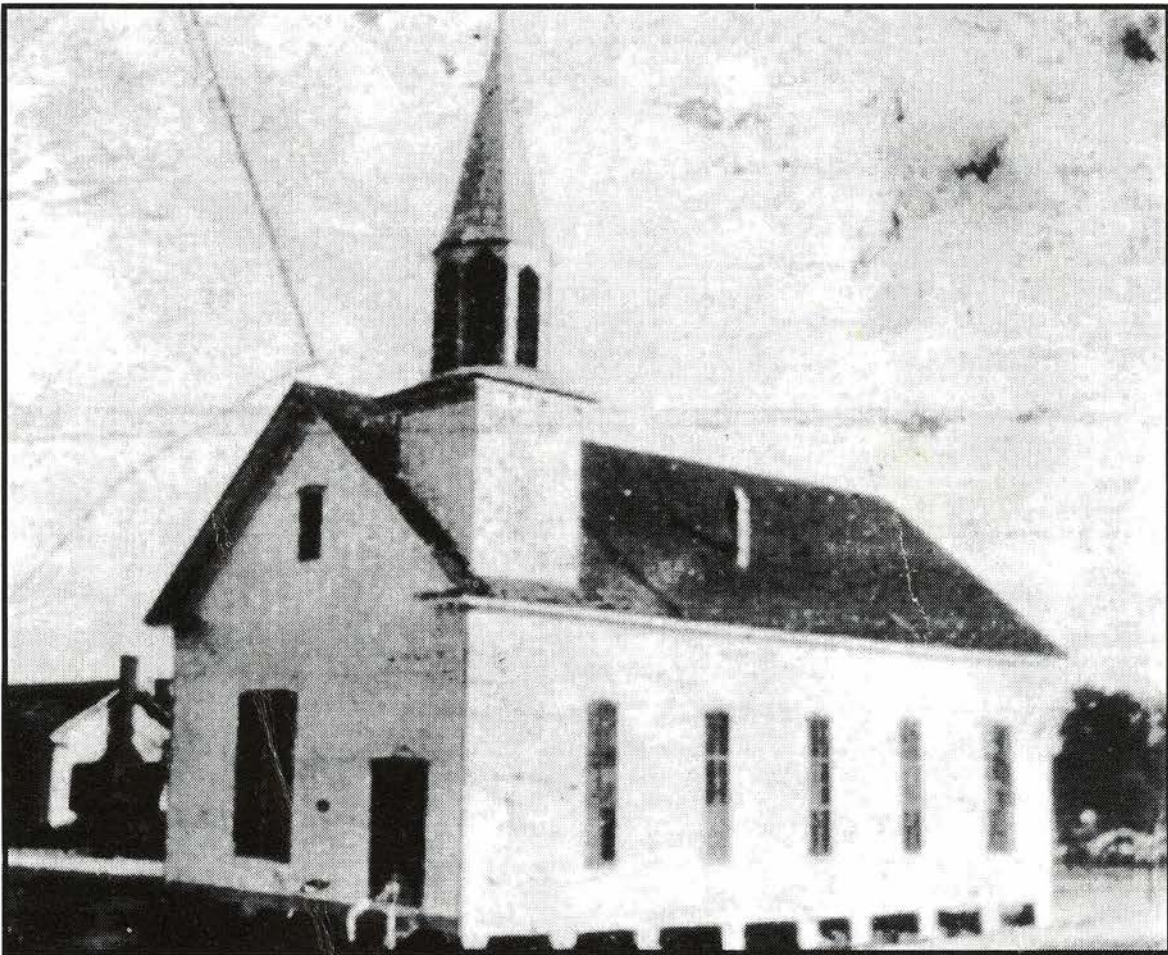


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A HISTORY OF TRINITY UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH
FAIRMONT, NORTH CAROLINA
1898 - 1998

History of Trinity's Stained Glass Windows

From the best information available, High Point Glass created our Stained Glass Windows. At the time the company may have had a different name. According to Mr. A.W. Klemme, the company was started in 1906, but all of the records were destroyed in 1936.

Visitors to our church have often commented on how beautiful our church is, especially on the beauty of the stained glass windows. Through the years the members of Trinity have also come to value and appreciate our windows, and we continue to marvel at, and delight in how they lend themselves to the mood of the different services. We consider ourselves blessed to be the benefactors of such beauty.



The window in the narthex depicting “ANGEL AT THE EMPTY TOMB” was given in memory of Robert Oscar Pitman, 1850 - 1923. Son of Henry Flowers Pitman and Rosa Ashley Pitman, Robert Oscar was a bachelor, farmer, businessman, high-sheriff of Robeson County, and a very active member of Trinity United Methodist Church.



*(History of the Stained Glass Windows is
continued on the inside back cover)*

Centennial Celebration

1898 - 1998

**STEEPED IN TRADITION
RICH IN HISTORY
STRONG IN FAITH
STEADFAST IN LOVE**

The members of
Trinity United Methodist Church
Cordially invite you and your family to their
One Hundredth Birthday Celebration
Sunday, March 15, 1998
9:45 a.m.

In the church sanctuary
Noon meal served in the fellowship hall
We hope that you as a member, or friend of the church
will join us in this time of worship, of singing, and of
sharing happy memories as we fellowship with one
another.

Parking and handicap facilities available
307 Trinity Street
Fairmont, North Carolina 28340
Church office: (910) 628-7427

Today we celebrate the history of our church and you who have made it possible. Wherever you have been, or how long it may have been since you were last here with us, on behalf of our resident members of Trinity United Methodist Church we wish you a hearty - "Welcome Home."

DEO GRACIAS

Trinity United Methodist Church has come a long way since its earliest origin as Hopewell Methodist Episcopal Church South in 1845. Today as we celebrate the history of our church and its one hundredth birthday, we also pay tribute to those members, past and present, who helped to make this day possible.

- We owe the existence of Trinity United Methodist Church to the vast contributions of Hopewell and Corinth, the mother churches, and their dedicated congregations who worked together for the glory of God from 1845 to 1898.
- The growth of our church since the consolidation of the mother churches into Trinity in 1898, has evolved from the untiring efforts of people dedicated to God and the teachings of His Son, Jesus Christ.
- To the congregation both past and present, who have given of their prayers, presence, gifts, and service to see that this church remains a vital part of this community, we owe our unceasing gratitude.
- From 1845 to the founding of our present day church in 1898, Trinity United Methodist Church has been the recipient of many gifts, tangible and intangible, from our faithful members as well as friends and others who remain anonymous. The church continues to be grateful for all contributions which enable it to carry forth God's work in a Christ-like manner.



ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Foremost, I wish to begin by extending my appreciation to my family for their encouragement and support in my efforts to obtain the history of the church. They have been most cooperative and patient.

I also wish to thank the History Committee, the Administrative Council of Trinity United Methodist Church, and everyone else who has contributed in making possible the presentation of this history.

It is realized that there may be errors or information left out of this compilation in spite of every effort to give an accurate account of the church's history. Corrections and pertinent information will be welcomed for future documentation. You will find in your reading some repetition of ideas here and there but it was thought necessary for clarity.

Wiley R. Taylor, Jr.
Church Historian

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INTRODUCTION

In the early 1980's, there was a great revival of interest in Trinity Church history. Old records had been researched and compiled, and the 1984 Bicentennial Celebration of American Methodism had also brought about a renewed awakening. Many devoted church members wished to put all of our information in a book in order to preserve our congregational history. Efforts were made but obstacles intervened, so all was put aside. When it was noted that the one hundredth birthday of our church would soon be observed, we were "off and running" once again.

As in any research, one finds that old records are lost by one means or another, then again, when people rummage through their attics, treasures are found. Thanks to Mrs. Lib Jones for the treasures. We are also indebted to the late Mr. F. F. Thompson for his contributions to the church history.

It was decided to include in this compilation a brief history of John Wesley, Founder of Methodism, and Francis Asbury, Father of American Methodism. Asbury passed through our area on occasions going from Lumberton, N.C. to communities to the south and north of us, but of course, this was before our settlement or church had been established.

Methodism in Fairmont includes the history of our own Methodist beginnings as Hopewell, Corinth, and the consolidation into Trinity Church. The TUMC History Committee sums it up as follows:

Methodism in Fairmont is the culmination of many events prior to the actual formation of a congregation in this immediate locale. The roots of the church reach back to the circuit riders of the South Carolina Conference, on the Bladen Circuit in the early 1800's. The Robeson Circuit evolved, followed by the formation of Hopewell Methodist Episcopal Church in 1845. Corinth Methodist Episcopal Church South was organized on Saturday, September 24, 1870. These two congregations consolidated on March 13, 1898, to form a new church to be located in a central site convenient to both groups. The location was in the Community of Ashpole (now Fairmont), and the church was Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church South.

Trinity United Methodist Church is proud of its past, but looks forward to the future with confidence. It is built upon a rock.

Wiley Taylor, Jr.
Church Historian

"AND UPON THIS ROCK I WILL BUILD MY CHURCH, AND THE GATES OF HELL SHALL NOT PREVAIL AGAINST IT." Matthew 16:18

METHODIST BEGINNINGS

JOHN WESLEY

The Methodist movement began during a time of struggle for spiritual renewal. Its organizer, John Wesley, wanted the Church of England to reach out to fulfill the spiritual needs of people. Mainly because of its values of a more worldly nature, the Church of England seemed uninterested in serving or recognizing the common people, the poor, and the destitute. It was to that kind of people John Wesley began a ministry that became the Methodist Church.

John Wesley was born in Epworth, England, on June 17, 1703, the fifteenth child of Samuel and Susanna Wesley. Although he was the son of an Anglican rector, Wesley did not become deeply religious until he read the devotional writings of Thomas Kempis and Jeremy Taylor.

In 1724 Wesley graduated from Christ Church College, Oxford University, and was ordained Deacon by the Church of England on September 22, 1728. When he returned to Oxford University in 1729 as a fellow of Lincoln College, he found that his brother, Charles Wesley, and several other young men (including one named George Whitefield) had formed a religious club called variously "Bible Moths," "Holy Club," or "Methodist." Members of this club met regularly for Bible study, prayer, self-examination, and service to the poor.

In 1735 John and Charles Wesley were invited by James Edward Oglethorpe, newly appointed governor of the Georgia Colony in America, to serve as missionaries and teachers there. On December 22 of that year, they set sail for America. They reached the Savannah River on February 5, 1736, and set foot on American soil the next morning. John Wesley was assigned as the minister to Savannah (1736-1737) and was to be a missionary to the Native Americans.

While he was in Georgia, Wesley conducted the first meeting in the new meeting house built at Fort Frederica, St. Simons Island (June 13, 1736); he formed a small society for conversation, song, and prayer, and established the first Sunday School in Georgia. Also, Wesley compiled the first hymnbook to be used in the English Church, having it published in Charleston, S.C. in 1737.

During Wesley's stay in America, he wrote his friend and now well known evangelist, George Whitefield, to join him. Before Whitefield's arrival, however, Wesley departed from Georgia. After leaving Georgia on December 2, 1737, Wesley waited approximately eleven days in Charleston to secure passage to England. Whitefield and Wesley's ships apparently passed each other. While Whitefield had a successful four months in America, Wesley found his experience less so. The colonists had found Wesley too rigid in his beliefs and practices. When Wesley arrived back in England on February 1, 1738, he was discouraged and concerned over what he thought was his lack of faith. At a prayer meeting in London's Aldersgate Street on May 24, 1738, Wesley experienced a great awakening, feeling "his heart strangely warmed." With new strength Wesley began to "preach in such a way that others experienced forgiveness of their sins, discipline for their living, and steadiness in face of death." Most of the Anglican clergy disagreed with Wesley's new found emphasis on personal faith in Christ and assurance of salvation, forcing him to speak in open-air meetings and borrowed halls. Detractors often attempted to disrupt the meetings.

In spite of persecution, the Methodist movement founded by Wesley began to spread in England. In 1739 an old building called "The Foundry" became its headquarters. It was here that the first Methodist Conference was held on June 25, 1744. As the movement grew Wesley organized his followers into "classes" with "Class Leaders" to direct them. He made many trips to Ireland and Scotland and dispatched numerous lay ministers. Most notable among them were Francis Asbury and Thomas Coke, whom he sent to America as missionaries.

Wesley spent fifty years of total commitment to the cause of Christ, preaching three to four times a day, traveling countless miles on horseback, and writing hundreds of letters and pamphlets promoting spiritual revival. He preached his last sermon on February 23, 1791, and died on March 2, 1791. He is buried at Wesley's City Road Chapel, London, and a monument to him and his brother stands in Westminster Abbey.

Wesley remained a clergyman of the Church of England throughout his lifetime. It was never his intent nor that of his followers, to establish a new sect or church. His desire had been for the Methodist movement to remain a part of the mother church. Soon after his death, however, Methodists in England broke away from the Church of England to form their own church.

Wesley's sermons and rules of church order and discipline kept the Methodists focused. His brother, Charles Wesley, promoted the faith through more than 8,000 hymns that he wrote. John Wesley saw that many of them were published in hymnals such as "A Collection of Psalms and Hymns" (1737), "Sacred Melody" (1761), and "A Collection of Hymns of the People Called Methodists" (1780). A number of Charles Wesley's hymns are still sung from our United Methodist Hymnal and from other hymnals today.

As United Methodists today we owe much to the heritage of the Wesleys, still emphasizing the need for faith in Christ and still concerned about the needs of others .

Those who would like to do further study about John Wesley are encouraged to consult the following books:

John Wesley's Theology, edited by Robert W. Burtneec and Robert Chilles
Practical Divinity - Theology in the Wesleyan Tradition, by Thomas A. Langford
John Wesley, by Stanley Ayling
The Doctrines and Disciplines of the Methodist Episcopal Church, published in 1836
Methodism and The Love Feast
Primitive Physics
John Wesley's Book of Old Fashioned Cures and Remedies



JOHN WESLEY
1703 - 1791

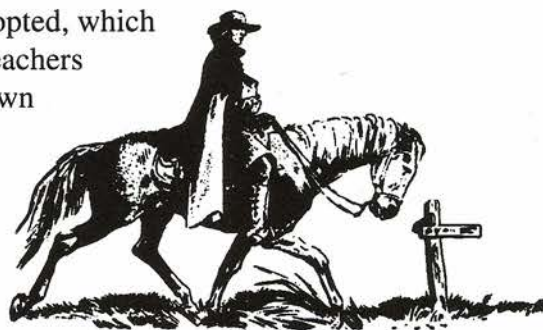
THE PROPHET OF THE LONG ROAD

FRANCIS ASBURY

During the eighteenth century Wesleyan converts immigrated from Great Britain to the New World. Lay Methodists such as Philip Embury, Robert Strawbridge and his cousin, Barbara Heck, were sent by Wesley in the early 1760's to begin missionary work in the American colonies, even though there were already Methodists at work up and down the east coast.

These loyal followers of Wesley organized Methodist Lay societies with Philip Embury and Barbara Heck in New York, Robert Strawbridge in Maryland, Thomas Webb in Philadelphia (1767) and Deveraux Jarrat in Virginia. The message they adopted, which was the message of Wesley, was to be disseminated by pioneer preachers on horse back. This was the remarkable breed that came to be known as circuit riders.

Wesley soon sent his first preachers to America. Among these men was Francis Asbury who began his itinerant ministry in America the day after his arrival in Philadelphia October 27, 1771. At the time Methodism in our country numbered around 600 members in all the societies and just a half dozen preachers.



A Methodist Church was originally termed A Methodist Society. The Society was divided into classes, somewhat like a prayer group, each with its own leader. These classes had assigned times for meeting in the homes of various members during the week.

Membership in the Society was on definite profession of faith, and a candidate was required to serve a probation period before admission to full membership. Probationers or even members were expelled from the group for such things as non-attendance, drinking, gambling, "unseemly conduct," and even in several instances for "sufficient cause."

In July 1773, a conference was held for the purpose of developing guidelines that would help control the Wesleyan influences that had spread along the eastern seaboard. This was the first of its kind in American Methodism. Not many years later, these conferences had to be canceled due to the Revolutionary War.

The following, taken from Wesley's Journal, are some conversations between the preachers and Wesley during a conference in Baltimore, May 21, 1776.

Quest. 1. What preachers are admitted this year? John Cooper, Robert Lindsay, William Glendenning, Henry Kennedy, Samuel Spragg - 5.

Quest. 2. What preachers are admitted on trial? Nicholas Watters, John Sigman, Joseph Hartley, Francis Poythress, James Foster, Freeborn Garrettson, Thomas M'Clure, Isham Tatum, William Wren - 9.

Quest. 3. What preachers act as assistants? Thomas Rankin, Francis Asbury, Martin Rodda, George Shadford, Philip Gatch, William Watters, Daniel Ruff, Edward Drumgole, Samuel Spragg - 9.

Quest. 4. How are the preachers stationed? New-York, Daniel Ruff. Philadelphia, Samuel Spragg. New-Jersey, Rob't. Lindsay, John Cooper. Kent, Nicholas Watters, William Wren, Joseph Hartley. Baltimore, Francis Asbury, James Foster, John Wade. Frederick, Martin Rodda, Freeborn Garrettson. Fairfax, Wm. Watters, Thomas M'Clure, Adam Fornerdon. Brunswick, George Shadford, Wm. Duke, Wm. Glendenning. Carolina, Edward Drumgole, Francis Poythress, Isham Tatum. Pittsylvania, Isaac Rollins. Hanover, Phipip Gatch, John Sigman.

Quest. 5. What numbers are there in Society?

New-York	-	-	-	-	132
Philadelphia	-	-	-	-	137
New-Jersey	-	-	-	-	150
Chester	-	-	-	-	104
Baltimore	-	-	-	-	900
Frederick	-	-	-	-	359
Fairfax	-	-	-	-	350
Norfolk	-	-	-	-	125
Brunswick	-	-	-	-	1611
North-Carolina	-	-	-	-	683
Hanover	-	-	-	-	270
Pittsylvania	-	-	-	-	<u>100</u>
Preachers 24.					4921

July 26 is appointed a day of fasting.

During the Revolutionary War it was dangerous to be Methodist and also a supporter of England, therefore by 1777 all the British preachers had returned to England -- all but Asbury. He worked tirelessly and at great risk to keep the societies together. He rode thousands of miles to preach and organize throughout the colonies; by the war's end, membership had tripled to 15,000 due to Asbury's extraordinary efforts.

Perhaps one of the greatest crises facing young Methodist churches during this time was that there were no ordained preachers. The war had left them without the means of celebrating the Ordinance of Baptism and the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. By 1784, Wesley felt the time had come for him to ordain our own ministers.

Thomas Coke was ordained in England and then sent to America to ordain Francis Asbury. After meeting with Asbury on November 14, it was agreed that a conference of the itinerant preachers should be held. Freeborn Garrettson was dispatched to summon the preachers to meet at Lovely Lane Chapel in Baltimore, Maryland on December 24, 1784.

Approximately sixty American lay preachers gathered at this historic Christmas Conference to elect, ordain, and consecrate Bishop Coke and Asbury, edit and adopt the liturgy and doctrinal statement sent by Wesley, and prayerfully establish the Methodist Episcopal Church in America.

Francis Asbury had no home in America and he never married. He always considered St. George Methodist Church in Philadelphia his "home" church. His contacts, his preaching experiences and his organizational patterns for American Methodism took place in St. George Church.

"The Prophet of the Long Road" also called "The Father of American Methodism" traveled for over 45 years, 247,000 miles on horseback, and preached over 17,000 sermons, mostly in rural America.

A BRIEF ACCOUNT OF THE METHODIST MOVEMENT IN NORTH CAROLINA AND ROBESON COUNTY

In 1769, two years after the formal organization of the Methodists in Philadelphia, two missionaries by the name of Joseph Pilmoor and Richard Boardman were sent to America. Their destination was New York City; however, after a short period in Philadelphia, Philmoor decided to remain in this city where he became known as an outstanding preacher and fluent writer, although he never organized any societies. He did make one trip into North Carolina in 1772 to a small community called Currituck on the coast of North Carolina. The Pilmoor Memorial United Methodist Church is located here, and one of their prize possessions is the Pilmoor Family Bible which was made a gift to this church in the early 1990's.

Most historians believe that the first circuit formed in North Carolina was in 1776. According to one of Francis Asbury's journals, he traveled in and out of the state numerous times. He came to Robeson County March 11, 1787 and preached in Lumberton, N. C. at "Robinson's" new court house. His next visit to Lumberton was February 2, 1803. The next day he preached at Regan's Chapel. January 14, 1805 he visited Mr. Lee's (somewhere on Ashpole Swamp), dined there and then lodged in Lumberton, a town of about twenty families. Other visits to Lumberton: 1807, 1809, 1811, 1812, 1813.

Pictured below are some of the early missionaries elected by John Wesley to come to America and preach the message of God's love.



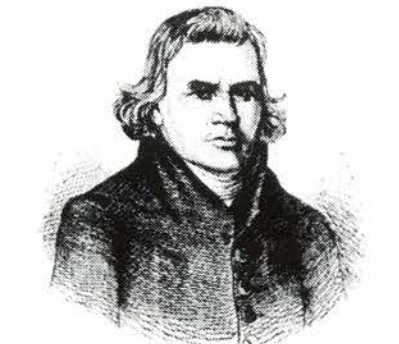
Thomas Coke



ROBERT STRAWBRIDGE



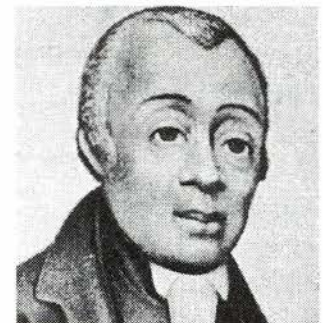
GEORGE WHITEFIELD



Francis Asbury

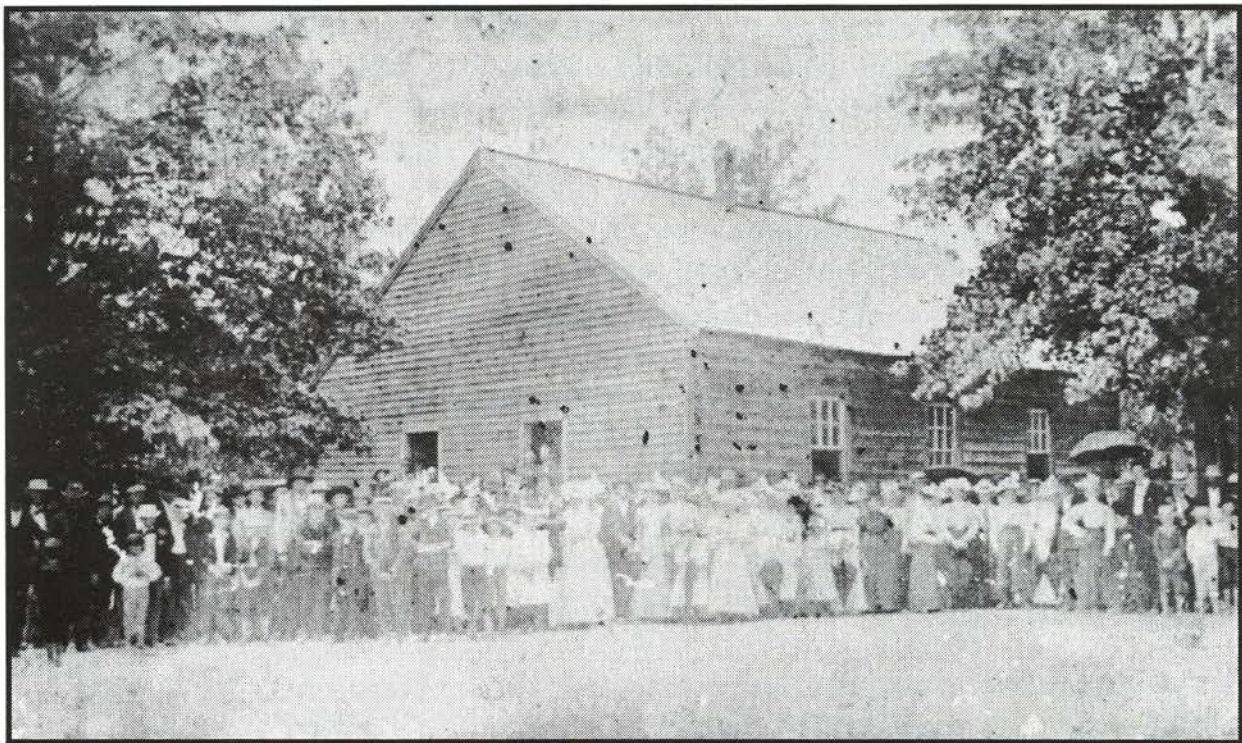


CHARLES WESLEY



RICHARD ALLEN, ordained elder in the Methodist Episcopal Church, brought together sixteen black churches at a conference in Philadelphia in 1816. Under his leadership the African Methodist Episcopal Church was founded, and he was elected its first bishop. He guided the growth of the church until his death fifteen years later.

Hopewell Methodist Episcopal Church South 1845 South Carolina Conference



Bladen Circuit

Sampson D. Laney P.C.
Wm. M. Lee A.P.

Charles Betts
Presiding Elder
Wilmington District

Wm. M. Kennedy
Bishop

HISTORY OF LEESVILLE AND HOPEWELL METHODIST CHURCH

Leesville Plantation (Community Stage Stop)

John Willis sold to Jesse Lee, Sr. in 1793-1794 certain pieces of property amounting to approximately 1,600 acres. A deed dated July 2, 1797, from Jesse Lee, Sr. to Benjamin Lee, his son, referred to the property as Lee's plantation. This land remained in the Lee family for about 25 years and was located along Old Stage Road which ran from Fayetteville, N.C. to Georgetown, S.C.

It could be assumed that there developed on Lee's Plantation a small community called Leesville which had one of the earliest post offices in Robeson County. It has been reported as being in operation as early as 1817 under the hand of Alexander MacGilvary; however, postal records proved this not to be true. A deed drawn up in 1818 shows that Benjamin Lee sold his property, including Leesville, to Alexander and Angus MacGilvary on January 1 of that same year. Over a period of years, the property changed hands many times.

A deed registered on May 18, 1820 from Duncan MacAlpin, Sheriff of Robeson County, to David Mandeville, Sr. from Marlboro County, South Carolina refers to and includes a place called Leesville. The Sheriff sold property by virtue of a writ of Fieri Facias (Execution Judgment). Another deed, registered on September 26, 1820, from Duncan MacAlpin, Sheriff, to Joseph Arey, also refers to the property named Leesville. In a deed dated February 9, 1822, David Mandeville, Sr. sold property to David Mandeville, Jr. This is a good illustration of how ownership of this land fluctuated.

On January 4, 1825, John Wells Powell received the land deed from David Mandeville, Jr. which also included Leesville. According to postal records the Post Office at Leesville was opened on November 21, 1827 with John Wells Powell serving as Postmaster of the only Post Office in this area. He served until May 1, 1850 and received \$3.00 per year for his services. It has been reported that during the next several years there was a Tavern (Stage Stop); a Dispensary (Drug Store run by Dr. John Burton Brown); a Powell Supply Company (Merchandise and Goods, owned by John Wells Powell); and a Mill all located at Leesville. Many of the local farmers carried their corn, wheat and oats to Ashley's Mill which was operated by Richard Griffin Ashley and John Wells Powell. The grind stone was powered by the water from Ashley's Mill Pond.

The Establishment of Hopewell Methodist Church

Hopewell Methodist Episcopal Church South was organized and built on the property owned by John Wells Powell in 1845. This church was the responsibility of Circuit Rider Sampson D. Laney, who was a member of the Bladen Circuit, Wilmington District, South Carolina Conference. During the period of 1850, all of the churches along the boundary lines of North Carolina and South Carolina, which were officially located in North Carolina, were transferred from the South Carolina Conference to the North Carolina Conference. At present only two Hopewell Charter Members can be documented: Rosa Antoinette Ashley Pitman and Richard Griffin Ashley.

On May 28, 1856, John Wells Powell sold 1,000 acres of land, including Hopewell Church to Henry Flowers Pitman. Henry and his wife, Rosa A. Ashley Pitman, being very active in the Methodist movement, deeded the church property (November 30, 1864) and the parsonage

property (June 18, 1878) to the trustees of Hopewell Church of Robeson Circuit.

Through the passing years, the Hopewell Church building finally became the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Floyd, and the parsonage became the home of Mrs. Charlie Floyd Walters. The last Post Office at Leesville was in the home of the late Mrs. Willie A. Pitman Floyd, Postmistress. Her grandson, Cary Joyner Floyd, still resides in this home. As these members of Trinity United Methodist Church travel up and down Old Stage Road to their respective homes, they must sometimes think of the old circuit rider by the name of Francis Asbury who traveled along this same route in the early 1800's.

MRS. ROSA A. PITMAN

Tribute to the Memory of a Good Woman

Quietly and peacefully at the early dawn of a new day, on June 5, 1916, the spirit of Mrs. Rosa A. Pitman took its everlasting flight and she fell asleep in Jesus. She was born in Robeson County near Fairmont, April 10, 1827. On December 14, 1847, she was most happily married to Mr. Henry Pitman, but he died January 11, 1888. The officiating minister was Rev. Allan McCorquadale of the Bladen Circuit, Wilmington District. Her father was James Martin Ashley and her mother Ann Powell Ashley, very devout and pious parents.

Thus is told a few of the chief dates in that long and useful life, but only eternity can tell the many great and noble things as were manifested in her grand and noble life.

"Aunt Rose," as she was known and loved, was indeed a "mother in Israel." She was a subscriber to *The Raleigh Advocate* from its beginning in 1855.

No truer and more faithful servant of the Lord ever lived. At the age of 12 years she was happily and genuinely converted under the ministry of Rev. Mr. Hoyle and joined the Methodist church at Bethesda. In 1845, where Hopewell Church was established and built at Leesville, she became a charter member. Later, when this church was consolidated with Fairmont, she moved her membership there.

Thus for more than three-fourths of a century she was a Christian. Reading her Bible was a daily habit with her until failing eyesight prevented. I have heard her regret the loss of this many times.

Her home was the resting place for all preachers and many a weary servant of God has found rest and shelter under this Christian hospitable roof. She brought her children up in the fear and admonition of the Lord. Of her 13 children, 10 were reared and all of these were devout Christians and the seven now living are useful and loyal members of the church. Truly they rise up and call her name blessed. There are also 47 grandchildren and 10 great grand-children. Much more could be said in regard to this saint, but I withhold further testimony, only to say that I always enjoyed my visits to her home. Even a few days before her death she seemed so glad to see me.

Infirmities of old age was the immediate cause of her death. The funeral was held in the Methodist Church in Fairmont by her pastor, assisted by Rev. N.L. Seabolt of Lumberton, and Rev. C.W. Smith of Whiteville, a former pastor for three years.

We shall miss her but we know she is in the Christian's home in glory. Servant of God, well done.

B.E. Stanfield, Pastor
from the *Raleigh Advocate* (1916)



James Henry Pitman's Home, Leesville, N.C.

Henry F. Pitman and James Pitman, at a point near Fairmont, made the first Robeson experiments in the cultivation of tobacco. They undertook to cut down the entire plant and sun-cure it, but their experiments were not a success. Later they adopted flue-curing and it worked. They built the first tobacco barn in Robeson County. This was truly an humble beginning, but the cultivation of the weed spread steadily and was greatly stimulated by the low price of cotton.



Henry Flowers Pitman and his wife, Rosa, gave land for Hopewell Church and parsonage. They were all involved in the Methodist movement.

Henry Flowers Pitman

The Minutes of the Steward's Meeting

1st Quarterly Conference, 1862

Robeson Circuit

We do not know the month and day of Hopewell's organization. We do know that the year is 1845. From the minutes of the Steward's Meeting - 1st Quarterly Conference, 1862, (Robeson Circuit) we do know that the N.C. Conference Bishop was John Early. The Rev. David W. Doub was the Presiding Elder for the Fayetteville District and was paid a salary of \$120.00. Robert P. Bibb was the Preacher in Charge for the Robeson Circuit and was paid a salary of \$1,000.00. The churches were assessed as follows:

Lumberton	\$120.00
Smith	70.00
Saddle Tree	30.00
St. Pauls	40.00
Salem	40.00
Union	40.00
Pine Grove	100.00
New Hope	40.00
Horeb	40.00
Asbury	220.00
Hopewell	100.00
Olivet	100.00
Bethesda	100.00
Regan	<u>140.00</u>
	\$1180.00

Signed:

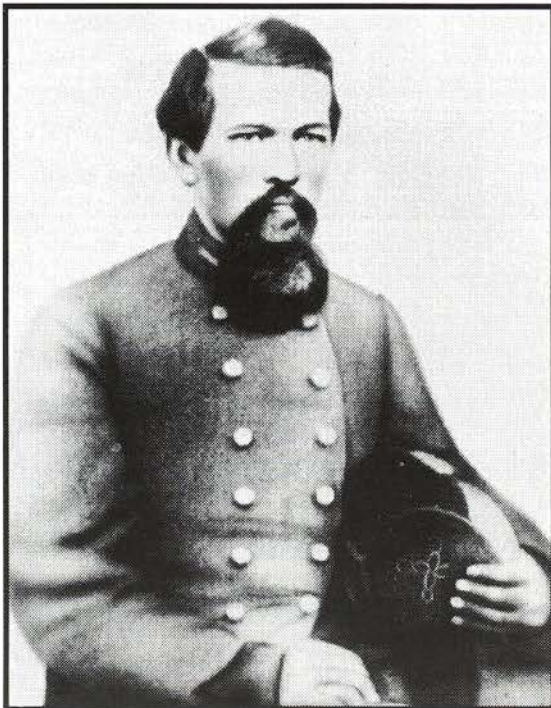
William Davis - St. Pauls

William C. McNeill - Pine Grove

Andrew Jackson Ashley - Hopewell

Elias Bullard - Asbury

John R. Carter - Lumberton



Andrew Jackson Ashley

1833 - 1864

Ashley was a member of the 1st Quarterly Conference of 1862. He was killed in action during the Civil War, August 30, 1864.

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Hopewell Church Deed

Henry F. Pitman

To

John W. Powell & Others

Trustees of Hopewell Church

This Indenture made this 30th day of November A.D. 1864 between Henry F. Pitman of the County of Robeson and State of North Carolina of the one part and John W. Powell, R.G. Ashley, Arch Thompson, Wm. B. Thompson, William G. Oliver, Stephen W. Ashley, Francis B. Floyd, John H. Hill, and John Klearter, trustees for the uses and purposes herein after mentioned, all of the County of Robeson and State of North Carolina aforesaid of the other part. Witnesseth that the Said Henry F. Pitman for and in consideration of the Sum of One Dollar paid at and upon the Sealing and delivery of these presents, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, hath given, granted, bargained, sold, and confirmed and by these presents doth give, grant, bargain, sell, confirm, and convey unto the said John W. Powell, Ashley & others trustees and their successors (in trust for the purposes herein after mentioned) all the estate, right, title, interest and demand whatsoever which he the said Henry F. Pitman hath in and to ascertain lot of land Situate, lying, and being in the County of Robeson aforesaid and on the East Side of the Lumberton and Georgetown Road, Beginning at the edge of the Said Road in front of the front door of Hopewell Church and runs North with said Road forty (40) yards, thence East Eighty (80) yards, thence South Eighty (80) yards, thence West Eighty (80) yards to the edge of Said Road, thence with Said Road forty (40) yards to the beginning. Together with all the Houses and woods thereunto belonging or in any wise pertaining thereto. To have and to hold all and Singular the above mentioned and described lot or piece of Land together with all and Singular the privileges thereunto belonging unto the Said John W. Powell and others and their Successors in office forever in trust that they shall keep a House or place of worship for the use of the members of the Methodist-Episcopal Church South according to the rules and discipline which from time to time may be agreed upon and adopted by the Ministers and preachers of Said Church at their General Conferences; And the Said Henry F. Pitman doth by these presents warrant and forever defend all and Singular the before mentioned and described lot of land with the appurtances thereunto belonging unto the Said John W. Powell & others trustees and their Successors chosen and appointed from the claim or claims of him the said Henry F. Pitman, his heirs, and assigns forever. In testimony whereof the Said Henry F. Pitman has hereunto set his hand and Seal the day & year aforesaid.

Sealed and Delivered)
in presence of)
P.H. Scovell)

H.F. Pitman (Seal)

Court of Pleas and Quar Sessions
November Term 1864. The execution of the

foregoing deed was duly proven by the oath of P.H. Scovell a subscribing witness thereto and ordered to be registered.

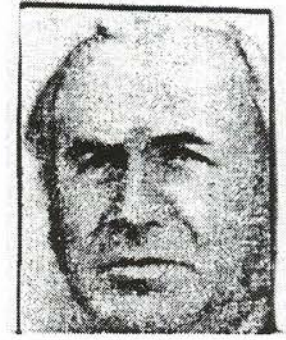
Ins. A. Rowland Clk.

Hopewell Church Membership After October, 1865 - 1870

Ashley, Augustus P.	S	Removed without certificate
Ashley, Anna	W	
Ashley, Carson	S	
Ashley, Charity	M	
Ashley, Harriet	M	
Ashley, John E.	S	
Ashley, Mary Ann	S	
Ashley, Richard G.	M	
Ashley, Rose V.	S	
Ashley, Sarah M.	S	
Ashley, Steven W.	M	
Ashley, Wells	S	Removed without certificate
Bass, Betsy	M	
Bass, Josephine	M	
Bass, Rhoda	M	
Bennett, Solomon W.	M	From Asbury, transferred to Asbury
Blackman, Betsy	M	
Brown, John B.	M	Withdrawn
Brown, Martha V.	M	Died Feb. 18, 1870
Bullock, Ann M.E.	M	
Bullock, Catharine	M	
Burchett, Eliza Jane	M	Gone
Burchett, James R. - L.P.	M	Joined the Baptist without notice
Byrd, Delilah	M	
Byrd, Isaac Sen.	M	Died Sept. 20, 1870
Byrd, Martha	M	
Caldier, Ann	M	
Caldier, James	M	
Hammond, John	M	Transferred to Corinth Church
Jenkins, Carrie	W	Transferred to Lumberton
Jones, Mary Ann	W	Removed without certificate
Lee, Asa	M	
Lee, Jordan	M	
Lee, Mary	M	
Lee, Mary Eliza	M	
McPhaul, Ann E.	M	Rec'd Sept. 28, 1871
McPhaul, Caroline H.	S	
Parnell, Martha	W	
Paul, Joseph - L.P.	M	
Paul, Rose A.	M	
Pitman, Henry F.	M	
Pitman, John Bethel	S	
Pitman, Mary F.	S	
Pitman, Richard O.	S	Removed without certificate
Pitman, Rose A.	M	
Powell, John W.	S	
Stephens, Joel	M	

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Thompson, Alonzo C.	S	Transferred to Corinth Church
Thompson, Archibald C.C.	M	Transferred to Corinth Church
Thompson, James P.	S	
Thompson, Joseph N.	S	Transferred to Corinth Church
Thompson, Lucy A.	S	Transferred to Corinth Church
Thompson, Mary R.	S	
Thompson, Parsons B.	S	Transferred to Corinth Church
Thompson, Rose A.	M	Transferred to Corinth Church
Walters, Jeremiah J.	M	Removed without certificate



**Rev. Allen
McCorquodale**
Preacher in Charge
The second pastor at
Hopewell Church.
1847 - 1848

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A Letter to John Powell

From a former pastor of Hopewell Church

Roxboro, N.C.
March 5, 1872

Mr. John W. Powell,

My aged and dear brother,

As you requested that I should write to you I now employ a short time for that purpose. I say nothing about the Conference which was held in Charlotte as you have already heard and read of it. About the 20th of December we left Lumberton, having a cold and disagreeable time in getting up to Wake. We remained with our friends in Wake until the first day of January enjoying ourselves finely. We then started to this place - got here on the night of the 2nd about 8 o'clock. Found some friends at the Parsonage with a nice and bountiful supper. I attended all the appointments of the circuit on the first round though the weather sometimes was disagreeable. During the month of February I was compelled to miss several appointments owing to the severity of the weather. Indeed we have had a hard winter as I have often heard it remarked by people here. Last Saturday we had a severe snow storm - in some places the snow drifted up to the depth of three feet - what it would have averaged we cannot tell, probably 12 inches.

My circuit is not large - it has eight appointments, the farthest only 12 miles from Roxboro. The people appear to be kind and clever - some very pious and intelligent. Hope I shall have a pleasant time, and that God will bless my labors in the awakening and conversion of sinners.

The health of my family of late has not been good - all are up today, but some are quite poorly. Pneumonia prevails in my circuit to a considerable extent though there has been no case of it in my family.

Hope this may find you as well as could be expected for one your age, and in the full enjoyment of the comforts of the grace that is in Christ Jesus. And now my aged brother let me say to you "Be of good courage". And if at any time feelings of sadness come over you, say with the Psalmist "Why are thou cast down O my soul? and why are thou disquieted? hope thou in God, for I shall yet praise him for the help of his countenance." May God's blessing be upon you, and if we should not meet again in this life may we meet in that better land where sorrow and affliction are not known!

And now in conclusion let me say remember me in love to my aged Sister Ashley, Bro. R.G. Ashley & wife & Rose, also to Bro. Pitman and family, and to Sister Carrie McPhaul - hope she will see her way clear to remain in the Methodist Church. Write to me soon. Direct Roxboro, N.C.

Very truly yours
Wm. M. Jordan

P.S. I hope if be spared to get to the next Conference at Fayetteville I shall see a goodly number of the friends from Robeson. I see that Lowry is still going on in his mischief.

W.M.J.

Hopewell Church Membership 1873 - 1877

Ashley, Anna	
Ashley, Carson	
Ashley, Charity	
Ashley, Hariett	
Ashley, John E.	
Ashley, Mary M.	
Ashley, Nancy E.	
Ashley, Rich G.	Trustee
Ashley, Rose V.	
Ashley, Sarah M.	
Ashley, Stephen W.	Trustee
Bafs, Betsy	
Bullock, Ann M.E.	
Bullock, Catharine	
Byrd, Delilah	
Lee, Asa	
Lee, Mary	
McPhaul, Ann E.	
McPhaul, Caroline A.	
McSealy, Sampson	Removed by certificate 1875
Paul, Joseph - L.P.	Transferred to Barker
Paul, Rose A.	Transferred to Barker
Pitman, Henry F. - St.	
Pitman, John B.	
Pitman, Mary F.	Married Dr. Brown
Pitman, Rose A.	
Potter, Solomon L.	Joined by certificate May 30, 1877
Sealy, Moore T. - L.P.	Removed by certificate 1875
Sealy, Sarah J.	Removed by certificate 1875
Sealy, Voluntine P.	Removed by certificate 1875
Thompson, James P.	
Tillett, J. - P.C.	Dec. 5, 1873
Yates, E.A. - P.E.	

S	Single
M	Married
W	Widow
LP	Learning Preacher
ST	Stewart
PC	Preacher in Charge
PE	Presiding Elder

Deed for Robeson Circuit Parsonage

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Henry F. Pitman and wife
To
John B. Rowland & Others
Trustees - Robeson Circuit
of the M.E. Church South

This indenture made this 18th June A.D. 1878 between Henry F. Pitman and wife Rose A. of the one part and John B. Rowland, W. B. Floyd, Jackson Townsend, A. C. Oliver, Richard Townsend, F. F. Floyd, and H. F. Pitman, Trustees of Robeson Circuit of the Methodist-Episcopal Church South of the Second part, both parties of the County of Robeson and State of North Carolina, Witnesseth that the said party of the first part for and in consideration of the sum of hand five dollars to them paid by the Said party of the Second part, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged that given, granted, bargained, sold, and conveyed and to these presents do give grant, bargain, sell, and convey to the Said party of the Second part and their Successors in office a certain tract or parcel of land, Situated at Leesville, in the County of Robeson, State of North Carolina for a Parsonage for said Methodist-Episcopal Church South, beginning at a Small black Jack on the east side of the public road leading from Lumberton, N.C., to Georgetown, S.C. about fifty yards North of Hopewell Church and runs with Said road a Northerly course One Hundred and five yards hence at a right angle in an Easterly direction One Hundred and five yards, thence in a Southerly direction One Hundred and five yards, thence back to the beginning combining two and one fourth acres.

To have and to hold the same with the appurtenances "thereunto belonging to them the said trustees aforesaid and their successors in office in trust, that the Said premises Shall be hied, kept and maintained and disposed of as a place of residence for the use and occupancy of the preachers of the Methodist-Episcopal Church South, who may from time to time be appointed in Said place subject to the usage and discipline of said church as from time to time authorized and declared by the General Conference in whose bounds the Said premises are Situated and the Said party of the first part for the Consideration aforesaid do covenant and agree to warrant and defend the premises aforesaid against the lawful claims and demand of any and all persons whatsoever.

In testimony whereof the said Henry F. Pitman and Rose A. his wife have hereunto Set their hands and seals day and year above written.

Signed, Sealed and Delivered)
in presence of)
Arch Thompson)

H.F. Pitman (Seal)

State of North Carolina) I Archibald Thompson, J.P. do hereby certify that Henry F. Pitman
Robeson County) and Rose A. his wife personally appeared before me this day and acknowledged the due execution of the foregoing deed of conveyance and the said Rose A. Pitman being by me privately examined Separate and apart from her Separate and apart from her said husband touching her voluntary execution of the Same, doth State that she Signed the Same freely and voluntarily without fear of compulsions of her Said husband or any other person and that She doth voluntarily assent Such. Witness my hand and Seal this 22 day of June A.D. 1878.

North Carolina) Probate Court - July 15th 1878
Robeson County)

The foregoing Certificate of Arch Thompson a Justice of the Peace of Robeson County is adjudged to be correct. The Said deed with the certificate be registered.

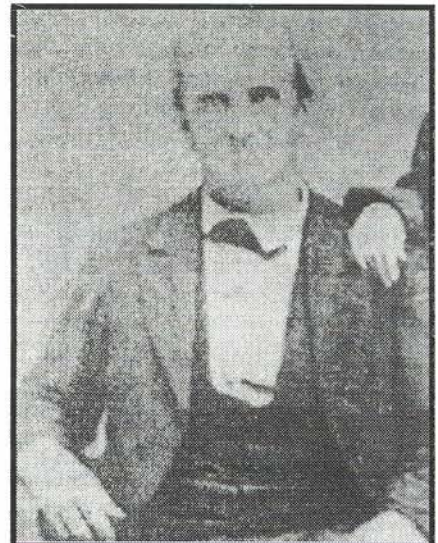
W.E. Thompson
Probate Judge

Registered July 16th 1878.
E.E. Ward



This was once Hopewell Church. (1845). It is now the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Williamson.

The Rev. Ira T. Wyche, P.C. 1874 - 1878, Robeson Circuit. He was the first pastor to live in the Robeson Circuit parsonage which was built beside Hopewell Church in 1877.



*Corinth Methodist Episcopal
Church South*

*SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER 24*

1870

*ROBESON CIRCUIT
FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT*



REV. WILLIAM M. JORDAN

P.C.

SHOCKLEY D. ADAMS

PRESIDING ELDER

GEORGE F. PIERCE

BISHOP

Corinth Methodist Episcopal Church South

Corinth Methodist Episcopal Church south was organized on the Robeson Circuit on Saturday, September 24, 1870, with William M. Jordan, Pastor in Charge and Shockley D. Adams, Presiding Elder. This was done in order to accommodate members of Hopewell who lived on the north side of Ashpole Swamp. The deed to the land (with a reverting clause) was dated November 22, 1870 and was given by Francis Fulton Floyd. The land was to be kept and maintained as a place of worship for ministry and membership of the Methodist Episcopal Church. According to J.W. Watson, Conference Researcher, this deed was one of few that contained a reverting clause.

The church was built near Francis Fulton Floyd's old homestead . . . located four miles southwest of what is now Fairmont, north of Ten Bridges at the junction of state roads 2454 and 2455, and on the present White Pond Road, west of Ricker's Mill. The building was also used for a school, according to the late Mrs. John Memory Lewis. "Miss Mary" was born in 1895 and remembered attending school there as a very young child. Later, the students were all transferred to the new Baltimore School in the early 1900's.

Corinth had twenty-eight charter members one of whom was Mr. Archibald Thompson, great-grandfather of our church photographer Shirley Thompson Eaton. He was Sunday School Superintendent at Corinth for practically twenty-eight years of its existence and the first Sunday School Superintendent of Trinity from 1898 - 1899.

CORINTH MEMBERSHIP 1870 - 1877

*Charter members

Bass, Wright	Caddy, Charity C.	Stanley, Jefar
Bullock, Annie M.E.	* Gaddy, Francis S.	Smith, Susan Ann
* Bullock, Julia Ann	* Hammond, John	Smith, Mary Elizabeth
* Crawford, James D.	* Harden, Catherine G.	Smith, John E.
* Crawford, Ann	Hill, Solomon	Smith, Alexander
Crawford, Willie	Hill, Am Eliza	Smith, John Henry
Evans, John R.	Hill, Alice	Smith, Mary Frances
* Floyd, Francis Fulton, (Std.)	Hill, Mary Elizabeth	Smith, Enos
* Floyd, Johnson H.	* Inman, Benjamin	Smith, Mary Ann
* Faulk, Sara A.	* Inman, Mary C.	Smith, George W.
* Faulk, Mary Rose	* Inman, Martha	* Thompson, Archibald
* Faulk, David A.	Inman, Christin O.	Thompson, Mary V.
Faulk, James C.	* Jones, Ella	Thompson, Martha R.
Faulk, Ella Jane	* Jones, Daniel	* Thompson, Joseph N.
* Gaddy, Sara C.	* Mills, Christian J.	* Thompson, Parsons B.
Caddy, Jefar R.	Powell, Eliza	* Thompson, Alonzo C.
* Caddy, Elizabeth J.	* Regan, Hattie M.	* Thompson, Rose A.
* Gaddy, Louise Ann R.	* Rancke, Roxanna	* Thompson, Lucy A.



Archibald Thompson, Charter Member,
Corinth, S.S. Superintendent 25 years

B. October 18, 1820

D. May 8, 1900

Katie J. McKinnon

B. June 15, 1860

D. Feb. 27, 1881

Rosey Ann Bullock

B. Dec. 29, 1830

D. July 21, 1879

(Marriage bond Robeson Co. dated 30 Dec. 1848
for Rosey Ann Bullock and Archibald Thompson)

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Deed For Corinth Church

F. Fulton Floyd)
To)
A. Thompson and Trustees)

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

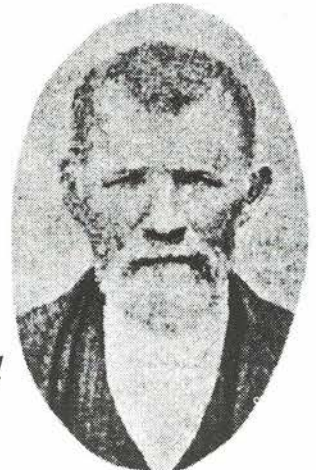
ROBESON COUNTY

This Indenture made this 22 day of November in the year of our Lord 1870 between F. Fulton Floyd of the County of Robeson in the state of North Carolina of the first part and Archibald Thompson, David Jones, Jesse R. Gaddy, Benjamin Inman, Jas. D. Crawford, A.C. Oliver, Henry F. Pitman, trustees in trust for the use and purpose hereafter mentioned all of the county and state aforementioned witnesseth that the said F. Fulton Floyd in consideration of the love he bears for Christ and to the Methodist Church South in particular hath given granted released conferred and conveyed unto A. Thompson, David Jones, Jesse R. Gaddy, Benjamin Inman, Jas. D. Crawford, A.C. Oliver, and H.F. Pitman and their successors as trustees in trust for the use and purpose hereafter mentioned and delivered all the estate right title interest property claim and demand whatsoever either in law or equity which the said F. Fulton Floyd hath in or to upon all and singular a certain lot or piece of land lying and being in the county and state aforesaid on which has been erected a house of worship named Corinth Church. Said lot or piece of land being described as follows to wit beginning at the stake south of the church on the public road near a hickory tree thence running at right angles with the road 60 1/2 yards to a stake thence running parallel to the road 80 yards to a stake thence running at right angles to the stake lastly described to a stake stake on the public road 60 1/2 yards down to the beginning containing one acre of land more or less together with all houses woods waterways privileges and appurtenances thereunto belonging to or in any wise pertaining to have and to hold they and their successors in trust. Said premises shall be kept maintained and disposed of as a place of worship for the use of the ministry and membership of the Methodist Episcopal Church South subject to the usage and ministerial appointments by the conference of said church. The said F. Fulton Floyd doth warrant and defend the aforementioned and described piece of land unto said trustees and their successors from the claim or claims of said F. Fulton Floyd his heirs assignees and all persons whatsoever provided that in case the land shall cease to be used for the purposes herein mentioned and described the said premises shall revert to said F. Fulton Floyd or his heirs property as if this instrument of writing had not been given provided that the trustees herein mentioned or other successors deem it advisable at any time to remove or sell the house on said premises they shall by consent of the Quarterly Conference and the person in charge authorized to do so and in case the house should be sold the proceeds to be used at the direction of the Quarterly Conference.

In testimony whereof the said F. Fulton Floyd has set his hand and seal the day and year above.

Witness:
W.A. Bullock
A.E. Floyd

F. Fulton Floyd Seal
C.B. Townsend CSC
J.H. Morrison Reg. Deeds

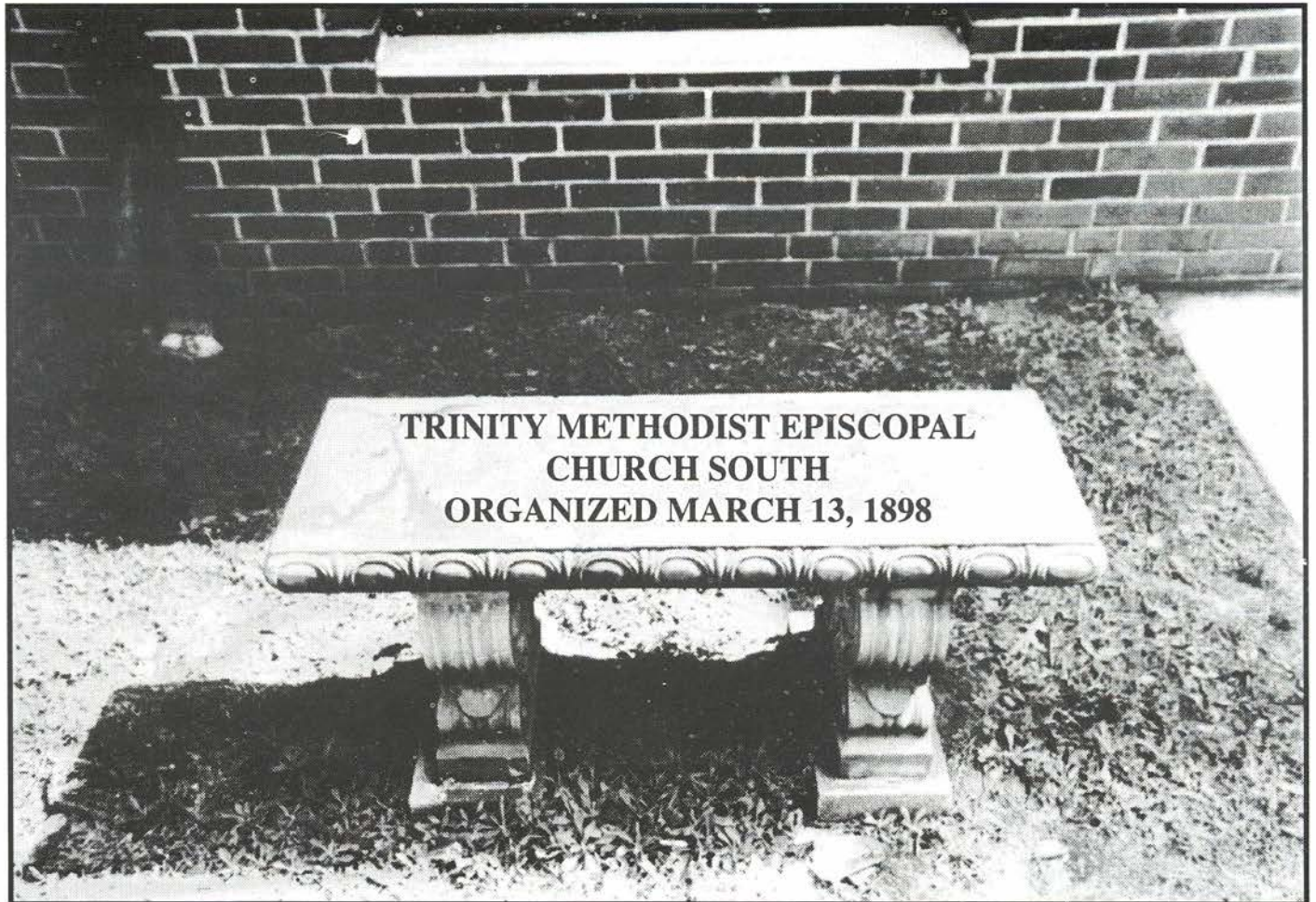


Francis Fulton Floyd

*Hopewell
Bethesda
Olivet*

Robeson Circuit

*Corinth
Centenery
Asbury*



Rev. Erskine Pope P.C.

W.H. Moore P.E.

Robert K. Hargrove
Bishop
North Carolina Conference

THE BEGINNINGS OF A NEW WOODEN CHURCH

TRINITY

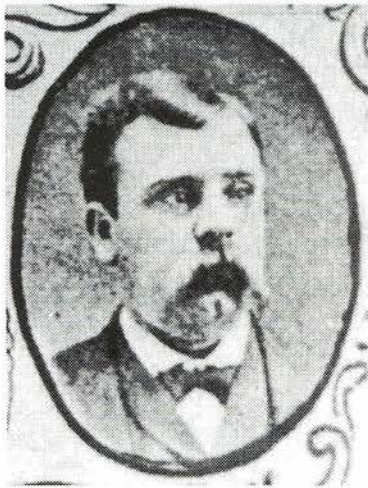
Both Hopewell Methodist Episcopal Church and Corinth Methodist Episcopal Church South were on the Robeson Charge. Other churches on the charge were Asbury, Centenary, Bethesda, and Olivet . . . all being in the Fayetteville District. Reverend Jonathan Sanford was the preacher in charge and he lived in the parsonage which had been built beside Hopewell Church (1886-1888).

In 1895 at the first Quarterly Conference held at Corinth, Dr. W.A. Oliver presented the following resolution: "Resolved: That it is the opinion of this Quarterly Conference that Hopewell and Corinth churches should be consolidated and a new church be erected at some central point for the use of the two congregations."

At the third Quarterly Conference August 15, 1896, the Reverend E. Pope, Pastor in Charge, adopted a resolution for consolidation. Authority was then granted the Trustees of Hopewell and Corinth churches to sell their church property. The following were elected as a building committee "to procure a site and build a church", Gadson Drake Floyd, Robert Oscar Pitman, Francis Smith Floyd, Archibald Thompson and Albert Floyd.

A second committee was elected to secure a suitable site for a parsonage and this committee bought part of the present Atlantic Coast Line depot plot, but later sold it to the railroad company at a profit of \$200.00. A second site was purchased from Atlas Bullock. A plot 50 feet by 250 feet was later bought from A.J. Floyd by the Ladies' Aid Society of Trinity Church in order to enlarge the site.

The new church, a wooden structure named Trinity, was built on the parsonage land at a cost of \$1,100.00. There were forty-nine members.



Rev. Erskine Pope

In 1897, after the resolution for consolidation of Hopewell and Corinth had been adopted, permission had been granted to sell the property and procure a new building site, the Rev. Erskine Pope, Pastor in Charge of Robeson Circuit, wrote a letter to Sheriff Robert Oscar Floyd, chairman of the building committee, in Leesville, N.C. Pope had heard of some property owned by Mrs. Mary Ivey in Ashpole (Fairmont) that could be purchased for \$15.00 an acre. He was anxious for the committee to decide the matter.

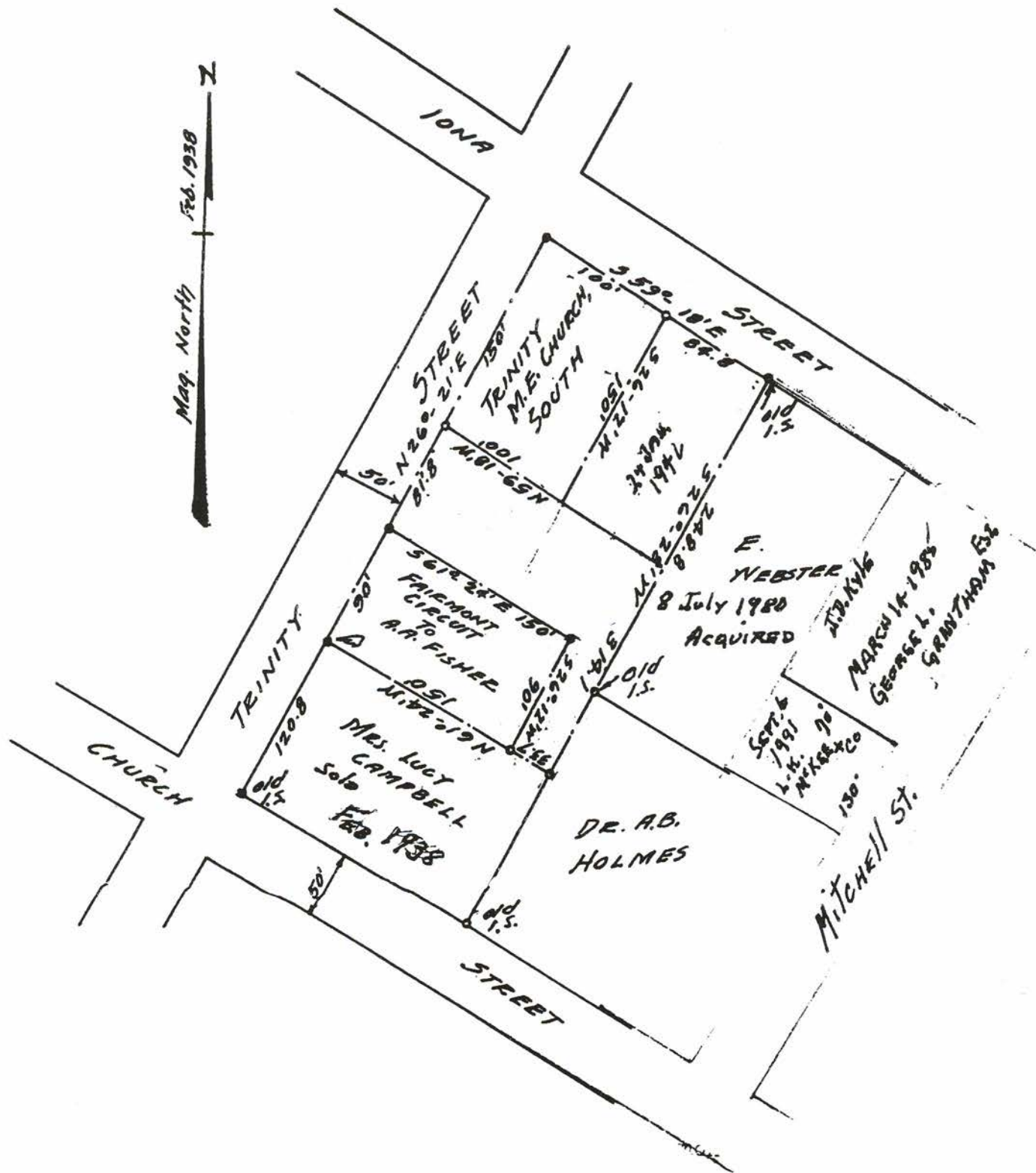
On the following page is a copy of the letter mailed from Ashpole Feb. 27, 1897.

ROBESON CIRCUIT
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N. C. CONFERENCE.
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REV. E. POPE, PASTOR.

Ashpole, N. C., Feb. 27th 1897.

Dear Smiff, I have ascertained
that we can get an acre
of land from Mrs. Ivy in
front of Long's for \$1500.
Please come over to Ashpole
Monday at 3 P.M. & meet
the balance of Committee and
lets decide the matter.
I am satisfied that is reason-
able enough as all the other
lots on Ivy property has
sold for \$4000 per acre.
I want to go to Lumberton Tuesday
and have deed drawn & signed.
So come without fail.
Love to all,
Cordially, E. Pope.





Map of lots in the Town of Fairmont, N.C.
 The Property of
 Fairmont Circuit, Methodist Episcopal Church South

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Deed for Parsonage Land in Ashpole (Fairmont)

Atlas Bullock and wife

To

Trustees of Robeson Circuit of
The M.E. Church South

This Indenture made this November 18th, 1896 between Atlas Bullock and wife Julia of the one part and A.C. Oliver, L.R. Hamer, J.R. Floyd, G.D. Floyd and J.R. Binnus trustees of Robeson Circuit of the Methodist Episcopal Church South of the second part, both parties of the county of Robeson and state of North Carolina. Witnesseth: That the said part of the first part for and in consideration of the sum of Two Hundred and fifty-dollars to them paid by the said party of the second part of the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged that given, granted, bargained, sold and conveyed and by these presents I give grant bargain, sell and convey to the said party of the second part and their successors in office a certain tract or piece of land situated at Ashpole in the county of Robeson, State of North Carolina for a parsonage for said Methodist Episcopal Church South. Beginning at Drew Hill's eastern gate past and runs thence S. 24-W.19 chains with J.P. Pitman's line to a black gum tree high water mark in J.P. Pitman's Mill pond, thence down his pond S. 62 - E 2-90 chains to G.P. Floyd's corner, Thence N 24-E19-40 chains. G.P. Floyd's line to his corner in Iona Road then with the road N-62 W 2-74 chains to the beginning containing five and one-third acres. To have and to hold the same with the appertences thus belonging to them the said trustees aforesaid and their successors in office in trust that the said premises shall be held, kept and maintained and disposed of as a place of residence for the use and occupation of the preacher of the Methodist Episcopal Church South who may from time to time be appointed in said place subject to the usage and discipline of said Church as from time to time authorized and declared by the final conference of said church and the annual conferences in whose bounds the said premises are situated and the said party of the first part for the consideration aforesaid do covenant and agree to warrant and defend the premises aforesaid against the lawful claims and demands of any and all persons whatsoever. In testimony whereof the said Atlas Bullock and wife Julia have hereunto set their hands and seals the day and year above written.

Signed, Sealed and delivered in presence Atlas Bullock (Seal)
of E. Pope, A.E. Floyd. Julia Bullock (Seal)

State of North Carolina
Robeson County

I A.E. Floyd a justice of the peace do hereby certify that Atlas Bullock and Julia Bullock his wife, personally appeared before me this day and acknowledged the due execution of the foregoing deed of conveyance and the said Julia Bullock being by me privately examined separate and apart from her said husband touching her voluntary execution of the same, doth state that she signed the same freely and voluntarily without fear of compulsion of her said husband or any other person and that she doth still voluntarily assent thereto. Witness my hand and seal this 18th day of November 1896. A.E. Floyd (Seal)

North Carolina
Robeson County

In superior court November 20, 1896, this buying certificate of A.E. Floyd a Justice of the Peace of Robeson County is acknowledged to be in due form and according to laws. Let the deed and certificate be registered. Found and registered Nov. 20, 1896.
S.A. Edmund CAC
A.S. Thompson Reg-deeds

TRINITY CHURCH HISTORY

By Florence S. Brown

Written in 1920

During the years before the war between the northern and the southern states, the church of Robeson Circuit called Bethesda was the only Methodist church between Lumberton, N. C. and Marion, S. C. Our great uncle, John W. Powell, whose sister had married our grandfather, James Martin Ashley, and whose mother, a lovely Virginia girl, missed her church, built the little family gathering place which we remember as Hopewell. Carriage and pair took young and old, but feeble could not attend. Little Hopewell was divided into four parts-white men and women, colored men and women, and the grand old pioneer Methodist preacher loved to raise a song and a shout from colored as well as white, and no white ever behaved better in church.

In fact, the only misbehavior which was reported to me was our dear old sainted many Fanny who got to the pulpit door with her new pink satin parasol still unfurled over her curly head before black many could catch her.

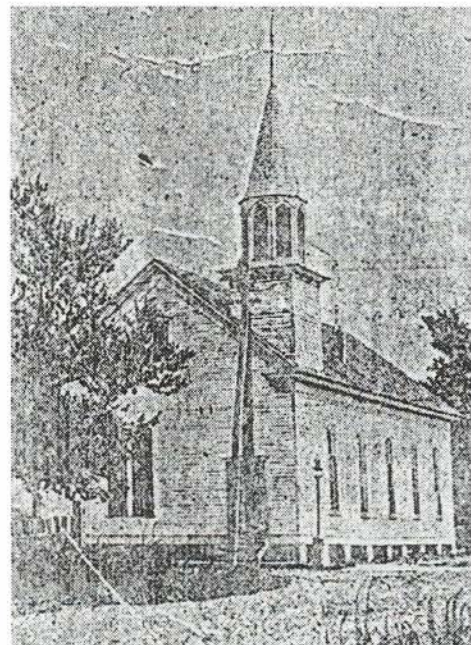
Robeson Circuit was all of Robeson County. A pastor and junior preacher with saddlebags - one side with books the other clothing - never rested as from ten to twenty preaching places kept them busy.

Ashbury, now on Rowland Circuit, was used for white at morning service and colored at three P.M. Yet the South is yet to be able to make the North see that we didn't beat and kick, or starve the most valuable property on earth. But goodbye old days--never shall we see them again.

In 1896 the members of Little Hopewell and of Corinth built much later but for the same purpose, decided that for the good of the work to combine and to build half way between-and we bought a lot from the late, sweet, patient, saint-Mrs. Mary Ivey. This lot now contains the depot of the Atlantic Coast Line Railway at the head of the Leesville Road. The railroad paid us then what was a generous price and our pastor, Rev. Erskine Pope, tried to buy from H. G. Byrd, A. C. Thompson, A. J. Floyd and others, but no one would sell, until the trustees of the parsonage, who had bought from Iona Street down to the high water mark of Pittman Mill Pond (afterward selling to P. B. Thompson and Averette Mitchell) gave permission to build the church on the parsonage lot.

Then the Aid Society bought a lot 50 feet wide and about 250 feet long just beyond the church from A. J. Floyd to assure no interference on that side - the town afterward taking the street. Our little church cost \$1,100.00. We had, I think, forty-nine members, with not wealth - not even what we old folks would call "good livers" - but we got it done, painted outside, organ, stove, lamps, carpet, pulpit and altar, and on the second Sunday in March, 1898, twenty-two years ago at three P.M. with about half the pews made, we gathered to "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow." Uncle Archie Thompson, father of A. C. and P. B. Thompson, raised our tunes in good old style. "Everybody made a joyful noise unto the Lord". Announced from the pulpit- "Next Sunday, three P.M. Sunday School will be organized" and it was-with something like seventy-five pupils as quite a number of Baptist and Presbyterian young people came, too. One more month and our organ was in place, S.S. doing well, a missionary society formed of the whole Sunday School. The last payment on the organ was made by a cold drink stand at the next commencement of Ashpole Institute.

Now this, to show you that we were willing and anxious to do what our hands found to do. At that time we were quite a curiosity to our Baptist friends, who said that "I can't see to save my life why them Methodist think they ought to have a church here. Look what a big one we've already got." This is absolutely the truth, tho I'm sure I do not blame you for refusing to believe it. They were also sure that we would have a

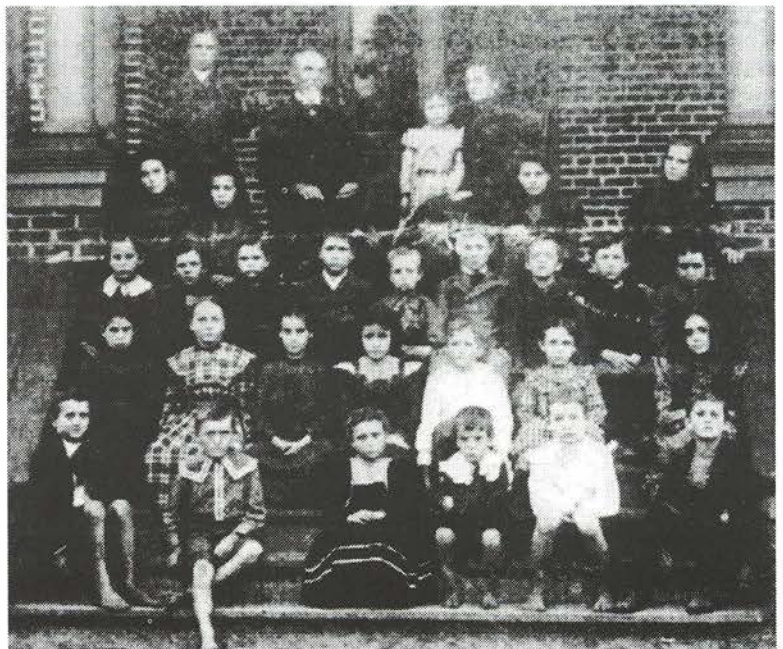


special brand of punishment because we raised money by hard work and pleasure in our own way.

In 1901 after thought, prayer, work, consultation, we thought we could do better work organized and Mrs. Dora Kimball Allred gathered us to the home of dear little grandma Harriett Ashley for a cottage prayer meeting, and we formed our little Ladies Aid with five cents a month dues. Two of our members then were over seventy-five, grandma Harriett Ashley and grandma Charity Ashley, and shortly after grandma Rose Pitman. These all died in the faith of their works that follow them.

The interest and love which we brought to our work caused us to love our neighbors and to be in charity and help real sisters. We had all kinds of meetings and work, but from the very first time promised each other that never would we gossip. If someone forgetful broke this rule, she was fined ten cents. The first thing we did to make money was an autograph quilt at five cents per name. It proved very popular as we announced a party to all helpers. We carried it through, too. Quilted all day--and a contest unknown in these days of high society. The quilt was measured off into divisions. Each young man could name his helper to thread his needle and to hold his candle, and the best hemming had a prize. The first game of baseball over yonder in front of us hadn't a patch of enthusiasm compared to this. When the half of the hemming was up, the lady judges said No. 9 has the prize, and you could have heard a pin drop while Mr. G. W. Whitehead, depot agent and secretary of our S.S. made the presentation speech to Mr. Drum Floyd, and when uncovered the old grey mule on four little tin wheels bobbed his head as Drum pulled the string along the mantle. What a row! The quilt was sold to the highest bidder--Mr. Francis C. Jones--who presented it to his sweetheart, and Sister Maude Jones will show it to you any day. The first money spent was to buy a white silk burial robe for a dear, good mother, Mrs. Lucy Kelley Ashley, fond, proud mother of Wade and Berry Ashley. Tho not a member, she helped all she could, and with her husband, John Ashley, never found anything too hard to do. John was a splendid singer, and to see him come into S.S. with his song book under his arm, a smile to everybody, followed by a clean set of rosey faced boys--Wade, Berry, Andrew, Ross, and knowing two girl babies were at home. How I wondered how it could be done. Suddenly the awful news came that for John and Andrew there was no hope and in a few days they were laid in the family graveyard, and mother Lucy brought into the world another beautiful girl baby. To do the best to save her, she was taken to her mother's old home in Bladen, but in a few days mother and babe followed father and brother. She had left a request to all of us - "Send my children to the orphanage. God be thanked, it is the most blessed thought of my life that my children can be trained by Christian Methodists". When she looks down from above and sees three sons all sober, hardworking, doing their share for home and country - two daughters, cultured, refined, educated - what do you suppose she thinks?

We had a pump put down in the yard where you saw the lovely wisteria blooming. That vine is a daughter of mine that was given to me thirty years ago by Mrs. McLeod of Lumberton, N. C. - a little bride so proud of her pretty little home, built and furnished, even to the cook. I remember that admiring Mrs. McLeod's yard she had said, "Well now, Honey, George



This picture was taken from the November 1901 "Raleigh Christian Advocate." This group of young orphans made their home at the Methodist Orphanage located in Raleigh, N.C. Among these children were O'Berry Ashley, third row up, third from the left, and brother Wade Ashley, fourth boy on same row. Later their brother Ross and sisters Iola and Maude joined them. Parents of these five children were John Edmond Ashley and Lucy Jane Kelly who died of typhoid fever in 1901.

says you and Johnny Brown are going to marry some day. Come back and I'll give you some of all I've got." None remains of the many shrubs she gave me but this.

The water of the pump did not agree with the next preacher, and if I had plenty of money to buy paper, I could write a library on what we did to please freaks. - but to resume.

When Prof. Sam Cole, principal of our school, died suddenly in Carthage, we were able to give his children the money to go to him, and when his wife returned to pack her furniture and gave to us a heartfelt of thanks praying God's eternal love for us as truly Christians, for the good book says to visit the widow and the helpless and the stranger. She felt that nowhere would there be found such friends.

We bought the street between the church and F. C. Jones yard. We paid for the blinds, the flues, the heater, the carpet. The children of the S.S. under our direction collected \$50.00 in one week for the church bell. The fence of the parsonage yard and bedroom furniture for two rooms came from us. This was the old building, and in the one over there so much more comfortable, we spent \$250.00 - every cent we had in the bank.

In 1903 we organized a Home Missionary Society and in 1905 a Foreign and never felt it any more hardship to pay dues to all three. One of our members said, "God has given me more than I ever expected to have since I trusted him for it, he has it ready for me." As a Home Mission Society our gifts broadened to Vashto, to Brevard, to Scarritt School, to the salary of Miss McKinnon, to the pledge, to the old missionaries worn out in our service, to preacher's families in hard places, to help rebuild a church after a storm. We have tried to answer every call. One of the most interesting cases was the "Walking Pastor." Rockingham District Conference was held here and I heard the pastor of Newharrie Circuit make his report. Eleven churches, three of them fifteen miles away, no parsonage, rent to pay, wife and five children, and a young daughter an invalid, and his horse died the year before as he was walking to his appointments. I made his acquaintance. He was well educated, pleasant, cheerful and not a word of complaint. We wrote to Mrs. Wilkins of Welden, Supt. of Supplies, at the request of our pastor's wife, Mrs. C. W. Smith, asking to be allowed to help him. She was so horrified. She wrote him and also the Raleigh Advocate and in a month was commented on in the Nashville Advocate and in at less a half-dozen Methodist papers all over the southern states, and Walking Pastor fund grew to \$150.00 and the \$50.00 to make it two hundred was sent from a converted Catholic Mexican of Samoran.

I was scared half to death of the commotion I had caused. I was afraid his wife would murder me, but she and he both were grand Christians. I afterwards met her and she was my guest at a district meeting. The Aid Society of St. John's Church of Goldsboro gave him a black broadcloth suit and we gave him the hat to complete the outfit.

The first money sent to the Methodist Orphanage from Robeson County was \$5.00 we made from an Easter egg hunt in our society.

History of Trinity Methodist Church and the Ladies Aid Society

Written by Mrs. Florence S. Brown in 1920. Spelling and punctuation appears as it was in the original text.

FLORENCE S. BROWN

In the 1920 history written by Florence Sanford Brown, she gives the reader a good description of early church life at Hopewell, Corinth, and the new wooden Trinity Church. This document is one of the most treasured possessions in the TUMC History Room.

Florence was the daughter of Rev. Jonathan Sanford who served the Robeson Circuit from 1886 - 1888 and again in 1893 - 1894. She was born in 1868. We have no knowledge of her early life but we do know she was the first wife of Dr. John Powell Brown. She and Dr. Brown had an adopted son, Harold Brown, who became a successful newspaper editor and lived in Mobile, Alabama.

A dedicated member of Hopewell Church and later Trinity, she was fifty-two years old when she wrote the church history in 1920. Florence died at the age of fifty-five in 1923 before the completion of the brick church.

From her writings we gather she was a devoted church worker who did not hesitate to "speak her mind" or come up with innovative ideas to raise money for the church. The following letter was written in 1892 at the age of twenty-four from Ashpole (Fairmont) to her good friend Miss Maude Pitman (Jones) in Leesville. She is trying to engage her friend in a money making project in order to buy new doors for the church.



1892

Dear Maude,

The arrangements are made for us to go Sunday so come over soon & lets get off before it's too hot - unless it looks like bad weather.

Say I've a new money making plan this morn. Have already consulted Mammy Hattie & Cat T. Ask Aunt Rose what she thinks & let me know by Sun. It is this. All who will help. Cook two or three pies a plate of biscuit & a dish of some kind of meat - ham, chicken, beef or - (or possum). Let us get H. Floyds store & sell lunches next Friday. Give a slice of pie two or meats & two buscuit for ten cents. We can get oil stoves enough to keep coffee hot & not have any plates to wash. Let them stand up to the counter. No cake or extra fancy things just fruit or tater pies. Then each one look after his own & take what is left home & eat it for supper. All would be clear but the coffee & sugar to go in it & if it's a good day I believe we can make several dollars. I'll ask John tonight what he thinks of the crowd being large enough to pay us for the trouble. It would be less trouble by a great deal than other things we have done.

Let me know what you think of it. We need those doors mighty bad, don't we? Ask Coz Os. if he doesn't think the men would like a good cheap lunch place.

How's the skirt?

Yrs with love
F. S. B.



If you wish to learn your fate,
Come to the hall as the clock strikes eight.
A penny a piece you will have to pay,
For the times you have seen Halloween day.



Town Hall,
Eight to Eleven
October thirty-first,
nineteen hundred and six.
Young Ladies Aid Society,
M. E. Church.

Pictured at left is an invitation to a gathering put on by the Ladies Aid Society in 1906.

MAUDE PITMAN (JONES)

The friend to whom Florence Brown was writing was Maude Pitman. Amanda Maude Pitman (Jones) was the daughter of Rosa Ashley Pitman and Henry Flowers Pitman. You read about them in the Hopewell Church history. Maude married Francis Jones who was brother to Joe Jones, contractor for Trinity Church - 1923. Francis and Maude lived in a home on the corner of Trinity and Iona Street now owned and occupied by the Howies. Maude was mother of three boys: Wright, Frank, and Gerald - also one daughter, Rose. The first young bride to be married in the new brick Trinity church was Rose Jones. You will read about this wedding in the Music History of the church. Maude's son, Wright, married a school teacher named Elisabeth Hunsucker whom we affectionately call "Miss Lib" Jones.

This short family history is but one example of the generations of family histories that are interwoven in the congregational history of the church. Among others are the Ashleys, the Thompsons, and the Floyds. TUMC is rich in memories. Affection and gratitude for all those who came before is evident throughout the church community.



*Maude suggested the name
"Trinity" for the new
wooden church.*



**Joe Jones, Contractor
for Trinity Church
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Trinity Parsonage
309 Iona Street, Fairmont, N.C.
Dedicated Nov. 14, 1948



Trinity United Methodist Church
307 Trinity Street, Fairmont, N.C.
Dedicated July 16, 1939

TRINITY'S HISTORY THROUGH THE YEARS 1917 - 1998

By 1917, during the pastorate of B. E. Stanfield, it became increasingly evident that a new church was needed and a building fund was begun. Plans were soon adopted, and building materials were put on the ground in 1923 during the pastorate of Rev. W. F. Traywick. The Building Committee consisted of J. H. Pitman, G. H. Floyd, J. M. Andrews, C. A. Floyd, A. S. Thompson, and G. H. Cole, Treasurer.

Raymond and Chester Andrews, who watched and helped along with brother Berry with the gathering of the building materials, recalled the following 1923 activities:

The lumber was sawed by the Jackson Brothers Lumber Company during the Christmas holidays. Our father, Marshall Andrews, furnished the trees and fell same on the property near the Thomas Floyd, Jr. resident on Marion Stage Road. The floors were cut two inches wide and air-dried--no knots. Marshall Andrews and Graddy H. Floyd, Sr. used mule and horse teams pulling scoops to dig the basement. The clay dirt was put where Fairmont School is now located. Mr. Joe Jones supervised the actual construction and Cooper and Son of Maxton, N. C. were the architects.

The cost of the church was \$30,000 and \$6,000 of this amount was borrowed. Most of the construction took place in 1924 with N. B. Johnson serving as pastor.

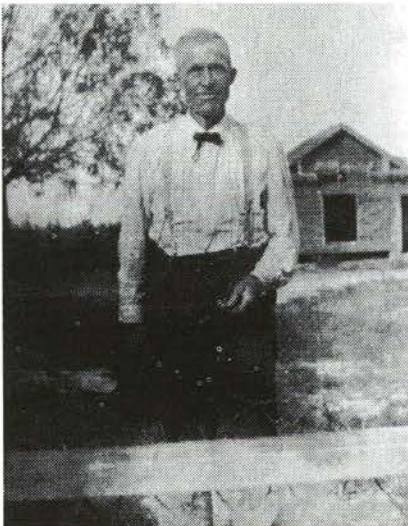
Rev. F. B. Peele served in the Fairmont Trinity Church at the close of the Robeson Circuit (1927-1930). His brother, W. W. Peele, was bishop of the Virginia/N.C. Conference.

The Fairmont Charge was established in 1931 and consisted of Trinity, Bethesda, and Olivet Churches. The charge was placed in the Wilmington District--J. W. Bradley, pastor, served these three churches.

Rev. J. E. Blalock (1935-38) reported in 1936 that the church debt had been liquidated, and a total of \$2,000 had been spent on improvements. Rev. Blalock died while serving Trinity and Rev. W. R. Dixon finished out his term.

Under Rev. F. B. Joyner (1939-42) a kitchen equipped with an electrical stove and a recreation room was completed in the basement of the church. The parsonage beside the church was also remodeled in 1939 (built and painted in 1899--cost \$570). The new church with a membership of 348 was dedicated by Bishop W. W. Peele on July 16, 1939.

Trinity Church having been a charge for 15 years, was made a station in 1946 with 325 active members and 65 inactive. Rev. Ben F. Boone (1943-47) was pastor at the time. The church remained a station for 29 years.

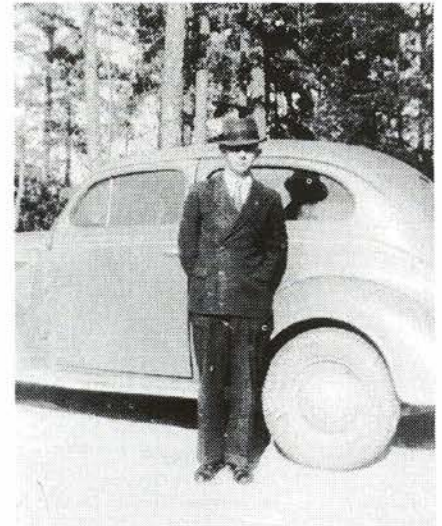


GASTON DRAKE FLOYD

The father and grandfather of many of our present day Floyds.



**JAMES MARSHALL
ANDREWS**



RAYMOND ANDREWS

A NEW BRICK PARSONAGE

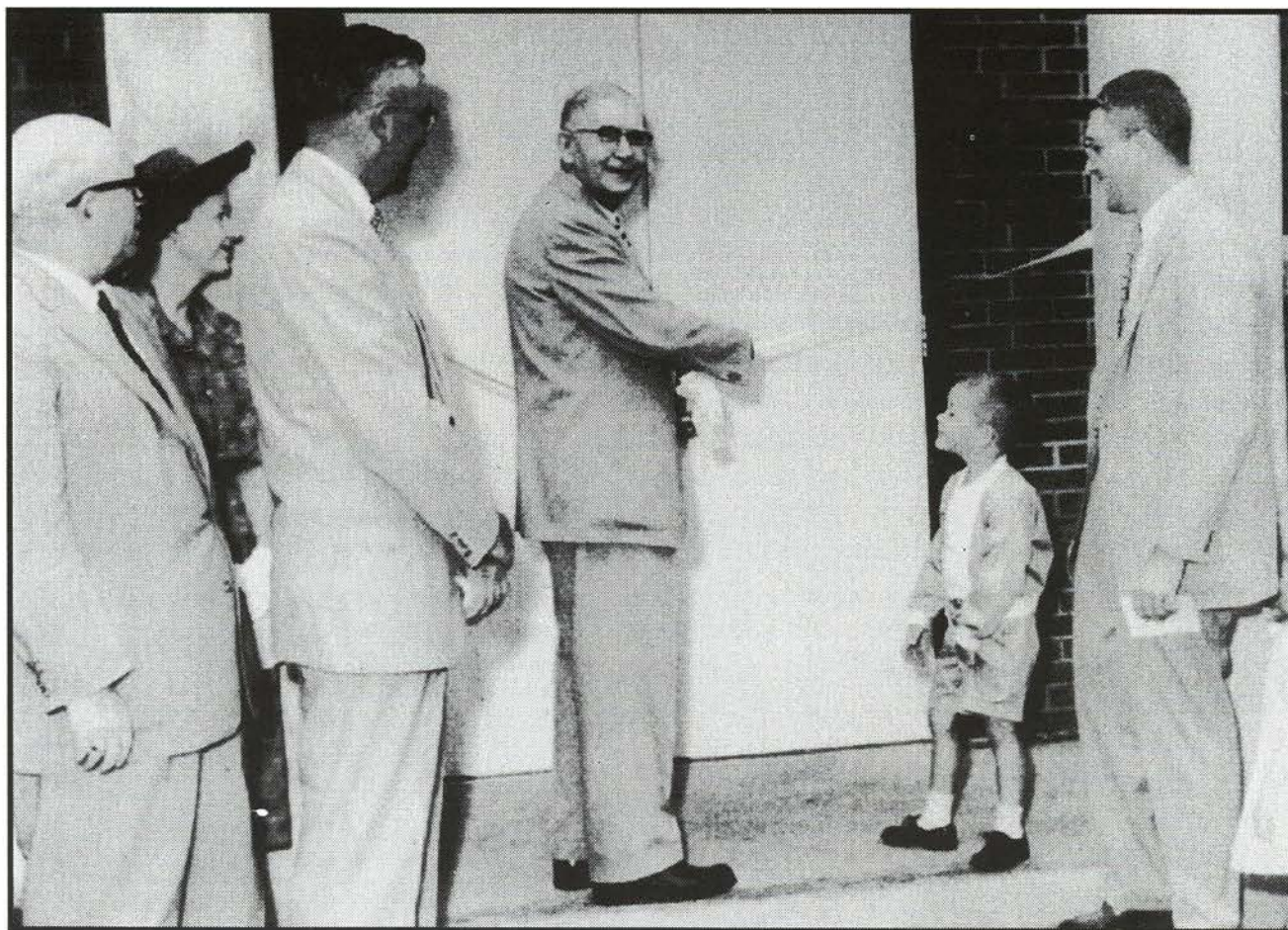
During the pastorate of Rev. Daniel Lane (1948-51), a new brick parsonage for Trinity Methodist Church was dedicated by Bishop W. Walter Peele, Bishop of the Virginia/N.C. Conference (Nov. 1948). The modern home was built by Clyde C. Fennell at a cost of \$18,000. Robert Floyd was Chairman of the Building Committee with Glenn W. Bowers and W. Carlton Floyd serving on the committee. The Golden Anniversary of the church was also celebrated at this time, Nov. 14, 1948.

THE EDUCATION BUILDING

Between 1948 and 1951, the church began to experience growing pains again, the goal being a new Education Building and renovation of the sanctuary - estimated cost \$135,000. The Beaufort Lumber Company was part of Fairmont as early as 1904 and brought a lot of members to our church. By April 1956, Rev. Charles H. Mercer (1952-56) reported the amount of \$37,719 in the building fund. In November of that same year, the new pastor, Rev. J.D. Autry (1956-58) reported a balance of \$50,000 in the fund and it was decided to begin construction. The Building Committee was composed of G.H. Floyd, Chairman, Mrs. Christine McDaniel, W. Carlton Floyd, and H.J. Rawls. W.B. Lennon, Sr. was appointed treasurer and was followed by Robert O. Floyd at his death. Holloway and Reeves of Raleigh were the architects, and the main contract was let to A.C. Carter of Whiteville, N.C.

In 1955 during the term of Pastor Charles Mercer (1952-56), Sunday School peaked with 360 members. Wade Ashley was superintendent of Sunday School. (1936-58). There were 428 members on the church roll.

Rev. M.W. Maness, a dedicated pastor, served for one year, 1958-59, and was replaced by Rev. Walter C. Feltman 1960-61. Rev. Feltman passed away January of 1998. He made his home near New Bern, N.C.

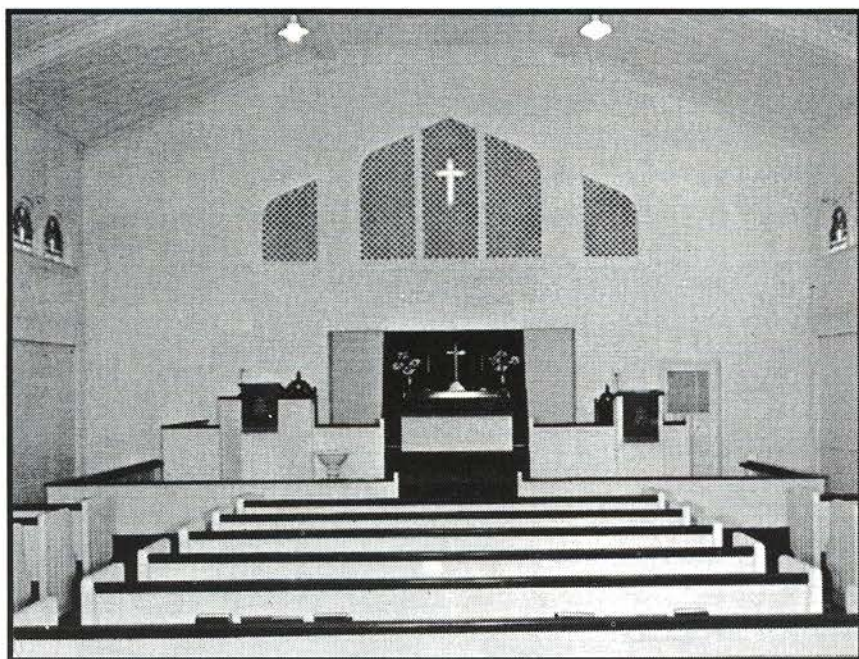


Dedication of the new Education Building, October 13, 1963

Pictured are left to right: H.J. Rawls, Mrs. Dan Floyd, G.H. Floyd, Wade Ashley (Supt. of Sunday School), Page Floyd (child) and Dr. Dan Floyd.

Rev. Paul C. Browning began his ministry at Trinity in 1961. The renovation of the sanctuary in 1962 was begun under the guidance of Rev. Browning with F.D. Nance and Wallace Floyd contracting most of the work. There were contributions of \$8,000 to the building fund and the church had a loan of \$19,000. The sanctuary was changed from a pulpit-centered chancel to a divided chancel and painted white; folding partitions were removed; new light fixtures were added; the choir and a new \$11,500 organ were moved to the balcony. A new heating unit and air conditioning were installed. Eighteen hundred dollars worth of gifts as memorials for the sanctuary were received. On August 25, 1962 Rebecca Alicia Rawls of Fairmont, N.C. and William A. Greene of Whiteville, N.C. were the first young couple to be married in the newly renovated sanctuary.

On October 13, 1963 Trinity Methodist Church celebrated the dedication of the new Education Building by Rev. Clyde S. Boggs, District Superintendent. Homecoming was also celebrated on that day and our pastor, Rev. Browning, welcomed former pastors, friends, and 450 church members. Rev. Charles H. Mercer, former pastor, gave the sermon.



***THE NEWLY RENOVATED
SANCTUARY - 1962***

***TRINITY SANCTUARY
RENOVATED
(August 11, 1985)***



During the term of Rev. Ralph Epps (1964-70), the parsonage porch was renovated into a den, bedroom, and bath. At Homecoming, Nov. 27, 1966, two hundred and twenty people filled the sanctuary to hear Bishop Paul N. Garber's sermon. Rev. Epps became known as "Ole Faithful" while serving as chaplain of the Fairmont High School football team. In 1968 Trinity Church became Trinity United Methodist Church.

A well thought of pastor was Rev. Charles E. Owens (1971-1974). Rev. Owens became known as "Mr. Fix-It" for he was always happy to make small repairs on the church property. He now resides in Roxboro, N. C. Some of Trinity's men who also were and are talented with their hands: F.D. "Red" Nance, Wade F. McDaniel, L.I. Campbell, M.S. Huston, Robert Stuart, and Steve Floyd.

Rev. Robert M. Drew served as our minister from 1974-77. In 1975 TUMC became a charge once again and for nearly twenty-three years has remained so. Bishop Robert M. Blackburn gave the sermon for the May 22 1976 Homecoming. Clyde G. McCarver, D.S., and Rev. Chester Andrews took part in the service.

Our minister from 1977-1981 was Rev. Noah B. Hill. The Webster property next to the parsonage was purchased July, 1980. This afforded the church members more room for parking.

The pastorate of Rev. Robert F. Moore was from 1981 to 1987. During his term, the property of George L. Grantham Estate (corner of Iona and Mitchell Street) was acquired (March, 1985). This too extended the parking facilities. On August 11, 1985, Trinity's sanctuary was again in the process of renovation. Pews were removed underneath the balcony and walls were knocked out making room for the beautiful narthex we have today. The sanctuary was painted and pews refinished. The project was under the direction of the Board of Trustees, Robert F. Stuart, Chairman, H. J. Rawls, William A. Greene, and Rev. Moore, Pastor. Ronald M. Nye Construction, Inc. was the contractor. On the first Sunday back in the sanctuary, there were one hundred in attendance, September 8, 1985.

Other noteworthy events between 1981-87 were: The installation of the wheelchair lift in 1985 at the cost of \$6,200 which was a project of the United Methodist Men; the Sunday afternoon concert by the Burlington Boys Choir on March 8, 1987--203 attended; and a series of trips that were taken in the church van by Rev. and Mrs. Moore and interested women of the Trinity and Olivet Churches between 1983-1986. Their travels included The Passion Play in Shenandoah Valley, Va., Old Salem in Winston-Salem, N. C., Savannah, and Saint Simons Island, Ga.

During the ministry of Rev. James Harris (1987-92), the Lanness K. McKee and Company property was purchased in September of 1991. Restoration of the stained glass windows in the sanctuary became necessary. The work was done at the cost of \$44,000 by Shenandoah Stained Glass out of Shenandoah, Va. Steve Floyd oversaw the project. Homecoming was celebrated March 10, 1991--170 attended. Homecoming on March 15, 1992--146 attended. Linwood Floyd retired after serving for forty years as our Church Treasurer - 1992.

Rev. C. F. Grill served as pastor from 1992-94. Under his leadership, the church began the project Vision 2000 and the Shepherding Program (a community outreach program). On March 13, 1994 there were 95 in attendance for Homecoming.

Rev. Herman S. Winberry preached his first sermon in Trinity United Methodist Church on June 19, 1994. He continued the program Vision 2000. His relaxed and cheerful approach to his work was contagious. On March 26, 1995 TUMC celebrated the One Hundred Fiftieth Anniversary of Hopewell Methodist Episcopal Church South (1845-1995). The Bishop of the N. C. Conference, Carlton P. Minnick, Jr. preached the anniversary sermon. Rev. Ben Rouse, Superintendent of the Rockingham District, was also present. There were 212 in the congregation that day.

A young minister by the name of Troy Todd came to us in 1995. He preached his first sermon on July 2. During his year of service, participation and interest in the Youth Ministry of the church was encouraged. It became evident during this period that an ice machine would certainly be an asset with so many activities taking place in the Fellowship Hall. The Sunday Afternoon Circle adopted this as their project and in 1996 an ice machine was installed in the church kitchen. The circle gave this in memory of a faithful member, Nettie Ruth Floyd. Nettie Ruth Floyd had the distinction of being the first woman to have a seeing-eye dog in North Carolina.

The first woman pastor assigned to the church was Rev. Kimberly G. Pollock (1996-97). She was instrumental in re-energizing the evangelistic mission of the church. Under her leadership, prayer groups were organized, workshops were held on the new church discipline, and Vision 2000 was revitalized. Also increased participation in church leadership was encouraged.

The congregation welcomed Rev. Debra Watson in the summer of 1997. She found the church in the process of felling trees and concreting drive ways and parking areas behind the Fellowship Hall. It was not long before Rev. Watson's talents and enthusiasm for the continued learning of God's Word and the continuation of his works by the church community became evident. We are grateful for her ministry.

Mrs. Carolyn Wooten Malion organizes the prayer chain and has faithfully led the prayer groups for a number of years.

A firm foundation was laid for Trinity United Methodist Church one hundred years ago when there was a longing for a house of worship and the early families began to sing: "On Christ the solid rock I stand all else is sinking sand." Trinity continues to be a Christ centered church and He remains the center of every undertaking.

The congregation continues to seek ways to grow spiritually through pastoral presentations of God's Word and through personal study and meditation. We are ever reminded of God's unconditional love and His call for us to do our very best. It is our prayer that we, the church community, make it our mission to be faithful to that call, and work for unity at all levels of church life as we move onward "with the cross of Jesus going on before."



The first Chrismon Tree was decorated in 1979. Many women in the church under the guidance of Martha Purcell Floyd and Mabel Provins made the 174 Christmons. For the past six years Dr. and Mrs. Sam Evans and children have donated a tree for the Christmas Services.

*Sunday morning
"Time With The Children".
Storyteller - Mrs. Sheri Cureton
(December 1995)*



THE MUSIC PROGRAM

Traditionally, the ministry of music has been very important in the development of the Methodist Church. John Wesley included music in his ministry at the very outset of Methodism. He, along with his brother, Charles, wrote many beautiful hymns that have inspired and converted many people to Christianity.

Trinity Methodist Church in Fairmont has followed that tradition through the years and music continues to be a very important part of our worship service.

Mr. Archie Thompson and Mr. John Ashley (who also was a good fiddler) will long be remembered as pioneers in the music of our church. They could be seen on Sunday mornings walking to church with their songbooks under their arms.

In April 1898 after the church had been opened, they obtained a pump organ. The organ was placed at the head of the middle isle, in front of the pulpit. A straight chair was placed on each side - one for Mr. Parson Thompson and one for Mr. Alonza Thompson. These two men led the singing because there was no choir at this time. The Rev. Erskine Pope was the minister and Mrs. Florence Brown was the organist, a position she held for many years. As interest in the music continued to grow, a choir was formed. The choir was to be seated in the "Amen Corner," and the organ was moved over to the side of the church. However, when the choir arrived for church on Sunday, the organ had been moved back to the center of the sanctuary. This "back-and-forth" move continued for some time but finally stopped with the organ left at the side.

Mrs. Florence Brown wanted to involve the younger members of the church in the music program. She organized the "Sunbeams," a group of children and young people who gave programs of "little" plays, recitations, and singing. Their participation in the service was welcomed and enjoyed by all.

We owe much to the dedicated people who gave untiringly of their time and talents to keep the musical program going in our church through the late 1800's and the early 1900's - John Ashley, Archie Thompson, Mrs. Florence Brown, Mrs. Maude P. Jones, Katherine Cole and many others.

Music remained an important part of the program as the church moved into the new sanctuary. On June 24, 1924 the first service to be held in the new Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church South (the windows not yet installed possibly because they were to be stained glass windows) was the wedding of Miss Rose Jones and Mr. Edward Lee Faulconer. The music for this event was most outstanding. Rose had trained the choir for her wedding music. They rendered The Bridal Chorus from "The Rose Maiden". This was followed by a violin solo, "The Rosary," by Mr. Eli Ammons. Victor Hayes sang "I Love You Truly" and Mrs. Lal Price sang "The Sweetest Story Ever Told." These solos were accompanied by violin obligatio. The traditional "Lohengrins' Wedding March" was rendered by Mrs. A.H. Hayes, who played softly throughout the ceremony "To A Wild Rose" by McDowell. The beautiful and impressive ring ceremony of the Methodist Episcopal Church South was used. For the recessional, Mrs. Hayes played Mendelssohn's Wedding March. Rose Jones was the daughter of Maude P. Jones, who gave the name of Trinity to our church, and Mr. Francis Jones.

Magenta Lassiter became pianist and choir director about 1925. We now had a choir loft and interest continued to grow. Among the members of the choir were: Maude Ashley, Betty Lou Galloway, Maude P. Jones, Christine Thompson, Lal Price, Ina Bracey Thompson, Wade Ashley, Berry Ashley, John Bracey and Jesse Floyd. Most of the members of the choir did solo parts and were dedicated people who sang at funerals, often times acapella and brought comfort to the bereaved. Maude Ashley (Grantham) recalls an incident that happened in 1927 while Rev. F.B. Peele was minister. She was to sing a solo in the morning worship service and started off on the wrong note. Realizing it, she asked the pianist to start over. Quite naturally, we were amazed at her stamina. We also had dedicated people to help in the youth choirs and maintain a spirit of fellowship between youth and adults. Magenta



*Rose Jones and Edward Lee Faulconer
First couple to be married in the new
brick Trinity Methodist Church
June 24, 1924*

continued as pianist until 1938 when a new electric Hammond organ was bought at the cost of \$3,000.00. This added much enthusiasm to our musical worship and under Magenta's talent as director and organist, music took on new life. The first Sunday she played the organ she told the choir to go on singing and not notice her mistakes; of course, improvement came fast.

The Rev. J.E. Blalock had died just before the organ was purchased, and W.R. Dixon, a Duke Ministerial student, filled out his term. Mr. Dixon was married while at Trinity and for the remaining part of the year his wife, Isabel, directed our choir. We regretted to see them go for they had created a lot of interest in our church music.

Many of our regular members had moved away. Namely, Betty Lou Galloway to New York, Maude Ashley had married and gone to the Presbyterian church, Lal Price and Ina Bracey Thompson, also. However, Victor and Alice Hayes, Exie Trawick, Mrs. L.E. Ricks, Marion and Ola Huston, Gladys Huffines (Crutchfield) and Kitty Brown had joined the choir. These served during the pastorate of Rev. F.B. Joyner.

The Rev. Ben F. Boone came in 1943 and remained with us until 1947. Mrs. Boone was an active choir member and contributed much to the order and dignity of our church music. It was under her direction that we became a vested choir. During this time Julia Burton (Taylor) and Grace Bivins, high school music teachers, joined our choir. Other members were Annette Brown (Floyd), Margaret King, Mrs. Vernon Teal, Grace G. Hales, Iola Ashley, Phyllis Ashley, Larry Barnes, Jane Page (Britt), Dr. Francis Gibson, Mary Hester Floyd, Ruth and T.J. Carson, Lillian Floyd, Marion Hamilton and Bill Hamilton. We were fortunate to have Magenta Thompson as our organist until 1948 when she left us to join the First Baptist Church with her husband.

Mrs. Grace Hales followed Mrs. Thompson as organist, assisted by Mrs. Hal Floyd. Mrs. Julia Burton Taylor was director of music. Mrs. Taylor and Mrs. Hales organized a Children's choir and in 1958, when Mrs. Taylor moved to Charleston, Mrs. Jane Page (Britt) was appointed in her place. In 1954 Larry Barnes worked with the Music Department and was commended for his fine contribution. In December of 1954 a music committee was appointed. Mrs. Hal Floyd, Mrs. Carlton Floyd and Mr. Wade Ashley were nominated to this. In May 1955 the Music Committee met with the Finance Committee in reference to church music, choir director and organist and a motion was made and carried that \$1,500.00 be incorporated into the budget for this.

On September 13, 1955 our pastor, Charles Mercer, announced that Mr. Boyd Elliot, band instructor at the High School, would direct the adult, youth and children's choirs for a salary of \$100.00 per month. Mrs. Hal Floyd's piano students served as organists and pianist in the late 50's and 60's. Those serving included Larry Barnes, Bobbilynne Barnes, Linda Oliver (Huggins), Brenda Teal and Susie McDaniel.

Many of the people who have not been mentioned but were always there to help were Grace West, Knight Lennon, Claude Jarrett, Carolyn Carlyle, and Mary Ellen Strickland. Mrs. Ross Ashley, Mrs. Earl Floyd, Mrs. Dovie Floyd and Mrs. Grace Hales were involved in playing for our Sunday School which was held at that time in our Sanctuary. They also played for our Women's meetings and Wednesday Night Prayer Meetings.

After Mrs. Hales retired, Mrs. Dorothy Floyd served as organist and music director of the youth and adult choirs at Trinity Methodist Church until 1972. During this time she attended music and worship sessions at the Methodist Assembly grounds at Lake Junaluska and Montreat. During this time, various band directors were employed at \$100.00 per month to help with the music program at the church. These included Claude Jarrett, Larry Parler, Franklin Bullard, Timothy Eckerd and Guy Womble. Our church music program benefitted under their leadership. Our musical activities continued to grow as we fostered a close relationship with school personnel and with the music programs in other churches in the area.

There have been quite a few members from Trinity Methodist Church who have pursued music degrees and are now holding positions as church musicians, namely Brenda Teal Bullard, Susie McDaniel Swenson, Nan Nance Leggett, Carol Floyd Lewis, Nancy McGirt Hardin, Betsy Floyd Tusai, and Harriette Faye Floyd Lovin.

The \$11,000.00 Allen organ was installed in the existing balcony of the church in August, 1962, with amplifiers front and back of the sanctuary - improving acoustics for the choir and congregation, this being

the purpose of the "rear end" installation. The move is still questioned on occasion by some who want to see the choir; however, it has given much confidence to volunteer choir members and would-be soloists. To watch the heavy instrument being hoisted to the balcony was an eventful occasion. A Grand Conover piano was given to the church in 1963 by Mr. and Mrs. Paul Thompson in memory of her parents Mr. and Mrs. D.C. Lassiter. Organ and piano duets have added another dimension to our church service.

Kathryn Floyd joined the adult choir in 1962 and was for the next ten years assistant to Dorothy Floyd. In 1972, while Charles Owens was pastor, Kathryn became organist/choir director, a position she now holds. Dorothy Floyd has continued to assist in playing the organ and piano and Melba Savage has also assisted.

Betty Ann Floyd and Melba Savage volunteered for the children's choir in 1965 when the Rev. Ralph Epps came to Trinity and continued in that capacity for the next nine years. Kathryn Floyd, Myrna Fisher and Jane Armstrong took over the children's choir work in 1974 and continued until September of 1984 when Nancy McGirt became the Children's Choir director. Myrna Fisher began serving as church pianist about 1973 and became full time pianist in 1978, a position she held until her marriage in June of 1984. Nancy McGirt filled this position in the fall of that same year.

Mrs. Julia Taylor and family came back to Fairmont to live in 1976. How wonderful to have her back with us and her beautiful voice means so much to the choir.

In the early 1960's the Administrative Board voted to pay our organist a salary and this was added to our budget. Later a salary for the pianist was added. In 1976 a new Yamaha piano was placed in the choir room as a gift from Lucille Floyd (Mrs. William McKinley).

Between 1973 and 1979 a large young people's choir was organized at Trinity and opened to the other churches in the community and surrounding areas. About 40 voices, representative of Trinity, Olivet, Bethesda, Centerville, First Baptist and Presbyterian Churches sang musicals and special programs and were invited to sing in many areas of the county. Kathryn Floyd directed this group for several years.

In 1974 Charles and Jeanette Webster gave a Casio electronic keyboard to the music ministry of the church in memory of their son "Charlie" who died in 1973. The keyboard is used for every Easter sunrise service and in other special services.

About 1980 a music budget was established for church choirs at Trinity and Mrs. Kathryn Floyd and Mrs. Myrna Fisher began attending the summer conferences on music and worship at Montreat, NC. Here they attended classes and workshops involving music for all ages in the church music ministry, and purchased the anthems and special music for the entire church year. Recently a contract has been made to take care of the service on the organ and pianos of our church.

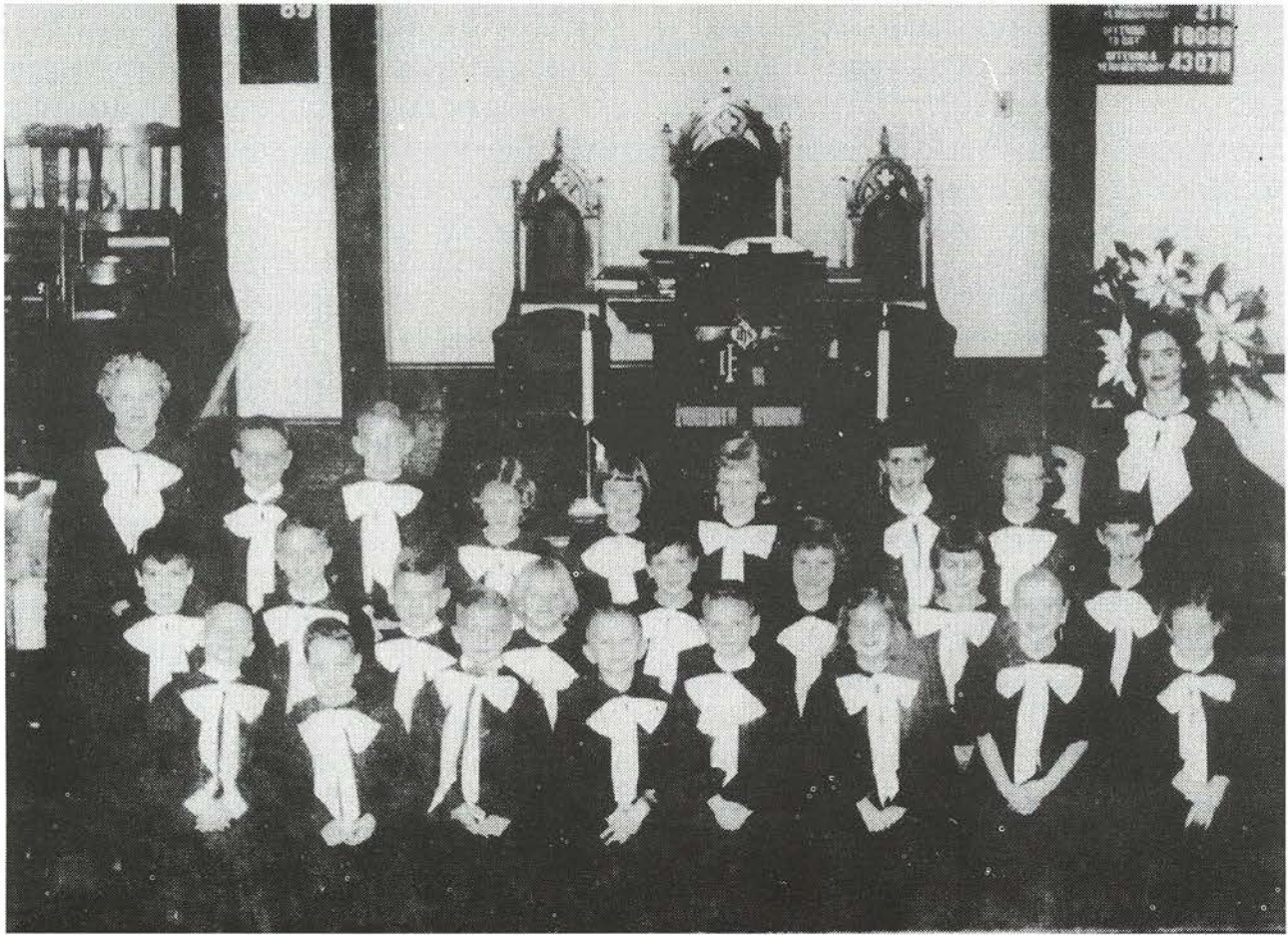
In 1982, two octaves of Schulmuich Handbells were purchased from the Charlotte office of Schulmuich Carillons, Inc. and several Handbell choirs, involving all ages, have been organized and participate in the worship service of the church. For the past three years, 1982 - 84, the adult choir of the Presbyterian Church has joined Trinity for special Christmas music services, and for several years the youth choirs of the Trinity and Presbyterian Churches have combined. 1983 marked the joining of the children and the young people of Iona Church in our music ministry, and Mrs. Julia Taylor as the director of the Cherub Choir. Throughout the 80's Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. Nancy Caughill and Mrs. Betty Ann Floyd volunteered to work with the Children's Choir.

Many of our college students remain a very important part of our music program, coming home on holidays and summer vacation to help. Their voices and talent are always welcome.

Members of the choir in 1985 were Mary Hardin, Susan Johnson, Julia Taylor, Amelia Armstrong, Nancy Caughill, Dorothy Floyd, Betty Ann Floyd, Ada Evans, Elisabeth Hart, John Armstrong, Bill Greene, Jim Herring, Gordon Caughill, Joey Floyd, and Kathryn Floyd.

During Rev. Harris years at Trinity (1987 - 91) another octave of Malmark Handbells was added to the original two octaves and paid for with memorial monies. Ringers included teens and adults from Trinity and M.L. Harvey and Anne Marks McGirt from the Presbyterian Church. Also during this time Linwood and Billie Pate Floyd gave a Young-Chang Piano for the Fellowship Hall in memory of his sister and brother-in-law, Lucille and William McKinley.

In 1988 Mrs. Bessie Clark Rawls gave a beautiful addition to our music ministry in memory of her



CHILDREN'S CHOIR OF TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH, JAN. 9, 1958

Mrs. Edward Hales, Pianist

Mrs. Wiley Taylor, Jr., Director

First row, left to right: Marvin Page, Woody Floyd, Luther Floyd, Adrian Whichard, Steve Teal, Nancy Taylor, Cindy Hodges, Libby Stanfield. Second row: Jay Capps, Robby Taylor, Curtis McGirt, Carol Faulk, Ann Pitman, Jessica Floyd, Susan Johnson, Dawn Mathis. Top Row: Mrs. Hales, Charles Pearce, William Floyd, Marilyn Ashley, Ada Ruth Evans, Nan Nance, Caroline Scott, Linda Pate Floyd, Mrs. Taylor. *This is the only known picture that still exists of the pulpit and choir loft prior to 1962.*

husband, Charlie Rawls. A Carrillon keyboard was added to the organ, which could be played inside and from the bell tower, and a computerized Carrillon which chimes the hour and plays hymns from the bell tower throughout the day. Throughout the years these bells and hymn tunes have meant a great deal to the people in Fairmont. On clear days they can be heard for several miles. An interesting footnote: Just recently (late summer, 1997) a local girl was married in the garden of her parents home - two blocks from the church. The chiming of the Trinity bells at 11:00 A.M. signaled the beginning of the wedding, and during the playing of the two hymns which followed, the bridal party took their places for the wedding ceremony to begin. We feel sure that Mr. and Mrs. Rawls were smiling down on them from above.

Trinity purchased the "new" Methodist hymnals in 1987. Many of these are memorial and honor gifts and are so designated in each hymnal.

Throughout the years the congregation of Trinity has supported the music ministry and whenever there has been a need, it has been met. Rev. Robert Moore made our first two handbell tables from old doors! Frank Evans donated foam pads and made the covers for the tables from drapery material from his business.

Choir robes through the years have been given by various church members and choir folders were given

in years past by Dr. and Mrs. Hal S. Floyd, Dr. Jim Herring and others. In 1996 new robes for choir and handbell members were given by Mrs. Bessie Rawls. At this same time new soft cover hymnals were given to the choir and handbells by Tim and Alicia Page. Choir folders were replaced at the same time by a memorial gift from the Wade McDaniel Family, given in his memory, and they also gave covers for all the robes.

Mrs. Hilda Hodges gave much needed standing music racks for the choir and Butch Lennon purchased two dollies for the moving of the handbell tables and bell cases.

Church Pianists at Trinity have included - besides Nancy McGirt Bass and Myrna Fisher Leggett: Bobbilyne Barnes Garner, Harriette Floyd Lovin and Melba Savage.

Handbell members have included Dianne Lassiter, Becky Greene, Alicia Page, Rebecca Fisher, Chandra Britt, Lynn Ashley Floyd, Nancy Caughill, Perry Ashley, Dormin Pittman, Pat Lennon, Kim Ivey Mitchell, Alicia Greene Moody, Clark Greene Wilson, former pastor's wife, Brenda Harris, former pastor, Kimberly Pollock, Dorothy Floyd, Julia Taylor, Lou Herring and Allison Herring, and Presbyterians M.L. Harvey and Ann Marks McGirt.

In 1996 the trinity "Singing Men" chorus was organized and this group of eleven men added greatly to our worship services and special events in our church life.

Our active children's choir is directed by Nancy Caughill and Kim Mitchell. New robes have been purchased for them.

Adult choir members for 1997 include Tim Page, Andy Watson, Kelly Barr, Wayland Lennon, Frank Evans, Carolyn Malion, Rev. Bob Moore, Robin Floyd, Jerry and Lora Clark, Jim Herring, Bill Green, Shorty Caughill, Chris Caughill, Mary Hardin, Nancy Caughill, Susan Johnson, Ada Evans, Betty Ann Floyd, Kathryn Floyd and Debra Watson.

One of the most important aspects of Trinity's music ministry is that of sharing in the community. Handbells play each Christmas season in area rest homes and choir and bells volunteer to give programs in other churches in the area who have no organized music program (Iona Presbyterian and Olivet). We participate each year in the town Christmas celebration and bring Christmas music to groups in Rowland, Lumberton, Fairmont and surrounding areas.

Through many years the church has allowed certified piano teachers to use the education building for teaching purposes, furnishing their own pianos and paying studio rent. Also the National Piano Auditions are held each year in the Education Building, with the Guild paying rent and for the tuning of the piano used - still another way the church fosters music in the community.

We have had capable leadership through the years and the music program at Trinity United Methodist Church has grown and developed into a very fine and vital part, not only to our church, but to our entire community. We have failed to mention a lot of the people who brought this about, but to all of them, both past and present, we owe our gratitude.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The first Sunday School at Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church South was organized on March 20, 1898 at 3:00 p.m. under the direction of Rev. Erskine Pope. Approximately 75 people including a number of Baptist and Presbyterian young people attended that first session. The Sunday School grew rapidly and the Rev. Pope reported to the Second Quarterly Conference of 1898 that the Trinity Sunday School was one of the largest if not the largest on the charge. By 1925 the enrollment had grown to 248 regular members, and the Rev. N.B. Johnson reported that the collections were over \$250 per quarter.

During the 1930's there were six Sunday School classes meeting in the sanctuary. The middle-aged ladies met in the back section on the right side of the room and the golden-aged ladies met in the back section on the same side. The young adult ladies met in the front section on the left side of the room and the young boys, under the leadership of Mr. O.I. Floyd met in the back section on that same side. The young girls met in the balcony and the George Cole Class met under the balcony. The young children's classes and the nursery were in the rooms along the hall that is behind the pulpit. Some of the loyal Sunday School teachers of the past were: Mmes. Ida Chambers, Gladys Crutchfield, Florence Floyd, Mabel Floyd, Ida

Galloway, Lela Oliver, Magenta Thompson, Christian McDaniel (taught for 40 years), Miss Mabel Floyd and Mr. Spencer Scott.

For many years the church bell would sound out fifteen minutes before Sunday School to let the community know it was time to assemble. Mr. Wade Ashley would open with prayer and make any necessary announcements. Many times before the singing began someone would have to go by the piano bench and adjust the seat. That stool is still found in our history room today. After lifting up the Lord in song the assembly would adjourn to their respective classrooms for Bible Study.

We still remember with fond affection the ladies who would come forward on any given Sunday to play for Sunday School: Mrs. Ruth Ford, Mrs. Albert Hayes (Ora), Mrs. Ross Ashley (Ruby), Mrs. Edward Hales (Grace), and Mrs. Earl Floyd (Rosa Lee). When Mrs. Rosa Lee played, Mr. Wade Ashley always made sure she had a book with shaped notes.

By the mid 1950's the Sunday School had outgrown all available space and plans for a new Educational Building were begun. On October 13, 1963 the church celebrated the dedication of the new building which would

provide Sunday School class rooms for 331 members. At the time of the dedication Rev. Paul Browning was the minister and Rev. Clyde Boggs our District Superintendent. Our former minister, Rev. Charles T. Mercer, delivered the sermon that day. The following words have been lifted from the dedication service and included here as a reminder of that day and also the purpose of the Education Building:

"We dedicate this building to the glory of Almighty God and to the purposes of worship, fellowship, study, and service to the purpose of Christian education: to the work of the church school, to the study of the Scriptures, and to the development of Christian character . . . to the broadening of mental horizons and the deepening of knowledge, so that young and old may be awakened and informed."

As the Sunday School grew and spread out in the Educational Building, some of the closeness that was felt in the past was lost. As a result of the lost closeness, attendance began to drop off. In 1982, the Couple's Class under the leadership of Ms. Myrna Fisher suggested that the church observe "Wonderful Wednesdays." This was adopted and continues to this day. Ladies from the school cafeteria were hired to prepare and serve the meals at a very nominal cost to the participants. These "Wonderful Wednesdays" are held several times during the year. Good food, fellowship and programs are enjoyed by all who attend.



Mr. George H. Cole, Sunday School Teacher, Church Treasurer

Born Jan. 13, 1869 - Died Oct. 18, 1955

Mrs. Gladys Huffines Crutchfield made a cake honoring Mr. George Cole during Rev. Daniel Lane's pastorate. Those looking on are Mr. Charlie Stafford and Rev. Lane.

In 1983 plans were begun for a new Sunday School class. This class was to meet the needs of our college students and young adults. By January 1984, the New Hope Sunday School Class had become a reality.

Trinity and the Presbyterian Church jointly sponsored a summer Vacation Bible School for many years. Plans for the 1984 program were a "Family Affair." Our Vacation Bible School looked forward with renewed interest to a successful year. The 1984 Sunday School classes and teachers were as follows: Nursery - Mrs. Linwood Floyd; Kindergarten - Mrs. Gaston Floyd and Mr. John Armstrong; Grades 1&2 - Mrs. Cindy Inman; Grades 3&4 - Mrs. Carolyn Malion; Grades 5&6 - Mrs. Becky Greene; Grades 7&8 - Mrs. G.H. "Cotton" Floyd; Senior High - Mr. Bill Greene and Dr. Tom Inman; Fellowship - Mr. Gordon Caughill & Dr. Jim Herring; Fannie Crosby - Mrs. Juanita McDowell; Ida Galloway - Mrs. Wright Jones; George Cole - Mr. Charles Webster.

Over the next twenty years there were many changes in the Sunday School program at Trinity. The Ida Galloway Class merged with the Fannie Crosby Class. The George Cole Men's Class became the Men's Class. The New Hope Class became the New Age Class for young adults. The children's classes merged together due to attendance problems.

In 1994 a big push for attendance in Sunday School was implemented. Teaching positions were restructured. Two substitutes were used in each class. Our program began to grow. There was new excitement about learning about the Bible. The year 1995 saw some big changes in our Sunday School. Jean Rouse, our District Superintendent's wife, came to hold a Teacher/Substitute instructor session. We learned a great deal and put much into practice. Due to a growth in the children's classes, we split the class (3 year old - 2nd grade) and made two classes. The breakdown was 3 year old - kindergarten led by Mrs. Tempe Parker and 1st - 2nd grades led by Mrs. Robin Floyd and Mrs. Alicia Page. The same situation was with our older youth. We split the youth into Juniors led by Mrs. "Cotton" Floyd and Seniors led by Mrs. Lori Todd. We formed a new adult class instructed by Mrs. Nancy Caughill -- Methodists in Search of Fulfillment in the Scriptures. Our attendance continued to grow. Mr. Jerry Clark began teaching the New Age Class and they changed the name to the New Discoveries Class.

In 1996 we experienced some setbacks. The Methodists in Search of Fulfillment in the Scriptures Class merged with the New Discoveries Class and began a Bible study on Revelation led by Mrs. Vann Floyd. The Experiencing God Class for college students was formed in 1997. After several months the following structure emerged:

Nursery:	Mrs. Billie Pate Floyd (as of 1997, has held this position for 48 years)
3 yr. - Kindergarten:	Mrs. Tempe Parker
1st - 2nd grade:	Mrs. Robin Floyd
3rd - 6th grade:	Dr. Robert Cureton
Youth:	Mr. Kelly Barr / Mr. Tim Page
New Discoveries:	Mrs. Sheri Cureton / Ms. Nancy Marks
Bible Study:	Mrs. Vann Floyd
Men's class:	Mr. "Shorty" Caughill
Fellowship:	Mrs. Carolyn Malion / Mr. Frank Evans
Fannie Crosby:	Mrs. Jerry Pittman

We continue to feel strong about teaching the word of our Lord to our church community!

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS

Archibald Thompson	1898 - 99
P.B. Thompson	1900 - 07
A.S. Thompson	1908 - 23
D.C. Lassiter	?
Ed W. Floyd	1924 - 31
Sandy Thompson	?
Wiley R. Taylor, Sr.	1932 - 35
Wade C. Ashley	1936 - 58
Wiley R. Taylor, Jr.	1958 - 59
Dr. Dan Floyd	1959 - 63
Cliff Ashley	1963 - 79
B. Wayne Floyd	1979 - 80
James O. Perry	1981 - 84
B. Wayne Floyd	1985 - 89
Franklin Evans	1990 - 93
Mrs. Sheri Cureton	1994 - 97
Mrs. Dianne Lassiter	1998 -

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“MEMBERSHIP AND ATTENDANCE RECORD CHART”

Date	Membership	Worship	Sunday School
1970	323	107	136
1975	345	105	90
1980	351	102	81
1981	348	102	70
1982	343	105	75
1983	339	120	83
1984	351	112	84
1985	353	111	93
1986	355	102	91
1987	357	90	56
1988	327	93	52
1989	329	91	50
1990	315	86	50
1991	317	82	50
1992	285	83	45
1993	256	83	40
1994	257	84	59
1995	258	84	59
1996	258	84	60
1997		81	57

MEN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS 1914 - 1918

1914 - 1915

Smith Floyd
Joseph M. Ashley
Docterin Clark Lassiter
George Howard Cole
Jim H. Pitman
Claude A. Floyd
O.I. Floyd
Marshall W. Andrews
Gillespie Floyd
Wiley R. Taylor, Sr.
Ed Floyd
Phil Jones
J.D. McLean
Ernest Jones
R.O. Pitman
J.D. Cobb
Eliza Thompson
B.E. Stanfield

1916 - 1917

Smith Floyd
Joseph M. Ashley
Docterin Clark Lassiter
George Howard Cole
Jim H. Pitman
Claude A. Floyd
O.I. Floyd
Marshall W. Andrews
Gillespie Floyd
Wiley R. Taylor, Sr.
Ed Floyd
Phil Jones
J.D. McLean
Ernest Jones
R.O. Pitman
George Will Thompson
Alonzo Clarence Thompson
Mr. B.E. Stanfield

1917 - 1918

Smith Floyd
George Howard Cole
Jim H. Pitman
Claude Floyd
Wiley R. Taylor, Sr.
Ed Floyd
O.I. Floyd
R.O. Pitman
George Will Thompson
B.E. Stanfield

BOARDMAN MEMBERSHIP 1906 - 1926

C.W. Belanga
Lois E. Belanga
W.E. Stone
S.L. Fisher
Grace B. Johnson
Mrs. R.C. Liverman
James O.B. Ashley
Emma A. Owens
Mollie Fowler
Paul Dozier
Frank Kelley
J.C. Floyd
Simon Nottinger

Emma Nottinger
Walter Sutton
Berla Sutton
Emma L. Rice
C.E. Phillips
Willie Page
Vance Seals
Maggie Seals
May Bell Bryant
Nathan A. Shaw
Minnie I. Shaw
Florence Herring

*There was not a Methodist Church or S.S. in Boardman.
It was reported that an Ashley formed this class.*

WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

In March, 1869, eight women came together at the Old Tremont Street Church in Boston, to organize the first Women's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church. This group eventually sent to India, Miss Isabella Thoburn, who established the first school for girls in that country, and Dr. Clara Swain, who set up a women's hospital at Bareilly.

Four years later another small group of women at the Methodist Episcopal, South, organized the Woman's Bible Mission of Nashville, which became the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. The society sent its first missionary, Miss Lochie Rankin, to China. In 1789, the Methodist Protestant Church organized the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society and sent Miss Lizzie Guthrie to Japan. Organization of home missionary societies by the three churches soon followed and eventually all the locally organized societies became national bodies. In 1930-40, members of the new Woman's Society of Christian Service had come from three Methodist Communions, the Methodist Protestant Church, the Methodist Episcopal Church and the Methodist Episcopal Church South, which united the organized women's groups whose concerns rooted in the local churches and communities of the country, reached across the world.

The Ladies' Aid Society of Trinity Methodist Church of Fairmont, N.C., was organized in January, 1901 by the pastor's wife, Mrs. B.C. Allred. Dues were five cents a month, and from the very beginning the ladies promised each other that never would they gossip. If someone forgot and broke this rule, she was fined ten cents. The first thing they did to make money was an autograph quilt at five cents a name. The first money spent was to buy a silk burial robe for a good mother, Mrs. Lucy Ashley, the wife of John Ashley, who had nine family members in the church. The Society also paid to have a pump put down on the church lot. The children of the church collected in one week fifty dollars to pay on the church bell. The women added the parsonage fence and furnished two bedrooms. The Society gave \$250.00 to remodel the old parsonage.

In 1903, a Home Missionary Society was formed and a Foreign Missionary Society was formed in 1905. The ladies never felt it any more hardship to pay dues to all three. The first money sent to the Methodist Orphanage from Robeson County was \$5.00, made from an Easter egg hunt in our society.

By 1910 the Ladies' Aid Society had become a very important part of Trinity Church. Minutes from that year follows:

In January, 1910, the first meeting for the year was held at the parsonage, with seven members present. The roll was called and payment of dues followed. Several who were somewhat behind in dues paid up and promised to be more prompt and interested for the coming year. It was decided to hold a white sale in April and plans were formulated to that end. Mrs. Maggie Floyd was President.

The second meeting was held in February with nine members present. The collection of dues amounted to 75 cents. The Secretary reported \$13.45 was paid for a desk for the pastor.

The March meeting was held with ten members present. The collection of dues amounted to \$1.45. The Secretary reported \$4.55 cleared from the oyster supper, which was held the week before and was a failure because of bad weather.

The May meeting was held with seven members present. Collection of dues amounted to 85 cents. Mrs. Mary McLean and Mrs. Brown were appointed to select and buy a roll of matting for the parsonage.

The June meeting was held with five members present. Collection amounted to 40 cents. The matting bought for the parsonage cost \$8.25.

No meeting in July - only Secretary and one member present.

September - eight present, collection was 65 cents.

The October meeting was held with eight members present. Arrangements were made to meet at Mrs. G.S. Floyd's to make the fall outfit for the orphan girl, Emma Perry.

No meeting in November as only three members present. Dues were paid in the amount of 30 cents. Box of clothing valued at \$35.00 sent to Emma Perry at the orphanage.

The December meeting was held with seven members present. It was decided to buy a new stove for the parsonage and the Secretary was ordered to write to a lady at each church for help to pay for same. Dues

collected amounted to 70 cents.

In January 1911, the secretary reported that \$3.50 from Bethesda and \$4.50 from Olivet had been received to apply towards the new stove for the parsonage. The pastor had paid \$2.00 and \$8.00 was made from the sale of the old stove. The balance of \$1.45 was paid from the treasury of the Ladies' Aid Society. Later that year, the ladies made clothes for an orphan, and helped their "sister in distress, Mrs. Floyd" with a gift of \$3.50. They also bought new dishes for the parsonage at a cost of \$4.50. Mrs. Smith, the pastor's wife, had requested that new dishes be purchased.

In 1912 it was reported that \$31.35 had been spent on parsonage furnishings. Again letters were written to the other churches asking for their help to pay for the furnishings. Olivet sent \$4.50 and \$21.00 was made from an Ice Cream Supper. In the spring eight garments were made for the orphan girl and the box to the orphanage was valued at \$15.75. The ladies continued to meet during the summer months. The minutes state, "We sang and prayed and paid our dues." A box valued at \$13.00 was sent to the orphanage in the fall, and a pump and heater which cost \$15.55 was bought for the parsonage. Receipts from the bazaar in 1912 totaled \$139.00.

In 1913 the recorded total amount of dues collected was \$8.15. The ladies spent \$4.05 on the parsonage repairs and a committee was formed to buy a rug. The Rev. B.C. Allred sent a letter of thanks to the Society for "naming a room in Carolina College for his wife and sending \$5.00 for same." The box sent to the orphanage in the spring was valued at \$13.50. In the fall, the Society sent another box to the orphanage. They spent "\$4.00 on shoes, \$2.55 for dress goods, \$3.00 for cloak and \$.45 for express on box." In November the Society reported that they had \$16.34 in the bank and \$5.00 "in purse." One meeting adjourned hastily "on account of a bad cloud," and another was not held "owing to bad weather."

In April of 1914 the pastor consulted with the Society "as to the building of or repairing the parsonage." They had \$185.00 in the bank on interest and about \$12.00 "on spending fund." The ladies decided to have a bazaar in December "for the benefit of the parsonage." During the summer a committee was formed to decide what color to paint the parsonage and an Ice Cream Supper was held to raise money. The ladies made clothes for Gladys Albritton and the recorded total dues collected was \$22.45.

During 1915 the Society raised \$39.40 to defray Mrs. McLean's hospital expenses. \$3.00 was allocated for someone to clean the church and Mrs. Maggie Floyd was appointed to hire someone. The ladies made quilts for the orphanage and held a Prayer Service in November. \$1.00 was spent for a Christmas offering of fruit which was sent to several of the members. \$28.05 was the recorded total of dues collected for the year.

The Society continued to support an orphan during 1916 and the spring box was valued at \$15.00. On March 4, the ladies served dinner to the Medical Association and cleared \$9.35. The dinner was served at Mrs. Thompson's place. Winter clothes were made and sent to the orphanage and \$1.55 was spent for four fruit baskets that were sent out on Christmas morning.

In January, 1917 the Society purchased a stove for the parsonage from Mr. Sandy Thompson. They agreed to pay him \$22.00 as soon as the money could be raised. Olivet Church sent \$5.00 to help pay for the stove. \$6.16 was spent on the spring box for the orphanage and \$6.44 was spent in the fall. One of the meetings was cancelled because of rain, and \$15.95 was recorded as dues collected.

Little information is available for the years between 1917 and 1942. It is known, however, that the Ladies' Aid Society changed its name to the Woman's Society of Christian Service at a charter meeting on September 11, 1940. The W.S.C.S. purpose was "to unite all women of the church in Christian service; to help develop and support Christian work among women and children around the world; to develop the spiritual life; to study the needs of the world; to take part in such service activities as will strengthen the local church, improve civic community and world conditions. To this end the organization shall seek to enlist women, young people and children in this Christian fellowship, and to secure funds for the activities in the local church and support of the work undertaken at home and abroad for the establishment of a world Christian community." The W.S.C.S. continued to be an important arm of Trinity Church as it continued to grow.

By 1942 the Society's average attendance was 18 ladies per meeting and the dues averaged \$92.00 per year. The Society was now helping to support an orphan boy, Willie Grover, and \$13.00 was spent for spring

clothes. Communion table cloths were purchased for the church and \$20.00 was spent on furnishings for the temporary home of the pastor. The ladies engaged in writing letters to the servicemen and enjoyed reading the replies from Linwood Ricks and Linwood Floyd. Fairmont led in the Week of Prayer Offering with \$131.50 and the Pledge per capita.

During 1943 the Society sent 29 boxes to the local boys and girls in the service overseas. Six boxes were sent in November, and twenty-three boxes were sent in December. The ladies continued to send letters to the Servicemen and remembered them through their prayers.

In April 1944 the Easter flowers for the church were given by the W.S.C.S. in honor of the boys and girls in the service and a copy of the Easter Sunday bulletin was mailed to each of them. In September a committee was appointed to purchase items and pack the Christmas boxes for the Servicemen, and twenty-three boxes were sent overseas.

In January, 1945, Mrs. Laura Boone, the pastor's wife, called the young working women of the church to the parsonage. This was to outline the purpose of a Wesleyan Service Guild as an important arm of the Woman's Society of Christian Service. The first meeting was held on January 27 at the home of Mrs. Cameron Taylor Burdick. There were twelve charter members: Mrs. Boone, Mrs. Burdick, Mrs. Margaret Ashley Oliver, Mrs. Martha Floyd Rusher, and Misses Alice Ashley, Frances Ashley, Jeannette Ashley, Phyllis Ashley, Isla Chambliss, Mary Lou Cook, Nettie Ruth Floyd, Mary Frances McCormick. The first big event was a dinner party at Hotel Fairmont. The guest speaker was Mrs. Carl Crutchfield who later became the coordinator. The Wesleyan Service Guild and the W.S.C.S. would work together for many years. The ladies began collecting coupons for the orphanage in March of that year. Six boxes were packed for overseas relief and mailed in September and eight boxes were packed and mailed in November. The orphan's clothes, valued at \$60.00, along with a suit given by Mrs. Paul Thompson, were also mailed in November. The W.S.C.S. now consisted of two Circles and planned a bazaar to be held "up street in a store on Friday, December 14."

The W.S.C.S. had adopted several "on-going" projects to include support for an orphan as well as the orphanage and furnishings for the church and the parsonage. During the year 1931, Bethesda bought a bedroom suite and a set of dishes for the parsonage when Rev. Bradley was their pastor. In 1946 tables for the vestibules of the church were purchased. In 1947 the nursery department was redecorated, and in 1948 a second-hand water heater for the basement was bought at a cost of \$50.00. In 1949 plans were made for a Church Library and each Circle donated a book. In May of that year, the new "Advance" Circle was organized.

The District Meeting of the Wesleyan Service Guild was held at Trinity Church on September 30, 1956. Twelve members from the local Guild attended. During the year donations were made for the Methodist Youth center in Greenville, and \$80.19 was cleared from feeding the Rotarians.

The Guild began 1957 with \$296.57 in the treasury and the "Rainy Day" report was \$11.62. "Supply money" was sent by the Guild to Brazil. Nettie Ruth Floyd was the delegate to the Guild Conference held in Fayetteville on April 7 and 8, and \$30.00 was sent to the Conference toward the Honorary Life Memberships. In May the Guild donated \$275 to the church educational building fund and presented Bibles to the graduating Seniors. At the October meeting the treasurer reported that \$499.68 had been made from a barbecue supper. Mrs. Lavon Lewis, whose home and furnishings were lost in a fire, was presented a gift of lingerie, and flowers were given to Mrs. Marvin Faulk, Jr.

In March of 1958 the Guild voted to give \$100.00 to the Cynthia Page Memorial Fund. Nettie Ruth Floyd and Mrs. Billy Hayes attended the Guild Conference which was held in Durham. The Guild adopted a \$300.00 budget for 1958-59. They also purchased flowers for the church, kept the nursery and helped the W.S.C.S. with the M.Y.F. projects. In October the Guild designated \$100.00 to be given to the building fund. A spaghetti dinner was served to the Men's Club with a profit of \$22.00 and \$101.03 was made on the Rotary Supper.

In May of 1959 the treasurer reported that the sum of \$885.75 had been paid out during the Guild year (July 1958 - June 1959). In June the women voted to accept a pledge of \$15.00 per member in order to meet the \$300.00 budget for 1959-60, and a \$200.00 donation was given to the church building fund. Trinity

hosted the District Meeting of the Wesleyan Service Guild in October and made a profit of \$150.73 from the A. A. Supper. The W. S.C.S. became a member of the \$10.00 Club during the month of November.

September 1960 marked the 20th Birthday Anniversary of the W.S.C.S. Trinity's Society celebrated by having former W.S.C.S. presidents take part in a litany of Thanksgiving and having 40 members sign their names. The Guild ordered 100 plates and 100 cups and saucers for the kitchen at a cost of about \$180.00. Jane Page and Dallas Faulk attended the Wesleyan Service Guild District Meeting in Aberdeen. In November of 1960 the ladies appointed a committee to decorate the church for Christmas, served the annual Rotary supper for the Fairmont school faculty and Rotary Anns, and spent \$28.75 on a wallet and clothes for the orphan's Christmas present.

In 1961 Mrs. Clem Provins was appointed chairman of the Trinity Methodist Memorial Fund and the circles voted to take turns serving meals in the event of a death in a church member's family. The Guild cleared \$78.02 from serving the District Football Banquet in February and sent \$20.00 to the Fralix Scholarship Fund in April. During September the Guild purchased two new chairs for the parsonage and upholstery for the six dining room chairs. In November the ladies voted to remember Mrs. Ida Galloway's birthday on December 23 and supported the first spaghetti supper served by the Methodist Youth Fellowship.

The Wesleyan Service Guild reported a total of \$335.71 in the treasury in January 1962. They made \$92.75 from the Rotary Supper and voted to purchase bread and butter dishes in Pyrex ware for the kitchen. An organizational meeting for a second unit of the Guild was held in April and in October a lens for the projector at the church was purchased.

During 1963 an Altar Guild was formed and the Goodwill Circle, with the support of the W. S.C. S., furnished a room at the back of the church sanctuary to be used as a Prayer Room. The two units of the Wesleyan Service Guild merged and voted to make curtains for the basement recreation room. At the end of the 1962-63 W. S. Guild year, the treasurer reported that a total of \$372.45 had been spent. The Service Guild prepared dinner for the October Men's Club meeting and made a profit of \$25.00.

The W.S.C.S. served coffee and doughnuts following the Easter Sunrise Service in 1964, and the Guild cleared \$42.12 from the Men's Club Dinner. Paraments for the Communion table in the Prayer Room were purchased and placed by the W.S.C.S. in memory of Mr. L.I. Campbell. The Guild purchased a copy of The Interpreter's Bible for the library. The ladies worked together and served refreshments during the two weeks of Vacation Bible School. The Guild purchased toys worth \$45.32 for the nursery and cleared \$67.00 from the Women's Club Supper.

The 25th Anniversary Celebration of the W.S.C.S. and the Wesleyan Service Guild was held in 1965. The two units worked very closely together on all projects and decided that each circle and Guild would entertain the M.Y.F. at least once a year. The Guild collected good used clothing for distribution in the Pembroke area.

1966 found the Society working to gain new members and trying to re-activate those who were inactive. The guild donated \$20.00 toward drapes for the parsonage and paid \$212.00 to Nye Construction Company for a memorial cabinet. The ladies continued to support the M.Y.F. by preparing refreshments for 150 youth who attended the M.Y.F. Sub-District. The Guild and the W.S.C.S. sponsored the Christmas program which was highlighted by a "Chrismon Tree."

The Guild donated \$6.00 to the Children's Choir for robes and collected clothes for a local black family, Pecola Baldwin and children. They also sent gifts overseas to the soldiers from the Fairmont community. On Sunday, October 6, 1968, at 5:00 P.M., the Charter meeting of the W.S.C.S. and the Wesleyan Service Guild was held in the sanctuary of the church. The "Service of Celebration" and "Agape Feast" was observed, members partaking the latter two by two. Thirty-three members were present. The ladies helped with the M.Y.F. Sub-District Banquet and the M.Y.F. Senior Banquet.

In 1969 the ladies voted to serve refreshments to the Junior Choir each week and the circles and the Guild took turns doing this for a month at a time. They also voted to serve the M.Y.F. the last Sunday of each month, with the circles and the Guild taking a month specified.

Improvements of the Fellowship Hall were taken on as a project for the latter part of 1970 and 1971. The year 1971 brought about the change of the W.S.C.S. year from December to January and the beginning of a



The ladies make a group effort of finishing up with (clockwise) Gladys Crutchfield, Myrtle Nance, Juanita McDowell, Thelma G. Oliver, Thelma M. Oliver and Annie E. Oliver, each doing a little quilting. (1983)

quarterly General Meeting of the W.S.C.S.

September 24, 1973 marked the transformation from the Woman's Society of Christian Service to the United Methodist Women. The new purpose is to be a community of women working together to develop a creative, supportive, fellowship and to expand concepts of mission participation in the global ministries of the church through personal involvement and action.

In 1975, new kitchen equipment was paid for from the interest of the memorial fund. The ladies netted \$150.59 from a yard sale. In 1979, the U.M.W. adopted a budget of \$1000.00, reduced from \$1500.00.

The Wesleyan Service Guild has been involved with several on-going projects to include donations for Honorary Life Memberships, gifts for graduating Seniors, support of Scholarship funds, workers for the nursery, refreshments for Vacation Bible School and regular monthly service projects.

Quilting and bazaars have become a tradition with the women of Trinity Church. Several beautiful quilts were auctioned at the 1981, 1982, 1983 and 1984 bazaars, and the ladies worked on two quilts for the 1985 bazaar. The current work of the women of Trinity Methodist Church is carried out primarily through the four circles of the United Methodist Women and the Service Group.

The following is a partial list of past presidents of the Women's organization at Trinity Church:

Mrs. Charlie Rae Ashley (Laura Jean)
 Mrs. Charles Ross Ashley (Ruby)
 Mrs. J.P. Brown (Kathryn)
 Mrs. Gordon Caughill (Nancy)
 Mrs. E.J. Chambers (Ida)
 Mrs. Carl Crutchfield (Gladys)
 Mrs. Earl Fisher (Edith)
 Mrs. Rudolph Floyd (Annette)
 Mrs. Carlton Floyd (Lillian)
 Mrs. Lambert Hardin (Mary)
 Mrs. Edward Hodges (Hilda)

Mrs. M.S. Huston (Ola)
 Mrs. F.D. Nance (Myrtle)
 Mrs. James C. Oliver (Thelma)
 Mrs. Charles Webster (Jeanette)
 Mrs. Isham Pitman (Geraldine)
 Mrs. Clement Provins (Mabel)
 Mrs. Bruce Williams (Archanna)
 Mrs. H.J. Rawls (Bessie)
 Mrs. V.F. Teal (Seretha)
 Mrs. Paul Thompson (Magenta)

The following are charter members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service who signed the roll:

Mrs. F.C. Jones	Mrs. Maude G. Floyd	Mrs. Lelah R. Bracey
Mrs. Glyn Ashley	Mrs. D.W. Galloway	Mrs. E.J. Chamber
Mrs. G.H. Floyd	Mrs. S.G. Floyd	Mrs. E.G. Floyd
Mrs. S.V. Ashley	Mrs. M.S. Huston	Mrs. F.F. Thompson
Mrs. F.B. Joyner	Mrs. Wright O. Jones	Mrs. L.E. Ricks
Mrs. A.A. Fisher	Mrs. Victor Hayes	Mrs. Robert Floyd
Mrs. H.J. Rawls	Mrs. R.R. Lewis	Mrs. Elliott Chambers
Mrs. Fred W. Floyd	Mrs. Earl G. Floyd	Mrs. E.C. Huffines
Mrs. Earl Fisher	Mrs. Paul Thompson	Mrs. A.H. Hayes
Mrs. A.L. McDaniel	Mrs. Jesse Floyd	Mrs. W. Carlton Floyd
Mrs. Wayland Floyd	Mrs. P.R. Floyd, Jr.	Mrs. E.C. Kemp
Doretha Farmer	Isla Sims Chambliss	Mrs. Edward D. Hales
Mrs. Grey Mitchell	Mrs. W.F. Bristow	Mrs. J.E. Guiton
Mrs. C.B. Oliver	Mrs. Carl A. Thompson	Mrs. J.W. Ashe
Mrs. J.P. Brown	Mrs. Lena Mae Hamilton	Mrs. R.G. Campbell
Mrs. Ross Ashley	Mrs. D.C. Lassiter	Mrs. W.R. Taylor
Mrs. E.W. Floyd	Mrs. Wade Ashley	Mrs. Frank Ashley
Mrs. Roscoe Barnes		

Trinity United Methodist Women have offered a unique way of honoring local men and women for their supportive fellowship in the total life and work of the church since 1938. Honored with the gift of a "Life Membership" are the following:

Mrs. C.A. Floyd	Mrs. Edward Hales	Mrs. Wayne Floyd
Mrs. S.G. Floyd	Mrs. Raibe Lewis	Mrs. Charles Webster
Mrs. E.J. Chambers	Mrs. H.J. Rawls	Mrs. Linwood Floyd
Mrs. F.B. Joyner	Mrs. Charles Mercer	Mrs. Robert Drew
Mrs. J.P. Brown	Mrs. V.F. Teal	Mrs. Roscoe Barnes
Mrs. Lala Bracey	Mrs. J.D.A. Autry	Mrs. F.F. Thompson
Mrs. Graddy H. Floyd	Nettie Ruth Floyd	Mrs. John Armstrong
Mrs. D.C. Lassiter	Mrs. M.W. Maness	Mrs. Arthur Leggett
Mrs. Paul Thompson	Mrs. W. Carlton Floyd	Mrs. Raymond Andrews
Mrs. Bristow	Mrs. Clement Provins	Mrs. Lambert Hardin
Mrs. Ratley	Mrs. F.D. Nance	Charlie Rae Ashley
Mrs. E.G. Floyd	Mrs. A.H. Hayes	Wiley R. Taylor, Jr.
Mrs. Carl Crutchfield	Mrs. Isham Pittman	Robert Stuart
Mrs. Ross Ashley	Mrs. Charlie Rae Ashley	Spencer Scott
Mrs. M.S. Huston	Mrs. W.M. Hamilton	Linwood Floyd
Mrs. Wayland Floyd	Mrs. G.H. Floyd	Lynwood Pittman
Mrs. Journey Floyd	Mrs. Lovill Oliver	Charles Webster
Mrs. L.E. Ricks	Mrs. George McDowell	Rev. Robert Moore
Mrs. W.O. Jones	Mrs. J.C. Capps	Raymond Andrews
Mrs. A.A. Fisher	Mrs. J.M. Oliver	Marion Hamilton
Mrs. Ben Boone	Mrs. Ralph Floyd	Casper Ivey
Mrs. Fred W. Floyd	Mrs. Wiley Taylor, Jr.	Beth McDowell
Mrs. Carl Thompson	Mrs. Clifton P. Ashley	Mrs. Hal Floyd
Mrs. J.O. Jones	Mrs. Norman Ashley	Mrs. Bruce Williams
Mrs. Earl P. Floyd	Mrs. Robert Moore	Mrs. Guthrie Floyd
Mrs. Earl Fisher	Mrs. James C. Oliver	

BAPTISMS

NAME	PARENTS	DATE
Oliver J. Andrews	C.B. and Eliza Andrews	Sept. 6, 1906
Carl Faulk	Haywood and Jensie Faulk	Sept. 6, 1906
Murry Floyd	E.C. & Nettie Floyd	Sept. 6, 1906
Forest Kirkland Floyd	J. Latta & Cora Floyd	Nov. 23, 1906
Josephine Ashley	A.U. & Emma Ashley	March 8, 1908
Earl Andrews	George & Millie Andrews	Sept. 18, 1909
Fannie Andrews	J.M. & J.H. Andrews	Sept. 18, 1909
John Wells Ashley	J.M. & Jan Ashley	June 13, 1909
Alton Powell Ashley	J.M. & Jan Ashley	June 13, 1909
Cloyce Ashley	J.M. & Jan Ashley	June 13, 1909
LeRue Floyd	Ed & Georgie Floyd	June 20, 1909
Nellie Floyd	Ed & Georgie Floyd	June 20, 1909
Corna Pennelia Andrews	Charlie Andrews	Aug. 22, 1909
William Andrews	Hale & Jane M. Andrews	Sept. 18, 1909
Mary Ann Andrews	Hale & Jane M. Andrews	Sept. 18, 1909
Henry Wade Andrews	Hale & Jane M. Andrews	Sept. 18, 1909
Freby Andrews	Hale & Jane M. Andrews	Sept. 18, 1909
Bulah Bass	D.B. & Stella Bass	May 7, 1910
Litha Bass	D.B. & Stella Bass	May 7, 1910
Elliott Jerome Chambers	E.J. & Ida Chambers	May 7, 1910
Ruby Floyd	G.H. & Bulah Floyd	May 28, 1910
Hubert Floyd	G.H. & Bulah Floyd	May 28, 1910
Ennis Floyd	G.H. & Bulah Floyd	May 28, 1910
Marie Floyd	G.H. & Bulah Floyd	May 28, 1910
Geo. Howard Cole	G.H. Cole	May 28, 1910
Sadie May Lewis	B.M. & Flossie Lewis	May 28, 1910
Burnice H. Lewis	B.M. & Flossie Lewis	May 28, 1910
Milton Brown Lewis	B.M. & Flossie Lewis	May 28, 1910
Avanta Andrews	Harl & Lucy Andrews	Oct. 13, 1911
Levinta Andrews	Harl & Lucy Andrews	Oct. 13, 1911
George Guthrie Floyd	E.W. & George B. Floyd	Nov. 8, 1915
John Hinton Ashley	W.C. & Myrtle Ashley	Nov. 8, 1915
Chas. M. Traynham	C.T. & Clara Traynham	Jan., 1915
David D. Traynham	C.T. & Clara Traynham	Jan., 1915
Mary Traynham	C.T. & Clara Traynham	Jan., 1915
Martha Traynham	C.T. & Clara Traynham	Jan., 1915
Lillian Traynham	C.T. & Clara Traynham	Jan., 1915
Thomas Henry Traynham	C.T. & Clara Traynham	Jan., 1915
Florence Andrews	C.B. & Eliza Andrews	Sept. 26, 1915
Mary Hardin	R. & Mollie Hardin	Sept. 26, 1915
Thelma Bass	Von & Lillie Bass	Sept. 26, 1915
Lucinda Bass	Von & Lillie Bass	Sept. 26, 1915
Flossie Bass	Von & Lillie Bass	Sept. 26, 1915
Effie Bass	Von & Lillie Bass	Sept. 26, 1915
Leora Bass	Von & Lillie Bass	Sept. 26, 1915
Annie Ola Bass	Von & Lillie Bass	Sept. 26, 1915

Margarita Elizabeth Floyd	S.G. & Dovie May Floyd	Nov. 27, 1915
Mattie Virginia Ashley	W.C. & Myrtle Ashley	Dec. 27, 1916
Lucile Moriah Floyd	G.H. & Beulah Floyd	Dec. 28, 1916
G.H. Floyd, Jr.	G.H. & Beulah Floyd	Dec. 28, 1916
Hal Stanfield Floyd	G.H. & Beulah Floyd	Dec. 28, 1916
Daisy Pauline Ashley	Glynn & Ida Ashley	May 13, 1917
Joseph Linwood Purvis	J.H. & Annie Purvis	Oct. 2, 1917
Chas. Herman Andrews	C.B. & Eliaza Andrews	Oct. 7, 1917
George Galloway	Mrs. Alice Tapscot	Dec. 24, 1917
Sarah Florence Brown	H.V. & Ossie Brown	July 13, 1919
Cameron Taylor	Wiley & Lillian Taylor	Sept. 12, 1920
Nettie LaRue Floyd	E.W. & Mrs. Floyd	Sept. 12, 1920
Winnie Harrelson	Haynes E. & Ruth Harrelson	Sept. 12, 1920
Haynes Harrelson	Haynes E. & Ruth Harrelson	Sept. 12, 1920
Janie Harrelson	Haynes E. & Ruth Harrelson	Sept. 12, 1920
Andrew Edmon Ashley	W.C. & Mrs. Ashley	Feb. 13, 1921
Louise Galloway	J.A. & Bettie Lou Galloway	Feb. 13, 1921
Earnistine Goodyear	G.O. & Mrs. Goodyear	Sept. 20, 1922
Wade Currie Ashley	W.C. & Mrs. Ashley	Nov. 9, 1922
Mary Elizabeth Traywick	Rev. W.F. & Mrs. Traywick	March 23, 1922
Harold Vardell Brown	Hal & Ossie Brown	Nov. 30, 1923
Lenwood Floyd	G.H. & Bulah Floyd	July 26, 1923
Harry F. Floyd	G.H. & Bulah Floyd	July 26, 1923
Vista Grace Floyd	G.H. & Bulah Floyd	July 26, 1923
Ina Reed Bracey	W.A. & Willie Bracey	Sept. 30, 1923
Margaret Bracey	W.A. & Willie Bracey	Sept. 30, 1923
Wiley A. Bracey	W.A. & Willie Bracey	Sept. 30, 1923
Alice Uell Price	Dr. & Mrs. Price	Sept., 1924
Oscar Mills Thompson	H.A. & Ina B. Thompson	Sept., 1924
John Pitman Floyd	J.A. & Mrs. Floyd	Sept., 1924
Jas. A. Galloway, Jr.	J.A. & Bettie Lou Galloway	Sept., 1924
Carolyn Galloway	J.A. & Bettie Lou Galloway	Sept., 1924
Charlotte Uell	Mr. & Mrs. Uell (From Chicago, Ill.)	Sept., 1924
Mary Nettie Ashley	Glynn & Mrs. Ashley	Sept., 1924
Sarah Elizabeth Ashley	Glynn & Mrs. Ashley	Sept., 1924
Glynn Frederick Ashley	Glynn & Mrs. Ashley	Sept., 1924
Horace Leo Andrews	Oelie & Mrs. H. Andrews	March 19, 1928
Alice Rue Purvis	X.X. & Elsie Purvis	March 19, 1928
Charlie Ashley Taylor	Wiley Roberts & Lillian B. Taylor	April 8, 1928
Willie Eliz. Floyd	Fred & Lillian Floyd	July 17, 1931
Francis Floyd	Fred & Lillian Floyd	July 17, 1931
Pearl Floyd	Fred & Lillian Floyd	July 17, 1931
Ralph Floyd	Fred & Lillian Floyd	July 17, 1931
Thomas Floyd	Robt. & Sadie Floyd	July 17, 1931
Ellen Rhue Floyd	Robt. & Sadie Floyd	July 17, 1931
Henry Townsend Floyd	Robt. & Sadie Floyd	July 17, 1931
Willie Doris Patterson	R.L. & Rosa Patterson	July 17, 1931
Robt. Floyd Patterson	R.L. & Rosa Patterson	July 17, 1931
Florence Christine Floyd	E.G. & Mrs. Floyd	Dec. 14, 1932

Bettie Carolyn Floyd	E.G. & Mrs. Floyd	Dec. 14, 1932
Jill McIntosh Floyd	E.G. & Mrs. Floyd	Dec. 14, 1932
Pope Cole Floyd	Earl P. & Mrs. Floyd	April 16, 1933
Fred Warren Floyd	Earl P. & Mrs. Floyd	April 16, 1933
Journey Ellerbee Bracey	Gurney & Mrs. Bracey	May 13, 1934
William Milton Bracey	Alex & Mrs. Bracey	May 13, 1934
Etta Carol Meares	Jno. M. & Docie Meares	Sept. 2, 1934
Jno. Melvin Meares, Jr.	Jno. M. & Docie Meares	Sept. 2, 1934
John G. Hughes, III	John G., Jr. & Katherine Hughes	Nov. 18, 1934
Elliott Earl Fisher, Jr.	Elliott Earl & Edith Fisher	May 1939
Rebecca Alicia Rawls	Hubert J. & Bessie Clark Rawls	Oct. 19, 1942
William Roscoe Barnes	Roscoe & Maggie Barnes	March 28, 1948
Jerry Dewley Ashley	Lane & Bertha Ashley	March 28, 1948
Mary Lane Ashley	Lane & Bertha Ashley	March 28, 1948
Sandra Oliver	Lovill & Annie McK. Oliver	March 28, 1948
Sarah Evelyn Oliver	Lovill & Annie McK. Oliver	March 28, 1948
Helen Rachel Oliver	Lovill & Annie McK. Oliver	March 28, 1948
Linnie JoAnn Ashley	Jackson & Lila Stewart Ashley	March 28, 1948
Geraldine Lee Pitman	Isham, Jr. & Doris Bullard Pittman	March 28, 1948
William Oscar Floyd	Oscar & Lois Floyd	May 9, 1948
Susan Ashley Nickolas	George J., III & Ida Ross Nickolas	July 25, 1948
Hilda Fay Floyd	Fred W. & Lillian B. Floyd	March 27, 1949
Carey Joyner Floyd	Fred W. & Lillian B. Floyd	March 27, 1949
Richard William Floyd	Fred W. & Lillian B. Floyd	March 27, 1949
Mary Caroline Scott	Spencer C. & Helen M. Scott	April 17, 1949
Ada Ruth Andrews	Raymond & Sarah Moody Andrews	April 17, 1949
Linda Pate Floyd	Linwood & Billie Pate Floyd	April 17, 1949
Ada Claudine Griffin	Claud R. & Mrs. Griffin	April 17, 1949
English Gillespie Floyd, III	E.G., Jr. & Ruby Talley Floyd	June 5, 1949
Cheryl Anne Cowdrick	Thomas & Mary Louise Cowdrick	July 3, 1949
Wiley Roberts Taylor, III	Wiley R., Jr. & Julia B. Taylor	April 9, 1950
Cynthia Jane Page	Roger Wayne & Jane Floyd Page	April 9, 1950
Marilyn Stuart Ashley	James & Ann Stuart Ashley	April 9, 1950
Ann Bryant Pittman	Ishman, Jr. & Mrs. Pittman	Sept. 10, 1950
William Curtis McGirt, II	William Curtis & Ellen Rose McGirt	Sept. 10, 1950
Howard Wade Faulk, Jr.	Wade & Patricia Faulk	Sept. 10, 1950
James Hartford Wright, II	Patrick Hartford & Esther Wright	Oct. 7, 1950
Patricia Ann Wright	Patrick Hartford & Esther Wright	Oct. 7, 1950
Sharon Diane Wright	Patrick Hartford & Esther Wright	Oct. 7, 1950
Susan Annette Floyd	A. Rudolph & Annette Brown Floyd	May 14, 1950
Nan Nance	F. Durwood & Myrtle Smith Nance	June 18, 1950
John Cameron West	Cameron P. & Grace C. West	Nov. 19, 1950
Jack Purcell Floyd	Wallace & Martha P. Floyd	Dec. 24, 1950
Argus Leroy Grimsley	Argus Leroy, Jr. & Mabel F. Grimsley	Dec. 24, 1950
Deborah Evon Gibson	Dr. & Mrs. F.D. Gibson, Jr.	March 18, 1951
Charles Gordon Pattison	Charles Stythe & Betty H. Pattison	Feb. 18, 1951
Mary Elizabeth Atkins	Lawrence D. & Betty Atkins	July 1, 1951
William Linwood Floyd, Jr.	Linwood & Billie Pate Floyd	Oct. 21, 1951
Luther Earl Floyd	Oscar & Lois Casey Floyd	Oct. 21, 1951

Vernon Steve Teal	Vernon F. & Ceretha Trexler Teal	Oct. 21, 1951
William Rowe Henry, Jr.	W.R. & Margaret Thomas Henry	Oct. 21, 1951
Annie Henry	W.R. & Margaret Thomas Henry	Oct. 21, 1951
Richard Craven Webb	Marvin R. & Lonita Strickland Webb	Oct. 21, 1951
Mrs. Wilbur Latham Smith		Oct. 28, 1951
Jerry Latham Smith	Wilbur L. & Margaret Little Smith	Oct. 28, 1951
Janet Lucille Smith	Wilbur L. & Margaret Little Smith	Oct. 28, 1951
Judy Lane Smith	Wilbur L. & Margaret Little Smith	Oct. 28, 1951
Paul Morris West, Jr.	Paul Vorria & Jessie Faulk West	April 1, 1951
Marvin Floyd Page	Roger Wayne & Jane Floyd Page	March 9, 1952
Pamela Elizabeth Boyter	John C. & Mary Ashley Boyter	July 6, 1952
Linda Elaine Lowdermilk	Robert & Margaret Lowdermilk	Sept. 28, 1952
Nancy Carol Anderson	Robert & Delores Anderson	Nov. 9, 1952
Ann Williams Floyd	W. Carlton & Lillian Floyd	May 10, 1953
Stephani Ann Ashley	George C. & Virginia E. Ashley	Dec. 27, 1953
Myrtle Jane Ashley	Lane & Berthia Ashley	May 9, 1954
Daniel P. Floyd	Daniel J. & Olivia Page Floyd	May 9, 1954
Cathy Lynn Lewis	Lavon & Cathrine Floyd Lewis	May 9, 1954
Bristow Leggett Lovin	Mr. & Mrs. T.E. Lovin	May 9, 1954
Cathey Anne Taylor	Charlie & Jean Cathey Taylor	May 9, 1954
Jennifer Elizabeth Webster	Charles D. & Jeannette Ashley Webster	May 9, 1954
Charles Davis Webster	Charles D. & Jeannette Ashley Webster	May 9, 1954
Tharon Bascom McGirt, Jr.	Tharon B. & Ann McGirt	May 8, 1955
Sharon Fariior Ashley	Chester & Beth Fariior Ashley	May 8, 1955
Charles Bradley Ashley, Jr.	Charles B. & Archanna Ashley	May 8, 1955
Deborah Ann McGirt	Tharon & Ann McGirt	May 13, 1955
Richard Burton Taylor	Wiley & Julia Taylor	May 13, 1955
Terry Floyd	Henry & Shirley Floyd	Dec. 9, 1956
Jennifer Jenkins	Kenneth & Shirley Jenkins	Dec. 9, 1956
Carla Ashley	Charles B. & Archanna Ashley	Feb. 10, 1957
Steve Aldwin Floyd	Francis & Manetta Floyd	Feb. 10, 1957
Jimmie Floyd	Oscar & Lois Floyd	March 31, 1957
Andrew Grimsley	Argus & Mabel Grimsley	March 31, 1957
Jeannie Floyd	Pope & Jean Floyd	April 14, 1957
Sally Lou Hough	William & Jill Hough	June 16, 1957
Jody Lane Floyd	J.L. Floyd	June 16, 1957
Cheryl Ann Floyd	Ralph & Betty Ann Floyd	June 16, 1957
Pope Cole Floyd, Jr.	Pope & Jean Floyd	June 23, 1957
Mark C. Savage	Gerald & Melba Savage	Sept. 15, 1957
Nancy Taylor	Wiley & Julia Taylor	April 6, 1958
Wendy Capps	J.C. & Nanny Mae Capps	Sept. 24, 1961
Lissa Louise Frye	Earnest & Louise Frye	Sept. 24, 1961
Jane Lee Beaver	Eugene & Dorothy Beaver	Sept. 24, 1961
Sarah James Floyd	Linwood & Billie Floyd	Sept. 24, 1961
Bradley Floyd Hayes	William A. & Betty Gale Hayes	Sept. 24, 1961
Mamie Lou Pittman	Isham & Geraldine Pittman	Sept. 24, 1961
Elizabeth Burns Nye	Joseph B. & Louise Burns Nye	Sept. 24, 1961
Wayland Bagley Lennon III	W.B., Jr. & Patricia Ann Pridgen Lennon	Sept. 24, 1961
Julia Lynn Jenkins	Warren Kenneth & Shirley Floyd Jenkins	Sept. 24, 1961

Charles Lowell Floyd, Jr.	Betsy Caroline & Charles L. Floyd	Dec. 24, 1961
Dennis James Floyd	Betsy Caroline & Charles L. Floyd	Dec. 24, 1961
Charlie Ray Ashley, Jr.	Charlie Rae & Laura Jean Ashley	April 22, 1962
Margaret Ann Floyd	Dan & Olivia Floyd	April 22, 1962
Sharon Faye Floyd	Betty Ann & Ralph Floyd	April 22, 1962
Joseph McMillan Floyd	Betty Ann & Ralph Floyd	April 22, 1962
Norma Jean Ashley	Norman & Earlene Ashley	April 22, 1962
Kellie Wade Ashley	Norman & Earlene Ashley	April 22, 1962
Bryan Delano Jennings, Jr.	Bryan D. & Hilda M. Jennings	Sept. 2, 1962
Ann Elizabeth MacKie	Mr. & Mrs. Alex MacKie	Sept. 2, 1962
Ed MacKie	Mr. & Mrs. Alex MacKie	Sept. 2, 1962
Sadie Johann Floyd	Charles L. & Betsy Caroline Floyd	Dec. 2, 1962
Amy Elizabeth Savage	Gerald & Melba Savage	March 1963
Jeffrey Earl Ashley	Norman & Earlene Ashley	April 14, 1963
Richard Allen Fisher	David & Georgeanne Fisher	Aug. 24, 1963
Susan Ellen Williams	Judy & Erwin T. Williams, Jr.	Dec. 28, 1963
Ervin Williams, III	Judy & Erwin T. Williams, Jr.	Dec. 28, 1963
John Davis Ashley	Charlie Rae & Laura Jean Ashley	Dec. 8, 1963
Preston Scott Floyd	Wayne & Catherine Floyd	Nov. 11, 1964
Robert O. Floyd, III	Robert Floyd	April 11, 1965
Allen Lennon	Wayland Lennon	April 11, 1965
Gerald Floyd, Jr.	Gerald & Geraldine Floyd	April 11, 1965
Kenneth Jenkins, Jr.	Kenneth & Shirley Jenkins	April 11, 1965
Janet Floyd	Henry & Shirley Floyd	April 11, 1965
Joan Floyd	Henry & Shirley Floyd	April 11, 1965
Gayle Floyd	Henry & Shirley Floyd	April 11, 1965
Terry Atkinson	Nancy & Wade Faulk, Jr.	April 11, 1965
Janet Atkinson	Nancy & Wade Faulk, Jr.	April 11, 1965
Earl Elliott Fisher, III	Lynn Ligon & Earl Elliott Fisher, Jr.	April 3, 1966
Daniel Eugene Beaver	Eugene Watson & Dorothy Price Beaver	April 10, 1966
Jeffrey Carson Floyd	Graddy Herring & Meredith Tunnell Floyd	May 1, 1966
Jeffrey Blake Register	Clyde Eugene & Doris Little Register	Oct. 2, 1966
Michael Sprunt Floyd	James Sprunt & Dixie Davis Floyd	April 30, 1967
Timothy Wayne Page	Roger Wayne & Jane Floyd Page	June 25, 1967
James Allen Fisher, Jr.	J.A., Sr. & Myrna Jeane Hendren Fisher	Sept. 24, 1967
Joe Richard Ashley	Charlie Rae & Laura Jean Ashley	Jan. 28, 1968
William Alexander Greene, III	W.A. Greene, Jr. & Rebecca R. Greene	Feb. 4, 1968
Leroy Isham Floyd	Gerald & Geraldine Pittman Floyd	Feb. 4, 1968
Cynthia Leigh Jenkins	Kenneth & Shirley Floyd Jenkins	March 2, 1969
Cary Louise Frye	Ernest H., Jr. & Katherine T.R. Frye	May 22, 1970
Kathryn Hardin	Lambert T. & Mary K. Oliver Hardin	May 14, 1967
Harriette Faye Floyd	Harry Fay & Mary Hester Floyd	April 7, 1968
Elizabeth Oliver Floyd	Bailey Wayne & Kathryn Oliver Floyd	April 7, 1968
Jane Casey Floyd	Oscar J. & Lois Casey Floyd	April 7, 1968
Delta Kay Floyd	Pope Cole, Sr. & Jean W. Floyd	April 7, 1968
Pope Cole Floyd, Jr.	Pope Cole, Sr. & Jean W. Floyd	April 7, 1968
Elizabeth Ann Mackie	Edward A., Sr. & Elizabeth D. Mackie	April 7, 1968
Michael Gerald Jones	Gerald Henry & Sadie Henly Jones	April 7, 1968
Jerry Lynn Mathis	John Otha & Trissie McLellan Mathis	March 29, 1970

Jennie Lynn Floyd	Mr. & Mrs. Lowell Floyd	Sept. 26, 1971
Janna Leah Floyd	Mr. & Mrs. Lowell Floyd	Sept. 26, 1971
Michael Keith Floyd	Mr. & Mrs. Lowell Floyd	Sept. 26, 1971
Samantha Gillespie	Neil & Patti Provins Gillespie	Dec. 28, 1971
John Linwood Pittman, III	John L. & Nancy G. Pittman	March 18, 1972
Jennifer Lynn Pittman	John L. & Nancy G. Pittman	March 18, 1972
James Clifton Herring, III	James C. & Mary Lou Aycock Herring	May 14, 1972
Allison Elisabeth Herring	James C. & Mary Lou Aycock Herring	May 14, 1972
Alicia Christian Greene	William A., Jr. & Rebecca Greene	Oct. 8, 1972
Edward Todd Fisher	James Allen & Myrna Hendren Fisher	Sept. 19, 1971
Clayton Bruce Oliver	John Clayton & Shirley Oliver	June 3, 1973
Cleliz Inez Lewis	Harvey Lane & Sara Margaret Lewis	May 27, 1973
William Brandon Greene	William A., Jr. & Rebecca R. Greene	June 16, 1974
Sandra Kaye Ivey	William Gary & Gloria Ivey	Nov. 10, 1974
Samuel Andrew Mauney		Nov. 25, 1973
Christopher Brenton Floyd		Jan. 2, 1977
James Frederick Hammond, Jr.	James F. & Trudy Hill Hammond	July 24, 1977
Jason Floyd Johnson	Larry F. & Susan Floyd Johnson	Sept. 25, 1977
Marshall Alexander Evans	Franklin & Ada Ruth Andrews Evans	Dec. 11, 1977
Jamie Anise Ashley		March 23, 1978
Truett Forrest Tyner		March 23, 1978
Jonathan Adam Martin	Ken E. & Connie Hill Martin	May 28, 1978
Joshua Edward Whitley	Ronald E. & Ann Whitley	May 28, 1978
Becky Rose Floyd	Lowell & Carol Floyd	April 15, 1979
Virginia Denise Hardin	Jeffrey L. & Virginia Owen Hardin	September 30, 1979
Susan Mae Bell	Ronald Lee & Jerri Lee Bell	October 21, 1979
Sara Ann Bell	Ronald Lee & Jerri Lee Bell	October 21, 1979
Mary Katherine Bell	Ronald Lee & Jerri Lee Bell	October 21, 1979
Mary Elizabeth Hill	N.B., III, & Margie Hill	December 23, 1979
Alicia Joyce Floyd		March 30, 1980
India Dawn Tyner		May 11, 1980
Johnny Ray West		May 11, 1980
James F. Hammond, Jr.	James F. & Trudy Hill Hammond	July 24, 1977
Jason Floyd Johnson	Larry F. & Susan Floyd Johnson	September 25, 1977
Marshall Alexander Evans	Franklin & Ada Ruth Andrews Evans	December 11, 1977
Katie Ann Whitley	Ronald E. & Ann Whitley	January 21, 1981
Jeanne Elizabeth Fisher	Myrna Hendren Fisher	March 29, 1981
Christiana Joye Fisher	Al & Rebecca Fisher	November 7, 1982
Billy Joseph Floyd	Lowell & Carol Floyd	March 27, 1983
Joshua Allen Hayes	Robert Hayes & Johnny E. Hayes	August 21, 1983
George Robert McDowell	Thomasa C. & Robin V. McDowell	August 21, 1983
Hannah V. Bethea	Victor & Melonie Bethea	July 22, 1984
Whitney Hunter Parker	Ricky & Mary Tempe Wilson Parker	June 22, 1986
Caroline Victoria Bethea	Thomas C. & Robin V. McDowell	1986
Anna Victoria Evans	Samuel G. & Jeannette Evans	April 1986
Sarah Denise Smith	Ronnie Joe & Cheryl Floyd Smith	November 29, 1987
William Bradford Evans	Samuel G. & Jeannette Evans	December 27, 1987
Matthew Graham Evans	Samuel G. & Jeannette Evans	December 27, 1987
Joseph Wade Corbett	Dennis Ray & Kellie Ashley Corbett	April 8, 1990
Randall Lance Burluson	William Powell & Norma Jean Burluson	April 8, 1990

Jane Marie Page
 Elizabeth Ashley Brown
 Cameron Christian Gould
 Christopher Raymond Caughill
 William Harold McPhatter, III
 Charles Edward Floyd, Jr.
 Kelly Eizabeth McLees
 Robert Miles Barr
 Matthew Sutton Cureton
 Mary Catherine McPhatter
 Christian Paul Allen
 Grayson Pate Gould
 John Hunter Cureton
 Margaret Lynn Floyd
 Richard Scott Pridgen
 Sharon Renee Page

Timothy Wayne & Alicia Caughill Page
 Mr. & Mrs. Robert Brown
 Joe & Sarah Gould
 Gordon (Shorty) & Nancy Caughill
 William & Janet McPhatter
 Charles & Lynn Floyd
 Kirk & Myra McLees
 Kelly & Julie Barr
 Robert & Sheri Cureton
 William & Janet McPhatter
 Johnnie & Sandra Allen
 Joe & Sarah James Gould
 Robert & Sheri Cureton
 Charles & Lynn Floyd
 Richard & Rita Pridgen
 Tim & Alicia Page

July 2, 1989
 July 31, 1990
 October 6, 1991
 February 21, 1993
 July 18, 1993
 October 24, 1993
 March 20, 1994
 April 17, 1994
 November 6, 1994
 June 4, 1995
 October 29, 1995
 December 24, 1995
 Sept. 15, 1996
 Dec. 22, 1996
 May 7, 1995
 March 30, 1997

We regret that the baptismal records are incomplete at this time.



Front row: Jessica Skipper, Kasey Leggett, Jane Marie Page, Caroline Lennon, Robbie Barr, Dalton Lennon. Back row: J.P. Barr, Michael Dorman, David Little, Drew Grimsley. Directors: Nancy Caughill, Kim Mitchell. Not pictured: Austin Cureton, Matthew Cureton, Chuck Floyd.



Christmas time at the Museum

Roll of Members 1910 - 1911

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July
1. Mrs. Rose Pitman	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
2. Mrs. Eliza Sanford	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
3. Mrs. Julia Thompson							
4. Mrs. Maggie Floyd	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
5. Mrs. Sallie Mitchell	5	5					
6. Mrs. Fannie Brown	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
7. Mrs. Mary Thompson	50	5	5	5	5	5	5
8. Mrs. Nettie Ashley	10	5	5	5	5	5	5
9. Mrs. Maria Floyd							
10. Mrs. Missouri Gainey	25						
11. Mrs. Dora Perry	25	5	5	5	5	5	5
12. Mrs. Maude Jones	5	5	5	5			
13. Mrs. Ida Galloway	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
14. Mrs. Maude Floyd							
15. Mrs. George Floyd	5	5	5	5			
16. Mrs. Kate McLean	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
17. Mrs. Lillie Randle	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
18. Mrs. May Smith	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
19. Mrs. Sallie Thompson	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
20. Mrs. Florence Brown	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
21. Mrs. Mary McLean	5	5	5	5	5		
22. Miss Maggie Floyd	5	5	5				
23. Miss Annie May Smith	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
24. Miss May Floyd	5	5	5				
25. Miss Bettielou Floyd	5	5	5				
26. Miss Myrtle Perry		25	5				
27. Miss Lassiter							
28. Miss Susan J. Cannon							
29. Miss Alford							

The number denotes the dues paid at each meeting.

Roll of Members 1911 - 1912 - 1913

	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May
1. Mrs. Rose Pitman	5	5	5	5	5	5		
2. Mrs. Eliza Sanford	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
3. Mrs. Julia Thompson	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
4. Mrs. Maggie Floyd	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
5. Mrs. Fannie Brown	5	5	5	5				
6. Mrs. Mary Thompson	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	
7. Mrs. Nettie Ashley								
8. Mrs. Maria Floyd	60							
9. Mrs. Missouri Gainey								
10. Mrs. Dora Perry	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
11. Mrs. Ida Galloway	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
12. Mrs. Kate McLean	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
13. Mr. Lily Randle	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
14. Mrs. May Smith	5	5						

15. Mrs. Estille Lassiter	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
16. Mrs. Susie Cannon								
17. Mrs. Dollie Alford		5	5	5	5	5	5	
18. Mrs. Florence Brown	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
19. Mr. Nannie Ashley	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
20. Mrs. Nannie Carter		5	5	5	5	5	5	
21. Mrs. Josie Floyd	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
22. Mrs. Sallie Thompson	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
23. Mrs. S.G. Moyle			5	5	5	5	5	5
24. Mr. & Mrs. G.H. Cole				10	10	10	10	10
25. Mrs. C.A. Floyd				25			5	5
26. Mrs. Mary Bullock							5	5
27. Mrs. Delia McKenzie								
28. Mrs. Myrtle Ashley								
29. Mrs. J.E. Thompson								

Roll of Members 1913

	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.
Mrs. Rose Pitman					
Mrs. Eliza Sanford	5	5	5	5	
Mrs. Julia Thompson					
Mrs. Maggie Floyd	5	5	5	5	5
Mrs. Mary Thompson	5	5	5	5	5
Mrs. Nettie Ashley	5	5			
Mrs. Maria Floyd			60		
Mrs. Missouri Gainey	5	60			
Mrs. Dora Perry					5
Mrs. Ida Galloway	5	5	5	5	
Mrs. Kate McLean	5	5	5	5	5
Estelle Lassiter	5	5	5	5	
Dallie Alford	5	5	5	5	5
Mrs. Florence Brown	5	5	5	5	5
Mrs. Nannie Ashley	5	5	5	5	5
Mrs. Josie Floyd	5	5	5	5	5
Mrs. Sallie Thompson	5	5	5	5	5
Mr. & Mrs. G.H. Cole	10	10	10	10	10
Mrs. C.A. Floyd					
Mrs. Delia McKenzie					
Mrs. Mary Bullock					
Mrs. Myrtle Ashley					
Mrs. Stanfield	5	5	5	5	
Mrs. J.E. Thompson	5	5		5	
Mrs. Maude Jones					5
Mrs. Bellie Spiny					5
Mr. D.D. Lassiter					5
Mr. Smith Floyd					5
Mr. J.M. Ashley					5

QUILTS MADE BY TRINITY UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

YEAR	BUYER	QUILT	PRICE
1940's	Mrs. Hilda Hodges	Grandmother's Flower Garden	unknown
1981	Mrs. Jeri Bell Mason	Lone Star	unknown
1982	Mrs. Pat Lennon	Martha Star	unknown
1982	Dr. & Mrs. C.E. Inman	Log Cabin	unknown
1983	Mrs. Ross Nikolas	Appalachian Wildflowers	\$700
1983	Mrs. Hilda Hodges	Sunlight and Shadows	unknown
1984	Mrs. Becky Stubbs	Indian Trail	\$500 - \$600
1980's	Mrs. Jerry Pittman	Candlewick White on White	\$400 - \$600
1980's	Miss Nell Floyd	Delectable Mountain	\$450
1980's	Mrs. Ross Nikolas	Solid Off White Pineapple	unknown
1980's	Mrs. Hilda Hodges	Ohio Star with Feather Wreath	unknown
1987	Dr. Dan Floyd	Double Irish Chain	\$1500
1980's	Mrs. Hilda Hodges	Feathers and Wreath	unknown
1989	Dr. Dan Floyd	Grandmother's Fan	\$800
1990	Bruce Williams	Clay's Choice	\$1000
1991	none		
1992	none		
1993	Mrs. Lynn Floyd	Log Cabin	\$450
Unknown	Dr. & Mrs. C.E. Inman	unknown	unknown

We know that Dr. C.E. Inman bought two of our quilts; however, he is deceased, and Mrs. Inman does not know the whereabouts of the quilts.

Since we do not have the prices paid for all our quilts, and since the buyers do not remember, we do not have a total that our quilts brought. We estimate that total as being approximately \$12,000 from 1981 - 1993.

There is a pictorial history of our quilts in the church library.

BAZAAR INFORMATION

1981	\$3,095.60		
1982	\$3,606.40		
1983	\$3,715.72		Paved parsonage driveway \$1,000.00
1984	\$3,908.96	2 Quilts	
1985	\$2,794.78	2 Quilts	Landscape church front
1986	\$1,540.25	2 Quilts	
1987	\$2,289.44	2 Quilts \$1180.50	
1988	\$3,785.49	1 Quilt \$1168.00	Fellowship Room carpet \$2762.87
1989	\$4,217.10	1 Quilt \$1500.00	Carpet Fellowship Hall \$1808.27
		Afghan \$160.00	Hugo Relief \$200.00
		Auction \$157.15	Rev. Frank McKoy \$1000.00
1990	\$3,447.65	1 Quilt \$1500.00	Repair Fellowship Hall \$1203.27
		Afghan \$80.00	
		Quilt rack \$25.00	

1991	\$3,061.75	2 Quilts	Hymnal Marker \$71.59 Tabor Cloth \$140.00
1992	\$3,471.02	2 Quilts	Kitchen Renovation \$5120.19 Copier \$3370.80
1993	\$3,560.49	1 Quilt \$450.00	Window Fund \$1500.00 Tables \$599.18 Tablecloths \$55.25 Kitchen \$395.50
1994	\$3,232.19		Church Parlor \$1131.93 Computer \$1,000.00
1995	\$2,461.28		Hurricane Fran UMCOR \$500.00
1996	\$1,848.50		Church Office Renovation \$2,569.08

ALTAR GUILD - TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

On Friday, Jan. 25, 1963, ten members of the Women's Society of Christian Service met with the then pastor, the Rev. Paul Browning, in the parlor of the Fellowship Hall for the purpose of organizing an Altar Guild. Using the handbook of the Methodist Church entitled "Methodist Altars", the following officers were elected:

Mrs. C.G. Provins, Chairman
Mrs. Wade F. McDaniel, Secretary
Mrs. Raymond Andrews & Mrs. Ralph Floyd, Paraments Committee.

(Mrs. Andrews continued the duty of changing the paraments of the following 20 years)

In addition to the above named persons, the following attended this first meeting:

Mrs. F.D. Nance, Mrs. Vernon Teal, Mrs. L.E. Ricks, Mrs. M.S. Huston, Mrs. J.B. Ashley,
Mrs. Paul Browning, Mrs. Lovell Oliver.

Later the following committees were formed:

Flower: Mrs. Ike Pittman, Chairman
Mrs. William (Lillian) Floyd
Mrs. Charles Webster

Acolytes: Mrs. Jane F. Page (she organized and trained the boys, and also donated the robes.)
Steve Teal, Mike Waters, Steve Vaughn, Jeff Hardin, Charlie Webster, Garey Ivey,
Marvin Page, Curtis McGirt Jr., Bob Capps, alternate.

Communion: In addition to Mrs. C.A. Floyd and Mrs. E.B. Chambers, the existing communion stewards, having been appointed by the Official Board, Mrs. Earl Fisher, Chairman, and Mrs. Wade McDaniel.

Communion for

Shut-ins: Mrs. L.E. Ricks
Brass: Mrs. M.S. Huston, Chairman
Mrs. F.D. Nance
Mrs. V.F. Teal
Mrs. Lovill Oliver
Mrs. David Fisher

Throughout the years, many fine people have served diligently on the various Altar Guild committees. The following list is meant to recognize those for their contribution. Every attempt has been made to make it as complete as possible. We regret any omissions and encourage the submission of names that may have inadvertently been missed.

1981-1989 Ida Ross Nikolas, Chairman
 Mrs. Earl Fisher
 Mrs. W.O. Jones
 Mrs. Lovell Oliver
 Mrs. Ike Pittman
 Mrs. John Armstrong
 Mrs. Lambert Hardin
 Mrs. F.D. Nance

1990-1991 Mary Hardin, Chairman
 Brass: Myrtle Nance
 Paraments: Jeanette Webster
 Candles: Mary Lou Herring
 Arch Anna Ashley

1992-1995 Mary Hardin, Chairman
 Myrtle Nance
 Jeanette Webster
 Annie E. Oliver

1996-1997 Mary Hardin, Chairman
 Annie E. Oliver
 Jeanette Webster
 Myrtle Nance
 Laura Jean Ashley

UNITED METHODIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Historically, the young people of Trinity United Methodist Church have contributed immeasurably to the vitality and to the work of the church. Participation in the youth program has provided a means for our youth to help serve both their church and community. The youth program at Trinity United Methodist Church always has had an ecumenical flavor as the organization has welcomed into its program young people who attend other area churches.

The general program of the United Methodist Youth Fellowship has changed through the years as it has reflected the times and the needs of each generation. However, its purpose has remained constant: to seek to develop qualities of spiritual growth, leadership and friendship among the young people of our church.

The first organization for young people at Trinity Church was begun in 1916 by Rev. E.B. Stanfield. It was called the Epworth League, then the name of the youth organization throughout the Methodist Church. The Epworth League continued to provide the youth ministry until 1939. In that year it was reorganized as the Methodist Youth Fellowship. In 1961 the name was changed again and became known as the United Methodist Youth Fellowship (UMYF).

At Trinity United Methodist Church it has been customary for pre-teens and teenagers in the seventh through the twelfth grades to participate in the activities of the UMYF. Regular meetings are held each Sunday evening. Supervised by volunteer adult counselors, the young people have taken part in many service projects for the church and community, as well as fellowship and recreational activities with the group itself.

During the 1950's the UMYF was particularly active. Several of our youth held district and conference offices during these years. In 1961 the UMYF sponsored its first spaghetti supper served to the public, beginning a tradition of self support that continues to the present. For several years during the 1970's members of the UMYF and young people from other area churches formed a Young People's Choir, under the direction of Mrs. Kathryn Floyd, and performed on many memorable occasions for local churches and civic groups. In 1983 the group sponsored a Youth Sunday with its members filling all the roles in the worship service. The "Youth Sunday" continues as an annual event. A Junior UMYF was formed for those children in the fifth and sixth grades. This group meets every Sunday afternoon with adult counselors and has participated in a wide variety of activities.

The UMYF remained very active through the 1980's with a variety of service projects and special activities which included a trip to Orlando, Florida, two ski trips and two whitewater rafting trips. One of the service projects that was particularly meaningful to the youth was the adoption of an elderly man who lived in the community. The youth provided hands-on service by making repairs to his house and supplying furniture, bedding and linens (with donations from adult church members). They visited on a regular basis throughout the year carrying seasonal foods and decorations and sharing scripture and prayer. Prior to this project, most of the youth did not realize the poverty and living conditions that existed within just a few miles of our church.

There was not an active youth group from 1990 - 1995. However, when Troy Todd became pastor in 1995, he established the Community Youth Group. This group was comprised of young people from several churches in Fairmont, and Brian Harrington, a member of the First Baptist Church, served as president. Volunteer adults from First Baptist Church and Trinity UMC served as counselors under the direction of Troy and Lori Todd.

In 1996, the church returned to having its own youth group, UMYF, and Chris Caughill represented Trinity UMC at the Annual Youth Conference held at Methodist College in Fayetteville, N.C. Since then, activities included sponsoring the St. Jude Bike-A-Thon and hosting the Halloween carnival for the young children of the church. The senior citizens of our church were honored with a luncheon that was provided by the youth. Currently, the UMYF is busier than ever working on various projects both to earn money to support its own endeavors and to meet the needs of certain worthwhile causes in our community. They have been on retreats to the beach and to the mountains, participated in the 1997 Youth Pilgrimage in Raleigh, and helped deliver fruit baskets to our senior citizens.

In summary, the UMYF is building on its past traditions while continuing to grow and meet the spiritual needs of one of the church's greatest assets: our young people.

PAST PRESIDENTS OF THE METHODIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

1996 - 97	Shea Sealey	74-75	
94-95	Brian Harrington	73-74	
		72-73	
89-90	Alicia Greene	71-72	George Floyd
88-89	Allison Herring	70-71	Charles D. Webster, Jr.
86-87	Amelia Armstrong	69-70	Kathryn Hardin
85-86		68-69	Marvin Page
84-85	Lou Herring	67-68	Jack Floyd
83-84	Michael Floyd	66-67	Jennifer Webster
82-83	Clark Greene	65-66	Susie McDaniel
81-82	Joey Reynolds	64-65	Susie McDaniel
80-81	Jamie Ashley	63-64	Larry Oliver
79-80	Rae Ashley	62-63	Charles Kemp
78-79	Sarah James Floyd	61-62	Mary Jean Floyd, Lane Lewis, Martha Butterworth
77-78	Steve Drew	60-61	Al Fisher
76-77	Lynn Ashley	59-60	Janice Quick
75-76	Alan Hayes	58-59	Patricia Mitchell

57-58	Jimmy Oliver	46-47	Albert Fleet Fisher
56-57	Kenneth Crutchfield	1945-46	
55-56		44-45	
54-55		43-44	
53-54	Earl Fisher, Jr.	42-43	
52-53	Epsie Floyd	41-42	
51-52		40-41	
50-51		39-40	
49-50	Edwin Floyd		
48-49			
47-48			

Prior to 1939 the Methodist Youth Fellowship was known as The Epworth League.

UNITED METHODIST MEN

The men of our church met in 1950 during the pastorate of Rev. Daniel Lane to organize the Methodist Men with H.J. "Charlie" Rawls as the first president. Meetings were held in the basement of the sanctuary until the education building was built. The ladies' circles of the church prepared the food for each meeting, and continued to do so for several years. The meal responsibility is now assumed by different men each month except on Ladies night when outside help comes in, which allows the husbands and wives to enjoy the program together.

One of the first club projects was establishing a scholarship fund to be used by the local high school graduates to continue their education. Trinity graduates were given priority to the fund, but several students from other churches have used the funds. The fund has some money available now for anyone who wishes to apply. The Methodist men encouraged and promoted the Ten Dollar Club membership to help the conference build new churches. The local Boy Scout troop was sponsored by the Methodist Men for several years. Our club gave financial assistance to one of our pastors for his continuing education. An outside ramp for wheel chairs and easy access to the sanctuary was financed by the club in 1971, but this has since been removed. The club also financed an inside elevator for wheel chair access to the sanctuary.

The Methodist Men's year originally began with the September meeting with an annual fish fry and installation of new officers. Later, the new year was changed to begin in January to coincide with the conference year.

Meetings in certain months have special emphasis. Our annual "Ladies Night" is in February, with special program, food, and recognition of our ladies. Easter Sunday morning, after the community sunrise service, the men cook and serve breakfast to all who choose to come and share food and fellowship. One of the most enjoyable evenings of the year is the December meeting. After the annual Christmas program, everyone is invited to the fellowship hall for an evening of fun and fellowship. The men provide the food and goodies, and arrange a special visit from Santa Claus for the children. Everyone shares in the Christmas spirit which is always present.

During 1983, under the leadership of then president Linwood Pittman, the club provided funds to build music racks for the choir, and risers for the choir and others to use. The club continues to provide their services at other times of the year in order to raise money for needed Church projects.

An example is the soup and sandwiches prepared each year by the men's club for sale at the church bazaar.

Meetings for the United Methodist Men are now held on the first Monday of each month except in the summer. The following is a list of some of the past presidents of the men's club. The list is not in the order in which they served.

Hubert J. (Charlie) Rawls	Earl Britt
Dr. Francis D. Gibson	Roscoe Barnes
Franklin Durwood (Red) Nance	Jeff Neelon
Thomas J. (TJ) Carson	Bill Greene

William Carlton Floyd
Rowe Henry
Dr. Joe Wishon
Roger Wayne (Pete) Page
Spencer Scott
Grady Herring (GH) Floyd
Wayland Bagdley Lennon, Sr.
Ron Whitley
John Wilkerson
James O. (Rusty) Perry
Vernon F. Teal
Marion S. Huston
Wade Ashley
Charlie Rae Ashley

John Armstrong
Carl Crutchfield
W.B. (Butch) Lennon, Jr.
Frank Evans
Bob Stuart
Linwood Pittman
Wayne Floyd
Joe Ashley
Steve Floyd
Wayland B. Lennon, III
J.C. Capps
Ralph Floyd
Allen Fisher



TRINITY LAY PERSON OF THE YEAR AWARDS

**ALL GOD'S PEOPLE IN ALL PLACES
AND IN ALL TIMES
ARE CALLED TO LOVE AND TO SERVE**

Each year since 1987 Trinity United Methodist Church has selected and recognized a member of the church as The Lay Person of the Year on Laity Sunday.

Highlighting the Christian Way of Life as it relates to his/her work in and for missions in the local church, community and world, we have recognized the following members:

1987 Billie Pate Floyd
1988 Charles Webster
1989 Robert Stuart
1990 Meredith Floyd
1991 Steve Floyd
1992 Linwood Pittman
1993 Gladys Crutchfield
1994 Elisabeth Jones
1995 Sheri Cureton
1996 Kathryn Floyd
1997 Wiley R. Taylor, Jr.

Answering God's Call

A tradition of Trinity United Methodist Church, through the years, has been its interest in meeting the spiritual needs of the youth of our church. This we think is one of the contributing factors which influenced five of our members to become full time ministers. David Dinwiddle Traynham received his A.B. at Randolph-Macon College in 1928. In 1930 he joined the North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Church and in 1931 graduated from Union Theological Seminary at Richmond, Virginia. He served the following appointments in the North Carolina Conference before retiring in June of 1970: Carver's Creek, Town Creek, Leasburg, Garner, Creedmoor, Saxapahaw, Brooksdale, Northampton, Roberdel. The Reverend Traynham served as Assistant Statistician prior to being elected Statistician, N.C. Conference in 1953, and continuously held this position until 1980 when the rules of the Conference were suspended and he was reelected for the next quadriennium, 1980-84. Other positions he has held include Vice Chairman of Town and Country Work of the Conference, Chairman of the Southeastern Jurisdiction Association of Annual Conference Statisticians for one term, and member of the Board of Directors of Methodist Ministers Credit Union, of which he is still a member. Reverend Traynham now resides in Rockingham, North Carolina.

Chester J. Andrews, son of Marshall and Irene T. Andrews, was born on July 2, 1907. He graduated at Fairmont High School in 1925, was in the undergraduate class of 1929 at Duke University, and Duke Divinity School class of 1932. He was admitted on trial into the North Carolina conference of the United Methodist Church in 1931 and was appointed to the Scott's Hill Charge in March 1932. He served the additional appointments as follows: Maysville; Warsaw; Webb Avenue - Fountain Place, Burlington; Maxton; Chadbourn; Rosemary, Roanoke Rapids; Robbins; Ahoskie; Mount Gilead; Fifth Avenue, Wilmington; Hertford. He was Journal Secretary of the Conference, 1952-1972, served on the Conference Board of Evangelism 1952-1956, and on the District and conference boards of the Ministry for several years. Upon his retirement in 1972, he and his wife, Ethel Prevatte, of Red Springs, established residence in Hillsborough. They have two children, James Marshall Andrews and Norman Leon Andrews, and three grandchildren. Ethel passed away in 1987 and Reverend Andrews now resides in the Methodist Retirement Home in Durham North Carolina.

Albert Fleet Fisher was born in Garland, North Carolina on January 3, 1929. He graduated at Fairmont High school in 1947, received his A.B. at Duke University in 1951 and his B.D. from Duke University Divinity School in 1954. He became an ordained Deacon in 1954 and Elder in 1956. He served the following appointments in the North Carolina Conference: Mebane United Methodist Church, 1953-54; Associate Pastor; Saxapahaw United Methodist Church, 1954-56; Franklinton United Methodist Church 1956-59; Highland United Methodist Church, Raleigh, 1959-64; Centenary United Methodist Church, New Bern, 1964-69; Superintendent, The Goldsboro District; the United Methodist Church 1969-74; Associate Director, Rural Church Division, the Duke Endowment, 1974-83; Director, Rural Church Division, the Duke Endowment, retired, 1994. In the conference he has served in many positions of responsibility. He has had numerous papers and articles published. He and his wife, Rebecca Smith of Mebane, N.C., have three children, Albert Ashton, Anthony Fleet, and Laura. A special honor accorded him in the "News and Observer" on December 20, 1981, was Tarheel of the Week.

Larry Allen Barnes received his A.B. in 1962 in Radio, Television, and Motion Pictures from the University of North Carolina. He also attended Emory University and received his Master of Divinity in 1970. He joined the South Carolina Conference in 1968 and served the following appointments: Aiken; Laurel Bay, Beaufort; Myrtle Beach; Murrell's Inlet; Nichols; Williston; Bluffton. He and Margaret Ellis of Myrtle Beach were married in 1973 and their son, John Marc, was born in 1976. The Reverend Barnes is a musician and published writer. He is also an ordained Presbyterian Minister, presently he resides in Ocala, Florida and is engaged in counseling and prison ministry.

James Ralph Oliver, son of James C. (Pete) and Thelma Garris Oliver, was born on August 13,

1940 in Fairmont, N.C. He graduated from Fairmont High School in 1958, received his A.B. Degree from Duke University in 1962, his B.D. Degree from Duke Divinity School in 1967 and his D. Min. Degree from Drew University in 1988. He became an ordained Deacon in 1964 and Elder in 1967; served the following appointments with the North Carolina Conference: Marietta, NC, Olivet, 1962-64; Efland, NC, Chestnut Ridge, 1964-66; Roxboro, NC, Associate, Long Memorial, 1966-67; Brooksdale - Brookland, 1967-71; Knightdale, NC, 1971-72; Durham, NC, Lakewood, 1972-75; Elm City, NC, 1975-80; Yaupon Beach, NC, Ocean View, 1980-84; Pembroke, First Calvary, 1984-88; Goldsboro, Providence, 1988-92; Plymouth, 1992-96; 1996-Present, Jacksonville, Northwoods. He and his wife, Judy Mitchell, daughter of Homer and Stacy Mitchell, have four children, James Jr., Suzanne Oliver Blackburn, Mitchell and Hannah. The Reverend Oliver preached a revival at Trinity Church in the spring of 1969.

Our church claims with pride a small part in the lives of others who are contributing to the advancement of His Kingdom. Among them are:

Mary Beth Joyner Conerly who has served for many years, with her husband, as a missionary in Mexico at the Matamoros Mission.

Dr. F. Belton Joyner, now administrative assistant to our resident bishop who lived here the four years 1939 - 1942. His father served as our minister.

Cameron West, Jr., now serving as a United Methodist Minister, was christened as an infant in our church.

Vann Floyd, Trinity Member, is a declared candidate for ministry presently seeking to become a certified candidate of the ordained ministry.

Everette Franklin Bass, Jr., former Trinity Church Member, is now serving as a licensed candidate and local pastor for ordained ministry.

Rev. Robert F. Moore, Trinity Pastor Emeritus, residing in the local community, is a visible figure in church ministry to all faiths and serves as Chaplain to the Purple Heart Veterans Organization and the Southeastern Regional Medical Center Emergency Room, as well as an active member of the Hospice Agency of Robeson County.

Gordon Caughill, Marion Hamilton and Jerry Clark have received Advanced Lay Speaker Recognition and are presently serving the laity of the congregation in the local church and community.

PREACHERS WHO HAVE SERVED US

Hopewell Organized and Built 1845

The Methodist Episcopal Church - SC Conference

1845	Bladen Circuit	Reverend Sampson D. Laney P.C. William M. Lee A.P.
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The Methodist Episcopal Church South - SC Conference

1846	Bladen Circuit	
1847	Bladen Circuit	Reverend Allen McCorquodale P.C. Hilliard C. Parson A.P.
1848	Bladen Circuit	Reverend Allen McCorquodale P.C. L.A. Johnson A.P.
1849	Bladen Circuit	Reverend D.J. Simmons P.C. R. Washburn A.P.

The Methodist Episcopal Church South - NC Conference

1850	Bladen Circuit	Reverend J.H. Robinson P.C. D.D. Byars A.P.
1851	Bladen Circuit	Reverend J.T. St. Clair P.C.

1852	Bladen Circuit	Reverend Joseph B. Martin P.C. Shockley D. Adams J.P.
1853	Bladen Circuit	Reverend Joseph B. Martin P.C. Clarendon M. Pepper J.P.
1854	Bladen Circuit	Reverend Charles P. Jones P.C. Simon D. Peeler J.P.
1855	Robeson Circuit	(Same as previous year)
1856	Robeson Circuit	Reverend Paul J. Carraway P.C.
1857	Robeson Circuit	Reverend Paul J. Carraway P.C. Joseph Bonaparte Martin A.P.
1858	Robeson Circuit	Reverend David W. Doub P.C.
1859	Robeson Circuit	Reverend William M. Jordan P.C.
1860	Robeson Circuit	Reverend William M. Jordan P.C.
1861	Robeson Circuit	Reverend Robert P. Bibb P.C.
1862	Robeson Circuit	Reverend Robert P. Bibb P.C.
1863	Robeson Circuit	Reverend Robert P. Bibb P.C.
1864	Robeson Circuit	Reverend Washington S. Chaffin P.C.
1865	Robeson Circuit	Reverend Washington S. Chaffin P.C.
1866	Robeson Circuit	Reverend Washington S. Chaffin P.C.
1867	Robeson Circuit	Reverend Washington S. Chaffin P.C.
1868	Robeson Circuit	Reverend Washington S. Chaffin P.C.
1869	Robeson Circuit	Reverend William M. Jordan P.C.

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1870	Robeson Circuit	Reverend William M. Jordan P.C.
1871	Robeson Circuit	Reverend John Tillett P.C.
1872	Robeson Circuit	Reverend John Tillett P.C.
1873	Robeson Circuit	Reverend John Tillett P.C.
1874	Robeson Circuit	Reverend Ira T. Wyche P.C.
1875	Robeson Circuit	Reverend Ira T. Wyche P.C. Benjamin Robinson Hall J.P.
1876	Robeson Circuit	Reverend Ira T. Wyche P.C. B.R. Hall A.P.
1877	Robeson Circuit	Reverend Ira T. Wyche P.C. S.J. McLeod Helper
1878	Robeson Circuit	Reverend J.J. Carden P.C.
1879	Robeson Circuit	Reverend J.J. Carden P.C.
1880	Robeson Circuit	Reverend J.J. Carden P.C.
1881	Robeson Circuit	Reverend M.W. Boyles P.C.
1882	Robeson Circuit	Reverend M.W. Boyles P.C.
1883	Robeson Circuit	Reverend M.W. Boyles P.C.
1884	Robeson Circuit	Reverend M.W. Boyles P.C.
1885	Robeson Circuit	Reverend C.M. Pepper P.C.
1886	Robeson Circuit	Reverend Jonathan Sanford P.C.
1887	Robeson Circuit	Reverend Jonathan Sanford P.C.
1888	Robeson Circuit	Reverend Jonathan Sanford P.C.
1889	Robeson Circuit	Reverend S.V. Hoyle P.C.
1890	Robeson Circuit	Reverend S.V. Hoyle P.C.
1891	Robeson Circuit	Reverend N.M. Journey P.C.
1892	Robeson Circuit	Reverend N.M. Journey P.C.
1893	Robeson Circuit	Reverend Jonathan Sanford P.C.

1894	Robeson Circuit	Reverend Jonathan Sanford P.C.
1895	Robeson Circuit	Reverend Erskine Pope P.C.
1896	Robeson Circuit	Reverend Erskine Pope P.C.
1897	Robeson Circuit	Reverend Erskine Pope P.C.
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1898	Robeson Circuit	Reverend Erskine Pope P.C.
1899	Robeson Circuit	Reverend Z.T. Harrison P.C.
1900	Robeson Circuit	Reverend Z.T. Harrison P.C.
1901	Robeson Circuit	Reverend B.C. Allred P.C.
1902	Robeson Circuit	Reverend B.C. Allred P.C.
1903	Robeson Circuit	Reverend J.M. Ashby P.C.
1904	Robeson Circuit	Reverend J.M. Ashby P.C.
1905	Robeson Circuit	Reverend J.M. Ashby P.C.
1906	Robeson Circuit	Reverend J.M. Ashby P.C.
1907	Robeson Circuit	Reverend T.J. Daily P.C. R.W. Townsend L.P. W.H. Townsend L.P.
1908	Robeson Circuit	(Same as previous year)
1909	Robeson Circuit	Reverend C.W. Smith P.C. R.W. Townsend L.P. W.H. Townsend L.P.
1910	Robeson Circuit	(Same as previous year)
1911	Robeson Circuit	(Same as previous year)
1912	Robeson Circuit	Reverend S.T. Moyle P.C. R.W. Townsend L.P. W.H. Townsend L.P.
1913	Robeson Circuit	(Same as previous year)
1914	Robeson Circuit	Reverend B.E. Stanfield P.C.
1915	Robeson Circuit	Reverend B.E. Stanfield P.C.
1916	Robeson Circuit	Reverend B.E. Stanfield P.C.
1917	Robeson Circuit	Reverend B.E. Stanfield P.C.
1918	Robeson Circuit	Reverend J.T. Draper P.C.
1919	Robeson Circuit	Reverend J.T. Draper P.C.
1920	Robeson Circuit	Reverend W.F. Trawick P.C.
1921	Robeson Circuit	Reverend W.F. Trawick P.C.
1922	Robeson Circuit	Reverend W.F. Trawick P.C.
1923	Robeson Circuit	Reverend W.F. Trawick P.C.
1924	Robeson Circuit	Reverend N.B. Johnson P.C.
1925	Robeson Circuit	Reverend N.B. Johnson P.C.
1926	Robeson Circuit	Reverend N.B. Johnson P.C.
1927	Robeson Circuit	Reverend F.B. Peele P.C.
1928	Robeson Circuit	Reverend F.B. Peele P.C.
1929	Robeson Circuit	Reverend F.B. Peele P.C.
1930	Robeson Circuit	Reverend F.B. Peele P.C.
1931	Fairmont Charge	Reverend J.W. Bradley P.C.
1932	Fairmont Charge	Reverend J.W. Bradley P.C.
1933	Fairmont Charge	Reverend J.W. Bradley P.C.
1934	Fairmont Charge	Reverend J.W. Bradley P.C.
1935	Fairmont Charge	Reverend J.E. Blalock P.C.
1936	Fairmont Charge	Reverend J.E. Blalock P.C.

1937	Fairmont Charge	Reverend J.E. Blalock P.C.
1938	Fairmont Charge	Reverend J.E. Blalock P.C. (Died on May 25)
		Reverend W.R. Dixon P.C. (Replaced Reverend Blalock)

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1939	Fairmont Charge	Reverend F.B. Joyner P.C.
1940	Fairmont Charge	Reverend F.B. Joyner P.C.
1941	Fairmont Charge	Reverend F.B. Joyner P.C.
1942	Fairmont Charge	Reverend F.B. Joyner P.C.
1943	Fairmont Charge	Reverend B.F. Boone P.C.
1944	Fairmont Charge	Reverend B.F. Boone P.C.
1945	Fairmont Charge	Reverend B.F. Boone P.C.
1946	Fairmont Station	Reverend B.F. Boone P.C.
1947	Fairmont Station	Reverend B.F. Boone P.C.
1948	Fairmont Station	Reverend Daniel Lane P.C.
1949	Fairmont Station	Reverend Daniel Lane P.C.
1950	Fairmont Station	Reverend Daniel Lane P.C.
1951	Fairmont Station	Reverend Daniel Lane P.C.
1952	Fairmont Station	Reverend C.H. Mercer P.C.
1953	Fairmont Station	Reverend C.H. Mercer P.C.
1955	Fairmont Station	Reverend C.H. Mercer P.C.
1956	Fairmont Station	Reverend C.H. Mercer P.C. (Through June 30)
		Reverend J.D.A. Autry P.C. (Began July 1)
1957	Fairmont Station	Reverend J.D.A. Autry P.C.
1958	Fairmont Station	Reverend J.D.A. Autry P.C.
		Reverend M.W. Maness P.C. (Began July 1)
1959	Fairmont Station	Reverend M.W. Maness P.C.
1960	Fairmont Station	Reverend M.W. Maness P.C.
		Reverend W.C. Feltman P.C. (Began July 1)
1961	Fairmont Station	Reverend W.C. Feltman P.C.
		Reverend Paul C. Browning P.C. (Began July 1)

The United Methodist Church - NC Conference

1962	Fairmont Station	Reverend Paul C. Browning P.C.
1963	Fairmont Station	Reverend Paul C. Browning P.C.
1964	Fairmont Station	Reverend Paul C. Browning P.C.
1965	Fairmont Station	Reverend Paul C. Browning P.C.
		Reverend Ralph I. Epps P.C. (Began July 1)
1966	Fairmont Station	Reverend Ralph I. Epps P.C.
1967	Fairmont Station	Reverend Ralph I. Epps P.C.
1968	Fairmont Station	Reverend Ralph I. Epps P.C.
1969	Fairmont Station	Reverend Ralph I. Epps P.C.
1970	Fairmont Station	Reverend Ralph I. Epps P.C.
		Reverend Charles E. Owens P.C. (Began June 12)
1971	Fairmont Station	Reverend Charles E. Owens P.C.
1972	Fairmont Station	Reverend Charles E. Owens P.C.
1973	Fairmont Station	Reverend Charles E. Owens P.C.
		Reverend Robert M. Drew, Sr. P.C. (Began June 4)
1974	Fairmont Station	Reverend Robert M. Drew, Sr. P.C.
1975	Fairmont Charge	Reverend Robert M. Drew, Sr. P.C.
		Reverend Stephen D. Smith (Student Intern - June and July)
1976	Fairmont Charge	Reverend Robert M. Drew, Sr. P.C.

1977	Fairmont Charge	Reverend Robert M. Drew, Sr. P.C. Reverend Noah B. Hill, Jr. P.C. (Began June 19)
1978	Fairmont Charge	Reverend Noah B. Hill, Jr. P.C.
1979	Fairmont Charge	Reverend Noah B. Hill, Jr. P.C.
1980	Fairmont Charge	Reverend Noah B. Hill, Jr. P.C.
1981	Fairmont Charge	Reverend Noah B. Hill, Jr. P.C. Reverend Robert F. Moore P.C. (Began in June)
1982	Fairmont Charge	Reverend Robert F. Moore P.C.
1983	Fairmont Charge	Reverend Robert F. Moore P.C.
1984	Fairmont Charge	Reverend Robert F. Moore P.C.
1985	Fairmont Charge	Reverend Robert F. Moore P.C.

P.C. - Preacher in charge

L.P. - Local Preacher

A.P. - Associate Preacher

J.P. - Junior Preacher

PASTORS OF TRINITY 1987-1997

June 1987 - June 1992	James H. Harris, Jr.
June 1992 - June 1994	C. Franklin Grill
June 1994 - June 1995	Herman Winberry
June 1995 - June 1996	Troy Todd
June 1996 - June 1997	Kimberly Pollock
June 1997 -	Debra S. Watson

CHURCH STAFF

In 1915, Mrs. Maggie Floyd was asked to hire someone to clean the church. Three dollars had been allocated for the salary. During the early years of the church, the secretarial and most of the custodial work was done by the Sunday School Superintendents and the Ministers. The congregation took turns keeping the church and grounds in good condition for many years. Mrs. Clara Traynham, Mr. and Mrs. Glynn Ashley, Mr. George H. Cole, Mrs. Wiley R. Taylor, Sr., Mr. June Ashley, Dr. D.C. Lassiter, Mrs. Johnson Ashley, Mrs. Maude Jones, Mr. Wade Ashley, Mr. J.M. Andrews, Mr. C.M. Oliver, Mr. G.H. Floyd, Sr., Misses Velma and Amantha Floyd and Mrs. G.H. Floyd, Sr. are some of the group remembered as helping. Mrs. M.S. Huston and Mrs. E.J. Chambers also helped with the work from time to time.

During the 1930's the church was heated with a coal burning heater. Johnson Ashley and Fred Ashley were responsible for firing the heater during the cold weather and ringing the church bell. During the summer months they used long poles to open the tops of the windows.

In 1950 the church hired Charlie Buck as a part-time custodian. He was a good worker and remained on the staff for eight years. Raymond Thompson was hired to replace Mr. Buck in 1958. Mr. Thompson held the position until 1961 when Ed McGill was hired. Mr. McGill worked for the church until his death in 1973. He was replaced by James Arthur Jones who served until 1975. Robert Thompson filled the position for a few months, and then Ben Sessoms took over the work. Following Ben's death, his wife Lucille took his place and continued in that capacity until 1980 when Willie Christie was hired. Willie is serving Trinity Church as the present custodian.

The first full-time secretary, Mrs. Mary Campbell Womble, was hired in 1962 under the Reverend

Paul Browning. She remained in this position until 1970 when Mrs. William Marion Hamilton was employed.

Mrs. Hamilton held the position of church secretary for twenty-one years, having served under the pastorates of the Reverends Charles Owens, Robert M. Drew, Noah B. Hill, Robert M. Moore, and James H. Harris, Jr. Fran Tusai worked part-time during the tenure of Reverend Harris.

Kim Floyd and Myra McLees filled the position of secretary during the pastorate of Reverend Frank Grill. Julie A. Barr began serving in this capacity during the service of the Reverends Herman Winberry, Troy Todd and Kimberly Pollock. As pastoral assignments were made in June, 1997, Laura L. Kemp began service as church secretary under Reverend Debra Watson.

The responsibilities of secretary at Trinity encompass those of receptionist, financial, pastoral, educational and church supply specialist, as well as public relations work.

Church Organist/Choir Director and Pianist are included under Music Organization and are very prominent positions in the tradition of Trinity United Methodist Church.

VETERANS

1863-1991

Many of our church members past and present answered our Nation's call to take up arms in defense of liberty. Many paid the ultimate sacrifice to ensure the freedom of people around the world. We give thanks to our honored veterans and are ever mindful of their sacrifices. We have attempted to list each of these veterans and their era of service. Any omissions are regretted. We ask that anyone with knowledge of a member veteran unlisted, please furnish the church with the information so that all receive the recognition they richly deserve.

CIVIL WAR

Ashley, Andrew Jackson
Ashley, Augustus Powell
Ashley, Stephen Wells
Pittman,
Ashley, John Powell
Ashley, James Robert
Thompson, Theodore Ashley
Thompson, James Pinckney

MEXICAN BORDER CAMPAIGN

Baker, Irving

WORLD WAR I

Ashley, Cliff	Floyd, Roy
Ashley, C. Ross	Galloway, George (KIA)
Ashley, O'Berry	Huston, M.F.
Ashley, Sam	Thompson, Addie A.
Faulk, Marvin, Sr.	Thompson, Carl
Faulk, Wade	Thompson, Frank F.
Floyd, Hoke	Thompson, Alpheus E.
Floyd, Jerney	
Floyd, Memory S.	



WORLD WAR II

Andrews, Alice Gertrude
Andrews, Raymond
Ashley, Andrew Jackson
Ashley, Charlie Rae
Ashley, Currie
Ashley, Charles B.
Ashley, Glyn Frederick
Ashley, Johnson W.
Ashley, Nanny Wells
Ashley, Thomas Hugh
Ashley, William Lane
Barnes, Roscoe
Barnhill, Fosh M. (KIA)
Bristow, Sterling Mebane
Campbell, Robert G. (KIA)
Capps, J.C.
Chambers, E.J.
Eaton, Shirley
English, Sherwood
Faulk, Robert C.
Faulk, Marvin
Faulk, John
Faulk, Frank
Floyd, John Pittman (MIA)
Floyd, Daniel Justin
Floyd, English Hubert
Floyd, Grady Herring
Floyd, Hal S.
Floyd, J.L., Jr.

KOREAN WAR

Barnes, Larry
Britt, Thomas
Floyd, B. Wayne
Floyd, Francis
Floyd, Gaston
Floyd, Lowell
Floyd, Henry
Hamilton, William M.
Hayes, William (Bill)
Jenkins, Kenneth
Oliver, Edwin
Oliver, John Edsel
Perry, James O.
Perry, Walter
Perry, Willis G.
Williams, Bruce

Floyd, Oscar Johnson
Floyd, Thomas Carroll
Floyd, Wallace Woodrow
Floyd, William Linwood (Purple Heart)
Grantham, James G., Jr.
Hayes, William (Bill)
Ivey, Casper
Jones, Gerald
McCormick, Robert T.
McDaniel, Paul
McDaniel, Wade
McDowell, George
McGirt, Curtis
Moore, Robert F. (Purple Heart)
Nikolas, George J.
Oliver, John M.
Oliver, Robert S.
Oliver, Sam
Oliver, William Herman
Page, Roger Wayne
Pitman, Isham, Jr.
Pitman, John Lynwood
Stuart, Robert F. (Purple Heart)
Stubbs, A.B.
Taylor, Charlie A.
Taylor, Wiley R., Jr. (Purple Heart)
Thompson, Frank F., Jr.
Webster, Charles D. (Purple Heart)
Williams, Bruce

VIETNAM

Armstrong, John
Caughill, Gordon
Evans, B. Franklin (Purple Heart)
McDaniel, Carl
Pittman, Gary
Pittman, Jerry T.
Pittman, Lynwood, Jr.

PERSIAN GULF

Barr, P. Kelly
Caughill, Audrey Francine
Lennon, Sandra

ALSO SERVED

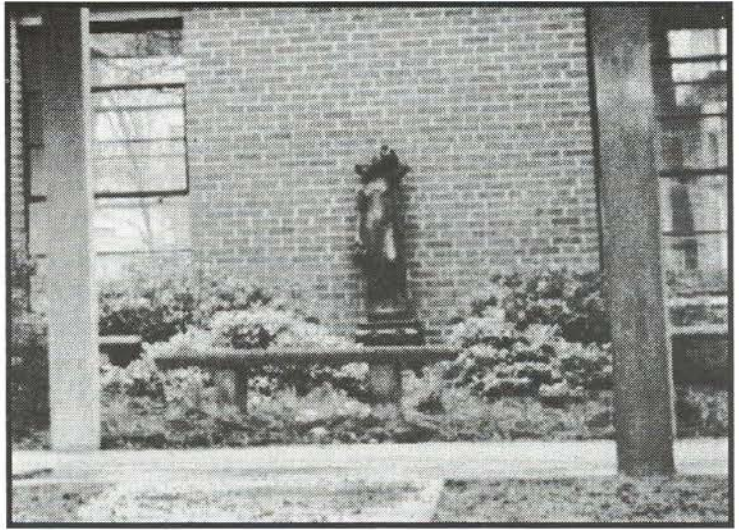
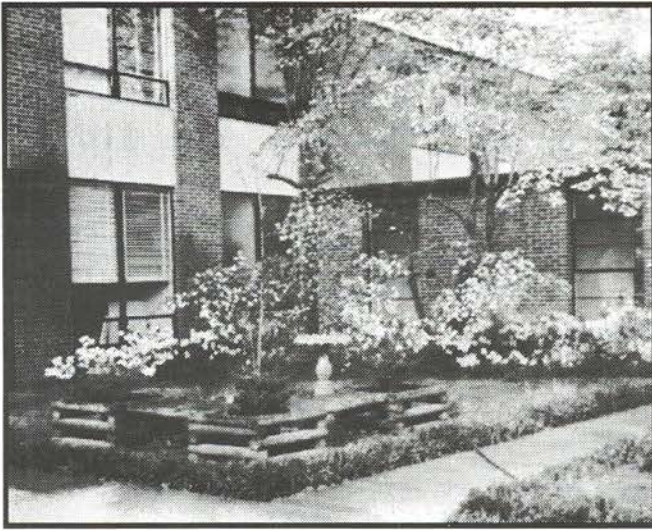
Ashley, Norman P.
Huffines, Sonny
Floyd, James Sprunt
Greene, Bill
Ivey, Jimmy R.

NOTES:

KIA - Those Veterans killed in action.

MIA - Veterans missing in action

Purple Heart - The Purple Heart is awarded to service members who are wounded in combat.



MEMORIAL GARDENS

There are two Memorial Gardens on the Trinity Church grounds. Although small in size they afford the members and visitors an opportunity to sit and enjoy the quiet surroundings.

The Huston Garden, on the left side of the church, was planted in memory of Ola and Marion S. Huston. Just outside the nursery window, the garden allows the small children to observe nature and watch for birds and squirrels playing among the shrubs. Some of the beautiful roses blooming in this garden have been used in the sanctuary.

On the right side of the church, outside the pastor's office window, is a small garden which contains three benches... each one recognizing one of the three churches that have served our members at one time in our history. Mrs. Charles Floyd and family gave the statue "Rebecca at the Well" as a gift in memory of her mother, Clara Patrick Traynham.

THE HISTORY ROOM

Around 1984, after our bicentennial celebration of "Methodism in America," it became apparent to the Trinity Church members that a safe place was needed to house all of the materials made and collected during this special time. Wiley Taylor, who had been actively involved in gathering, deciphering and transcribing, and compiling the old records of the church, with the help of typist Nancy Caughill, suggested that a church storage room be turned into a history room. The official board voted it into existence around that same year and Mr. Taylor was appointed Church Historian.

Many, including Mr. Taylor, believed in the importance of preserving our heritage and records for future generations. They appreciated the fact that those who had come before had realized the importance of documentation and had kept interesting and vivid records of the church as well as the names of those who loved God, served Him, and contributed to the growth of the church.

It was with great pride and much affection for those who came before that all available records, pictures, books, periodicals, and furniture were collected and placed in the history room where they are kept on display as a reminder of our heritage.

THE CHURCH LIBRARY

As far back as 1949 the women of the church had begun to envision a church library according to the minutes of the Woman's Society. Early plans for the new Education Building showed that there was an 18' x 13' space set aside for a library. After the building was completed and dedicated (1963) and classes assigned, the library ended up in a much larger room that had, at one time, been set aside for a kindergarten. We now have an adequate library which houses Christian books and videos for all

of our members, children and adults.

Records show that the first books for the Trinity United Methodist Church Library were processed on February 18, 1964 with Mrs. Ruth K. Ford serving as librarian. In 1981, Mrs. Meredith Floyd became the librarian and served until her death June 9, 1996. Mrs. Burnell K. Moore, has been librarian since August, 1996.

Mrs. Moore, a retired school librarian, has been working diligently processing new books and tapes, many of them gifts, and arranging and cataloguing our collection of books so that they may be more accessible to our church community. It is hoped that individuals will grow deeper spiritually through using the Trinity Library as a resource for Christian enrichment.

THE PRAYER ROOM

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God, and the peace of God which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus" - Philippians 4:6-7

During the time of Paul Browning's pastorate (1961-1965) a Prayer Room was established in a corner room along the hall directly behind the sanctuary. The Goodwill Circle with the support of the W.S.C.S. furnished this room. It has since been a haven for those seeking a quiet place to pray, read the Bible, or to sit quietly and meditate. It is hoped that individuals will continue to use the Prayer Room and find solace there and comfort in God's unconditional love.

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives." - John 14:27

MEMORIES 1912 - 1913

This information was found in the Fairmont Messenger Paper 1912-1913. Reverend S.T. Moyle was Pastor of Trinity Church 1912-1913.

- The quarterly conference of the Robeson Circuit will be held with Trinity Church at this place on Saturday the 27th. Reverend A. McCullen will preach Saturday and Sunday at 11 o'clock.

- Reverend S.T. Moyle and family were agreeably surprised last Tuesday night by members of flock. The many good things that were stored in the Methodist Parsonage would surprise most anyone. Fairmont people are noted for their generosity and this helps to prove it.

- The Methodist ladies will please take notice that the Woman's Missionary Society will meet at the residence of Mrs. J. P. Brown Friday afternoon at 3 p.m. The meeting next week will be held with Mrs. W.H. Perry.

MEMORIES

In about 1923 a decision was made to build a new brick Methodist Church in Fairmont. Mr. Joe Jones, father of Louise Frye and Maude Allen Stuart, was the building contractor. The following passages were excerpted from a letter written by Reverend Chester Andrews, a former member, to Mrs. Louise Frye recalling his memories of that important event when he was a young boy.

The lumber was properly stacked in the church yard and after some time of air drying, Mr. Joe Jones, the contractor, began construction. The foundation was laid and brick work was soon showing above ground. One day Mr. Jones was checking the brick work. He discovered that the lines of brick on the Church (Trinity) Street side were not properly spaced. Hence, a piece of brick had to be used in that section. Mr. Jones would not permit. So that section had to be removed and the wall rebuilt with mortar joints in proper thickness. Then there were no broken bricks in the wall.

That was the kind of builder Mr. Jones was. It had to be exactly correct or he would not accept it. Not one in a thousand people would have seen that error in that wall. But Mr. Joe saw it, and with him it had to be corrected. Several times I have used that as an illustration in my preaching.

MEMORIES

About 1924 or 1925 Charles Webster (Baptist) lived next to the Methodist Church which was being built. After a big rain water collected in the unfinished basement. He and his friends thought it was their own private "swimming pool" and there they learned to swim! Charles has been a Methodist for forty-five years now!

On December 31, 1936 a group of teenagers, members of the Epworth League, were ringing out the old year and ringing in the new. The church was opened so they went in to ring the bell. Charles Webster was ringing the bell. Frances Ashley (Castevens) was standing on the bottom stair looking up when the "clapper" fell out of the bell - scraping her cheek and breaking her "ring finger." She was carried to Weinstein's Clinic, which today is Webster's Pharmacy.

MEMORIES 1926

When Mrs. P.R. Floyd, Jr. (Janet) was a young girl she went with her mother to the Ladies' Aide Society meetings as did Elizabeth Floyd (Mitchell), Woodberry Chambers (McCormick), Oline Purvis (Lewis), and Mailand Williams. While the mothers attended their meeting in the sanctuary, Mrs. Dovie Floyd organized these young girls into a group called "The Little Christian Workers" and they met in one of the Sunday School rooms. There was roll call, passing of the offering plate, minutes read, songs sung, Bible verses memorized, Bible stories read and discussed, and Sunday School parties planned. One of their greatest decisions was what to do with the money they collected. Finally, they decided to donate a stained glass window for their new church. The window and the plaque inscribed: "Donated by The Girls' Aide 1926" can be found in a part of the church that now houses the lift. A copy of the minutes, kept by Janet Floyd, can be found in the History Room.

MEMORIES

Mrs. Wade McDaniel (Dorthy) says she has heard this story a thousand times.

As young boys, her husband, Wade, and his brother, Paul, used to eagerly run to the church every Sunday morning to ring the old church bell. One such Sunday they rang it so vigorously that it flipped over and became lodged in an upward position. Afraid to tell their father, Mr. A.L. McDaniel, they kept quiet until early the next morning they climbed into the belfry and righted the bell.

MEMORIES

Wiley Taylor, along with others, has fond memories of the old church bell. It rang to tell the Methodists to get ready for Sunday School. It rang to let members know church services were about to begin. It joyously chimed the news of a wedding, and softly tolled the loss of a precious soul. Records of the number, manufacturer, year it was molded, also weight and cost have been lost, but the sound of the bell will linger.

A Tribute

There are two positions in the church where people serve willingly and faithfully but it is felt at times that they do not receive enough recognition for their labors. These are the ushers and the members who serve in the kitchen/fellowship hall capacity.

Traditionally, throughout the 100 years, men have ushered at Trinity. At times, however, women have been known to fill in on certain occasions. Currently, the ushers are Ricky Parker, John Ashley, Joe Ashley, Steve Floyd, Sam Evans, Casper Ivey, Robert Stuart, Joey Stuart, Robert Cureton, Jimmy Ivey.

The kitchen and fellowship hall have been a central point of many activities at Trinity throughout the years. Many memorable events include: New Year's Dinner, UMYF Spaghetti dinners, Easter Sunrise Service breakfasts, Methodist Men's Ladies' Night on Valentine's Day, Women's Annual Bazaar and Food Fair, Fourth of July cook-out, Bible School suppers, Revival covered dish dinners and refreshments, Spring Family night supper, wedding receptions, Halloween and Valentine parties, Easter Egg hunts, and receptions for ministers.

Coffee and doughnuts are available in the kitchen for Sunday School attendees. During the school year, the UMYF and children's choir are served supper on Sunday nights. The Methodist Men also use the kitchen to cook for their meetings the first Monday of each month. In addition, the entire church has the opportunity to gather for Wonderful Wednesday dinners and programs quarterly as well as for other special occasions.

The church has social chairpersons to organize and prepare for special events. James Sprunt and Dixie Floyd are currently in charge. They are assisted at times by Vann and Gerald Floyd, Dan Floyd, Bill and Becky Greene, Wayne and Katheryn Floyd, Frank and Ada Ruth Evans, Nancy Marks and other volunteers.

Over the years, others who have worked in the kitchen and served as chairpersons include Billie Pate Floyd, Charlie Rae Ashley, and Jill Hough.



COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS AND PERSONNEL REPORT 1998 TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL

MEMBERS AT LARGE: STEWARDS

1998
Frank Evans
Tim Page
Jean Floyd
Sprunt Floyd

1999
Steve Floyd
Kay Rogers
Laura Jean Ashley
Butch Lennon

2000
Lora Clark
Bruce Williams
Nancy Marks

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL OFFICIALS

Chairman: Vann Floyd
Vice-Chairperson: Carolyn Malion
Pastor: Debra Watson
Secretary: Lynn Floyd
President UMM: Joe Ashley
Chief Usher: Ricky Parker
Asst. Usher: John Ashley
Sunday School Superintendent: Diane Lassiter
Asst. Sunday School Superintendent: Earlene Ashley
Lay Member To Annual Conference: Jerry Clark

Committee on Nurture: Ada Ruth Evans, Chairperson
 Committee on Outreach: Beverlie Floyd, Chairperson
 Committee on Finance & Stewardship: Charlie Floyd, Chairperson
 Pastor-Parish Relations Chair: Rebecca Greene (Charge Chair also)
 Trustees: Bill Greene, Chairperson, 1997 (1998 TBA)
 Membership Secretary: Lena Mae Hamilton
 Archives and History: Marion Hamilton, Chairperson
 Parsonage Committee: Sylvia Huggins, Chairperson
 Worship Committee: Wayland Lennon, Chairperson
 Church Supplies Committee: Laura Kemp, Chairperson
 Church Treasurer: Wayne Floyd
 Asst. Church Treasurer: Dianne Lassiter
 Lay Leader: Gordon (Shorty) Caughill
 President of UMW: Jerry Pittman
 Community Youth President: (Rep) Shea Sealey

HONORARY MEMBERS: Ruby Ashley, Martha Edmonds, Grace Hales, Lib Jones, Pauline Lewis, Lena Mae Hamilton, Sarah Andrews, Thelma M. Oliver, Dorothy McDaniel, Mabel Provins, Frances Pittman, Spencer Scott, Juanita McDowell, Hilda Hodges, J.C. Capps, Ruth Wooten.

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL COMMITTEES

STAFF-PASTOR-PARISH COMMITTEE: Rebecca Greene, Charge Chairperson

1998	1999	2000
Alicia Page	Charles Webster	<u>Dormin Pittman</u>
<u>Butch Lennon</u>	Charles Pearce*	<u>Katherine (Katie) Little</u>
<u>Jerry Clark</u> (Lay Member)	Becky Greene	Justin Oliver*

*Committee Members from Olivet

FINANCE & STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE: Charlie Floyd, Chairperson

1998	1999	2000
Rebecca Fisher	Sam Evans	<u>Charlie Floyd</u>
Tim Page	<u>Myrtle Rose Scott</u>	<u>Gary Pittman</u>
Wayland Lennon		<u>Nancy Faulk</u>

Frank Evans (Ten Dollar Club Rep.)

(Committee On Audit: Shirley Jenkins, Earlene Ashley)

Administration Council Chairperson (Vann Floyd), Pastor-Staff Chairperson (Becky Greene), Trustee Chairperson, Treasurer (Wayne Floyd) Assist. Treasurer (Dianne Lassiter), Lay Leader (Gordon Caughill), Pastor (Debra Watson), Lay Member (Jerry Clark)

TRUSTEES: Bill Greene, Chairperson for 1997 (1998 TBA)

1998	1999	2000
Lora Clark	Kelly Barr	<u>Steve Floyd</u>
Frank Evans	Jerry Pittman (UMW)	<u>Edgar Huggins</u>
Butch Lennon	William Greene	<u>Shirley Jenkins</u>
(Memorial Com.)		

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE: Debra Watson, Chairperson

1998
Tim Page
Mark Lassiter

1999
Earlene Ashley
Laura Jean Ashley
Gordon Caughill (Lay Leader) Vice-chair

2000
Kelly Barr
Julia Taylor

HISTORY COMMITTEE: Marion Hamilton, Chairperson

Mabel Provins
Lib Jones
Dorothy Floyd
Julia Taylor

Christine McDaniel
Lena Mae Hamilton
Kathryn Floyd
Wiley Taylor (Historian)

Mary Lou Herring
Shirley Eaton
Nancy Caughill

COMMITTEE ON OUTREACH: Beverlie Floyd, Chairperson

(Our mission role in the community and beyond)

Vann Floyd (Missions)
Mary Laura Sealey (Status & Role of Women)
Beverlie Floyd (Local Benevolences)
Robin Floyd (Native American Representative)

Mable Provins (Christian Unity)
Fran Tusai (Church & Society)
Robin Floyd (Religion & Race)

COMMITTEE ON NURTURE: Ada Ruth Evans, Chairperson

Members

Kelly Barr (Education)
Gordon Caughill (Outdoor Activities)
Alicia Page (Children's Coordinator)
Tim Page (Youth Coordinator)
Sprunt & Dixie Floyd (Social Life)
Kathryn Floyd (Music)
Wayland Lennon (Worship Chair)

Sunday School Coordinators

Dianne Lassiter (Superintendent)
Earlene Ashley (Asst. Supt.)
Joe Ashley (Young Adults)
Charles Webster (Adults)
Nancy Marks (Singles Coordinator)
Carolyn Malion (Spiritual Formation & Evangelism)

WORSHIP COMMITTEE: Chairperson - Wayland Lennon

Louise Frye (Communion)
Chris Caughill
Kelly Barr
Julia Taylor

Mary Hardin (Altar Guild)
Nancy Caughill
Annie Oliver
Myrtle Nance

Kathryn Floyd (Music)
Charles Webster
Lynn Floyd (Children's Church)
Dianne Lassiter (Acolyte Coordinator)

MEMORIAL COMMITTEE: Chairperson - Alicia Page

Mabel Provins
Butch Lennon

Dianne Lassiter
Laura Kemp (Secretary)

Jean Floyd
Chandra Britt

CHURCH SUPPLIES COMMITTEE: Laura Kemp, Chairperson

Wayland Lennon

Dianne Lassiter

Laura Kemp, Secretary

STANDING COMMITTEES

PARSONAGE COMMITTEE: Sylvia Huggins, Chairperson

Billie Pate Floyd
Robert O. Floyd

Myrtle Rose Scott
Trustees Chairperson

Robert Stuart
T. Andrew Watson (pastor's spouse)

GROUND'S COMMITTEE: Chairperson, Butch Lennon

Ricky Parker
Oscar Floyd

Betty Ann Floyd
Trustees Chairperson

Lora Clark
Gerald Floyd

Arch Anna Williams

COMMUNION STEWARDS: Chairperson - Louise Frye

Mary Lou Herring

Fran Tusai

Laura Jean Ashley

Jean Floyd

Maude Allen Stuart

Mary Laura Sealey

Sandra Hayes

ALTAR GUILD: Mary Hardin, Chairperson

Myrtle Nance

Annie E. Oliver

Jeanette Webster

Laura Jean Ashley

COMMITTEE ON AUDIT:

Shirley Jenkins

Earlene Ashley

ACOLYTES:

Scott Pridgen, David Little, Scott Floyd, Matthew Lassiter

(Katie Little & Mark Lassiter as needed)

Christian Advocate Representative (Conference Newspaper): Marion Hamilton

CHURCH STAFF

Pastor

Pastor Emeritus

Secretary

Organist/Choir Director

Pianist

Debra Watson

Robert F. Moore

Laura Kemp

Kathryn Floyd

Melba Savage

Nursery Worker

Custodian

Librarian

Christie Fisher

Willie Christie

Burnell Moore

_____ Indicates new person or position

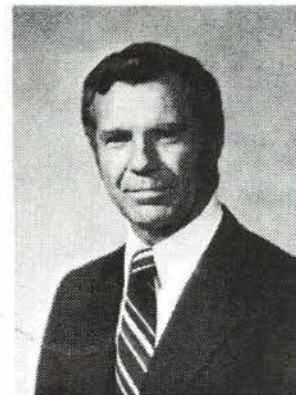
These Have Been Ordained To Preach From Our Church



Chester J. Andrews



Larry A. Barnes



Albert Fleet Fisher



James Ralph Oliver



David D. Traynham

Reflection on One Hundred Years

As the pastor of Trinity Church I follow in a long line of many who have served the Lord in ministering to the needs of the United Methodist Christians and others in need here in Fairmont. I am serving here in the time of celebration of one hundred years of ministry, of preaching, of teaching, of worshipping, of serving, of proclaiming the power of Jesus' Name. As I have thought about the history of this church, its past, its present, and its future, I have written a poem to reflect on where we have been, where we are, and where we are going:

One Hundred Years and Counting

A merger of two,
Come together as one,
Trinity stood new,
The consolidation done.
Rooted in Methodism
By circuit riders spread,
Christians without schism
To unity were led.
March 13, 1898,
That was the date.
One hundred years and counting,
This day we celebrate.

One hundred years
Have passed by,
A few filled with tears,
And sorrow, and sigh.
Others have been good,
Filled with love and laughter.
Pastors and members would
Come and go, joy coming after
Weeping, And God's people would praise
Him in all of these days.

The membership has waxed,
And it has also waned,
But folks have never relaxed;
Their love for the Lord is unfeigned.
The future for Trinity,
What tomorrow brings,
Is certainly a mystery,
But we know it springs
In hope in God above,
Is rooted in His great love.

Reaching out to others,
Serving in Jesus' Name,
Will make us brothers
And sisters, keeping our hearts aflame
The faith of those who
Came before us, our own
We will proclaim and do,
That others through our seeds sown
Will reap a harvest of souls sublime,
All surely occurring in God's time.

In God's time we were brought
Together in God's care;
We were the sheep He sought.
Enfolded in Him we dare
To trust Him with our fate.
We rejoice in Him on this date.
One hundred years and counting,
This day we celebrate.

Along with all of the current members I give thanks for the faithfulness of those who have come before us. I give thanks for those who are faithfully living as Christ's church today. I trust God's faithfulness for the future of Trinity Church and pray that His people here called United Methodist Christians will faithfully serve Him until He comes again and gathers us all around His throne in Heaven.

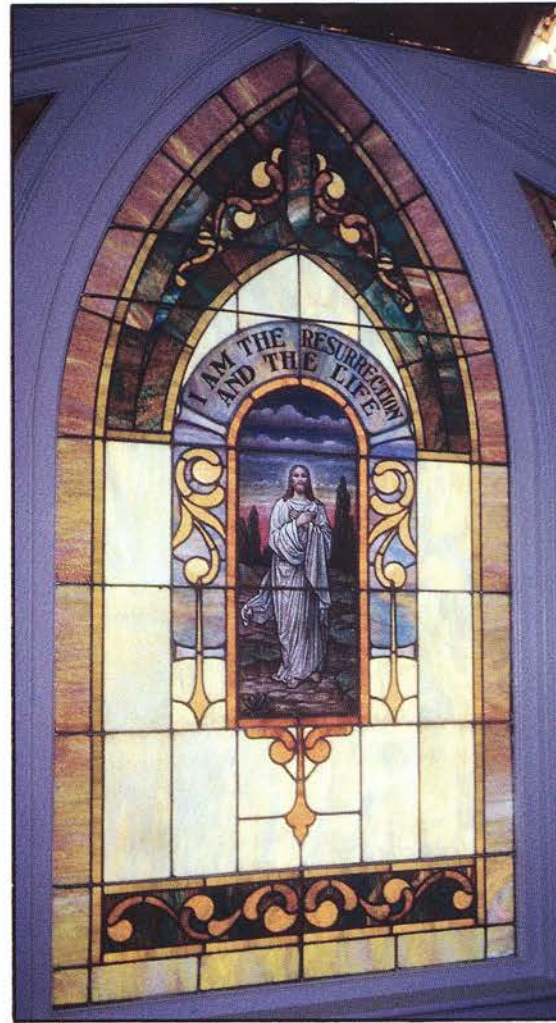
With Faith in Jesus Christ,

Debra Watson

Debra Watson

Pastor

February 1, 1998



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The upstairs window, **“I Am the Resurrection and the Life”** is one of the most beautiful but the least seen.

As you face the altar from the narthex of the church, the first window to the left portrays **“Children Coming to Jesus”** and the second window is **“Children With Jesus”**. These two windows were given in memory of Florence Sanford Brown, 1868-1923. She was the first wife of Dr. John Powell Brown and the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Jonathan Sanford. Rev. Sanford served on the Robeson circuit from 1886-1888 and 1893-1894.

The third window to the left, **“Shepherds Abiding in the Field”**, was given in memory of Neill A. Thompson, 1827-1907.

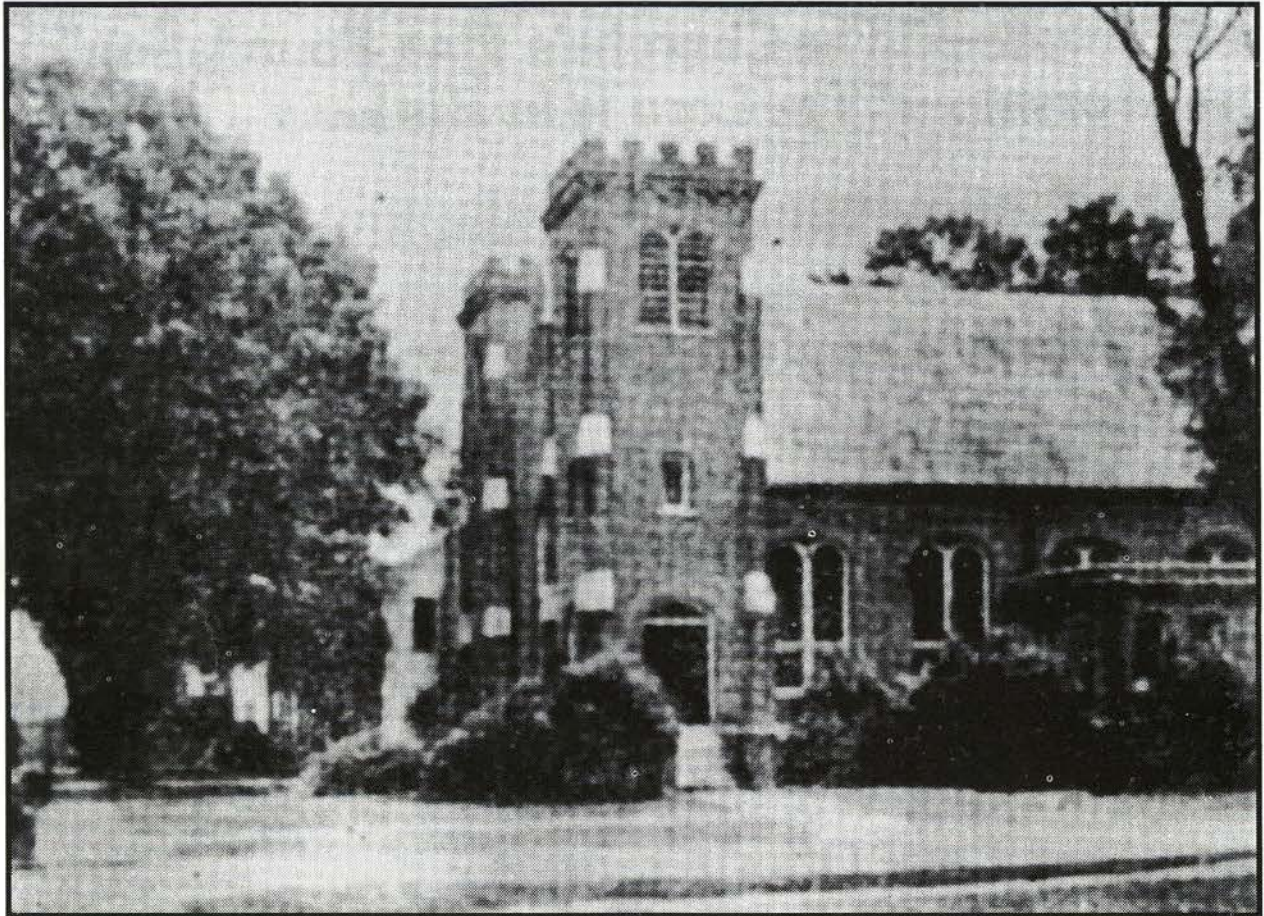
The fourth window to your left was given in memory of Julia A. Thompson, 1836-1914. This scene depicts **“The Nativity”**. She was the wife of Neill A. Thompson.

As you face the altar from the narthex, the first window on your right was given in memory of George E. Galloway, 1894-1918. He died in France on Feb. 27, 1918 and is thought to be the first North Carolinian to die from being gassed in World War I. The window depicts **“Angel at the Empty Tomb”**.

The third window on the right illustrates **“The Good Samaritan”**. The window is dedicated to the memory of Rosa Ashley Pitman, 1827-1916. She was the wife of Henry Flowers Pitman.

The fourth window on the right was given in memory of Fannie Pitman Brown, 1852-1912. She was the second wife of Dr. John Burton Brown, who was the father of Dr. John Powell Brown. This window is a scene from the parable of the **“Good Samaritan”**.

Trinity



1898 - 1998

“Live in peace, and the God of love and peace shall be with you. You are called Methodists, act a part worthy of that high character. Live like your venerable fathers who have labored and suffered in this glorious cause. Wait before God with humility of heart, and He will be with you.”

*Written in 1813 by
Presiding Elder James Boyd
as part of a letter of encouragement
to a young Methodist Church.*