



QUEENS CREEK
THE BIRTH OF
METHODISM IN
ONSLOW COUNTY
1780 - 2005



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May God grant that this book and church never perish and when it is filled, the book may be kept and duplicated by another like it and such things written therein that will be for inspiring christians to live close to the Lord and savior Jesus Christ.

Rev William H. Winstead
Preacher in charge 1929

First Homecoming

Record of

Registration

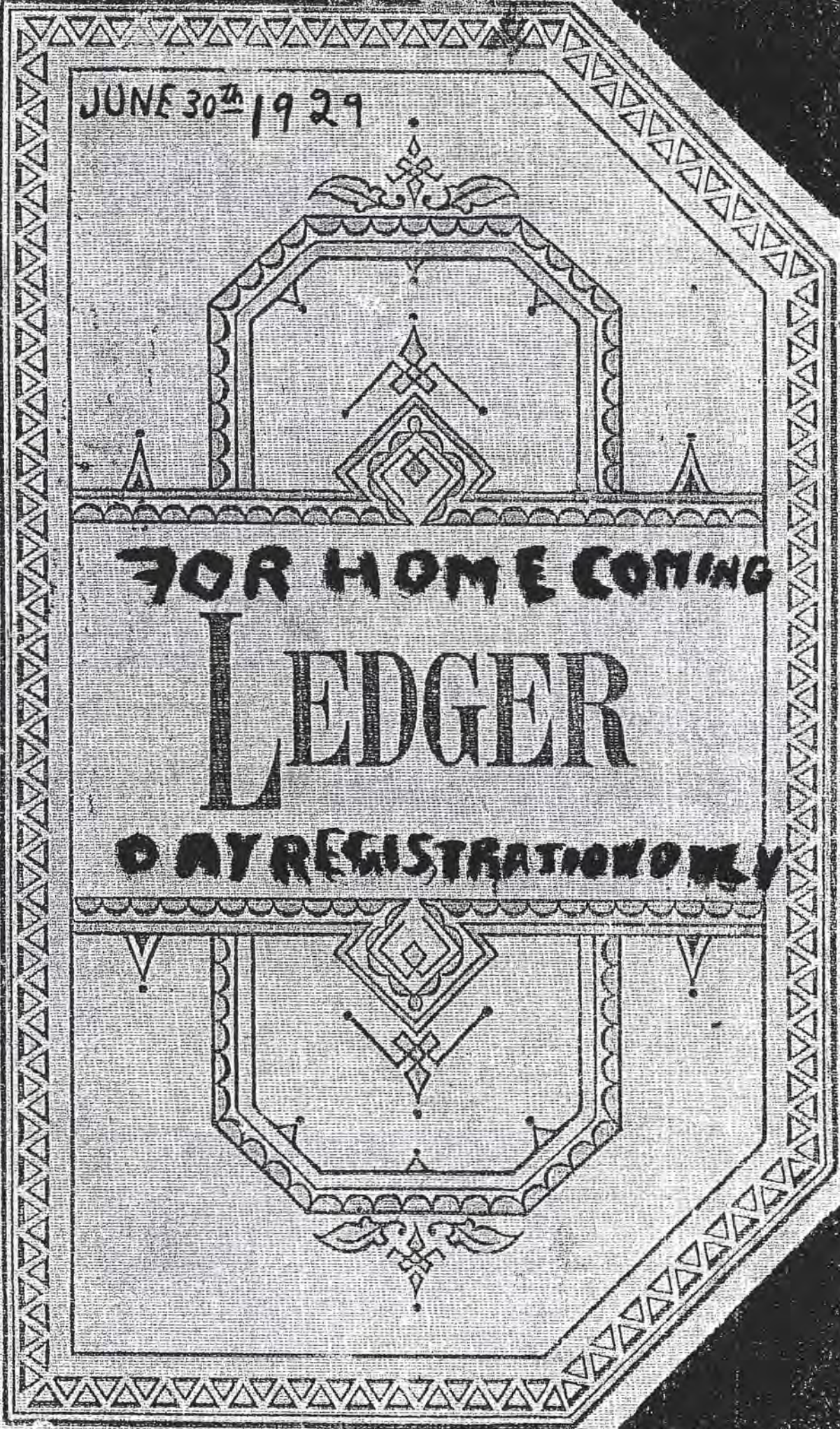
June 30, 1929

JUNE 30th 1929

FOR HOME COMING

LEDGER

DAY REGISTRATION ONLY



Prayer of Dedication

June 30, 1929

A Pastors Note

It is hoped by the present pastor of Queens Creek church that this may be only the beginning of many wonderful home coming days of this church, and that when we are dead, that this book may be read by the future generations with pride that it was their lot to belong or register upon the pages of this book. Will the ones in whose keeping this book is placed guard it as a precious book that will in the future speak for this church and Methodism in Onslow county.

Yours for Christ

Rev William N. J. Winstead
P.C.

P.S. Let each preacher who serves this church write what ever his heart may dictate within the index part of this book.

This book will be left in the hands of
 Bro Glen Morton and Bro Raymond Frazier
 for safe keeping. 1

Nov 30th 1929

name church town or city

Please register your name and the church to which you belong to for the future generations to look at and be proud of. Register like this.

- 1 Rev William H. Winstead Swansboro N.C.
- 2 Mrs W^m H. Winstead. Creswell church, Creswell N.C.
- 3 Mrs Lennie Taylor Beulahen Rouge N.C.
- 4 m " " " " "
- 5 Mrs Gath Starling, Enon Chapel - Hubert N.C.
- 6 H. F. Laseue Queen Street Winston N.C.
- 7 Frances Cox M. E. Jacksonville
- 8 O. E. Morton West (Wilmington)
- 9 Mrs O. E. Morton " "
- 10 Miss Lou F. Sumner M. E.
- 11 Mrs Tom Riggs Queens Creek Hubert
- 12 m Tom Riggs " " "
- 13 Geneva Riggs " " "
- 14 Berlah Russell " "
- 15 Linnie Hewitt " "
- 16 Mrs. Ed. Morton Marshall Methodist Jacksonville
- 17 J. F. Kellum Wake Grove Hubert
- 18 Thoma Kellum " " "
- 19 Mel Kellum " " "
- 20 Oray Kellum " " "
- 21 Gerdy Kellum " " "
- 22 Lucile Kellum " " "
- 23 Estelle Everett Jacksonville N.C.
- 24 Harry Winking Wake Grove
- 25 Mrs Ken Hurst
- 26 Marine Hurst
- 27 Annie Hurst
- 28 Dannie K. Frazier Methodist Hubert
- 29 Daniel W. Frazier Pine Grove "
- 30 Miss Ella Rogers Methodist "
- 31 Mrs. Leona Burns P. C. Baptist "

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	name	church	town	
32	Mr. John Burns	D.C. Baptist	Hubert	N.C.
33	Mrs. Emma Bender	Methodist	"	"
34	Mr. Ralph Bender	Baptist	"	"
35	Mary E. Bender	M.E.	"	"
36	Ralph Bender Jr.	M.E.	"	"
37	John A. "	"	"	"
38	Julian "	"	"	"
39	Mr. C. D. Moxton	McQueen St.	Winston	NC
40	Miss Lillian Bender	Baptist	Hubert	"
41	Mrs. Sophia Reggs	M.E.	"	"
42	Mr. Dry Sullivan	"	"	"
43	Mrs. Dry	"	"	"
44	Williat	"	"	"
45	Saisy	"	"	"
46	Robert	"	"	"
47	Mrs. Melissa Winberry	"	"	"
48	Mr. Glen Freeman	"	"	"
49	Lucy Ward	"	W. Am. injan	"
50	Mrs. Laura Ward	Knightsboro	"	"
51	Mr. Ben. Ward	"	"	"
52	Mrs. C. M. Ward	Cerro Gordo	Cerro Gordo	"
53	Edward Ward	"	"	"
54	C. M. Ward Jr.	Cerro Gordo	2 C	"
55	W. J. Smith	Dunsmuir	Hubert	"
56	M. H. Russell	Am. M.E.	Blowing Rock	"
57	Mrs. Sillie Rogers	M.E.	Franklinville	"
58	Miss Elizabeth Rogers	Presbyterian	"	"
59	Mr. Emory Rogers	Swainsville	McChesnut Swainsville	"
60	Emory Rogers	"	"	"
61	Olga Rogers	"	"	"
62	W. N. Carady	Piney Hill	"	"
63	Mrs. W. D. Smith	Trans. Methodist	High Point	"
64	Hugh D. Smith	"	"	"
65	Juanita Smith	"	"	"
66	William Smith	"	"	"

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	Name	Church	Town
67	Angus Smith	Grand Ave st.	Fort Myers, Fla.
68	W. S. Winberry	Queens Creek	" "
69	William M. Winberry	Oak Grove	N. C.
70	Martha Winberry		
71	Nash D. Winberry	Queens Creek	N. C.
72	Laura Winberry	Emom	" "
73	Mrs. Annie Winberry	Queens Creek	N. C.
74	Katie Mae Stanley	Danny Leone	Swansboro
75	Ethlyn W. Sanders	Oak Grove	Bear Creek
76	Elizabeth Sanders	Oak Grove	Bear Creek
77	Mary Kellum	Oak Grove	Bear Creek
78	Mr. D. W. Russell	Oak Grove	Bear Creek
79	Mrs. Hester Guthrie	Bear Creek	Baptist
80	Mrs. K. F. Farrow	St. Mary's	Episcopal
81	Mrs. Nellie Douglas	" "	" "
82	W. H. Hurst	Queen Creek	
83	Sarah Mada Henderson	Queen Creek	
84	Nute Meadows	Queen Creek	
85	John Moore	Swansboro	
86	Louis Davis	Swansboro	
87	John Miller	Swansboro	
88	Ellen May Smith	near Bear	
89	Juaneth Smith	Fort Myers	
90	Wilber Smith	Fort Myers	
91	Nathaniel Hancock	Miami	
92	Thompson Harris	Newburn	N. C.
93	W. M. Fitchell	Wilmington	N. C.
94	Marie Smith	News/Bear	N. C.
95	Catharine Henderson	Clarks	N. C.
96	Claude Kellum	Piney Green	N. C.
97	Rena Kellum	" "	N. C.
98	Matabel Privett	m. c.	Swansboro, N. C.
99	Mrs. S. N. San Lane	m. c.	Jacksonville N. C.
100	J. N. Saunders	" "	" "
101	Mrs. J. A. [unclear]	" "	" "

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	name	church	Town
102	J. D. Gargamer		Jacksonville, N.C.
103	Daniel Sanduc	M.E.	" "
✓ 104	Mrs. Alpha Pittman		Hubert "
105	M. Annie Poynt	M.E.	New Bern "
106	S. J. Farnell		
107	Mrs. S. J. Farnell	M.E.	Jacksonville,
108	Elsie	M.E.	"
109	Dorothy		"
110	Edward		"
111	Grace		"
✓ 112	Albert W. Venters	M.E.	Pickland
113	Mrs. Albert W. Venters		Jacksonville
114	Mary Lee Venters		" "
115	W. H. Loggaway		Hubert
116	W. D. Sanders		Oak Grove
117	J. N. Hudson	Baptist	Wallace N.C.
118	Wm. B.	Pres	"
119	Wm. B.	Pres	"
120	David W.		"
121	Johnette Smith		New Bern
122	R. W. Freshwater		Hubert N.C.
123	F. C. Parker	M.E.	" "
124	W. A. "	"	" "
✓ 125	Odell "	"	"
126	Mrs. ^{Wanda} Tolson	"	Hubert ^{Ligon} Ligon
✓ 127	Steta Henderson	Bapt.	Hubert
✓ 128	Jackson Parker	Presbyterian	"
129	Maggie "	"	" "
130	Elsie "	"	"
131	Mrs. Lucie Riggs	M.E.	Hubert N.C.
132	Marvin Riggs	Oak Grove M.E.	" "
133	Albena McCausby	"	" "
134	D. A. Futrell	Wilmington, N.C.	
135	Mrs. D. A. Futrell	"	"
136	Mary Blanche Futrell	"	"

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	name	church	town
137	Mrs. Colin Lacle (Prov)		Carleton Place N.C.
138	Mrs. J. K. Gray	M.E.	Hookerton N.C.
139	Kathryn Littleton	Baptist	Swainsboro N.C.
140	Jessie Canada	"	"
141	Lena Stanley	"	"
✓ 142	Effie Yates	"	"
143	Kathleen Stanley	M.E.	Hubert N.C.
✓ 143	Mrs. N. L. Hancock		Bogue N.C.
144	Hattie Gillette	M.E.	Duck Creek N.C.
145	Newton Gillette		Duck Creek N.C.
146	Dorothy	"	"
147	Mrs. R. E. Gray	M.E.	Hubert, N.C.
✓ 148	R. L. Gray	M.E.	"
✓ 149	Mrs. Thomas	M.E.	"
150	Don Thomas	M.E.	"
150	Mrs. Thomas	M.E.	"
151	Wyatt Kellum		Oak Grove
152	Ivey Kellum	"	"
153	Bob Reid	"	"
154	Roseae Jones	M.E.	Swainsboro
155	Miss Sallie Hartsell	M.E.	Swainsboro
156	Mr. Kate Murrell		Oak Grove
✓ 157	Miss Kathleen Ventere	M.E.	Richlands
158	E. H. Patten	M.E.	Beaufort, N.S.
159	Mrs. E. H. Patten	M.E.	Beaufort, N.S.
160	Mrs. E. W. Probst	M.E.	Jacksonville N.C.
161	Mrs. Charlie Davis	M.E.	Hubert, N.S.
162	Mrs. C. T. Russell		Wet Serr. N.C.
163	A. B. Jones		Wet Serr. N.C.
164	Mrs. E. W. Probst		Jacksonville N.C.
165	Mrs. E. D. Barbour	Baptist	Jacksonville N.C.
166	Osley Russell		Beaufort, N.S.
167	Thomas Russell		Beaufort
168	Edward Patten		Beaufort
169	Sam Patten		Beaufort

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	name	church	town
170	Mr. Carlton Henderson	M. E.	Jacksonville
171	Wilda Hurst	M. E.	Jacksonville
172	Olyde Hurst	M. E.	Jacksonville
173	Margaret Hurst	M. E.	Jacksonville
174	Catherine Henderson	M. E.	Jacksonville
175	Mrs. G. A. DuRant	M. E.	Wilmington
176	Mr. G. A. DuRant	M. E.	Wilmington
177	Mrs. John Fowler	M. E.	Wilmington
178	Mrs. Clem Freeman	Queens Creek	Hubert
179	Jack Freeman	"	"
180	Helen Freeman	"	"
181	Mrs. Jennie Taylor	Seaboard	Boque N.C.
182	Mrs. Jennie Taylor	"	"
183	Mrs. Gertrude Taylor	"	"
184	R. C. Morton	Queens Creek	
185	Mrs. Lillian Russell Ray	McAdenville	N.C.
186	Mrs. May Franck Kincaid		
187	H. C. Conway		Hubert N.C.
188	Sybil Franck		Taylorsville N.C.
189	Mrs. Jennie Franck		Tobatch N. C.
190	Sallie Franck		Washington D. C.
191	Leah Franck		Jacksonville N.C.
192	Rev. R. R. Grant	M. E.	Seaboard N. C.
193	Mary Privett	Swainsboro	M. E. Swainsboro N.C.
194	Mrs. Carl Tolson	"	"
195	Mr. Carl Tolson	"	"
196	Helen Tolson	"	"
197	Barker Tolson	"	"
198	Mrs. W. E. Davis	"	"
199	Jobey Davis	"	"
200	Sheil Jones	Boquet	Swainsboro N. C.
201	Ruby Jones	"	"
202	Mae Mauer	"	"
203	Ethel Bell Henderson	Queens Creek	Hubert N. C.
204	Elizabeth Tolson	M. E.	Swainsboro N. C.

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Church & Town

203	Virginia Riggs		Hubert, N.C.
204	Mary Rogers		" " "
207	Wily Winbury	Oak Grove	" " "
208	Guy Everett		Jacksonville N.C.
209	Mollie Riggs	N.E.	Waynesville N.C.
210	Loney Matthews		Hubert N.C.
211	Rene Matthews	N.E.	Hubert N.C.
212	Mattie Jane Matthews	N.E. Oak Grove	" "
213	Leroy Matthews		" " "
214	Saisy Matthews		" " "
215	Mr. Bert Tolson	N.E.	Swainsboro N.C.
216	Mrs. Medard Tolson		" " "
217	R. W. Henderson	Queen's Creek	Hubert N.C.
218	Mrs. R. W. Henderson		" " "
63 219	Sara Mada Henderson		" " "
220	E. N. Henderson		" " "
221	Mrs. Jessie Mellon	Queen's Creek	" " "
222	Mr. Jessie Mellon	" "	" " "
223	Thelma Mellon		" " "
224	Woodrow Mellon		" " "
225	Joy Lee Mellon		" " "
226	Edwada Mellon		" " "
227	James Riggs		" " "
228	Lie Rogers		Hubert N.C.
94 229	J. M. Tutrell	N.E.	Wilmington
230	Mary Frazier	Queen's Creek	Hubert
231	J. W. Smith	Baptist	Jack
232	D. E. Frazier	Queen's Creek	Oak Grove
233	Clyde Norton	" "	Tabernacle
234	Willie Russell Jr.	Oak G	" "
235	Mrs. Louise Russell	Hubert	Enon Chapel
236	Virginia Russell	" "	" "
237	Charles Russell	" "	" "
238	Nell Russell	" "	" "
239	Mrs. Wayne Conroy	" "	" "

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	Name	Church	Home	
240	Lena M. Davis	Baptist	Knolls	N.C.
241	William Riggs	Queen's Creek	Hubert	N.C.
242	George Smith	Oak Grove	"	"
243	Issie Morris	M.E.	Stella	"
244	Jason Morris	"	"	"
245	Marion Morton	Queen's Creek	Hubert	N.C.
246	Bertha Hall	Baptist	"	"
247	Dan Russell Jr.	M.E.	Richlands	N.C.
248	Mrs. Ed. C. Patten	M.E.	Beaufort	N.C.
249	Percy Winbery	Queen's Creek	Hubert	N.C.
250	Kit Winbery	"	"	"
251	Mallocks Sanders	Oak Grove	"	"
252	Mrs. W. D. Sanders	"	"	"
253	Mrs. S. A. Starling	Baptist	"	"
254	Mrs. Bessie Green	Queen's Creek	"	"
255	Miss Kate Phillips	Baptist	"	"
256	Mrs. A. S. Starling	"	"	"
257	Mrs. W. D. Russell Jr.	M.E.	Richlands	N.C.
258	Margaret Russell	"	"	"
260	C. M. Morton	Queen's Creek	Hubert	N.C.
261	Mrs. Kate Henderson	"	"	"
262	Mr. Richard Riggs	"	"	"
263	Mrs. Richard Riggs	"	"	"
264	Sam Starling Jr.	Baptist	"	"
265	John Newton Starling	"	"	"
266	Miss Emma Morton	Queen's Creek	"	"

Record of
Homecoming
Histories

The second Home Coming Day at Queens Creek church was celebrated June 29, 1930. About 200 were present.

At 11 o'clock the church was filled to the utmost for the morning service. The opening song was "My Faith Looks up to Thee" with Miss Ruth Starling as organist, after which we were led in prayer by our pastor, Rev. J. B. Haugh. After "Faith of Our Fathers" Mr. N. N. Russell, chairman of the committee, introduced our former pastor, Rev. L. P. Gaines, who preached a very inspiring sermon from the 21st chapter of Revelations, the subject being "In in My Father's House." The Old hymn "Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" was sung and the benediction pronounced by Rev. Gaines.

A delicious picnic dinner was served and enjoyed.

After an hour of fellowship with friends the afternoon session was begun by the hymn "In the Cross," followed by a prayer by Rev. Gaines. Rev. Haugh made the announcements followed by talks by Mr. A. E. Ward, J. A. Starling, Thompson Russell, and N. N. Russell, Jr. The minutes of the last meeting were read and officers elected, Mr. N. N. Russell being chairman and Pauline Sanders secretary. The meeting was closed by a song, "God Be with You till We Meet Again."

Mr. N. N. Russell, chairman
Mrs. Pauline Sanders, secy.

Several hundred people gathered at the old historic Paines Creek Church, Hubert, N. C. June 28, 1931 to celebrate the annual homecoming day.

At 11 o'clock the morning service was begun. The old hymns, "Oh For a Thousand Tongues to Sing," "Faith of Our Fathers," and "My Faith Looks up to Thee" were sung.

Rev. J. B. Hough, pastor of the charge, read as the scripture lesson the 2nd chapter of the Acts of the Apostles and preached a very interesting and inspiring sermon on "The Way to Spiritual Life." The Lords Supper was administered after the sermon.

Following the service a delicious picnic dinner was served under the large trees near the church.

The afternoon service was begun by a prayer offered by Mr. C. C. Washem. The address was delivered by Mr. C. A. Wheatley on "What the Church Means to Us." Short talks were made by R. E. Ward, Wernal Canady, and Thompson Russell.

Perfect weather, a spirit of reverence for the past, and good fellowship marked this notable event.

M. H. Russell, Chairman
Pauline Sanders, Secy.

On June 26, 1932 people came from North Carolina and neighboring states to Hubert to celebrate the annual homecoming day of Queens Creek Methodist Church.

At 11 o'clock the crowd was called from the getting of old friends to the morning session. The service began with the old hymn "Oh, For A Thousand Tongues to Sing." Captain Eugene Yeomans of Harker's Island told of his old associations with the church and his joy in being back. After singing "Faith of Our Fathers," the pastor of the charge, Rev. C. B. Bell, introduced his brother, A. P. Bell of Ridesville who delivered the sermon on "Home." The session was closed with "What a Friend the Name in Jesus" and the benediction.

A delightful dinner was served in the grove on the east side of the church.

The afternoon session began with "At the Cross." Our Chairman, Mr. N. H. Russell gave a short talk after which Mr. R. E. Ward of Florence, S. C. told how glad he was to be here.

The day ended with the declaration from everyone that it was the best homecoming day ever and the hope that all would be back next year.

N. H. Russell, Chairman
Pauline Henderson, Secy.

On June 25, 1933 hundreds of people gathered at the beloved Queens Creek Methodist Church, Hubert, North Carolina, for the fifth Home Coming day.

The 11 o'clock service opened with the hymn "Faith of Our Fathers". A male quartet of Belgrade rendered several beautiful selections. The pastor of the charge, Mr. S. S. Ellington, preached an inspirational and appropriate sermon. "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" was the last hymn and the benediction was pronounced.

On the east side of the church a delicious picnic dinner was served.

"My Faith Looks up to Thee" was the opening hymn for the afternoon session. Mr. N. H. Russell, Chairman of the committee, introduced Mayan Wooten of Kinston who gave a short talk followed by a very interesting history of the church by Atticus Katsell. The men who sang in the morning service, now aided by their wives, gave more enjoyable selections. The minutes of last year were read. The hymn "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" was used as the benediction.

N. H. Russell, chairman
Pauline Sanders, Secy.

On June 24, 1934 the sixth homecoming day of Queens Creek Methodist Church was celebrated by hundreds of people from North Carolina and adjoining states.

The 11 o'clock service began with the singing of a number of old hymns - Sweeter As the Years Go By, Come Thou Fount, and Amazing Grace. After a prayer by our pastor, Mr. N. H. Finch, and the Apostles Creed, the scripture lesson, the 4th Chapter of II Corinthians, was read and the offering taken. The Swansboro choir rendered beautifully the chorus "Jesus Lover of my Soul." Rev. Bueson, a former pastor, delivered the sermon.

A delightful picnic dinner was enjoyed in the grove near the church.

The afternoon session was a memorial service for those who have passed away since the first homecoming. They were Mr. R. E. Ward, Mrs. Carrie Russell Durant, Mr. A. J. Hurst, Mr. John Hurst, Mr. Ken Hurst, Miss Anne Delaney Hurst, Miss Lillian Bender, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Riggs, Mrs. Hester Riggs, Mr. Edwin Rogers, Mr. George Freshwater, Mrs. Eliza Kellum, Capt. Eugene Yermans. The service was opened with "How Firm a

Foundation." The roll of those who have left us was called and a member of each family presented flowers at the altar. Adam Hurst read the scriptures and Arthur Hattell led the prayer. Mrs. Lillian Ray made the address of the afternoon. A few words were said by Mr. Hobbs, W. W. Canady, W. H. Russell and Mr. Powers. The service adjourned with the benediction.

W. H. Russell, Chairman
Pauline Sanders, Secretary

Home Coming was at Queens
Creek Sunday, June 23, 1935. Rev.
C. W. Barber, the pastor, was in charge
and led the devotional service which
opened with the singing of the hymn
"Holy, Holy, Holy." The opening prayer
was by Mr. Ed Smith of Macon,
N. C. The scripture lesson was from
the second chapter of Philippians. Rev.
J. C. Whedbee of Rutland brought a most
appropriate & helpful sermon on
"The Three Fold Cord." Bro. Whedbee
served the Swansboro Charge some
twenty-two years ago, & it was a
great joy to have him with us again.
After the benediction, splendid fellow-
ship was experienced as friends
mingled together, a good dinner was
served in the grove of the church
yard & was enjoyed.

The after-noon session commenced
about 2:15 o'clock. The devotional
service was led by the pastor. Mrs.
Willie Russell, Supt of Oak Grove
Sunday school, led the prayer. Mr.
W. H. Russell of Beaufort, chairman of
the committee, took charge of the
meeting. In the absence of the secretary,
Mrs. Pauline Sanders, the pastor was request-
ed to act as sec. Officers were elected, &
the old officers were re-elected in their
respective posts. W. H. Russell was
made chairman & Mrs. Pauline Sanders
was made sec.

W. H. Russell made a brief review of the
past history of Queens Creek Church, & after

which he spoke also on the present prohibition issue. He pointed out the importance of supporting our prohibition law & advocated our working against the legalization of strong drink.

Opportunity was then given any one wishing to make remarks, at the suggestion of C. M. Morton, Mr. J. D. Cannady spoke for a few minutes. He stressed the importance of using our present opportunities. Mr. Willie Russell then spoke for a few minutes. He suggested that it would be well to make some improvements upon Swains Creek Church out of our appreciation for those who have gone before us, & for what the church has done in the past. He suggested covering the church. Mr. C. M. Morton then expressed appreciation for this thoughtful suggestion, & pointed out that it was the hope of the congregation to be able to cover the church perhaps by the fall of the year, & that any assistance would be appreciated. The pastor appointed to act as a committee for this cause: C. M. Morton, Fred Parker, & Mrs. Emma Bender, led by N. H. Russell who made the first donation, a number of others responded, & the fund for covering the church got off to a good start. The meeting was turned back to the pastor who spoke briefly in the interest of prohibition. The closing hymn was "Blest Be the Tie" after which the pastor pronounced the benediction. Furline Swainson Sec.

Home Coming Day was observed at
Queens Creek Church on June 28, 1934.

The morning service began with the
singing of two favorite hymns, "Holy,
Holy, Holy!" followed by "Glees to the
Years Go By." The congregation joined
responsively with the pastor, C. H. Barber
in the reading of a Psalm after which
Mr. Barber led a prayer. A very cordial
welcome was extended by the pastor to
all the friends & a card of greeting was
read from Mrs. Kate F. Millgett of Virginia.
After the singing of "Amazing Grace,"
Rev. T. B. Houghton, a former pastor &
now located at Garner, preached
the morning sermon. The text
being Matt. 6: 19. Closing with a prayer.

The congregation joined in singing,
"I Am Thine, O Lord" & Mr. E. B. Smith of
Marion, N. C., closed the morning service
with a prayer.

During the lunch hour, friends mingled
together & a splendid fellowship
was experienced. A good dinner was
served in the grove of the church yard.

The afternoon session commenced
about 2:30 o'clock with the singing
of "Come Thou Almighty King." Rev. M.
D. Metz, pastor of the Baptist Church
had charge of the devotional. After
the hymn, "What a Friend" Mr. W. C. Midgett
Day Leader of the Wilmington District, made
an address. The hymn, "More Love to Thee"
was sung & Mr. H. H. Russell of Beaufort
& chairman of the committee took

charge of the meeting. The minutes of the
Homecoming of 1935 were read by Pauline
Sanders, Sec. The old officers were
relected to their respective places.
After singing, "Faith of Our Fathers"
Mrs. Lillian Day led in a beautiful
memorial service for the ones who
have passed away since the preceding
meeting. The closing hymn was "Bless
Be the Tie That Binds" after which
The pastor pronounced the benediction.
H. H. Russell, Chairman
Pauline Sanders, Sec.

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Myra & Eugene
Baker Norton came to live in
1937 Herbert on the day after being married
June 24, 1937

On June 27, 1937 friends of Swans Creek Church gathered there to celebrate Home Coming Day.

The morning services at 11 o'clock opened with the hymn "Amazing Grace," followed by prayer led by E. D. Smith of Marions. For the scripture lesson the 23rd Psalm and the 8 chap. of Romans was read by the pastor, Rev. E. D. Long. "How Firm a Foundation" & "Faith of Our Fathers" were sung by the congregation. The offering was taken for the maintenance of Swans Creek Church.

Holistic J. M. Powers of Marions was introduced by the pastor & gave the morning address. The chorus for his topic, the inspirational subject, "A Summary of What the Christian Life Should Be." The address was followed by the memorial service in charge of Mrs. Lillian Russell Ray.

The Swans Creek Choir composed of C. D. Tolson, J. C. Rogers, Florence Davis, Mary Ward & Mrs. J. Peters rendered a special selection, "Lead Me Gentily Home Father."

The lunch hour was a period of good fellowship, enjoyed in the grove near the church where a beautiful dinner was served.

The devotional for the afternoon service was led by the pastor. Six Day Leader, W. G. Mcgirt made the afternoon address on "Fellowship,"

conducted by W. H. Russell. Closed with the hymn "Blest Be the Tie that Binds."

W. H. Russell Chairman
Pauline Sanders Sec.

Home Coming Day at Queen's
Creek Church was observed June
26 1938. Many people gathered
to celebrate the occasion.

The morning service at
11 o'clock opened by the congrega-
tion singing "All Hail the
Power of Jesus' Name." Mr.
Ed Smith led in prayer
followed by a clarinet solo,
"The Old Rugged Cross" by
Eugene Russell. For the scripture
lesson Rev. C. B. Long read the
1st Psalm. "New Firm
Foundation" was sung by the
congregation. An offering of
4.00 was taken for the
maintenance of Queen's Creek
Church. Clayton White of Mayodan,
accompanied by Mr. Duncan
of Mayodan sang "I Heard The
Voice of Jesus Say." A portion
of the Swansboro M. E. Church
Choir, composed of J. E. Rogers,
Mathe Pruett, Florence Davis,
and Mrs. J. F. Foster, accompanied
by Mrs. Foster, sang

Following the lunch hour during
which a bountiful dinner was
served, friends visited together

The devotional for the
afternoon service was led by
Rev. C. B. Long, pastor of the

church. The service opened with the congregation singing "Faith of Our Fathers." Mr. Uernal Canady of the Piney Grove Baptist Church led the prayer. The meeting was then turned over to N. W. Russell, Chairman of the Home Coming Committee. Among those who spoke was Mrs. Ranny Hobbs of Setton. Mr. Clyde D. Norton of Kinston also made a short talk. "Rock of Ages" was sung by Mrs. Ranny Hobbs and daughter. In the absence of Mrs. Pauline Sanders, Secretary of the Home Coming Committee, Mrs. C. M. Ward, Jr. read the minutes of the last Home Coming Day. N. W. Russell was re-elected chairman of the committee composed of Mrs. Emma Bender, Mrs. Lillian Ray, and Mrs. Pauline Sanders, the latter serving as secretary.

The annual Home Coming Day at Lenoir Creek Church was observed June 25, 1939

The morning service at eleven o'clock was opened by the congregation singing "My faith looks up to Thee." This was followed by the scriptural reading by Rev. C. S. Long and prayer lead by Mr. E. Smith. "Come, Thou Almighty King" was sung by the gathering. An offering of \$7.00 was taken for the maintenance of Lenoir Creek Church.

The morning address was delivered by Rev. Patterson of the Presbyterian Church in Lenoir, N. C.

Immediately following the sermon Mrs. C. M. Hard, Jr. conducted a Memorial Service as a tribute to the members and friends of Lenoir Creek Church who had died since the last Home Coming Day.

A delightful picnic dinner was enjoyed in the grove near the church.

The devotional for the afternoon service was conducted by Mr. H. H. Howell, Chairman of the Home Coming Committee. By the advice of the Secretary, Mrs. Pauline Sanders, Mrs. Lillian Kay read the minutes of the last meeting.

Major George J. White, of Wilmington spoke to the assembly on the value of Home Coming. All of the Officers were dedicated.

The service was closed by the singing of "Just As The Sun That Sheds".

Home Coming Day at Queens
Creek Church was observed June
23, 1940.

The eleven o'clock service
was opened by the congregation
singing "All Hail the Power of
Jesus Name", followed by a
short address of welcome by
Mr. Ed Smith of Merines. The
gathering, which completely filled
the church sang "Guide Me
Thou O Great Jehovah" and
"Amazing Grace". Rev. C. B. Long,
pastor of the church read the
scripture lesson and introduced
Rev. J. B. Bradley of the Princeton
charge who introduced the
morning speaker.

Following the address
a communion service was held.

Immediately after the
morning service a picnic
dinner was enjoyed in the
grove near the church.

Mr. W. H. Russell of Beaufort,
Chairman of the Home Coming
Committee presided over the
afternoon service which was
opened by the singing of "Love
Divine". Mr. Ed Smith led in
prayer. Brief talks were made
by Mr. Thompson Russell of
Goldsboro and Mr. W. N. Canady
of the Piney Grove Church. Mr. W. H.
Russell spoke on the necessity

of the war situation.
The business session
consisted of the reading of
the minutes of the last
meeting by Mrs. C. M. Ward Jr.
and the reelection of all the
old Homecoming Day officers.

The service was closed
by the singing of "God Be
With You 'Til We Meet Again."

The offering of \$10.53
taken during the morning
service was divided between
Rev. Bradley and the fund for
the maintenance of the Church.

Submitted by H. H. [unclear]
Mrs. C. M. Ward Jr.

The annual Home Coming Day at Lucas Creek Church was observed June 22, 1941

The eleven o'clock service was opened by the congregation singing "All Hail The Power of Jesus Name" followed by a prayer by Rev. Lee Vaughan, visiting pastor of Swansboro Charge. Billy Arthur of Jacksonville sang "The Old Fugged Cross." The gathering, which completely filled the church, sang "How Firm a Foundation." This was followed by announcements and scripture reading by Rev. J. C. Wood, Pastor in Charge. An offering of \$17.03 was divided between the visiting pastor and a maintenance fund of the church. "Amazing Grace" was sung by the congregation.

Rev. James C. Wheeler, pastor of the Charlotte Circuit delivered an inspirational address on the text "Enoch, the man who walked with God." Brother Wheeler served Swansboro Charge 28 years ago. It was a great joy to have him back again.

Immediately following the sermon Mrs. C. M. Ward, Jr. conducted a Memorial Service as a tribute to the members and friends of Lucas Creek who have died since last Home Coming Day. Remembered in the service were Mr. Wood

Sillum, Miss Follie Gunn
Hatsell, Miss Follie Rogers
Henderson, Mrs. Blanche Moore
Logers, Aaron Rott Eubanks,
Daniel Columbus Parker, Mrs.
Myrtle Cannon Figgs, Mrs.
Mary Hayer Bell, and Mrs.
Catherine Bell Henderson. Nancy
Carolyn Henderson, granddaughter
of Mrs. Catherine Bell Henderson,
brought a basket of white
flowers to the altar as a
memorial to them. The congre-
gation then sang "Abide With
Me" as further tribute to these
loved one.

The morning service closed
with the singing "My Faith
Looks Up to Thee" and benediction
by Rev. Hood.

The afternoon service, follow-
ing a picnic dinner in the Church
grove, was opened by Mr. Ed
Smith of Mariner. The congregation
sang "Guide Me, O Thou Great
Jehovah". Mr. V. H. Canady led in
prayer, followed by the hymn
"His Way With Thee". Mr. H. D. Russell
of Beaufort, Chairman of the Home-
coming Committee introduced Mrs.
Kate Hillis of Raleigh. Mrs. Hillis,
87 years old, has given the greater
years of her life to church service,
and was at one time a member
of Julius Creek.

Mr. John McNeill of White-
ville, Mr. Ed McCullers of Garner,
Mr. Thompson Russell of Golds-
boro and Mr. Clyde Weston
of Gaston made brief talks
that were greatly enjoyed.

All of the Homecoming
Day officers were reelected. This
motion was followed by
the reading of the minutes
of the last meeting by the
secretary.

The meeting was closed
by the singing of "Christ, Be
True That's My Quilt".

Submitted by
Clyde Westcott, Sec.
Thompson Russell, Chm.

The annual Home Coming
Day at Luens Creek Church was
observed June 28, 1942.

The morning service was
opened at eleven o'clock by the
congregation singing "All Hail
The Power of Jesus Name". This
was followed by the repetition
of the Apostles Creed and a prayer
led by Mr. Ed Smith. Reverend
Harren Pettaway, Pastor in Charge
of the Swansboro read the
Beatitudes - Math: 5: 1-16. This was
followed by the congregation
singing "How Firm A Foundation"

Mrs. C. M. Hard, Jr., Sec. of the
Home Coming Day Committee read
the minutes of the last meeting.
Mr. H. H. Russell of Seaford, Chm.
of the Home Coming Committee spoke
a few fitting words on the current
war situation and announced
that the afternoon service would
not be held this year. The present
Committee was re-elected.

An offering of \$17.36 was taken
to be used as a Church maintenance
fund. Following this "Amazing Grace" was sung.

The morning message was
delivered by Rev. Pettaway. He used
as his text "Ye are the salt of the
earth" The message was particularly
appropriate to the occasion.

Mrs. Lillian R. Jay conducted
a memorial service as a tribute to

The friends and relatives of the
 Greek Church who have disburse
 East Homecoming Day. These
 ed in the service were the
 Ada Rogov, Rogov Alexander, Zbor
 Hall, Mr. Elgin, Mr. Garfield
 Mrs. John Michael Rogov.
 Mrs. E. S. Barber and Mrs. J. C.
 Cappa closed the musical service
 by singing "Ode to the Dawn"
 data, presentation of Mrs. Ada Rogov
 placed a knick of flowers at the
 altar in memory of their loved ones
 who have passed on.
 The benediction was pro-
 nounced by Rev. Deering. Following
 this a picnic dinner was served
 under the oak near the church.
 A large crowd was in attendance.
 This was especially noteworthy with
 rubber and gasoline rationing being
 in effect.

Submitted by:
 Olga Peterson Head, Secretary
 99 91 Avenue, Chairman

Annual Home Coming Day was celebrated at Queens Creek Church on June (3rd Sunday) with a large crowd in attendance.

Rev. Warren Petteway, Pastor in charge, delivered the morning address. Age old hymns were sung ~~at~~ by the congregation. The address was followed by a memorial service for Daniel Walker Russell, Sr. who was a life long member and attendant of the church.

A bounteous picnic dinner was served among the historic oaks in the nearby church yard.

Submitted by
Clyde Maston Hard, Secretary
H. N. Russell, Chairman

At the Queens Creek Methodist Church, the Annual Home Coming Day was celebrated the third Sunday in June, 1944.

Gasoline rationing prevented a large number of the usual attendants from coming, but despite of this fact a goodly crowd attended.

Rev. Charles W. Mesier, Pastor in charge, delivered the message of the morning.

A delicious dinner was served on the ground immediately following the morning service.

It had been previously planned to not have an afternoon service.

Submitted by
Pauline Sanders (acting in the absence of Mrs. C. M. Hall regular secretary)

H. N. Russell, Chan.

Homecoming Day was observed at Queens Creek Church on June 17th 1945. Gasoline rationing, being still in effect, the attendance was smaller than it had been in early years. Nevertheless a goodly crowd was in attendance and good fellowship was enjoyed.

Rev. Charles Mercer, Pastor in Charge, delivered the morning address on the topic of "Walking in the Light". The Church's One Foundation, "Amazing Grace" and "How Firm a Foundation" were the hymns used during the first part of the service. Following the sermon, Mrs. Lillian Ray conducted a memorial service for members and friends of the church who had died since last Homecoming. They included: Mrs. Roberta Hatwell Moore, Mr. Josiah Yates, Mrs. Robert Allston Carter, Mr. Daniel Frazier (of Bear Creek), Norma Jean Milton (infant), Paige Meadows, Nolan D. Yeomans and Preston Phillips. The last three named were buried in action.

Chairman N. H. Russell made a brief talk, and introduced Mr. H. H. Russell, Sr. the oldest member present.

The morning service was concluded by singing "Blest Be The Tie That Binds".

An enjoyable picnic dinner was served in the oak grove near the church.

Submitted by:

Clyde Weston Ward, Secretary
N. H. Russell, Chairman

The annual Home Coming Day at Luccas Creek Church was observed June 16, 1946.

The service was opened by the congregation singing "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name" followed by the pastoral prayer. Amazing Grace the traditional Homecoming hymn was then sung.

Rev. Charles H. Weaver, Pastor in Charge, delivered the morning address on "The Godly Man". Following this Mrs. Lillian Russell Key conducted a Memorial Service for the members and friends of Luccas Creek Church who have died since last Homecoming. Included in this remembrance were Mrs. Mary Russell, Mr. Ralph Taylor and

A wreath of white gardenias was placed at the altar by Mrs. Key in honor of these loved ones.

Following the Memorial service this morning service was closed with the singing of "How Firm the Foundation" and the benediction pronounced by Rev. Weaver.

A delicious picnic dinner in the oak grove on the east side of the church.

The afternoon service was conducted by Mr. N. H. Russell, Chairman of the Home Coming Day Committee. Appropriate talks were made by several members present. This service was closed with the singing of "Blest Be the Tie", another traditional hymn that has been used at ~~all~~ the every Home Coming since its inception 18 years ago.

Submitted by
Clyde Martin, Treas. Sec.
N. H. Russell, Chairman

Homecoming Day was observed at historic Quince Creek Church on Sunday, June 14. The gathering was well attended in spite of a downpour of rain. Many old friends from Jacksonville, Richlands, Wilmington, Raleigh and other places were present.

The services were opened by the congregation singing "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name" followed by an address of welcome by Mr. Ed Smith of Jacksonville. After the Apostles' Creed, Mr. Thompson Russell led in prayer. Announcements were made by Mr. H. H. Russell of Seaford, who is Chairman of the Homecoming Committee. Mrs. Lillian Ray read greetings from Mrs. Lutie McCallum of Raleigh, Mrs. Mattie Stewart of Wilmington and Mrs. Sue Walker Russell Lamb of Garland.

Rev. H. L. Rogers, pastor of the Seaboard Charge delivered the morning address on the subject of "Our Heritage." The traditional Homecoming Day hymn "Amazing Grace" was sung. This grand old hymn has been used at every service since the inception of Homecoming Day in 1927.

Following the removal of

Memorial Service was
conducted by Mrs. C. M. Ford, Jr.
for those friends and
members of Lincoln Creek Church
who have died since last
Thanksgiving day. Those
remembered were Mrs. Kate
Cotton Hillis, Mr. George Jones,
Dr. Mrs. Emma Butler, Mr.
Lance Jones, Mrs. Laura Ford,
Miss Bonnie Riggs and Miss
Hannah Hewitt. A basket of
white flowers was placed
at the altar by J. H. McDonald, Jr.
in honor of these loved ones.

Following the memorial
service a picnic dinner was
served under the old oak
on the east side of the church.

After the memorial service,
Miss Agnes Laid read "Passing of
Mary Laid."

Submitted by
Clyde Weston Ford, Secretary
H. W. Russell, Chairman

The 19th annual home coming at historic Queens Creek Church drew more than 300 persons last June in a celebration that has been held every June since 1929.

Rev. T. R. Jenkins, pastor of Ann Street Methodist Church in Beaufort, a son of a former minister of Queens Creek Church delivered the morning sermon on the subject, "Passing and Abiding." Rev. Mr. Jenkins was born at Mayville while his father was serving both Mayville and Swansboro charges when they were one Methodist circuit.

The address of welcome was delivered by E. B. Smith of Jacksonville, and Thompson Russell of Goldsboro offered prayer. The traditional home coming hymns, "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing," and "Amazing Grace" were sung by the congregation, and a trio composed of Eleanor and Carolee Kattel and Bobby Meadows rendered "The Holy City" They were accompanied at the piano by Mrs. C. W. Ward.

The memorial service conducted by Mrs. Ward was in memory of members and friends of Queens Creek Church who had passed away since our last home coming day. These were James Kellum, Mrs. Lute Melie McCullers, Mrs. Prudie Jones

Mrs. Addie Pelletier, Mrs. Tom Unwin
Mrs. Dadie Russell, Frank Prosser
and Pete Hatell, "The Lord is my
Shepherd", was sung by Mrs. E. J.
Garbow at the close of the service.
A basket of white flowers in memory
of the deceased persons were placed
at the altar of the church.

At the afternoon service, W. H.
Russell of Beaufort, chairman of the
home coming celebration, presided,
and Mrs. Julian R. Ray and Mrs.
C. W. Ward were named as the
committee of arrangements for
the 1949 observance and Mrs. Ray
^{secretary}

At noon the usual bountiful
picnic dinner was spread under
the old oaks on the east side
of the church. In addition to the
delicious dinner, Aaron Farnell
and Joline Meadows contributed
the ice cold lemon aid which
was greatly appreciated on that
very warm day.

Submitted by
Julian Russell Ray, Sec.
W. H. Russell, Chairman

The 20th annual home coming was observed at historic Quince Creek Church third Sunday in June. A large crowd from this and surrounding communities attended and a sincere fellowship was enjoyed.

The morning service was opened by the congregation singing "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name" and other age old hymns followed as well as two beautiful selections by the junior choir of Quince Creek and My Task was sung by Russell Duggell. The welcome was given by Ed Smith of Jacksonville and the morning prayer offered by Thompson Russell of Goldsboro. Johnnie Meadows introduced the speaker, Rev. C. B. Long, a former pastor of this charge and a most beloved friend. His message was particularly appropriate.

Mrs. Folline B. Ray and Mrs. Fannie Barber conducted the memorial service as a tribute to friends and loved ones who have died since last home coming day.

The benediction was pronounced by Rev. Wethington who had charge of the program. A delicious picnic dinner was served in the grove by the church.

Folline B. Ray, Sec.
W. H. Russell, Chairman

1950

The Annual Homecoming Day was observed at Queens Creek Church, Sunday, in June.

The morning service opened at eleven o'clock by the congregation singing "Come, Thou Almighty King". This was followed by the Scripture reading by Rev. N. H. Northington. The welcome was given by Ed. Smith of Jacksonville and the morning prayer offered by Thompson Russell of Fredonia. Rev. Charles Threlk, a former pastor of this charge brought a most appropriate and inspirational sermon. He traced his family line through several churches on the Swansboro charge.

Mrs. Irene Cotton conducted the memorial service in memory of Mrs. Rena Smith, Robert Patel and Cyrus Rawls, who have died since our last homecoming day.

The communion service was administered by Rev. Northington and Rev. Threlk. Closing with the congregation singing "Break Thou the Bread of Life". The benediction was pronounced by Rev. Northington.

The usual picnic dinner was spread on the long table under the old oaks on the East side of the church.

Respectfully submitted
Mrs. Gehine Russell, Sec. -
N. H. Russell, Chairman

The twenty second annual home coming was observed at Queens Creek church the third Sunday in June.

The morning service at 11 o'clock opened with the congregation singing Lead on Oh King Eternal. Mr. Ed Smith from Jacksonville gave the address of welcome and the morning prayer was offered by Mr. Thompson Russell of Goldsboro.

The morning sermon was delivered by Rev. R. Northington, pastor in charge. A beautiful trio was sung by Johnny Riggs, Graham Jones and Russell W. Jelle. The memorial service was conducted by Mrs. Lillian R. Ray as a tribute to friends and loved ones who have died since last home coming. These were, T. H. Russell, J. N. Sanders, F. J. Riggs, Lester Wainery, Mrs. Judge Riggs, Mrs. Beulah Coston Russell, Mrs. Annie Rogers Russ and Mrs. Mary Burns Trojow. This was closed with the National Memorial, "Gathering Home."

The benediction was pronounced by Rev. Northington.

A delicious dinner was served under the large oaks near the church.

Perfect weather, sunshine for the first and a genuine Christian fellowship made this a happy occasion.

Lillian R. Ray sec

On the third Sunday in June 1952
hundreds of people gathered at the beloved
Queen Creek Church to celebrate the 23rd
annual home coming. At 11 o'clock the
crowd was called from greeting old
friends to the morning session. The
traditional hymns were sung. The
music was directed by Mrs. Clyde
Bartley. Directed the music, at a
special request, Johnny Ryja, Graham
Jones and Russell Ryja accompanied
by Mrs. Jane Coates at the piano. The
Hymn and the song which she
sang at the last home coming
was repeated. The welcome was
given by Ed Smith of Jacksonville.
Thompson Russell introduced
Rev. Herman Warberry, who brought
a very appropriate and inspirational
sermon. The memorial service was
conducted by Mrs. Clyde Ward. At the
close of this service Mrs. Marshall
Plythe sang "Face to Face". The
benediction was pronounced by
the pastor in charge, Rev. J. K.
Northington.

A delicious dinner was
served under the large
oaks near the church.

A business session was
called in the afternoon.
Mellie Russell was elected as
homecoming chairman and
A. H. Hatzell elected vice
chairman. Mrs. Lillian R. Ryja
was re-elected secretary.

A program committee was appointed consisting of Mrs.

Wyatt Morton, Mrs. Clyde Bartley,
Mrs. Loll Bruce Starbuck, Mrs.
Louise Henderson ^{Bartley} and Mrs.
Lemell Parker.

The memorial service committee
were; Miss Maria Morton,
Mrs. Annie Farrell, Mrs. Louise
Russell, Mrs. Louise Barber
and Albert Venter.

The home coming, include
Lee Rogers, Fred Parker
Clem Morton and Albert
Venter.

Historians, Mrs. Clyde Ward
and Mrs. William R. Ray.

The registrars, Cliff Morton
Ward and Louisa Morton
and Betty Starbuck.

The meeting was closed
with prayer.

Minnie Russell Chairman
William Ray Sec.

On the third Sunday in June Queen Creek Methodist Church was the scene of the annual home coming celebration held each year since June 1929.

Here hundreds of kindred and friends come from various sections of the state to enjoy one of the happiest days of the year, greeting old acquaintances and renewing old friendships.

At 11 o'clock the crowd was called from greeting of friends to the morning session. The service began with the old hymn, "The Church is Our Foundation." Welcome to Queen Creek Church was given by E. B. Smith of Jacksonville. The pastor in charge, Rev. W. B. Northington, preached an interesting and appropriate sermon.

Mrs. F. S. Barbour gave a lovely memorial in memory of friends who had passed away since last home coming day. This service was closed with special music, "Ode of God's Praise" by J. M. Meadows, Jere Storching and Billy Meadows.

The church choir directed by Mrs. Clyde Bartley rendered beautifully the anthem, "God's House".

After the benediction a delightful dinner was served under the ancient oak on the east side of the church.

A short committee meeting

was held in the afternoon. The same officers to serve another year were the same as elected last year.

The program committee included Mrs. Wyatt Norton, Mrs. Sam F. Stirling, Mrs. Clyde Bartley, Mrs. Marshall Blythe, Mrs. Lucille Parker and Mrs. Effie Pate.

The memorial committee; Mrs. E. S. Barlow, Mrs. A. H. Farnell, Mrs. W. W. Russell, Miss Marie Norton and Mrs. Paul Rogers

The home coming whist were; Lee Rogers, Fred Parker, Albert Venters, Wyatt Norton and Johnnie Meddome.

Historians, Mrs. Roy and Mrs. C. M. Ward. The registrars Jennette Stirling, Louisa Norton and Clew Norton Ward.

Perfect weather at the old home church with friends made this day a happy one

Respectfully submitted
N. W. Russell, Chairman
William B. Roy Sec.

The twenty-fifth annual celebration of home coming was observed at Queens Creek Church Sunday June 20.

At 11 o'clock the morning service was begun with one of the traditional hymns, "Faith of our Fathers". Rev. Russell Johnson, pastor of the charge preached an interesting and inspiring sermon on "Making preparation for the Heavenly Homecoming".

The morning prayer was offered by Rev. W.K. Worthington, a beloved pastor who served this charge for the past five years.

Mrs. Wyatt Horton gave the welcome in a most cordial manner. She expressed, in behalf of the congregation, regret that our loyal friend, Ed Smith, could not be present because of illness, to take a part in the service as he had done in the past 24 years.

Music was rendered by the Queens Creek choir, directed by Mrs. Clyde Bartley and Mrs. Marshall Blythe.

Immediately following the service Mrs. Odell Parker conducted a lovely memorial service as a tribute to members and friends who have died since last home coming day. Memorial flowers were given by Mrs.

Clara Vinters of Richlands, daughter
of Mrs. Bert Tolson, in memory of her
~~daughter~~ mother and her mother's
friends.

The lunch hour was a period
of good fellowship held in the
grove near the church.

During the short business
meeting in the afternoon, the
secretary, Mrs. William R. Roy was
asked to send cords to friends
who were ill, and could not be
present.

At the suggestion of Dan Russell
of Richlands, a committee consisting
of Mr and Mrs. Marshall Blythe,
~~Mr and Mrs. Clyde Bartley~~ and Mrs.
Sam Starling^{Mrs. Elizabeth Blythe} were appointed to
buy a memorial organ for the
church in memory of all loved
ones who had passed away.

Mrs. George McNeil of Whiteville
made the first contribution.

The meeting was closed with
prayer by W. W. Russell, chairman
of the Home coming committee.

W. W. Russell chairman
Mrs. William R. Roy, etc.

June 19 - 1954 } 1955 }

The 29th of annual session of
Knoxcoming was held at Gunn's Creek
Methodist Church June 19, 1955.

At 11 o'clock the morning service

"in regard the General Church" sang
"The Church on the Hillside", and
the congregation sang "The Hallel
Lujah" (Hymnary 476). The Rev. Howard
Johnson preached on "believing" versus
"the Word of God" (Hymnary 476).

Message to Women "Good People
and Good People" by S. B. Smith, who
has served the church for 25 years except
1954. He said that he has to be
because of work.

The address "Come Ye Disciples"
read rendered by the Deacons,
Good Church, under the direction

of Mrs. Merrill. By the way, the
the congregation sang "The Word"

and "Faith".

A letter, which was given by
Charles Kendall, Mrs. D. D. D. of
the memory of his mother, Mrs.
Mae M. D. D. (1815-1947) was
presented by Mr. W. W. Martin.

A note "It was to be read
was read by Mrs. Dorothy Higgins. The
was followed by the hymn "The
we were given by Mrs. Doree D. D.
for the following papers and
read every since last horse show.

"Blest Be the Tie ^{That Binds}
ring, and the benediction
was pronounced.

A bountiful dinner was spread
on a table under the oak.

A short business meeting followed.
The program committee for the year
1955-56 was elected as follows:

Albert Venter, Chairman

Mrs. Myrtle Morton, assistant secretary
to Mrs. Lillian Ray

1. Program committee:

1. Mrs. Marshall Blythe, Mrs. Sam Sterling,
Mrs. Lucille Parker, Mrs. Eugene Hale,
and Mrs. Myrtle Morton.

2. Flower committee: Memorial Committee

1. Clyda Bartley 1. Mrs. E. S. Barbours

2. Mrs. Sam Sterling 2. Mrs. W. W. Purcell

3. Mrs. Nestor Parker 3. Miss Mima Morton

3. Memorial Organ Fund Committee:

1. Mrs. Marshall Blythe

2. Mrs. Myrtle Morton

3. Mrs. Sam Sterling

4. Mrs. Lucille Parker

5. Mrs. Elbert Barbours

Other business ^{was} transacted
as follows:

1. Walter Anderson of Raleigh
was to be asked to conduct
the Homecoming service for year 1956

2. Memorial flowers to be a plant, and used in a flat to be selected at front of church

3. The Memorial ^{Organ} Fund report was given by Mrs. Wyatt Morton as follows: 6-23-55

Organ complete \$1323.00

By cash 780.00

Balance 543.00

Int 4 mo 18.86

Balance due Oct 30 \$553.86

Albert Ventura Chm.

Eugenia B. Morton Sec.

Mr. J. J. Pol / Homecoming, June 1956

The 28th homecoming of June's Mc Creek Church was held June 17 at 11:00 o'clock.

The morning service began with Memorial Organ Prelude with Joe Starling at the organ. Hymn, "Faith of Our Fathers" by congregation. Affirmation of Faith - Address of Welcome by E. B. Smith of Jon Arcton - by Junior Choir, and the usual church ritual or order of worship No. 2.

Walter N. Angerson a lay speaker, from Raleigh delivered the homecoming sermon, which was followed by the dedication of the Memorial Organ, Memorial Service by Mrs. E. S. Burboon and sold by Joe Starling and Mrs. S. M. Bayche at the organ.

Immediately following the morning service a beautiful ^{prepared} luncheon was served on table under the oaks.

The program gave recognition ^{to Mrs. Valley} for the 100 th Hymnals given in memory of her husband Walter Jennings.

The program also carried the names of the contributors to the Memorial Organ fund as follows:

D. H. Kugell, Lickland
Albert Venters
Harry Moore Swanson
Dr. John R. Bender, Thurston, Julia

Mr. Mrs. Wyatt Norton Hubert

" " Edell Parks

Lee Rogers

Mr. Mrs. Walter Jennings Jacksonville

John W. Stirling - Hubert

Charles McPherson Hunter

Ed. Mildred Swanson

Mrs. E. S. Barbour - Hubert

Clyde Butler

Mr. Mrs. Leiford Leggs Swanson

Mrs. O. L. Run Jacksonville

Mr. Mrs. Marshall Blythe - Hubert

F. B. Hurd Jacksonville

Mrs. G. A. McNeil Whiteville

Frank A. Wilson Jacksonville

Mrs. Katie May Gray Hookerton

Agnes Pittman Hubert

Fred Winbery

also offering from 1955 Homecoming

was added.

⁵⁶ The collection of 75.00 for Homecoming was added to Building Fund.

The business meeting which followed attended to election of officers as follows:

Chairman - Albert Venters

Vice " Mrs. E. S. Barbour

Secretary - Mrs. Wyatt Norton

Program Committee

Mrs. M. Blythe, Mrs. Sam Stirling,

Mrs. Lucille Parker, Mrs. Wyatt Norton

Lewis committee Clyde Butler

Mrs. Sam Stirling, Mrs. Nestle Parker

Memorial Committee

Mrs. E. S. Barbour Lucille C.

Mrs. Maria Norton

Mrs. A. K. Run

Other business transacted
was securing speakers for
1957 homecoming; and a
discussion was held in
regard to adding bathrooms
to the church.

Respectfully submitted
Albert Ventus - Chm.
Angela B. Norton Sec.

Twenty-ninth Homecoming
June 16, 1957

The twenty-ninth homecoming of Queen's
Creek Methodist Church was held
June 16, 1957 at 11:00 o'clock

Under the direction of Mrs. Clyde
Bartley, ~~the following~~ Mrs. Wyatt
Morton, and Mrs. Lucille Parker ^{assisted}
the following program was given: ^{by pastor} Tom Sample

1. Prelude - In the Twilight - Torca
2. Words of Welcome - E. B. Smith
3. Hymn - Faith of our Fathers
- 4 - Affirmation of Faith
- 5 - Anthem - Take up the Load
6. Responsive Reading
7. Gloria Patria
8. Pastoral Prayer
9. Lord's Prayer -
10. Offering of Tithes
11. Sermon - Rev. J. L. Joyce
12. Hymn - Amazing Grace
13. Dedication of Personage - T. W. Swafford
pastor of Queen's Creek Methodist Church.
14. Memorial Services were
conducted by Mrs. Cecil Parker
for the following people who
had passed away since the
last homecoming:

Mrs. Annie Larnace

Mr. Charles Henderson daughter of
Mrs. Dairhull Henderson

Mr. Jake Eubank

Following the dedication of the
passage, Jere Starling sang
"Bless This House"

The morning session closed
with the benediction, and
postlude - The Heavens are
Telling."

Dinner was spread on the
table under the oak.

The business meeting, which
followed in the afternoon, resulted
to the election of the Homecoming
officers, and appointing of the
various committees. The following
were elected:

1. Chairman - - - Albert Venters
2. Vice chairman - Clyde Parthey
3. Secretary - - - Mrs. Ezzel Morton

The following committees were
appointed:

Program: Mrs. ^{James} Clyde Parthey, Santhony
Marshall Beyle, & Margaret Morton
Memorial: Mrs. ^{James} Ezzel, Taylor, E.S.
Barbour, W. W. Russell, and
Miss Maria Morton

Table & grounds: Lee Hayes, Eugene
Pate, Luther Morton, Atticus
and Lona Pittman, W. H. Hoagies
and Clayton Ramsey, Cecil Pifer

Plans were discussed for
the addition of Sunday School
rooms, construction of which will
begin in the near future. Special

recognition must give Mr. De
Russell of Litchfield for having
donated so freely to the African
Creek Church through the years.
It was decided to call Mr.
Charles J. McClellan of Kingston to
deliver the Homecoming sermon
in 1958.

Respectfully submitted
Albert Charles - Chm
Eugene B. Minton - Secy

The 100th Homecoming of Queen's Creek Me
Church June 15, 1958

The 100th Homecoming of Queen's
Creek Church was held June 15, 1958
at 11:00 o'clock.

Under the direction of Mrs. Clyde
Bartley, and other members of the
Homecoming Committee, the following
program was given.

1. Prelude - Grammie Schuman
2. Words of Welcome - E. B. Smith
3. Invocation - Minister
4. Hymn - Faith of Our Fathers
5. Affirmation of Faith -
6. Anthem - Praise the Lord
7. Responsive Reading
8. Gloria Patria
9. Pastoral Prayer
10. Lord's Prayer
11. Offering by Ladies
12. Homecoming Message - Tom Swofford
13. Hymn - Amazing Grace
14. Memorial Service - Emma B. Watson
15. Memorial Anthem - The Eternal Life
16. Doxology - By Choir
16. Benediction - & Response

In the absence of the speaker
Mr. Charles L. McClellan, the pastor
Tom Swofford delivered the
homecoming message.

Lunch was spread ^{at 12:30} and
a short business meeting followed
at 1:30.

The Homecoming officers were
elected as follows:
Program: Madam Clyde Bartley
Lion: Stirling, Marshall, Betty and

Mrs. Hazel Weston
Memorial: Mr. James Orless Parker, E.S.
Barboser, W. H. Russell and Miss Marie
Weston

Table and grounds: Lee Rogers, Eugene
Kape, Lutha Weston, Allice and Lina
Littman, M. Treagier, Clayton Ramsey,
and Cecil Taylor.

Chairman - Albert Weston
" " - Clyde Bartley

Secretary - Eugene Weston
With V. C. Clyde Bartley as chairman

The following business was
transacted:

Collection for day \$5.00 was used
added to fund for perpetual care of
the cemetery.

A contract had been drawn up for
the care of church cemetery, with
Mrs. Daisy Hyzelle as Secy, Treasurer and
Lee Rogers, and Clayton Ramsey, trustees.
Flowers were placed on altar
in memory of Sam L. Stalling - by
family.

An outstanding event of the day was
a history of Quin Creek Ch. compiled
by Mrs. Evelyn Sheratt, whose ^{mother} ~~mother~~
was a member of the church and
a child.

There being no further

Homecoming June 21, 1959

The 31st homecoming of Queen's
Crest M.E. Church was held
June 21, 1959

With Mrs. Paul McClure,
organist, and Mrs. Mabel English
directing, the following program
was presented. (see program attached)

A business meeting was held
at 1:30. In the absence of homecoming
chairman, Albert Venters, Clyde Bailey
presided.

Officers were elected as follows:

Richard Eggs - Chairman
Clyde Bailey - vice chairman
Ezeckia Norton - Secretary

Committees appointed as follows:

Program Chmn. Ezeckia Norton
Memorial Service Chmn. Leuegla Kell
Tables & grounds Lee Rogers
Lancers Dolly M. Sterling

Statues of cemetery care with
Mrs. Dolly Dyzelle. Tot. Treasurer
reported \$225.⁰⁰ in trust fund
\$18.⁰⁰ had been collected from
members at \$3.⁰⁰ per person.
Clyde Bailey and Lee
Rogers as trustees.

Grounds were in good
shape as result of having
done considerable work.
\$102.⁰⁰ was homecoming collection
to go toward Queen's
Crest Ch. Bldg. Fund.

The plot of church grounds to
be made. Mr. Bartley was to
get in touch with attorney -
Mr. Moore or Roscoe Sanderson.
There being no further business
the meeting adjourned, after prayer
by the Rev. R. J. Goodwin.
Respectfully submitted:
Eugene P. Martin Secy.

Homecoming June 19, 1960

The 32 homecoming of the Grand Old Mt. Church was held June 19, 1960 at the church beginning at 11:00 o'clock.

The following program was held. (See attached bulletin)

The business meeting convened at 1:30, and the following officers were elected:

Chairman - - - - - R. T. Lygal
v. " - - - - - Clyde Dally
Secretary - - - - - Eugene B. Norton

Committee
Program - ~~James Norton~~ ^{James Norton}
Memorial - Mrs. Helen Justice
Flowers - Mrs. Dolly Bunting
Tables & grounds - Lee Kugel

Business.

1. All business that for church grounds to be made by Sam Morris at cost of \$2500.
2. Report on perpetual care of cemetery was given by Mrs. Dolly Lygal.
 - (1) Grounds appearing in good shape, suggested that all be grubbed down to the line in fall.
 - (2) \$500.00 in savings for perpetual care of cemetery.

M E C O M I N G W O R S H I P
GREENS CREEK METHODIST CHURCH

June 18, 1961

PRELUDE - - - - -Andante - - - - - Greig
CALL TO WORSHIP - - - - -Choir - - - - - O Worship the Lord
INVOCATION - - - - - - - - - - - Pastor
WORDS OF WELCOME - - - - - - - - - - - E. B. Smith
HYMN: "God of our Fathers" - - - - - Number 496
AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: Number 1 - - - - - Page 512
ANTHEM: (Solo-"The Vision of My Saviour"- Glenda Parker) - - - - -
RESPONSIVE READING: 1st Reading 25th Sunday - - - - - Page 591
GLORIA PATRIA
PASTORAL PRAYER
LORDS PRAYER
PRAYER RESPONSE - - - - - Choir
OFFERING OF TITHES: (Offertory Anthem-Soloist-Dee Solomon)Doxology
HOMECOMING MESSAGE: RETROSPECT AND PROSPECT
HYMN: - - - - - "Amazing Grace" - - - - - Number 209
MEMORIAL SERVICE - - - - - Mrs. Helen Jennings
SOLO - - - - - Dee Solomon
BENEDICTION
BENEDICTORIAL RESPONSE - - - - - "God be with You" - - - - - Choir
POSTLUDE: - - - - - "The Heavens are telling" - - - - - -Beethoven

A N N O U N C E M E N T S

OUR GUEST SPEAKER for today is Dr. M. Wilson Nesbitt. We are happy to have Dr. Nesbitt with us and trust that he will be able to worship with us again soon.

EVERYONE is invited to remain for lunch at 12:30.

BUSINESS MEETING will be held in the Church at 1:30. The perpetual care of our cemetery as well as plans for the new Church Program will be discussed. Everyone is invited.

THE OFFERING today will go toward the Church Building Fund.

OUR THANKS to the Homecoming Committee for making this occasion enjoyable.

THE FLOWERS today are placed on the altar in memory of Sam F. Starling; Mrs. Edith Bartley and Wyatt Morton by their families.

Services for:
Wyatt Morton
Princess
Edith
Janet Canada
Thalia Morton
Colon Land
Bryan Rogers

TONIGHT 7:00 PM - - - M. Y. F.
MONDAY 7:30 PM - - - The Men's Club will meet.
TUESDAY 2:00 PM - - - Circle #1 of the WSCS will meet at the home of Mrs. J. D. New.
WEDNESDAY 7:30 PM - - - Choir Practice.

LAST SUNDAY AT CHURCH

ATTENDANCE: Sunday School 104 ; Church 90 ;
OFFERING: \$108.52 ; Building Fund \$6.00

Homecoming - 1961 Thirty-third

The ³³ Homecoming at Queen's Creek M. Church was held Sunday June 18 at Queen's Creek Church. ³³

The morning program consisted of the Worship Service with the regular ritual and service, the Homecoming address was given by Dr. M. Nelson Neuhel.

This was followed by memorial service given by Mrs. Helen J. Gammage. Those for whom services were held were: Wyatt ^(friends) Motton, ^{Theresa} ^{Elizabeth} ^{Bryan} ^{Loys} ^{Shane} ^{Martin}.

Special music was offered by soloist Doc Solomon from the Swanton Baptist Church. Music was under the direction of Mr. Jimmy Hyslop Jr., and organist was Laura Motton. Flowers on the altar were in memory of Sam Stirling, Wyatt Motton, and Mr. Edick Bartley by their families.

The dinner was served on the grounds at 12:30, and luncheon was furnished by the church.

At 1:30, the business meeting was held with Mr. R. T. Riggs in charge. Plans for new church building were discussed, and permanent care of cemetery was also discussed.

Officers for the next year were elected as follows:

R. T. Riggs / Chm.	John's grand	Loys
Clyde Bartley / Chm.	Program	Helen J. G.
Memorial	Mrs. Helen J. G.	Flowers
Jacqui Taylor	Dolly	Stacy
Eugene Motton		
Mona Motton		E. Martin
		Seal

Homecoming - 1963

June 16

The 3rd annual homecoming of
Success Creek M.E. Church North
was held June 16, 1963 at Success
Creek Church during the pastorate
of the Rev. David W. Lewis.
The morning service was
held with the regular ritual
and service with Alonzo C.
Edwards of Karkenton giving
the homecoming address.

Words of welcome were given
by E. B. Smith of Jacksonville,
who has given the welcome
since the inception of having
at this church 1929, having
missed one time only during
illness.

The memorial service was
held by Mrs. Hyatt Moton
and Mrs. Helen Jenkins
Mrs. Jenkins presenting the men
for Mrs. Charles Barber.

Flowers on the altar were
placed in memory of Mrs. Blyde
Pearson, Sam Atherton and
Hyatt Moton all who had passed
away since 1961.

Special music was presented
by the choir, with David
Jenkins doing the solo parts.
Plans were spread on ground
at 11:30. At 1:35 a business
meeting was held. Plans
for new church building were
discussed also permanent
care of cemetery.

The officers of the association
 appointed were selected for another
 year as follows: (1) Ch. - asst

- 1. Chairman - F. T. Leggs
- 2. Secretary - Eugene Matton
- 3. Vice Chairman - Clyde Boutley
- 3. Memorial Service - Henry
 Lucille Matton
 Eugene Matton
 Marie Matton
- 4. Table and grounds - Lee Angus
- 5. Program - Helen Jensen
 Eugene Matton
- 6. Music - Betty Lee Angas
- 7. Flowers - Jerry Shering
 Eugene Matton
 F. T. Leggs - Ch. - asst
 Eugene Matton - Secy

Sam Brown was pastor from
1964 - 1966.

1. This was first Sunday for
the Reverend Mr. Merce L.
Cunspader.
2. Honorary Mayor - Belinda Frazier,
Asst. Mayor - Mrs. Lynn Louise
3. Mayors done by Mayor of Jacksonville
Bruce Teachy and Mrs. Della B.
Starling former honorary mayor.

Queens Creek Homecoming Plans Made

The homecoming plans are being laid for June 19 the thirty-seventh annual homecoming at the Queens Creek Church.

Former pastor (1944 to 1947) Reverend Charles H. Mercer will be the guest minister for the eleven o'clock service. And after the service he will be among the many to visit around the dinner tables under the shade trees.

When Mr. Mercer was pastor there was a large "circuit" of churches combined for the ministries of this one parson. The "old timers" of the Oak Grove church in Bear Creek; the Swanboro church; the Midway church near Stella; and the Bethlehem church on Cape Carteret will remember the hard times of their "Circuit Rider" in the days of rationed gas and wornout tires.

The Mercers will arrive in Hubert on Saturday and stay at the home of Mrs. Wyatt Morton. And Saturday afternoon they will be glad to greet any old friends that would like to come by.

The Homecoming was started in 1929 and has been held every year. Until 1943, it was held on fourth Sunday. Since then it has been each year on this Sunday in June.

Included in the program are several special items of interest to those that are "carrying on" the tradition. The "welcome" this year by John Graham; a historical synopsis by Mrs. Wyatt Morton; and a Memorial Service for those that have died since last year, by Mrs. Lucile Parker.

And this year, at the conclusion of the Homecoming is a special feature. The installation of the honorary mayor, Miss Belinda Frazier, and the Vice Mayor Mrs. Lynn Rose. Mayor Bruce Teachy and Mrs. Sam Starling will confer the honors on our newly elected First Ladies.

Note

1947

June 15 Recall of D. W. Russell -
one hundred dollars to purchase
a memorial window for his
father Charles D. Russell -
Committee

- Dacey Hazelle Sent. Treas
- Don R. Russell
- Blanton Ramsey
- Leg. Ramsey
- W. Lee Russell
- 52.00

- Engelmann T. L. L. L.
- L. L. L. L.
- Blanton Ramsey
- Leg. Ramsey
- W. Lee Russell
- 52.00

POSTAL INFORMATION—(Continued)

Postal Cards, 2 cents, double or reply cards 4 cents.

Newspapers and Printed Matter, limit 4 pounds 6 ounces; 1 cent for 2 ounces.

Commercial Papers.—Limit 4 pounds 6 ounces; 5 cents 10 ounces or less, 1 cent each additional 2 ounces or fraction.

Samples of Merchandise.—Limit, 12 ounces; 2 cents 4 ounces or less, 1 cent each additional 2 ounces or fraction.

Registration Fee.—For letters and other articles, 10 cents.

International Reply Coupons.—May be purchased at 6 cents each and will be exchanged for postage stamps of foreign country equivalent in value to five cents.

Limit of Weight (except Mexico), 11 pounds. Limit of Size, apply to Postmaster.

Foreign Money Orders.—Payable in any country except those mentioned under "Domestic Money Order" countries at following rates:

\$0.01 to \$10.00, 10 cents; amounts to \$20.00, 20 cents; to \$30.00, 30 cents; to \$40.00, 40 cents; to \$50.00, 50 cents, etc., to \$100.00 limit for one order, \$1.00.

Domestic Parcel Post—Fourth Class. Mail matter embraces all matter included in first, second and third class. See opposite *Fourth-Class Parcel Post* for limit of weight and size. Parcels must bear name and address of sender preceded by the word "From." Must not be sealed or closed against inspection. Must not contain writing.

Insurance.—A domestic parcel may be insured against loss equivalent to its actual value not to exceed \$5.00 on a payment of a fee of 3 cents, \$25.00 for 5 cents, \$50.00 for 10 cents, or \$100.00 for 25 cents, in addition to the postage.

PARCEL POST RATES FOR ALL ZONES ARE GIVEN BELOW

Weight in Pounds	Local	ZONES								Weight in pounds
		1st Up to 50 Miles	2d 50 to 150 Miles	3d 150 to 300 Miles	4th 300 to 600 Miles	5th 600 to 1,000 Miles	6th 1,000 to 1,400 Miles	7th 1,400 to 1,800 Miles	8th Over 1,800 Miles	
1	30.05	\$0.05	\$0.05	\$0.06	\$0.07	\$0.08	\$0.09	\$0.11	\$0.12	1
2	06	06	06	08	11	14	17	21	24	2
3	06	07	08	10	13	16	20	25	31	3
4	07	08	10	12	15	19	24	30	37	4
5	07	09	11	14	17	22	28	35	43	5
6	08	10	12	15	19	24	30	38	47	6
7	08	11	13	16	20	26	32	40	49	7
8	09	12	14	17	21	27	34	42	51	8
9	09	13	15	18	22	28	35	43	52	9
10	10	14	16	19	23	29	36	44	53	10
11	10	15	17	20	24	30	37	45	54	11
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History of Church

Queen's Creek United Methodist Church

Its Founding and Growth

Jeremiah Starling

The Queen's Creek Methodist congregation came into being during the earliest years of Methodism in America, not long after the first settlers arrived in Onslow. These independent and isolated farmers, fishermen, and traders responded enthusiastically when they first heard the Wesleyan message that "grace, pardon, holiness, Christ, heaven," in Wesley's words, were free to the individual and did not depend on priests and the established church. They did not have the established church in this sparsely settled coastline, but they needed the comfort and inspiration of their faith. Wesley's Methodist Societies provided a way for them to support each other in their faith, without formal churches or ministers, by gathering with each other for study and prayer.

Out of this need and along this path came the founding of The Queen's Creek Methodist Church. As soon as there was a "Church" to become a part of, these faithful Christians who had been gathering as a Methodist Society joined it. That earliest foundation in the midst of the American Revolution has survived and thrived now for more than two hundred years.

JOHN AND CHARLES WESLEY organized their first society in 1729 at Oxford University, just at the time that 3000 miles away settlers were moving into the land between the White Oak River and New River. These "Holy Clubs" were meant to deepen the spiritual life of members of the Church of England, and they were so successful that they spread throughout England and began to take root in America some years before the Revolution. John and Charles Wesley came to America in 1735 on a mission to the newly established colony of Georgia, arriving at the port of Charleston. They did not visit North Carolina; but in 1737 at Charleston, John Wesley published his *Collection of Psalms and Hymns*, the first actual hymnbook to be published in America, containing some of his and his brother's hymns that are still being sung in Methodist churches today.

METHODISTS COME TO ONSLOW COUNTY, 1765 - 1784

John Wesley's friend, GEORGE WHITEFIELD, one of the original Oxford Methodists, made several trips to America, and preached in Edenton, Bath, New Bern, Brunswick, and Wilmington. Records of his travels indicate that he moved by water between the Pamlico Sound and Cape Fear, so he likely did not travel through Onslow. If he did, he made no mention of his impressions. He was an eloquent and impressive preacher. Governor Tryon wrote that Whitefield's sermon in New Bern on March 31, 1765, "would have done credit in St. James, London." Although he did not organize local societies, he planted seeds for the work to come of the later evangelist followers of John and Charles Wesley.

The first representative of the Wesleys' Methodist Society to come to Onslow County was JOSEPH PILMOUR. He worked in New York, Pennsylvania, and Virginia organizing Methodist Societies, and in 1772 he made a journey from Norfolk through New Bern to Wilmington. He was mightily impressed with the thriving town of New Bern, where he was invited to many homes, and "had the honour of dining with Mr. Edwards, Secretary to the Governor, where I was treated with the highest respect." He preached for five days in New Bern, and after his last sermon recorded in his journal:

In all my travels through the world I have met with none like the people of Newburn! Instead of going to balls and assemblies as people of fashion in general do, especially at this season of the year, they came driving in their coaches to hear the word of the Lord, and wait upon God in his ordinances!
(Ingram, p. 4.)

Pilmour's experience on his way from New Bern to Wilmington was less satisfactory. He preached at Beesley's Chapel in Onslow and recorded: "While I was preaching I observed several of the people go to a pail of water that stood near the door of the chapel to drink, which greatly disturbed the congregation, for which I gave them a public reproof, and called them to drink of the water of life." (Ingram, p. 7) Beesley's Chapel is not to be identified today, but it probably was on or near the New Bern to Wilmington Pike. Other meetings or sermons in Onslow are not recorded, but evidence suggests that there have been Methodists in Onslow County since his visit. Worshipers from Queen's Creek may well have been among those hearing his sermon (but not, we hope, among those interrupting the sermon for a drink of water).

In 1772 there were chapels or meeting houses but no formal church buildings in Onslow County. There were no towns yet, either, since Swansboro, the first town, was not incorporated until 1783. The early settlers came to the county in the 1720s and 1730s and the legislative bill in 1735 that officially created Onslow Precinct also designated it St. John's Parish of the Church of England, the official church of the colonies. In 1737, The Rev. Dr. John LaPierre, Rector of St. James in Wilmington, visited the precinct and wrote that the inhabitants of Onslow were "very desirous to have the holy worship set up amongst them." (Watson, p. 22) At that time there were about 100 families living in the area from the mouth of the New River upstream and into its estuaries, and slightly fewer than a hundred living clustered from the mouth of the White Oak River through Queens Creek and Bear Creek. The population grew from 565 taxables (perhaps 1500 people) in 1743 to 1,405 taxables in 1774 (about 5,000 people) on the eve of the Revolution.

During the 1730s a free chapel was built at the Rich Lands for lay-led religious meetings and whatever itinerant preachers (Church of England or dissenters) might come through. That structure eventually became Union Chapel and survives today as the oldest church in Onslow County. An early chapel was established near Swansboro and several other chapels appeared during the pre-revolutionary years at a few plantations. Church of England ministers from Wilmington or New Bern occasionally visited, and records indicate at least three Anglican chapels in the county received them, although we cannot know for sure where they were. The General Baptists were established in the 1740s and seem to have been enthusiastic and numerous by the 1770s. They met in the open chapels and meeting houses that were the norm. This practice of free chapels open to all denominations continued well into the nineteenth century, for as late as 1834 Gen. Edward Ward in his will provided for a new chapel to be built on his plantation at Brown's Sound "to be open to all denominations that care to use it." It was known as "Ward's Will Chapel," served as an open chapel for about 20 years, then became exclusively a Baptist church.

THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH IS FOUNDED IN 1784 AND QUEEN'S CREEK CHURCH BEGINS

John Wesley's dream of renewing the Church of England with his Methodist Societies ironically came to fruition not in his native land but in the newly independent colonies, and not as an Anglican renewal but as the birth of a new Church. On November 3, 1784, JOHN COKE, whom Wesley had appointed superintendent of his Methodist Societies in America, arrived in this country and called together in conference the sixty Methodist itinerants and on December 25, 1784, at what came to be called the great "Christmas Conference," created the Methodist Episcopal Church in America. The assembled Methodist preachers made their leaders, Coke and FRANCIS ASBURY, the first bishops of the new church, confirming their intention to keep the new church episcopal in structure rather than congregational.

At this time, in 1784, the conference estimated that there were 3,446 Methodists in North Carolina, with circuits covering the entire state. There is no way to know how many members were in Onslow County, but there certainly were some at Queen's Creek. The New River Circuit was formed in 1785 to include Onslow, Craven, Carteret and Jones Counties and a circuit rider appointed to attend it. After a few years the Circuit was divided into Goshen (Onslow and Carteret) and Trent (Jones and Craven). Among those who came to preach in the Goshen Circuit were William Beaufort, William

Ormond, and Thomas Easter, all three well known in early Methodism. These men, and others, would have preached to the Queen's Creek congregation, and local members may have heard them preach in Swansboro and at chapels nearer New River. The traveling ministers supplied to the circuit sustained the young and growing congregation, and it thrived.

To nurture the growth of the new Methodist Episcopal Church, Bishop Francis Asbury made circuit rides twice yearly, visiting Methodist Societies and congregations scattered along the seaboard, and his first visit to Onslow is recorded in his Journal for March and April of 1784:

Wednesday, April 6. I preached at Swansbury [*sic*] in sight of the sea. Here are a wicked people indeed; nevertheless, a few have joined society. (Asbury in N. C., pp. 69-70.)

He returned the following year, recording in his Journal for 1785,

Saturday and Sunday, December 24, 25. We held quarterly meeting at Swansbury [*sic*]; many people – little religion. (Asbury in N. C., p. 73.)

His next stop came in 1791:

Thursday, [Jan] 27. I had many to hear at Swansbury: the people were attentive. O that God may bless his work to them! Surely all shall not be in vain. I returned to brother T_____'s, a mile out of town; but the people found where I was and came out. Sometimes I am tried when I cannot enjoy my hours of retirement; but we must bear all things, if thereby we may do good, and gain the more souls to Christ. (Asbury in N. C., p. 109.)

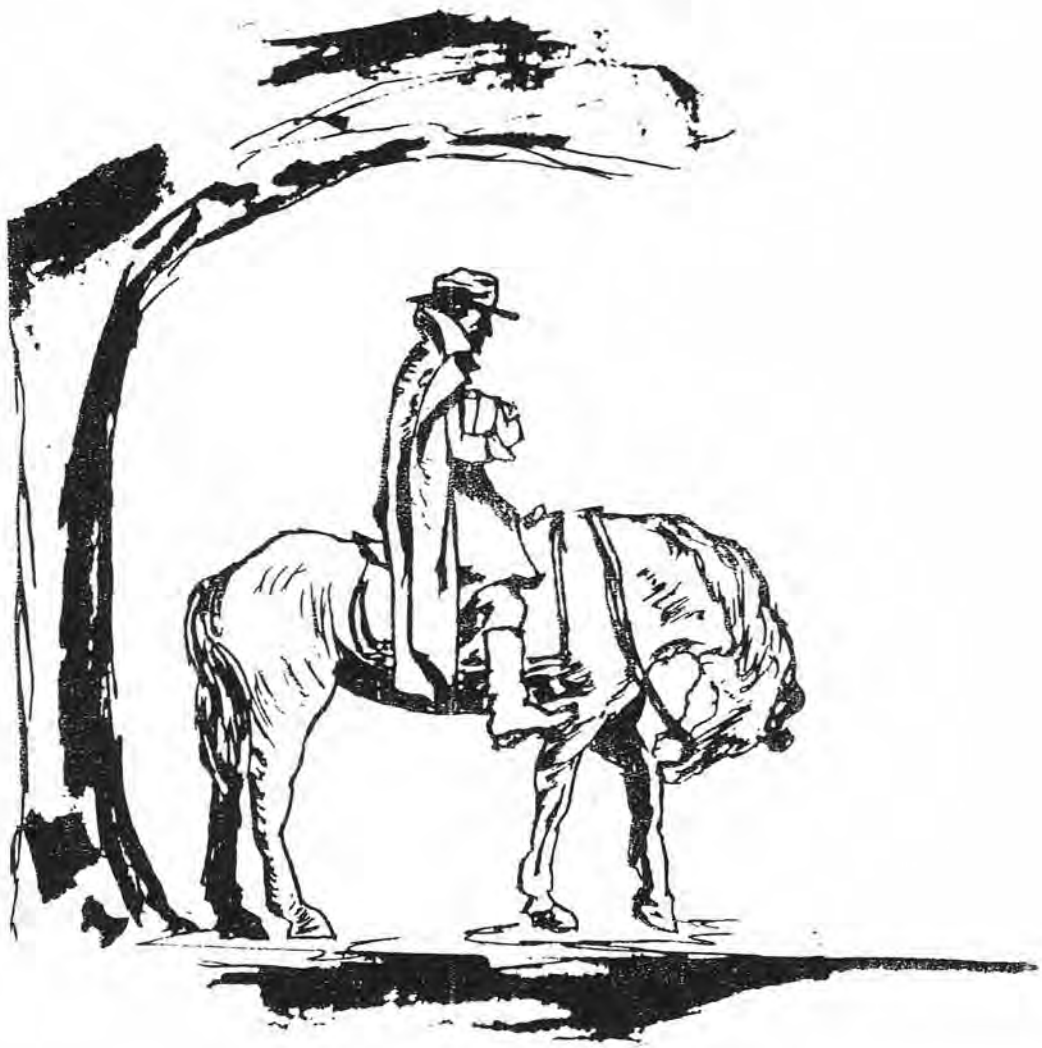
He traveled through Onslow County again a good many times before his death in 1816, often staying at the home of Lot Ballard near Rich Lands, but he did not come again to Swansboro or to the coastal area of the county.

A congregation from Queen's Creek was probably at these meetings in Swansboro, for there had been a Methodist Society of residents living in the Queen's Creek area during the years since Pilmore's 1772 visit to Onslow. It is possible that Asbury formally accepted these Queen's Creek worshipers as a congregation at the time of the quarterly meeting in 1785, although they had been meeting faithfully as a Methodist Society before that date. The old suggestion that Asbury himself presided as organizing minister in 1770 represents a fanciful combining of facts and events, since Asbury did not arrive in America until 1771 and cannot be shown to have come to the Onslow area until 1784. What was to become the Queen's Creek Methodist Society probably evolved gradually during the years after Pilmour's visit in 1772, may have been meeting a while before that, but clearly was vigorous by the time of Asbury's 1784 visit to Swansboro.

QUEEN'S CREEK METHODISTS BUILD THEIR FIRST CHAPEL, 1785

This earlier congregation would have met in members' houses and occasionally have gathered in some convenient out-door setting in its earliest years. But at least by 1785, tradition tells that it erected its first meeting house on land provided by Reuben Grant. His grant on November 9, 1784, for this land appears in Onslow County Land Grants 1712-1800, Book 25, p. 68 (abstracted in Gwynn, I, 783), but no deed conveying it to the Church has been found.

This first building was constructed of logs and was of modest size. Descriptions of similar early structures depict them as approximately 15 or 20 feet by about 30 feet. It was located further down the slope from the site of the later church buildings, behind the present-day cemetery, near a spring flowing into the small stream called for at least 200 years Meeting House Branch in honor of this congregation. In addition to Reuben Grant, among the earliest families of the congregation were the names of BURNS, BELL, FREEDOM, COSTON, MORTON, WINBERRY, PHILIPS, ROGERS, RIGGS, and WARD.



A FRAME STRUCTURE REPLACES THE LOG CHAPEL: THE SECOND CHURCH, 1816

Tradition says that a frame building replaced the original log building in 1816, but we have no documentation for that structure. Evelyn McCulloughs Sheratt and Euzella Barbee Morton, in their historical sketch written in the 1970s, say,

This log structure was replaced by . . . a framed building upon the same site in 1816. This [new] building soon proved too small for the fast growing congregation, so they added rooms on each side. The slaves of the community sat in a shed on the north side, the men on the south side and the women and children in the center portion. (Sherratt and Morton, p. 2.)

J. Parsons Brown claims the 1816 building “is believed to have been built” on land donated by Jonathan Ketchum (*History of the Commonwealth of Onslow*, p. 279), but no documentation for this tradition can be found, and his contention contradicts the stronger tradition that the 1816 building occupied the original site near the spring and the stream.

THE THIRD CHURCH IS BUILT ON NEW AND LARGER GROUNDS, 1834

The first structure of which we have incontrovertible evidence was the new church built in 1834 very near the earlier buildings but on adjoining land conveyed to the church by John Morton, ancestor of the present-day Church Finance Committee Chair, Charles Morton, of Wyatt Morton and his daughters, Louisa and Susan, of Clen Morton and his sister Mariah, and the many Mortons who have served faithfully and well since the church was founded. This parcel extended to the roadway and up the hill and includes all the area now occupied by the cemetery

December 28, 1833. John Morton sold for five dollars to trustees of Methodist Episcopal church, 1 ½ acres of land in Onslow County for a church. Tests: George W. Bell, Daniel Owens. (Gwynn, p. 150.)

The deed names the trustees, including DANIEL ROGERS, ancestor of the late Lee Rogers and his son, Lee Rogers, Jr., and stipulates the purpose of the sale from

John Morton to James Coston, James Provost, Daniel Rogers, John Anderson Coston, Erasmus H. Coston, Robert W. Coston, Jonathan Ketcham, John Freeman, and Mitchell Barber and their successors in office as trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church of the United States, for the purpose of erecting a building and establishing thereon a house as a place of worship, to be under the superintendence of the said trustees and their successors in office forever, chosen and appointed according to the rules and discipline of the general and annual conference of said church in the U. S. (Original deed, in possession of Susan Morton Pridgen, descendant of John Morton.)

We have no physical description of the structure, but it served the congregation nearly fifty years, and was its home during the terrible time of the War Between the States. After 1862, Federal troops occupied Beaufort, and naval parties came into the local waters looking for salt works and weapons, and cavalry and infantry raiding parties regularly scoured the community, bringing fear and some destruction. The only Confederate troops available for defense was Captain Edward W. Ward's Company of Cavalry, The Gatlin Dragoons (Company B, 3rd N. C. Cavalry, 41st Regiment N. C. Troops), stationed at Montfort's Mill. It remained in Onslow County picketing the streams and roads to observe enemy movement and to prevent any Federal raiding or scouting parties from accomplishing their mission, but at the end of 1863 was sent to join Lee's Army of Northern Virginia, leaving the county with no protection at all.

Dr. Ward had organized this company in Swansboro under an act passed by the Confederate Congress, dated August 21, 1861, for local defense and special service. The 148 recruits included young

men named Bell, Eubanks, Morton (2nd Lt. Stephen Morton), Ward, Melton, Coston, Kellum, and Provost. Six other companies – five of infantry and one other cavalry – were formed in the county, comprising about one fifth of the county's population, and these companies were assigned to various regiments of N. C. Troops (3rd, 24th, 35th, 41st, 61st). The county committee for Families of Servicemen helped families whose husbands and sons served in the War, but most depended on the neighborly care of fellow church members and friends. Stories abound of acts of kindness and generosity, Queen's Creek Church having a place of honor in taking care of its own and the needy.

Sherratt and Morton describe this period:

Both Confederate and Federal troops camped on the church grounds. It is said that many of the old [lightwood] fat heart-of-pine slabs hand-carved and placed as markers to the earliest graves in the old cemetery were burned in order to furnish warmth to freezing soldiers. But in spite of the trying and discouraging days that followed the war and reconstruction, the light of faith was kept ever burning and services at Queen's Creek never ceased. Much of the success during these hard years was due to the faith and work of such dedicated men as Daniel Russell, John Anderson Coston, Bryan Hatsell, Ned Markette, Daniel Rogers, Dexter Morton, Louis Morton, Aussell Riggs, and many others of like strong will and resourcefulness. (Sherratt and Morton, p. 3.)

A TIME OF PEACE AFTER THE WAR BRINGS A NEW PROSPERITY: THE FOURTH CHURCH, 1880S

Things were difficult during the Reconstruction period, but in the early 1880s, a new frame building was erected to house the growing congregation. It was located some yards further up the slope from Meeting House Branch, toward the corner where the Swansboro, Bear Creek, and Brown Sound roads intersected. The road curving up the hill around the edge of the cemetery is the original Swansboro road; Sand Ridges Road is the original road to Bear Creek; the road to Brown's Sound that veered off to the right from the Bear Creek Road is no longer visible (having grown over from disuse when the Federal Government took the property in 1941): that intersection was a major confluence of passings-by, and must have seemed a more attractive location for the new church.

Sherratt and Morton record these details:

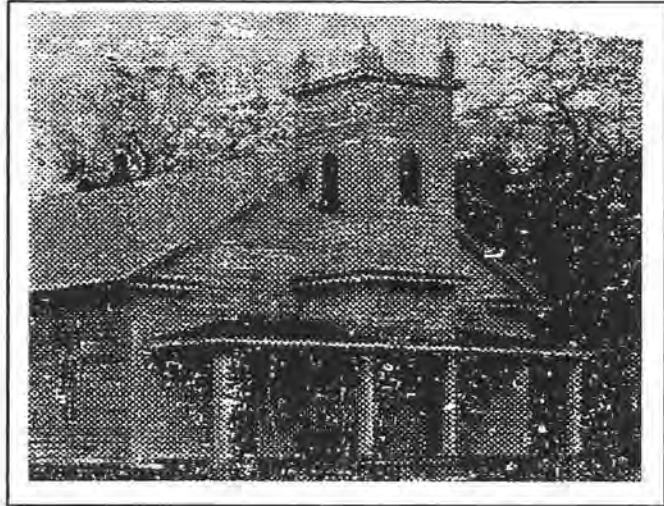
The building was donated by members and friends of the church for miles around. The ceiling boards were given by the then Governor D. L. Russell who had the lumber shipped by water from Wilmington to Bear Creek where it was hauled by oxen to the church. The original pulpit was made by the late Henry Willis and the altar was hand-carved by the late Ed Markette from two pine trees that had grown in a curved shape on the old Bell Place. (p. 3.)

Some people in today's congregation will remember Henry Willis's pulpit and Ed Markette's beautiful curved communion rail defining the semi-circle in front of the altar, worn to a glowing patina by a hundred years of hands.

Governor Daniel Russell's gift of lumber was another example of the Sanders and Russell families' enduring close ties to Queen's Creek Methodist Church. His father was from Queen's Creek but moved to Brunswick County and Daniel was born at his plantation there called Winnabow. But after his mother (who was an Onslow County Ward) died when he was a child, Daniel Russell spent his youth at Palo Alto, the plantation at Silverdale of his grandfather, David Ward Sanders; and he married his cousin, Sarah Amanda Sanders, daughter of Isaac Newton Sanders of Bear Creek. Queen's Creek was navigable at that time at least to Shepard's Landing (behind the Luther Morton property), so Gov. Russell's lumber as well as other supplies may have come by water even closer to the Church construction. Meeting House Branch, fed by the stream from the Henderson Mill as well as the spring behind the church, flows past Shepard's Landing into Queen's Creek proper. The passage is heavily marshed over now, but Luther

Morton and Sam Starling took their sons on one occasion in the late 1940s to navigate that interesting passage in a small boat, to the eternal memory of the younger voyagers.

This 1880s building served the church well until the late 1940s. About 1900, Emory Rogers constructed the steeple, characteristic of the craftsman style of that time (a similar steeple can still be seen on the Methodist Church in Trenton). The interior formed one large nave with four bays on each side and two double doors on the front underneath the sloping porch and steeple. In addition to the curved communion rail, especially notable were the arched mullioned windows defined within the rectangular frames, holding old, slightly irregular glass. The floor was wide plank pine and the pews were hand made pine benches. The communion table and two chairs were oak stained dark, handmade probably by Henry Willis when he was carving the pulpit. Ancient and vast oaks filled the grounds and extended through the cemetery to the edge of the pine wood covering the site of the original chapel and the spring.



MODERN TIMES BRINGS DEVELOPMENTS AND CHANGES IN ORGANIZATION

Records do not document when the church first began to conduct Sunday School. Sherratt and Morton, writing in the 1970s, say, "In asking older members concerning this, their answers have been, 'It was a long time ago. I only know I did attend as a child.'" (p. 4) Such comments would push the date of inception back into the nineteenth century.

Definite records show, at least, that in 1905 Clen Morton became the first official Superintendent of the Sunday School; and he served, with unrelenting care until his death late in the day on March 16, 1955. Mr. Lee Rogers had been Sunday School secretary for a number of years before Mr. Morton's death. He was devoted to his job and never missed a Sunday; and, as was everyone else in the Church, he was deeply devoted to Clen Morton, the backbone of the Church. On Sunday, March 17, 1955, many of the regular group gathered for Sunday School, among them of course Lee Rogers. All were waiting for Mr. Clen to come, not knowing of his death. Finally someone arrived and informed Lee Rogers of the sad news. With tears in his eyes, he arose and conducted Sunday School; after a faithful fifty years, Mr. Clen was not to be there again. Lee Rogers was elected superintendent and held the office until his death in 1967. (Material from Sherratt and Morton, p. 4, and personal recollection of the present author.)

The ladies of the church have long been organized in special ministries. By the end of the nineteenth century they were well established as the Ladies Aid Society, and in the twentieth century became the Women's Society of Christian Service, followed eventually by United Methodist Women. Whatever the name of the society, their ministry has had deep impact, not only in helping people but especially in supporting the fabric of the Church. Reverberating in the collective memory of Queen's Creek Methodist Church from the middle of the twentieth century are the names of such faithful women as Mariah Morton, Dollie Uzzell, Hester Parker, Clyde Morton Ward, Euzella Morton, Effie Rogers Pate, Dolly Bruce Starling, Lucielle Parker, Effie Yates Rogers, Eva Morton, Dinnie Frazier, Mittie Hewitt, Pearl Hewitt Lee, Gladys Meadows, Bertie Conway, Katie Gatlin, Julian Ramsey, Clara Frazier, Nannie New, Lillian Morton Graham, Betty Sue Uzzell, Carol Conway, Ella Mae Pittman, and Thelma Melton; and newcomers who brought new commitment, Edith Bartley, Cleva Blythe, Ruby Taylor, Doris Kanavel, Helen Jennings, Patty Williams, and Lora Midkiff. Many others gave their devotion and their service, and present day ladies carry on their tradition of service.

The men of the church formed the Methodist Men's Club in 1959 under the leadership of Clyde Bartley, Lee Rogers, Michael Thomas Frazier, Odell Parker and others such as John Graham and Rafe Williams as a special ministry and to join with the women to support the church's activities, including a chapter of Boy Scouts as well as fund raising. Both groups and several individual families contributed money to establish a trust fund in 1958 for the perpetual care of the Queen's Creek Church Cemetery. Youth ministry expanded when the church established the Methodist Youth Fellowship about 1950, under the able leadership of Gladys and Johnny Meadows and others.

RENOVATIONS BECOME NECESSARY

In 1948, the congregation felt strongly the need to make some arrangement for Sunday School rooms, since the children's classes were held in the corners of the building with the adult class using the center. So a committee was appointed to take pledges to cover the costs of renovation and make plans to solve this lack. The Rev. Harry Lee Rogers was pastor at the time, and the committee consisted of Glen M. Morton, (chairman), J. W. Meadows (secretary), Fred Parker, Richard Riggs, Major Riggs, Raymond C. Frazier, Euzella Morton, Dolly Bruce Starling, Katie Lee Gatlin, Dolly Uzzelle, Lucille Parker, and Clyde Ward. The committee proposed and the congregation decided to create three Sunday School rooms by partitioning the west side of the church from the main area, with folding doors providing the wall for the middle section so that it could be opened to provide more seating in the nave for special occasions. The steeple was in bad repair, so it was decided to remove it entirely. The renovation work was done by Ronald Holland and Tuss McCausley, with help from other members talented in carpentry.

New pews of finely achieved modern cabinetry were installed, and Lillian Russell Ray contributed a set of elaborate pulpit furniture. The beautiful old hand-hewn pews, worn smooth and deep by the many years of devoted gatherings since 1880, were given to a nearby sister church, unable to afford elaborate newness.

Funds to provide for these renovations and changes were raised by pledges of members and by contributions from friends far and wide. But a very significant part of the funding came from the newly formed "Women's Committee of the Church," organized in 1946 to raise funds for whatever tasks might arise. Sherratt and Morton say, "Any project that was good and legally sound was used. The first project was the ordering of chicken feed sacks and selling them at a small profit. From this group originated the annual fish fry, which has become a tradition. . . . The fish fry, from its beginning involving the men as well as the women of the church, formed the nucleus of the church building fund, and it has continued to be an important source for this fund. It has also been a time for fellowship with friends throughout the area." (p. 5).

ARRANGEMENTS AND PROCEDURES CHANGE WITH THE TIMES

Throughout the nineteenth century, preachers were supplied to small country churches like Queen's Creek by circuit riders, much like the riders in pre-revolutionary days. There were more of them as the years went by, but, even so, services were conducted by ordained ministers only when one was available. On other Sundays, the congregation was led in devotional services by lay-leaders. Swansboro Methodist Church and Tabernacle Church, near Silverdale, follow Queen's Creek in the earliest dates of inception in the area, so members of Queen's Creek would sometimes travel to these neighboring churches for Sunday services.

From 1895 to 1908, Queen's Creek was formally in the Onslow Circuit of the Wilmington District, staffed by one or two ministers who visited about once a month. In 1908, the Swansboro Circuit of the New Bern District was created, consisting of Swansboro, Midway near Stella, Tabernacle near Silverdale, Bethlehem in Bogue, and, after 1925 when it was established as a mission church from Queen's Creek, Oak Grove in Bear Creek. Later a smaller circuit was created to provide for Tabernacle and churches north and east of it, but Swansboro, Bethlehem, Midway, Queen's Creek, and Oak Grove remained a circuit and shared one pastor until 1957. In that year Swansboro became an independent

station, Bethlehem and Midway formed one circuit, and Queen's Creek and Oak Grove another. Services then could be held each Sunday at all churches.

In 1957, Queen's Creek and Oak Grove jointly built a parsonage as a home for the minister assigned to their care. Wyatt Morton donated an acre of land on High 24, and Leon Parker gave his building services. Lumber, labor services, and money were contributed by members of both congregations. The Reverend Thomas Swofford was the first pastor to occupy the new parsonage, and succeeding pastors living here served both Queen's Creek and Oak Grove until 1984, when Queen's Creek became a station church with its own full-time minister and bought out the interest of Oak Grove. This arrangement continued until 1998 when Queen's Creek and Oak Grove again became a two point charge and again came to share a full time minister.

GROWTH BRINGS NEW CONSTRUCTION AND A NEW LOCATION: THE FIFTH CHURCH BUILDING, 1983

The renovations in 1948 that modernized the 1880 church building and provided Sunday School rooms had barely been finished when the congregation experienced unusual growth. Camp Lejeune stimulated rapid growth throughout the county and Queen's Creek Methodist Church received its share of the influx. Sherratt and Morton describe it this way:

For many years the members had been farmers, fishermen, and store keepers whose families had lived here for generations. They found that the congregation had changed overnight! There were people with many skills and talents. Many were young families who were progressive and vibrant and were from every part of the state of North Carolina, the United States, and some were from different parts of the world. Many were settling in the area and looking for a place to worship. (p.6)

The proximity of the cemetery to the 1880 building left inadequate room to expand the 1880 building enough, so on July 19, 1957, the Church appointed Lee Rogers, Sam Starling, Michael Thomas Frazier and Clayton Ramsey as a long range planning committee for a new building program. The committee quickly determined that the only option was to find a different location for a new building. It needed to be as close as possible to the old cemetery, but a spot nearer the main highway would have an advantage (in the 1930s Highway 24 was built and bypassed the part of the road in front of the Church). Wyatt Morton offered to sell two acres of land about one half mile away, the location seemed to fit the criteria, so the Church chose its new site. To help with the interim parking problem, in 1958 Ruth Starling Hough gave the church a parcel of land from S. A. Starling's front pasture to allow the parking area to be extended by fifteen feet.

Energetic fund raising ensued, the purchase was completed, and on February 5, 1962, Bishop Paul M. Garber visited the old church and turned the first spade in the ground breaking at the new site. This probably was the first occasion on which a bishop had visited Queen's Creek Church. Bishop Garber admonished the Queen's Creek congregation to make Christ's incarnation of love and peace their guide personally in building this church. This was the theme of Bishop Asbury's life, he pointed out, and forms our heritage that we must never forget.

The Rev. David Lewis presided and the bishop was introduced by the District Superintendent. Capt. M. O. Stevenson of U. S. Navy Chaplain Corps, whose first assignment as a Methodist minister was in the New Bern District, brought greetings from Camp Lejeune. Others contributing to the service were ministers of Swansboro Methodist Church, Trinity in Jacksonville, and Queen's Street Methodist Church in Kinston. Church members participating were Clyde Bartley, treasurer, Richard T. Riggs, Lay leader, and Betty Sue Uzzell, music director. The Women's Society of Christian Service provided refreshments at the new church site.

The building project started with the construction of an educational structure. That was completed in August of 1963 and the church then began to use its auditorium for church services until the new church could be built. On January 14, 1963, the education building was dedicated by Bishop

Robert M. Blackburn. The Rev. Graham Royal conducted the service, assisted by The Rev. Charles M. Mercer (who had been minister at Queen's Creek Church from 1943 to 1946) and the District Superintendent. The first phase had been completed six years after the Forward Planning Building Committee had been formed.

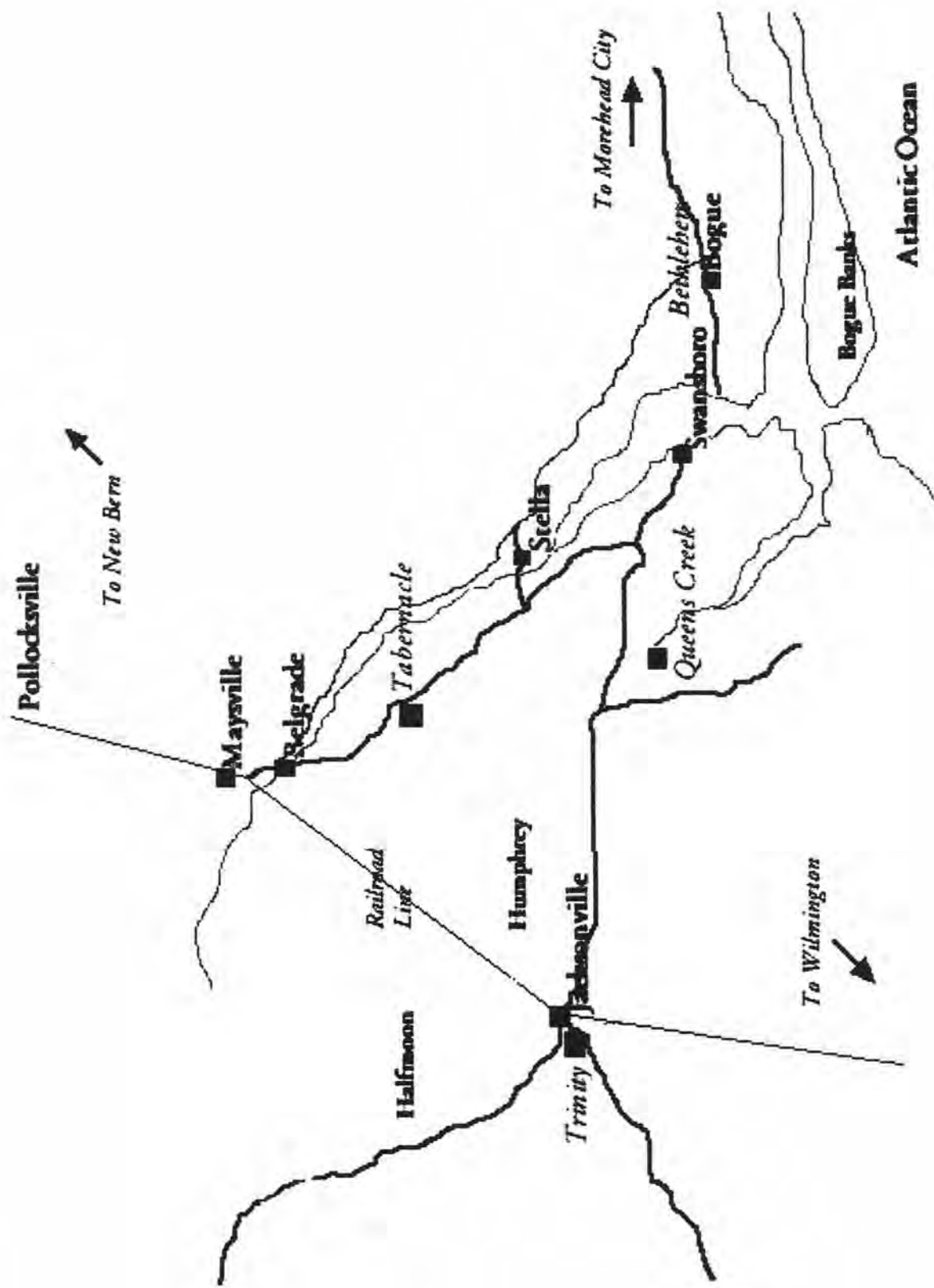
Now the second phase had to be initiated: the building of the church proper. Years of fund raising ensued through individual pledges, family gifts, and many and varied efforts of the Methodist Men's Club and the Women's Society, including the famous annual fish-fry. Then, on Sunday, May 3, 1981, the District Superintendent led the congregation in a ground breaking for its new church building. Construction began the next day on May 4, 1981, and on February 28, 1982, Bishop William R. Cannon consecrated the new structure and the congregation moved in. The congregation was proud to have paid construction costs in full by May 27, 1982. Formal dedication services for the new church were held on October 19, 1986, by Bishop Carlton P. Minnick, Jr.

The new church, the fifth building, serves the modern day congregation well to the present day. This congregation descends spiritually, and some members descend literally, from those long departed souls who had gathered by the spring at Meeting House Branch under the primeval pines in the modality of worship as a personal experience and felt the powerful appeal of John Wesley's message that "grace, pardon, holiness, Christ, heaven" are free to all; that one had only to "believe and be baptized" and "to continue to evidence a desire for salvation" by "avoiding evil in every kind" in order to "inherit the kingdom of God." Those founders and the many generations of their descendants and inheritors that have come since and have maintained the Methodist way in ministry and in fabric at Queen's Creek Church would marvel at the present day structure and establishment, and they would delight and be blessed that their seed had blossomed so well.

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DANIEL BLOUNT REID **1859-1896**

Daniel Blount Reid was born on October 22, 1859. Daniel was the sixth child born to Captain Daniel Reid, a merchant Sea Captain and Sarah Marie Blount Reid a well loved school teacher.

Daniel was converted in 1879 in New Bern, joined the southern branch of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and was licensed to "exhort". This meant that he could urge others to listen to the message of ordained ministers, seek salvation and ask for repentance. But it did not allow him to actually speak from or interpret the text of the Bible.

On October 18, 1880 he married Cora French in a Methodist Ceremony. Daniel continued his study in Methodism and helped begin a church in Vanceboro. After three years of marriage Cora died in childbirth or from some unknown illness is not known at this time.

In August of 1884 he married Sarah Wetherington again a Methodist Ceremony. Daniel was licensed to preach in 1886, became a deacon in 1887, an elder in 1892, and fully ordained in 1890.

In 1894, Reverend Reid was assigned to the Onslow County circuit. This circuit formed a triangle from Swansboro to Maysville and over to Jacksonville and included the towns that fell within a twenty mile radius of the triangle.

Established congregations at the time were Trinity in Jacksonville, Tabernacle, Stella, Swansboro, Queens Creek, and Bethlehem in Bogue which was in Carteret County. Additional stops on the route included Half Moon, Belgrade and Hopewell. This circuit in particular was historically known by the traveling ministers to be one of the most difficult in the state, including Frances Asbury in the late 1700's due to the poor condition of the roads and the reluctance of the citizens to engage fully in a pious attitude. Tabernacle church had been referred to as the "Cow Pasture" by the circuit riders for its remote and rural location that shared its grounds with the surrounding farm fields. This assignment was often a proving ground for young ministers. If they could make good in Onslow they could look forward to an advanced appointment in the future.

On January 1, 1896 Daniel began his new diary; perhaps his first, but unknowingly his last. Reverend Daniel Reid was a man who had garnered great respect by all who knew him. He wanted to help everyone that he came in contact with. He loved children, especially his own He adored and respected his devoted wife. But his dedication to do his job even in the harshest of conditions shortened his life as it did for most of the circuit riders of the day. He died at the age of thirty-six.

Daniel Reid's Diary

Here are a few excerpts from Daniel Reid's Diary:

Friday Jan. 17, 1896

Wea. Warm & Rainy

I intend{e}d to go to Q{ueens} C{reek} this AM but it rained all last night. look rainy all day. have felt badly all day. Wrote Bro. F. Henderson today. Capt Joe {Sabiston} gave me 215. Been preparing a sermon. Read 104 pages of the Prison life of Davis to the family tonight. at 9 PM it is dark and cloudy. Praise the Lord for his goodness to us today. wife not right well.*

Saturday Jan. 18, 1896

Ther. 48 Wea. cold & cloudy

left home today at 10 AM. Went to Queens Creek. Staid at Bro. J. Henderson all day. will stay here tonight. Read Psalm 84 at family alter. Bro{u}ght Sister Hatsell 5.00 for B. F. McCall. bought 3 pairs of shoes for Dock, Nick & Charior. Saw Bro. S. Ward. he came from Swansboro today. Hope the Lord will be with us tomorrow. Glory and hope in Him. Road 10 miles today.

Sunday Jan. 19, 1896

Fogges Wea. Cold*

Am now at Bro. Hadnots. getting ready to go home today. This is a good home. Had large crowd at Q{ueens} Creek. Text John 17.3. Had the Spirit of God with me. baptized Ron Hadnots baby. praid at Bro. Hadnots. came to Swansboro tonight. preached from 1st Corinthians 3.21. had a good time. large crowd. glad to see me. Praise the Lord. Bro. Hay gave me 100.

Thursday Jan. 23, 1896

Ther. 62 Wea. Warm. Rainy. Wet.

Went to Queens Creek. bought Dock a pa{ir} Shoes, no. 13. dined with Bro. Henderson. {Ate} big dinner. bought 10lb Lard ham. farm creek high. stopped at Bro. Mattocks. bought a box of cigars for 60ct. Saw Henry Morton. got a letter from F. Henderson & one from R. V. Leonard. he wants my wish - I could get out of debt. Road 24 miles today. Lord help me to be faithful.

Saturday Feb. 1, 1896

60 Clear

One month past and we are all alive Thank God. Been preparing a sermon for Qu{eens} Cr{eek} tomorrow. Text 1st Timothy 1.22. God happens in preaching it. The mill started up today. Have been reading AD 2000 to wife & Dock tonight. Have finished bathing. Made duck house today. My kink is better. Been suffering with it for 3 days. God help me to be true to thee.

Saturday Feb. 15, 1896

50 Wind S.W. Clear

Staid at home until 3 P.M. {had} meeting of building com{m}it{ee} for Stella Church-decided to let out contract. Left a 3 P.M. Laur{ie} still sick. Willie some better. road 8 miles and spend night with Bro. Dan Rodg{er}s. they gave me a ham. Lord help me to preach with power tomorrow.

Sunday Feb. 16, 1896

Cool Wind E. cloudy

went to Q{ueens} Creek Church. Preached from 1st Corinthians 3.21. had good time. Dined with Bro. H. {Mattocks}. Came to Swansboro this P.M. had sup{per} at Bro. Hatsell. Will stay here tonight. Talked from Romans 8.1-16. The Lord was with me. Found that many of the members had been to the circus. Both at Q{ueens} C{reek}and S{wansboro}.

Monday Feb. 17, 1896

28 very cold. Wind N.

It has been blowing hard all night and this A.M. Snowing. Road to Queens Creek Church with J. L. H{enderson}. Left there at 3 P.M. Came home. Left Charly at Bro. Mattocks. I suffered {fully}. Bought Wife and Willie each a pair of Shoes. H. Morton lend me \$5.00. found all well when I got home. Traveled 20 miles. Went to see Sister Web{b}. She was sick. Snow about 2 inches deep. Lord I thank thee for this day.

Tuesday Feb. 18, 1896

Road 14 miles today.

Morning 20 night 16 cloudy until 12 n. then clear snow 8 inches in a {Gale}. Walked to Bro. Mattocks. took dinner at his home. Drove Charly to Tab{ernacle} and back home. Had a terrible time. Went to bury Bro. {Farior} {Jans}. Only men were there. Came home. Tried {to make} more come. But no matter from S{wansboro} to M{aysville} I was the only one that traveled that road. Lord help me to be faithful.

Wednesday Feb. 19, 1896

30 clear. Cold. Wind N.E.

changed to S. during the day. Is W. tonight.

Heard that Sister {Waters} was dead. Will go there in A.M. Bro. Steph{e}ns house caught fire from stove flue at 3 ½ P.M. we succeeded in putting it out. After a while we were snowballing in the yard. Snow melting fast. Family much better. Wife has enjoyed herself today snowballing. Lord help me to do some good.

Sunday March 1, 1896

Wife no better

38 Wind N. W.

had Rain until 12 o'clock. Preached at Tab{ernacle} from Romans 10.1-4, 9-10. Dined at Willie Bays. Praid with him and wife. Went to Jacksonville. Preached from 1st John 3.1-2. Came home after preaching. 20 miles drive making 47 miles in all traveled today. Got here at 1 ½ A.M. Monday. The Lord help me ra{ise} 3.25 for Qu{eens} Cr{eek}.

Monday March 2, 1896

28 Cold Cloudy Wind N.W. high

Road 26 miles after wife much worse. Has Ma{laria} fever. Looks as though it was going to be bad for her. Lord help me and make her well. Capt Ter{r}y went to Jacksonville today and brought Mr. Bryant back as a sawyer. Dr. {Sanders} went to Raleigh.

Tuesday March 3, 1896

30 Cloudy Wind N.W.

wif{e} a little better tonight. Capt Ter{r}y gave me a cord of Ash Wood. They are very kind to me. Bought Campeta and Rone a pare of shoes each. Willie sick tonight with fever. Set up all night. Will have to do so tonight. Lord help me to be faithful. I wrote this for tomorrow. Had my hair cut tonight.

Wednesday March 4, 1896

30 Cloudy Wind N.E.

wif{e} little better since 2 o'clock. Capt. Ter{r}y gave me a cord of wood today. Will much worse today. Was up all night last night. Bro. R. Ervin set with me until 12 last night. Lord bless us all tonight.

Saturday March 14, 1896

31 cold clear wind N.W.

Family better. Bro. Dixon stop{p}ed a little while at house on his way to Half Moon. Saw Bro. Ben Ward. Gave him some initiation in Masonry. Left home at 4 P.M. for Queens Creek. Am spending the night at Bro. J. L. Hendersons house. Lord help me to preach tomorrow.

Sunday March 15, 1896

25 Cold Clear Pleas{ant} Wind N.W.

Spent night at J. L. Hendersons, preached at Qu{eens}Cr{eek} Church. Text 1st Timothy 1.15. large crowd. Had freedom. took many col{lection}s. got \$6.00 Sub{s}cription}. Dined at Bro. Dixon Mattocks. Went to Swansboro. Sup{p}er at D. {Morris}. Preach 1st Timothy 1.15. larger crowd. The Lord was there. Traveled 7 miles. will spend night at Bro. Morris. Took M{aysville} col{lection}.did not do much.

Monday March 16, 1896

55 Warm rainy Wind S.W.

Staid at Bro. Morris last night. Bro. Pittman gave me \$3.60 in traid. Northern Methodist preached at Stella yesterday. Am sorry. Came home today. Traveled 10 miles. took {drives} with Bro. Russell at Swansboro. Lord help me to be more faithfull. Gave W. Peletier \$2.00 today.*

Sunday March 29, 1896

Warm Cloudy Windy S.

Went to Queens Creek Church to the S{unday} S{chool} Mass Meeting. Had a large crowd and some good addresses from Bros. W. Thompson, Rev. B. Ward and I. N. Henderson, D. B. {Mattocks}, {.....} Oliver. \$4.62 raised for Mis{s}ionary} School - 10.00 on the ground. I preached "At Setting Good {Character}, one or the other - Which" The Lord visited me.

Thursday April 16, 1896

Warm Cloudy Wind W.

I have been sick all day. Went to the evening Service, but had to leave. Bro. Owen preached. Bro. Kendall preached tonight. Text Isaiah 3.10-11. The power of the Lord came down. About 12 or 14 penitents at the alter. Oh, Lord give us the victory.

Friday April 17, 1896

50 Warm clear Wind S.

Bro Kendall preached at {.....}P.M. and at night. The Lord was here. 6 joined the church tonight. Glory to God. Lord help me. I've been sick all day.

Saturday April 18, 1896

50 Warm clear Wind S.

Bro. Kendall left today. I attended Lodge {Masonic}. Saw Bro. Justis raised. Preached tonight. Text Mark 11.24. The Lord blessed us. Oh Lord revive thy work. Got a telegram from Bro. Henderson Cole late at 3 ½ telling me that he could not go to Queens Creek. Lord bless the work tomorrow.

Sunday May 17, 1896

80 very warm wind S.W.

Got Dave's mare horse to go to Queens Creek for \$1.00. Preached from John 12.26. The Lord was there. Dined at Is{sac} Hendersons. He was sick. Returned to Swansboro by 2:30 P.M. to Childrens day. A grand time. Talked to the children some. Preached from John 3.7. The Lord blessed me. a few came forward for prayers. Road 18 miles.

Sunday May 24, 1896

60 Cloudy Rain Wind W.

Went to Bethlehem today and back by water. Tried to preach to a large congregation. Text John 12.26. returned back to Swansboro. Bro. Cole preached morning and night Services. had a good meeting at night.

Monday May 25, 1896

40 cool cloudy Wind N.E.

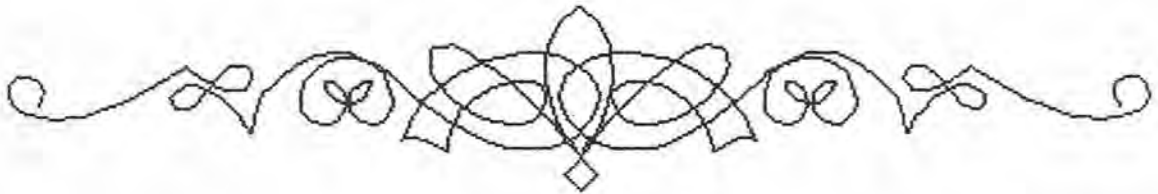
Left Swansboro for Stella, (Home) this a.m. with Bro. Cole. Found all well and happy. Went to see Bro. Godwin. got some meat. Bro. Dixon came down today. Spent the evening with us. Lord forgive me for my Sins. Road 18 miles today.

Tuesday May 26, 1896

70 Cloudy Wind N.E.

Left home this A.M. for Jacksonville. Stop{p}ed at John Mattocks for dinner. Came on to J{acksonville} went to the commencement exercises of Miss-----Hargetts School. The Children done {well}. Prof{fessor} White delivered a very fine address. his Subject was Woman. Road 29 miles today. am stopping at Bro. Gerocks.

{This is the last entry in the diary of Rev. Daniel Reid; he died 20 days later in Jacksonville, North Carolina. We can only assume that perhaps in the evening of May 26 after this entry was written or sometime on the 27th he was stricken with another convulsion or seizure so serious and debilitating that he would never be able to write in his diary again. It is not known if he ever made it to the Gerock home.}



The Friday, June 18, 1896 issue of "The Wilmington Messenger", p. 2, stated the following:

Death of Rev. Daniel Reid

Rev. Daniel Reid of North Carolina Conference, and pastor of the Onslow Circuit M. E. Church South, died of meningitis in Jacksonville, N. C., Wednesday evening June 17th.

We can only imagine what a sorrowful time this was for Sarah Reid and the children as Daniel lay dying, not wanting to let his family and parish down but knowing that he would not recover from the infection that had disabled him. The beloved husband, the cherished father, and respected spiritual leader was fading away from them.

Daniel would have tried to be strong enough to wait for his sister Fannie to arrive from Pensacola, his brother Lewis to arrive from Atlanta, and his sisters Sadie and Lorraine and his father Capt. Reid to arrive from Goldsboro before taking leave of this earth. He would have wanted one last goodbye to the family he so loved.

The procession to the cemetery at Tabernacle Methodist Church was the last trip for this faithful Circuit Rider. Reverend Daniel Blount Reid lay at rest in the Tabernacle churchyard until after the death of his wife when his body was moved to the Rockfish Cemetery in Wallace, NC to be by her side for eternity.

(The body of Ann Taylor Wetherington was also moved to Rockfish cemetery.)

Original Deed

Deed for
Lucris Creek M. House
From Mrs. Morton to the
following Trustees W. J. Boston
Jas. Drowdy, David Rogers, Mrs. A. B. B.
E. H. Boston, R. W. Boston & Ketchum
Mrs. Freeman & Mitchell Barber

4 pms
To Build a
Methodist Chappel
On — — — —

This indenture made and executed this 28th of December in
the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and thirty
Three, ^{between} John Morton of the county of Onslow & State of North Carolina
of the one part and James Coston, James Inwood, Law Rogers, Jno
A. Coston, Erasmus H. Coston, Robert W. Coston, Jonathan Ketchum,
John Freeman & Mitchell Barber Trustees of and for the purposes
hereinafter mentioned and their successors in office, all of the
county and State aforesaid, of the other part. Witnesseth that
the said John Morton for and in consideration of the sum of
Five Dollars to him in hand paid at and upon the signing
& sealing these presents the receipt of which is here by acknowl-
-edged hath given, granted, bargained, sold, released, confirmed &
conveyed, and by these presents doth give, grant bargain, sell
release, confirm & convey unto the said Trustees and their successors
in office all the estate, right, title, interest, property, claims and demand
whichever either in law or equity which the said John Morton of the first
part ^{hath} in, to or upon, all and singular a certain lot or piece of land & tract
lying and being in the County of Onslow & State aforesaid, bounded and
traced as follows, to wit. Beginning on the ^{main} Road leading from Swanboro
to Onslow Court House, at Sandy Run, or Meeting House Branch where it
crosses the Road running westwardly with the road. Two hundred and
fifty Yards to a pine Tree (marked) on the edge of the north side of
said road, thence running a due north course to David Ketchum's line
thence eastwardly with said line to the Branch, thence with the Branch
to the place of Beginning, containing and laid out for one & a half Acres
of Land be it more or less together with all & singular the houses, woods
waters, ways, privileges, and appurtenances thereto belonging or in any
wise pertaining. In testimony whereof the said Trustees & their successors in office of the
Second part for the sole use & benefit of the members of the Methodist
Episcopal Church in the United States for the purpose of Erecting building

Establishing thereon a House or place of worship to be under the super-
intendence of the said trustees and their successors in office forever chosen
and appointed according to the rules & Discipline of said Church and in
every respect always subject to the rules & Discipline of the general and
annual Conference of said Church in the United States which may be
agreed upon and adopted And I John Norton do for myself heirs Executors
Administrators & assigns warrant and forever defend unto the said tra-

METHODIST MEN'S CLUB
OF
QUEEN'S CREEK CHURCH
Hubert, N. C.
April 7, 1959

The men of our church met on the night of March 5, 1959 at the church for the purpose of organizing a Men's Club. We had as our guest speaker on this occasion, Karl K. Kendrick, of New Bern, N. C., President of the Methodist Men's Clubs of the New Bern District. After Mr. Kendrick's address our men decided to proceed to organize, and set the time for the next meeting at March 16. On this date we met and elected officers, after a delicious hamburger supper prepared by the men of the club.

The Club got off to a good start under the leadership of a splendid group of officers and with the assistance of our pastor, Rev. R. M. Gradeless. We have to date twenty-five members and expect several more at our next meeting when we shall observe our Charter Presentation Service, with Mr. Kendrick on hand to present the charter.

There was considerable interest expressed about several matters of community interest, and out of these discussions came resolutions of actions to be taken. The club undertook three projects of community improvement and welfare; first, to appoint a committee to work out the details for the organization of a local volunteer fire department; second, to contact the Highway Patrol Department and try to have the speed limit through the community cut down from sixty miles an hour to at least forty-five; third, to plow up the ground at the new church site, and offer garden plots to the people of the community who have no place for a garden.

Our Men's Club plans to take an active part in the Visitation Evangelism Program of our local church in the next few weeks. There has long been the need of just such an organization in this community and I feel that God can use our club for great good in the church and the community.

William H. Mallory, President
Hubert, N. C.

REPORT OF THE BUILDING COMMITTEE

Be it resolved that the Queens Creek United Methodist Church, meeting on May 20, 1979, does commit itself to carry out the following building program:

- A. That we build a sanctuary that will seat 250 people plus a choir of 25 people, and
- B. That we build two Sunday School class-rooms with the necessary adjacent halls and toilets, and
- C. That we convert the pulpit area of the present sanctuary into a stage for the Fellowship Hall.

We further adopt the design and floor plans as drawn by the firm of Ballard, McKim & Sawyer, AIA, and presented at this Church Conference.

We commit ourselves as a church to raise \$75,000 in cash moneys in addition to other moneys already in hand; and we authorize, instruct and empower the Administrative Board and Trustees to execute a loan not to exceed \$100,000 to finance the remainder of the cost of the project.

We further empower our Administrative Board to decide whether the loan shall be acquired through regular loans from the Board of Global Ministries, or other lending agency, or whether it shall be through a bond program.

We further empower the Administrative Board to obtain working drawing, specification for the project, and to advertise for bids and let the contract for construction of the project, PROVIDED THAT the contract may be let only when at least \$150,000 in cash moneys are on hand, and when the loan - either through a loan agency or through bonds - has been executed to guarantee that the contractor and architect shall be paid in full upon completion of the construction and final inspection.

We further instruct and empower the Administrative Board and Trustees to make application for financial assistance from the Duke Endowment.

PASTORS OF THE QUEENS CREEK METHODIST CHURCH
 by Rev. David M. Lewis
 Pastor of Queens Creek Methodist Church
 Sept. 1, 1963

Recently I received a letter from Mrs. Louise M. Sweet, wife of the deceased, Dr. William Warren Sweet who gave me the following information for which I am very grateful.

"In my husband's library I have found the minutes of the Methodist Church beginning with the year 1829. There I find the Neuse District, Moses Brock Presiding Elder, Member, Christoph Thomas. It was part of the Virginia Conference. The only time I see Maysville mentioned beginning 1829-1830, in the Kentucky Conference, Augusta District, R. Corvine, Presiding Elder, Maysville, Abel Robinson, 1830 Virginia Conference, Joseph Carson, Presiding Elder of Neuse District, Member Leroy M. Lee.

North Carolina was part of the Virginia Conference until 1837 when it became the North Carolina Conference. Newbern District James Jamieson, Presiding Elder, Member, George W. Laughorne".

From Parson Brown we quote the following: "Among the early pastors of the church were: The Reverends Filmore McKendree, Coston (Mr. Jimmy) Henderson, Moore, Mattocks, Covington, Tuttle, Petteway, Bell, Starling, Jenkins."

I am indebted to Donn Michael Farris, Librarian, Divinity School, Duke University, Durham, N. C.

These are the names of the pastors listed for the Onslow Circuit, Wilmington District, from 1872-1908. The mailing address for these men was Palo Alto until the year 1907 when Mr. Geddie's address was listed as Maysville, and in 1908 Mr. Stanfords address was also Maysville.

1872 - R. P. Bibb	1890 - J. L. Keen
1873 - W. R. Fergerson	1891 - J. L. Keen
1874 - L. W. Pigott	1892 - J. L. Keen
1875 - G. W. Hardison	1893 - G. W. Starling
1876 - G. W. Hardison	1894 - D. Reid
1877 - W. P. McCorkle	1895 - Daniel Reid & Joseph Dixon
1878 - M. H. Moore	1896 - C. P. Snow
1879 - B. E. McCall	1897 - J. A. Rouse
1880 - J. T. Kendall	1898 - J. A. Rouse
1881 - R. L. Warlick	1899 - F. S. Becton
1882 - Clayton W. Smith	1900 - F. S. Becton
1883 - Clayton W. Smith	1901 - F. S. Becton
1884 - D. A. Futrell	1902 - W. A. Jenkins
1885 - Z. Paris	1903 - W. A. Jenkins
1886 - N. A. Hooker	1904 - D. C. Geddie
1887 - N. A. Hooker	1905 - D. C. Geddie
1888 - T. C. Lovin	1906 - D. C. Geddie
1889 - T. C. Lovin	1907 - D. C. Geddie
	1908 - J. T. Stanford

Swansboro Circuit, Wilmington District

1908 - W. E. Brown	1921-22- T. W. Siler
1909 - supply, name not listed	1923-24- D. A. Futrell
1910-12-J.C. Whedbee	1925-26 L. R. Gains
1913-16-J.M. Lowder	1927 M. F. Hodges
1917-18-W.C. Benson	-- 1928 W.H.J. Winstead
1919-20-W.B. Humble	1929-30 T. B. Hough

1931	E. B. Bell	1940-	G. C. Wood
1932-33	S. S. Ellington	1941-42	B. W. Petteway
1934-35	C. W. Barbee	1943-45	C. H. Mercer
1936-39	C. B. Long	1946-47	H. L. Rogers
		1948-52	J. K. Worthington

(Queens Creek listed in Minutes as part of Swansboro Circuit from 1921 on. Before that, it was not named specifically.)

Swansboro Charge, New Bern District

1953-55	W. R. Johnson
1956	E. R. Shuller

HUBERT Charge, New Bern District

1957	T. H. Swafford, Jr.
1958-59	R. M. Gradeless
1960---	D. M. Lewis

~~1964~~
~~1964-~~ Sam Brown
~~1966-~~

1966- Merl Am-specker
 1969

1969 - William ~~Coile~~ Coit
 1970

1970 James ~~Coile~~ Coile

1974 Richard Royal

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1978 Sidney Epperson

1990

1990

1991 Robert Rudd

Swansboro Charge
G.C.Wood- Pastor

Apportionments for church year 1940-41 given below by churches-

Bethlehem-	:	Pelletier-	
Pastor' Salary-----200	:	For all Purposes-----100	
District Supt----- 16	:		
Claimants' Fund----- 8	:		
Bishops' Fund----- 4.50	:		
Orphanage----- 20	:		
District Fund----- 3	:		

Midway-	:	Oak Grove-	
Pastor's Salary----165	:	Pastor's Salary-----150	
District Supt----- 12	:	District Supt----- 12	
Claimants' Fund----- 6	:	Claimants' Fund----- 6	
Bishops' Fund----- 3.40	:	Bishops' Fund----- 3.40	
Orphanage----- 15	:	Orphanage----- 15	
World Service----- 31.60	:	World Service----- 32.60	
District Fund----- 2.25	:	District Fund----- 2.25	23

Queen's Creek-	:	Swansboro-	
Pastor's Salary----192	:	Pastor's Salary-----375	
District Supt--- -- 14	:	District Supt----- 30	
Claimants' Fund----- 7	:	Claimants' Fund----- 15	
Bishops' Fund----- 3.94	:	Bishops' Fund----- 8.44	
Orphanage----- 17.50	:	Orphanage----- 37.50	
World Service----- 44.06	:	World Service----- 58.56	
District Fund ----- 2.63	:	District Fund----- 5.63	

Our Easter Offering

Dear Members:

Our Easter offering will be applied to our orphanage and World Service obligations. In keeping with Brother Parker's request we desire to report to the District Conference that 50% of these obligations has been paid. The District Conference meets on Friday following Easter Sunday. The amount each church will have to raise to reach the 50% goal is given below-Bethlehem-10; Midway-23.30; Queen's Creek-30.75; Oak Grove-23.80; Swansboro-48; Pelletier-5. A special designed envelope is enclosed for your Easter offering. Bring or send your offering to your church on Easter Sunday either at the time for church school or preaching service. Wishing for you a real Easter Blessing, we are,

Brotherly,
The Boards of Stewards
By G.C.Wood, Pastor-

P.S. Revival Begins at Swansboro Easter Sunday Night. Rev C.T. Rogers will preach. Oak Grove revival will begin Sunday night, June 8. Rev. R.L. Vickery will preach.

"The Lord loves a cheerful giver." More blessed to give than to receive."

#1 Reports of Special Meeting
December 1956 - 1957

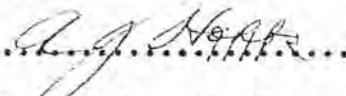
THE NEW BERN DISTRICT BOARD OF CHURCH BUILDING AND LOCATION
Called in Session at Queen's Creek Church on August 10, 1956,
by Chairman, Dr. A. J. Hobbs, District Superintendent, to
consider the selection of a plot for the location of the
Parsonage of the Queens's Creek-Oak Grove Charge.

The following parcels of ground were visited and considered:

- No. 1. The property of the Starling heirs near Queen's Creek Church. A lot 100ft by 200ft. Six miles to Swansboro. Five miles to Oak Grove.
- No. 2. W. V. Morton Property. Highway 24, and about one mile from Queen's Creek Church, joining the land of Mr. Blythe. Road frontage of 210 ft. and 210 ft. deep.
- No.3. W. V. Morton's on the opposite side of Highway 24 from lot 2. A lot 125ft. by 115ft.
- No. 4. Mrs. Edith Riggs property on Willis Landing Road. One fifth mile from Oak Grove Church. A lot 125ft. by 200ft.
- No. 5. Frank McCausley property at Oak Grove Church. A lot 125ft. by 200ft.
- No. 6. Freshwater property on Bear Creek Road. Five miles from Queen's Creek Church and one half mile from Oak Grove Church. A lot of one or two acres as desired.
- No. 7. Mrs. Saddle Saunders' property. Between the two churches. Any size or location in the Pinewood road.

After careful consideration the Board unanimously agreed that the plot of Mr. W. V. Morton as listed No. 2. above should be accepted and the Parsonage located there. It was felt by the Board and therefore agreed to with Mr. Morton that a lot of 210ft. by 210ft. would be desirable and necessary for the parsonage. This size lot(one Acre) would give room for yards, garden, etc., and would not be too close to other building.

Since it was as gifts to the Conference that the above parcels of land were considered by the Board, the Board expressed its thanks to Mr. Morton for the lot, and to the others for their generous offers.

A. J. Hobbs, Chairman

 J. F. Pegg, Sec. pro tem.

At the Quarterly Conference of the Hubert Charge of the Queens Creek and Oak Grove Methodist Churches, it was explained by Reverend Thomas Swofford that Mr. Wyatt V. Morton and wife had very kindly offered to the Queens Creek and Oak Grove Churches one acre of land for the purpose of erecting thereon a parsonage, which parsonage would be used by the minister of said two churches. The one acre of land in question was described as being a one square acre situated on the North side of N. C. Highway No. 24, adjoining and on the West side of Marshall Blythe. This gift to be made by Mr. and Mrs. Morton was to be unconditional so long as the property was used for church purposes but they request that if and when the property should not be used for church purposes they be permitted to repurchase the same from the trustees by paying therefor the fair market value of any improvements placed upon the property, which fair market value would then be determined by three disinterested persons.

Upon motion made by G. C. Bartley and seconded by R. J. Riggs, it was unanimously decided to accept the offer of Mr. and Mrs. Morton upon the terms as outlined above and it was further decided that if and when the churches are dissolved or the property no longer used for the purpose for which given that Mr. and Mrs. Morton, or their heirs or personal representatives, be then permitted to repurchase the property at the then market value of the improvements placed thereon, as determined by three disinterested persons.

It was further decided that Mr. and Mrs. Morton be given a copy of this resolution, duly certified by the District Superintendent of the New Bern District of the Methodist Church, as evidence of this decision and agreement on the part of the Hubert Charge of the Queens Creek and Oak Grove Methodist Churches.

Certified to be a true and correct copy of action duly taken at the Quarterly Conference of the Hubert Charge of the Queens Creek and Oak Grove Methodist Churches at a meeting duly called and held on August 19, 1956.

A. J. Hobbs

"Resolved, That the Trustees or
proper officers of Inverness Creek &
Oak Grove churches be & they are
hereby authorized & empowered
to accept a conditional donation
from the Conference Board of
Missions of the N. C. Annual
Conference not exceeding the
sum of \$1000, for the pur-
pose of completing a parsonage,
and to secure the same by
the execution of a Trust
Agreement & Mortgage upon
the property?"

QUEENS CREEK OFFICERS
1958-1959

Stewards

- * A. C. Bartley '59
- * A. H. Pittman '59
- * R. C. Frazier '59
- * Earl Gatlin '59
- * Ruby Taylor '59
- * Dolly Uzzell '60
- * Clayton Ramsey '60
- * Louis Morton '60
- * Euzella Morton '60
- * Odell Parker '60

Trustees

- * Clayton Ramsey '58
- * Johnny Graham '59
- * R. T. Riggs '60
- * M. T. Frazier '60
- * Fred Parker '61

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| * Church Lay Leader | ----- | R. T. Riggs |
| Church Sexton | ----- | Effie Pate |
| * Church School Superintendent | ----- | Lee Rogers |
| Church School Super. of Membership Cultivation | ----- | Clyde Bartley |
| Church School Secretary | ----- | M. T. Frazier |
| * Church Treasurer | ----- | Edith Bartley |
| * Communion Stewards | ----- | Dolly Starling and Lillian Graham |
| * President of W.S.C.S. | ----- | |
| * President of M.Y.F. | ----- | Louisa Morton |

Commissions

Membership & Evangelism

- * Mark Groby (Chairman)
- Dolly Uzzell
- Helen Jennings
- Mary Ann Kellum
- Patty Williams
- Newton Riggs
- Ruby Riggs

Education

- * Lee Rogers (Chairman)
- Clara Bell Frazier
- Audrey Parker
- Vivian Milligan
- Julia Ramsey
- Nannie New

Missions

- * Effie Pate (Chairman)
- Hester Parker
- Doug Parker
- Dunnie Frazier
- Alvin Pittman
- Mittie Hewitt

Finance

- * Richard Riggs (Chairman)
- Odell Parker
- Cecil Taylor
- Eugene Pate
- Edith Bartley
- CHARLES DUNN

Committees

Nominating

- Euzella Morton
- Clyde Bartley
- Lee Rogers
- R. T. Riggs

Parsonage

- * Hester Parker (Chairman)
- Dolly Starling
- Coy Lee

Pastoral Relations

- * R. T. Riggs (Chairman)
- Ruby Taylor
- Euzella Morton

Colleges

- * Helen Jennings

Wills & Legacies

- * Johnny Meadows
- Wyatt Morton

Flowers

- * Dolly Starling (Chairman)
- Katie Gatlin
- Julia Ramsey

Music

- * Betty Uzzell (Chairman)
- Edith Bartley
- Betty Quinn
- Cleva Blythe

Homecoming notes:

1948 Homecoming - Lemonade was served by Aaron Farnell and Johnnie Meadows . 19th homecoming

1951 "Gathering Home" sung after Memorial Service at QC in June

1952 A Program Committee was formed in 1952, also a Memorial Committee and a Historian Committee

1953 Memorial Service Song :One of Gods Days" by J.V. Meadows, Jere Starling, Billy Meadows

Mr. Dan Russell of Richlands suggested a Committee be organized to purchase a Organ for QC Church in memory of all loved ones. 1953

1966, First Honorary Mayor of Hubert installation of mayor after Homecoming Service . Miss Belinda Frazier, Mayor, Mrs. Lynn Rouse, Vice Mayor. Mayor Bruce Teachey & Mrs. Sam Starling conferred the honors on our newly elected First Ladies

(NOTES I FOUND HAND WRITTEN) *Carnie Taylor*

Before organization of Official Church Business

In the latter part of 1800.

We find from certain records in early 1800

later in 1900 that this business of the QCUMC was handled by the ministers and several faithful members of the church. According to Mrs. Dolly Uzzell, her first memories were visitation by Mr. Dexter Bell Morton, whose mission it was to collect money to pay the pastor. Collection were taken to buy kerosene for the hanging lamps, and work days were set aside to cut wood to fuel the one iron stove which stood in the center of the one room church.

As Queens Creek continued to be the one Methodist church for all surrounding areas, until churches were built in early 1900's . One minister served all 5 churches until 1957. Swansboro became a station, Belehelem and Midway became a charge; Oak Grove and Queens Creek became the Hubert Charge. Also in 1957 a parsonage was built by members of Oak Grove and Queens Creek Churches on highway 24, (now Hubert Blvd.) on one acre of land donated by Wyatt V. Morton. The builder was Leon Parker of Belgrade Community, assisted by members of the two churches. Lumber, labor, and money were donated. The first minister to live in the parsonage was the Rev. Tom Swofford. Since that time the following ministers have occupied the parsonage.

Used Organ was donated about 1930 Gladys Meadows , Clyde Ward, Irene Cotton played. First organ don't know when.

1. Piano. 1940 -by Mr. & Mrs. Johnny Meadows
2. Piano about 1950 - Mr. Greer Began collections at Annual fish fry. Personal donations 1952 - first organized choir
3. May 20, 1956 - dedication of the organ and this was a memorial organ donated by 23 families loved ones.

Dedication of organ a gift by Mr. & Mrs Archie Page (Bernice and Archie) May 1971
A gift of a piano by Archie & Bernice Page was received April 1971.

First Administrative Board - 1954-56-57

1. Clyde Bartley - Chairman
Odell Parker 1943 - Treasurer
- Edith Bartley - Treasurer
Ruby Taylor - 78 & 79 - Secretary

Patty Williams 1980 - Secretary

The Administrative Board of Queens Creek was organized in 1956 during the pastorate of the Rev. W. R. Johnson.

1. Clyde Bartley - first chairman served 1956 - Sept. 1960.
2. John Graham - served Oct. 1960 - July 1967
3. James A. Rouse - Aug. 1967 - June 7, 1971
4. Ruby Taylor - July 5, 1971 - May 7, 1973
5. D. A. Vick - June 4, 1973 to December 1974
6. John Graham - January 6, 1975 - Dec. 1977



Hubert School Students

1902

Front Row: Luthur Morton, Dollie Uzzell, Jessie Melton,
Rena Morton, Bessie Morton, Wyatt Morton,
Jessie Starling

Second Row: Monte Foscae, -----, Rolin Morton,
-----, Will Morton

Third Row: Modelle Frazier, -----

Fourth Row: Maria Morton, Lina Franks, Cora Henderson (teacher)
II:h: 5

The year was 1902

The one-room Hubert schoolhouse has become a project for the Hubert Extension Homemakers Association. The group wants to renovate the school and place it on the National Register of Historical Places. Pictured in the photograph are the 25 members of the Hubert school during 1902, including Dollie Riggs, mother of Hubert resident Irene Cotton. From left in the first row are Bessie Meadows, Vera Lee Hardison, Jessie Starling, Gladys Henderson, Luther Morton. Second row: Belle Meadows, Maria Morton, Katie Hardison, Bessie Morton, Bill Bell. Third row: Rena Morton, Katie Meadows, Pearl Hatsell, Wyatt Morton, Jessie Morton, William Meadows, Dollie Riggs. Fourth row: Monte Foscue, Raleigh Morton, Will Morton, teacher Lina Franks, Modelle Frazier. Fifth row: Lee Hatsell, Louise Henderson, Annie Henderson.



QUEEN'S CREEK METHODIST CHURCH CEMETERY

Said property shall be used for the purpose of sepulture only.

Following are certain regulations regarding use of cemetery:

1. No new plots are to be started unless persons are members of Queen's Creek Methodist Church. Where there is an existing family plot, a member of the family may be buried in existing plot so long as space is available in that plot.
2. If there be a petition for burial in this cemetery, the petition should be presented to the Chairman of Cemetery Committee for determination of eligibility and assignment of space.
3. No monumental work, markers, or objects of any kind may be placed protruding above the surface of the ground. Nor any hedge, plants, trees, or flowers be planted on or removed from said property except such as may be approved by the committee of the said Queen's Creek Methodist Church Cemetery.
4. No graves are allowed in front of old church site, neither on the right nor left side facing front of old church site.
5. Within ten days after interment, all flower stands, etc., must be removed from the premises.
6. A canvass will be conducted in May of each year for donations from interested persons. These donations will become a part of the Perpetual Fund of Queen's Creek Methodist Church Cemetery. This fund is established for interest earnings which may be used as directed by the committee toward perpetual care of cemetery - to keep entire cemetery cleaned.
7. There will be a standing committee for the Queen's Creek Methodist Church Cemetery Perpetual Fund and so far as possible the members of this committee shall have members of the family buried in this cemetery.
8. To the extent that I do not comply with the above regulations, I hereby authorize the Chairman of Cemetery Committee to effect such compliance and bill me accordingly.

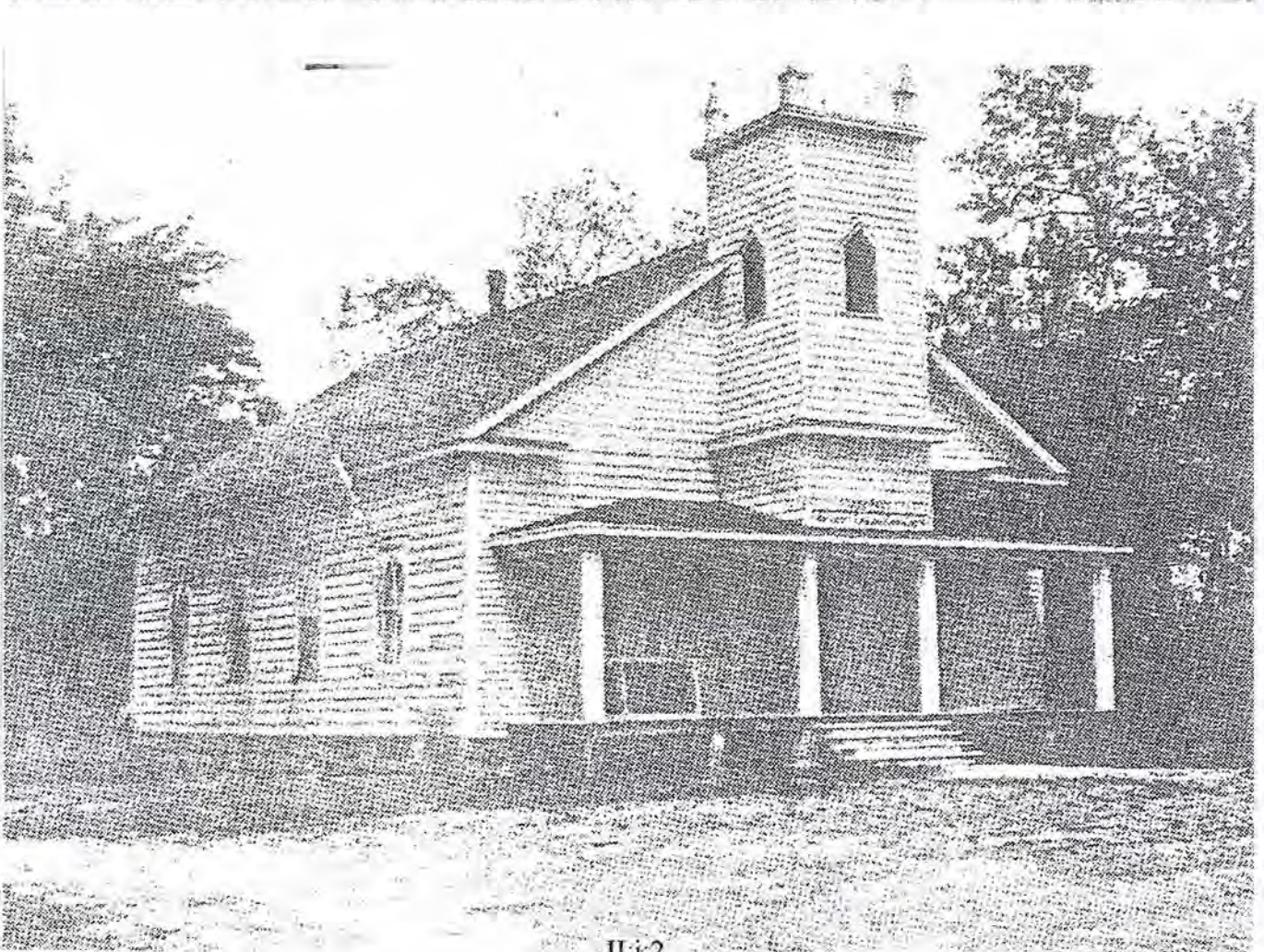
Signed _____

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Mrs. Dollie Uzzell - Chairman
Mrs. J. M. Uzzell, Jr.
Mrs. Wyatt Morton
Mrs. Sam Foscoe Starling
Mr. Clayton Ramsey
Mr. Ralph Conway

TRUSTEES:

Mrs. Dollie Uzzell
Mrs. J. M. Uzzell, Jr.
Irene Cotton
Clayton Ramsey
Mrs. Sam Foscoe Starling



Family Histories

HISTORY OF CLYDE BARTLEY

Edith and Clyde Bartley moved to Onslow County while Clyde was on loan from the North Carolina Highway Department to assist with the construction of Camp Lejeune in 1942. Clyde worked with the Roads and Grounds Division at Camp Lejeune until his retirement. Initially living in Midway Park, in 1950 they relocated to Hubert and built a home across from where the current Queens Creek United Methodist Church is located. Both Clyde and Edith were very active in the church until Edith's death in 1959, and Clyde's death in 1981.

Clyde served the church in many capacities. He sang in the choir, was treasurer for many years and was especially proud of his job as the keeper of the money at the annual Queens Creek Methodist Church Fish Fry. He was one of the many participants in making the lemonade for Homecoming. Looking back on the preparation of the lemonade early on the Sunday morning of homecoming, it was enjoyable to watch the men of the church gather at Rouses Super Store to prepare the very sweet lemonade in Cecil Taylor's Oak barrel setting on the back of someone's truck. No better times could have been enjoyed than watching these men hard at work but having so much fun.

For a period of time, Clyde was the Honorary Mayor of Hubert and rode in the only Hubert parade that I can remember.

Growing up, Queens Creek Methodist Church was always the center of activity in Hubert, growing up with many fond memories and very special friendships.



Clyde, Edith & Steve Bartley

HISTORY OF CHRIS AND TERRIE BIRNEY

Chris Birney was born in Bucklin, Kansas on December 5, 1971, but grew up in Dodge City. He is the oldest son of Mike and Barbara Birney. His maternal grandparents are Thelma and Richard Pettijohn; Richard passed away in September 2004. His paternal grandparents are deceased. Chris has a younger brother, Patrick, born on June 10, 1973. Chris joined U.S. Marine Corps right after graduation from High School. Patrick has a son.

Terrie Birney was born as Terrie Windham in Memphis, Tennessee on September 30, 1970. Her mother is Faye. The doctors found that Terrie had Cerebral Palsy when she was 3 days old. Those doctors wanted Faye to put Terrie in a home because they thought that she would be just a vegetable but, her mother said no. Terrie has 2 older brothers, Harold and William and 2 younger brothers, Dana and Tony. Her family moved to North Carolina when she was 2 years old because her stepfather, Vincent Romero got stationed at Cherry Point. Terrie went to a school for handicapped children until she was 20 years old then she got her GED from Carteret Community College in 1991 and graduated in 1994 with her Degree in Microcomputers science in 1994. Now, Vincent is deceased; Harold is married to Deanna with 2 kids, Doug and Sara, William is married to Rose. Faye is remarried to Bruce Watt.

On July 21, 1993, Terrie and Chris met at a nightclub in Havelock, NC. They say that it was fate because Terrie skipped class to go out with her cousin and Chris went out because he was bored in his barracks room. On September 30, 1994, they went to Myrtle Beach, SC for her birthday and he proposed to her. On December 10, 1994 they were wed. On their wedding day, the groom party lost Terrie's wedding band. Chris' brother dropped it and everyone were on their hands and knees looking for it, even his 70-something grandma and Chris had all the cushions off the couch then found it, it held up the wedding. Terrie wishes that she had a picture of that.

Now, Terrie thinks her life is good and she would like to tell those doctors who wanted to put her in a home at birth, "Ha!"

In October, 2004, Chris and Terrie decided to start going to church and they wanted to get involved in the community activities. They went to check out Queens Creek Church in Hubert, NC, since it was close to their house. On November 28, 2004, they joined the church because they fell in love with the congregation there. Everyone at Queens Creek are very welcoming and caring.



Chris and Terrie Birney

HISTORY OF VIRGINIA ANN EDSALL

Virginia Ann Edsall moved to North Carolina with her husband, Clarence in the late 1980's after her daughter's family had settled here.

She became a member on September 6, 1986, and has been very active in the church, United Methodist Women, and Boy Scouts.

Virginia is known as "Grandma" to the Boy Scouts of Onslow. She has been the coordinated of the Boy Scouts at Queens Creek Church for 18 years.

She has taught sewing, knitting, quilting and crafts for the ladies of the church on numerous occasions.



*Thomas & Joanne Edsall
Virginia Edsall, Albert Edsall
David Edsall*

Theresa Fromholz



*Virginia Edsall, Theresa Fromholz
Katherine Hall, Lena Katherine
Dylana & Julia Williams*

*Lauren M Darcis
& Virginia Edsall*

4-03



Dale & Cindy Fairchild

Cindy grew up in McConnellsburg, Pa. and attended Cito Methodist Church along with her parents and grandparents. I have 28 Aunts and Uncles and 38 cousins. Family reunions were great times. I would stay with my Grandmother (Granny) Mellott every summer for two weeks and hang out with my cousin who lived on a dairy farm. We got to gather the cows and feed the calves and chased butterflies in the clover fields. My father and four of my uncles were drafted in the army and fought in War World II and one uncle who enlisted. They all came back alive! My Great Great Grandfather was a Confederate from Virginia who was sent to Gettysburg, Pa to fight in the Civil War but by the time he got to Gettysburg the War was over and he made his home in McConnellsburg, PA.

Dale was born in Georgia but moved to Hubert, NC with his parents and three brothers at the age of one. Dales father was enlisted in the Marine Corps and fought in the Korean War. They moved to North Carolina when his father was transferred to Camp Lejeune, NC. Dale has 20 Aunts and Uncles and 20 Cousins. After graduation, Dale decided to try his luck working on the oilrigs located in the Gulf of Mexico. Around 1983 Dale decided to move home to Hubert, NC and go back to school.

Cindy at this time was a single mother raising two children, David, born 6-23-1974 and Chris, born 5-8-1977. We started attending church at Queens Creek United Methodist Church in 1983. Dale and I were neighbors. We began dating and on 9-6-1986 were married. Pastor Epperson married us in Queens Creek Church. We raised our two Children who are now grown and working on families of their own.

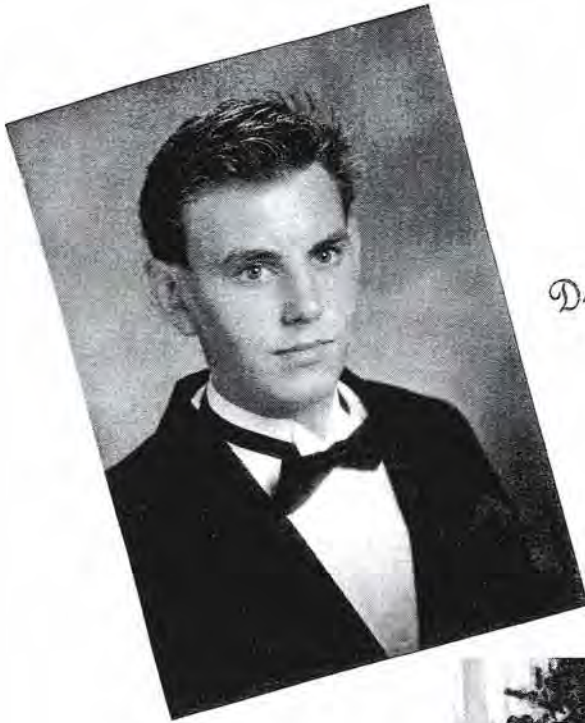
David graduated Swansboro High School and took some college courses at Pitt and Coastal Carolina. He started as a bagger at Foodlion and is now the Assistant Manager. He has given me my first Grandchild, Noah Ray born 9-11-03. David is a great father to Noah. It's a wonderful site to see your child being such a loving and caring father figure.

Chris graduated Swansboro High School and then attended NC State University. He has a degree in Agronomy. He graduated college in December of 2000 and works as an Assistant Superintendent at TPC Wake Field Plantation golf course. He met his wife, Amy, while in college thru a mutual friend. They had a beautiful wedding in Raleigh, NC on 11-8-2003. They have made their home in the Raleigh area.

God has blessed me with all of the above.

Dale & Cindy
David & Chris
9-6-1986





David DeShong
6-10-1993



Noah & Dad (David)
8-2004



Noah
2-2005

HISTORY OF MICHAEL THOMAS AND CLARA ODUM FRAZIER

My Great Grandfather was Thomas Frazier, born November 30, 1858 . He was a member of Queens Creek. He died June 21, 1915. He married Theodosia Riggs, born October 18, 1858. She also was a member of Queens Creek Church. She died July 16, 1947. They always lived in Hubert and made a living on the farm. They had two children, my Grandfather, Raymond C. Frazier and Nancy Modell Frazier. They made a living by farming and turpentine trade . They Attended Queens Creek United Methodist Church which makes us at least the 4th generation at Queens Creek.

Raymond Cleveland Frazier, born Sept. 9, 1887 and Jannie Provost Frazier, born May 4, 1897. They were married September 9, 1914. They had one son, Michael Thomas Frazier, born March 9, 1917. He remembers the early years when they would walk to Church. Later they rode in the mule and cart and went to church that way. Church was held the 3rd and 5th Sunday at Queens Creek. Raymond is said to have played the Organ and sang in the choir. Michael Thomas Frazier has been active in Queens Creek United Methodist Church all his life. He joined the church August 28, 1929. He went to the first Homecoming as a child with his parents.

Michael Frazier married his High School Sweetheart, Clara Bell Odum , daughter of John L. & Ida Waters Odum. They were married, January 17, 1939. They had two children, Connie and Belinda. They made their home in Hubert and worked together to provide a good home for my sister and I. They were very devoted to Queens Creek Church.. They raised their children to believe in God, to be honest and to love their fellowman. They were happily married for 64 years. August 15, 2003, Dad lost his lifetime partner and friend.

Daddy remembers his dad Raymond Frazier and Fred Parker would take up collection by taking off their hats and the collection was put in their hats, because there were no collection plates. Dad (Michael Thomas) was a Charter member of the United Methodist Men, and received a plaque. He was also a Charter member of the Hubert Volunteer Fire Department.

The early church he remembers had no porch, no steeple and 2 front doors and square window panes. The altar rail was hewn out of a crooked tree, and made by hand. No one knows what happened to this first altar. The heat for the church was a pot-bellied stove. Mr. Clen Morton was Sunday School Superintendent and he would keep the stove stoked with wood during the worship service. Mr. Morton held the Superintendent job until his death on 3/16/53.

In the 1920's there was a Chandelier of Kerosene lamps in the church. Later electric light bulbs were used. Sampson Starling had a (dynamo) generator to furnish lights in the Church from his store. Later, Elbert Barber wired the church for lights. Tidewater Power Co. furnished the electricity.

The Revival meetings were called protractive meetings. They were held on the weeks when there was a full moon, so the horses and drivers could see where they were going. Revivals were two weeks long. The visiting minister was invited home with someone every night of the revival, where they ate and sometimes spent the night.

Getting ready for Homecoming started several weeks prior to Homecoming. They would clean up the church yard, rake, burn, trim and put up a wire fence for a table to put the food on. Michael T. Frazier and Lee Rogers, Sr. usually put up the fence that was several yards long and put a tablecloth on the wire and the whole table would be full of delicious home cooking. Dad said at the first Homecomings he remembers, there were no paper plates or forks. You just picked up a chicken leg and a biscuit and sandwiches were a real treat.

The church yard, and down Starling Rd. and Jacksonville-Swansboro Rd. was full of cars from Bear Creek, Jacksonville, Morehead City, Sneads Ferry, Swansboro, Goldsboro, Kinston, Wilmington, Florida, New Bern, Richlands, Beaufort, NC, Maysville and places we are not able to account for at this time. People would come from all over the country to our Homecoming. It became the big event of the year, as time went on. Michael Frazier and Lee Rogers were in charge of the lemonade. Dad would go down to Swansboro, to the ice plant to get a block of ice for the lemonade barrel.

Christmas was an exciting time for everyone. Someone would cut down a cedar tree that would reach to the ceiling of the Church. They did not have any decorations to put on the tree. But the tree was full of small gifts for everyone, unwrapped gifts with members names on each item and they were hung by a string to the tree. When the time came someone would take scissors and cut the twine holding the present and read the persons name on it and they would come up and get it. It was always a surprise. When all the presents were given out, the tree was empty. I think we have created a lot of work for ourselves by decorating the Christmas tree like we do now, don't you think?

Later a preacher came that was a good carpenter and they remodeled the church. They made one front door, put up a steeple and built a porch. Sunday School rooms were partitioned off on the left side of the Sanctuary. We had gas heaters to warm the rooms. When we needed more space for a Funeral or Wedding we would open up the accordion doors for more seating space.

After Mr. Clen died, Mr. Lee Rogers, Sr. took his place as Sunday School Superintendent. At that time Michael T. Frazier took Lee Rogers place as Sunday School Secretary. He held this position for many years, He and Lee Rogers were also ushers for

many years. Michael served on many of the boards of the church throughout the years. He is still active and attends church regularly. He is 88 years young and the oldest member on the membership roll of the church .

Raymond & Janie Frazier



Michael & Clara Frazier



Janie, Raymond, Michael Frazier



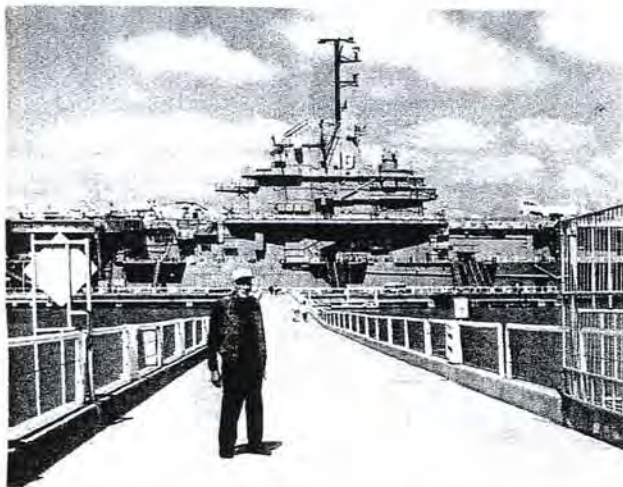
*Michael & Clara Frazier
50th Anniversary*



*Michael J. Frazier
& Trooper*



*Frazier, Taylor
Howard Family*



*Michael Frazier helped build
"The Yorktown"*



Michael in Creek

HISTORY OF EARL AND KATIE GATLIN

Edgar Earl Gatlin's parents were John Gardner Gatlin, born July 21, 1897. My mother was Bernice Powell Gatlin, born March 1, 1900. They were from Vanceboro. I have two sisters, Daphine G. Ipock, and, Peggy Comer, brothers, Adrian Reeves, Ralph Lee, and Lourie.

Katie Lee Conway Gatlin's father was Julian Agustas Conway. My mother was Katie Florence Smith. I had two sisters, Julian Ramsey was born January 30, 1917, and Gladys Conway Redding born November 10, 1922 and passed away June 21, 1964.

Earl and Katie Gatlin were married March 23, 1940 in Dillon, South Carolina. Their first car was a 1939 Ford.

Our children are Jerry D. Gatlin and his wife Martha, Johnnie Agustas and his wife Phyllis. We have five grandchildren, and three great grandchildren.

Earl joined Queens Creek United Methodist Church August 20, 1944, and Katie joined August 20, 1933.

Growing up, Katie walked to church along with some others they would meet and walk together. We had a lot of fun together at Sunday School since that was about the only time we all got together. Homecoming's brought a lot of people, and the wire picnic table stretched out across the yard, with loads of food on it. It was a wonderful time together.

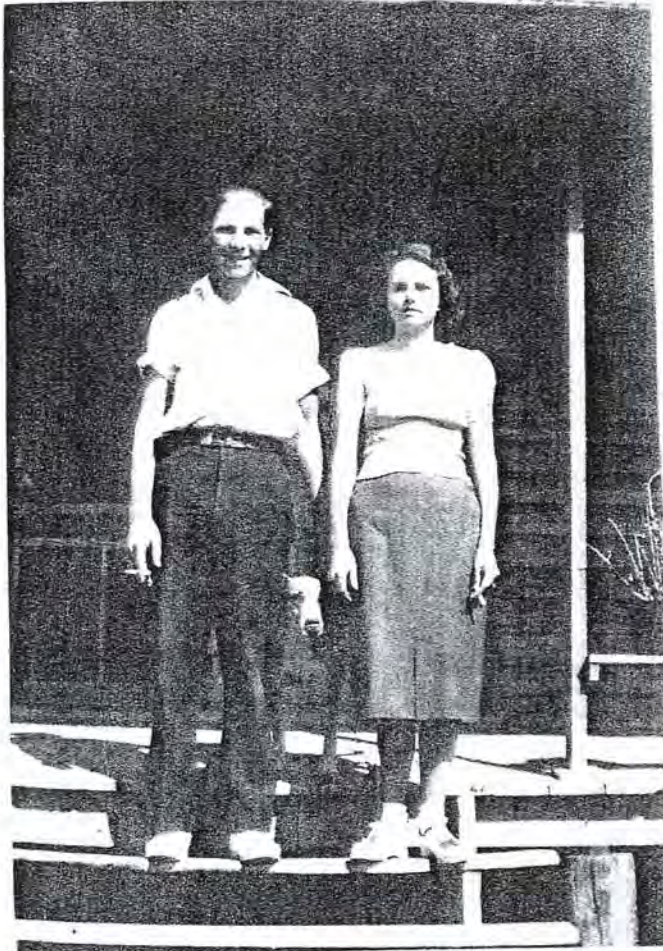
Katie's parents were hard workers, farmers that raised what they ate. My mother was sickly for 3 to 4 years before she died. I helped in the kitchen at an early age about 6 or 7 years old. I have been cooking ever since. After she died, dad took care of us, we had food that he raised, cows, pigs, chickens, ham's in the Smokehouse. What is known as Gatlins Tr. Park, was then a big pasture where cows were kept, people would bring their cows and put them in the pasture, after the law was passed they had to be penned up. A lot of crops to plant, hoe and gather. We had a hand pump we used to have water to draw for the animals.

We did what we could to help out at Queens Creek Church. Earl & Michael Frazier are charter members of the Hubert Volunteer fire department. In fact the fire department consisted of Queens Creek Church members. They raised money and bought their first fire truck.

What a proud day that was.

Everyone worked together when we had our Annual Fish Fry, with hundreds of people to partake of this great meal, and a lot of visiting and catching up on each others families. We love Queens Creek Church and the people who attend there. We have been blessed with a long life and good friends.

Earl & Katie Gatlin



Earl & Katie Gatlin



HISTORY OF BRENDA NEW GOODMAN

My first remembrance of attending Queens Creek Methodist Church was walking across my Grandparent's yard on Sand Ridge Road and Starling Road to the first old wood Church with hardwood floors. The ladies used paper fans, and our Sunday School teacher was Mr. Rafe Williams, I remember learning the verse John 3:16. I was just a young girl at the time, just my sister Audrey and myself in my family.

I didn't get to go very often with my grandparents, Mr. And Mrs. J. D. New, but always went to the homecomings. The wire fence stretched between the trees, and the homemade lemonade fixed to go with all the fried chicken and vegetables brought by everyone. Everyone gathered, ate, and had a real enjoyable day.

My parents, Kenneth and Sandy New, at the time owned a Fruit Market open seven days a week, so we didn't get to go very often. In 1969-1970, my Junior and Senior years of High School, my parents sold the store and ran a restaurant that was closed on Sunday. So we started attending Church again. My mother and myself went to choir practice on Thursday nights, along with my Aunt Bernice New Page, and sang in the choir on Sundays with Betty Sue Uzzell playing the Organ, and Mr. Odell Parker and Mr. Vick singing also.

We had gold robes, and walked into Church singing the first song. Church at that time was in the old Sanctuary, which is now the Fellowship Hall. Since I was the youngest in the choir, I had to go in first, marching up to the front.

I was engaged at the time to James Goodman. We were married by Rev. Royall. We moved to Arkansas for about ten years, but returned home with my son, James Keith Goodman. We once again started attending, but not as often as I should have.

Keith's dad and I parted ways. Now Keith is grown and living in Connecticut, with the Navy life attending school and working. He plans to marry on May 29, 2005.

My mother and I are still attending Church each Sunday.

HISTORY OF MARGERY KAY RAMSEY GRIFFITHS

I have always thought of Queens Creek United Methodist Church as my home Church. Growing up in the church with so many good people has been very special for me. Every week I attended Sunday School classes that were taught by very special people, some of those people being Mrs. Hester Parker, Mrs Helen Jennings, Mrs. Laura Midkiff, Mrs. Patty Williams and Mr. Rafe Williams, and Aunt Ella Mae Pittman. These people went out of their way to help you understand the Bible and the lessons. Ever summer I attended Vacation Bible School, which was fun and educational. When my children were small they also had the pleasure of attending Vacation Bible School and they enjoyed it as much as I did when I was a child.

The Homecomings and the Annual Fish Fry's were a lot of fun and the food was delicious. Our church had some very good cooks, such as Mrs. Effie Rogers, Mrs Effie Pate, Cousin Julian Ramsey and Aunt Dinnie Frazier. The services were enlightening and very inspirational and the singing was wonderful. Especially Betty Sue Uzzell, her voice was beautiful. When I got married she sang at my wedding.

My parents (Woodrow and Mildred Ramsey) didn't go to church much, but they made sure my brothers (Darrell, Melvin and Malcolm) and I would attend every week. Usually we would go with Aunt Dinnie and Uncle Atticus Pittman. In the summertime we walked down the dirt road to go to church. The dirt road is by the new church now. It came out by Mrs. Sam Starling's house on Hwy 172.

We attended UMYF, which was the youth group of the church. We raised money to buy the first sign for the new church on Old Hwy. 24, which is now Hubert Blvd. We would hold bake sales at Rouse's Supermarket as well as work at the annual Fish Fry's at the church to help raise money. We had beach parties and would go skating or bowling. The monthly conference was held at different churches in the area which allowed us to meet a lot of nice and interesting people.

Mrs. Dollie Uzzell and Mrs. Helen Jennings gave me my first suitcase when I graduated from High School and was ready to go to College. The ladies of the church gave me a wedding shower when I got married and helped with my Wedding Reception even though there was an ice storm. The service was beautiful but half way through the Wedding March we lost electricity. Luckily it came back on and we were able to finish the service and the reception before it went off again.

Our children are Christopher, Victoria (Tori), Christmas, Nathaniel and Megan Griffiths. Tori is married to Tony Christmas and they were blessed with a beautiful daughter, Mercedes Christmas.

I have been to many funerals and weddings and special gatherings at the church I have always been greeted with open arms and extreme kindness and for this I am extremely grateful.

HISTORY OF ALAN AND KATHERINE HALL

I came to Queens Creek United Methodist Church in the Summer of 1985. This was our first and last duty station in USMC. My husband and I bought some land in Hubert and started building a house. Leave it to the USMC - Alan got orders overseas I did not know it then, but this was God's way to get me back in church. I was very hurt with my home church. I visited a few churches in our moves because of my hurt.

I had all my children baptized and the Lord was always with us. Thanks be to God. With Alan gone, I was left with moving our trailer on the land and making our half finished house livable. I needed God more than ever. On the way to our house, one day, (the kids were in school). I saw the church sign saying Vacation Bible School. We came to church a Sunday or two before VBS and me and the children signed up. We joined the church October 27, 1985. That same year my parents in New York sold their house and moved here with my older brother, who was a Paraplegia, and my younger brother and his family. I became a member of Sunday School and the United Methodist Women.

In 1989 we made Chrismons, for our church Christmas tree. My children were in the Youth group, Boy Scouts, Sunday School and many more VBS's, and Easter Egg Hunts. I helped with the BBQ's, Spaghetti dinners, Christmas Bazaars, Sunday School, and Baby Showers. I had a small hand in helping the Pre-School get started, shared Craft ideas with everyone and even made the Crown for our live Nativity Scene. In 1987 I started working for Silverdale School as a Teacher's Assistant. Because of my health, I only worked 15 years and the last 10 with Pre-Schooler's. It's wonderful growing years for children with God's help. Now I bring my Grand-children to church and watch them grow with the Lord. I thank God for my church family. God bless you all.

Alan Ray Hall was born in Chattanooga, Tennessee, on August 13, 1953, the oldest of three, whose parents were Julia E. Hall Mitts and Orean Ray Hall. Brothers, Charles P. Hall and William Hall. Alan joined the USMC in 1970. Retired in 1992 and married Katherine E.J. Edsall of Nyack, N.Y. on December 30th, 1972. We have three children, Lorrie A.E. Hall Williams, Derrick A. Hall and Raymond V. Hall.

My parents are Clarence V. Edsall and Virginia Ann Lindley Edsall. I have two older brothers: Albert Lindley and Harry W. Edsall and two younger, Clarence V. Edsall, Jr. and Thomas J. Edsall and two younger sisters: Theresa M. Edsall Fromkolz and Rosemarie A. Edsall Lacey.

Our daughter, Lorie is married and has given us four grandchildren, Dylana A.E. Williams, Julia E.A. Williams, Andrew A. Williams and Lena K. Williams.



Alan & Katherine Hall

12-30-72



*Alan, Katherine, Lorie Ann
Derrick, Raymond Hall*



*Lorie Ann, Derrick
Raymond Hall*



Dylana-Baptized 8-21-94



Julia-Baptized 4 - 98



Andrew Williams

Andrew - Baptized 12-22-02



Lena-Baptized 12-22-02

HISTORY OF EDWARD AND HILDA HOWARD

We moved to Hubert in March 1964; where we farmed the Cecil Taylor farm. The first Sunday we lived in Hubert, we went to Queens Creek United Methodist Church. There we met many friends who we came to love very much.

When we came to Hubert, we only had one child Polly. We moved our membership from Tuckahoe Christian Church in Jones County, to Queens Creek. Soon after arriving in Hubert, Hilda was a Sunday School Helper and teacher for many years, also helped with Bible School. Served on Administrative Board, sang in the Choir for many years. Served on the Pastor Parish Committee for one year.

Edward has served on the Board of Trustees and the Administrative Board. In 1968 we were blessed with a son, Barry. Later in 1975 we had another son named Wade. Wade and Polly both are members of Queens Creek Church.

Barry became a member of Swansboro First Baptist Church. Later after marrying Kimberly Howard, they moved to Wilmington, North Carolina where they still live. They have one daughter, Kristin.

Polly and Gary were married in Queens Creek Church. They still live in Hubert, North Carolina and are members of Queens Creek.

Edward and I moved to Jacksonville, North Carolina in 1997 with Wade, where we still live. We still belong to Queens Creek. Wade married Jo Jarman of Richlands in April 2004. They live in Rock Creek off Gum Branch Rd. Jacksonville, North Carolina.

HISTORY OF JOY KEMPER AND LISA MOEN

In 1983, I was thirteen years old and went with my parents, Andy and Sandy Lasko to Queens Creek United Methodist Church. We just lived in the community for about a year, when one of my mothers customers told her about this church.. My Mom's business, Sandy's Family Hair Care was just bought at that time also. I loved the church and felt at home by the members and the Pastor, Rev. Epperson.

When I got pregnant at 15 years old this church and Rev. Epperson was a hugh support and comfort with guidance. I kept with the church and the youth groups. Til I moved to Pennsylvania for one year to have the baby. I moved back to North Carolina and kept attending this church till I was 18 years old and got married to Robert Moen in this church.

I gave birth to Lisa Moen in on May 1, 1989 and we had her dedicated at this church. Robert was attending until we separated two years later. We both came less and less, till he stopped and I took to different lifestyle from the church and I stopped attending also. I moved to Oklahoma in 1993 until 2004. I moved back home after another divorce to Michael Kemper (who was on the bulletin mailing list) I started attending again March 10, 2004 and joined the choir immediately. Then about the month of May 2004, I was asked to start teaching teen Sunday School, which I accepted.

By June 2004, I was asked to start the Youth Group and become the UMYF leader, which I accepted. I took the Layspeaker classes thru this church, February 2005.

Currently, Lisa Moen age 16 years old/ daughter and I, Joy Kemper age 35 years old are still actively attending church. Lisa Moen is a nursery attendant and a singer in the church. She also attends and supports most functions and activities in the church as well.

The Lord always works in mysterious ways to bring us back unto Him and even our home church through all kinds of smiles and sadness, while blessing us in a variety of ways, along the way!!

HISTORY OF MYRA ANGELL LADUE

Family: 3 children; Roseland, William II and James, 5 grandchildren; Faith, Bobbie (male), "Patty", Andrew and Nathan. Siblings: Leslie, Vincent and Susan. Both parents dead.

Family history: Mother's side goes back to the Norman conquest on the Jewett side. On the Angell side, back to a possible Portuguese ship crew jumper from the Mayflower, who apparently shifted down to the Rhode Island area, due to being wanted in Great Britain. An old newspaper there said he and another sailor took two young women out in a skiff, lost their way in the fog, and so compromised the women's good names. Mother's family has had members in every war from the Revolution to Korea. One of Leslie's sons was in the Army, and my son-in-law was a Marine. Father's side goes back to farmers in the Polish area of Germany, and later of Riga and USSR. One escaped via ship, and jumped off in Nova Scotia, while the rest were sent to Siberia, never to be heard of again. Father's father ran away from "home" after his caregiver grandparents died as a team, and took his maternal grandmother's family name of Ladue. It had originally been Giles (G like a J). His father was a storeowner until coal mine strikes, and then due to economics, became a strikebreaker. With the Depression, he left the family, and wandered the rails. After 3 years of college, father went to work in Naval Ordnance Research, which kept him out of WWII, or he only got notice 1wk before Hiroshima. Later sold insurance, and later got his degree and became a school teacher. Mother was a nurse, and became involved in community activities such as Grange, 4-H, rural electrification water supply for locals, etc.

Siblings: Leslie became an LPN, was treasurer and president of a community college, and was music assistant. She has 2 sons. Vincent was in Malaysia in the Peace Corp, where he met his Malay wife in France. He became a county agricultural agent, and went to Poland under USDA to help transform the agricultural economics. He has two sons. Susan became the manager of one of the community halls at Cornell. She has two daughters, one of whom was a congressional aid. Susan had a brain bleed, and has found flaxseed oil to help her recovery.

Myra: When I was young, there were summer reunions for close family at Angell grandparents, and later 2 Jewett family reunions in MA. As an older student, I received a BS in Individual and Family Studies in Human Development from the Pennsylvania State University, which began at Central CT State College as a part-time student. I did my internship for credit at the regional office of consumer protection (Penn) in Harrisburg, PA. While in college, I tutored students (HS) in math, served as treasurer of returning women students, and was their delegate to the Athletic Council of PSU. I was also a co-organizer of two community response to battered women, gave a lecture in a course on Marriage & Family, and led a meeting for social workers of DC's task force on abused women.

Field Trips: My children and myself traveled across the continental USA, in a camping experience. We saw a number of natural wonders, had some curious human interactions, and suffered a tent pole disaster in the Badlands.

Church: related activities include, but are not limited to; Bible School, teacher at Med. C. outside DC, train at Chatagua (NY) in Sunday school arts & crafts, store keeper of crafts store at Junior (summer) camp, steward on Board of Ed. (a committee), and on Board of Missions & Outreach. Helped on task force to provide community hotline for crisis counseling in Hartford. While in Jamestown, NY, I visited 2 homebound; one in-hospital as a result of being gassed as a nurse during WWII. As part of a delegation from the Hartford Area Council of Churches, we visited first, a housing development near Leon, Nicaragua, where I ended up teaching men how to mix existing paint to do a mural, and the Ocotel, Nica, which has become a sister city the People to People Company of Pres. Eisenhower. I still correspond with my host family in Ocotel. I sponsored a Romanian woman for church membership, and got into helping her son get into college, and I became friendly with a Vietnamese family at church, and went to their Christmas Day pot-lucks. I also indicated to their doctor that the baby had symptoms consistent with lead poisoning. I also went as a volunteer for the Church of the Brother to help open a shelter for battered women and their children in WV.

Work: Includes news carrier, collection of soda bottles for return money, babysitting, waitress, nurse's aide, electronics factory worker (2), Dept. Mgr. /cashier for large retail sto. After college, worked at home for MR adults, park ranger-state park, assist. Teacher for multi-handicapped children, mental health worker at a state mental hospital, case manager at shelter for homeless, a Catholic charity.

Earliest church: A Sunday school teacher Rosa Litkie, made a big impression on me. I was sent to her when my mother was about to give birth, and had to telephone or transportation. We went to a German Baptist Church, where at first there were 3 sermons/month in German, and one in English. 2-3 years later that changed to 4 in English. I also went to her house to wait for the bus to vacation bible school, and found 4-leaf clovers there. Every 4 months, each child got a small box of candy, and one orange at that church.



Myra Ladue

HISTORY OF BOB & ELAINE LACHAPELLE

We arrived at Camp Lejeune/Jacksonville, North Carolina area July of 1968. Bob had just returned Stateside from Viet Nam. We moved into government quarters at that time with our 2 year old daughter, Kimberly. When we first arrived here, we thought oh, my, where has the Navy sent us. Bob was a Hospital Corpsman and I was a young mother. There was always plenty to do and at that time, didn't choose to work. We went from Methodist church to church, base chapel, etc. In 1970 our son, Robert (Tiger) was born. We began to fall in love with the area/climate and above all, the local people. In January 1974 we went to Rota, Spain for 3 year tour of duty. We asked to return to Camp Lejeune. We received those orders and returned February 1977. Bob retired from the Naval Hospital at Camp Lejeune in 1980 as a Navy Chief.

We have 2 children, our daughter Kimberly is married to Nick Christner and they reside in the Williamsburg, Virginia area.

Our son Robert (Tiger) is married to Karen (Ward) from Edenton, N. C. and they reside in Tarboro, NC. They have two sons, Chap who is 6 ½ and Copeland who is 3 ½.

We joined Queens Creek church on 7-29-79. Bob and I transferred our membership from Silver Springs, Maryland Methodist Church. We found so many kind people at this church and many took us under their "wings" and treated us as family. Our first collards were eaten at Queens Creek Church dinner. We moved from the Piney Green area into Jacksonville (College Park Area) in 1984 and elected to change churches at that time.

We again came back to what we call our "home church" in 1-12-03.

We are most happy at Queens Creek. Although many of those very kind people are not there due to death, we find it is home. We both were born in West Virginia, but we love calling Jacksonville, North Carolina home and that includes Queens Creek Church. Bob and I both have civilian jobs at Camp Lejeune and looking forward to retirement soon.





Cope



Chap



*Tiger, Karen
Chap & Cope
Kim*



Bob, Chap & Cope



Elaine, Chap & Cope



Tiger, Karen & Chap



HISTORY OF ANDREW AND SANDRA LASKO

Andy and I were invited to visit an old friend of mine, who lived in Northwoods. Prior to this my friend came from the same area as we did in Pennsylvania outside of Pittsburgh. Andy and I are from Tarentum, Pennsylvania.

We came to visit and were here for three days, then went back to Pennsylvania and packed up my children and a few household items.

We were back here within a month.

Andy and I were married by Reverend Billy Jackson of Cardinal Village in Jacksonville. What I specially remembered was Pastor Jackson prayed "that the Lord bless us in a Peculiar" way. And our Lord still does.

We made a permanent home in Eastwoods, Hubert, North Carolina. We are right across from Camp Lejeune field firing range.

I bought a small beauty shop from a local lady, Lessie Smith. I thought that funny, because my maiden name is Smith also.

I was introduced to some local older ladies who chewed tobacco and spit in their cans they brought with them. At my shop on Hubert Blvd. I also received nice fresh produce from my customers. They call me their "city hairdresser in the country"

One day a customer asked if I would like "green corn." I told her I just received a bag of "yellow" corn and I would be glad to try the "green corn." Well, I learned, green corn and fresh corn are the same - so there was a big joke at my expense. But, I wouldn't change it.

Through my customers I heard that there was this "Methodist" Church down the road, with tradition services in the morning worship, and Pentecostal services in the evening. We went and was welcomed by Rev. Sidney Epperson in 1984 and the church people.

Our children were dedicated, married and grandchildren and great grandchildren were baptized there. We have enjoyed the ups and downs and now a 2-charge church.

Andy accepted four of my children as his own and we multiplied. 1st child, Lynn Nesbit, born March 2, 1966, her husband Jim Nesbit born January 1, 1959. Their children, Aaron Nesbit May 10, 1984. Robert Nesbit August 28, 1987, Amanda September 27, 1989. Her daughter Christiana July 20, 2004

2nd daughter Eva Lasko born August 26, 1967. Her daughter Tiffany Lasko July 29, 1987.

3rd daughter Joy Kemper born August 26, 1970 and her daughter Lisa Moen born May 1, 1989.

4th child, Matthew Whitzell born January 24, 1974 and wife Nancy Whitzell born July 18, their son Frederick born May 22, 2002, daughter Molly born December 10, 2003. Another child expected in May, 2005

STORY OF EVA LASKO

In 1983 we moved to Hubert, North Carolina from Tarentum, Pennsylvania. My mother Sandra just opened her own beauty shop. Believe it or not, but her customers told her about the Queens Creek United Methodist Church, just down the road and the preacher, Rev. Sidney Epperson at the time. It sounded good to Mom and Dad, so they took all the kids to church the next Sunday.

We have attended there ever since. No Military connection. Just a vacation down South, job opportunities, new life and a truck loaded with children and a trailer loaded with some household goods. We are still here.

My brothers and sisters are: Lynn Nesbitt born March 2, 1966 and her husband James Nesbitt born January 1, 1959. Their children Aaron born May 10, 1984, Robert, born August 28, 1987, Amanda, born September 27, 1989, Granddaughter Christiana born July 20, 2004.

Eva Lasko born August 26, 1967, daughter Tiffany born July 29, 1987.

Joy Kemper born August 26, 1970, daughter Lisa Moen, born May 1, 1989

Matthew Whitzell, born January 24, 1974 , son Frederick born May 22, 2002, daughter, Molly born December 10, 2003

I have been all around the world and this is where I decided to put my roots. I had my daughter Tiffany here. The Church has been my support and help, not in just prayers, but making some of my prayers become real. My daughter is now ready to get on with her life. I just hope that she will know that no matter where she goes, she always has a family here.

This is a small church, but it has a big heart, and mission. I know that people are not perfect. I like belonging to a church that people know who you are and not afraid to welcome you and get to know you.

HISTORY OF CLARENCE AND KAREN McCALLISTER

Clarence C. and Karen L. McCallister began attending Queens Creek United Methodist Church sometime between 1969-1970 just as Graham Royall took over as pastor. At that time we lived in Bear Creek and had two, small sons, Dale 2 years old and Brian - an infant.

Karen Transferred her membership from First United Methodist Church, South Charleston, West Virginia, where she lived with her parents while Clarence was serving a tour of duty in Okinawa and Viet Nam.

While still living in Bear Creek, Clarence was stationed at Camp Lejeune, Dale pulled his daddy's gun cabinet over on himself and broke his hip. That's when we really got to know our church family - they were such a blessing and very attentive to our needs as a young couple with two small children, one, Dale in a cast. I especially remember the compassion and care we received from the Royall's, Virginia and Graham and Dave and Bev Gilbreath.

At that time or shortly there after we became members of the Young Adult Sunday School Class led by Patty Williams. Other members of our class were Ted and Nancy Parmer, Tom and Gloria DeMurry, Dave and Beverly Gilbreath, Mary Jane Marshall and later on Ed and Teddi Petruski. Our Sunday School was family. When we bought our home they had a housewarming and blessing for our new home, which also provided a place for Sunday School meetings (get-togethers) as well as the homes of others.

Those were some good times; we socialized with cook-outs and holiday parties and Bible Study. We shared recipes, words of wisdom, raised our children together, cried and laughed together. Like the time we "lost" the Christmas Tree. Our "family" (Sunday School Class) adopted a family for Christmas we provided everything right down to the tree with trimmings. Well, the fellows decided our little tree was too skinny looking and they were ashamed to deliver it. So, it got loosely tied to the top of the truck so as to "accidentally" fall off and get lost.

Of course we ladies saw the mishap and promptly stopped to recover said tree. All was delivered to our chosen family who shed tears of gratitude and joy and our humble tree shone bright with God's love.

Our son, Kevin was born in 1973 and our class held a lovely surprise shower after his arrival, at Nancy and Ted Parmer's house. Everyone got to pass around our new arrival.

In 1977 all the boys were baptized by Rev. James H. Coile, in a Sunday Morning service attended by their maternal grandmother and great aunt from West Virginia.

Dale and Brian served as Acolytes, with Kevin serving at Trinity United Methodist in Pearl City, Hawaii.

We all attended Sunday School and Church on a regular basis and did what we could to assist our church family and community.

Karen served as the Nursery Sunday School Teacher in the 70's That class became so large we had as many infants as toddlers. Connie Taylor stepped in to help out and Clarence built us a divider to separate toddlers who wanted to "care" for infants from doing so. Connie, Karen and Pat Welsh spent a day re-doing the Nursery. Pat brought her sewing machine and we also made curtains for the Nursery. That was good fellowship.

As Sunday School teaches us, we helped each other out by filling in and substituting where we were needed. I (Karen) have learned so very, very much from teaching. Such a blessing - the "Children" teach you so much. Karen also served in some capacity every summer during Vacation Bible School. A couple of years as director, one of those as teacher/director.

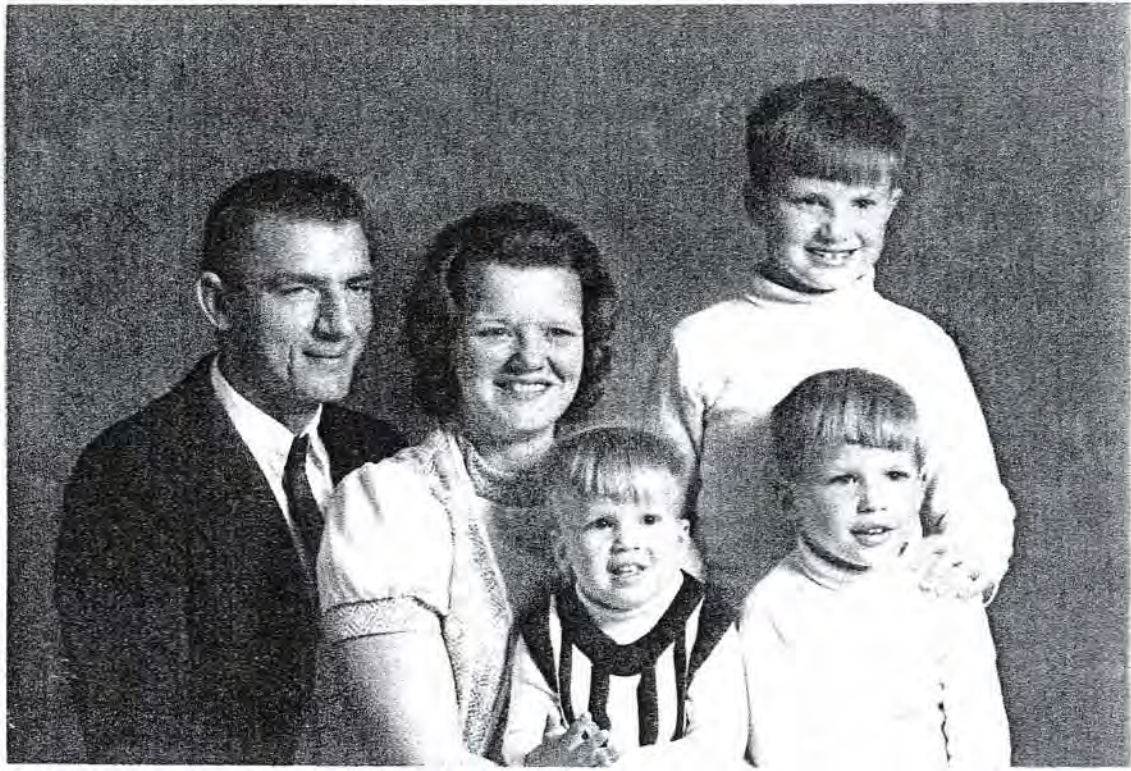
We had a nice group of young folks in our Methodist Youth Fellowship. Our younger folks wanted something for themselves so Karen helped form and led our Jr. MYF. We had a wonderful time. One year for Christmas our Jr. MYF got together and made up a trailer with a "live" nativity scene and rode in the Hubert and Jacksonville Christmas Parade.

From 1979 to 1982 we were absent from Queens Creek United Methodist Church, while serving an accompanied tour of duty at Camp Smith, Hawaii. As a family we were active members of both Trinity UM of Pearl City, Hawaii and the Chapel at Camp Smith.

Upon our return from Hawaii we, sort of, took a sabbatical - attending church casually. Boys growing and going their own ways. About the time "Preacher Jerry" arrived on the scene Karen became more routinely involved again. Taught Sunday School (Journey Through the Bible), VBS assistant, etc. At present she is a member of the Choir.

On March 15, 1993 Pastor Jerry Jackson married our son, Kevin to Cristy and on May 15, 1993 he married our son Brian to Cheryl. Brian and Cheryl had a lawn wedding at our home.

We, as a family, and as individuals have always done our best to help out where we could with general maintenance, repairs and cares of our church home - God's House - where ever we attended. We have always been blessed in serving where we could.



McCallister Family

HISTORY OF CHARLES LYNDON MORTON & DORA LEE MORTON

My name of Charles Lyndon Morton. Although I was born in Hubert, North Carolina my family heritage goes back to the first English settlement of Jamestown Island in Virginia. A sailor by the name of Matthew Morton was a part of Captain John Smith's first voyage to America. Having escaped hardships and other obstacles the Morton family was then given a land grant for six hundred forty-six acres by the King of England, George II. This grant was bestowed upon Peter Morton, the great grandson of Matthew in 1739. Due to the location of the land the Morton family migrated to North Carolina near the New River area in Onslow County.

My Great Grandparents, Thomas (DOB-DOD unknown) and Maria Provost Morton 1828-1899 were married 1849. They moved from the Northeast section of New River to Hubert in 1880 and built their home where the Starling house is today. Their home was near the Old Queens Creek Methodist Church and cemetery where both of them are buried.

Thomas and Maria had six sons and a daughter. Louis 1857-1919, Thomas (dates unknown), Caleb (dates unknown), Dexter 1852-1921, Alice (dates unknown), Rolin 1860-1932, Henry Morton 1862-1904. Henry married Etta Hewitt in the Old Queens Creek Methodist Church in 1892 by Rev. J. L. Keen. Etta was born 1870 and died 1948 in Norfolk, Virginia; where Etta and their four daughters had moved after Henry's death. Dexter, Rolin and Henry are buried in the church cemetery.

My Grandfather, Louis Franklin Morton was married (date of marriage unknown) to Molly Provost 1856-1932. They lived in Hubert on the Old Sand Ridge Road, just a few yards from Queens Creek Methodist Church and Cemetery. A newspaper clipping quote: Louis was a devoted Christian, having been united with Queens Creek Methodist Church more than thirty-four years. I was told by my parents that people would stop by my Grandparents house on their way to church to freshen up from the long walks and buggy rides from Sneads Ferry, Browns Sound and Bear Creek. Louis and Molly are buried in the church cemetery.

My Grandparents, Louis and Molly Morton raised three sons: Rolin (dates unknown) born in Hubert, had one daughter, Lillian Morton Graham 1921-1997, William born 1889, died in France 1918 during WW I. My father Luther Edward Morton was born 1896 in the house he inherited from his parents and lived there all his life. He was an Army Veteran of WW I, a retired farmer and a member of Queens Creek Methodist Church. He died 1965 with services by Rev. Samuel Brown. Luther, William and Rolin are buried in the church cemetery.

Luther married my mother, Eva Midgette 6-13-26, daughter of William R. and Bertha Henderson Midgette of Bear Creek. Eva was born in Browns Sound 1-12-1898. When

she was ten, her family moved to Bear Creek. Picking cotton, fishing and going to Bear Creek Baptist Church was their way of life. In 1955 Eva moved her membership to Queens Creek Methodist Church by Rev. Walter Johnson. She died 7-17-1995 with services by Rev. Jerry Jackson and was buried in the church cemetery.

All were loyal and faithful not only to their church but, also to their families.

I was born 7-2-37 in the Hubert house that was owned by my Grandparents, Louis and Molly Morton. I grew up on the family farm with my parents, Luther and Eva Morton, brother, Lewis Morton 10-21-27 to 11-12-94, a special cousin, Lillian Morton Graham.

I worked various jobs including the U.S. Army until retirement from N.A.R.F. (Naval Air Rework Facility), Cherry Point, North Carolina in 1993. I became a member of Queens Creek United Church in 1949 by Rev. J.K. Worthington.

In 1948, I helped C.M. Morton, chairman of the Building Committee; wire the Sunday School rooms that were being constructed at the old church. As a boy I remember walking to church with my family. There were big oak trees that surrounded the church grounds and cemetery. On Homecomings we would see wire fence stretched from one tree to another that served as a table and a big wooden barrel of lemonade made by Mr. Lee Rogers, Sr. There were baskets filled with plenty of homemade food (including country ham) and a lot of reminiscing.

While attending school in Swansboro, North Carolina., I met my wife, Dora Lee Russell. She was born 2-26-37 to Daniel Webster Russell 2-2-03 to 1-15-86 and Lala Taylor Russell 3-22-08 to 2-5-63 in Havelock, North Carolina. She grew up in Carteret County, graduated from Swansboro High School in 1956. She enjoyed life on the farm where there was always something to do. Dora Lee and her family were members of Broad Creek Church of God.

We were married 1955 in Conway, South Carolina and made our home in Hubert on some property that was owned by my Grandparents, Louis and Molly Morton. We have four children: Charlotte 9-30-57, Cynthia 9-12-61, Janet 4-8-66, and Douglas 7-10-70.

Charlotte married Thomas Henderson 10-29-77 in the first sanctuary in the new Queens Creek United Methodist Church by Rev. Sidney Epperson. They have two children: Heather and Holly. Cynthia married Ronald New 10-22-83, Oak Grove United Methodist Church by Rev. Sidney Epperson. They have two children: Kyle and Rebecca. Janet married William A. Underseth 5-18-91, Swansboro First Baptist Church. They have one son, Cameron. Douglas married Jessica Tallman 10-23-04, Queens Creek United Methodist Church by Dr. James Oliver. They all reside in the Hubert, Swansboro area.

Charlotte and Cynthia attended Sunday School in the little hut that was moved to the old church ground in 1959. Ms. Patty Williams was their teacher. She awarded pins to children attending Sunday School every Sunday for a year. Their other teachers were Ms.

Hester Parker and Mr. W. L. Midkiff. The children were active in M.Y.F. with counselors John and Louise Horne. Janet played the part of an angel in a Christmas play while Rev. Graham Royal was pastor at Queens Creek United Methodist. He was pastor 1970-1974.



Charles Morton Family



Charles Morton



Charles Morton

Charles & Dora Lee



Charlotte, Tom & Family

*Ronnie, Cynthia
Kyle & Rebecca
New*





Jessica & Doug



*Andy, Cameron, Allison
Janet Underseth*

THE MORTON FAMILY AND QUEENS CREEK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The Mortons were a part of the early settlers of Onslow County. Their existence in the New World dates back to one of the members of Captain John Smith's crew that settled the English Colony of Virginia. They were a part of the early settlers whose thirst for land drove them to the first permanent English settlement of Jamestown. That drive for fertile soil caused them and their families to drift down into what is now Onslow County attracted by the rich soil on the banks of the New River.

Life was hard and survival difficult. The day to day grind was softened by the efforts of early Methodist preachers sent from Britain to spread the love of Jesus Christ. Prominent among these dedicated preachers with a firm grasp of Methodist principles and discipline was Francis Asbury. Appointed by John and Charles Wesley, brothers and a part of the laity who had begun a movement in England to reform the Anglican church, Asbury came to America and through his prodding Methodist preachers journeyed beyond Philadelphia and New York which at that time were headquarters of early Methodism. They traveled throughout the South and organized Methodist societies. They would preach under trees, courthouses, taverns-wherever they could secure a hearing. Even though there are no records to support this fact, the Morton's were probably converts in this evangelical endeavor.

The first sanctuaries of these early groups were groves of pine trees or arbors where worshippers sat on placed logs that served as pews. Some authors refer to this evangelical effort as the Brush Harbor revivals. God's messenger was the circuit rider whose passion for his love drove this servant throughout the backwaters of early America spreading the gospel. Driven by the desire to protect themselves from the forces of nature, brush shelters turned to limbs and leaves piled high, which evolved to a log structure and eventually a framed structure.

The first documented evidence of the Morton family and Queens Creek is found in a deed of land dated December 20, 1833. It reads that John Morton to a successors in office as trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church of the United States - for the purpose of erecting a building and establishing thereon a house as a place of worship. John's illiteracy manifests itself by an X and the designation of his mark on the deed.

Descendants of John continued their spiritual growth in this place. Prominent among them was Dexter Morton, son of Thomas and Maria Bell Morton who had settled in Hubert. Their children, Maria, Clen, Clyde and Wyatt grew up in the church and remained members all of their lives. The church was a focus of the small rural community providing spiritual, emotional and social sustenance. Clen served as Sunday School superintendent for 50 years; Maria and Wyatt were lifelong members and Susan and Louisa Morton, daughters of Wyatt began their journey of faith there. When the decision was made to move the now present structure away from its location on

Sandridge Road, Wyatt sold a small portion of his farm for the new building. When the new parsonage was built it was constructed on land donated by Mr. Wyatt and Miss Euzella. The importance of this church in their lives manifests itself in the life of Euzella who changed her Baptist denomination by joining the Queens Creek Church family after her marriage to Wyatt and subsequent relocation to Hubert. All of Dexter's children as well as Miss Euzella are buried in the Queens Creek Cemetery.

Louisa Morton Ringo and Susan Morton Pridgen and Clen Morton Ward and their children are the only surviving direct descendants to this line of Mortons. Their childhood and spiritual growth began in this church. The church served as a hub of a rural community that spread across a wide expanse of woods and farm land. In looking back it was a kind of cultural mosaic of the community where Christians though diverse and economic status were bound together as equal members of a Christian family. A major change occurred when civilian residents of Midway Park who worked at Camp Lejeune were required to relocate. New residents into the community resulted in the growth and infusion of energy and gifts into this small congregation and lifelong friendships. These base families enriched the life of the church and brought positive changes to the community. Louisa and Susan remain active members of the Methodist Churches in Swansboro and Jacksonville.

Three events defined the social nature of the church: homecoming, the arrival of a new ministerial appointment, both June events and the famous fish fry held in October. Dinner on the grounds is an old tradition in Southern Churches and was always a major event in the life of the church. It required a flurry of activity where a choir practiced endless hours, the men spread fencing between trees for a wonderful outdoor spread and women cooked for a week to fill the table. A very special group men gathered in the wee hours of a Sunday morning to make fresh squeezed lemonade in big barrels. This ritual rivaled a wine tasting today. Previous members returned to worship and reminisced, children ran and no one seemed to mind the Southern heat and the entire afternoon was a homecoming.

Because the United Methodist Church is a connectional one the coming of a new minister in the summer was also an anticipated event. What he would be like was exciting speculation. The pulpit through the years was filled with men of God who unselfishly served the congregation. Queens Creek was not a prize appointment. Salary was low and the congregation demanding. But the church minister's position became characterized by social activists, quiet, reflective men of God and those who were simple servants.

The famous Queens Creek Fish Fry began and for many years was held in Wyatt and Euzella Morton's yard. The cooking and the serving was one of the great fall events. People came from all over to visit and to socialize with people that they often only saw at this event. Politicians came to muster votes and children looked forward to the excitement of all that took place. The air was fragrant with the frying of fish and the noisy chatter of guests provided a great time. When the event was moved to the church grounds it never seemed to have had the same flair.

Through the years the church grew and changed and members have come and gone. Change is always difficult and the church has groaned with birth and rebirth. However, each congregation through the years has shaped the spiritual life of generations of the following of Christ. From this rural community and church have come many persons who have settled throughout this country, state and county and have continued to form and shape other churches. Thus each congregation continues to keep the kingdom of God going.

HERITAGE OF KENNETH STARNES NEW AND ALEXANDRIA KADINGO (SANDRA NEW)

Kenneth Starnes New - son of John Daniel New and Nannie Lee Birch, was born May 17th 1927 in New Hanover County. He was the second born of five children.

Sandra New - daughter of John Kadingo and Mary Merena. Sandra's mother was born in Austria, immigrating to the United States during her youth. Mary and John married and settled in the coal mining region of St. Clair, Pa. They were blessed with eleven children. Sandra was the ninth child and was born November 28, 1926 in Schuylkill County Pa.

Kenneth and Sandra met in 1948 in Washington DC while Sandra was employed by the CIA. They were married in Washington DC on June 11th 1949. Kenneth was discharged from the Navy and was working for Kraft Food Company. Kenneth returned to North Carolina with his bride Sandra after Hurricane Hazel with two children, Audrey and Brenda. The couple lived in Swansboro for a short time then moved to Hubert. Kenneth purchased a truck to haul produce and later opened a produce market on Lejeune Blvd. which they operated for eight years. During this time they had four more children, Johnny, Tommy, Carolyn and Cheryl. They decided to sell the business and Kenneth built a shrimp trawler.

Sandra transferred her membership from St. Mildred's Catholic Church in Swansboro to Queens Creek United Methodist Church on Hubert Blvd., August 15, 1971.

Sandra went to work for Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune in 1975 and retired May, 1990. She received several awards from the Department of the Navy, during her years of employment.

Kenneth sold his boat and again purchased a truck to sell seafood. He worked at this business until his health declined and was forced to retire.

Kenneth passed away at home November 16th, 2003 and was laid to rest next to his parents in the Queens Creek Methodist Cemetery.

Sandra is still a current member of the Queens Creek Methodist Church of Hubert, North Carolina..

THEIR CHILDREN

Audrey Ann New - Married Ted Lacy Farrell, Jr. Daughter: Dana O'Neil
Farrell
Brenda Joyce New- Married James Goodman Son: James Keith Goodman
John Kenneth New - Married Brenda Hatsell Son: John Clayton New
Thomas Wayne New - Single
Carolyn Denise New - Married - Danny Lambeth
Cheryl Renee New - Married - Eugene (Pete) Rudd (Deceased)
Remarried- Steve Kludy (father of four children, two currently in
residence)



THE JAMES OLIVER FAMILY

Judy and I grew up in Robeson County in Fairmont, North Carolina. We both attended Fairmont High School. Judy attended Campbell College-now Campbell University. She received her degree in Elementary Education and has taught in the public schools in our various pastoral appointments. I attended Duke University where I received a BA Degree in History with a minor in Political Science. I then received my BD Degree from Duke Divinity School. Later I received my Doctorate of Ministries from Drew University in Madison, New Jersey. During this time, Judy received her Masters Degree from the University of North Carolina at Pembroke.

Judy and I have been blessed with four wonderful children. James Jr. received his degree from the Citadel in Charleston, South Carolina. Suzanne received her degree from Mount Olive College. Mitchell attended Coastal Carolina Community College in Jacksonville. Hannah received her degree from High Point University.

We have served the following Pastoral Appointments:

Olivet in Marietta, North Carolina
Chestnut Ridge in Orange County
Associate: Long Memorial in Roxboro, North Carolina
Brooksdale-Brookland in Roxboro
Knightdale in Wake County
Lakewood in Durham
Elm City
Ocean View on Oak Island
Pembroke: First and Calvary
Providence in Goldsboro
Plymouth
Northwoods in Jacksonville
Hubert: Oak Grove/Queens Creek

We have been here for seven years. They have been extremely happy years. We have received much more from Oak Grove and Queens Creek than we can possibly leave with you. It has been a joy to serve as your Pastor and Parsonage Family for the past seven years.

This year I am retiring and we have built our retirement home in Jacksonville. As we leave, our prayer will always be that this charge will continue to work together, continuing to be a loving charge where all people feel the love and respect that you have shown to us over the past seven years. It is our prayer that you continue to grow in the love of our Heavenly Father and that all who worship here will more fully realize that they too are members of God's Holy Family.

We love you and may God continue to bless and nurture each one.

Jim, Judy, James Jr., Suzanne, Mitchell, Hannah and our two grandchildren, Wyatt and Colleen.



James & Kathy



Jim & Judy Oliver



Colleen

James Oliver Family



Suzanne

James, Mitchell & Wyatt



Kannah & Thomas



Judy, Mitchell & James

HISTORY OF GARY AND LINDA PARKER

The family of William Gary and Linda Kelly Parker. Gary has attended Queens Creek United Methodist Church all his life with his parents Odell and Lucille Parker. He has three sisters, July Parker Williams, Glenda P. White and Carolyn Parker Ward. Carolyn passed away December 31, 2004 on her 60th Birthday.

I Linda moved to Hubert in the early 1950's with my parents, James Roy and Ruth Kelly and siblings, Pam and Jimmy. Pam and I both attended Queens Creek until 1961, when Pam went off to College and I no longer had a way to get to church. I moved away in early 1997 and stayed away until August of 1993. I moved to Winstom Salem then in 1964 back to Hubert. I lived with Mae Gurba when I returned as I did before I left in 1967. During my time away I married, had a beautiful little girl, Elizabeth Ann in 1978 and was divorced in 1993.

After returning back to Hubert I began looking again for a home church and ended up back at Queens Creek United Methodist Church. During this time I met Gary Parker and began being fishing buddies.

On April 6, 1996 Gary and I were married. What a day, one of the best days of my life. God put us together and we're both very grateful for this.

We now live across from our Mom on Parkertown Road, Hubert, NC. We have a daughter and son-in-law, Ann and Kevin Brown, and two beautiful Granddaughters Lynn Ann and Emily Brown. We also have two special Goddaughters, Jacy and Noelle Matthais in our lives. God is so good to us.



Gary & Linda Parker

MEMORIES OF QUEENS CREEK CHURCH
BY
LUCILLE PARKER

I have been asked to recall some of my memories of Queens Creek United Methodist Church. I will confine my memories from the year 1939 through the year 1945.

I was welcomed into the membership of this church in 1939. Reverend Charles B. Long was the pastor at this time. My husband Odell Parker and I were married and I was baptized by immersion at a ceremony held at the water at the foot of the Queen's Creek Bridge on Queen's Creed Road. Several other members were also baptized by immersion at the same service.

The church building was the building that was built in 1880. There was just one large room and the ceiling was very high. The pews had been hand hewn and had been in service since 1880. The pulpit was beautiful and had been built by one of the members, the late Henry Willis. The altar was hand-carved (by the late Ed Markette), from two pine trees that had grown in a curved shape on the old Bell's place. Placed together, they made a half circle altar rail. The choir chairs were on the right side of the pulpit and the chairs to the left of the pulpit were designated as "the Amen corner". A big old "pot Belly" wood burning heater was placed in an area a few feet from the front of the pulpit. A pump organ provided the music for the services.

The building had no partitions. Winter weather found the members seated close to the front of the building. Summer weather resulted in the windows being raised and hand held card board fans, (donated by local funeral homes), in much demand.

I remember that Clyde Morton Ward would play the organ for the services. I believe Mrs. Gladys Meadows would play the organ when Clyde was not present. However, there were many times that there was no one that could play the organ, and in that event, Mr. Clen Morton would stand and clear his throat and say, "Who will raise the song?"

The members of the adult Sunday School Class would gather in the front pews and the other three classes met in other areas of the building. Sunday School always started by a gathering of everyone together. Mr. Clen Morton was superintendent and he would open with a prayer and a song. He would ask if there were sick members that should be remembered and then ask if anyone would like to say a word. This was all very informal. After this, we would adjourn to our proper class. Mrs. Clyde Morton Ward taught the adult class for many years. She was a school teacher and she was a very interesting church school teacher.

I was asked to lead the Intermediate Class. This group was young teenagers. I have many happy memories of the young people that composed this class. Some of the members were Ruth and Evelyn Godwin, Neva Riggs, Mae Smith, J. D. Wetherington and Ellie Smith.

Our Church was served by the Swansboro Circuit, Wilmington District. We were served by a pastor that also served four other churches; Swansboro, Bethlehem, Midway and Oak Grove. This resulted in each church having only one service each month. As I remember, Bethlehem Church and Midway Church were both served in one day. One church had morning service and one was served in the afternoon.

The custom was for some family to have the pastor and his family to come home with them for the noon day meal. We never had any trouble with someone willing to have them as guests. Times were so different in those days. We did not have any restaurants or Fast Food units in any of the church's area. We did not have anything fancy to serve, but they were always happy to sit down to good old country food. We took these visits to become better acquainted with each other.

We would have a revival at least once a year and many times the revival would cover a two week period. If we had a visiting Pastor, that would require a family, that had room for housing a guest, to offer to let them stay at their house. Then a committee was assigned to make certain that their meals were provided for them. Of course, that meant that our Pastor would join the visiting Pastor in partaking of the meal. Most of the time the committee would try to make certain that they would not be served chicken for every meal!

Queens Creek Church was served on the third Sunday of each month. We always had a number of visitors, particularly from the Oak Grove Church, since we were not a great distance apart. I found it hard to determine our members from the visitors.

I recall that Oak Grove members were faithful visitors to our church and supported us financially when needed, as well. Mrs. Lillian Russell Ray was a leader in the Oak Grove Church and an inspiration to all who came to know her. I was young and often reluctant to take on any obligation. Mrs. Lillian would encourage me. I can still remember her words, "You can do it Lucille. You know you can!", and I would try to do it. Mrs. Pauline Sanders, Mrs. Sadie Sanders and Mrs. Grace Sanders stand out in my memories as faithful attendants at our third Sunday worship services. Mrs. Louise Barbour and her husband, Elbert, lived close by and came to Queens Creek church quite regularly. They belonged to a Baptist Church, but came to many of our services. Mrs. Louise always sat with the choir and often would sing a solo for us. She had a beautiful voice. She was the daughter of Kate Henderson. The Henderson family was closely connected to Queens Creek Church. Mr. Leroy Henderson and his family were often visitors at our services.

In 1939, when I became a member of the church, our nation was still recovering from the Great Depression. The people that made up the membership of the church were primarily farm families, fishermen families or store keepers. The only telephone in our whole area was in the Starling General Merchandise building that was directly across the road from the front of our church building. The fertilizer building was just across from our church cemetery. The Starling family could always be counted on to come to the aid of a needy family or to help the church as they struggled to meet its financial obligations. Mr.

Richard Riggs, a member of our church, was a store keeper in Swansboro. He and his wife, Mrs. Ruby Riggs, were faithful and willing workers as well. Mr. Clen Morton, his sister, Mariah and their niece, Clyde Morton, lived in the house next to the store opposite the home of Mr. Sam and Mrs. Zoe Starling. Sam Starling, the son of Sam and Zoe Starling, and his wife Dolly Bruce Starling lived on the Sand Ridge Road in back of the Starling General Merchandise building. Mr. Luther Morton and his wife, Eva Morton's home was across from the Starling family on Sand Ridge Road.

These families were regular attendants and also care takers of the church building. Mr. Clen Morton usually made a fire in the wood heater early on winter Sunday mornings, to make the sanctuary more comfortable for the congregation. The summer months would find him raising the windows and opening the doors early, to air the building out.

The method used to take care of any financial obligation was very interesting and quite effective. Mr. Clen Morton would stand, clear his voice and state the need for funds, explaining the circumstances concerning the need. Then, one by one, members would say, "I'll give Ten Dollars", (or whatever amount they could contribute), until all that could, would state their pledge. If it was found that the amount pledged did not meet the need, a committee would be formed to visit members homes to state the need and ask for donations. I remember my father-in-law, Mr. Fred Parker, Mr. Raymond Frazier and Mr. Richard Riggs served on this committee quite often. They loved people, enjoyed visiting and talking and didn't mind asking for donations. Many times they only got a few dollars from each family and sometimes none at all, but they spread good will and their love of the Lord wherever they went.

I have many precious memories of the members of our church during those struggling times. I loved them so much and they were such an inspiration to me, personally, but I choose not to call names in fear that I might miss someone. I have always felt that I am so blessed to be a member of Queens Creek Church, as we strive to carry our God's will in this community.

EFFIE (ROGERS) PATE
Born December, 16, 1911

Effie joined Queens Creek UMC in August 28, 1929.

A direct descendant of Daniel Rogers, born May 22, 1756, who came to Beaufort, N.C. from the Eastern shore of Virginia, where the family had lived since coming from England in the 17th Century. After serving in the Revolutionary Army for about three (3) years with the 10th regiment in Beaufort and Western, N.C., Daniel was granted 250 acres in Onslow County (Hubert) in 1780. Daniel was a member of the Queens Creek Methodist Church and his descendants have remained members until the present time. The heirs of Daniel have continually occupied the tract of land granted the Rogers family for more than two hundred years. Daniel married in 1822 and had two children, Mary 1826 and Daniel S. 1829. He died in 1837.

Daniel S. took over the homestead, married in 1858 and had ten children. Daniel C. 1860 and John P. 1861, Nancy Eliza 1865, Mary Elizabeth 1867, William Allen 1870, Marvin Edgar (Ebin) 1873, Issac Emory 1875, Sara Cordelia 1878, Alheus Warlick 1882, James Dixon 1886. Daniel S. died 1892. His son Marion Edgar (Ebin) married Ada Melville and remained on the land. They had five (5) children, Lee 1910. Effie 1911, Ida 1913, Paul 1916 and Mary 1919. Lee married Effie Yates and remained on the property until his death in 1967. Lee Jr. Lives on the property today.

Daniel S. served in the Confederate Army with Capt. Edward W. Ward's Company (Gatlin Dragoons), third Calvary, 41 state troops which later became B. Co., 3rd Regiment, North Carolina Calvary. He furnished his own arms, horse and saddle. His regiment served at Kinston and later moved to Virginia.

Effie married Eugene Pate of Wayne County in 1929 and remained married for 50 years until his death in 1979. They had four (4) sons, Leon 1931, Robert 1932, Gene 1937 and James 1945. Robert died in 1949 from injuries received during a High School Football game. Leon served in the U.S. Coast Guard 1948-1954 and her three children. Gene served in the U.S. Navy 1955-1987 and has four children. James has 5 children.



*Mrs. Effie Pate
90th Birthday
12-16-01*



Effie & Eugene Pate



*Mrs. Effie's Sister
Mary Prescott
and husband Jake*

HISTORY OF JIM AND EMILY PATE

We were married May 2, 1980.

Jim has been a member of the church since 1954. Emily joined in 1980. The children joined at various times none of the grandchildren are members.

Jim and Emily have held various positions in the church.

We have five daughters, Rebecca, Eve, Tiffany, Deborah, Nancie. Seven grandchildren, Taylor, Patrick, Catherine, Ryan, Dakota, Katlin, Alexandra.



HISTORY OF DAN AND JEAN PATTERSON

As a Navy family, we came to Onslow County in the late 1970's after Dan received orders to Camp Lejeune Marine Corps Base.

We were members of Queens Creek United Methodist Church during the pastorates of Sidney Epperson, Robert (Bob) Rudd, and a short time with Jerry Jackson.

Dan and I were very active in the Music Ministry. I was pianist and Dan directed the choir. On occasions we sang duets. Dan was also in training as a Lay Speaker and taught Sunday School

Our children, Michael and Rejeanna graduated from Swansboro High School.

Michael is a Physical Therapist in Florida and has three children.

Rejeanna lives in Jacksonville and is married to Mark Jones. They have five children.

We are blessed with eight healthy grandchildren ranging in age from 16 to 14 months.

We have many happy memories of Queens Creek United Methodist Church.

Dan and Jean Patterson



Dan & Jean Patterson

HISTORY OF CONSTANCE PEREIRA

I was born in Whittier, California, December 22, 1933. I have a twin sister in California.

I lived in Los Angeles, California with a Step Mother and Father and twin sister Pat.

When I finished High School in 1952. I joined the Marine Corps and let the world see me. Came East and stayed East. I was transferred up and down the East coast.

In 1956 I met my husband water skiing on base, and two years later married "My Knight in Shinning armor." His armor is still shinning, a little dented, lost his horse and his lance, and his fair maiden turned into Mrs. Chubs!!!

In February 1960 we had a daughter Jessie. In November 1961 we had a daughter Jackie. This completed our family. Jessie is a meter reader for Carolina Power and Light Company and Jackie is a Certified Nursing Assistant and works for the County of Onslow.

When I started raising a family I had to get out of the Marine Corps.

Ten years ago I started taking Continuing Education Courses at Coastal Carolina Community College. I had to drop out for two years because of Cancer, and then started back. I am now on my 52nd course. I plan on continuing until I cannot go anymore. I will not graduate from anything, I go for the enjoyment and to learn.

I have had 5 years of voice and I sing in the Queens Creek UMC Choir.

I have been married to the same man, Gus Pereira, for 45 years.
I have been a member of Queens Creek Choir for over 30 years.



HISTORY OF MANUEL AUGUSTINE "GUS" PEREIRA

I was born early, on 28th August, 1928, to Manuel J. and Mary V. Pereira, the third child. Later on, the family would increase to nine children. Two have now passed on to their just rewards. I was born at home in Pawtucket, Rhode Island, at 139 Kenyon Ave. It is still there.

I entered the Marine Corps at Boston, Massachusetts . Was sworn in on my eighteenth birthday, and traveled to Paris Island, South Carolina for basic training. When our training was finished, we boarded a train and traveled to Camp Lejeune, NC in early November 1946.

I had been selected to attend the Basic Engineer Course at Courthouse Bay, at Camp Lejeune. We completed our course of instruction by February 1947. I was then assigned to "B" Company, 2nd Engineer Battalion, at Camp Lejeune.

This filled all my desires to travel. Fall of 1947, I went to Argentina, Newfoundland. We conducted Winter Maneuvers there. In January 1948, we the entire Engineer Battalion, traveled to Vieques Island, Puerto Rico. We built an Air Field and roads for the Division Maneuvers. We returned by March.

Later, I was selected to join a Platoon of Engineers to travel to the Mediterranean area. We were there to help United Nations Mediator, Count Folk Bernadotte, to set up the Israeli Government. We spent most of our time in the Eastern Mediterranean in the Palestine/Israeli area. We spent at least five months there.

Returning to the United States, I made one more trip to Vieques Island in 1949. Later that Spring, I married a woman from Atlanta, Georgia. That marriage lasted for seven years. We didn't have any children. I then met Constance Mary Smith, a Woman Marine Staff Sergeant. At that time I was a Tech Sergeant. I had returned from Korea and was awaiting a divorce.

Connie and I were married at the Protestant Chapel at Camp Lejeune, a Saturday, the 26th day of May 1958. We moved a Mobile Home into

Gatlin's Mobile Home Park and lived there for at least 18 years. Jessie Lee, our first daughter, was born on 4th February, 1960 at 10:00 a.m., at the USN Hospital at Camp Lejeune. Jacqueline Louise, our second daughter was born on 1 November, 1961 at U.S.N.H., Camp Lejeune. I then was at Pearl Harbor, waiting to be transported to Okinawa for a 13 month tour of duty.

I can safely say, that both our daughters began school in Swansboro, and graduated from Swansboro High, without moving from the Hubert Area.

I made a tour of duty to Vietnam, 1966, and returned to Camp Lejeune. I made one tour on Operation Steel Pike to Spain. Made a second tour to the Mediterranean for six months. Two more tours to Viesquez Island.

I then retired on 31 October 1965. I had a teaching position at Greensboro, NC at Southern Guilford High, teaching Carpentry. The student body did not sign up for Carpentry for the next year, and I had to leave. I did get a job with Civil Service at Camp Lejeune, and worked there for seven years.

I did some part time teaching at Coastal Community College, at night, for adults wanting to learn the building trade.

Connie and I took the girls to Queens Creek UM Church, when they were young. When Jackie had her baby, Michael James, and he died, I joined Jessie and Jackie in their new lives - of being born again. Sometime around that time, Connie joined the ranks.

I had the opportunity to travel to Israel, as a Pilgrim, with Pastor Wayne West, and others. I later made a second trip with another group. I have seen Israel before and after, the Jewish People really went to work and beautified their country.

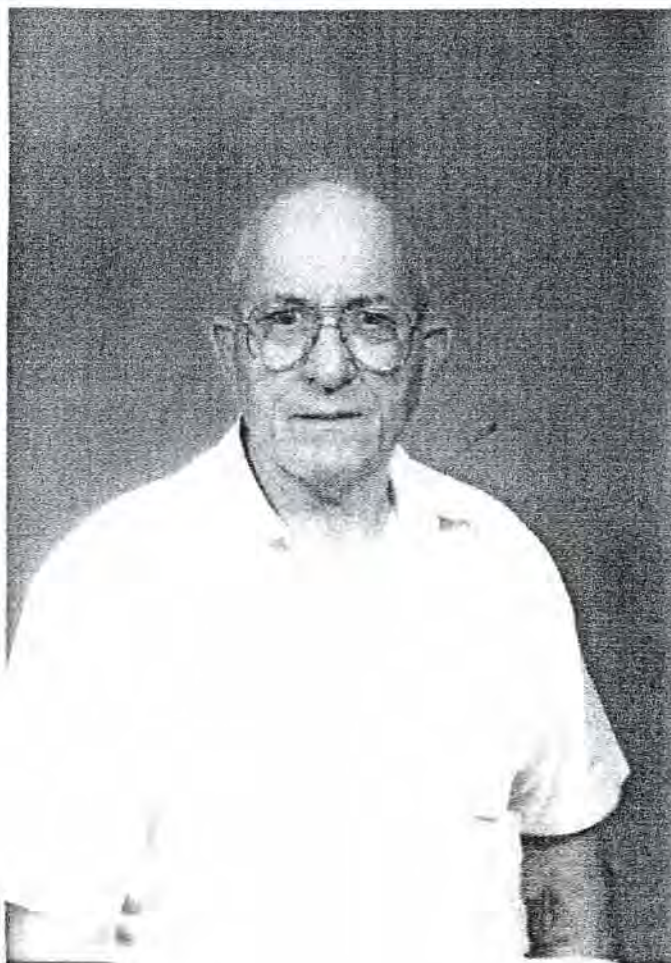
My family in Rhode Island, and Massachusetts want to know why I stayed here, why I won't return to Rhode Island. My children are North Carolinians, born and bred, and call North Carolina Home. They love to go to Rhode Island and Massachusetts to visit their Aunts, Uncles, cousins. But they love to come back home. I left Rhode Island when I was eighteen years old. Connie and I have lived in the Hubert Area for more than 46

years. So, we too, are North Carolinians, transplanted here from Rhode Island, and California.

I was a member of the Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship International and still am. Also, I joined the Promise Keepers. Both are for Christian Men.

I was a member of the Hubert Volunteer Fire Department for 18 years.

Manuel A. Pereira



HISTORY OF ALVIN AND ELLA MAE PITTMAN

I can remember going to church in the old building with my brothers and sisters and my mother. Sometimes we walked down the old road behind our house before there was a base here. The old building had a wood floor with nothing over it. Sometimes Mrs. Effie Pate and my mother would sweep the floor before other people got there. One time I remember my mother and some of the other women scrubbed the wood floor with lye to make it clean. Sometimes when it was real cold a fire would have to be built in the wood heater for heat. Mr. Clen Morton would start the singing without music lots of time.

Alvin went to church with his mother and other family members. He told me his mother took him as a baby to the very first Homecoming. He grew up on a small farm with no dad as he had died at an early age. He went off to World War II, as did his brother Atticus and they both made it back and came back to the church. Atticus to farming their farm and Alvin to work with the North Carolina State Road Department. After a few years I had grown up and Alvin and I started going out together. We dated a year or two and got married on March fourth, nineteen hundred fifty, at the Swansboro Methodist Parsonage by our preacher Reverend J. K. Worthington. We went to church when we were dating and after we got married and after our children came along we took them to Sunday School and church.

Our oldest, Alvin L. Pittman, Jr. and our next one Larry D. Pittman grew up in the church taking part in everything. They were drafted in the Army and left from home. June our next one grew up doing all the things in church. June married Steve Morton on October six, nineteen hundred seventy two at the church. June and her husband still came to church until they moved to Raleigh, North Carolina. Alvin Jr. had married and was back home at Hewitt's Trailer Park. We took his first child Adam to Sunday School and Church with us for a long time until he went with his parents to their church. Larry stayed in service and did not come back home to live only for a short time. He married a girl he met in service and they went to live in Oregon. Our fourth child Allen was born in nineteen hundred fifty nine, he also grew up in church, and still lives in Hubert and is a member of the church.

Alvin had two heart attacks in nineteen hundred eighty, that left him disabled and he retired from the State after thirty four years and four months and as he begin to get well enough he could be back in church he went. This was slow going and during this time he got into his Bible and grew in the Lord and became more into the church than ever. He was always at every meeting, Bible Study, Sunday School and Church. He loved his church family and his Lord. He could be found every Sunday morning at the door greeting everyone especially the children and calling the girls, boys. He was a little man with a big heart and everyone loved him and missed him when he went home to be with the Lord on June twenty-fourth, two thousand two at the age of eighty.

This little old man of God who thought he was nothing, inspired a man of God to go on and get his Doctorate degree by asking him to [show him Jesus.] This man of God was

our Jerry Jackson. Alvin and Ella Mae spend fifty-two years together in Queens Creek United Methodist Church.



Alvin & Ella Mae Pittman
3-5-1950



Alvin & Ella Mae Pittman
1987



*June P. Morton, Ella Mae,
Alvin Jr. Larry Pittman*
6-27-2000

Our Grandchildren



Allen Hardy Pittman
6-27-2000



Larry Pittman, June P. Morton
6-27-2000

June Pittman Morton





Alvin & Ella Mae's
Grandchildren
Mittie, Alvin, Glane, Martha



Dunnie Frazier
(Alvin's Sister)



Sam Hewitt



Ralph Zinnie Pittman

**PRECIOUS MEMORIES OF QUEENS CREEK UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH
BY DARRELL P. RAMSEY**

My mothers family attended Queens Creek United Methodist Church long before I was thought of. Mom is the daughter of the late Hardy Pittman and Alphareta Conway Pittman. Mom is Mildred Alphareta Pittman Ramsey.

Fathers family lived in the Half Moon area of Onslow County. He is the son of the late Edward Ramsey and Emma Morton Ramsey. Dad is Edward Woodrow Ramsey.

After mom and dad were married they had five children. James (died at an early age). Malcolm Lee (died November 1984), Melvin Woodrow, Darrell Patrick (me), Margery Kay Griffiths. We were all brought up in the church, and I personally accepted the Lord and joined the church in 1958 at age eleven. We lost mom and dad to the Lord on July 27th, 1963, I was sixteen. I have many fond memories at Queens Creek; dinner on the ground, Methodist Youth Fellowship, fish fries, etc. During my life many friends and family at Queens Creek have been a positive influence on me.

The school years were great, but all good things must come to an end. I joined the U.S. Army on December 31, 1966, and was sent to Ft. Bragg, NC for basic training. When basic training was finished I was sent to Ft. Eustis, Virginia. There I attended UH-1 Huey, and ch-47 Chinook helicopter mechanics school. I enjoyed these schools and done well. The next stop in my military career was Ft. Sill, Oklahoma to prepare for Vietnam.

Our unit, the 159th Assault Support helicopter battalion arrived in South Vietnam on my birthday, May 22, 1968. We came ashore in landing craft at Vung Tau, South Vietnam; and traveled by truck to Bear Cat for indoctrination and in country training.

After spending several weeks at Bear Cat we flew to Camp Eagle, which is north of Hue, South Vietnam. I remained at Camp Eagle for approximately seven months working on Chinooks and flying. Then I was temporarily assigned to the ASHB to assist in training. They had arrived in South Vietnam and were stationed at Hue/Phu Bai. Both units assigned to the 101st Airborne Div. (air mobile). The Lord always protected me. There were a number of times I should have been hurt but was not. During my stay in the U.S. Army I was honored to receive two Army Commendation medals, the Bronze Star, and others. I left the Army with a honorable discharge on December 31, 1969.

On January 31, 1970 I married the love of my life, Marilyn Sue Taylor. She is from Richlands, NC and is the daughter of the late William Ivey and Erma Lee Taylor. Her family attended Whaley's Chapel Original Free Will Baptist Church at Hargetts Crossroads. She joined Queens Creek United Methodist Church after we were married.

During our year as church members we have tried to remain active. There have been times we did not attend as often as we should, but we never lost our love for the Lord, our church, family or friends.

Our marriage produced three off-springs. On August 10, 1970 Alphareta Lee Ramsey was born. On January 25, 1979 Darrell Patrick Ramsey, Jr. Was born and died on February 9, 1979. On July 27, 1981 Lydia Antoinette Ramsey was born. Both of the girls were married in our church.

Alphie married John Daniel Dorgan on August 29, 1992. They have two sons, Patrick Ian, age 9, Brett Daniel, age 6.

Lydia married Asa Charles Willis on August 18, 2001. They have one son, Garrett Trent.



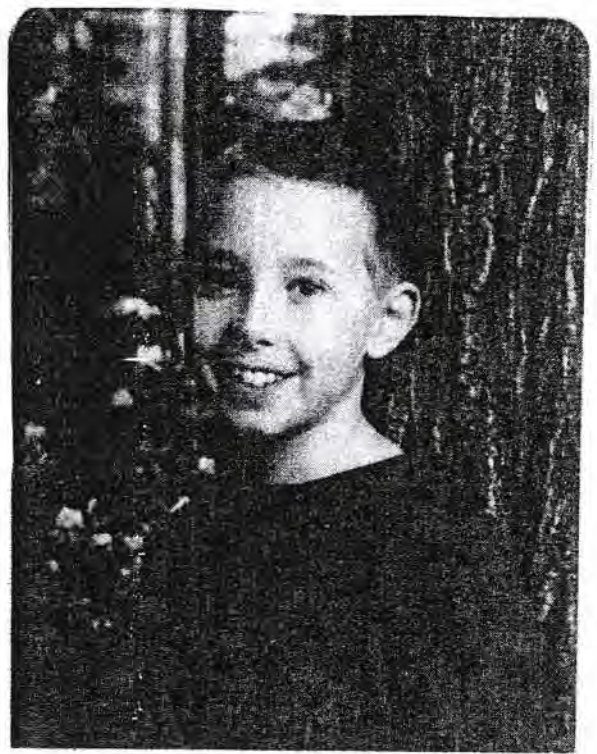
Darrell & Sue Ramsey



*Ramsey, Dorgan & Willis
Families*



Brett Dorgan



Patrick Dorgan



John & Alphareta R. Dorgan



Garrett Willis

Osa & Lydia R. Willis



HISTORY OF CLAYTON AND JULIAN RAMSEY

Clayton and Julian Ramsey were both life-long residents of Onslow County. Clayton was born and raised in the Kellum Community, about 5 miles from Jacksonville. He was the third youngest of eight children - 5 boys and 3 girls. He lost his father in a farming accident when Clayton was six years old. He attended Kellum Baptist Church until he moved to Hubert in 1938.

Julian and her sisters, Katie Lee and Gladys, were born and raised in Hubert; they lost both parents when they were teenagers. They then lived with their uncle, Ralph Conway, Sr. Clayton and Julian married in 1938 and raised two sons, H.C. and Terry. Clayton first started farming, and later worked with contractors as Camp Davis and Camp Lejeune were being built. He missed the draft due to deferments for family, age, and farming; he was later selected for the draft but missed serving as the war concluded. He worked several years with Civil Service, and later he farmed tobacco; in 1958 he opened Ramsey's Mobile Home Park.

Julian was always a homemaker and housewife, however, she played a major role in maintaining the mobile home park, working in tobacco, and always had a large summer garden.

Clayton, Julian and their two sons attended Queens Creek Methodist Church. Julian was a lifetime member and she and her two sisters walked to church when they were young. Clayton became a member after they married, and both held church offices and were active in the support of the church.



HISTORY OF MELVIN W. RAMSEY

I have many memories of the times I spent at Queens Creek United Methodist Church. In fact there are so many memories that it's hard to select only a few.

My first memory I had of the church was the Pastor. I think his name was Johnson, but I'm not sure. I do remember he was loud and I was awakened by his words. I think I was less than ten years old, so after almost 50 years my memory is fuzzy. I do know that we kids used to write notes in the hymnals to ease the boredom to make time go by so we could go out and run through the graveyard. So maybe at that time when the preacher was loud it diverted my attention and there were fewer marks on a hymnal.

I did listen to some of the preachers words, and those words were the beginning of my spiritual life ultimately leading me to salvation and Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior. For that I am thankful for the people of Queens Creek United Methodist Church.



*Melvin & Joy Ramsey
grandchildren
Robert and Grace*

HISTORY OF TERRY & SHERRY RAMSEY

The Ramsey family first appears in Onslow County records about 1735.

Terry Augustus Ramsey was born October 25, 1946 in the old hospital in Jacksonville, the youngest son of Clayton and Julian Conway Ramsey of Hubert. He was baptized and participated in Methodist Youth Fellowship at Queens Creek Methodist Church. He was a charter member of the church sponsored Boy Scout Troop 347, which formed in 1958/59. He attended school in Swansboro graduating in 1965. In 1967 while attending Mount Olive Junior College, Terry learned there was a very strong possibility he would lose his student deferment. A student deferment was essential, because of the Vietnam War. His college career hinged on his being accepted for the fall term, as a junior, at a four year institution. Following a few rejection letters, with time growing short, Terry was understandably concerned. He decided, if he was going to serve in the military, it would be a branch of his choosing. Therefore, in July of '67, he enlisted in the Navy - joining under a ninety-day delayed-entry program. Ironically, later that month he received acceptance as a junior at two colleges.

Occasionally he muses, should he have been more patient. Within days of enlisting however, he received his draft notice. Too, I gently remind him, without enlisting in the Navy, it is highly unlikely he would have ever met me.

Fall of '67 Terry went to Basic at Great Lakes, IL. This training was followed by Basic Electronics School before receiving orders to Fleet Sonar School, Key West, Florida for advanced training.

Simultaneously, I was beginning my senior year at Key West High School. My family had returned to Key West in the summer of '66 from our previous duty station in Newport, Rhode Island. This was our third tour of duty in Key West so we thought of it as coming home, even though my dad and I were born in North Carolina and my Mother in New Hampshire.

As my senior year neared its conclusion, I made plans to attend Orange Memorial Hospital School of Nursing in Orlando, Florida in the fall. With several nurses in my family, it was almost a tradition, and I had dreamed of being one since I was a little girl.

Earlier in the year, a friend had convinced me to become active in the GSO (girls' service organization). The GSO assisted with activities at the USO, providing wholesome entertainment for young military personnel away from home. One Saturday in April, my friend and I were busy planning a USO dance and in search of decorations when she suggested we stop by the USO on our way to shops at Mallory Square's Pirates' Alley - a tourist magnet area of Key West. At the USO, we happened on a male friend of hers and convinced him to accompany us on our quest. He had briefly hesitated because he already had plans to meet a friend who had gone for a haircut. After making arrangements to have the friend join us later at Mallory Square, the three of us left on our mission.

I never imagined the friend in need of a haircut was about to become the most important person in my life. Although I was just eighteen years old, I know within a week that Terry was the man I wanted to marry.

By the following spring we were officially engaged. On August 3rd, 1970, while on vacation between my Junior and Senior year at Orange Memorial Hospital School of Nursing, we were married. Vows were exchanged at my home church, Holy Trinity Lutheran, Key West Florida. Clayton and Julian Ramsey were unable to attend as Julian was still recovering from a recent surgery. Terry's older brother, Henry C. Ramsey, attended as well as my parents, William C. and Mildred A. Billings of Key West, my sister, Linda and my brother Bill Jr. still of the family home, and many mutual friends.

Following our marriage while Terry was serving with the fleet in Norfolk, Virginia, I made my home in Orlando, until I graduated from nurses' school in April 1971. After graduating, I joined Terry in Norfolk just as his ship returned from a Mediterranean cruise.

Terry loved the Navy. Over the next few years, there was sea duty in Norfolk, school in Key West then more sea duty in Norfolk. As time passed, Terry moved up in rate. I passed Nursing Boards in Jacksonville, Florida and was later employed at Norfolk General Hospital as a charge nurse on a large medical-surgical unit.

Christmas Eve 1973 our son Christopher was born in Norfolk General Hospital. Terry quickly termed him the best present he ever received. Summer of 1974, Christopher Sean Ramsey was baptized at Queens Creek Methodist Church.

Later that summer we moved to New Jersey where Terry was stationed at the Perth Amboy Naval Reserve Center. We never adjusted to living so far north in such a densely populated area and Terry disliked his job. This would be Terry's final duty station. After eight and a half years in the Navy, he decided not to re-enlist.

December of 1975 we returned to Hubert to make our home and assist Terry's parents in any way possible with their mobile home business. After moving to Hubert, I was employed by Onslow Memorial Hospital as a charge nurse on the OB-GYN unit. Terry went to work at Camp Lejeune the summer of 1976 - first for Roads and Grounds cutting grass and then for base utilities as a Water Treatment Plant Operator.

Veteran's Day 1980, we were blessed with a daughter. Cherie' Nicole Ramsey was baptized by Pastor Richard E. Boger Jr. at the Lutheran Church of Our Savior, Jacksonville before November ended. Cousins Darrell and Sue Ramsey of Swansboro are her God Parents.

In the early 1980's Terry left his position as a Water Treatment Plant Operator for an electronics maintenance position at Training Audio Visual Support Center, also at Camp Lejeune.

In this same time period, Terry sustained a serious head injury when an aluminum ladder collapsed while he was doing some home repair. Ever since he has had various health problems, some of which have robbed him of the ability to walk more than a few steps at a time. Through it all he has remained courageous and remarkably even-tempered, continuing to work except for a two-year period when he was told that his disability could not be accommodated. When he learned this was inaccurate as well as illegal, he did what was necessary to secure another position. For the last five and one-half years he has once more been employed in an electronics maintenance position aboard Camp Lejeune, where he hopes to remain until he chooses to retire.

Clayton Ramsey passed away February 9th, 1991. Julian Conway Ramsey joined him on October 8th, 2000, both succumbing to respiratory illnesses. They are buried side by side in

Onslow Memorial Park on Highway 258. Many of Terry's extended family including his maternal grandparents and some aunts, uncles, and cousins are at rest in Queens Creek Church Cemetery on Starling Road.

Terry and I will celebrate our 35th wedding anniversary in August. Both of our children are grown and live in Hubert. Christopher is thirty-one and is Customer-Service Manager at Furniture Fair on Bell Fork Road. Nicole, twenty-four, is employed by Onslow County Behavioral Health Care and married to Theamus Peyton Jr. formerly of Jacksonville. They are the parents of Mackenzie Leigh Peyton born May 8th, 2000. Mackenzie, too, was baptized at Lutheran Church of Our Savior, Jacksonville. She has added much love and joy to our lives. At this time she is our only grandchild.

Our lives are busy and very full. Terry continues to work full time, and I keep busy caring for him and our grand daughter, spending time with our children, and overseeing the daily operation of Ramsey's Mobile Home Park. I also try to manage time for friends, hobbies and volunteer work.

Terry and I have always felt that God has had a hand in our lives. Never have we been more certain of this than in time of adversity. We are firm believers in the power of prayer. God has never failed to meet our needs. We try to glory in the small miracles that unfold before us each day - never to forget that each day is a precious gift from God.

Submitted by Sherry Billings Ramsey
For the Terry Augustus Ramsey family of Hubert



Nicole, Christopher

Sherry and Terry



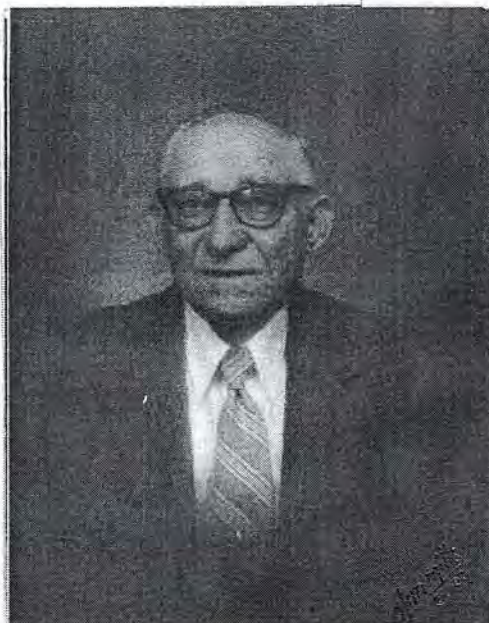
*Terry & Sherry Ramsey
Wedding Reception
8-3-1970*



*Terry Ramsey
8 months old*



*Mackenzie L. Peyton
4 years old*



Clayton Ramsey



Julian Ramsey

HISTORY OF EDGAR LEE ROGERS, JR.

My Great Grandfather, Daniel Rogers was born in 1829. My Great Grandmother, Mary, was born in 1826. My Grandfather was Ebin Rogers, born 2-7-1873, and my Grandmother was Ada Melville Rogers, born 4-4-1878. My father was E. Lee Rogers, Sr. Born 1-21-1910.

Their siblings were Effie Pate born in 1911, and lives in Hubert. Ida Brite born in 1913, and lived in Swansboro, Paul Rogers born in 1916, and lived in Jacksonville, Mary Prescott, born in 1919 and lives in Swansboro.

My Mother's descendants Great Grandfather, Willy Yates, and Great Grandmother Marinda. My Grandfather, Joe Yates, born in 1880, and my Grandmother, Laura Stanley Yates born in 1877. My Mother, Effie Yates Rogers, born 5-29-1908.

Her siblings were Hubert Yates he lived in Hubert, North Carolina. Ralph Yates, lived in Havelock.

I am Edgar Lee Rogers, Jr., born 5-12-44. I have three children, Edgar Lee Rogers III, born 8-4-66 and his wife Jennifer. They have two children, Mason born 9-6-99, and Maddie born 4-29-02.

Traci Lawson, born 11-11-70. She has two children, Joshua, born 5-28-97 and Dylan, born 6-4-04.

Mandy Castranova born 9-13-76 and her husband David.

I have been a member of Queens Creek United Methodist Church since 1954. I remember Sunday School, which we attended most every Sunday, our teacher was Mrs. Helen Jennings. She was a good teacher and we were a challenge to her. I was a member of the UMYF, we really enjoyed our time together as young people and the many activities we were involved in.

My Dad was Sunday School Superintendent for many, many years, he inherited this job from Clen Morton. Michael T. Frazier was Sunday School Secretary. They worked together and were great friends. They kept their positions for many years. My dad & Michael Frazier were Ushers every Sunday for many years.

We had great Homecomings and it was usually on Father's Day. I remember we would say, "Happy Fathers Day," have some lemonade. Lemonade was our trademark on Homecoming day. It was made in an old wooden barrel and people would come eat, visit and it was almost like a family reunion.

Our Annual Fish Fry was another great event they drew the neighborhood together and a time of great fellowship. Some years the fish were caught by our members, and cleaned at Matthews Landing. They were fresh and delicious, along with the hushpuppies, cole slaw and french fries. Everyone worked together and it was always a great success. I remember the young people (like me) would refill people's tea or get them extra hushpuppies, and help clean up. It was a whole church event and everyone did their share of work.

We are still having the Annual Fish Fry's and our big event our 225th Celebration of our Homecoming in June of 2005.



Lee Rogers, Jr.



*Lee Rogers, Sr. &
Lee Rogers, Jr.*

HISTORY OF DAVID AND VICKI ROVERS

David Frederick Rovers was born of Jacob and Dorothy Gregg Rovers. Both are now deceased. He experienced some "supernatural" times in his boyhood, but did not come to the Lord until 1981, in a small church in Alabama. Vicki was born of Charles and Blanche Chabassol Gonze. Blanche is deceased, but Chuck is well, and is still quite active in many areas, including church choir (to him, the two are synonymous). Vicki has experienced numerous miracles in her life, and will be only too happy to share them with anyone interested. However, if you want to maintain both legs don't ask, she'll talk one of them off.

David was intending to go to a church in Cape Carteret one Sunday morning, but the Lord had different intentions. When he should have turned left, the car went right, and the Lord told David to "go to that church in Hubert, down the street from the post office." David obeyed, and the rest is pretty well known.

He was asked to help out with the piano for "a week or two," and it now is over 3 years. Vicki was mad at God, and hadn't attended church very much in over 7 years, but when she decided to "surprise David" by showing up for church, God decided it was time for her to come back.

We both are so blessed by finding a church home that is abounding in God's love, also homes many true believers, and has shown that even "Yankees" can find true love and true friends in North Carolina.



The Sampson A. and Zoe Foscue Starling Family

The Starling family first became associated with Queen's Creek Methodist Church at the end of the nineteenth century when Sampson Starling moved into the Hubert community. His home stood just across the pasture from the Church and his country store was across the road from it. Though he was not a member, he and his wife, Zoe Hatch Foscue Starling, attended regularly and supported the Church throughout the rest of their lives. Their son Samuel Foscue Starling and his wife Dolly Bruce Pelletier Starling became members, and they, too, attended and supported the Church throughout their lives, raising their children there. Though no Starlings remain in the Church today, the presence of Miss Zoe sitting at the inside end of the second pew every Sunday and of Dolly Bruce speaking to every single person on the grounds with her sparkling eyes and beautiful smile must endure in the memorial history of the Church. And Queen's Creek Church remains vivid in the memories and affections of their children raised there who now live elsewhere.



Sampson A. Starling was born on February 1, 1868, at Falcon in Sampson County, son of Jesse and Jennette Strickland Starling. When he was 21 years old, he came to Onslow County along with a friend, A. H. Sloacum, also from Sampson County, to develop a turpentine business. They started their business near Hubert at Shepard's Landing because Queen's Creek provided navigable waters for their freight boat, *The May Queen*, to transport their distilled turpentine to the market in New Bern (and later to Norfolk). The business prospered and Starling bought out Sloacum's interest two years later. His business had outgrown the first boat, so he acquired another, larger boat, the *Lena*, to replace the *May Queen*. Capt. Sewell of Swansboro was in charge of the *Lena*, and stayed with Starling until the early 1920s, when good roads and better trucks replaced water transportation. One story goes that around 1914 or 1915 a certain to-be-nameless telephone operator in Swansboro one day decided to play a trick on Mr. Starling. He rang him up and told him that the *Lena*, which was due back from a trip to Norfolk, was sailing into the sound and it was on fire. Mr. Starling jumped into his Ford and rushed to Swansboro in deep distress, only upon arriving to discover the "joke." It is said that that telephone operator never played any more practical jokes on Mr. Starling.

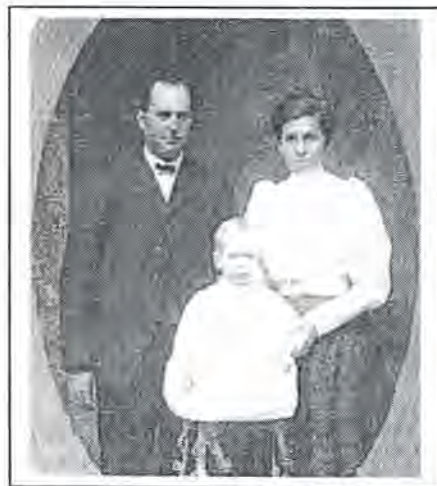
To prevent the boat returning empty after delivering the turpentine products, Starling used it to bring supplies from wholesalers in New Bern back to Hubert, where in 1891 he opened a general store, *S. A. Starling, General Merchandise*. He dealt in general merchandise, fertilizer, farm supplies, and trading and shipping cotton, and, not reluctant to

take advantage of opportunities, he began to deal in livestock. The store stood just across the road from Queen's Creek Church. This was, for the place and time, a busy and convenient spot where the main roads from Swansboro, Jacksonville, Bear Creek, and Brown's Sound converged. He also began to acquire land and entered the business of farming tobacco, just then becoming a significant cash crop in eastern North Carolina.

In the late 1920s he left the turpentine and cotton business, but the general merchandise, farm equipment, and livestock businesses thrived, and he promoted his tobacco farming continuing to acquire more farms. Later he expanded the livestock and farm equipment business to a property he built in Jacksonville, which he passed on to his son, Sam. A big change came near the end of his life in 1941 when the federal government condemned and acquired the land the store was on to be part of the new Marine Base. He moved for a few years to a warehouse across the Bear Creek Road, but closed that when his younger son, John Newton Starling, returned from serving in World War II as a captain in the U. S. Army. John took over the general merchandise part of the business and built a new store on Highway 24, which had become the main road from Swansboro to Jacksonville. After he died in 1948, his two sons continued their inherited business ventures for the rest of their lives (Sam died in 1958 and John in 1961).

A few years after moving to Onslow County, S. A. Starling married Irene Freeman of Jacksonville. They had one son, Jesse Freeman Starling, who was born in 1898, when Irene died in childbirth. With the help of a devoted housekeeper, Starling raised the boy alone for four years until, in 1902, he married Zoe Hatch Foscue, whose mother was Frances Ward Montfort of Montfort Point on New River.

Miss Zoe Hatch Foscue (b. June 5, 1877), a graduate of Littleton Female College, was teaching a three-month term of school, for which she received a total salary of \$90, at Ward's Mill near Brown Sound. She was living in the home of her uncle, Dr. William Joseph Montfort, a prominent landowner and physician and a deacon in the Enon Chapel Baptist Church. Dr. Montfort invited Sampson A. Starling, the 33 year old widower and successful businessman and also a deacon of his church, to his home for Sunday dinner. Just a year later, on October 7, 1902, Starling and Zoe Foscue were married at her home, Cedar Glen, in Jones County. He took her to his home in Hubert, with faithful Aunt Liza as housekeeper. She gathered the little motherless Jesse into her heart and always kept him there, even when she had four children of her own. He said later in life that he never once felt in any way that she was not his own mother.



A story-and-a-half story frame house served as their first dwelling, but in 1910 he moved that building off to be used for other purposes and built a larger house. This land he had bought some time before from the Mortons, several hundred acres from the same parcel of which John Morton had deeded 50 acres to Queen's Creek Church in 1834. The new

house faced the road and was separated from the church by the large front pasture. It has a two story façade with a long, two-story L-wing to the back. The five-bay front elevation is



asymmetrical as a result of one window being shifted to light the stair passage inside. The house is distinguished by its gracious verandas: a wide, single-story, veranda supported by classical columns across the front and wrapped around one gable end, and a two-tier rear porch with turned posts that support a decorative frieze. The interior has turned stair balusters and newel posts, bracketed mantels, and picture rails and chair rails in the hall and parlors. The center hall staircase rises to two large front bed rooms and

three more along the upper veranda, with a room for Aunt Liza (and later for the faithful Aline Ham). The parlor on the right side of the center hall included furnishings from Zoe's grandmother's house at Montfort Point that had burned in 1878, especially a large walnut secretary from about 1810 and a square piano that had been a wedding present to Zoe's grandmother, Louisa Bryan Howard Montfort, in 1831. A master bedroom with nursery behind it completed the first floor plan in the front of the house, with a dining room and kitchen at the back. The new house provided plenty of room for a large and vigorous family, and Zoe lived in it until she died in 1967. The house still stands in its original location, but in recent years subsequent owners covered the original weatherboarding with wood shingle siding.

To this union were born four children: SAMUEL FOSCUE STARLING (1905), HOWARD MONTFORT STARLING (1907), FANNIE RUTH STARLING (1912), and JOHN NEWTON STARLING (1914). When the children were ready for school, their father was the leader in a successful movement to increase the Hubert Graded School from a six-month to an eight-month term. The children went away to boarding school, then all went on to college.

The eldest son, Jesse, attended Mars Hill and Oak Ridge Academy. Sam attended The Piedmont School and then Wake Forest College, and Howard went to Piedmont and then to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill before receiving his M.D. at The Medical College of Virginia. John Newton graduated from Swansboro Consolidated High School, then went to North Carolina State College. Ruth went to The Pineland School for Girls and then to Meredith College in Raleigh.

Mr. Starling was a faithful Baptist and remained a deacon at Enon Chapel for 50 years. He was church treasurer for a score of years. Though raised as a Methodist, Zoe faithfully joined him as a Baptist, but regularly attended Queen's Creek Methodist Church when services were not being held at Enon Chapel, as did her husband. In her later years, she was at Queen's Creek most of the time. S. A. Starling died September 29, 1948, at the age of 80. Zoe lived to within two months of her 90th birthday: she died on April 14, 1967. Their sons and daughter gave them descendants:

(I) JESSE FREEMAN STARLING (1898-1967) owned an oil company in Jacksonville and married Laura Matthews. They had no children.



(II) SAMUEL FOSCUE STARLING married DOLLY BRUCE PELLETIER in 1934 and brought her to live at Hubert where he was working with his father and running the livestock and farm equipment business in Jacksonville. Soon he built for them a new house facing the old road and just across the orchard from his parent's house (Highway 172 later was built through the orchard and therefore came to separate the two houses). She



began attending Queen's Creek Methodist Church and remained a faithful member the rest of her life. Sam eventually joined her at the church and took a leading role.

They had three surviving children:

(II-1) JEREMIAH PELLETIER STARLING was educated at Davidson College, The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and Edinburgh University. He was on the faculty at the University of Louisville where he was chairman of the English Department and a Dean of the Graduate School. Now he lives in Raleigh and is a member of the graduate faculty at Duke University in the Fuqua School of Business. He married MARJORIE ELLEN CRANE (m. 1965; div. 1988) and they had two children: SARAH MONTFORT STARLING who was graduated from The Madeira School and Denison University and married ELFRANKO WESSELS in 2001; and DAVID RADFORD STARLING who is a graduate of The Kent School and The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and married APRIL LINK FLEMING in 2004. Both couples live in New York City.

(II-2) ANN JEANETTE STARLING attended Flora McDonald College and Lees McRae College. In 1962 she married EARL CLOSS MCILWEAN, JR., of Craven County, and they live in Rocky Mount. She is a devoted member of the Englewood Methodist Church and is very active in the Eastern Star, the D.A.R., Colonial Dames of the XVIIth Century, and many other organizations. To them were born two sons: JEREMIAH FRANCIS MCILWEAN (decs. 1996), who attended Onslow Community College, and WILLIAM EARL MCILWEAN who attended Wilson Technical Institute. William lives in Rocky Mount and is an active musician in Eastern North Carolina.



(II-3) SAMPSON ALEXANDER STARLING was graduated from The University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill and holds the M.B.A. from Columbia University. He married MARY HARGETT ELLIS of Jacksonville and they live in Raleigh. They have two daughters. ZOE ELIZABETH STARLING was graduated from The Ravenscroft School and Denison University, holds an M.A. in museum curatorship from New York University, and currently is a curator at the North Carolina State University Museum in Raleigh. ANNA

ELLIS STARLING was graduated from The Washington and Lee University and received a graduate degree in arts administration from Columbia University. She married DAVID SCHWEIGMAN in 2001, and they live in New York City.



(III) HOWARD MONTFORT STARLING practiced medicine in Winston Salem where he was a well-known surgeon and a member of the clinical faculty at the Bowman Gray School of Medicine. He married his cousin, MARY BRANTLEY FOSCUE, of Trenton and Winston Salem and they had two daughters.

(III-1) MARY ELIZABETH STARLING was graduated from The Summit School and Agnes Scott College. She married RICHARD BURR INMAN in 1973 and they live in Atlanta. They have two daughters: MARY BRANTLEY INMAN who was graduated from The Washington and Lee University and now lives in Atlanta, and ELIZABETH IVEY INMAN who is now a student at The University of Vermont.

(III-2) SUSAN MONTFORT STARLING is a graduate of The Summit School and The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She is a painter and an expert horsewoman and horse show judge on the national circuit. She lives on her ranch in Reddick, Florida.

(IV) FANNIE RUTH STARLING married WILLIAM AMOS HOUGH, JR. and was a devoted teacher of high school English, bringing knowledge and inspiration to generations of students. Her three decades long battle with multiple sclerosis inspired everyone around her with her fortitude, cheerfulness, spirituality, and lovingkindness. She remained intensely interested in the world around her and joyful in her response. All who knew her loved her. They had two children.

(IV-1) ZOE ANNE HOUGH, who liked to say that her name really was "Zoe Anne Starling Hough," was graduated from Salem College. She married William R. Cresenzo (m. 1967, d. 1980) and they had three children: RUTH ANNE CRESENZO, who is a graduate of The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and the law school of North Carolina Central University, practices law in Chatham County; FRANCES HOUGH CRESENZO, an M.S. in Nursing, practices midwifery in Eden; and WILLIAM R. CRESENZO, who recently received his degree from The University of North Carolina at Asheville, is a journalist.

(IV-2) WILLIAM AMOS HOUGH, III, was graduated from Wake Forest University and holds the M.D. degree from The Bowman Gray School of Medicine. He practices medicine in Winston Salem.

(V) JOHN NEWTON STARLING married MARILYN HENDERSON of Belgrade in 1939. After completing his service as a captain in the U. S. Army, they returned to Hubert where he took over the mercantile part of his father's business. He modernized the business, extending it into household appliances, and built and managed commercial property in Jacksonville, where they eventually moved. He died in 1961, but his widow, Marilyn Starling. They had two children:

(V-1) MARILYN ELIZABETH STARLING, widely known as Betty Davis, was graduated from East Carolina University and was married to THE REV. DR. EUGENE BAUGHMAN DAVIS in 1963. They live in Jacksonville where she is a leading real estate dealer. They have three

children: GRACE DAVIS STURM was graduated from Harbarger Business College and now lives in Jacksonville; EUGENE BAUGHMAN DAVIS, JR. was holds a degree from the Law School of The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and practices law in Wilmington; and DAVID HENDERSON DAVIS who lives in Wilmington.

(V-2) JOHN NEWTON STARLING, JR., was graduated from The University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill. He has been broadly active in real estate and development businesses, and is a successful entrepreneur in Wilmington. He married TRESA ANN HUDSON in 1979 and they have two children: JOHN NEWTON STARLING, III, who was graduated from North Carolina State University and now lives in Riyadh; and SARAH STARLING, who currently attends Duke University.

The Nine Grandchildren of Sampson and Zoe Starling in 2004



Left to Right: J. P. Starling, Sam Starling, Zoe Ann Hough Crecenzo, Susan Starling, Mary Starling Inman, W. A. Hough, III, Jeanette Starling Mcllwean, Betty Starling Davis, John Starling, Jr.

The Sampson and Zoe Starling House Today



Jeremiah Starling

HISTORY OF GEORGE F. & CONNIE F. TAYLOR

My name is Connie Frazier Taylor, I was born in Newport News, Virginia on December 16, 1943. My Father and Mother was Michael Thomas Frazier , born March 9, 1917. and Clara Bell Odum Frazier was born October 7, 1918.. We lived in Newport News, Va. Until 1945. Dad was a welder by trade, he worked in the Newport News Shipyard during World War II, building cruisers and aircraft carriers. We moved back to the Frazier Farm in 1945.

I attended Queens Creek Church most of my life. I first remember attending the church when it was located by the Queens Creek Cemetery. In the summer time we would take our chairs outside under the big (Oak) trees, where it was cooler, for our Sunday School hour. Then we had our worship service inside the Church. Inside on every pew, was a hand fan, we would use when it was hot. The church was not very big, but had a very devoted congregation. I remember Christmas plays, Vacation Bible School, picnics on the grounds. It was a fun time of my life in the church.

I was a member and officer in our United Methodist Youth Fellowship. When I was growing up there was no question as to what you would be doing Sunday Morning, because it went without saying, you would be in church. I am very thankful I had parents that guided me and taught me about God and carried me to church. On 9/20/ 1953 , I gave my heart to God and joined Queens Creek church. Mother, (Clara Bell Frazier)- was a Baptist and member of Piney Grove Baptist Church where she was very active in her church. She and I joined Queens Creek Methodist Church together. She became a Sunday School teacher, and helped out with all the functions at the church. She passed away August 15, 2003 and is very much missed. I have worked in several positions of the church , United Methodist Women, President, Pastor Parish, Parsonage, Choir, Communication, newsletters, over the years. I am presently, Church Historian, along with Mrs. Effie Pate. I remember at our 54th Homecoming, June 24, 1984 was also Methodist Bicentennial year. The Choir dressed up in 1920's clothes. We had a lot of fun doing that and lots of pictures were taken.

We needed to enlarge the church and because of the Cemetery there was not enough land for expansion and parking. This church was situated on this site from 1833 to 1964. On March 7, 1959, two acres of land was purchased from Mr. Wyatt Morton on Hubert Blvd. Our first service was held in August of 1963.

A meeting on May 20, 1979 Queens Creek decided, and voted to build a sanctuary that would seat 250 people, plus a choir of 25 people, and 2 Sunday school rooms with adjacent halls and restrooms. The congregation worked very hard raising money for this new building. Helen Jennings was very instrumental in getting the dinners organized, we

were a hard working and dedicated group of people. On May 3, 1981 a ground breaking was held for the new sanctuary. The church was furnished by honorary and memorial gifts donated by members. The Consecration Service for the new sanctuary was held on February 28, 1982. The dedication service was held on October 19, 1986 by Bishop C. P. Minnick.

I was married in Queens Creek Church, January 1, 1967, to George F. Taylor, by Rev. Merle Amspacher. George was born 5/10/39 in Kenly, NC. George had always been raised in the church, and was very active in his church. We continued attending both his church, and my church. George came from a Pentecostal background, but on May 11, 1975 joined Queens Creek Church, where he has been a very active member. He has been the Church Treasurer for many years, President of the UMM. He enjoys playing the Organ and accounting.

Our son Michael Samuel Taylor was born February 18, 1969, and was Christened by Rev. Amspacher. On September 6, 1967 my grandmother, Jannie Provost Frazier died, and Rev. Amspacher held her Funeral Service. It isn't very often the same Minister would marry, christened and bury family members, while he was pastor at our church.

We have seen many Pastors come and go over the years. Each one had a special place in the spiritual growth of our church. It has always been my church and will continue to be my church until my death. God has blessed us for over 225 years of service at Queens Creek. Our forefathers started this continued ministry and it is up to us to be as dedicated as they were to continue the ministry of this church for the next 225 years.

Our Son Michael was active in Queens Creek United Methodist Youth Fellowship while growing up. He was an Acolyte during his early years, and was also in Scouting and served the church in plays, skits, and reciting poems. He was also the acting Pastor at a Youth Sunday Service, participated in many car washes, and other fund raising activities.

My sister Belinda, has 3 children, John R. Holden, who resides in Greenville, Michelle Phillips, and her husband, Don Phillips, and Rebecca Cox and her husband Jason Cox. Belinda is married to Ottis Howard and lives on the Frazier farm. She attended Queens Creek United Methodist Church in her young years and is still a member.



*Great Granddaddy-Raymond Frazier
& Michael S. Taylor*



Michael 3 years old



George, Connie, Michael Taylor

*Michael & Clara
George & Connie*



*George & Connie Taylor
30th Anniversary
1-1-97*



Michael & Connie



*Clara Frazier
Michael Taylor
Connie Taylor
Michael J. Frazier*

HISTORY OF VIRGINIA RIGGS TUNNELL OF ELIZABETH CITY, NC

“Queens Creek Methodist Episcopal Church South” was written above the porch that sheltered the entrance to our cozy little one room Church, located in front of Starling’s General Store in Hubert, NC.

The Mother Church of the District. All the visiting ministers seemed to be proud to say when they led Revival Services there.

The Church where Miss Mariah Morton chose the 2nd and 3rd pew from the front, (on the left side of the church facing the pulpit) as her spot to teach her Sunday School Class. She made her little ones know that they were important to God, and urged us to try and be worthy of that love.

The church where one of my Sunday School Classmates, Thelma Melton, caught me messing up the word, iniquity. (so badly that she couldn’t stop laughing it up, at my blunder!) un-I-que-ity does sound odd, doesn’t it! I chuckle to myself every time I see that word! Thanks Thelma! We had been taking turns reading scripture while waiting for our turn practicing our bit for our Christmas Program.

This is the church where children, women and men worked together to clean up the whole church yard and the Church Cemetery. Some of the men put up sturdy foundations and stretched fence wire tightly across it for what looked to me like a half mile, for the ladies to use as a table, to spread their pretty table cloths, and all that good food, to be enjoyed by all who come on FAMILY RENUNION DAY. That was once a year. But oh, the hearty handshakes, shoulder pats, hugs, and kisses, and happy greetings exchanged on each side of that “Fence” as people mingled, and met old acquaintances, and enjoyed good food, and talked about every subject in the world.

This is the Church where my most vivid memories are, the values learned as I watched people quietly live their faith. The Church where I sat next to parents who passed those values on to me. That has been my guide to 87 years. I’ve never felt closer to God than in that little church, among those lovely people!

My parents- grandparents, some aunts and uncles were members of Queens Creek Church. My parents were Major and Lula Riggs, brother Jim, sisters Dollie, Neva, and Marie.

I was bapized at Queens Creek Church 8/20/33.



*Jim Riggs, Virginia Tunnell
Michael Frazier*

HISTORY OF HOWARD/VAVLA FAMILY

I moved to Hubert in 1964 when my Mom and Dad, Edward & Hilda Howard moved from Jones County, to the Cecil Taylor Farm. In which they farmed for many years. I was five years old and the only child at the time. My brother Barry was born February 19, 1968. My other brother, Wade was born November 17th, 1975.

I started school at Swansboro and graduated from Swansboro High in 1978.

In 1981 Gary Vavla and I were married at Queens Creek United Methodist Church by Reverend Sidney Epperson. We moved to Jacksonville and lived there for four years and then moved back to Hubert. In 1987 we were blessed with another daughter Allison. Allison went to Preschool at Swansboro Methodist Church and then enrolled in the Swansboro School District. She is in the graduating class of 2005, this year at Swansboro High School. After graduation, Allison will be attending college in the fall.

In 1990 we were blessed with our second child, a daughter, DeAnna who only lived for a few hours and is laid to rest in our Church Cemetary. We will once again hold our little angel in our arms when we meet at our final place at the gates.

At the present time I am Director of our Preschool and a member of the Preschool Board. I serve on the Nominating and Personnel Committee as well. Gary is a Trustee and we both serve on the Administrative Council.



Allison, Gary, Polly Vavla



Polly & (Dad) Edward Howard



Polly and Gary Darla
1981

HISTORY OF DOROTHY LATHAN WORMAN

Dorothy Lathan Worman was born in Beaufort, North Carolina. Her parents, Edmund and Orlena Barbour, moved to Swansboro in 1930. Dorothy had two brothers, Edmund Jr., Robert, and two sisters, Mary and Maybell - all deceased.

Dorothy's first husband Thomas Lathan, died in 1984. They had one son, David, and there were two stepsons, Terry and Jerry. Dorothy married Paul Worman (now deceased) in 1986. Her stepchildren from that marriage are, Paul Jr., Patty Cromwell, and Jean Worman (deceased). Dorothy lives in Emerald Isle, North Carolina.



Dorothy L. Worman

*Military Role or
Influence*

THE INFLUENCE OF THE MILITARY IN QUEENS CREEK

During World War II, The Federal Government decided to build Camp Lejeune Marine Base in Onslow County. Land was acquired and the Base quickly became an important part of the nation's defense system. The locating of the Base caused much concern and ill feelings. Many people were displaced and long time family homes and farms were lost due to the Base being located in the County. The identity of Onslow changed. Onslow County and Jacksonville were transformed from a sleepy, slow moving fishing village surrounded by family farms into a thriving almost Metropolitan area. Roads were built, bridges constructed, and a much heavier traffic situation quickly developed. The ports, at Morehead City and Wilmington became heavily involved with Military shipping and transportation.

Large numbers of young Marines were stationed here for training and deployment. After the War, the Base remained as a main defensive and security post for the nation's east coast. Camp Lejeune became a hub of activity year round. Many Marines stationed here brought their families with them. They were Stationed and re-stationed here. When they retired or completed their military obligations many located in Jacksonville and the surrounding areas.

Since the Marines came from all over the nation and from other countries, the population make-up changed drastically. Jacksonville is considered the most integrated city in the nation. There are no conclaves made up of a particular race or nationality. The Marines and their families added diversity, and new ideas to the community.

Many of the families joined various churches and denominations. This has brought new, fresh ideas into the local community and the churches. Queens creek has been positively impacted by our military (past and present) families. They have taken an active role in the day-to-day operations and witnessing for our Lord Jesus Christ. Camp Lejeune has become not only a military asset, but also a spiritual asset to our community. We at Queens Creek United Methodist Church have greatly benefited from Camp Lejeune and our military families. We wish to say Thank You and we are glad you are a part of our family.

CHRIS BIRNEY

Service Record



In August of 1990, Chris Birney enlisted into the US Marine Corps. June 10, 1991, he went to Boot Camp in San Diego, after which he was sent to school on Camp Johnson, Camp Lejeune, NC. After being promoted to Private First Class in Dec., and then graduating in March of 1992, he then served in Okinawa, Japan from March 1991 to March 1992 with Engineer Maintenance Company as a diesel mechanic. In August of 1992, he was promoted to Lance Corporal. After receiving his orders that were messed up, he spent a month in 29 Palms California instead of MCAS Cherry Point, NC. Finally getting the orders straightened out, he was sent to Combat Service Support Detachment 21 in May of 1993 until June of 1995. Chris was promoted to Corporal in March 1994. In January of 1995 he reenlisted and had to change his job, he chose Combat Engineer. After attending

school at Courthouse Bay, Camp Lejeune, NC he was sent to MCAS Cherry Point to be with Marine Wing Support Squadron 274. He was promoted to Sergeant in December of 1996. In 1999, he got orders for Okinawa for a year. He was with Operation Support Detachment on Ie Shima Island, from November 1999 until November 2000. After his tour was up, he was sent to MCAS Beaufort, SC to be with MWSS 273. After only a few months, he was reassigned to Camp Lejeune. He was working on the Rifle Range from March 2001 until his release from active duty on January 4, 2004.

HISTORY OF AUSTIN GRANT

I was born on April 16, 1983 in Peoria, Illinois to David and Linda Grant at 3:30 AM. I attended Stark County Elementary, Junior High, and High School from 1988-2001. After graduating from High School, I enrolled at Blackhawk Community College in the Automotive Technology and Repair course. After the acts of terrorism during September 11th, I enlisted in the United States Marine Corps to ship off to Recruit Training in San Diego, California, on March 18, 2002.

I graduated Recruit Training on June 14th 2002. After graduation I attended Marine Combat Training at Camp Pendleton, California. After finishing Marine Combat Training, I flew to Camp Johnson to attend Marine Corps Service Support School. After graduation from MCCSSS, I was assigned to Camp Lejeune as my first duty station. At least I didn't have to go far.

It was at my work section, Preservation, Packaging, and Packing, that I met Gary Parker, and soon after, his wife Linda. I came to this church by their invitation, and haven't looked back since.



Austin John Grant
2002-2006

KENNETH (Ken) LYMASTER

I joined the Marine Corps 29 July 1959. Went on Active duty 1 October 1959. Graduated Boot Camp December 1959.

Started School at Norfolk, Virginia. Transferred to Camp Geiger Bridge Company 1960. Transferred to Okinawa 1962-1963. Transferred to Cherry Point October 1963 (Discharged)

Reinstated and sent back to Iwa Kuni Japan, Marine Corps Air Station, 1963-1964. Transferred to Camp Elmore, Norfolk, Virginia, 1964-1966. Transferred to Camp Smith Hawaii in 1966-1968. Transferred to Viet Nam, June 1968- July 1969.

Entered Recruiters School, August 1969 - Sept. Oct. 1969. Transferred to Rss - Scranton Pa. October 1969 to Sept. 1972. Transferred to Okinawa Japan six months 1973. Transferred to Camp Fuji, Japan 1974. Transferred to Camp Lejeune, 8th Eng. Bn. "A" Company 1974-1975.

Transferred to Guantonoma Bay - Cuba - Minefield, 1976-1977

Transferred to Marine Corps Air Station, New River, NC. MWSG17 - 1977, 1978, 1979

Retired 29 July 1979.

CLARENCE C. McCALLISTER 1912533
Service Record

Joined United States Marine Corps in June of 1960, at S. Charleston, West Virginia. He took basic training at Parris Island, South Carolina and went through infantry training school at Camp Geiger, Jacksonville, North Carolina. From infantry training he attended a Food Service School and went to work as a meat cutter.

In 1962 he served aboard ship off the Coast of Cuba, during the Cuban Crisis.

During his time in service he served two tours (years) in Viet Nam and four tours of duty in Okinawa, Japan.

Upon his return from Viet Nam in 1965 he was assigned duty as a Mess Sgt. at Parris Island, South Carolina. That was also the year he and Karen were married.

In 1968 he was assigned from Food Service to Amphibious Tractors and transferred to Court House Bay, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. He, Karen and their son, Dale lived in Sneads Ferry, North Carolina, for about six (6) months, when he once again received orders for Viet Nam. When he returned in 1969 he was once again assigned duty at Court House Bay, North Carolina. At that time he and his family moved to Bear Creek, North Carolina.

Sometime between 1977-1979 he was re-assigned to an NBC MOS. Due to a back injury and surgery he could no longer fulfill an MOS in AM Tracs.

In 1979 he received an accompanied tour of duty to Camp Smith, Hawaii, where he served as NCOIC of FMF PAC.

In 1982 he and his family returned to their home in Hubert, North Carolina, while he was assigned to HQ 2nd Marine Division.

In 1984 saw a short three months service in Okinawa before HQ MC, Washington, DC, re-assigned him as NCOLC of NBC FMFLANT at Norfolk, Virginia.

MGYSgt (E-9) Clarence C. McCallister retired in July of 1987 having served his country faithfully for 27 years plus 3 years in-active reserve time totaling 30 years of service.



Clarence McCallister

GENE R. PATE Service Record

MCPO Gene R. Pate, USN

May 26, 1955 - November 30, 1987.

Basic Training Great Lakes, Ill., Class "A" School San Diego, California,
USS Pollux AKS-4, San Francisco, California
Naval Mobile Construction Battalion, Port Hueneme, California.
USS Samoget ATA-190, Norfolk, Va.
US Navy Yard, Washington, DC
Uss Farragut DLG-6, Mayport, Florida
USS Richard E. Byrd DDG-23, Norfolk, Va.
USS John R. Perry DE-1034, Pearl Harbor
USS Benjamin Stoddard DDG-22, Pearl Harbor
Naval Security Group, Northwest, Va.
Naval Security Group, Todendorf, Germany
Fleet Training Group, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba
Service School Command, Orlando, Fl.
Pre-Commisioning unit (Arkansas CGn 41, Newport News, Va
USS Arkansas CGN-41 Norfolk, Va
USS San Diego AFS-6, Norfolk, Va
MCAS Cherry Point, North Carolina
Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba



Gene R. Pate

Help provide Gun Fire Support in Vietnam
Help provide Support U.S. Forces, Lebanon
Help provide Ceremonial Support for U.S. Navy
Washington, DC (including-----Gun Salute upon Death of President Kennedy)
Aboard First Group of ships to provide support for USS Liberty after ship was attacked
by the Navy of Israel 1967

Places I have been

Japan, Okinawa, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Philippines, Singapore, Midway Island, Alaska,
Wake Island, Scotland, Wales, England, France, Spain, Italy, Greece, Austria, Denmark,
Germany, Iceland, Netherlands, Malta, Monaco, Portugal, Switzerland, Vatican City,
Israel, Turkey, Canada, Mexico, Antigua, Jamaica, Brazil, Egypt, Tunisia, Bernuda,
Virgin Islands, Cyprus, Gibralthar, Puerto Rico, Azores.

**ALVIN L. PITTMAN
SERVICE RECORD**

Alvin L. Pittman went into the army on September ninth, nineteen hundred in the US 1942-1943, he then went to the Pacific Theatre 1943---1945. H was in the 202nd Anit-Aircraft Artillery/Automatic Weapons Battalion (Semi-Moble) Army of the United States.



Alvin L. Pittman
1942 - 1946

**ALLEN H. PITTMAN
SERVICE RECORD**

Allen H. Pittman did not know what he wanted to do after High School so he joined the Army. He stayed a little while and decided it was not for him, so he asked to get out and they let him out after a while since he had joined himself.



Allen H. Pittman

LARRY D. PITTMAN SERVICE RECORD

Larry Pittman was drafted during the Vietnam War, December 1972-1978. He got to stay in the States and had a job processing in new recruits. He later rejoined and went to Germany for a tour of duty.



Larry D. Pittman
1972 - 1978

**ALVIN L. PITTMAN, JR.
SERVICE RECORD**

Alvin L. Pittman, Jr. was drafted during the Vietnam War June 1970-1972. He was blessed and went to Germany instead of Vietnam . He was in the Signal Corps under Nato. He got to get out early and spent the rest of his time in the Reserves.



Alvin L. Pittman, Jr.
1970 - 1972

ATTICUS H. PITTMAN SERVICE RECORD

Atticus H. Pittman , went to war in World War II, and spent the war in the army and was sent to Europe. He was there until the war was over. He and his brother Alvin were both gone off to the fighting leaving one brother at home to care for their mother who was blind.



Atticus Hardy Pittman

1913-1964

ADAM H. PITTMAN SERVICE RECORD

Adam Pittman joined the Air Force after he got out of High School. He joined in 1993- 1998. He was sent to Texas for training after two schools he was sent to Japan and there he stayed except for two leaves he took home. He was a Jet Mechanic. He got real sick and had to get out and he died in 1999.



Adam H. Pittman
1992 - 1998

DAVID F. ROVERS SERVICE RECORD

Awards of Decoration:

Purple Heart; Meritorious Service; Vietnam Service; Vietnam Campaign X9; Overseas Bars X3; Army Commendation Medals w/Oak Leaf Clusters X2; "V" device for valor in combat X2; Air Medal with 13 Oak Leaf Clusters; "V" device for heroic valor X2; Army Commendation Medal w/5 knots; Parachute Jump Wings; Sr. Aircraft and Crewman Badge; Vietnam Counteroffensive Phase III; Vietnam Tet Counteroffensive; Counteroffensive Phase IV, V, VI; Winter Skpring Cambodia Offensive & Sanctuary Counteroffensive 1970; Expert Marksmanship Badge (.45 cal pistol/.38 cal pistol/M16); NCO Development 4; National Defense Ribbon; Presidential Citation; Personal Meritorious Service Awards; Certificate of Recognition & Achievement from the Department of Transportation for service as a Sky Marshal, providing for the protection of United States aircraft 1976/1977.

Military Service:

Enlisted Aug 1965 - Pittsburgh PA. Basic Training: Ft Knox KY; AIT: Ft Sill OK; Airborne Training: Ft Benning GA (by the way, first 5 times I was in an airplane - I jumped out of it). Assigned 82nd Airborne Div: Ft Bragg NC. Reassigned: Special Training: Ft Rucker, Ft McAlister Yuma AZ; Carson CO. Sent to 582nd Trans in Germany; Reassigned BTRP 3 /17th Cav: Ft Knox KY; shipped Republic of South Vietnam 1967. Reassigned 128th AHC, Republic Vietnam. Sent Ft Rucker: Asan Aviation Instructor 1969. Reassigned Republic Vietnam Nov69. CoB 229th Assault 1st Ca Div. Wounded in Action 4May1970. Recovered Valley Forge PA. Assigned 3rd Armed Cav Regt Ft Lewis WA. Moved with unit to Ft Bliss TX. Reassigned 1977: Germany 503rd Combat Avn Bn as Production Control NCOIC. Reassigned to Intelligence NCO at Bn HQ. Assigned as Enlisted Advisor to the 121st IV ARCOM Ft Gillam GA with duty in AL, MS & GA. Reassigned to 278th Avn Co Support as 1st SGT until retirement in 1985.



MILITARY HISTORY GEORGE F TAYLOR

In January 1964 I received Basic Training at Fort Gordon, GA. It was cold and windy most of the time. We had a few sunny warm days while there. The trails were sandy and up hill. When we went on the marches with full pack, our entire body was strengthened. Marching up hill in the sand made our legs stronger and made it easier each time we went out.

After Basic Training, I was assigned to Hq Co 80th Ordnance Group, Fort Bragg, NC. I worked in the Payroll Section of Personnel Office the entire time I was stationed at Fort Bragg.

I was promoted to the rank of Specialist E-5. I received an honorable discharged January 1966.



George & Connie Taylor

*Church
Organizations*



Easter 1981

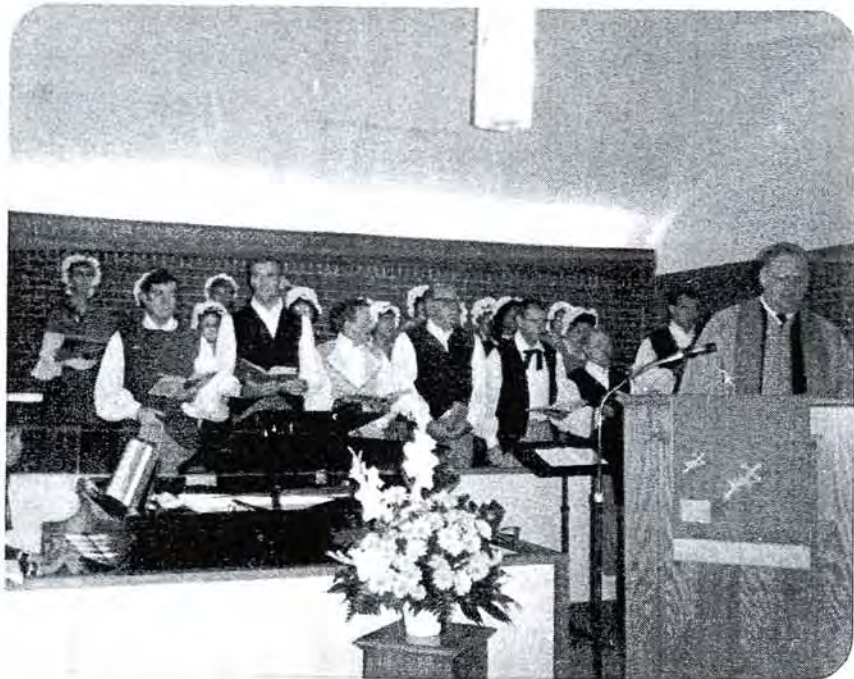


AN EASTER Cantata will be presented Sunday morning by the combined choirs of Queens Creek United Methodist Church in Hubert and the Oak Grove Methodist Church at Bear Creek. The Cantata will be presented at Oak Grove church during 6 a.m.

Sunrise services and at Queens Creek Church during 11 a.m. services. The Cantata is directed by Mrs. J.M. Uzzell Jr. accompanied by Mrs. Lee Rogers Jr. and narrated by Mrs. Helen Jennings. (Staff photo by Nelson Calboun)



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HISTORY OF QUEENS CREEK UMC PRESCHOOL

Our Preschool is completing it's ninth year of service to our surrounding community. Through our ever changing population due to Military rotation. We have been able to help nurture and teach many children. We have had at least 20-30 children a year and unfortunately sometimes we have not had them all year because of the Military rotation, but we still receive Christmas Cards, letters and phone calls wanting to know how the preschool is and the teachers. There are several local families that have sent all of their children through the preschool program. As teachers it is a blessing to be able to be a part of the preschool families because of having them involved with our program for many years at a time and to see the difference we have made in their lives. It is also a reward to the teachers to see these families come back with younger siblings.

Through repetitive prayer at snack time, many households, thank God, give thanks at their own meal times. One of our mission/outreach to the community is inviting the families to Church. Some families have attended church here regularly and some have become members of the congregation. We have also been involved with our Military families, offering support while fathers were deployed and sending care packages to the deployed dads during Operation Iraqi Freedom. Unfortunately the Preschool has felt the direct effect of the war through the loss of a father.

We take many field trips yearly to enhance our educational growth. The Preschool invites visitors to come to us as well: Fire Department, Skip Waters, Ms. Sara from Richlands Museum, Dean Remington with Buddy, The Pony, Ms Carrie from the Library, Ms. Debbie from the Dentist Office, Corpsman from the Military Base, Smokey the Bear, and the Deputy Sheriff.

We have also supplemented our revenues through many fund raisers over the years from selling food coupons to selling candles.

We as a Preschool are well praised by the Kindergarten teachers of the local schools for the basic knowledge and social skills gained by the children of the program. With our three year old program we work on socialization and cooperation. The four year old program works on educational fundamentals to be prepared for kindergarten. This Preschool has served as a Mentor for other local preschools started in the area.

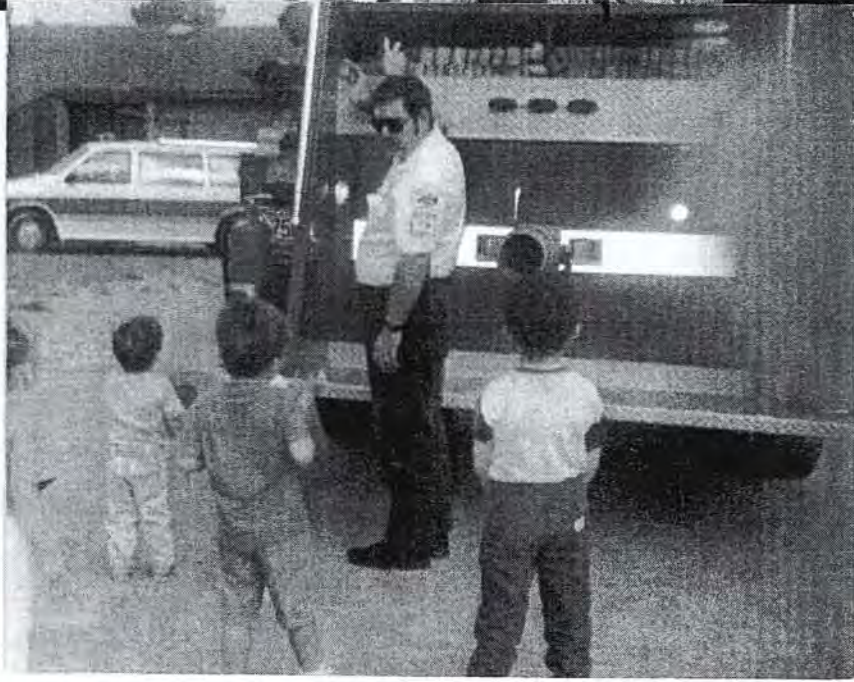
This Preschool has employed three Directors and four Teacher Assistants in the nine years that it has been serving the community. It has also seen members of the community and preschool mothers as volunteers in all capacities.



*Pastor Jerry Jackson
with Preschool class*















*Pearl Lee, Mirt
Zike Hewitt, Burlie Conway*



*Pearl Lee, Alan Hewitt
Burlie Conway, Mirt*





Other Groups







TOPS Q#NC 562, HUBERT

TOPS #NC 562, Hubert achieved its Tenth Anniversary on February 3, 2005.

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) is a nonprofit weight loss support group.

When area Captain, Barbara Pratt and her husband, Ron, moved to Swansboro in 1994, they joined TOPS #NC 385, Swansboro. However, because it is a night time chapter, Ron and Barbara decided to start a morning chapter. After asking around the Swansboro chapter, Marge Phelps, Assistant Weight Recorder with Swansboro, offered some help. Marge said her church, Queens Creek United Methodist Church in Hubert, opened their church to nonprofit organizations. She gave the pastor's name, Jerry Jackson, and said she had scales from another chapter that she would share. Barbara called the pastor and they met to discuss the new chapter meeting there. Pastor Jackson said that he would put a notice in the bulletin. From the beginning this chapter and Queens Creek UMC have been very close.

TOPS #NC 562, Hubert was chartered on February 3, 1995. The charter members being Lucille Parker, Lois English, Ron and Barbara Pratt-small numbers but big enough to start the chapter. On February 10, Mavis Fairchild joined the chapter. The first appointed officers were Barbara Pratt, Leader; Lucille Parker, Co-Leader; Lois English, Secretary; Mavis Fairchild, Treasurer; and Ron Pratt, Weight Recorder. Even though Marge Phelps did not join the chapter for several years she was very instrumental in the beginning of the chapter.

In 1999, Bob McCue became the chapter's first King and in 2001, Felicia Bradley became the chapter's first Queen.

After ten years TOPS #NC 562 Hubert still meets at Queens Creek United Methodist Church on Friday morning at 8:45. Today the chapter has 16 members with 2 KOPS.

SOME WORDS YOU MIGHT HEAR AT A CHAPTER MEETING

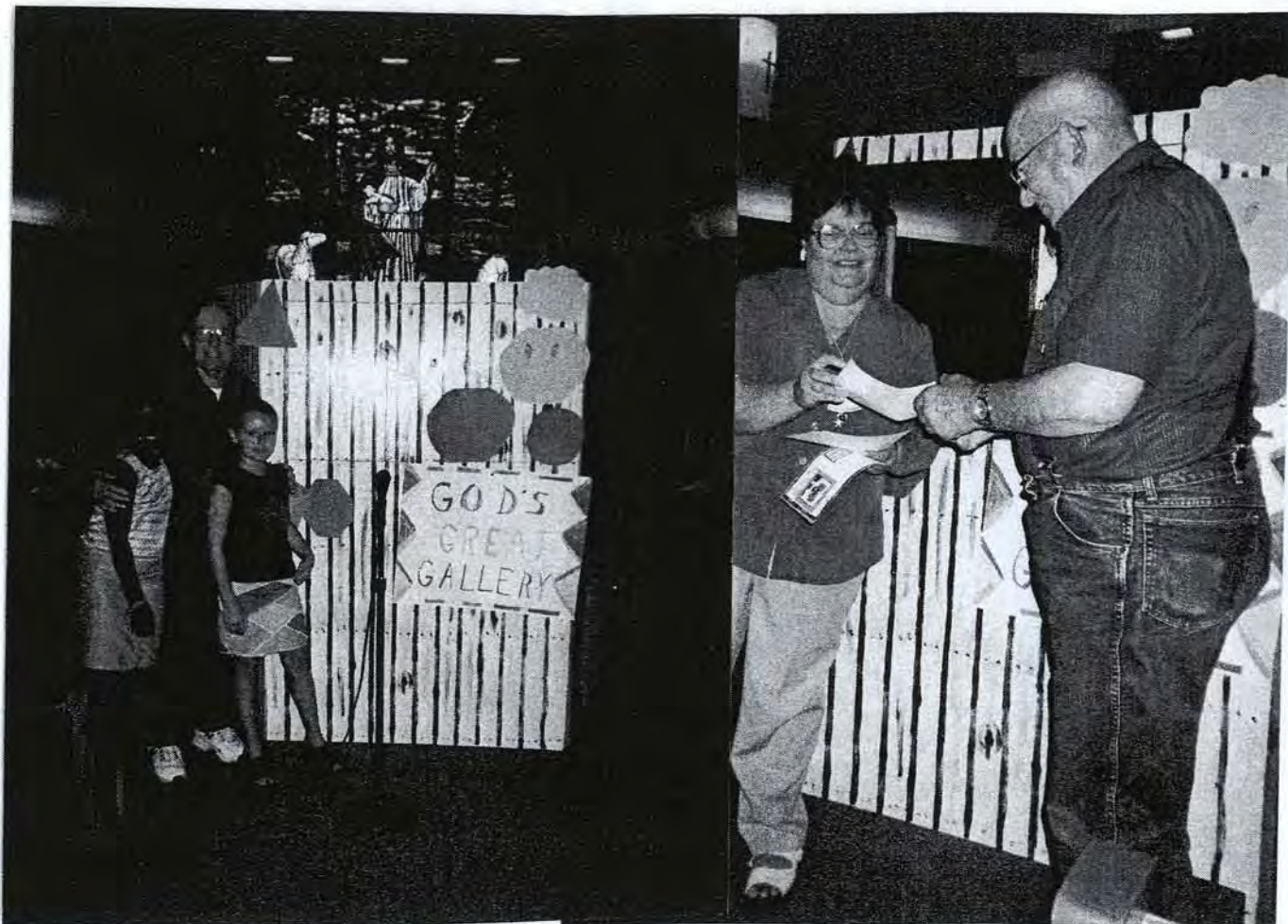
1. **Goal Slip:** Members are urged to seek guidance from their personal physician. A signed, dated goal, stating the exact goal weight is presented to the Weight Recorder before a member can become a KOPS.
2. **KOPS:** Keep Off Pounds Sensibly, is a person who has achieved their goal weight.
3. **Leeway:** Once this weight is achieved, the KOPS can stay in leeway by staying within 3 pounds above or 7 pounds below their goal weight.

4. TOPS King or Queen (Royalty), to be eligible, a member must be the KOPS with the largest weight loss to goal of 10 pounds or more for the year.
5. Chapter Angel is voted on once a year and is for someone who goes out of their way to help inspire other members or works hard for the chapter.

Church Life



















Chancel area of the old Queens Creek Church



Rear view of the old Queens Creek Church



Events







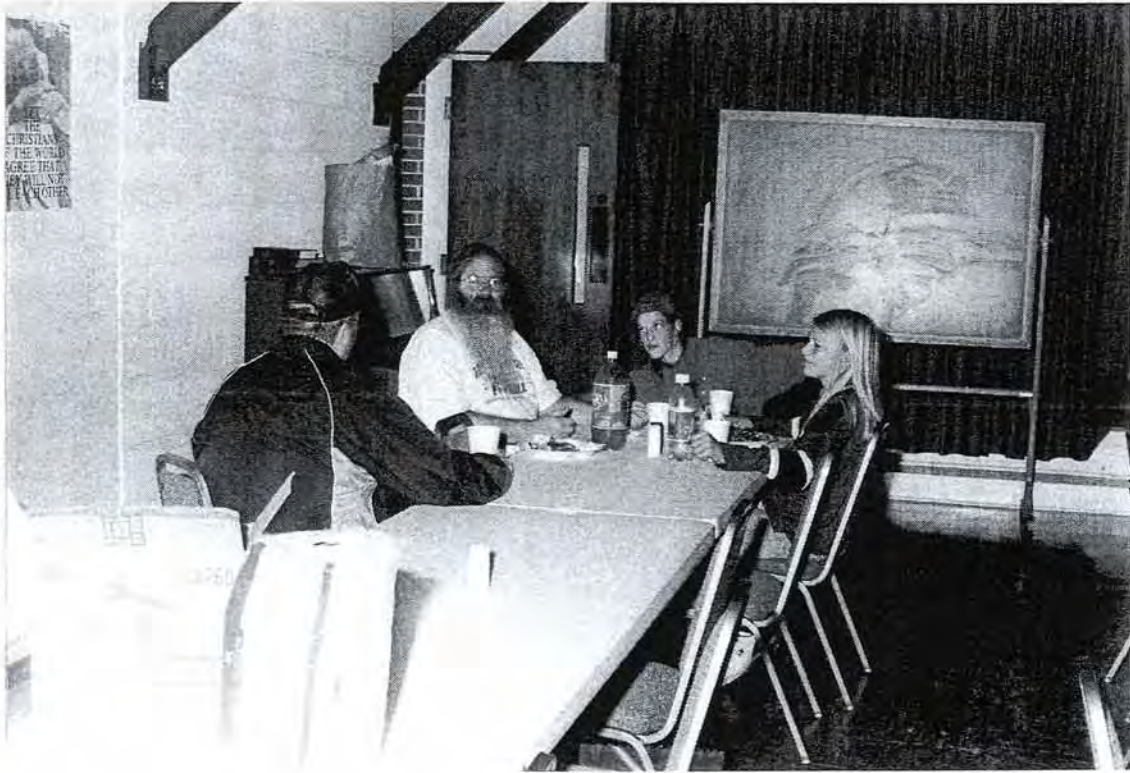












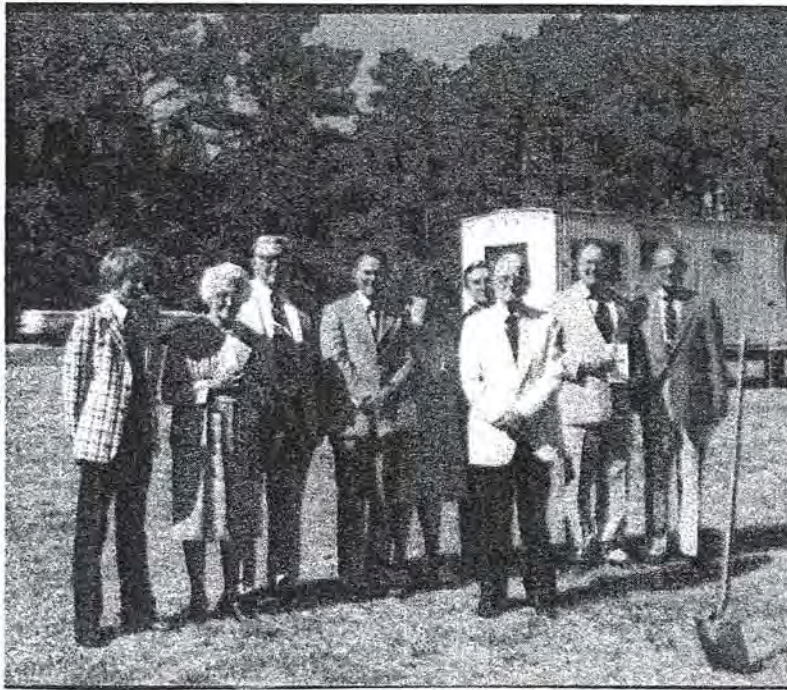


JUNE 1968



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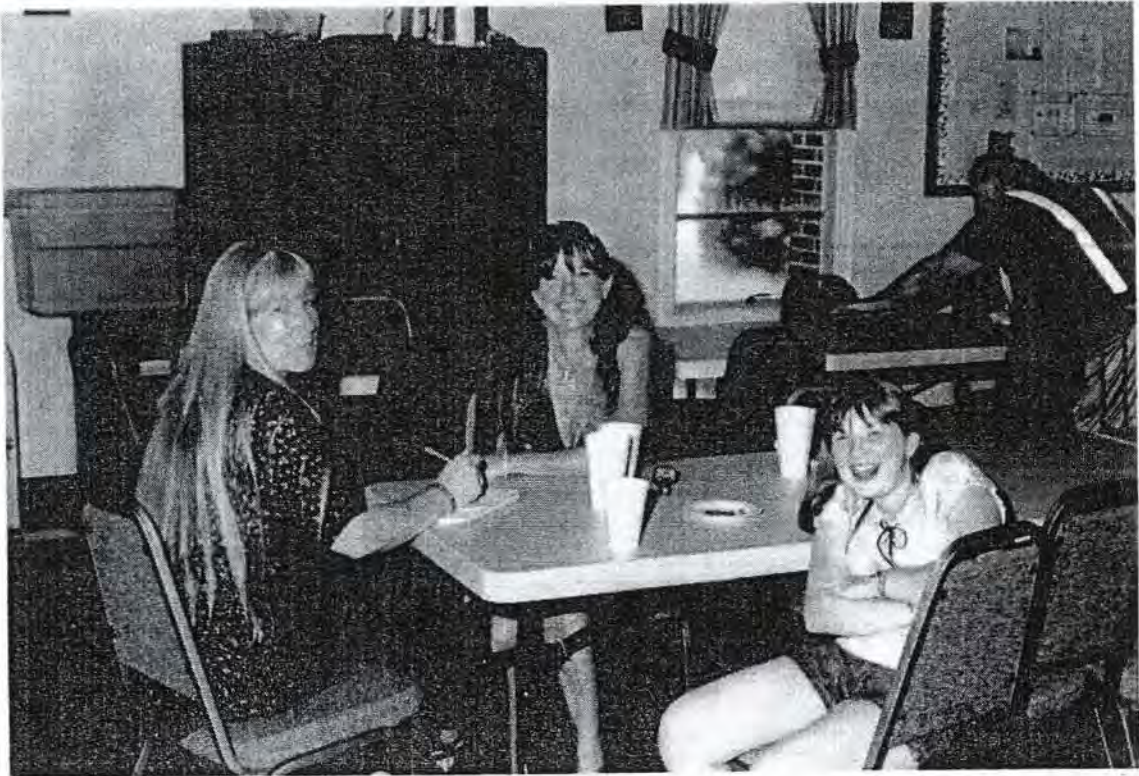
May 3, 1981



May 3, 1981 ground breaking







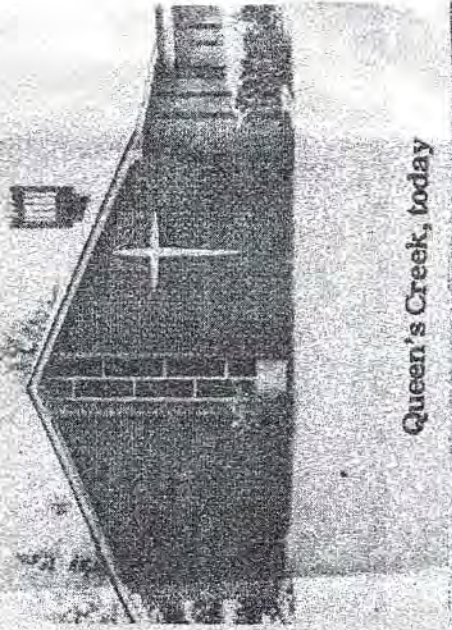
Church celebrates 200th anniversary

HUBERT — Queen's Creek United Methodist Church in Hubert will celebrate its 200th anniversary with special services on Sunday.

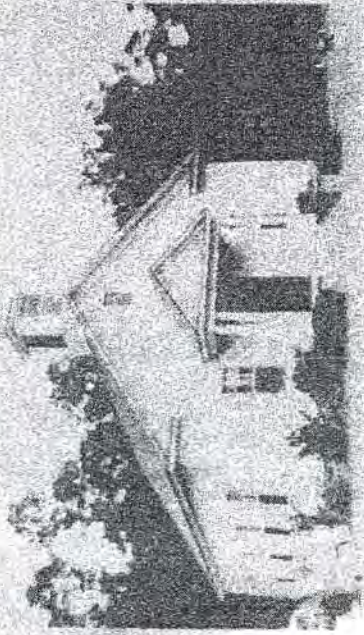
Joe Henderson, the president of Coastal Carolina Community College, will speak at the 11 a.m. worship service, which will be followed by a homecoming picnic on the church grounds.

The church was established in 1799 in a log cabin near the present location. When that structure burned in 1890, a frame church building was built.

The church continued to meet in that building until the new church was completed in 1963.



Queen's Creek, today



Queen's Creek, 1890

















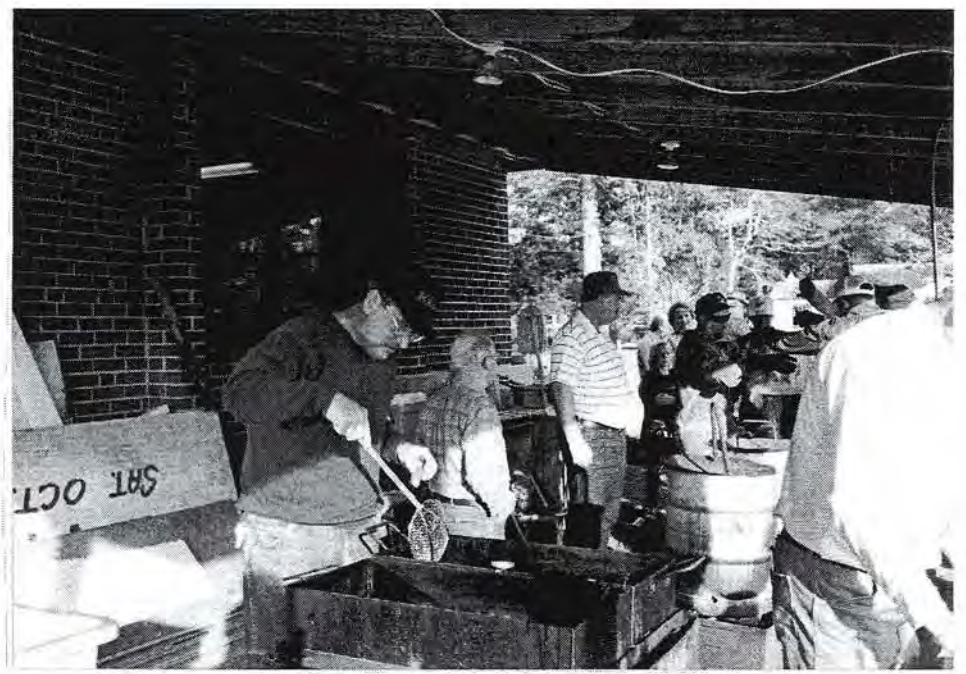










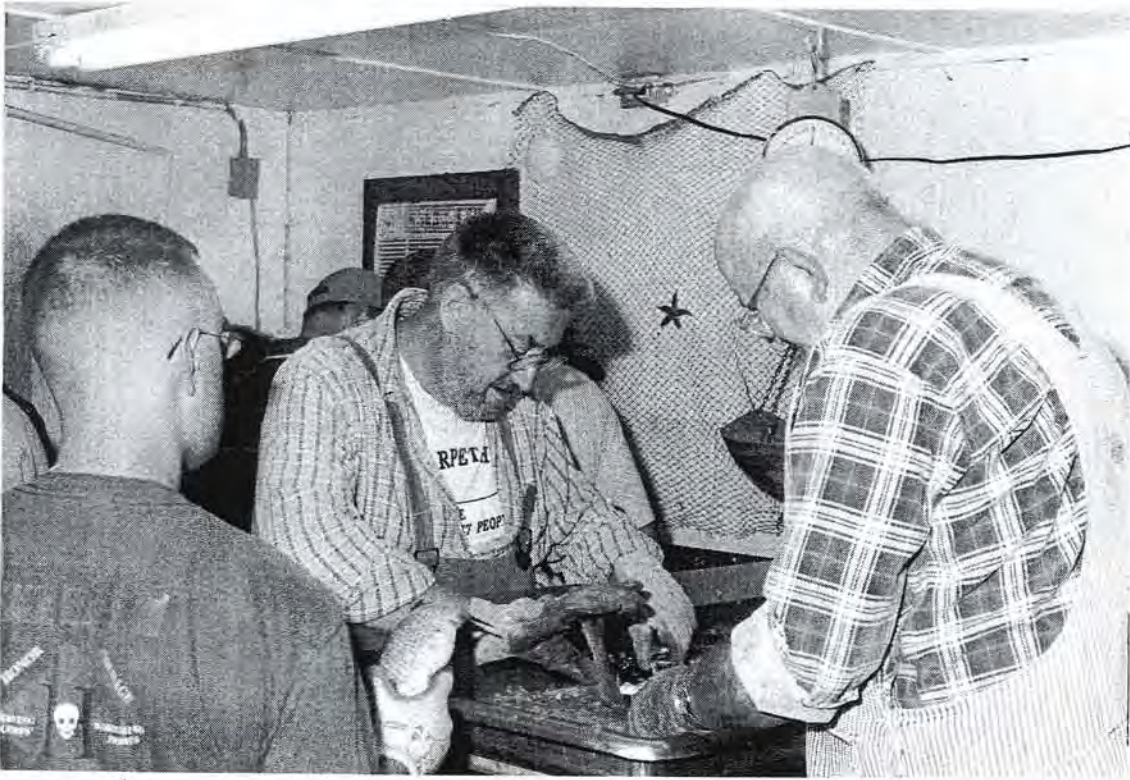






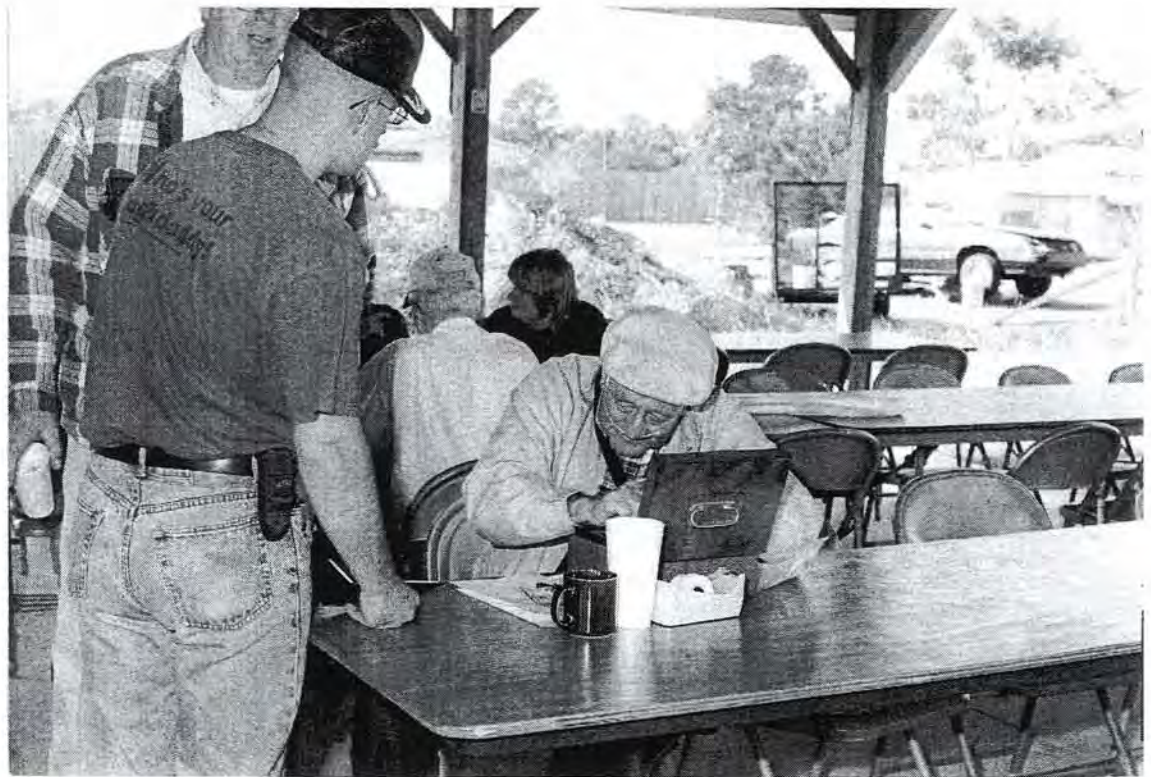














Conclusion

Circuit-Ridin' Preacher

T.S.

American melody
Arr. by Tim Spencer

Ab

1. The cir-cuit-rid-in' preach-er used to ride a - cross the land, With a
(2. The) cir-cuit-rid-in' preach-er trav-eled thru the mire and mud, Told a -

Db Ab Eb Ab

ri - fle on his sad-dle and a Bi - ble in his hand; He told the
bout the fie - ry fur-nace and of No - ah and the flood; He preached the

Bbm Ab Eb7

prai-rie peo-ple all a - bout the prom-ised land, As he went rid - ing,
way to heav-en was by wa - ter and the blood, As he went rid - ing,

Ab | 1 Db Ab Eb Ab Eb

sing-ing down the trail. †Lean-ing, lean-ing, safe and se-cure from all a - larms!
sing-ing down the trail.

Ab Db Ab Eb7 Ab

Lean - ing, lean - ing, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms. 2. The

2 Ab Ab7 Db Ab Eb Ab

† Pow'r, pow'r, wonder-work-ing pow'r In the blood of the Lamb,
In the blood of the Lamb,

Ab7 Db Ab Bbm Ab Eb7 Ab

There is pow'r, pow'r, wonder-work-ing pow'r In the pre-cious blood of the Lamb.

Detailed description: This is a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a treble clef staff with a key signature of three flats (B-flat major) and a 2-measure repeat sign. The notes are: Ab, Ab7, Db, Ab, Eb, Ab. Below the staff is the lyrics: "† Pow'r, pow'r, wonder-work-ing pow'r In the blood of the Lamb, In the blood of the Lamb,". The second system has a bass clef staff with the same key signature. The notes are: Ab7, Db, Ab, Bbm, Ab, Eb7, Ab. Below the staff is the lyrics: "There is pow'r, pow'r, wonder-work-ing pow'r In the pre-cious blood of the Lamb.".

† LEWIS E. JONES

When We See Christ

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(IT WILL BE WORTH IT ALL)

E. K. R.

Esther Kerr Rusthoi

D A7 D7 G D

It will be worth it all When we see Je - sus, Life's trials will

Detailed description: This is the first system of the musical score for 'When We See Christ'. It features a treble clef staff with a key signature of two sharps (D major) and a 4/4 time signature. The notes are: D, A7, D7, G, D. Below the staff is the lyrics: "It will be worth it all When we see Je - sus, Life's trials will".

A D D7 G

seem so small When we see Christ; One glimpse of His dear face

Detailed description: This is the second system of the musical score. It features a treble clef staff with a key signature of two sharps (D major) and a 4/4 time signature. The notes are: A, D, D7, G. Below the staff is the lyrics: "seem so small When we see Christ; One glimpse of His dear face".

D A7 D

All sor-row will e - rase, So brave-ly run the race Till we see Christ.

Detailed description: This is the third system of the musical score. It features a treble clef staff with a key signature of two sharps (D major) and a 4/4 time signature. The notes are: D, A7, D. Below the staff is the lyrics: "All sor-row will e - rase, So brave-ly run the race Till we see Christ.".

RECOGNITIONS

I would like to thank the History Committee for all their work and dedication to the Queens Creek History Book celebrating the 225th Anniversary of our Church.

Rev. Jim Oliver
Connie Frazier Taylor - Chairperson
George F. Taylor
Dave & Vicki Rovers
Charles and Dora Lee Morton
Sue Ramsey
Cindy Fairchild
Lee Rogers
Linda & Gary Parker
Jim & Emily Pate
Ella Mae Pittman
Chris & Terrie Birney

In addition to the History Committee, our thanks to Ann Saylor for her contribution of Rev. Daniel B. Reid's Diary. Rev. Daniel B. Reid served the circuit in Onslow County in 1896, which included Queens Creek Methodist Church.

I would like to thank everyone for their contribution of pictures for display in memory of our deceased members. Also, for the individuals that served in the Military. We also have a display of former Pastors that have served Queens Creek United Methodist Church.

We are continuing to accept pictures for our Memorial History Wall. The pictures need to be 5 X 7 inches. Please send your pictures to Queens Creek United Methodist Church, Attention: Connie F. Taylor, PO Box 398, Hubert NC 28539-0398.