

## Pastors & Year of Appointment

L.W. Martin: 1853	J.T. Abernathy: 1886
C.F. Deems: 1854	M.H. Tuttle: 1890
C.P. Jones: 1856	N.M. Journey: 1892
C.T. Ivey: 1857	M.M. McFarland: 1896
N.H. Goddin: 1859	J.G. Johnson: 1897
J.H. Wheeler: 1860	J.T. Bagwell: 1898
B.F. Long: 1861	J.M. Carraway: 1899
J.N. Andrews: 1862	F.E. Dixon: 1903
S.D. Peeler: 1866	B.F. DeLoatch: 1904
D. Culbreth: 1868	P. Greening: 1905
J.R. Brooks: 1870	R.F. Taylor: 1908
C.C. Dodson: 1872	J.J. Boone: 1910
J.L. Keen: 1873	W.A. Piland: 1912
J.N. Andrews: 1874	F.B. McCall: 1914
R.P. Bibb: 1875	R.E. Pittman: 1916
W.H. McCall: 1876	W.F. Craven: 1920
W.H. Watkins: 1877	R.E. Atkinson: 1922
J. Mahoney: 1879	K.L. Cooke: 1923
J.R. Finley: 1880	H.L. Davis: 1924
P.L. Groome: 1883	R.E. Pittman: 1925

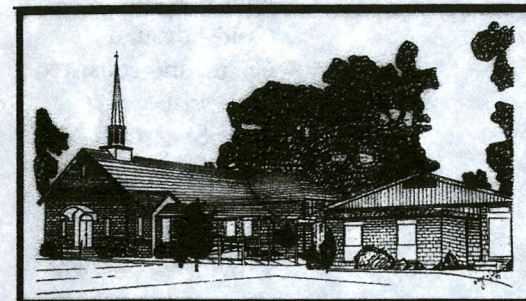
E.N. Harrison: 1927	C.R. West: 1964
E.R. Clegg: 1931	H.M. Owens: 1967
W.C. Benson: 1935	W.L. Barbee: 1970
J.L. Joyce: 1938	K. Wilson: 1971
G. Eubanks: 1941	P.C. Yelverton: 1974
W.E. Howard: 1942	C.F. Eakin: 1979
H.A. Chester: 1946	T.L. Huffines: 1982
W.C. Wilson: 1948	S. Strock: 1986
P.R. Maness: 1952	J. Kossan: 1989
M.K. Glover: 1956	J. Murphy, Jr.: 1995
C.A. Young: 1957	N. Wingfield: 1998
J.R. Craig: 1960	Dr. Lily Chou: 2004
L.C. Bissette: 1961	

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## SMITH CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

### MILESTONES IN HISTORY 1854-2004



“On the 29<sup>th</sup> of July, a new church was dedicated in Wayne county, N.C., within the bounds of the Goldsboro circuit, and named *Smith Chapel* in memory of Ezekiel Smith and John Smith, two faithful servants of Christ and His Church, who formerly lived in that vicinity and are now in heaven. The building is large, and situated near the lines of Wayne, Sampson, and Duplin counties, where an intersection of a number of roads makes the place very accessible.”—*Chas. F. Deems, 24<sup>th</sup> Aug., 1855, in Annals of Southern Methodism for 1855*

**150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and  
Homecoming**

**October 17, 2004**

1853 (Fall)	One of the original "classes" in the first circuit to be organized in Wayne County by the NC Annual Conference. This circuit was known as the Goldsborough Circuit and consisted of Goldsborough (now St. Paul), Ebenezer, Salem, Live Oak, Everetteville, Providence, Indian Springs, Friendship, and Smith Chapel
Nov. 4, 1853	Deed made between Michael Barfield, donor of the land where the church is located, and the trustees of the church
1854	Became a regular preaching appointment with the first church presumably built that year. The church was in the New Bern District.
July 29, 1855	Church was dedicated. The meeting, expected to last three days, was in progress three weeks!

1856	Goldsborough was made a station appointment and the remaining churches, including Smith Chapel formed the Everettsville Circuit.
1873	Everettsville Circuit was renamed the Mt. Olive Circuit.
1910	Records show the Mt. Olive Circuit consisted of Providence, Falling Creek, Rones Chapel, Bethel, Brownings, and Smith Chapel.
1939	Buffeted by strong winds, the one-room church snapped and cracked enough for Rev. J.L. Joyce to dismiss the Sunday morning worship service.
1940	New church was completed. 12" x 14" beams from the old church were used as sleepers for the new structure.
1951	Smith Chapel, Brownings, Bethel, Rones Chapel, and Calypso made a five-point charge.

1954	Calypso was taken off the charge. Mt. Olive Circuit was moved from the New Bern District to the Goldsboro District.
100 <sup>th</sup> anniversary!	
1960	Smith Chapel and Brownings became a two-point charge.
1961	Smith Chapel-Brownings parsonage built in front of Brownings. Rev. L.C. Bissett was first to live there.
~1962	Annual Harvest Sale and supper began
1969	Fellowship hall was built.
1980	Sanctuary was remodeled. Steeple was added; lights to illumine it were added in 1981.
1986	Parking lots were paved.
1989	Sunday School rooms renovated
2004	150 <sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrated!