



Sanctuary—1938

**150th Anniversary**  
**Rehoboth**  
**United Methodist Church**

Henderson, North Carolina

Sunday, September 24, 1978

## CHURCH HISTORY

In 1828 the readers of the "Mutual Rights" were excluded from Harris Meeting House (Methodist Episcopal Church) in Granville County. These readers upon arrival at the church one Sunday found the door locked and the key refused them so they raised the windows and took the seats out under the trees and preached in the shade of the spreading oaks and hickorys. The "Mutual Rights" readers moved to and built a church at the Harrisburg crossroads which they called "Rehoboth" which means "room." The land for this church was given by Mr. Robert Taylor. While located at this crossroads the North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church was held at Rehoboth Methodist Protestant Church in 1831, 1835, 1838, 1842, 1846, and 1850.

Rehoboth Church was moved to its present site in 1881. The building was dedicated the first Sunday in October of 1883. This was the day that Ashton Abner Hicks joined the church.

Rehoboth can claim one-half of the heritage of Harris Meeting House. In these sacred walls of this church the sainted members have sat and listened to the preaching of the gospel by those called of God, and have striven to walk in the foot-steps and practiced the teachings of Jesus Christ. Long may it live to spread its influence, the love of the Father and the independent spirit of those who lived and believed in the teachings of the early Methodist.

### 150TH ANNIVERSARY PLANNING COMMITTEE

Chairman .....	Joe Jones
History .....	Mrs. Lina D. Harris
Program .....	Richard & Doris Harris Owen & Marie Cheatham
Music .....	Jerry Stovall Alma Renn Betty Bobbitt
Publicity .....	Billy & Kay Kittrell Dennis & Barbara McGhinnis
Food—Homecoming .....	Frances Capps
Costume .....	Mrs. Rachel Wrenn
Attendance .....	Leonard & Ruth Breedlove

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10:00 A.M.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome-Prayer ..... Dennis McGhinnis  
Hymn No. 110\* ..... "He Keeps Me Singing"  
Presentation ..... Open Door Class  
Presentation ..... Kindergarten Class  
Hymn No. 43\*—92 ..... "Amazing Grace"  
Offering  
Presentation ..... Kingdom Seekers  
Presentation ..... Overcomers  
Presentation ..... Lambs of the Lord  
Presentation ..... Crusaders For Christ  
Hymn No. 75\* ..... "We're Marching to Zion"  
Benediction  
10 Minute Interlude  
\*Cokesbury Hymnal



### Outstanding Pastors

The Rehoboth Methodist Protestant Church was organized in 1828. It is a break-off from the Harris Meeting House, a Methodist Episcopal church. The first church was located where the Tabbs Creek Baptist Church now stands.

The Reverend Willis Harris served the church the year 1830. He served many churches in this area and had four sons who became Methodist Protestant preachers.

The Reverend C. L. Whitaker brought his bride to Rehoboth and served the church for five years.

The Reverend G. W. Holmes served Granville Charge for six years. He stated that he would not return to any church if one person opposed him. He not only preached but taught school at Bear Pond. The late Richard W. Harris and Gray Kittrell were in school at Bear Pond under his teaching.

The Reverend J. W. Frank, who had been a Missionary to Japan, kept the people informed on the work of Foreign Missions.

The Reverend N. C. Bethea was loved by both old and young, a good pastor. It was said of his energetic wife, "She could do anything."

Dr. C. W. Bates was known as the whistling preacher and had a happy disposition. It was Mrs. Bates who reorganized the Women's work at Rehoboth.

The Reverend W. F. Kennett's first sermon that he preached at Rehoboth was on love. He was at the retirement age and served two years.

The Reverend C. L. Spencer and Mrs. Spencer were the salt of the earth. They served for eight years during the depression. Mr. Spencer said at the last Quarterly Conference, "They have been good years."

The Reverend J. P. Pegg was our last Methodist Protestant pastor before union. He was very literary and later edited a book of poems. He and his wife are now retired and live in Rockingham.

The Reverend Herman Winberry brought a bride to Rehoboth before he left. He was responsible for starting the building fund for the Sunday School rooms. He and the late Gray Kittrell collected and sold scrap iron for the fund. He also bought a calf and later sold it and gave the money for the building fund. He and Mrs. Winberry serve a church in Lumberton.





Sanctuary with school children—approximately 1918



Kenneth Parrott, left—William Strickland, right





### **"A CHARGE TO KEEP"**

One hundred, fifty years ago, led by the Holy Spirit, Rehoboth Protestant Church was born, under the charge of Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ says "And I say also unto thee, thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." (Matt. 16:18)

Jesus Christ commanded our forefathers to mark His footsteps, to tread where His feet have trod. He trod down much of the difficulty and made the way easier for their feet. Jesus knew their infirmities, felt their experiences in all things, and proportioned a way and a path to their strengths and capacities.

It becomes the Holy Jesus to imitate His Heavenly Father's mercies, for He was the great instrument of the eternal compassion, and was the instance of Mercy. Jesus Christ told the body at Rehoboth "Ye have heard that it hath been said, 'Thou shalt love thy neighbor and hate thine enemy', but I say unto you, 'Love your enemies, bless those that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you and persecute you.'" (Matt. 5:43-44) Our forefathers believed this and so for a hundred and fifty years, the pastors, teachers, officials, and main body of believers have practiced this. When they gave alms to the poor, they took Jesus by the hand. When they comforted their brothers or sisters in affliction, they were giving an amiable kiss of peace to Jesus.

For one hundred and fifty years, we at Rehoboth United Methodist Church have led Jesus Christ into the recesses of our hearts by holy meditation. We enter into His heart when we express Him in our actions: "as we are borne the image of the earthly, we may bear the image of the heavenly."

We believe that Rehoboth is a part of that same church that was instigated by Jesus, our Saviour, and will continue to stand firm as a lighthouse for the lost; a place of comfort to the bereaved; a source of strength to the weak; a place of rest to the heavy laden; a source of help to the needy; and above all, a place of worship, with thanksgiving and praise, to our God.

As we continue in the future, let us go forward in the calling that Jesus began, in the power and conviction of the Holy Spirit, with authority, saying, as Joshua, "Choose you this day whom ye will serve . . . but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." (Joshua 24:15)

11:00 A.M. SERVICE

Prelude .....	Jerry Stovall
Call to Worship .....	363
Hymn 37—1* .....	“O For a Thousand Tongues”
Welcome and Recognitions .....	Richard Harris
Devotion .....	Mrs. Willis Kittrell
Special .....	Men’s Chorus
Offertory .....	Special for Church Pew Cushions
Hymn 81*—297 .....	“The Church’s One Foundation”
Special .....	Choir
Recognition of Oldest Present .....	Alma Renn
Special .....	Judy Batts
History .....	Mrs. Lina D. Harris
Devotion .....	Pastor James Lancaster
Hymn 306—87* .....	“Blessed Be the Tie”
Benediction .....	W. R. Kittrell
Postlude	
Picnic Lunch on Church Lawn	
*Cokesbury Hymnal	

Flowers placed in church this morning are given by George and Frances Long and children in honor of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, and in loving memory of Lillie Dell Long, “George’s mother,” and Kimberly Lynn Long, “his daughter.”

**REHOBOTH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
1978 ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICIALS**

Lay Leader ..... L.C. Breedlove, Jr.  
 Superintendent of Study ..... Dennis McGhinnis  
 Assistant Superintendent of Study ..... F.T. Wrenn, Jr.  
 Financial Secretary ..... Edwin Breedlove  
 Treasurer ..... Mrs. T.V. Bobbitt, III  
 Recording Secretary ..... Mrs. Owen Cheatham  
 Lay Delegate 1978 ..... R.W. Harris, Jr.  
 Health and Welfare Representative ..... Mrs. L.C. Breedlove, Jr.  
 Head Usher ..... Dawson Raynor  
 Communion Stewards ..... Jerry Stovall and Mrs. Douglas Breedlove

**AT LARGE MEMBERS OF ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD**

Mrs. Johnny Allen	Jane Burroughs	Mrs. Dawson Raynor
F.S. Bobbitt	J.G. Capps	Hayden Roberson
Mrs. F.S. Bobbitt	O.T. Clayton	Leon Roberson
Mrs. T.V. Bobbitt, II	Mrs. R.W. Harris, Jr.	Betty Jane Stovall
Mrs. Woodrow Breedlove	Mrs. R.W. Harris, Sr.	Mrs. Eddie Thompson
Susan Brooks	Mrs. Joe Jones	Frank Wrenn
Willie Brooks	Mrs. Ronnie Nelson	Mrs. Frank Wrenn
Mrs. Willie Brooks	Mrs. Graham Owen	Johnny Wrenn
	Nancy Watson	

**COUNCIL ON MINISTRIES**

Chairman ..... Joe Jones  
 Education ..... F.T. Wrenn, Jr.  
 Evangelism ..... R.W. Harris, Jr.  
 Ecumenical Affairs ..... L.C. Breedlove, Jr.  
 Missions ..... Jimmy Watts  
 Social Concerns ..... Mrs. W.E. Stovall  
 Stewardship ..... Billy Kittrell  
 Worship ..... Mrs. W.E. Renn, Jr.  
 Children ..... Mrs. T.V. Bobbitt, IV - Mrs. Barbara Burwell  
 Youth ..... Donnie Clayton  
 Adults ..... Mrs. Rachel Wrenn  
 Family ..... Mrs. J.G. Capps  
 Youth Representatives ..... Kay Renn - Lennie Breedlove

**TRUSTEES**

1978: Willie Brooks	1979: Douglas Breedlove	1980: Woodrow Breedlove
1978: Graham Owen	1979: J.G. Capps	1980: Billy Kittrell
1978: Frank Wrenn	1979: Emmette Wrenn	1980: Dawson Raynor

**COMMITTEE ON FINANCE**

Chairman—L.C. Breedlove, Jr. Owen Cheatham Joe Jones

**COMMITTEE ON PASTOR PARISH RELATIONS**

Chairman—Billy Kittrell	Mrs. Mildred Burroughs
Mrs. Armstead Burwell	Mrs. R.W. Harris, Jr.

**COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS**

1978: Frank Wrenn      1979: Dennis McGhinnis      1980: TO BE ELECTED

**PARSONAGE COMMITTEE**

Mrs. Owen Cheatham	Chairman-Mrs. Dennis McGhinnis	Mrs. Louise Lancaster
J.G. Capps	Mrs. Billy Kittrell	Mrs. Leon Roberson