Mr. Hunt and Mr. Hight were sent from this church to be itinerant preachers.

In 1899-1900, under the pastorate of Reverend B. C. Allred, more space was needed. At this time another building was erected; this was the first building with a steeple and is the same structure which is the current sanctuary.

It was built by James A. Harris, who was responsible to some extent for design of the structure, father of Bessie Harris Rowland, and the great grandfather of Patricia Fuller and James Rowland.

The first event held in the new church, which was not yet quite finished, was the wedding of Celestia Jones Gill and Issac Jones Young, II on January 1, 1900. The church did not have a roof or a finished floor. This did not bother the bride or the groom.



Circa 1900

The third deed to the church was written April 20, 1904 and recorded in Vance County Register of Deeds on May 17, 1904. This deed established the boundaries for the church and added one and one-quarter acres to the two acres previously held by the church. The Trustees were: Joseph S. Hunt, Robert J. Gill, John W. Kittrell and Patrick A. Bobbitt. Those agreeing to the boundaries and adjacent owners were: D.H. Gill and wife Pattie J. Gill, P.A. Bobbitt and wife Geneva E. Bobbitt and H.M. Hight and wife S. Florence Hight. The church now had a total of four and one-quarter acres of land.

In 1910 the Women's Missionary Society was re-organized. The Sally Lou McKinnon group was organized for the young people and the Olive Allen Bright Jewel Band for the children. Although the men did not have a formal organization they were named honorary members of the Ladies Society and assisted in many functions.

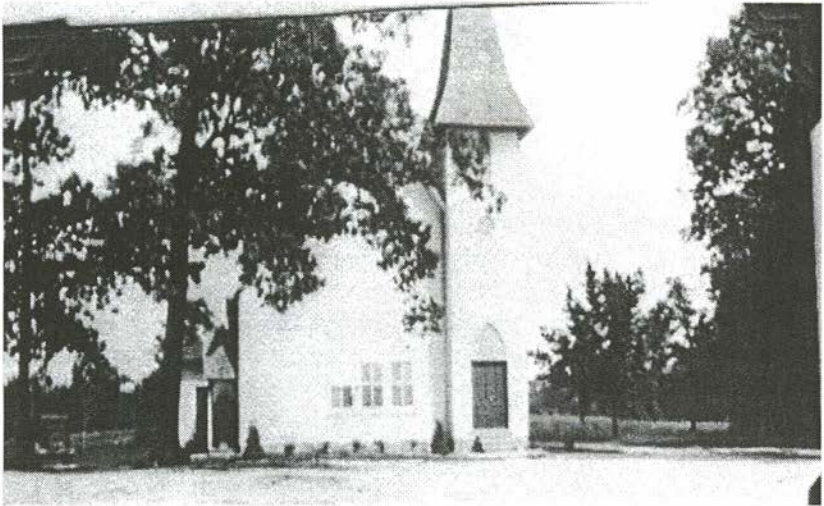
Through the years the name of the Women's Missionary Society has changed names. Now it is The United Methodist Women, but the purpose has always remained basically the same. The women of Plank Chapel have always been mission-minded, as records will show, in addition to all of the many things they have done for the church and community.

Probably the most meaningful and memorable event ever to take place at Plank Chapel was the Homecoming of 1924 when the pageant written by Mrs. Celestia Gill Young and Mrs. Clara Evelyn Gill Wilkins, both of whom were descendants of Roger Jones, was presented. The pageant told the history of the church including the scenes of Bishop Asbury's first visit to Roger Jones' home, the legendary Camp Meetings, and the beginning of Sunday School. About seventy-five members took part in this presentation which taught history and brought back treasured memories. It has been said that there were more people gathered on that Homecoming Day of Plank Chapel than ever before or since.

In addition to the pageant, seven rooms were added in 1924. These rooms were used for Sunday School rooms. Reverend J.C. Williams was pastor during this time. There have been several other changes and additions made to the church since the Sunday School rooms. The floors were refinished in 1938, and in 1943 new pews were added. Stained glass memorial windows were installed in 1944, and a new electric lighting system and a heating system in 1948. In 1955 the church bought a new electric Hammond organ. During the pastorate of Reverend N.P. Edens, 1947-1951, the choir was reorganized and for the first time choir robes were used.

Circa 1924





Circa 1930

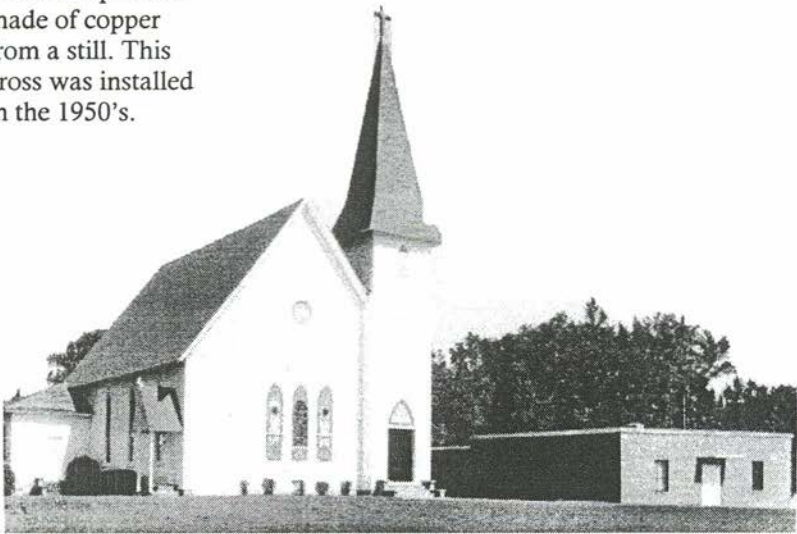
In 1957 the Methodist Men's Club was organized. Through the years they have sponsored many projects to supply needs of the church. In 1959 they sponsored a barbecue and with the profits new carpet was installed in the church. In later years this dinner/supper would serve as many as 1,700 plates. Profits from these suppers have been used for projects in the church and mission projects both near and far.

The altar was remodeled in 1959 by Mr. and Mrs. T.C. Gill. The wooden furniture on the pulpit was given by Mrs. T.C. Gill. In 1959 the original altar rail was refinished by Mr. Walton Smith and funds were given by Mr. and Mrs. Donald Mitchell. The marble baptismal font was given by Edward and Lula Thurmond.

During the pastorate of Reverend Robert Rudd on August 13, 1961 the parsonage ground-breaking ceremony was held. Mr. and Mrs. Ira W. Finch gave the land for the new parsonage. This was the first major building project staged by the church since the Old Tar River Circuit was divided. On November 13, 1961 the parsonage was completed and Reverend Robert Rudd and his family moved in. The parsonage is located on Kittrell Road.

The first well at Plank Chapel was dug, March 24, 1963. Prior to this time, the water was furnished by neighbors.

The cross on top of the steeple was made of copper from a still. This cross was installed in the 1950's.



Plank Chapel UMC New Educational Building and Fellowship Hall

In 1965 another big step was taken. The classrooms were no longer large enough to accommodate the members. The need for an Educational Building was realized by the congregation. Plans were formalized and the building was started in January of 1965 and completed in December of 1965. The new building would have a Fellowship Hall with a kitchen and six classrooms.

On July 7, 1968 the building was paid for and was dedicated. Reverend Gordon Allen was pastor at this time. Reverend Robert Rudd and Reverend N. P. Edens, past ministers, were present for this July 7th occasion.

In September 1968 new red Methodist Hymnals were bought and added joy to the worship in song.

The first central air conditioning system was installed in the church and Educational Building in 1969.

In 1973 aluminum siding was installed on the church and a breezeway joined the church to the Education Building. In 1974 the church was newly wired and new light fixtures were given for the Sanctuary. Also in 1974, an outdoor bulletin board was built and given as a memorial to Donald Mitchell.

In 1974 the interior of the church was painted, the choir loft was installed and the folding doors were removed to make added space in the sanctuary. Memorial pews and carpet were installed in the new area.

In 1975 chimes were installed above the organ. The chimes were given by Mr. and Mrs. Julian Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hunt and Mr. and Mrs. John Rogers. This addition has added much pleasure to the congregation and the community.

The outside chimes, Maas-Rowe Carillons, were given in memory of members of the Harris, Rowland and Finch family by family and friends.

Prior to 1975, Kittrell UMC and Plank Chapel UMC was a charge and shared a preacher. In 1975 Kittrell was disbanded and Plank Chapel, for the first time, had a full time preacher. Many of the members of Kittrell transferred their membership to Plank Chapel.

In 1980 we celebrated the 200th Anniversary of our church with many members, former members, visitors, and church dignitaries present.

In the late 1980's the handbells were given by Mr. and Mrs. John Rogers.

In 1988 a new heating system was installed in the pastor's study.

A Senior Citizens Circle was organized in 1989 by Reverend Mike Weber. This program has become very popular. Membership is open to any one over the age of 50. Several churches are represented in its attendance.

The sanctuary was painted in May of 1989.

During the summer of 1990 repairs to the threshold and a complete new coat of shingles was applied to the church complex. Of great interest to many of the men in the community, a crane was used to reach the steeple to remove the copper cross and shingles and replace them with no difficulty.

Also in 1997 pew Bibles were given in honor or memory of members and friends. This has assisted the attendees in following the scripture being read.

In June of 1994 the stained glass windows were given a protective coating to ensure the safety of the glass. It was reported the company that made the windows had gone out of business and it would be difficult to replace them.

September 6, 1996 Hurricane Fran visited the area and brought much rain. This caused flooding to the furnace room, as a result, repairs were made to the foundation in this area and a new furnace was installed. These repairs should insure that flooding does not happen again in this area.

In 1998 a new sound system was given in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Kittrell and Mr. and Mrs. Egbert Kittrell.

In 1999 a mission team from Plank Chapel went to Costa Rica. This mission team was from the Durham District which included Mr. and Mrs. Joe Sears and Mr. and Mrs. James Deans and was lead by Reverend William Budzinski.

On December 15, 2002 new blue choir robes were dedicated. These robes were given in memory of Mrs. Mamie G. Mitchell.

December 22, 2002 the first copy of the new Church Directory was presented to Mrs. Mary Allen Rowland Finch. She was honored as having the longest continued membership in Plank Chapel. Mrs. Finch joined the church in August of 1923. She recently retired from the choir.

During the winter and spring of 2003-2004, the Methodist Men had new carpet and tile installed in the Fellowship Hall, including the classrooms.

In 2003 a new sound system was installed in the Sanctuary in memory of Ruth R. Newman.

A ground breaking ceremony took place for the addition of a bedroom and bath, as well as, renovations to the parsonage February 29, 2004. The project was completed March 2005 at the cost of about \$50,000.00.

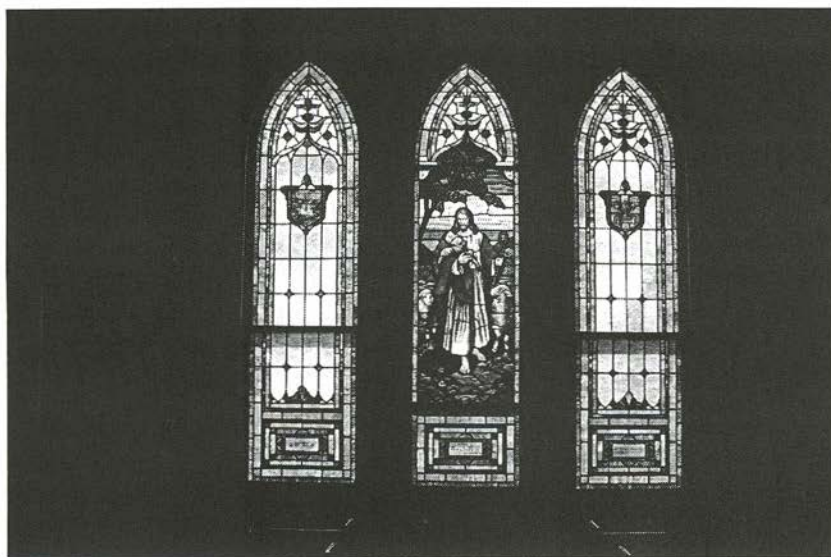
On May 16, 2004 a Memorial Garden was dedicated in memory of Mrs. Nell Williams, wife of Reverend Jimmy Williams, a former pastor given by her family and dedicated by the church. This garden is located between the Church and the Fellowship Hall.

During the fall and winter of 2004-2005, the Methodist Men have been aggressive in cleaning the old cemetery located on the east side of the church. This is very much appreciated by the church, as well as, the community.

In 2005 original doors at the front and side entrances of the church were restored. This restoration was a gift from the Donald Mitchell family.

Entering into the future with new innovations, the Summer of 2005 brings Plank Chapel to the Web. With the support of the NC Methodist Conference and help from Robin Bumpass the Website can be found at www.plankchapel.org. Plank Chapel is the first church to host a site under the NC Methodist Conference's new domain hosting ministry.

Stained Glass Windows located in the front of the church



**Windows given in memory of Father Young (1747-1837)
Pastor and Donor of Site
Presented by Great Grand-Children**

PLANK CHAPEL CEMETERY

The cemetery at Plank Chapel church is and has been a source of pride to the community and the membership of the church. Research has been extensive as to how and when land was acquired for burial grounds as well as who is buried in these hallowed grounds.

It is not known when the old cemetery on the east side of the present church building was established. It has been assumed this cemetery was established after the 1800 Meeting House was built. During these early years of the church it was custom for people to be buried in family cemeteries located on the farms and plantations. Many times tenant farmers did not have a place to be buried and would be buried in these family cemeteries or perhaps in the church cemeteries. Later it became custom to be buried in church cemeteries. It has been assumed that both land owners and tenants were buried in this early Plank Chapel Cemetery. Only one permanent marker has been found and reads—"Nancy I. Hunt died May 12, 1861". A rock wall surrounds this plot and it is located near a path. The names of people buried here have been lost with time. It is not known when the last person was buried in this old section.

Mrs. Rachel Lassiter, a descendent of Hartwell H. Hight; made the statement that when the father of Hartwell H. Hight was buried in this old cemetery, Mr. Hight made the statement "he did not want to be buried here because it was always wet and he wanted to be buried on his own land across the road from the church." Mr. Hight died in 1880 and was buried as he had requested. He was the first person buried in the new cemetery on the Westside of the church.

In 1904 the Hight Family sold about 2 acres of land to the church for a cemetery at the price of \$50.00. This included the burial ground of Mr. Hight as well as others. The deed stated that the plots of J.B.L. Edwards and D. L. Gill are exempt from this sale because they had been sold to the individuals named. The D.L. Gill plot is recorded in Vance County Register of Deeds office in 1898. The deed to the J.L.B. Edwards plot has not been found recorded in either Vance or Franklin Counties.

Another deed has been found that has not been recorded. The deed was written December 31, 1915 and given by Sarah Florence Hight to Fidelia F. Edwards, Hannah M. Ellington, Jos. D. Overton, D.D. Overton, J.B.W. Overton and W. (Washington) Wilson. Another deed dated April 23, 1952 by Ira W. Finch and wife Mary H. Finch sold to Annie Eula Newton a plot joining the cemetery. Today this section is called "the old cemetery" on the Westside of the church.

In 1954, additional space was needed for burials and a second portion of land adjoining this original section was sold to the church for "valuable consideration and \$10.00." Ira W. Finch and wife Mary H. Finch deeded this parcel of land. At this time the church made a rule that only members of the church would be allowed to have burial plots.

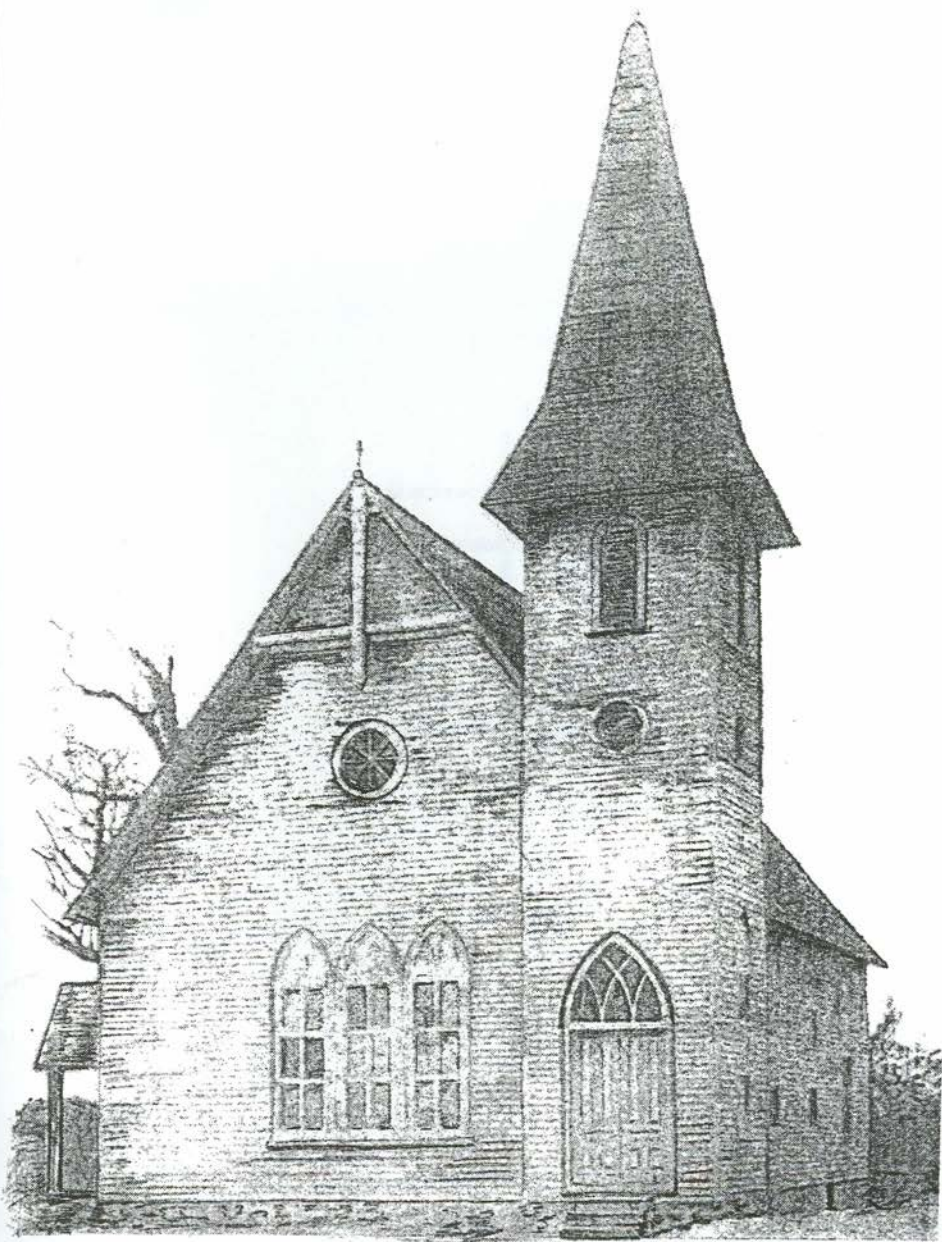
During the 1980's an inventory was made by Ries Finch, Marvin Brown and Forrest Smith to determine the available spaces for burial and efforts were made to identify the people buried in unmarked graves. Some results were obtained but many graves remain unidentified. Through the generosity of a member of the church, small markers with the inscription of "UNKNOWN" was placed at 37 graves.

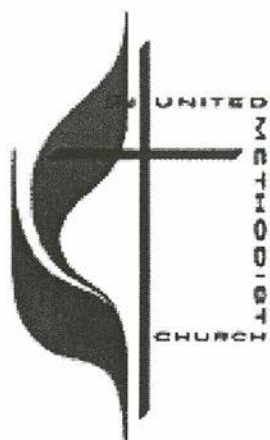
During the early 1990's, under the direction of Forrest Smith, with the help of Hilma Smith a map and inventory was taken and recorded as to the people having a plot here, as well as, those buried or having markers in assigned plots. This information has become invaluable for genealogical purposes. A copy of the names of people buried here and dates have been placed on the internet.

It became necessary for the Board of Trustees to establish criteria for cemetery use. The Board of Trustees approved these guidelines and these are on file with the Administrator Council.

Due to health reasons, Forrest Smith gave up the administratorship of the cemetery and Mr. Gerald Woodlief was appointed.

Through the years many repairs have taken place and there will continue to be needs in maintaining this cemetery. It is the hope of many that this cemetery will continue to be a source of pride to the church and the community.





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