

RICH SQUARE



UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Rich Square, N. C.
Wade Hawkins
Pastor

ITEMS OF INTEREST IN THE HISTORY OF THE RICH SQUARE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH:

Dec. 4th 1895 Deed recorded to the following Trustees, Dr. Mayland Colton, Andrew J. Conner, John H. Baugham, John W. Buxton and Lawrence Boone.

Feb. 6th 1896. At a meeting of Trustee's Mr. James H. Baugham was selected to build the Rich Square Methodist Church.

March 19th 1896. Work was started on the church building.

Aug. 16th 1896 Sunday School was held in the building.

Nov. 1896. North Carolina Conference created the Rich Square Circuit, with the following churches; Rich Square, Lewiston, Woodland, and Pinners. Rev. J. R. Sawyer was appointed as its first pastor.

1902 - work was started on a parsonage in Rich Square, this was completed about Dec. 1902. Rev. J. T. Stanford was pastor.

June 1917 - Sunday School rooms were added to church.

1933 - 35 - Church was brick veneered on the outside and remodeled inside. Rev. W. T. Phipps was pastor.

1946 - 49 - Steeple rebuilt, Chimes added, heating plant installed, the Wurlitzer organ dedicated Aug. 28th 1949. Rev. N. W. Grant pastor.

1954 - 58 - Educational building with 6 class rooms and central assembly room, Heating plant for new building, kitchen and rest rooms added, memorial windows placed in sanctuary, air-condition, the following memorials were given: Altar, Altar Brass, Lectern, and Pulpit. Dedication Oct. 1956. Rev. R. W. Pritchard, Pastor.

1958 - 59 - Front of church remodeled, brick steps, etc. Rev. C. W. Wooten, pastor.

1963 - A new parsonage was built on lot given by Glenn and Margaret Baugham on Bryantown Road and the old parsonage sold. Rev. O. S. Williams, pastor.

Parsonage dedicated Feb. 22, 1970 by Bishop William R. Cannon. Rev. G. F. Blanchard, pastor.

1970 paraments and altar given as memorial in memory of Barbara Brown, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. James Brown. Lectern and Bible given as memorial in memory of Mrs. J. B. Bolton.

THE FOLLOWING MINISTER'S SERVED THE RICH SQUARE CHURCH FROM 1896 to 1970

Rev. J. R. Sawyer ✓	1896 - 1899
Rev. J. I. Erwin	1899 - 1901
Rev. W. F. Jones	1901 - 1902
Rev. J. T. Stanford	1902 - 1904
Rev. B. C. Thompson	1904 - 1907
Rev. W. F. Craven	1907 - 1909
Rev. D. L. Earnhardt	1909 - 1913
Rev. W. C. Merritt	1913 - 1916
Rev. J. E. Holden	1916 - 1919
Rev. H. M. Eure	1919 - 1923
Rev. Rufus Bradley ✓	1923 - 1926
Rev. D. A. Clark	1926 - 1929
Rev. O. P. Fitzgerald	1929 - 1932
Rev. W. T. Phipps	1932 - 1935
Rev. E. C. Crawford	1935 - 1939
Rev. P. F. Newton	1939 - 1945
Rev. N. W. Grant	1945 - 1949
Rev. H. F. Surret	1949 - 1851
Rev. J. C. Chaffin	1951 - 1953
Rev. R. W. Pritchard	1953 - 1958
Rev. C. W. Wooten	1958 - 1959
Rev. Vance Lewis	1959 - 1962
Rev. O. S. Williams	1962 - 1969
Rev. G. F. Blanchard	1969 -

History

Lucy Hollowell