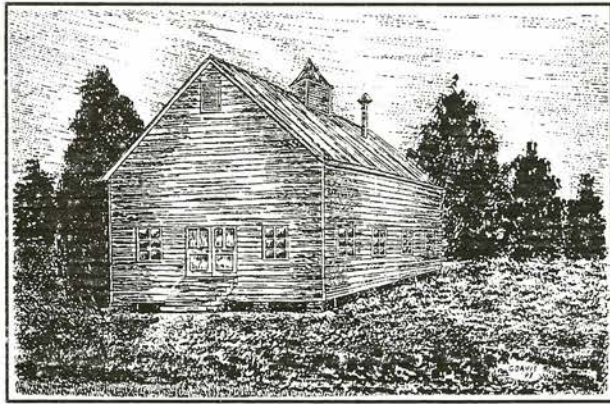


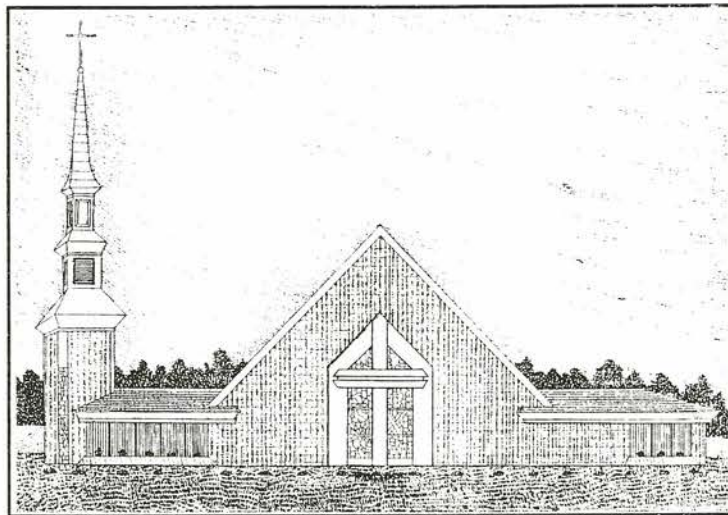
The First One Hundred Years

A History of Saint Paul United Methodist Church

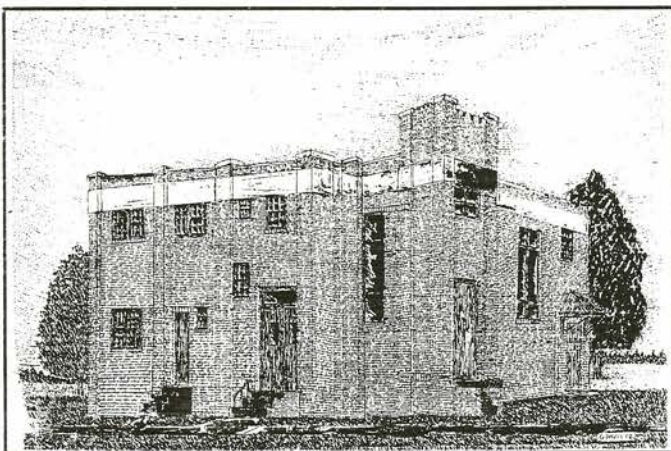


1893 - 1993

1893 • South Rocky Mount Methodist Episcopal Church, South • 1918



1981 • St. Paul United Methodist Church • 1993



1919 • St. Paul United Methodist Church • 1980





Members and friends of Saint Paul Church,

Where were you one hundred years ago? Imagine the faith and love for the Lord that came together one hundred years ago in the form of a new congregation! It overwhelms me to think on all that has been accomplished by the good people of faith known as the members of South Rocky Mount Methodist Church, and now Saint Paul United Methodist Church. Each and every person that has graced a pew or chair deserves our gratitude. We would not be here today celebrating a century of Christian witness and service if it were not for the saints of yesterday and the saints of today. It is an honor and delight to be your pastor serving this congregation during the centennial year and beyond.

The *second* hundred years will be a challenge to us all. The new facilities, growing membership, outreach in mission and inreach of love must sustain this congregation in the future. Let us rejoice in God's rich favor in the past, present, and future of Saint Paul United Methodist Church. Glory awaits those that love the church of our Lord Jesus Christ. May the second hundred years surpass the witness and labors of the faithful in the first one hundred years!

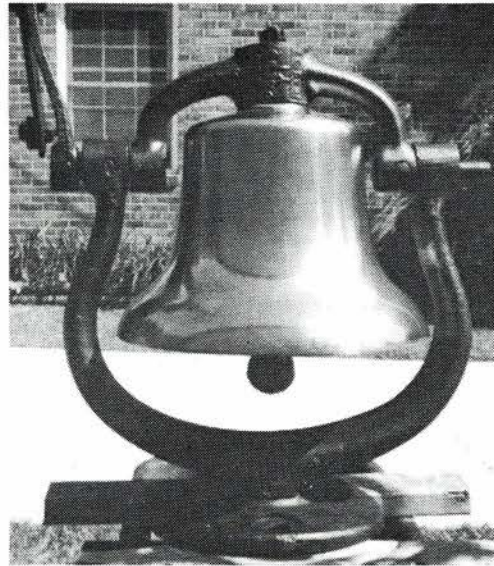
The parsonage family desires the best for Saint Paul United Methodist Church, its friends and goals for tomorrow.

In His holy service,

Bill

Bill Snotherly

SAINT PAUL'S BELL



In 1937 a bell was given to Saint Paul by the Atlantic Coastline Railroad. The bell was from Steam Engine 1028 and the bell housing was from Engine 1037. An engineer with the railroad was instrumental in the bell being given to the church, and was installed by Lee Lupton and Harvey Thornell.

The bell played an important part in the life of Saint Paul when the church was located on the corner of Church and Paul Streets. Every Sunday the bell was rung to announce Sunday School and Church time.

In the process of moving to the present location, the bell was overlooked. Several years ago several of the long-time members began checking into the possibility of getting the bell from the old location. Reverend Snotherly contacted Billy Williams to see if the bell was still available. It was.

Eugene English, Heber, Tony and Mark Sutton and Jerry Adams had the difficult task of removing the bell from the bell tower at the old Saint Paul location, but were able to accomplish the feat after disassembling the bell from the housing.

Lynwood McCullen had the bell sandblasted and Eugene and Heber polished the bell. It is a beautiful solid brass bell weighing 300-400 pounds. It will be on display for the Centennial Homecoming, October 10, 1993 and will be permanently displayed at the church in a location to be determined.

PASTORS OF SAINT PAUL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

1. A. D. Betts	December 1896 - December 1898
2. J. C. Wooten	December 1898 - December 1899
3. J. A. Rood	December 1899 - December 1900
4. P. D. Woodall	December 1900 - November 1903
5. R. E. Hunt	November 1903 - November 1906
6. B. H. Black	November 1906 - November 1908
7. H. E. Tripp	November 1908 - November 1910
8. J. B. Thompson	November 1910 - November 1914
9. J. C. Humble	November 1914 - November 1915
10. B. B. Slaughter	November 1916 - November 1917
11. J. W. Hoyle, Sr.	November 1917 - November 1918
12. I. T. Poole	November 1918 - November 1921
13. E. C. Glenn	November 1921 - November 1923
14. S. T. Moyle	November 1923 - November 1924
15. W. C. Huckabee	November 1924 - November 1926
16. R. Grady Dawson	November 1926 - November 1927
17. J. W. Potter	November 1927 - November 1928
18. E. D. Weathers	November 1928 - November 1930
19. W. F. Craven	November 1930 - November 1933
20. K. I. Tucker	November 1933 - November 1934
21. J. P. Bross	November 1934 - November 1936
22. C. Wade Goldston	November 1936 - November 1937
23. Clarence C. Parker	November 1937 - November 1941
24. W. Junius Neese	November 1941 - November 1943
25. Reames H. Sales	December 1943 - November 1944
26. Matt R. Gardner	November 1944 - November 1948
27. F. E. Washburn	November 1948 - November 1949
28. M. Dewey Tyson	November 1949 - October 1952
29. H. G. McCleod	October 1952 - June 1953
30. Lawrence E. Lugar	June 1953 - October 1954
31. Lester P. Jackson	October 1954 - June 1959
32. John H. Sutton, Jr.	June 1959 - June 1961
33. W. D. Wise	June 1961 - June 1965
34. J. G. Lupton	June 1965 - June 1968
35. W. C. Simpson, Jr.	June 1968 - June 1969
36. Paul Evans	June 1969 - January 1972
37. C. Wade Goldston	January 1972 - January 1976
38. Carson Tyson	January 1976 - June 1977
39. Charles Rector	June 1977 - June 1980
40. George Speake	June 1980 - June 1986
41. Richard T. Clayton	June 1986 - June 1992
42. William W. Snotherly, Jr.	June 1992 -

A HISTORY OF SAINT PAUL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Saint Paul United Methodist Church of Rocky Mount, North Carolina, formerly known as South Rocky Mount Methodist Church, had its origin in the early 1890's in a series of community prayer services held by Mr. J. G. McAllister, an engineer with the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad. The need for a church in the South Rocky Mount community developed as a result of the efforts and prayers of a few of the families in this community that participated in those early prayer services. The Methodists became the guiding influence through the leadership of the Reverend J. O. Guthrie and the laymen of the two churches he pastored, Rocky Mount Station (now First United Methodist Church) and Marvin Chapel. In 1893 the South Rocky Mount Methodist Episcopal Church, South was organized. It was continued under the guiding influence of the pastors of Rocky Mount Station-Marvin Chapel for four years.

Two events, one late in 1894 and the other early in 1895, are indicative of the rapid growth of the South Rocky Mount Church. The first was the recognition of the need for leadership and support. The Fifty-eighth Session of the North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, met in Durham, December 5-10, 1894, with Bishop Alpheus W. Wilson, presiding. The list of pastoral appointments for the following year returns the Reverend J. E. Underwood for a second year of service as pastor of Rocky Mount Station and Marvin Chapel. The Reverend H. A. Humble, a supply pastor, is assigned to assist him with the work at Marvin Chapel and the newly organized South Rocky Mount Church. At this time, the Rocky Mount area was included in the Washington District with the Reverend G. A. Oglesby as Presiding Elder. The report of the Board of Missions to this annual conference session lists an appropriation of \$100.00 to aid in the development of the South Rocky Mount and Falls Churches.

A second sign of the rapid growth of the South Rocky Mount Church was the beginning of the construction of a meeting house in 1895. A lot on which to build the church was given by two families which were active in the early life of the church, the deed being recorded in Book 98, page 506, Register of Deeds Office, Nash County Court House, Nashville, North Carolina. The deed begins as follows: "This Indenture made this fifteenth day of March in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight hundred and Ninety-five, between Henry Turner and Romanda Turner his wife, Jesse Turner and Aletha Turner his wife, parties of the first part

and A. W. Arrington, J. P. Daughtry, J. F. Kersey and F. J. Thorpe, Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church South and their successors in office, parties of the second part..." This lot was located on the east side of the 1200 block of South Church Street. The money to pay for the frame building erected on the lot was raised through donations from families in the community, by means of fund-raising projects undertaken by the members of the church, and by appropriations from the Board of Missions of the North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

At the Sixtieth Session of the North Carolina Conference held in Kinston, December 9-14, 1896, a new circuit was formed in the Rocky Mount area. Known as the Rocky Mount Circuit, it was made up of five churches: South Rocky Mount, Marvin Chapel, Maple Creek, Mount Zion and Sandy Cross. The Reverend A. D. Betts was appointed as pastor of this circuit, and thereby became the first appointed pastor of South Rocky Mount Church. The Quarterly Conference Records for this circuit are now located with the official church records at Saint Paul United Methodist Church. The board of Missions at this annual conference allocated \$245.00 for the work on this circuit.

These early records of the Rocky Mount Circuit indicate that the first Quarterly Conference was held at the Mount Zion Church, January 9, 1897, with the Reverend B. R. Hall as Presiding Elder. Others present were the pastor of the circuit, the Reverend A. D. Betts, J. E. R. Winstead, J. W. Bone, L. E. Watson and S. H. Watson. The Pastor's Report submitted to the Second Quarterly Conference of the Rocky Mount Circuit held at Marvin Chapel, March 27, 1897, contains this statement concerning the Sunday Schools: "Marvin Chapel and South Rocky Mount have kept open all winter. Both are well attended and full of interest...The pastor often meets children whose parents have not taught them to pray."

The first Quarterly Conference ever held at South Rocky Mount Church was on February 19, 1898, by the Presiding Elder, The Reverend B. R. Hall. There were only three other people present: the pastor, the Reverend A. D. Betts, J. R. Dozier, and J. T. Moore. For the entire quarter, the circuit raised \$51.39 for the pastor's salary and fifty cents for foreign missions.

The South Rocky Mount Sunday School was active before the church was organized. Mr. J. E. Hunley, Mr. J. G. McAllister, and Mr. A. W. (Al) Arrington were leaders in the early days of the Sunday School. After the church was

organized, the Quarterly Conference Records list Mr. A. W. (Al) Arrington as the first appointed Sunday School Superintendent. Miss Mary Peacock was organist. Others not yet mentioned who were active in the South Rocky Mount Church and Sunday School were: Mr. T. C. Gorham and family, Mrs. Ida Ledford and family, Mr. Hardy Reeder and family, Miss Mary Lee Smith, Mr. Tom C. Smith and family, and Mr. W. E. Swanson and family.

Completion of the frame church is recorded in the report of the Trustees of South Rocky Mount Church to the Fourth Quarterly Conference of the Rocky Mount Circuit held at the Sandy Cross Church on November 20, 1897: "The House is finished, in good condition and worth \$500.00. Spent on house this year \$76.90." Another Trustees' report lists the following items in South Rocky Mount Church: Carpet \$16.14, Mat \$1.00, Altar \$7.50, Bible \$5.00. Mr. Jesse Turner is said to have given this first Bible to the Church.

By 1900, the membership of the church which was twenty-six in 1893 had grown to forty-seven. There were forty-two members on the Sunday School roll. The Reverend J. A. Rood was pastor. Professor Robertson was Sunday School Superintendent, with A. W. (Al) Arrington serving as his assistant. The church received ten members by profession of faith that year, the largest number in the church's young history. The Board of Missions allocated \$200.00 to the circuit for this year. The circuit raised \$12.00 for missions. It was in the 1900 that the Ladies Aid Society was first organized.

Under the leadership of the Reverend R. E. Hunt, the church had grown to sixty-one members and the Sunday School membership had increased to seventy-two. This growth necessitated the addition of more space. Therefore five more classrooms were added at a cost of \$500.00. South Rocky Mount Church was still on the same circuit with Marvin Chapel. The two churches raised \$36.00 for missions, and the Ladies Aid Society had grown from eight to a membership of fifteen.

A campaign to raise money for a badly needed piano was begun in 1907 under the leadership of the Reverend B. H. Black and Sunday School Superintendent Olla O. Croom. The church membership was sixty-six, and the Sunday School enrollment had increased to ninety-eight. The average attendance that year in the Sunday School was ninety-two percent, a truly remarkable record. \$868.00 was raised by the church for all causes that year, a sign that the people were growing as Christian stewards.

The debt incurred in building the additional classrooms and in purchasing the piano was cleared during the ministry of the Reverend H. E. Tripp.

In December of 1910, Clark Street Church was added to the Rocky Mount Circuit, joining with South Rocky Mount and Marvin Chapel. The Reverend J. B. Thompson was appointed as pastor and served the circuit for four years. At this time, there were seventy-seven members in the church and one hundred eleven in the Sunday School. With the rapid growth of the South Rocky Mount community, the need for a new and larger church plant was recognized. In 1912 the plans were brought before the congregation, and immediate steps were taken to provide for the new church. Mr. Tom Gorham was appointed as Chairman of the Building Committee, which also included Mr. George E. Wood, Sr. and Mr. R. M. Saunders. The old church property and building were sold for \$1500 and a site located across the street on the corner of church and Paul Streets was purchased from Mr. E. L. Boone for \$1250.00 in February 18, 1919. The Trustees of South Rocky Mount Church, as listed on this deed, were Mr. T. C. Gorham, Mr. O. O. Croom, and Mr. R. M. Saunders. The church members worked diligently to raise money for the new building.

Construction was begun on the new building in 1919 just after the Reverend I. T. Poole began his ministry to South Rocky Mount and Marvin Chapel. The Reverend N. H. D. Wilson was Presiding Elder of the Washington District. He made a generous loan to help finance the building of this new church. After his death, and upon the death of his wife, he had directed the remainder of the debt was to be canceled. The Reverend I. T. Poole conducted the first worship service in the new building when it was only partially completed. The wall facing Church Street was only a temporary frame wall, as the second stage of the building program was to be a new sanctuary joining the stage under construction at that point. The interior of the building was unfinished.

The next pastor, The Reverend E. C. Glenn secured pledges and donations to brick veneer the temporary front wall of the church and build a parsonage. The work was done by Mr. W. S. Swanson in 1922-23. The year 1922 also saw thirty-one people joining South Rocky Mount Church on profession of faith, increasing the church membership to one hundred fifty-five. There were one hundred sixty-three on the Sunday School roll. During this period \$3,691.00 was paid on the debt, and \$4,573.00 was raised for all other items. The church plant was valued at \$10,000.00 and the parsonage at \$2,500.00. There was now an active Epworth League (youth group) in the church with a membership of forty-one.

In November of 1924, the Reverend W. C. Huckabee, a supply pastor and ministerial student at Duke University, was appointed to serve South Rocky Mount Church and Marvin Chapel. Mr. Harvey L. Smith was Sunday School Superintendent, and Mr. W. D. Rice was Chairman of the Board of Stewards. Under their dedicated leadership, the inside of the new building was finally finished.

With the assistance of Mrs. J. P. Whitehead and Mrs. J. R. Bennett, Sr. from First Methodist Church, Mr. Huckabee organized the Woman's Missionary Society at South Rocky Mount Church, with these charter members: Mrs. A. H. Weedon, President; Mrs. Beryl Peacock and Mrs. C. E. Leggett, Circle Chairmen; Mrs. J. W. Lee, Mrs. R. E. Boone, Mrs. Charles Turner, Mrs. Daniel Boone, Mrs. M. E. Denson, Mrs. George E. Wood, Sr., Mrs. Leslie L. Parrish, Mrs. George Parrish, Mrs. J. H. Gray, Mrs. W. E. Bass, Mrs. Daisy Guill Sykes, Mrs. W. H. Snipes, Mrs. C. A. Forrester, Mrs. Dewey Renfrow, Mrs. W. D. Rice, Mrs. T. S. Lancaster, Mrs. E. E. Williams, Mrs. J. E. Albritton, Miss Mary Peacock, Miss Sarah Peacock, Mrs. John Wiggs and Mrs. Dawson Brown.

From the earliest days of the church, the women of the church have taken a leading part in all phases of its activities. The building programs could never have been accomplished without their sacrificial service. The spiritual leadership has also been outstanding.

The rapid growth of South Rocky Mount Methodist Church continued during its first experience as a station church. A full-time ministry was begun during the second year of the Reverend I. T. Poole's ministry and lasted until 1933, when South Rocky Mount was again placed on a circuit. By 1928, with the addition of thirty-five members on profession of faith, the church membership stood at 189. The Sunday School showed an enrollment of 201, with the Epworth League containing fifty-two boys and girls in the Junior and Senior Leagues. The Reverend J. W. Potter was pastor at this time, and Mr. Harvey L. Smith was still serving faithfully as Sunday School Superintendent. A total of \$414.00 was paid on the debt that year, leaving a balance of \$1,770.00 still to be paid.

During the ministry of the Reverend W. F. Craven, in 1931, the Rocky Mount area was removed from the Washington District and formed the Rocky Mount District. The Depression of the early 1930's had a great effect on the churches in this area. The South Rocky Mount Church was unable to continue to support a full-time ministry.

Therefore, at Annual Conference in November, 1933, it was placed on the Rocky Mount Circuit along with Gold Valley and Battleboro. South Rocky Mount Church remained on this circuit for three years.

In November of 1936, another change was made by placing South Rocky Mount under the ministry of the Reverend C. Wade Goldston, who was also beginning his third year as pastor of Clark Street Church. It was while Mr. Goldston was serving as pastor that the name of the church was changed from South Rocky Mount to Saint Paul Methodist Church.

The change of name signified other changes, for in November of 1937, Saint Paul became a station church. The Reverend C. P. Parker, a supply pastor, was appointed as pastor. At this time Mr. W. Hubert Snipes was Chairman of the Board of Stewards, and Mr. George L. Webber was just beginning twenty years of service as Sunday School Superintendent. In these times of economic difficulty, the church was still saddled with a debt of \$2,230.00. The people of Saint Paul Church responded to the leadership of Mr. Parker and these two laymen and soon reduced that debt to \$1,300.00. At this point, plans were made to see if help could be obtained from the Conference and National Mission Boards. Mr. Parker made the contacts and each board agreed to furnish \$350.00, if Saint Paul Church would raise the remaining \$600.00. Once again, the ladies of the church met the challenge, and the members and friends of the church gave sacrificially. Therefore, when annual Conference met in November of 1940, appointing Mr. Parker to his fourth year of service at Saint Paul Church, he could report that the church and parsonage were entirely free of debt.

Saint Paul Church was placed on a circuit with Marvin when the Annual Conference convened in November of 1941. The Reverend W. J. Neese was appointed to serve the two churches. Soon thereafter, Mr. George L. Webber was elected as Chairman of the Official Board. Mr. Harvey L. Smith continued serving as church treasurer. On December 21, 1943, shortly after returning for his third year as pastor of Saint Paul-Marvin, Mr. Neese was re-appointed to Elm City Methodist Church to fill the vacancy there caused by the death of the pastor. The Reverend R. H. Sales, a Duke student and a supply pastor, was sent as a replacement to Marvin-Saint Paul.

After the Reverend Matt R. Gardner had served one year on the Saint Paul-Marvin Circuit, Saint Paul was once again made a station church, and Mr. Gardner was appointed as pastor. The church plant was, by this time, in deplorable shape, badly needing repairs both inside and outside.

More classroom space was needed to take care of the growing Sunday School. The parsonage also needed a great deal of work done on it to make it adequate for the pastor and his family. This work was completed during the ministry of the Reverend Matt R. Gardner, who diligently worked to secure pledges and donations from the membership, from friends of the church, and from business firms in Rocky Mount. During this time, Mr. George Webber was serving as both Chairman of the Official Board and Superintendent of Sunday School. The members of First Methodist Church were of great help in raising funds for this badly needed repair program at Saint Paul. The Men's Bible Class and the Wesleyan Service Guild of First Methodist church were particularly generous in their support. Not only did these groups raise funds, but they assumed the project of renovating the nursery, painting, installing a tile floor, and repainting the furniture.

The church was remodeled by the addition of two classrooms: one by enclosing a space at the back of the auditorium on the south side of the church, and the other by enclosing the balcony. This was later partitioned into two rooms. Two restrooms were added on the first floor. An additional side entrance was built, and concrete steps were provided for this entrance and the main entrance on that side, the Paul Street side of the church. New aluminum windows were installed over the entire church with the exception of the two large windows facing Church Street. The old heating plant was worn out, so a new oil-burning hot air furnace with ducts to each class room and to the auditorium were installed.

The parsonage was repaired and painted inside and outside. Wallpaper was put on the walls of two of the bedrooms, and some furniture was secured.

By 1948, all the bills for this major repair and remodeling project at Saint Paul were paid and the church was free of debt. The Reverend M. Dewey Tyson, a student at Duke University, came to Saint Paul Church in November of 1949. The following year, Sandy Cross and Gold Valley were also placed under his ministry. During this period the church roll was revised by the removal of names of those no longer associated with Saint Paul in any way. This reduced the membership from 240 to 179. The Sunday School enrollment was 145. Another improvement program was undertaken during Mr. Tyson's ministry. An electric organ was purchased at this time. A communion table and pulpit chairs were also purchased. The illuminated picture of Christ and the bracket lights were added in the chancel. Several of these items were donated by families in the church. The Woman's Society of Christian Service presented

the picture of Christ to the Church. Through the combined efforts of the Wesleyan Service Guild, the Young Adult Class of the Sunday School, and the Woman's Society of Christian Service, a carpet for the church was added along with draperies for the large windows in the sanctuary and the railing and draperies for the choir loft. New slip covers for some of the parsonage living room furniture were added. Later, inlaid linoleum was put in the parsonage kitchen, another bedroom was wallpapered, and curtains and draperies were put up. The entire interior of the church was repainted during Mr. Tyson's ministry.

At the close of Mr. Tyson's ministry at Saint Paul, the church membership stood at 195 and there were 219 on the Sunday School roll. The value of the property was \$40,000.00. The combined membership of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild was 64. Dr. A. J. Hobbs was serving as Superintendent of the Rocky Mount District at this time.

On June 11, 1953, the Reverend Lawrence Lugar, a supply pastor and student at Duke Divinity School, was appointed to take the place of the Reverend Halcombe G. McLeod, who had left Saint Paul Church and withdrawn from the ministry. Mr Lugar was reappointed to serve St. Paul and Sandy Cross again the following year. At the close of his ministry, Saint Paul Church was once again ready to accept the responsibility of a full-time ministry. Therefore, in October of 1954 Saint Paul was made a station church, and the Reverend Lester P. Jackson was appointed as its pastor. At this conference the delegates voted to change the time of annual conference from fall to summer. This cut the length of Mr. Jackson's first conference year of service at Saint Paul to a period of only about eight months. It was at this time that Mr. Russell Bass was elected as chairman of the Official Board. Miss Mabel Wiggins was serving as church treasurer.

Mr. and Mrs. Jackson endeared themselves to the members of Saint Paul Church and to the people of the entire city by the constant and dedicated service. In the first year of his ministry, Saint Paul Church received thirty-four new members on profession of faith. All organizations of the church became active and effective under Mr. Jackson's leadership. A Methodist Men's Club was organized, receiving its charter on August 23, 1957, with these men listed a charter members: G. L. Webber, Charles Harris, C. R. Frederick, John E. Hemmerle, A. E. Turner, George Guill, Jake Jacobs, Carl B. Twisdale, William L. Gardner, P. C. Ford, Charles D. Ward, M. L. Frederick, Jr., William D. Willis, Sr., E. E. Williams, George Dunn, S. E. Roper, George B. Sterling, J. C. Harrell, Russell H. Bass,

C. B. Godwin, R. L. Felder, George E. Wood, O. F. Saunders, Marvin L. Wood, Sr., T. C. Gorham, Waverly R. Wood, H. E. Thornell, L. B. Lupton and J. B. Overby. This organization has done much for the welfare of the church and the community.

The Woman's Society of Christian Service and Wesleyan Service Guild had a combined membership of fifty-six in 1957. In past years, the following women have held the office of president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service: Mrs. W. G. Martin, Mrs. G. L. Webber, Mrs. Kermit Brinson, Mrs. Glenn Carpenter, and Mrs. Marvin L. Wood, Sr.

The Methodist Youth Fellowship, though small in number was quite active locally and on the district and conference levels. In 1957 there were 14 on roll. Miss Annette Lee and Miss Judy Hamilton were key leaders in the district and sub-district.

Plans were made under Mr. Jackson's ministry to start a building fund for a new addition to Saint Paul Church. All of the organizations of the church rallied to this cause, and by the end of 1959 had raised almost \$5,000.00 for this purpose.

Another sign of the life of the church was its response to the campaign for Christian Higher Education conducted throughout the North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Church in 1958. Saint Paul Church was given a goal of \$6,204.00. In two campaigns seventy-one members pledged a total of \$8,066, thus going over the top of the goal by \$1,862. For this outstanding service, Saint Paul Methodist Church was presented with a Church Quota Award, "In Recognition of Significant and Meritorious Service Rendered to the Cause of Christian Higher Education in the North Carolina Conference." The award was issued by the Commission on Christian Higher Education, Raleigh, North Carolina on January 25, 1959.

In 1958, thirty-six people were received into the church on profession of faith, and in 1959, twenty-three, bringing the total church membership up to 302. Mr. Charles Ward was serving as Sunday School Superintendent at this time. The enrollment had grown to 220 at this time in the Sunday School.

The Reverend John H. Sutton, Jr., was appointed pastor of Saint Paul Church in June of 1959. John E. Hemmerle was elected Chairman of the Official Board and Vernon Moody as Superintendent of the Sunday School. \$2,200.00 was donated

by organizations and individuals in the church for the purpose of re-roofing the church and replacing part of the front wall, the large front window frames, and the front parapet and coping.

A great source of inspiration to the entire church was the singing of the church choir under the direction of Mrs. Ruby Braswell.

Reverend Sutton began his second year of ministry with Saint Paul Church in 1960. Mr. Eugene English was Chairman of the Official Board and Vernon Moody served as Superintendent of the Sunday School. Mr. George Webber continued as Lay Leader.

In 1960 Reverend Sutton continued to serve as pastor, and Johnny Hemmerle as Chairman of the Official Board. The total budget was \$8,690.00; \$3,800.00 was pastor's salary and \$400.00 traveling expense. The budget in its entirety was explained to the membership at a covered dish dinner meeting at Englewood Methodist Church. Work was completed on the church roof at a cost of \$667.00 and the front wall of the church was repaired at a cost of \$1,287.00.

Mrs. Marvin Wood, President of WSCS reported that the ladies would like to have a fellowship hall and kitchen built. A committee comprised of Russell Bass, Chairman, George Wood, Sr., Mrs. Marvin Wood, Mabel Wiggins and Minnie Margaret Carpenter were named to check into the feasibility of this addition to the church.

Reverend W. D. Wise came to Saint Paul as pastor in 1961. The total membership was 296. Johnny Hemmerle continued to serve as Official Board Chairman until July when Eugene English became chairman. Jean English replaced Mabel Wiggins as Treasurer who resigned due to her marriage and move out of town. Janelle Hedgepeth served a Secretary, and Mrs. Louvenia Lockamy served as WSCS President. Vernon and Irene Moody served as Methodist Youth Fellowship counselors and under their leadership the MYF membership increased and became active.

Ruby Braswell's employer, George A. Wilkinson, donated a mimeograph machine to the church. A Coleman heater was purchased for the parsonage at a cost of \$138.00 and the parsonage was painted at a cost of \$150.00. Russell Bass donated the paint.

There seemed to be so many little things to continually pop-up regarding the upkeep of the church that the following "Dirty Duty" committee was appointed: Delano Jenkins, Jean English, Louvenia Lockamy and Charles Ward.

In 1962 a new communion service was given to the church by Mrs. Alice Maude Brinson, given in memory of her mother, Mrs. W. H. Snipes. The Johnny Hemmerle family was St. Paul's "Methodist Family of the Year."

In March 1962, a drawing for a proposed Fellowship Hall and Kitchen was presented. The cost would be approximately \$13,000. A committee consisting of Reverend Wise, Eugene English, G. L. Webber and Louvenia Lockamy was appointed. In July 1962 Vester Land was elected Official Board Chairman and served as Building Chairman during the construction of the fellowship hall and kitchen, which began the latter part of 1962. The balance in the savings account for this construction was \$6,062.59.

The fellowship hall and kitchen were completed in 1963, and the total cost was \$11,480.55. The conference gave the church \$1,000.00 and it was necessary to borrow \$4,000.00 at 5 3/4% interest. Many gifts were given. A refrigerator was donated by Charles and Nell Ward, draperies were given by the Overby Bible Class, Young Adult Class and Mrs. W. G. Martin. The WSCS gave seven dozen place settings of dishes and the flatware, and the stove was donated by Appliance and Tire Center. Cash contributions were given by Belk-Tyler and Mildred Dozier.

In 1963 it became apparent that Saint Paul was in dire need of funds in order to pay the Conference, even though membership had grown to 309. At a called meeting, the following figures were presented:

Budget for 1963	\$	9,336.00
Paid to date		6,461.95
Balance Due	\$	<u>2,874.05</u>
Conference Pledge		2,874.00
Paid to date		500.00
Balance Due	\$	<u>2,374.00</u>

As a result, an extensive visitation was made and givings increased greatly, and Saint Paul was again able to pay out for the year.

Because of the poor condition of the Cokesbury Hymnals, 96 new hymnals were purchased. Mr. Webber raised the money for the hymnals.

In 1964 an air conditioning unit was given to the church by Charles and Nell Ward, and was installed by Bill Conwell, Eugene English, George Webber and Reverend Wise.

Finances had improved greatly and Saint Paul was able to meet the \$11,773.00 budget. The pastor's salary was set at \$3,800 and \$400.00 travel expenses. Mrs. Ethel White was delegate to Annual Conference held in Burlington. Sunday School rooms were painted and some needed repairs were done by Randolph Atkinson and Harvey Thornell, with Russell Bass donating the paint. A growing MYF was led by counselor Charlotte Eason and Jennifer O'Neal, President.

In 1965 the Young Adult Sunday School was honored for the largest attendance. Our organist Wayne Strickland resigned and Ruffin Creech was hired. The loan balance of \$367.00 was paid off on the fellowship hall and the mortgage was burned on Easter Sunday. In April a revival was held with Dewey Tyson guest minister. Each night was designated for different groups such as MYF night, Sunday School night, etc. Nell Ward was in charge of a very successful Bible School, and Louvenia Lockamy was WSCS President. Mrs. Bertha Davis, having held the position of Communion Steward for many years, resigned and Ruth Jenkins and Lib Thornell were appointed Co-communion Stewards. A great deal of repairs were done at the parsonage. A half-bath was added downstairs, several new pieces of furniture and new draperies were purchased.

Reverend James G. Lupton and his family began serving in June, 1965. For the first time, Saint Paul was unable to pay conference obligations due to a \$600.00 shortfall. Church membership was 310; Sunday School membership was 125, and 12-15 attended Methodist Youth Fellowship. The roof on the church was patched and re-tarred at a cost of \$100.00.

The budget for 1966 was \$11,125.00. Reverend Lupton's salary was \$4,800.00 and the travel expense fund was increased from \$700.00 to \$1,000.00.

A called meeting of the Official Board was held February 14, 1966 to discuss the purchase of the Brown property adjacent to the church at a cost of \$6,500.00 for the Church Street property and \$1,500.00 for the Franklin Street lot. It was pointed out that this would be a good investment for Saint Paul if the membership should decide to re-locate in the future. Chairman Moody then asked for a vote, which was unanimous that if possible that the property be purchased.

In May 1966, Mr. Webber suggested that every member be asked to give one-tenth of everything earned for the next two months in order to pay out. Giving increased and Jean English, Treasurer, was able to report that all financial obligations were paid.

Charles Ward was Official Board Chairman in 1967 and Lib Thornell was elected Treasurer. The budget was \$11,887. The conference instituted the new Minister's Blue Cross Plan, and the church was required to pay one-half the cost, with the minister paying the remaining half. Payments were approximately \$22.00 per quarter.

A heating system was installed at the parsonage at a cost of \$1,168.00. The bulletin board in front of the church was repaired by Randolph Atkinson and Wilton and Harvey Thornell painted the front doors of the church.

The Men's Club, with Gordon Davis as President, was host to the city-wide Methodist Men's meeting. They re-activated their charter and held a membership drive.

One hundred purple bound hymnals, eighteen red for the choir, two special hymnals for the pulpit and two loose leaf for the organist and pianist were donated by Johnny and Gloria Hemmerle, given in memory of Gloria's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Wiggins.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Smith became Methodist Youth counselors and attendance was good, averaging 18-20 per meeting. Howard Lupton was one of two chosen from Rocky Mount MYFers to attend the United Nations and Washington tour on Peace and World Order.

Reverend Reginald Ponder of Englewood Methodist Church was guest the minister at the spring revival. Mrs. Lupton again delighted the youth with flannel board Bible stories and the Youth Choir sang.

The WSCS completed their year doing well both spiritually and financially as reported by President Elise Webber. The Methodist Men held their annual hot dog supper and country store which was a big success.

Thanks to the hard work of Mr. Webber, the Finance Committee and others, Saint Paul was able to meet the budget in 1967. Ruby Braswell, Finance Chairperson, presented Reverend Lupton with a check for \$560.00 paying the conference in full.

Barbara Cooke was leader of a Girl Scout troop of sixteen girls meeting in the fellowship hall on Thursdays each week.

Reverend Goldston of Louisburg College brought several college students to speak during Sunday morning worship services in November.

In 1968 the budget was \$12,865. The pastor's salary was increased by \$500.00 on a motion by Eleanor Saunders and seconded by Waverly Wood. The sanctuary was renovated in 1968 at a cost of \$4,255.00. The ladies had new light fixtures installed, the sanctuary was painted, and new draperies and carpet were installed. As a result, Saint Paul members had a beautiful sanctuary in which to worship. The Sunday School rooms were also painted. Attendance continued to improve thanks to the hard work of Reverend and Mrs. Lupton, Mr. Webber and others.

In July, the following steps were taken to expand the spiritual growth of Saint Paul:

- 1) Teams were formed to visit once or twice a month.
- 2) Active members took the name of a member not attending. They prayed for them for a week, and then contacted the member to let them know that they were cared about and missed.

The big issue before Saint Paul in September, 1968 was the absence of a pastor, as Reverend Lupton accepted another assignment. The Pastoral Relations Commission consisting of Jean English, Vernon Moody, Johnny Hemmerle and Charles Ward met with District Superintendent Paul Carruth to discuss a replacement. Reverend Carruth had a list of everyone in the North Carolina Conference and only had one slight prospect: Reverend William Simpson who preached the Sunday before. Reverend Simpson was a graduate student at Duke, and could only be at Saint Paul on the weekends. Mr. Webber made the motion that St. Paul accept Reverend Simpson as minister until June; the motion was seconded by Lib Thornell and passed.

In 1968 the membership was 302, Sunday school membership was 126, Methodist Youth Fellowship membership was 15 and attendance continued to be good. The Conference Crusade for Camps was held and St. Paul's pledge was \$600.00 for the next three years.

On January 26, 1969, Mr. J. B. Overby was honored on his birthday as the oldest member of Saint Paul. Truly a man who loved God, he was a long-time active member of Saint Paul. Mr. Overby was well known for his eloquent prayers.

Sterling Saunders reported that the MYF was keeping Mr. Overby's yard clean.

A beautiful gold cross was given in memory of B. B. Brantley by his family and was dedicated on Easter Sunday. The gold cross was placed on the Communion table.

June first was the last Sunday Reverend Simpson was minister of Saint Paul. It was a good year, and while the church continued to grow under Reverend Simpson's leadership, Saint Paul was able to have a full-time minister. Reverend Paul Evans became our new minister.

With the 1968 merger of The Methodist Church and The Evangelical United Brethren Church, the church name now became "Saint Paul United Methodist Church". Along with the change in name came changes in the structure and duties of church officials in 1969. The Official Board became the Administrative Board and the Council on Ministries was introduced. Gordon Davis became Saint Paul's first Council on Ministries Chairperson. It was explained that the Council on Ministries was responsible for the program ministries of the church and that they report their recommendations to the Administrative Board for approval. Ray Frederick followed Lib Thornell as Church Treasurer.

At the October meeting of the Administrative Board, Reverend Evans recommended that a building fund be started for relocation when and if the time should ever come, and a "Future Growth Study Committee" was set up.

Reverend Evans initiated Christ's birthday party in conjunction with the choir's Christmas music. This was very popular, and a tradition that continued through the years at Saint Paul.

In 1970 church membership was 295 with an average attendance of 95-100. Reverend Evans reported on his plans to distribute "Holy Season of Love" material, as he wanted very much to continue to build up the spiritual life of the church, and felt that this would be beneficial. He reported that he felt that Saint Paul was growing spiritually, attendance was good and financial support was good.

A dinner honoring Saint Paul's beloved Mr. Overby was held and a gift was presented to him as he moved to Virginia to live with his daughter.

The year 1971 found Ruby Braswell serving as Chairperson of the Administrative Board and Gordon Davis continuing as Council on Ministries Chairperson. Frances Adams served as treasurer. Charles Ward was President of United Methodist Men. The men hosted the city-wide men's meeting with Reverend Dewey Tyson as speaker for the large turnout.

A successful Lay Witness Revival was held Sunday, September 19 through 25. Reverend Evans and Johnny Hemmerle spent many long hours in preparation for the revival and the church was saddened at the death of Johnny on Tuesday following the revival.

Reverend Evans became ill and could no longer fill the pulpit. Mike Hobbs filled in the interim. As a result of his illness Reverend Evans had to retire on disability. He was sorely missed by his congregation.

Reverend Wade Goldston became Saint Paul's pastor, and he and Mrs. Goldston were warmly welcomed at Saint Paul.

The budget for 1972 was set at \$13,500. The following goals were set for 1972-73: (1) increase Sunday School membership by 25%; (2) increase WSCS and Guild membership by 25%; (3) increase Methodist Men's membership by 40%. Mr. Webber reported that Sunday School enrollment had increased from 105 to 114. It was at this time Lynwood McCullen spearheaded a group to finance the broadcasting of the Sunday morning worship services.

Reverend and Mrs. Goldston moved into the parsonage in July and remained until the end of the year when their new home was built. As a result, the parsonage furniture and appliances were sold to Broughton's for \$913.00, with the exception of the marble top chest, drop leaf table and refrigerator. A savings account was opened for a Parsonage Building Fund and undesignated memorial gifts were deposited in the account.

In 1972 a joint meeting of the Council on Ministries and Sunday School teachers was held naming the teachers for the year. After many faithful years of service, Mr. Webber resigned as Sunday School Superintendent and Lib Thornell became our new superintendent.

Lynwood McCullen was in charge of black topping the parking lot, which was done at a cost of \$2,133.00.

Dennis Adams of Duke Divinity School began working with Saint Paul. His areas were special ministry for the youth, visiting with the young people, United Methodist Youth Fellowship and he also taught a number of special classes. Saint Paul was also fortunate to enjoy the services of Milton and Maxine Hadley and Roy and Sandra Matthews. At Charge Conference, the following were recommended to be licensed to preach: Dennis Adams, Milton Hadley and Roy Matthews.

Homecoming was held in October with Reverend Lester Jackson as guest minister.

In 1973, the WSCS and Guild merged and the new name was "The United Methodist Women."

The 1973 budget was set at \$20,085.54, the largest ever for Saint Paul. Reverend Goldston's salary was raised \$125.00, bringing it to \$710.00 per month. A new organ was purchased at a cost of \$4,120.00. Pledges totaled \$2,253.00 and the balance was borrowed on a 90-day note at 7 3/4% interest. A new piano was given by the Martin family in memory of Mrs. W. G. Martin, a long-time faithful member of Saint Paul. Sandra Matthews was our organist and Lea Marshburn pianist.

The parsonage and Brown property were both vacant and in need of a lot of repairs. It was therefore decided not to rent either one at that time. The Methodist Men continued their work on the Brown property. Their goals were to provide more parking and build an outdoor pavilion, as well as making the area more attractive. The men were thanked for all they have done, as it was a definite improvement to the church property.

As of January 1974 the church year changed to coincide with the annual year. The valuation of land, building and equipment was \$162,000.00. The budget was \$26,374 and the pastor's salary was \$9,200.00. A check for \$1,000.00 was received from the William Rice bequeath and was placed in the parsonage fund.

On May 31, 1974 a special charge conference was held, authorized by District Superintendent Paul Carruth, with Reverend Goldston presiding. The following resolution was made by Ruby Braswell: "Be it resolved that the property known as 800 York Street be purchased by Saint Paul Untied Methodist Church to be used as its parsonage for \$43,000.00." The resolution was seconded by Mr. Webber, voted upon and unanimously passed.

Betty McCullen made the motion that a loan from United Federal be secured to pay for the parsonage, not to exceed \$35,000.00 for more than 25-30 years at lowest possible interest." Ruth Goldston made the motion that monthly rent be \$300.00 per month, seconded by Mrs. Mattie Mitchell and unanimously passed.

The budget for 1975 was \$31,007.44, clearly a budget based on faith. At a called charge conference held March 10, Reverend Goldston's salary was increased \$200.00 and in

September the utilities allowance was increased from \$1,000.00 to \$1,200.00. Reverend Goldston's salary was \$8,000.00 and Dennis Adams, Associate, was paid \$3,000.00. District Superintendent was Reverend John S. Cline.

Saint Paul was an active participant in a Christian Stewardship Crusade held in February led by Reverend Frank Grill. Three meetings were held in homes and on Sunday, February 23, a covered dish dinner was held, and reports from different groups were given. Lay speakers reported on different phases of stewardship during Sunday morning worship services during the month of February. This was a most successful crusade.

The indebtedness on the parsonage was of major concern and a drive to reduce the loan was made by the Pastor-Parish Committee with Vernon Moody as chairperson. The name of the Parsonage Building Fund account was changed to Parsonage Fund so that the funds raised could be used for repairs, painting, etc. as well as loan reduction.

Scott Wilkinson was a valuable part of Saint Paul as he worked with the Methodist Youth Fellowship as well as various other areas. He also preached and assisted in the worship services.

Pat and Janelle Hedgepeth became UMYF counselors. The attendance was small and Saint Paul met on a rotation basis with Clark Street's UMYF.

John and Kathy Dowd came on board to work with the young adults, especially young married couples.

Dr. Cecil Robbins, immediate past President of Louisburg College joined Saint Paul as associate pastor effective January 1, 1976, sharing preaching and visiting one day a week. In return Reverend Goldston was able to lessen his work load since he had reached retirement age.

Frances Adams resigned as treasurer, and Nelson King was elected to fill the position. The 1975 membership was 310.

In 1976 a successful Evangelistic Crusade was held January through April, 1976. This was more comprehensive than a revival. Overall chairpersons were Reverend Goldston and Belle Adams.

Susan Clayton, a Wesleyan College student, worked with Saint Paul during the month of May, 1976. She taught the Junior High Sunday School Class and helped with UMYF. Susan liked Saint Paul so well that she continued to work with

Saint Paul and became an integral part of the membership. When Susan's parents, Ray and Iris Clayton, moved from Florida to Rocky Mount, they joined Saint Paul and became active members.

Goals set for 1976 were: reach persons for Christ, train disciples, and cultivate by visitation inactive and prospective members.

The parsonage trim was cleaned of mildew and painted at a cost of \$350.00. The inside of the parsonage was painted by the tenants, and the church furnished the paint at a cost of \$75.00.

Saint Paul was faced with the decision of what to do after the retirement of Reverend Goldston: (1) receive a full-time pastor at a salary of \$11,000.00 knowing the parsonage would have to be furnished and ready for occupancy; (2) receive a full-time pastor just out of seminary, paying \$10,000.00; (3) receive a student pastor at a salary of \$7,000.00; (4) receive a student pastor with Dr. Robbins as associate at a total cost of approximately \$10,000.00; (5) go on a charge. At a called meeting of the Administrative Board, Charles Ward made the motion that we accept the recommendation of the Pastor-Parish Committee and have a full-time minister to live in the parsonage at a salary of \$11,000.00. The motion was seconded by Eleanor Saunders and unanimously passed.

The United Methodist Women under the leadership of Irene Moody held a fall luncheon and bake sale. A profit of \$400.00 was made, giving the ladies approximately \$5,000.00 to apply on the parsonage furnishings. In 1977 an open house was held at the recently furnished parsonage. Nell Ward was in charge of this and did a beautiful job. Saint Paul now had a parsonage that everyone was extremely proud of, at a total cost of \$7,697.51.

Carson Tyson and wife Peggy joined us as our minister in 1977. Saint Paul members began talking about a new church. Reverend Tyson pointed out that if we continue to do nothing we would lose members until there would no longer be enough to continue. One suggestion was that the church relocate in the Bethlehem Road area. A committee was formed with Ruby Braswell as Chairperson to check into the possibility of relocation. Florence Davis made the motion that we start a Building Fund and Fred Franklin gave \$1.00 to start the fund.

A twenty-four retreat "God's People in the World" was held. Reverend Tyson, Dr. Cecil Robbins and Reverend Vernon Tyson led the well attended retreat.

In 1978 Saint Paul began working on relocation in the Bethlehem Road area. Charles Ward was Chairperson of the Building and Relocation Committee. His committee members were: Ruby Braswell, Fred Franklin, Janelle Hedgepeth, Mack Howard, Lynwood McCullen, Vernon Moody, James Holland and Ray Frederick.

In 1979 the Pastor-Shepherd Program was established under the direction of the Evangelism Committee with Thomas Rose serving as Chairperson. Seven groups were formed with the goal to visit each member during the year.

The General Board of Global Ministry, a branch of The United Methodist Church, was chosen to use in raising funds for the new church. The Administrative Board met with Reverend and Mrs. Harrel Pitsenbarger on October 30th to map out plans for the fund-raising drive, which was held in 1980. The following goals were set: \$108,000 budget, \$108,000 Capital Fund, with a challenge goal of \$500,000 to be pledged over a three-year period.

General Chairperson of the "Venture in Faith" stewardship drive was Nell Ward, and other committee leaders were: Gordon Davis, Janelle Hedgepeth, Vernon Moody, Charlene Rose and Mrs. Ethel White.

The Stewardship Crusade was a big success as evidenced by the spirit of unity, interest and love shown during the entire campaign. The goal of \$216,000.00 over a three-year period was surpassed as the final total was over \$242,000.00.

In March 1979 Charles Ward reported that a prime four-acre lot on the corner of Bethlehem Road and West Mount Drive had been purchased at a cost of \$60,000.00. At Charge Conference held April 9th, the following motion passed: that the trustees be authorized to borrow \$60,000.00 to purchase the land, and they be empowered with the authority to transact all business pertaining to the land purchase.

Ron Webb was retained as architect and he and the Building Committee visited different churches, compiling information and ideas as to type of architecture, number and size of rooms, etc.

On Wednesday, February 20, 1980, District Superintendent John Cline held a special charge conference and the following resolution was recorded: "Be it resolved that the property of Saint Paul United Methodist Church located at the corner of Church and Paul Streets, Rocky Mount, be offered for sale for \$75,000.00."

Ruby Braswell began work immediately to find a buyer for the church facility, and by March already had a prospective buyer, Trinity Tabernacle. By April Saint Paul had been sold, and the membership moved to the YMCA. The members quickly adapted to their temporary church facilities.

Architect Ron Webb presented the following: (1) site plan of proposed church; (2) floor plan; (3) drawing of different sides of church; (4) actual model of church.

Bids were sent to Commercial Builders, Modern Builders, D. J. Rose and S. T. Wooten. When the bids were returned, Commercial Builder had submitted the low bid.

In November a charge conference was held by District Superintendent Jack Hunter at Braswell Memorial Library. The purpose of the meeting was to bring the entire membership up-to-date on the building of a new Saint Paul.

Charles Ward reported that while we can borrow the money to build, the monthly payments would be too high. This situation was reviewed by the building Committee, and they recommended that Phase I be constructed which consisted of 9,200 square feet, at a cost of \$305,000.00. Phase I consisted of a complete educational wing, administrative area with full facilities such as storage, library, etc., and a kitchen and fellowship hall seating 125-150 people. A motion was made by Wayne Hiatt that Saint Paul proceed with Phase I of the building. It was seconded by Annie Hardy, voted upon and passed.

Charles reported that the interior such as chancel area furnishings, pews, carpet, kitchen appliances, etc. were not included as these were to be provided by members. A color coordinating committee was named: Betty McCullen, Chairperson, Sara Howard, Miriam Frederick, Irene Moody and Nell Ward.

Groundbreaking was held Sunday, January 18, 1981, the beginning of an important event in the life of Saint Paul. The service was led by Reverend Jack Hunter, District Superintendent and assisted by Reverend Charles Rector. A time of fellowship, rejoicing and refreshments were enjoyed at the YMCA following the groundbreaking.

A special church conference was held Sunday, February 8, 1981. The purpose of the meeting was to make financial arrangements for the new church. Ruby Braswell made the motion that the committee accept the commitment from Planters Bank for a construction loan of \$325,000.00 and a

permanent loan in the amount of \$250,000.00 for a twenty-five year payment term with a variable interest rate. The motion was seconded by Vernon Moody and approved by a majority.

Fred Franklin reported a balance of \$97,432.15 in the Building Fund account.

Clark Street voted unanimously for Saint Paul to use their facilities at any time. The motion that we accept this act of love was made by Phyllis Jacobs, seconded by James Holland and voted upon and passed.

The fifth Sunday in March, 1981 was designated "Senior Citizens Day." They were recognized during the Sunday morning church service and were treated to lunch in their honor following service.

In June, 1981 Reverend George Speake and his family became our minister, coming from Marvin United Methodist Church. Reverend Speake was also excited over the new church, and he felt just as the members, that it would be a valuable tool for use in winning people to the Lord.

Sunday School attendance continued to be good under the leadership of Mack and Sara Howard, with three classes having 100% attendance.

In October 1981 Sterling Saunders brought up the matter of beginning a Mother's Morning Out program. Everyone present agreed that this was an excellent idea and would be most beneficial. Sterling agreed to check into the requirements.

On December 5, 1981 Saint Paul United Methodist Church, located at the corner of West Mount Drive and Bethlehem Road became a reality, as services were held for the first time. It was truly a milestone in the life of Saint Paul members, and a time of thankfulness to God for blessing Saint Paul. In February a Consecration Service was held by Reverend Jack Hunter, District Superintendent, followed by an open house. A memorial book and engraved plaque listing all the furnishings and memorial gifts were placed at the church, and an insert was placed in the bulletin listing the names of those who had made contributions.

The 1982 budget was \$85,523.48 and the following goals were set for 1982-83: (1) increase membership by 100 within eighteen months, membership then standing at 279;

(2) increase Sunday School attendance by 100%; (3) find and reach unchurched for Jesus Christ; (4) more emphasis on missionary support and study; (5) create a food closet for the needy.

An IBM Selectric III typewriter was purchased for the church at a cost of \$1,026.00.

Mother's Morning Out began operating on a small scale but grew steadily. The program proved to be a valuable asset in the life of the church and community.

In 1983 Saint Paul continued under the leadership of Reverend Speake. Membership increased to 329, an increase of 46. Wayne Hiatt was Chairperson of the Administrative Board and Sterling Savage continued to serve as Treasurer. Anne Wright was Sunday School Superintendent and was in charge of a very successful Bible School.

Growth was evident in almost every area of the church. The Sunday School and youth groups were growing, and a Junior Youth group started. Much emphasis was placed on Bible study, visitation as well as church programming, helping Saint Paul reach into the community of the unchurched.

The budget for 1983 was \$85,961.75. Wayne Hiatt continued as Administrative Board Chairperson and Phyllis Jacobs led a very active Council on Ministries.

The Council on Ministries was responsible for the fourth Sunday night meals which have been successful at Saint Paul and have continued through the years. Mrs. Annie Hardy and Mrs. Ethel White were always present and busy at work preparing the tables, etc. These two ladies were an inspiration to the other church members.

A food closet for the needy was begun and B. D. Rabil was named coordinator. To accommodate the food, an open area on the west side of the church was closed in and shelves were installed at a cost of \$1,100.00. A \$2,500 grant from a new conference program on "Hunger and Human Need" was applied for and received.

The Pat Hedgepeth pavilion was constructed. Memorial gifts were given to the Asbury Sunday School Class and the United Methodist Men in his memory and these funds helped finance the cost of the pavilion. B. D. Rabil was in charge of the construction, and in addition, a lot of work was done by the Methodist Men.

In 1984 Ruby Braswell, Finance Committee Chairperson, reported the budget was \$91,991.68 and pledges of \$62,000.00 were received. Wayne Hiatt was Administrative Board Chairperson and Dan Seeger was Treasurer. Reverend Bob McKenzie was District Superintendent.

Nell Ward, Chairperson of Gifts and Memorials, reported that 163 letters were written from April 1983 through March 31, 1984, in recognition and appreciation of contributions made as memorials or honorary donations received totalling \$4,651, in addition to 350-400 items given.

Charles Ward reported that Barnhill Construction submitted the low bid for paving the parking lot which would be \$11,440.00 if done in three phases, or \$9,020.00 if all paving was done at one time. The Board voted to have all the paving done at one time. There was a shortage of funds of approximately \$3,500.00. James Holland and Eugene Bell made a request to the congregation during a church service. As a result, the necessary funds were raised and Saint Paul now had ample paved parking.

In May the Missions Work Area sponsored a study on Central Africa, built a display of an African Village and \$250.00 was given for a barrel of airplane fuel.

Two Bible Study groups began - these met at the home of Margaret Proctor and Covenant Homes. These two groups continued meeting through the years.

A Crisis Center was organized. This was a clearing house for all types of help within the Rocky Mount area. Saint Paul became one of many churches to support the center. The food closet provided food for the Crisis Ministry, and many Saint Paul members and Reverend Speake donated their time serving as volunteers.

In 1985 Reverend Speake and the Council on Ministries began a large undertaking on visitation, and asked for the support of the Administrative Board. Newly elected Chairperson Janelle Smith assured Reverend Speake he would have the support, and commended him and the Council for this undertaking. As a result, all members were visited, with special emphasis placed on visiting shut-ins.

A donation was received for children's playground equipment, and work started immediately on a playground area.

Blair Churchill was given a \$100.00 donation for use in her mission work in Alaska.

At the Administrative Board meeting held March 11, 1985, Dan Seeger reported that church savings was being used to meet the budget. As a result, Gordon Davis chaired a committee on visitation. The entire membership was visited in teams of two, who carried a fact sheet explaining the financial status of the church, after being instructed by Reverend Speake.

As a result of the visitation, Dan Seeger reported at the May board meeting that givings had increased considerably. In December contributions were extremely good, and the budget was met without use of church savings.

A conference grant of \$3,500.00 was given to the Crisis Ministry in honor of the area United Methodist Churches.

Saint Paul decided to sell church bonds, using American Funding, Inc. to pay off the existing mortgage. The selling of the bonds resulted in a savings of approximately \$250,000.00 over an eleven-year period due to the lower interest rates and payments that would be paid. Interest earned on the bonds ranged from 9 1/2% to 11 1/2%. Campaign leaders were:

General Co-Chairmen	Nell Ward
Promotion Chairman	Elsie Rabil
Telephone Chairman	Janelle Hedgepeth
Services Co-Chairmen	Florence Davis
	Gloria Hemmerle
	Jean English
Records Chairman	Pete Horton
Steering Committee	Ruby Braswell, Bob Davis, Bob Kendall, David Savage, and Margaret Proctor

The selling of the bonds was scheduled for sale on August 25th for a period of two weeks. Saint Paul sold all of the bonds totalling \$230,000.00 in less than four hours, and most of the bonds were sold to the church membership. LeRoy Roberts of American Funding informed the church that Saint Paul was one of a very few to accomplish the selling of the bonds in such a short time.

In 1986 the budget increased to \$96,622.00, 3% more than 1985. Vonita Morrell became church treasurer and Bob Davis was Finance Committee Chairperson.

Reverend Wade Goldston was named Pastor Emeritus of Saint Paul, in honor of his long-time love and dedication to Saint Paul. Reverend and Mrs. Goldston were presented with an engraved plaque during the Sunday morning worship service.

Neighborhood Lenten Bible study groups were held for five weeks during Lent, and concluded with Maundy Thursday service. The children presented a special program on Palm Sunday, led by Anne Wright.

The United Methodist Men held another successful stew sale and the United Methodist Women under the leadership of Margaret Proctor held a spring fling in April which netted \$1,068.00.

A five-year kindergarten was established, with Jackie Swindell serving as teacher. Mother's Morning Out was extended to five days a week. The program continued to be a valuable asset to Saint Paul and the community.

Pastor Parish Chairperson Charles Ward reported that Reverend Rick Clayton from First Church in Wilson would become the minister of Saint Paul in June. Rick and his wife Joy have two children, Ryan and Alyson. Rick had been Associate Pastor at First Church in Wilson for the past nine years.

Charles expressed the thanks of Saint Paul to Reverend Speake for his excellent leadership. He was truly an outstanding minister and Saint Paul had grown as evidenced by the increased attendance. George, Myra, Jordan and Grayson held a special place in the hearts of Saint Paul members.

Homecoming was held in October and the motion was made by Florence Davis and seconded by Nell Ward that the new pastor, Rick Clayton, be the Homecoming speaker.

Membership increased from 373 to 397 in 1986. At the Council on Ministries retreat held at Wesleyan College the following purpose was stated: "The purpose of our church is to offer spiritual nourishment by sharing God's love and service, seeking as our primary goal the winning of souls for the glory of God."

At a called charge conference September 14, 1986, Ben Nelms was recommended as a candidate for ministry in the United Methodist Church.

In September Joy Clayton became Saint Paul's choir director. The choir under her leadership grew in size and continued to be an important part of the Sunday morning worship service and special events.

The parsonage had a great deal of work done at a cost of \$2,077.87, which was paid by the United Men and Women and a contribution.

In 1987 the budget was \$105,545.37. For the first time, Saint Paul had a budget of more than \$100,000.00. Bob Davis, Finance Chairperson, reported that the financial picture looked better for 1987. Bob made a motion that a \$200.00 unrestricted Helping Hand Fund be started, to be used at the discretion of the pastor, and to be replenished as needed. The motion was seconded by Phyllis Horton and passed with a unanimous vote. Everyone present agreed that Saint Paul planned to have funds on hand to take care of its own.

Charles Ward presented blueprints for the storage building to be placed adjacent to the pavilion. The building was completed in May, 1988.

Nell Ward agreed to organize people to serve as greeters on Sunday mornings prior to worship.

Membership increased from 397 to 415. Rick reported that new members felt the warmth and sincerity at Saint Paul. Due to the large number of visitors with children attending, special emphasis was placed on children's ministries. Sunday, May 31st was observed as Youth Sunday.

The board voted upon the recommendation of Bob Davis and Finance Committee to retire church bonds utilizing building fund monies. The congregation was given the first opportunity to sell their bonds. The buying of the bonds was done, twice a year, as funds became available. Bob reported that original bond issue was \$230,000.00 and as of October \$162,500.00 in bonds were outstanding.

Improvements were made to the parsonage patio, fencing was added and general yard work was done at a cost of \$2,800.00 and this was paid by the United Methodist Men and Women.

Saint Paul was fortunate to have a very active Missions Committee led by Dorothy Buffaloe and \$250.00 was given to relieve hunger in Mexico. A speaker from Robeson County Community Center was guest speaker at the September Fourth Sunday Night Meal.

In January 1988 Janelle Smith continued as Administrative Board Chairperson. Charles Williams and Phyllis Horton we Co-Chairpersons of the Council on Ministries. Total membership was 430, an increase of 15.

Bob Davis reported that \$40,802 was sent to buy bonds, and as of March 1988 fifty percent of the bonds were purchased. The budget was \$112,886.84 with approximately \$85,000 received in pledges.

The Fourth Sunday Night meals honored different work areas of the church. B. D. Rabil's Committee on Church and Society was honored in January.

In May, the Fourth Sunday Night Meal was the kick-off for revival "Catch the Spirit" held May 22-24, with Gene Tyson as revival minister.

In honor of Reverend Clayton's ordination, a reception was given and a gift and love offering was presented to him.

On Sunday, July 17th, two pictures were presented to the church by Mrs. Annie boone's daughters, Mrs. Audrey DeMai and Mrs. Opal Barnes.

Gordon Davis, Administrative Board Chairperson in 1989, welcomed new board members Ben Barnes, Al Hocutt, Ann Roberson and Wilma Hataway. Vonita continued serving as treasurer and the budget was \$128,338.00, an increase of fourteen percent due largely to new church extension and camping ministry. Saint Paul's portion was approximately \$18,000.00 for the next three years. It was the consensus that Saint Paul would do everything possible to meet the financial commitment. Membership was 459, an increase of 29.

Confirmation classes were held for eleven young people, which met twelve weeks prior to Easter.

Reverend Caswell Shaw became the new District Superintendent and Saint Paul joined with other local Methodist churches in a reception honoring him. For the first time, a district superintendent and his family chose to unite with Saint Paul.

New church hymnals were given by Glenn and Louise Hemmerle in memory of Johnny and Richard Hemmerle. The hymnals were dedicated October 8th which was Homecoming. On October 8, 1967, twenty-two years before, hymnals were given by Johnny and Gloria Hemmerle in memory of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Wiggins.

The annual stewardship banquet was held October 22nd with the Barbara Berry Singers of Wilson performing. The proposed budget for 1990 was \$134,785.00 and \$105,000 was pledged, which was much better than last year.

The Timbrell Ringers, a hand bell choir from Springfield, Virginia performed October 28th and 29th. Barbara Elmore, daughter of Gordon and Florence Davis and a former member of Saint Paul was a member of the bell choir.

The parsonage roof was replaced and an attic fan was installed at the parsonage. This project was financed by United Methodist Men and Women. The men held a stew sale on November 11th and sponsored a golf tournament on November 18th. Their annual Christmas party was held at the Sheraton. They contributed \$800.00 to the Scouting program.

Saint Paul's missionary family was Herbert and Mary Zigbou, and \$1,000.00 annual support was provided to the Zigbous. Greg Presnall's Sunday School Class corresponded with the children in the Ganta School, where the Zigbous served.

Miriam Frederick became the first secretary at Saint Paul, working five mornings a week from 9:00 -12:00.

District Superintendent Caswell Shaw presided over Charge Conference held November 15th in combination with Administrative Board meeting. Nell Ward was responsible for the meal enjoyed by all prior to the meeting.

Charles and Anita Williams served the Council on Ministries a meal prior to the decoration of the church for the Christmas season. The tree, wreaths, and poinsettias were given by church members.

Wilma Hataway served as President of the United Methodist Women. A new circle was formed for the young women. Seven attended the first meeting. The circle chose the name "Hardy-White Circle" in memory of Mrs. Annie Hardy and Mrs. Ethel White. The women held a yard and bake sale. They provided three scholarships to high school students.

Lay speakers were Wayne Hiatt, Phyllis Horton, Bill Taylor and Jane Greeson.

To increase givings, "Prove the Tithe" Sunday was held. As a result more members began tithing. Church membership totaled 450, 20 more than last year.

Sunday School Superintendent Al Hocutt reported attendance has increased since "Celebrate Sunday School Sunday" in September. Al reported that there were good teachers and substitutes for all classes.

The following new pre-school Advisory Board was named: Libby McLean, Terri Horton, Cindy Matthews and Stephanie Presnall. They worked closely with teachers and updated bylaws. Mother's Morning Out and three and four-year programs continued to grow.

Lenten and Holy Season was again special at Saint Paul. Especially outstanding was a drama of five women in the life of Christ presented in conjunction with the special music presented by the choir on Palm Sunday.

The scouting program began operating on a larger scale under the leadership of Burl Williams and Bill Taylor and sponsored by the United Methodist Men. In September Burl showed slides of summer camps held.

Charge Conference was held April 24th. The purpose of the meeting was to recommend Greg Presnall and Al Hocutt as certified candidates for ordained ministry in The United Methodist Church. Greg and Al each presented their reasons for accepting calls to the ministry and were questioned by members. A vote was taken by secret ballot and recommendation was approved for Greg and Al.

Under the leadership of Florence Davis and the Committee on Evangelism, a successful revival was held in May with District Superintendent Caswell Shaw as guest minister.

On Sunday, May 27th, the Zigbous, Saint Paul's missionary family was honored at a covered dish meal. The Zigbou's presented the program and a question and answer period followed.

Ann Roberson and Ann Gregg were directors of Vacation Bible School held June 10th through 16th. A three-day Vacation Bible School was held in Wilson for the mentally handicapped.

Charles Ward, Building Committee Chairperson, reported that the first meeting was held, went over the plans for the sanctuary, and the committee voted to retain Ron Webb as architect. Members were Gerald Batts, Ruby Braswell, Eugene English, Ray Frederick, James Holland, Lynwood McCullen, Vernon Moody, B. D. Rabil and Janelle Smith.

In January 1991 the bidding process began on the sanctuary. Bids were submitted by Commercial Builders, D. J. Rose, Turnkey and Ernest Mansour for basic construction only - no furnishings. A booklet was compiled listing all the furnishings with the hope that these would be donated. The booklet was compiled by the Color Coordinating Committee, with Irene Moody serving as Chairperson. Members were Miriam Frederick, Betty McCullen, Mary Ruth Ray and Nell Ward.

In 1991 the budget was \$135,693.97 and membership was 472, an increase of 22.

A visitation program of twelve teams was organized with Anne Gregg as contact person. Teams of two visited visitors, usually on Sunday afternoons, and thanks to Gordon Davis, doves were given to the visitors.

Elsie Rabil became Sunday School Superintendent and Sue Williams served as coordinator for a youth group for 4th-6th graders.

On a motion by Miriam Frederick, Worship Chairperson, Sunday evening services were discontinued except for special programs. Sunday evening attendance was so small that it was the feeling that Rick could better use this time in other areas.

On Palm Sunday night a drama "The Last Supper" was presented by men from the membership. This drama was truly a highlight of the Lenten and Holy Season services.

A Disciple Program was established. Reverend Clayton attended a training session in Atlanta. This study involved 34 weeks of intensive Bible study covering eighty percent of the Bible for ten to twelve members.

Under the leadership of Faye Bone, a most successful and well-attended "Discover Your Talents" Seminar was held May 17-18th.

Groundbreaking for the new sanctuary was held May 5, 1991, with a large number attending. This was the culmination of a long-awaited dream for Saint Paul, as this would be the first sanctuary ever in the history of the church. Taking part in the groundbreaking were District Superintendent Caswell Shaw, Reverend Clayton, Charles Ward, Irene Moody, Ron Webb and Dallas Proctor.

The Board voted to employ a church/financial secretary five days a week from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Tammie Barrett filled this position.

The United Methodist Men held a "Welcome Home Frank" event in honor of Frank Lancaster who served in Operation Desert Storm and a large number attended.

Elsie Rabil, Sunday School Superintendent, held a successful "Summer's End Blast" to boost attendance for the fall, and this included a meal following church services.

The Zigbous purchased a Jeep to use in their missionary work and \$587 was sent to apply on the cost.

A much-needed Pictorial Directory was published by Olan Mills, with Mary Wall in charge. There was no charge to the church, and 1,000 copies were received.

The Council on Ministries held a planning retreat on Saturday, August 17th at the church with the theme "Opening New Doors."

Final payment was made on church bonds on October 21st.

Saint Paul had a membership of 500 in 1992, an increase of 28. The budget was \$153,824.00. Herbert Rouse became Administrative Board Chairperson. Phyllis Horton was President of the United Methodist Women and Ed Taylor was President of United Methodist Men.

Since the year 1993 will be Saint Paul's 100th anniversary, a Centennial Committee was named with Gordon Davis as Chairperson.

Phyllis Horton reported for Missions that over 200 shoe boxes were prepared for the Homeless Ministry and 36 school bags were shipped to the Zigbous. Saint Paul became a Rainbow Covenant Church which meant givings in five areas: world, national, missions, UMCOR and conference. Givings were increased 11 1/2% in 1992.

Lenten services were again special at Saint Paul. Lay people participated in the Ash Wednesday service, and Lenten services were held April 2nd and 9th, which were meals followed by guest speakers. Maundy and Tennabrae services were combined and held on Thursday. A special gift during Lent was the devotional booklet, written by members. This was sponsored by the Worship Committee and Dorothy Buffaloe was in charge.

Sunrise service was held at 6:00 Easter Sunday morning, with a large crowd attending. There was a bon fire outside, and the service was held in the partially completed sanctuary, and was truly an inspiring and impressive*service. The United Methodist Men served breakfast following the service.

Fourteen confirmands were confirmed during a morning worship service. Each of the confirmands were sponsored by a member who had met with them and talked to each one about the life of a Christian.

Mary Wall, Coordinator of Communications, continued doing an excellent job with the newsletter. She requested that various church groups contact her with news to be included in the newsletter.

On April 26th, Sherry Strickland of the Pastor Parish Committee announced at the end of the worship service that Reverend Clayton would be leaving Saint Paul to accept a pastorate in Louisburg. The membership had learned to love Rick and his family during their six years at Saint Paul, and while they did not want to see them go, they wished them the best in their new pastorate. A reception was held in their honor.

The membership learned that the new pastor would be Reverend William Snotherly. Reverend Snotherly would be coming to Saint Paul from Plymouth United Methodist Church.

In May Pete Horton reported that the total cost of the sanctuary would be approximately \$575,000.00 including roof improvements and a few small items. The beautiful large cross at the front of the church was installed, chandeliers around the entrance were being installed, and many small details were being taken care of.

The first Disciple Class completed their thirty-four weeks together and held a retreat at Short Journey May 22 and 23rd. Graduation was held during worship on May 24th. The first disciples were: Garry and Virginia Ward, Ed and Judy Taylor, Bill Taylor, Greg Presnall, Margaret Proctor, Mark Murphy, Tom Parker, Jane Greeson, Becky Lambeth and Jackie Swindell. G. K. Ward, son of Garry and Virginia, was born during the time of study and became the mascot of the Disciple group.

A long-awaited dream was realized on Sunday June 7th, Pentecost Sunday, with members wearing red. There was a joyful, jubilant feeling as well as a feeling of thankfulness for at long last Saint Paul members worshipped in the sanctuary for which they had waited so long and

worked so hard. The construction of the new sanctuary included a choir room, two restrooms, workroom and sacristy and the beautiful chapel. The narthex was remodelled. Saint Paul members owe a great deal to Rick Clayton and to Charles Ward for the beautiful sanctuary.

The new pastor, Bill Snotherly, his wife Glenda, and their two sons, Will and Josh, were honored by Saint Paul with a cook-out as a time of welcome and getting acquainted.

Since Tammie Barrett had tendered her resignation effective the end of May 1992, Saint Paul found itself in a struggle for staff stability. Reverend Snotherly and the Pastor Parish Committee worked diligently to fill the church/financial secretary position as well as to fill the vacancy left by Joy Clayton as chancel choir director. Pamela Shields was hired in July 1992 as church/financial secretary. Pat Taylor was soon secured to fill the choir director's position effective August 1.

The 1992 Homecoming Service was blessed by the singing of the newly organized Cherub and Children's Choirs. These choirs were begun under the direction of Glenda Snotherly with Phyllis Horton accompanying.

The consecration service was held Sunday, November 15, 1992. Bishop Minnick, District Superintendent Caswell Shaw, Reverend Bill Snotherly and Charles Ward participated in the service. An open house was held from 2:00-3:30, with Charge Conference following at 4:00 p.m. Phase II of the "Venture in Faith" had been completed. It was truly a great year in the history of Saint Paul.

As of November 1992, membership was 517, an increase of 17, yet another year of growth for Saint Paul.

In 1993 Herbert Rouse welcomed everyone to the Administrative Board, especially those serving for the first time. Glenda Snotherly was welcomed as chairperson of Education, Paul Haskins for Evangelism and Jeff Hoagland for Missions.

Pete Horton reported that the budget for 1993 was \$169,994.00, which would be a large budget to raise. The Second Mile giving program was initiated and the funds placed in a separate account. As a result, an additional \$20,000.00 was raised.

The first dinner theater was held March 13th. The New Visions performed and the cost was \$10.00 for dinner and entertainment. In June, the children of Saint Paul presented a musical "Barney and Billy's Greatest Show on

Heaven and Earth" for the second dinner theater. This was another night of great entertainment and a meal prepared by the United Methodist Men.

Paul Haskins reported that Honey Brown would be coordinating visits to visitors and the following goals were established by the Evangelism Committee: (1) contact members not attending; (2) provide transportation to persons with no way to attend; (3) covered dish meals on fifth Sunday nights, honoring visitors and new members.

The following quarterly meeting plan was established: during first month of the quarter committees will meet; during the second month of the quarter, the Council on Ministries will meet; during the third month the Administrative Board will meet.

Lenten and Holy Season services were special, with the highlight being the "Seder" celebration, the Jewish/Christian Passover.

Pete Horton reported that the construction loan for \$435,000.00 was renewed until balance due contractor can be finalized. Pete reported that assets of Saint Paul as of May 31, 1993 were \$1,052,010.87.

In July, Libby Nichols was hired as Choir Director, effective September 1. In addition, Nina Daughtridge agreed to serve as organist for the 11:00 worship service. Nina, a long-time friend of Saint Paul, had helped out many times through the years. In addition, Glenda Snotherly added piano accompaniment during the worship services as well. Saint Paul delights in its fine music department with these musicians and the choir. The music has continued to be an integral part of the worship service and continues to add to the reverent atmosphere of the worship services.

On August 6, 1993 Saint Paul suffered a tremendous loss when Paul Haskins died suddenly.

Groundbreaking for the Methodist Habitat for Humanity home was held in September. Jeff Hoagland, Saint Paul's Missions chairperson was named chairperson of the project.

Saint Paul United Methodist Church is graced by a rich heritage of which to be proud. It has been a significant 100 years of continued blessings and reminders of the ever-present living God.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

The one hundred years of history recorded in this booklet had its beginning in 1893 and goes through September, 1993. The history from 1893 until the end of 1959 was compiled by Reverend John H. Sutton, Jr. with the help of Alta Pittman. Reverend Sutton was the pastor of Saint Paul at that time.

The history recorded from 1960 through September 30, 1993, was compiled by Janelle Smith. This history is based largely on minutes of the Administrative Board and Council on Ministries, Charge Conference records and Minister's Annual Reports. Some of the information contained in the history is based on memory of some of the church members.

Many have worked hard to make this book possible. Special thanks goes to each contributor.

PICTURES
From Top to Bottom
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1.
 - 1) Christmas celebration in Fellowship Hall on Church Street
Frank, Ida & Tony Lancaster, Rev. Wade Goldston, Mattie Mitchell, Argo Mitchell in background
 - 2) Nell Ward, Dr. & Mrs. Cecil Robbins, Mrs. Bertha Davis in background

2.
 - 1) Plaque Presentation: Mabel Wiggins, George Webber, Rev. W. D. Wise
 - 2) Sunday School Class
Angie Miller, Donna Smith, Lisa High, Gloria Hemmerle, Bill Wiggs, Lisa Hedgepeth, Howard Joyner
 - 3) Christmas: Mr. & Mrs. E. E. Williams
 - 4) Sunday School Class
Virginia Parrish, Corine Hedgepeth, Ethel White, Annie Hardy, Lena Brantley, Doris Parrish, Dorothy Buffaloe, Louvenia Lockamy, Cecil Lockamy

3.
 - 1) Groundbreaking for Phase I
Rev. Charles Rector, Gordon Davis, Wayne Hiatt, Charles Ward, Ron Webb
 - 2) Ladies Circle Meeting: Lucille, Ethel White, Annie Hardy, Elise Webber
 - 3) Groundbreaking: E. E. Williams, Rena Brantley, Lela Buchan, Ethel White

4.
 - 1) Homecoming Services: Rev. & Mrs. Wade Goldston, Rev. Dewey Tyson, Nell Ward
 - 2) Ruby Braswell & Rev. George Speake
 - 3) Reception at home of Webbers: Annie Tanner, Pasty Rector, Bertha Davis

5.
 - 1) Consecration Service
Charles Ward, Rev. Rick Clayton, District Superintendent
Caswell Shaw, Carolyn Rouse
 - 2) Ethel White and Annie Hardy
 - 3) Visit to Mrs. Annie Boone
B.D. Rabil, Alta Pittman, Annie Hardy, Margaret Robinson,
Mattie Mitchell, Nick DeMai, Doris Parrish, Bill Horton,
Audrey DeMai, Lela Buchan, Edith Jones, Margaret Proctor,
Phyllis Horton, Ethel White

6.
 - 1) Homecoming Services: Rev. & Mrs. Lester Jackson & Friend
 - 2) Sanctuary Groundbreaking
Rev. Rick Clayton, Rev. Paul Evans, Rev. Wade Goldston,
District Superintendent Caswell Shaw, Irene Moody, Charles
Ward, Dallas Proctor & Ron Webb, Architects
 - 3) George & Elise Webber

7.
 - 1) Lord's Supper Drama:
James Holland, Burl Williams, Paul Haskins, Al Hocutt, Mike
Hall, Marvin English, Greg Presnal, Rev. Rick Clayton,
Gordon Davis, Bob Smith, Ed Taylor, Charles Williams, Paul
Evans, Gerald Batts
 - 2) Five Women in Life of Jesus Drama:
Mary Wall, Phyllis Horton, Stephanie Presnal, Tina Barnes,
Becky Lambeth
 - 3) Marvin English & J. B. Overby

8.
 - 1) Easter Cross: Holly Miller, Rev. Rick Clayton, Nicholas McLean
 - 2) Pastor Emeritus Presentation:
Janelle Hedgepeth, Rev. Wade Goldston, Rev. George Speake,
Phyllis Horton

9.
 - 1) Youth & Adult Choir
 - 2) Present Adult Choir



