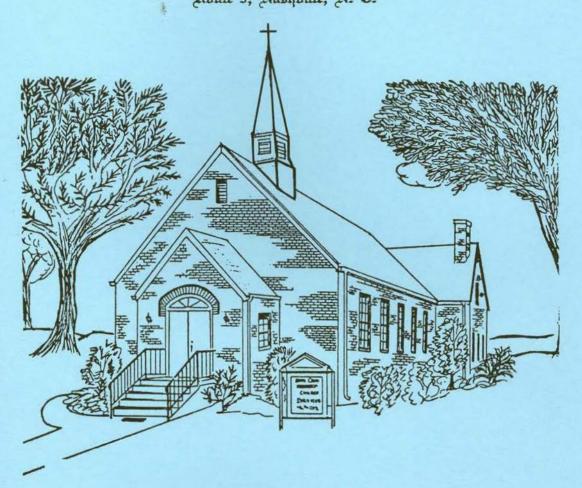
History of

Sandy Cross United Methodist Church Route 3, Nashbille, N. C.



WELCOME

To all who are weary and need rest; to all who are lonely and desire companionship; to all who mourn and want comfort; to all who sin and need a Saviour; and to whosoever will come, this Church opens its doors.

ENTER TO WORSHIP

DEPART TO SERVE

GOD IS LOVE

HISTORY OF SANDY CROSS METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Sandy Cross Methodist Episcopal Church was organized in 1854 by Redmond D. Wells, Singleton Langley, German Datice Langley and Blueford Williamson. For about two years a bush arbor was used for a worship site. A Methodist Circuit Rider would ride in on horseback or buggy about once a month, spending Saturday and Sunday in the homes of the members, and conducting religious services under the bush shelter on Saturday as well as on Sunday.

After two years of worshipping under a bush arbor, Mr. Redmond Wells gave a tract of land on which a small frame church house was erected by Mr. Wells, the Langleys and Mr. Williamson. That church building was used until 1896.

The original gift of land from Mr. Wells was given verbally without a deed. On April 21, 1882, one-fourth acre of land "about and embracing Sandy Cross Church" was deeded to the church. In the late 1880's, Mr. John L. Bailey became owner of the land at Sandy Cross, and on December 15, 1897, he gave a deed to the church for one acre of land "adjoining the Sandy Cross School House lot" to be used for the Sanctuary building and a cemetery lot. Mr. Singleton Langley was the first person buried there. The most recent person buried in the cemetery was Mrs. Victoria Bone Pittman Stallings in 1986. Mrs. Stallings was buried beside her first husband and the unmarked grave of her son. Ashley. She was the last living Confederate widow of N. C., due to her second marriage to Mr. Stallings. A memorial service was attended by several members at the church.

In 1896 the church membership had grown to the extent that a larger church building was needed. Under the leadership of J. E. R. Winstead, R. C. Dixon, J. Hodge Vaughan, and others, a larger frame building was constructed. This building was constructed and built by Richard W. Bone, Mrs. Eula Bone Gardner's father, for the total sum of \$40.00.

One of the memorable features of that Sanctuary was the large gold letters - God Is Love - above the pulpit. Those letters were made by Mr. G. D. Langley and Mr. David Gardner. These same wooden letters were stained by John T. Winstead in 1972 and are now placed in the vestibule of our present Sanctuary just over the main entrance.

On May 13, 1941, the construction of a modern brick building with Sanctuary and church school rooms was started on the same location of the old church building. As much of the old building as possible was preserved. The old church floor became the sub-flooring for the new Sanctuary. The old ceiling was used for wainscoting in the new church. Through a Community Cooperation effort this new building was completed and paid for in November, 1941. The first worship service was held in the sanctuary on Pearl Harbor Day, December 7, 1941. Reverend Sidney G. Boone was pastor. The worshippers sat on "brand new pews" that cost \$10.00 a piece. Mr. Arthur Tyler learned of Sandy Cross's Building Program and gave to Mr. J. Willie Bone, building chairman, eight schoolhouse type light fixtures from the old Belk Tyler Company Store to be used in the new sanctuary. While the new building was being constructed, Sunday School and worship services were held in the old school building adjacent to the church property. In July of 1956, Dr. Bell, pastor of the First Universalist Church in Rocky Mount, wanted to place in some church an organ for only the balance that was owed to People's Bank and Trust Co. for the amount of the mortgage which was \$592.31. This organ was valued for twelve to fourteen hundred dollars. The board voted to purchase the organ for the new building. Durant Lewis was chairperson of the organ committee.

In February of 1957, construction was begun on a new education building (connected to the main building) that cost \$18,000. Dr. Haines designed the plans for the new building. Dr. Haine's fees came to the amount of \$500.00, but he agreed to accept \$300.00 for the designs. Completed a few months later, this project was financed through gifts from members of the church and community. A \$2,500.00 grant from the Duke Endowment Fund made final payment when the new building was completed and in-

spected by Dr. Ball and Dr. Walton. J. Willie Bone and Clinton L. Braziel were co-chairmen of this project. Reverend Don Lee Harris was pastor. When his appointment was over, Reverend Harris sold his stove, refrigerator, and oil heater to the church for \$125.00. He also left a mimeograph machine for the parsonage. It is to the best of this committee's research that the wrought iron church directory was placed in the front yard of the church during Rev. Don Lee Harris's ministry.

Walks around the church property have added greatly to the attractiveness and cleanliness of the church. Around 1948, the Methodist Youth Fellowship raised enough funds to build a cement walk at the front of the church and around the east side. Mr. German Langley, assisted by members of the MYF, poured the cement for these walks. In the fall of 1970 prior to the homecoming service, C. R. "Bill" Langley and his crew of workers extended the walks that were there and built new walks around the entire church buildings at a cost of \$740.00, Bill donated the cost of this project to the church as a gift from him and his family.

During 1972, the N. C. State Highway Commission acquired a major portion of the front yard of the church for highway expansion. This created a major parking problem. Mrs. Ethel Bone and Millard F. Bone moved the old school house and deeded to the church a gift of .52 acres of the school house property which joined the east side of the church property. The church was awarded on October 17, 1973, \$10,000.00 by a jury for the land taken by the state.

Reverend Lawrence E. Lugar was pastor from 1953-54 Two out-standing events that Rev. Lugar remembered was in 1953 during a summer revival, thirteen adults joined the church. The Saint Paul/Sandy Cross charge led the N. C. Annual Conference with 153 percent pledges to the \$10.00 Club.

In 1954, Sandy Cross and the other churches on the charge were required to furnish a parsonage for the minister's family. A house in Nashville was rented for one year, and then a house in the community owned by Mrs. Mattie Bone Joyner was rented for several years. For two years, the Thomas Vaughan home in the Vaughan's Chapel Community was rented from George A. Joyner. Reverend John H. White's family lived in the Vaughan home. During his two year pastorate, plans were drawn up for a new parsonage. J. Willie Bone donated land south of the church on the former Frank Rick's property. In September of 1962, a new \$14,000.00 brick, six room home was completed. The first occupants of the new parsonage was the family of Reverend M. Roland Gessner.

Through the years, the women of Sandy Cross Church have given strong support to the programs of the church through its service organization. The Women's Society of Christian Service is now known as the United Methodist Women since February of 1972. In recent years their twice-a-year chicken pastry suppers have become famous. The first chicken pastry supper was held in November, 1954, at the Sandy Cross Clubhouse. Under the leadership of President Mrs. Willa Lee Little, the ladies dressed in old fashioned long dresses and bonnets. The ladies served the supper by oil lamps and lanterns. Total proceeds from this supper was \$172.30. Total expenses of the super was only \$10.21 for practically everything for the supper was donated by the women of the church community. The price of the tickets at this time was \$1.00 for adults and \$.50 for children. Reverend Don Lee Harris was pastor. As needed, the UMW has given support to the church budget and the needs of the parsonage. Etna Wayne Bone and her mother, Mrs. Mary Coppedge, organized the "Women's Society of Christian Service" in 1940. Eleanor Bone Proctor was the first president and Mattie Bone Joyner was the second. Others that have served as president over the years include Lena Winstead, Marjorie Bone Joyner, Christine Joyner Vester, Willa Lee Joyner Little, Lucy Walker Braziel, Jeannette Baker Bone, Odell Joyner Winstead and Dolly J. Joyner. At the present time, Dolly L. Joyner is president of the UMW. According to the records, Mrs. Eva Winstead Bone was the treasurer of the UMW since its beginnings in 1940 until January of 1983 when Peggy W. Winstead accepted the position. Others that have served as treasurer of the UMW include Elaine Bone and Phyllis Rhea.

The Chicken Pastry Supper outgrew the clubhouse and was moved to Coopers Elementary School cafeteria in 1966. The suppers were held twice a year in March and November. Lucy Braziel was president of the UMW at this time. The UMW has held this traditional fund raiser every year except in November of 1982 and March of 1983 due to the removal of the cooking stoves at Coopers School. This tradition has been held through March of 1994.

For many years, people of the community spoke their wedding vows before a Justice of the Peace. Beginning with WW II, the young people began recognizing the church as the ideal place to have their weddings performed. The first marriage in the church that can be remembered was the wedding of Pocahontas Batchelor and Woodrow L. Marshall. Reverend Sidney Boone was the pastor at the time, but Reverend C. Bruce Peacock was invited back to hear this couple speak their vows on Christmas Day, December 25, 1941. Pocahontas and Woodrow started a tradition at Sandy Cross. Since this wedding, more and more young people have chosen Sandy Cross Church as their wedding site. During Don Sledge's two years as minister at Sandy Cross (1971-73), he performed eleven marriage ceremonies. The history committee has prepared a completed list of all recorded marriages performed at Sandy Cross in this booklet.

Reverend William C. Spencer's pastorate at Sandy Cross was unique for he served as minister of the church for six years (1965-71). During his ministry, the church became keenly interested in the music of the church. In addition to the strong Chancel Choir, the Adult Quartet (Bruce Baker, George Joyner, Bill Spencer and Cleveland Winstead), the Youth Quartet (Kenneth Baker, Shelton Baker, Gary Joyner and Ernest Winstead), and the Youth Choir were organized. Reverend Spencer initiated visitation programs to the jails and rest homes in the community and these programs still continue today as a vital part of the church's outreach ministry. A related ministry that proved most rewarding was started by Harvey Lee Joyner. Each Sunday residents of Nash Rest Home were brought to Sandy Cross Church for the morning worship. The Lay Witness Mission was held at the church in the spring of February 5-7, 1971. This was a key program during Reverend Spencer's ministry.

While Don Sledge was pastor (1971-73) a much needed work was accomplished. Don worked diligently toward updating all the records of the church. The membership rolls were brought up to date and the transfer of many members of the closed Maple Creek Church to Sandy Cross were properly done through Don's leadership. It was during this period, the new Council on Ministries became operative and the Acolyte program of the worship service was initiated. The church participated in the continent-wide Evangelistic Program of Key '73. The UMW paid for materials for Mitchell Tyson to build new shelves for the church's library in May of 1973. A new air conditioning system was installed in the parsonage for the cost of \$1,026.00 in July of 1971. The church had storm windows installed in 1972.

From 1962 until Maple Creek Church closed in 1971, Sandy Cross and Maple Creek Church were on the same charge. In June of 1971, the Maple Creek Church closed and its members went else where for worship. The following members of Maple Creek joined Sandy Cross Church: Mrs. Dollie Mae Bowen, Miss Pauline Barnes, Mrs. Maggie Price, Mrs. Gladys Harper and Miss Charlotte Harper. A substantial number of other Maple Creek members were carried on the Sandy Cross roll until they decided where they would place their membership. In April of 1972, the Maple Creek congregation sold their church building and contents to Mr. W. A. Herbert for a sum of \$385.00. This sum plus the balance in their church treasury totaling \$607.00 was given to Sandy Cross Church. Also given to Sandy Cross was Maple Creek's hymn board and their beautiful communion service.

In 1960, a noteworthy tradition was started at Sandy Cross. Pastor John White and the congregation felt that the church needed a bulletin for its worship services that would be uniquely Sandy Cross's. Jackson Joyner drew a sketch of the church building and Pastor White arranged the appropriate wording for the front cover. This cover was updated July 31, 1994. Mr. Floyd Parker added the church's steeple

to the sketch. As the years go by, our bulletin becomes a more and more cherished tradition of the church.

During the pastorate of Reverend Neal Salter from 1973-75, the youth of our church became very active. Church improvements include a new organ purchased in January of 1974. New floor coverings for the church along with a new stove and refrigerator were purchased. New acolyte robes were also purchased.

During 1975-76 under the ministry of Reverend Roy Matthews, new carpet was installed upstairs in the church in April and May of 1975. The cost was \$1440.70. The UMW painted the Sunday School rooms upstairs. Improvements to the parsonage included new carpet in the living room and new floor coverings in the den were installed and the parsonage was painted inside. New living room furniture was purchased. These improvements took place in June of 1975. On September 25, 1975, two new speakers and a microphone were installed in the Sanctuary. The cost was \$461.81. In October of 1975, Mr. C. R. (Bill) Langley was contracted to curb and pave the church's parking lot. This improvement added greatly to the looks of our church and convenience of our members and friends. Bill Langley donated this project except for the cost of the materials. His love for Sandy Cross was expressed by this wonderful contribution. The church paid \$6,000.00 for the cost of the materials. This money was paid from the \$10,000. 00 that the state awarded the church. During Rev. Matthew's stay at Sandy Cross, the Sandy Cross Boy Scout Troop 607 was officially chartered. John E. Carraway was the committee chairman of the Boy Scouts. Rudy Batchelor was the scoutmaster and Rev. Roy Matthews was assistant scoutmaster. Dale Bone and Carson Barnes were co-sponsors of the troop.

Reverend Floyd Morrow was pastor of Sandy Cross during 1978-84. Rev. Morrow started a Contingency Fund by involving members by using their talents to earn monies to use for special proiects. Church improvements include the following: August 26, 1978 new carpet for the stairwell. The yard light pole was installed September 10, 1978. Carpet was put in the Sanctuary in October of 1979. Pulpit and choir changed to present position November of 1979. Pendants for robes were purchased. Mimeograph machine was purchased November 4, 1979. Chimes were donated by Lotis and Bettie Gardner in May of 1980 in memory of C. C. Lum Garner, Atsie Baker Gardner, Walter May Langley and Clausie Joyner Langley. Cross and dosal were installed in church September 25, 1980 by Mrs. Edith Bone to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. J. Willie Bone and Mr. J. Marion Bone. May 4, 1980 a dishwasher was donated to the parsonage by Will and Myrtlene Eason. New doors on the front of the Sanctuary and on the education building were installed. January 20, 1980 the newsletter was started by Rev. Floyd Marrow. (March 2-3, 1980, over 200 people were given shelter in our church due to a major snow storm. Food and blankets were donated by friends and members of the church. The local firemen helped to collect the people stranded on Interstate 95 and get the stranded people to the church. The firemen further aided in getting the much needed food and supplies to the church from the friends and members of the church community.) Rev. Floyd Morrow graduated from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest with a Masters in Divinity and Religion Education in May of 1980. The church presented him with a suit complete with accessories. Paraments for communion table were purchased February 1981. January 1981 baptismal font was given in loving memory of Eula Bone Gardner, by her son, O. B. Gardner and in loving memory of Alice Lindsey Pridgen by her children. Pew cushions were donated by Bettie and Lotis Gardner, Myrtlene and Will Eason in June 1981 in Memory of C. C. Lum Gardner, Astie Baker Gardner, Walter May Langley and Clausie Joyner Langley, Will Washington Eason, Sr., and Maude Strickland Eason. Flags were presented by Carlton Winstead, representative of the Woodman of the World in April of 1981. Church stove was donated by Lotis and Bettie Gardner. Refrigerator was purchased for parsonage in August of 1981 for \$660.00. Light fixtures were purchased for the Sanctuary in 1981. Bill Little was chairman of this committee. Stained windows were installed March 25-26, 1981 to the glory of God and in loving

memory of Willie and Dovie Barkley by Shirley M. Barkley; William Thomas Batchelor Sr., and Mary Edmondson Batchelor by W. T., Vernon, and Lessie Batchelor and Myrtle Vick; George Luther Bone by Eva W. Bone; J. Marion Bone by Mrs. J. Marion Bone; J. Willie and Ethel B. Bone by Mr. and Mrs. R. Winslow Bone; Jack Bone and Rhoda Batchelor Bone and son Jack Lincoln Bone by Rhoda Mae Bone; William Lee and Bettie W. Bone by Ruth B. Joyner, Maggie B. Baker, Atlas and Eugene Bone; Edgar and Linda W. Braziel by Clinton and Lucy Braziel; George Andrew Joyner by Marjorie B. Joyner and children; Lonnie F. and Ollie J. Joyner by the Family; Mollie Ann Joyner by the Family; Nick D. Joyner by Odell and John Winstead; Mrs. Doxie J. Langley by the Family; Naomi Langley by Thelma L. Langley; Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Mobley Sr., Mr. S. C. Waldron by Joe and Nita Mobley; Norman Lee Pridgen by Genevieve J., Don Lee and Gayle Olivia Pridgen; Wiley Franklin Ricks by Eunice W. and Edna E. Ricks; Richard Winstead by Rhoda and Cleveland Winstead. The UMW paid for the installation of the stained glass windows as a project. Donations for the stained glass windows came to \$7,236.00 which was the cost of the windows. Odell J. Winstead was chairperson of the stained glass window committee. In 1981 Marjorie Joyner presented two brass vases to the church in loving memory of her husband, George A. Joyner, given by Mr. and Mrs. Michael Bone and Mrs. Selby Smith's family. Light fixtures in vestibule and outside lights were purchased by the UMW in 1982. The UMW planted azaleas and scrubs around the church in 1982 with the help of Bill Little. New heating system was installed October 10, 1982, cost was \$1450.00. The storage building at the church was built December 4, 1983 and the cost was \$4683.62. The UMW paid \$2000.00 of this cost. Clinton Braziel and the men of the church built the storage building.

Reverend James Lewis Reavis Jr., has served at Sandy Cross since June of 1984. Jimmy started the celebration of John Wesley Day on September 15, 1985 when he dressed as John Wesley and rode horseback to Sandy Cross Church. His family arrived at the church on a horse drawn wagon. Rev. Reavis delivered the morning message which was a sermon preached by John Wesley while at St. Mary's Oxford, before the University, August 24, 1744. Many church members dressed as in the fashion of the 1800's. While waiting for the church services to begin, the children were given the opportunity to ride in the horse drawn wagon around the church yard.

After the service, the members of the church gathered for an old-fashioned dinner on the church yard. This dinner featured home cooked pork barbecue, barbecue chicken, potatoes, slaw, and homemade cakes and pies for dessert. This John Wesley celebration has been observed every September since 1985. This yearly celebration was started when Rev. Reavis made a promise to the Sandy Cross congregation. The promise was that if the congregation met or exceeded the attendance goals of 150 for Worship Service and 100 for Sunday School, the following Sunday he would ride a horse to church, and preach one of John Wesley's sermons. Rev. Reavis soon learned that the members of the church school can be very enterprising when it comes to making the preacher keep his promise.

Important events and church improvements include the following: White lines in the parking lot were painted in July 1984. A new washing machine for the parsonage was purchased on August 19, 1984. In September of 1984, Jimmy started the newsletter that we are still using today. The church got a new heating system on November 11, 1984. The monies for this system was raised from the talents of the church people. On a Sunday in July, the pastor presented the idea to the congregation along with 46 \$5. bills. Each member who wanted to participate was given a \$5. bill to initially invest in their talents. The goal was set to multiply the \$5. at least 30-fold (\$150.) with an overall goal of \$9,000.00 (the estimated cost of the heating system was \$6,000.00). A deadline was set for November. Total monies collected came to \$11,221.75. February of 1985 a copier (\$1300.00) and typewriter (\$360.00) was purchased for the parsonage. In August of 1984, the church had a phone installed. The water fountain in the church was installed in July of 1985 along with new tables for the fellowship hall. This was paid for by the UMW. A handicap ramp was added at the back door of the church in March. The church and the

utility building gets vinyl siding installed in May and June. This was done by Bud Massengale for \$4025.00.

Lay Person of the Year was started in October of 1985. The following is a list of people who have received this honor:

1985 Jackson Joyner	1990 Etna Wayne Bone
1986 Lancy Joyner	1991 Dolly L. Joyner
1987 Joyce Joyner	1992 Pete Flowers
1988 Dolly J. Joyner	1993 Diane Vester
1989 Arnold Joyner	1994 Bonita Davis

Chrismons were used for the first time on Advent Sunday in 1986. The MYF cleaned up the woods behind the church and planted grass. We now use this area for our church outings. Basketball goal installed in January of 1986. In May of 1986, Jimmy receives a suit and accessories for being ordained an Elder. Many of the church members attended Jimmy's ordination at Duke Chapel.

A storage building is built by Clinton Braziel and the men of the church at the parsonage in April of 1986. New carpet and vinyl floor covering for the parsonage were installed in October of 1987. The cost was \$1294.39. The church paid \$600.00 and the UMW paid the remaining balance..

The parsonage received a new roof in September of 1988 for the cost of \$1000.00. The Camping and Church Extension Ministry received \$9424.00 over a three year period in 1988. A picture of Christ was presented by Mr. and Mrs. O. T. Price for the fellowship hall in March of 1988.

In 1989, the UMW put new drapes in the kitchen, fellowship hall, nursery and the hall of the church. These rooms were painted before the drapes were installed. Tom Holland replaced the church's roof in September of 1989 for a cost of \$6100.00

The United Methodist Men Fellowship was organized on November 12, 1989 with eighteen members. Lancy Joyner was the first president of this organization. Presently, Pete Flowers is president of the UMMF. This group of men meet for breakfast at the church the first Sunday of each month. Fund raisers include having two fish dinners a year.

The church steeple was installed on September 19, 1992. This was donated by Will and Myrtlene Eason in honor of their children and grandchildren. Dedication services were held on November 1, 1992.

A Pastors Photo Album was started in 1990 and completed in 1993 by Odell J. Winstead. Booklets were made for sale on August 25, 1993. This was a project of the UMW. The net profit for the photo album was \$324.03. Expense of printing the booklets was \$385.97. The UMW paid for folding doors installed in the Fellowship Hall in 1993 for the cost of \$2125.00. On July 25, 1993, Pastor Appreciation Day was held. Rev. Reavis received a video of the Pastors Photo Album as a gift. The UMW presented Jimmy with a John Wesley Robe for Pastor Appreciation Day. A reception was held in the fellowship hall for the friends of the church. Church members and friends came with their gifts for Rev. Reavis and his family.

Over the many years of Rev. Reavis's ministry, our young children became actively involved through the youth choirs. The youth choirs were started in November of 1984 and continue to be very active today. A special thanks is extended to Judy Batchelor, Janice Joyner, Peggy Tyson, Tammy Warren, Carl and Susan Batchelor, Teresa Sallee and Joyce Joyner for helping with the youth choirs of our church. Rev. Reavis involves the children each Sunday in the worship service by inviting them to the altar for the children's sermon. One of Rev. Reavis's greatest qualities is being able to call each child by his or her name.

Sandy Cross Church has always been known for its outstanding chancel choir. The adults have flourished under the leadership of Joyce Joyner and Dolly L. Joyner.

Our church has been blessed with many outstanding leaders. One special leader that this church has been blessed with is Mr. Lancy Joyner. He held the position of Lay Leader for thirty years, was Chairman of the Administrative Board for sixteen years, taught Sunday School for many years, and was Superintendent of Sunday School for three years. Mr. Lancy Joyner has given his love and unselfish service to Sandy Cross Church for forty years. The Sandy Cross Community and particularly Sandy Cross Church has been, and continues to be, very fortunate to be blessed with such an outstanding leader.

The office of treasurer of the church also warrants recognition. Jackson Joyner has held this position since January of 1981. He is meticulous in his work and readily gives of his time for church matters.

To many people of the church, the Sun Rise service held at Sandy Cross on Easter morning is the most meaningful worship service of the year. Traditionally, Mount Herman Church, Vaughan's Chapel and Sandy Cross Church members come together for services under the trees in the yard overlooking the pond adjacent to the church. The members of these three churches share in fellowship as they watch the rising sun's beautiful rays sparkle over the water while the animals near the pond witness this blessed sight. Everyone comes early for Sunday School bringing home grown flowers to adorn the wooden wire covered cross so lovingly made by the hands of Mr. Lancy Joyner. This flower laden cross is a beautiful sight to enjoy during the morning worship. After services are completed, the cross is placed in the front yard of the church for the many travelers to see as they pass through our community.

The church's Homecoming is very important to its members and past pastors. This is a time when many people make their pilgrimage back to the roots of their religious home. The first record of a Homecoming showed that Rev. Sidney Boone preached here on the first Sunday in September of 1956. The total expenses were \$102.23. Monies to pay for these expenses were donated by friends of the church. A gift for organist Joyce Joyner, was purchased with the remaining \$4.46. The Rev. Sidney Boone was paid \$10.00 for preaching Homecoming that Sunday. Herman Baker was chairperson of this committee. Preacher Clarence R. Breedin Jr., served his first pastorate at Sandy Cross in 1957-60. Homecoming at Sandy Cross always meant a lot to Rev. Breedin. He and his wife, Grace, attended many of these Homecomings and would always enlighten the public about these homecomings by writing about them in detail in his column of the The Littleton Observer.

In 1993, the history committee of Sandy Cross Church started the quest of gathering past pastors photographs to be framed and hung in the hallway of the church. This mission is still on-going as Sandy Cross United Methodist Church honors its past preachers.

The history committee is very thankful for the various bits of information that we have gotten from friends and church members. We realize that there is still much information that is needed to complete the history of our church. You are encouraged to pass on new information you may have concerning the history of Sandy Cross United Methodist Church, for it is our members and friends that make the history of this church so important.

PASTORS

Year	Pastor	District Superintendent	Bishop
1854-1908	Pastors Unknown		
1909	W. F. Craven	A. McCullen	A. W. Wilson
1910	W. F. Craven	J. T. Gibbs	E. R. Hendons
1911-1912	W. F. Craven	J. T. Gibbs	E. E. Hoss
1913-1914	B. F. Watson		
1915-1918	W. T. Phipps		
1918-1922	William P. Constable		
1922-1926	W. E. Trotman		
1926-1927	W. L. Dawson		
1927-1930	William M. Towe		
1930-1933	W. G. Farrar		
1933-1934	L. D. Hayman		
1934-1935	N. H. Finch		
1935-1941	C. B. Peacock		
1941-1945	S. G. Boone		
1945-1948	M. R. Gardner		
1948-1949	T. E. Washburn		
1949-1952	M. T. Tyson		
1952-1953	H. G. McLead		
1953-1954	Lawrence E. Lugar		
1954-1957	Don Lee Harris		
1957-1960	C. R. Breedin	W. C. Ball	Paul N. Garber
1960-1962	John H. White	W. C. Ball	Paul N. Garber
1962-1964	M. R. Gessner	J. W. Page	Paul N. Garber
1964-1965	W. L. Barbee	J. W. Page	Paul N. Garber
1965-1971	W. C. Spencer	J. W. Page	Paul N. Garber
		Rev. Paul Carruth	W. R. Cannon
1971-1973	Donald D. Sledge	Rev. Paul Carruth	W. R. Cannon
			R. M. Blackburn
1973-1975	J. Neal Salter, Jr.	J. Cline	R. M. Blackburn
1975-1976	Roy L. Matthews	J. Cline	R. M. Blackburn
1976-1978	Milton E. Jordan	J. Cline	R. M. Blackburn
1978-1984	Floyd R. Marrow, Jr.	J. Cline	W. R. Cannon
		J. L. Hunter	
1984-	James L. Reavis, Jr.	Rev. Robert McKenzie	C. P. Minnick, Jr.
		Cashwell Shaw	C. P. Minnick, Jr.
		Thomas Loftis	

	Spring Hope Circuit	
W. E. Trotman	- P	1922-1926
W. L. Dawson		1926-1927
	Rocky Mount Circuit	
William Towe	(Sea Principle) - Committee (Committee) - Committee	1927-1930
	Nashville Circuit	
W. G. Farrar		1930-1933
L. D. Hayman		1933-1934
	Stanhope Circuit	
N. H. Finch		1934-1935
C. B. Peacock		1935-1936
	Sandy Cross Circuit	
C. B. Peacock	and the second s	1936-1941
S. G. Boone		1941-1945
	St. Paul Circuit	
M. R. Gardner		1945-1948
T. E. Washburn		1948-1949
M. D. Tyson		1949-1952
H. G. McLeod		1952-1953
Lawrence Lugar		1953-1954
	Sandy Cross	
Don Lee Harris		1954-1957
C. R. Breedin		1957-1960

HOMECOMING PASTORS

1956	Sept.	Rev. Sidney Grant Boone, Sr.
1957	Sept.	Rev. Lawrence E. Lugar
1958-1968	No Record	
1968	Sept.	Rev. Lawrence E. Lugar
1969-1970	No Record	
1971	Oct.	Rev. Donald D. Sledge
1972	Oct.	Rev. C. R. Breedin
1973	Oct. 14	Rev. William C. Spencer
1974	Oct. 27	Rev. C. R. Breedin
1975	Oct. 26	Rev. Don Lee Harris
1976	Oct. 24	Rev. William Lee Barbee
1977	Oct. 23	Rev. C. R. Breedin
1978	Oct.	Rev. Floyd Ramson Morrow, Jr.
1979	Oct. 21	Rev. Jim Waggonner
1980	Oct. 26	Rev. Jack Hunter (D.S.)
1981	Oct. 18	Rev. William C. Spencer
1982	Oct. 17	Rev. Floyd Ramson Morrow, Jr.
1983	Oct. 9	Rev. John Neal Salter, Jr.
1984	Oct. 14	Rev. James Lewis Reavis, Jr.
1985	Oct. 13	Rev. James Lewis Reavis, Jr.
1986	Oct. 12	Rev. Bob McKenzie (D.S.)
1987	Oct. 11	Rev. John Neal Salter, Jr.
1988	Oct. 9	Rev. William C. Spencer
1989	Oct. 8	Rev. Milton E. Jordan and Rev. Kathy Jordan
1990	Oct. 14	Rev. S. T. Jones
1991	Oct. 13	Rev. John Hezekiah White
1992	Oct. 11	Rev. Lawrence E. Lugar
1993	Oct. 10	Rev. William Lee Barbee
1994	Oct. 9	Rev. Thomas Loftis (D.S.)

MARRIAGES IN SANDY CROSS CHURCH

1941	Pochantas Batchelor	Dec. 25
	Woodrow L. Marshall	Rev. C. Bruce Peacock
1944	Irene C. Langley	Dec. 24
	Milton Joyner	Rev. Sidney Boone
1945	Elsie Winstead	Dec. 20
	Frank Harrell	Rev. Sidney Boone
1946	Madeline Baker	April 26
	Leaston Winstead (Married in Robertsonville, N. C.)	Rev. Sidney Boone
1947	(Married in Robertsonvine, 14. C.)	
1948		
1949	Christine Langley	Nov. 24
	Henry E. Walker	Rev. Matt R. Gardner
	Pansy (Sug) Clark Whitley	Nov. 23
	John Jacob (Jake) Braswell	Rev. Dewey Tyson
1950		
1951	Elizabeth Marie Smith	Jan. 25
	Wiley Burrell Joyner Jr.	Rev. Dewey Tyson
	(Married at Church Parsonage)	
1952		
1953	Frances Langley	Feb. 1
	Willis Ray Batts	Rev. H. G. McLead
	Edna Winstead	Nov. 25
	Ralph Jones	Rev. Lawrence E. Lugar
1954	Lucy Walker Williams	Feb. 6
	Clinton Lee Braziel	Rev. Lawrence Lugar
	(Married at Church Parsonage)	
1955	Ruby C. Joyner	Jan. 15
	Jimmie Hines Joyner	Rev. Don Lee Harris
		Rev. J. P. Pegg
1956	Joyce Bone	Jan. 20
	Harvey Lee Joyner	Rev. Don Lee Harris
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	Nellie Rhea Gardner Elmer Cleveland Winstead	Aug. 19 Rev. Don Lee Harris
	Myra Grey Watson Troy Randolph Pridgen (Married at Church Parsonage)	Dec. 8 Rev. Don Lee Harris
1957	Aileen Jeanette Bone Garland Wayne Cooper	Dec. 6 Rev. C. R. Breedin
	Genevieve Joyner Norman Pridgen	Dec. 21 Rev. Dewey Tyson
1958	section to the last developments	
1959	Alice JoeAnn Whitley Joseph Clifton (J.C.) Manning	July 25 Rev. C. R. Breedin
1960		
1961		
1962	Mary Ann Eason Charlie L. Tingen	Nov. 25 Rev. John White
1963	Ciliano Z. Tingon	
1964	Barbara Lou Williams Kenneth Lee Joyner	June 21 Rev. C. R. Breedin
	Faye House Bill Foster	Nov. 22 Rev. William L. Barbee
	Dolly Langley Richard Arnold Joyner	Aug. 16 Rev. W. L. Barbee
	Patricia Ann Smith Billy Dale Joyner	Sept. 6 Rev. W. L. Barbee
1965	Marjorie Joyner William Ralph Bone	Jan. 17 Rev. W. L. Barbee
1966	William Raiph Bone	Nev. W. L. Daroce
1967	Louise Rhodes Lancy R. Joyner, Jr.	May 19 Rev. William C. Spencer
1968	Mary Ethel Bone Virgil Mansfield	May 30 Rev. William C. Spencer
1969	Carolyn Faye Joyner William Randy Batts	Sept. 28 Rev. William C. Spencer

1970	Bonita Sue Joyner William Daniel Boone (Married at Church Parsonage)	Jan. 20 Rev. William C. Spencer
	Linda Smith Joyner Dale Clay Bone	Sept. 18 Rev. William C. Spencer
1971	Deborah Bennett Marshell (Nick) Winstead	Jan. 15 Rev. William C. Spencer
	Myrtle Jean Joyner Lindsey Harold Flowers	Mar. 6 Rev. William C. Spencer
	Joyce Marie Jessie Bradury	Nov. 26
1972	Sudie Alice Carraway Stephen E. Smith	Apr. 1 Rev. Donald D. Sledge
	Pam Gail Harris Robert Edward Howell	June 30 Rev. William C. Spencer
	Joyce Morning Carraway Jones R. Batts	June 4 Rev. Donald D. Sledge
	Rachel Joyner Lester C. Griffin, Jr.	Oct. 8 Rev. Donald D. Sledge
1973	Sandra Joyner Gary Manning	Apr. 8 Rev. Donald Sledge
1974	Linda Leigh Braziel Ralph Edward Langley	July 27 Rev. Neal Salter Rev. William C. Spencer
	Sarah Rebecca Grayson William Thomas Patterson	Jan. 19 Rev. Neal Salter
1975	Phyllis Joyner Glen Cecchini	Feb. 15 Rev. Neal Salter
	Ava Joyner Thomas A. DeMarco	Jan. 11 Rev. Neal Salter
	Patricia Mae Little John Kent Maurer	Dec. 28 Rev. Roy Matthews Rev. William C. Spencer

1976	Teresa Joyner Junior Duke	Aug. 28 Rev. Milton E. Jordan
	Ann Marie Thomas Paul Rex Bone	Mar. 27 Rev. Roy L. Matthews
	Linda Christa Milham Randall Boone Baker	July 25 Rev. Milton E. Jordan Rev. William C. Spencer
1977		•
1978	Peggy Jean Whitehurst Thomas Arnold Winstead	Nov. 26 Rev. Neal Salter Rev. Milton E. Jordan
1979	Joyce Lynn Vick Ernest Dale Winstead (Married at Barnes Hill Church)	Oct. 7 Rev. Floyd R. Morrow, Jr.
1980	Bonita Baker George Ray Davis	Feb. 22 Rev. Floyd R. Morrow, Jr.
	Susan Armstrong Carl Batchelor	Apr. 6 Rev. Floyd R. Morrow, Jr.
1981		
1982	Martha Ann Bone Steve Langley	May 15 Rev. Floyd R. Morrow, Jr.
1983	Susan Joyner Darcey Bass	Mar. 12 Rev. Floyd R. Morrow, Jr.
1984	Janet Hines Kenneth Baker	July 28 Rev. Jimmy Reavis
	Ellen Winstead Joseph C. Manning	Aug. 26 Rev. Jimmy Reavis
1985	Angela Joyner Mark Holley	Aug. 3 Rev. Al Holley
	Karen Joyner Ricky Joyner	Aug. Rev. Jimmy Reavis
1986	Dawn Mike Kergerreis	Aug. Rev. Jimmy Reavis

	Michelle Baker Mark Daughtridge	May 24 Rev. Jimmy Reavis
1987	Regina Carol Langley Travis Melton Alford	July 25 Rev. Jimmy Reavis
	Darlene O'Briant Baker Ralph Durwood Batchelor	Apr. 12 Rev. Wade Goldston
	Melissa Bennett Thomas Joyner	Nov. 11 Rev. Jimmy Reavis
1988		
1989	Tami Whitley Don Lee Pridgen	Dec. 9 Rev. Jimmy Reavis
1990		**
1991	Cindy Collie Ray Baker	May 18 Rev. Jimmy Reavis
	Patricia Lynn Joyner Michael Lee Cooper	Sept. 7 Rev. Jimmy Reavis
	Judy Best Winstead Thomas Smith	Dec. 21 Rev. Jimmy Reavis
1992	Sharon Estridge Thomas Wayne Jones	Mar. 29 Rev. Jimmy Reavis Rev. S. T. Jones
	Linda Keller Eddie Jones	July 18 Rev. Jimmy Reavis
	Christine Williams Christopher Joyner	Sept. 26 Rev. Jimmy Reavis
1993	Tammy Renee Joyner Joseph Exum Lewis (Married at Englewood United Methodist Church)	Apr. 24 Rev. Jimmy Reavis Rev. C. W. Driver
	Wanda Sue Baker William Steve Joyner (Married at Home of Bride's Parents)	June 19 Rev. Jimmy Reavis
	Deana Louise Smith Edward Wayne Baker	Oct. 23 Rev. Jimmy Reavis

Dec. 11

Teresa J. Duke

Steven M. Sallee Rev. Jimmy Reavis

1994 Julie Lynne Ruppe Apr. 2

Edwin Van Batchelor Rev. Jimmy Reavis

Jamie Spain June 25

Mark Edward Reavis Rev. Jimmy Reavis

(Married at West Mount Baptist Church)

Stephanie Carol Griffin July 23

Gregory Dean Cary Rev. Jimmy Reavis

DEATHS IN MEMBERSHIP SINCE 1960

Date of Death Name August 26, 1960 Langley Sr, G. D. Taylor, O. S. January 29, 1961 Winstead, Mrs. John July 25, 1962 Braziel, Mrs. Linda August 4, 1962 Bone, G. Luther July 11, 1966 Batchelor, Mrs. Callie August 7, 1965 Winstead, Mrs. Jusie M. November 15, 1967 Barkley, W. B. April 16, 1968 Joyner, Mrs. Mattie Bone February 4, 1969 Winstead, D. Richard March 11, 1970 Batchelor, Mrs. Madella October 4, 1970 Baker, Mrs. Mary Etta December 17, 1970 Bone, J. Willie January 1, 1972 Langley, Mrs. Judah Joyner March 1, 1972 Bone, Mrs. Bettie Winstead April 5, 1972 Williams, Mrs. Estelle Gardner April 21, 1972 Bone, Jack October 5, 1972 Edwards, Julius C. April 10,1973 Bone, Ethel August 11, 1974 Rackley, Maggie Winstead August 29, 1974 Baker, Percy Alexander November 11, 1975 Winstead, Minnie Batts May 13, 1976 September 25, 1976 Joyner, Ollie Bone, Jettie Marion June 4, 1977 Manning, Nina Dixon August 12, 1977 Joyner, Robin Randolph September 14, 1977 Langley, German D. October 17, 1978

DEATHS CONTINUED

Baker, Alice Winstead Langley, Doxie Joyner Carter, Delilah Poland Gardner, Eula Bone Price, Maggie Joyner, George A. Barkley, Dovie Batts Pridgen, Alice Lindsey Carpenter, Rosa Joyner, Atlas Freeman Barnes, Pauline Little, William Edward Winstead, Rhoda Lindsey Baker, Bettie Smith Manning, Homer Bone, Rhoda Batchelor Gardner, Bettie Langley Whitley, William Percy Joyner, Sally Taylor Baker, Herman L. Baker, Mable Winstead Batchelor, Lessie Baker, Hoyt L. Joyner, Irene Langley Gardner, Lotis C. Edwards, Mary B. Joyner Baker, Homer T. Gardner, Oliver B. Eason, Will Washington Jr. Raynor, Beverly Williams Winstead, Ester Crumpler Batchelor, Lula Beamon Braziel, Clinton Lee Branch, Johnie B.

February 9, 1979 May 26, 1979 November 14, 1979 May 25, 1980 June 9, 1980 June 14, 1980 August 26, 1980 December 29, 1980 March 22, 1981 April 24, 1982 November 25, 1983 January 25, 1984 January 18, 1985 February 20, 1985 December 17, 1985 June 22, 1986 September 1, 1986 September 6, 1986 September 30, 1987 August 10, 1988 July 7, 1989 December 22, 1989 April 14, 1991 July 6, 1992 December 8, 1992 February 14, 1992 March 13, 1993 March 21, 1993 April 17, 1993 May 31, 1993 May 31, 1993 April 4, 1994 April 20, 1994

Burials in the Cemetery at Sandy Cross United Methodist Church Beginning at the Utility Building to Highway 58

V. D. Lindsey Born May 1, 1875 Died Oct. 29, 1942 R. D. Lindsey Died April 3, 1923 Age 73 Martha A. Lindsey Died 1921 Age 77

July 18, 1994

Mrs. W. A. Dozier Died July 26, 1930

Mattie Lee Mahala Bone Born Nov. 26, 1919 Died Nov. 12, 1941

William Lee Bone Born Feb. 8, 1894 Died Sept. 9, 1931

Alice L. Pridgen Born March 21, 1910 Died Dec. 29, 1980

Lillie C. dau. of S. B. & Emma Braswell Born Oct. 5, 1913 Died Feb. 10, 1914

G. D. Langley Sr. Born Oct. 14, 1850 Died June 9th of 1917

Dee & Mabel Langley daug. Jenette Langley Born Feb. 20, 1932 Died March 11, 1932

German D. Langley Born Jan. 19, 1816 Died Feb. 6, 1902

Jennie dau. of W. T. & Lou Ann Langley Born June 3, 1889 Died May 30, 1899 W. A. Dozier Born Oct. 31, 1855 Died Jan. 21, 1913

> Bettie Winstead Bone Born Sept. 19, 1884 Died April 5, 1972

Tinny Woodrow Bone Born June 3, 1924 Died Oct. 25, 1928

John W. Pridgen Born Dec. 15, 1902 Died Oct. 13, 1947

Robert L. Baker Born Jan. 15, 1873 Died Dec. 15, 1943

Martha Langley wife of G. D. Langley Born Aug. 1852 Died Nov. 11, 1923

> Dee & Mabel Langley son of John Delvin Born Sept. 29, 1920 Died June 21, 1921

Milbry Langley wife of German D. Langley Born April 18, 1834 Died March 30, 1906 Fannie Myrtle Bone Born Feb. 6, 1921 Died Jan. 26, 1939

Robert, son of W. L. & Bettie Bone Born Aug. 27, 1916 Died Aug. 30, 1916

J. F. Stokes Jr.Born Aug. 13, 1918Died Dec. 9, 1926

Charity Langley Griffen 1883-1947

D. M. Langley Born Sept. 12, 1853 Died Apr. 15, 1929

Lou Anna Langley wife of W. T. Langley Died Oct. 16, 1916 42 years old

Willard Horace Smith Born May 1, 1931 Died Sept. 13, 1952 Roy Lee Smith Born Feb. 12, 1922 Died April 5, 1942

Victoria Bone Pittman Stallings Born Nov. 2, 1883 Died June 28, 1986 Was last Confederate Widow of NC J. T. Pittman Born Sept. 26, 1875 Died Jan 22, 1915 (first hus. of Victoria)

Harriet P. Stallings Died June 28, 1986 Age - 102 yrs, 7 mos., 26 days Harrells' Funeral Service Burgaw, N. C. Lillie W. Bryant Born Jan. 27, 1885 Died Feb. 15, 1941

William Lindsey Winstead Born Dec. 1, 1851 Died Dec. 10, 1934 Susan Bone Winstead Born May 22, 1859 Died Aug. 5, 1938

Nicy Bell, dau. of E. J. & Fannie Joyner Born Oct. 8, 1918 Died Dec. 8, 1918 Wiley Franklin Ricks Born July 2, 1882 Died Dec. 6, 1939

Eunice Roberta Ricks Born Jan. 11, 1899 Died Feb. 3, 1982 Emma A. Gardner, dau. of G. D. & Milbry Langley Mother of W. F. Ricks Born Jan. 8, 1860 Died Sept. 2, 1936

Lillian Gardner Brooks Born Jan. 12, 1891 Died March 17, 1937

> David W. Gardner Born Sept. 7, 1842 Died in March

Spencer A. Gardner Born March 2, 1870 Died Feb. 13, 1924

> Sarah F. Cooper wife of Wiley Cooper Born Aug. 10, 1842 died March 11, 1900

J. E. Sherrod Born Oct. 6, 1863 Died Feb. 15, 1917

Wiley Cooper Born Feb. 19, 1850 Died Feb. 22, 1920

> Julie Ann wife of John D. Pridgen Born Oct. 12, 1845 Died Jan. 3, 1893

George D. Baker Born Dec. 1, 1885 Died April 26, 1936

Victoria wife of J. J. Lindsey Born Dec. 30 1876 Died Jan. 26, 1911

Sarah Taylor wife of J. D. Baker Born Jan. 30, 1854 Died Jan. 10, 1893 Granberry Winstead Born Sept. 21, 1851 Died Nov. 3, 1933

Mary A. E. Langley wife of G. B. Winsead Born June 4, 1850 Died March 12, 1892

(Children of G. B. & Mary Winstead)

2. Morning G. Winstead Born Feb. 10, 1886 Died Aug. 10, 1887

1. Bert J. Winstead Born Jan. 15, 1875 Died July 20, 1877

4. Mammie A. Winstead Born Sept. 20, 1891 Died Feb. 2, 1892

3. Rhoda A. Winstead Born Nov. 15, 1889 Died Oct. 12, 1891

Martha Ann Brantley Wife of G. B. Winstead Born Jan. 9, 1871 Died Oct. 18, 1932 (Martha was G. B. Winstead's second wife)

5. INE Winstead Born April 18, 1906 Died May 31, 1906 (son of Martha & G. B. Winstead)

Ottie Jones Born April 12, 1894 Died Sept. 8, 1914

William Gray Jones Born 1856 Died Feb. 22, 1907

Crissey Ellen Bone daug. of W. S. & Mattie Bone Born Nov. 23, 1913 Died June 4, 1914

Mary Alma dau. of Lee & Lillie Bone Born Sept. 13, 1930 Died April 1, 1946

Marie dau, of M. L. & Lillie Bone Born May 30, 1933 Died Feb. 12, 1934

L. B. Bone Born Feb. 23, 1856 Died Dec. 12, 1923

Pattie Ann wife of I. B. Bone Born March 10, 1856 Died Nov. 16, 1925

Matilda wife of Bert Winstead Born Aug. 18, 1897 Age 69

Infant son of I. B. & Pattie Bone Born Nov. 1, 1892 Died Dec. 15, 1892

William H. son of Samuel W. Langley G. M. D. Langley I. B. & Pattie Bone Born July 7, 1879 Born July 18, 1847 Born Oct. 6, 1887 Died Oct. 13, 1941 Died Feb. 1, 1911 Died July 20, 1888 Lucinda P. wife of Julia A. Langley J. E. Langley G. M. D. Langley Born Nov. 11, 1848 Born Oct. 22, 1845 Born Dec. 1, 1842 Died April 4, 1908 Died April 29, 1901 Died Aug. 4, 1908

Etta M. dau. Etta dau. of
E. M. & Malinda M. Braziel D. H. & Mahala Winstead
Born July 31, 1908 Born Dec. 6, 1898
Died July 31, 1908 Died June 8, 1901

Cleveland son of Infant son of D. H. & Mahala Winstead Born Sept. 29, 1890

Doris Jean dau. of Robert L. Wells
Percy & Ethel Whitley Born Sept. 14, 1881
Born Dec. 5, 1939 Died Sept. 10, 1913
Died Feb. 18, 1940

Died April 4, 1896

Westte dau. of
Robert L. & Lucy Wells
Born Sept. 11, 1899
Died Nov. 10, 1900

Singleton Langley
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(first person to be buried in cemetery; one of the founders of Sandy Cross Church)

 Mollie wife of
 Avis M. dau. of
 W. G. Hendricks

 J. P. Vick
 J. P. & Mollie Vick
 Born Jan. 13 1862

 Born Feb. 18, 1871
 Born Oct. 10, 1903
 Died Jan. 1, 1909

 Died June 24, 1911
 Died July 16, 1908

Son of R. A. Braswell Infant son of Infant son Born March 12, 1891 D. T. Pridgen Narron Died Oct. 30, 1939

Also in the cemetery, there are four unmarked infant graves and four unknown graves that are unmarked.

HISTORY COMMITTEE

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A special thanks goes to the History Committee of 1973. The members were Mrs. Odell Winstead, Mrs. Eula B. Gardner, Mr. Herman L. Baker, and Reverend Donald D. Sledge. The information this committee gathered greatly added to our goal of updating the history of Sandy Cross United Methodist Church.

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