

# West Nash United Methodist Church

## DEDICATION SERVICE

MAY 28, 1972



2106 WEST NASH STREET  
WILSON, NORTH CAROLINA

**William R. Cannon**  
Bishop Raleigh Area

**Paul Carruth**  
Rocky Mount Dist. Supt.

**Lawrence E. Lugar**  
Minister

*Enter to Worship*

*Depart to Service*



**LESTER A. JACKSON**  
1959 - 1961



**JAMES H. BAILEY**  
1961 - 1965

*Our Ministers*



**CARLTON E. HIRSCHI, SR.**  
1965 - 1968



**LAWRENCE E. LUGAR**  
1968 - 1972



April 10, 1960 Formal Organization

## CHARTER MEMBERS

Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Brown	Mrs. L. P. Jackson
Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Dildy	Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Jackson
Mrs. Sadie Kemp	Mr. and Mrs. Robert Frazier
Dr. and Mrs. John Dickerman	Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kessler
Kathelene Dickerman	Mr. J. Tom High
Mrs. Edna Lovelace	Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Allegood
Edna Lovelace	Miss Creolya Snodgrass
Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Williams	Mr. and Mrs. Kermit O'Connell
Mrs. Evelyn Tudor	Kenny O'Connell
Miss Hwei-Lan Swen	Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Mattox
Mr. and Mrs. Roney High	Mr. and Mrs. John Dunn
Mr. and Mrs. Leon Taylor	Mrs. William Malpass
Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Wilson	Mrs. Alton Sharpe
Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Patterson	Mr. and Mrs. William Braswell
Eugene, Elizabeth, Ernest Jr.,	Mrs. Ruth Harris
Edna Earl, and Emma Lee Patterson	Mr. and Mrs. Larry Griffin
Peggy, Nancy and Robert Meeks	Miss Jackie Malpass
Miss Pattie Ruffin	Miss Patsy Louise Merritt
Mr. Ernest Eulmer	Mr. and Mrs. Alton Gardner
Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Ingram	Mr. and Mrs. Robert Miller
Mr. and Mrs. Hughes Dillard	Mrs. Catherine Bogan
Mrs. Virginia Williford	Mr. and Mrs. Moffett Carson
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Atkinson	Miss Wen-Hsueh Sun
Mr. and Mrs. Luther Mozingo	Mrs. C. N. Woolard
Mrs. Noble Blackman	

## HISTORY OF WEST NASH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

### Wilson, North Carolina

At the annual conference in 1959 the Reverend Mr. Lester P. Jackson was appointed by Bishop Paul N. Garber to organize a third Methodist Church in Wilson on West Nash Road on property purchased and donated by First Methodist Church.

During the summer members of this new church and men from the First Church renovated and remodeled the old residence on the property.

Sunday School and worship services were held in a rented parsonage during September. The first Sunday in October the congregation of thirty-five members moved into the temporary home of West Nash Methodist Church.

Many long hours of hard work by the faithful men had gone into making the house into attractive and adequate classrooms, chapel, pastor's study, and fellowship hall. Materials and gifts of various kinds were given by members of First Church and friends in Wilson to aid in this project. Without all of this help the work would have been greatly delayed and occupancy would not have been so soon.

The Woman's Society of Christian Service was organized in September; the Men's Club in November. Various committees, commissions and officials were appointed to carry on the work of the growing Church.

The election of officers was a part of the formal organization on April 10, 1960, at which time seventy seven Charter members were recognized and charter membership closed.

A parsonage was purchased in June 1960. Gifts of furniture, and many hours of free labor made it possible for the house to be occupied the first of July 1960.

This residence was sold in the spring of 1965, and a new, larger one at 1105 Knollwood Drive, was purchased.

During 1960 the work focused on the programs of the Church. Absorbing the membership into the activities, with the necessity of learning the work, required time and effort. The undergirding of all this was the very real purpose to grow spiritually and to become a witnessing fellowship.

In the fall of 1961, a building committee was appointed, and approved by the quarterly conference. Plans were made for the erection of the first unit of a four stage plant. On December 8, 1961 the congregation endorsed the plans for the sanctuary.

Groundbreaking ceremonies were held July 22, 1962. Work started July 23, 1962 and Sunday, February 24, 1963 worship services were held in the new sanctuary.

Formal opening was June 2, 1963 with a large number of memorials and special gifts dedicated.

Following the Reverend Mr. Lester P. Jackson, the Reverend Mr. James H. Bailey was minister from 1961 to June 1965; the Reverend Mr. Carlton F. Hirschi, Sr. from 1965 to June 1968; the Reverend Mr. Lawrence E. Lugar from 1968 to the present time.

These men, with various qualities of leadership, have been faithful and dedicated to the task of strengthening the struggling fellowship. Faith in God, devotion to duty, interest in people, compassion, empathy, ability to do many jobs are some of the characteristics that have been evident. Each minister, in his own special ability and faith, has guided the members through the "growing pains" of West Nash United Methodist Church.

We have grown in membership until now we are 307, including non-resident members.

Adult Church School has expanded into three groups, one of which is the St. Paul's Fellowship Class. This class has grown to be a very active one, sharing in and seeking knowledge and experience of the Lord Jesus Christ, expressing their faith in working and witnessing.

The most recently organized class is 18-25 age group of single and married members.

Boy and girl scout troops, children's choir are active programs as well as the Women's Society of Christian Service and circles, men's club, adult choir, Jackson Class, youth, intermediate, primary classes, and nursery.

There is a togetherness, a greater feeling of belonging and understanding, and a sense of unity that has gradually evolved through the years.

The Lay Witness Mission in March 1971, was one of enrichment for many of our members. All who participated in the mission were strengthened in their faith, by sharing with the dedicated visitors, in worship periods, Christian love, and fellowship and experiences.

Debt retirement and the budget of the church have been heavy responsibilities. God has been faithful even though we have failed him so often. He has provided, and now we rejoice.

We owe so many friends such a debt of gratitude for very generous support and gifts. The budget that has been adopted for 1972-1973 indicates a reaching out to participate more fully in the mission of the church.

We present this brief history with gratitude and humility. Without the inspiration and grace of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, West Nash United Methodist Church would not be, and none of these accomplishments could be reported.

By: Miss Creolya Snodgrass  
Mrs. Hughes Dillard  
May, 1972

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## IN MEMORIAM

*The Flowers in our sanctuary are given to the Glory of God and in memory of the deceased members of West Nash United Methodist Church by the Women's Society of Christian Service.*

## IN HONOR

*The rose bud is placed on the altar in honor of Kevin Anderson Stem, born May 21, 1972 to Jasper and Edna Stem.*