

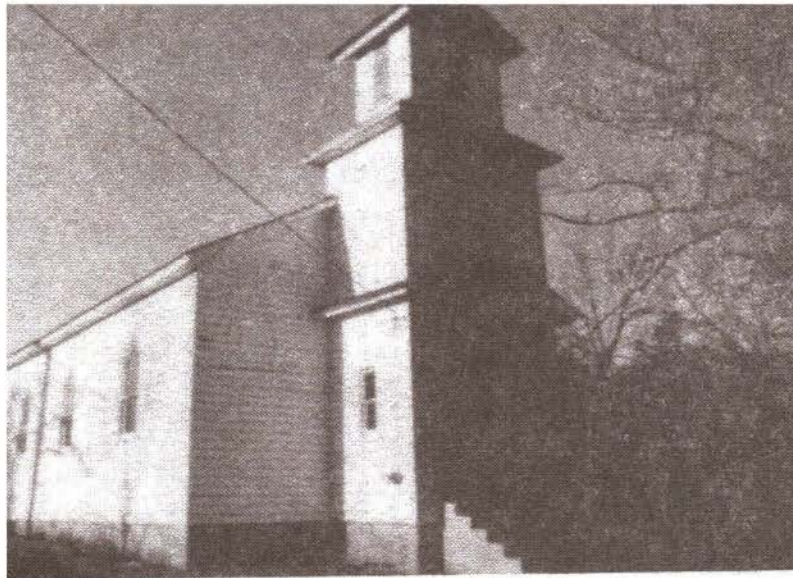
ZOAR CHAPEL

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

P O Box 253- 4119 Buckhorn Road
Bullock, North Carolina 27507

1868-2017

ONE HUNDRED FORTY-~~SIX~~ YEARS OF FAITHFUL AND
DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE BULLOCK COMMUNITY



MISSION: “ to offer Christ Jesus to a lost and dying world; to tell them of God’s mighty acts of salvation found in the Son; to walk by faith and not by sight; to be a place where humanity can encounter and know the one true God of glory; to be the church alive”.



History of Zoar Chapel United Methodist Church

As the curtains of the past are rolled back, there stands the little white wooden church peering through a grove of towering oak trees, located in Northern Granville County. William P. Hayes, Thomas Pettiford, Lacy Morton, Gloster Lewis and James Royster, trustees for the Methodist Church, set out to acquire land on which to build a new place of worship. The earliest deed stated that Wilkins Stovall and wife Leona of Granville County deeded to the Methodist Episcopal Church trustees one half acre of land for the sum of five dollars. This deed was dated March 22, 1877, containing a reversion clause, which would return ownership to Wilkins Stovall whenever it ceased to be used as a Methodist Church. The deed also stated that a new church building was being erected. The deed can be found in book 31, pages 178-180, in the Granville County Courthouse.

A new church building is being erected, possibly can be explained by this fact. Samuel G. Marrow, a missionary from Rhode Island started a school and organized a church August 23, 1868 at the Bullock Cross Road. He possibly lived and taught in the house later known as the Bullock Colored School. More details will be given later.

The second deed made by Wilkins Stovall of Granville County to Anthony Marrow, James Royster, and other trustees of the Colored Methodist Church near Bullock on October, 1892, replaced the deed of March 22, 1877, Wilkins Stovall bargained and sold to the said trustees all his reversionary rights and interest in the one-half acre tract of land forever for the sum of one dollar.

Apparently, trustees named in all deeds had already been recognized by the North Carolina Methodist Conference. Zoar Chapel's first known pastors, Rev. D. Brooks, Rev. L. B. Gibson, Rev. R. Alexander, Rev. W. H. Payne, Rev. C. N. Grandison, Rev. A. Newsome, and Rev. Charles W. Blaylock are listed as prominent leaders of the North Carolina General Conference. The North Carolina Conference thirty-sixth session was held on October 4, 1894 in Oxford, North Carolina.¹ This was during the pastorate of Rev. Blaylock while living in the parsonage at Bullock Crossroads.

¹ North Carolina Annual Conference – Methodist Church in Celebration of Its One-Hundredth Session, June 10-15, 1958- donated to Richard Thornton Library by Annie Mildred Marrow Royster



Bullock Cross Roads

The lives of slaves living in the Bullock community underwent a dramatic change due to Samuel Cross. The son of Amos Cross (1809 Mulatto) and Eliza Gilbert, Samuel came to Bullock, North Carolina around 1866. His parents' marriage record shows that Amos Cross, of Griswold and Eliza Gilbert of Middletown, Connecticut were married on September 6, 1832. Black marriages were allowed since most of the black population who lived in Connecticut was free by 1784.

Samuel Cross was one of five children born to the couple. Samuel and a brother were mariners, better known as Black Jacks. Samuel came south to teach the newly freed slaves and had been assigned by the American Missionary Association to the Bullock, North Carolina area.

The following information is taken from a letter to his sponsor, Edward Smith of the AMA. The letter reads:

Bullock Cross Roads
September 3rd, 1868

Mr. Ed. P. Smith

Dear Sir,

Having waited to hear from you in regards to the proposition you made me of furnishing some remuneration to me for teaching and not hearing from you I write to let you know that on the 24th I opened school at the above named place and have 20 pupils and would have had more but for a protracted meeting which commenced last Sunday. I have 27 mourners and one convert as the results of the labors so far. Would have written more but had not the time. Write me word whether you could send me some money, as I am not getting any.

Respectfully Samuel G. Cross

The school that's being referred is the Bullock School and the 27 mourners and one convert can be surmised as the beginning of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Bullock. The above information gave to Mildred Royster by Henrietta Cross Hatton.²

Samuel Cross married Rebecca Marrow in 1867, daughter of Anderson and Lucy Marrow, and the granddaughter of Anderson Marrow Sr. Note Senior had to be added to Anderson Marrow name by me for the mere fact that slaves only had first names. They always gave children their first names since the last name was that of the owner and would change with ownership.

The trustees named in the second and third deeds, Anthony Marrow, and Levy Marrow were relatives of Rebecca Marrow. Anthony is listed on the 1880 census as a carpenter and is 62 years old. He may have been instrumental in the building of the churches of 1877 and of 1892.

²Henrietta Cross Hatton- Eleanor Cross Bullock Shelton Works

No one knows the name of the pastor who presided over the congregation between 1870 - 1877. Samuel Cross left after only two years of service. The name of the congregation is not known nor the place of worship during this period. Since Marrows Chapel was mentioned in the North Carolina Conference Directory,³ it may be the same congregation. The Marrows were active when it was the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church and the Zion Methodist Episcopal Church.

Throughout the booklet you will notice various names referring to the same congregation. They include that of Marrows Chapel located off Highway 15 and on the Townsville Road⁴, Methodist Episcopal Church and Colored Methodist Church found on the deed of October 1892. The next name is Zion Episcopal Methodist Church found on the deed of October 28, 1892. Later, Bullock Methodist Church, Zorro Chapel, (as printed on Patrice LaVette Hargrove's baptism certificate 1977 by Rev. Gregory V. Palmer,) Zora Chapel United Methodist Church and now known as Zoar Chapel United Methodist Church.

Further information was gathered from relatives of Allen Crews (born 1843-1940) as to why the house of Rev. W. Marrow may be the same as Marrow Chapel. Annie Crews Jordan tells the story of how her father, took his second wife Fannie Marrow Crews, (a lifetime member of the Methodist Church), and other family members, to the meeting house of Rev. W. Marrow. Allen Crews would spend the night in order to attend Michael Creek Church located about one mile south of the Marrow house. The rest of his family and other families would return to their own homes. Allen attended regularly the Methodist Church with his family members. There are still remnants of the three houses about 1 1/2 miles south of Zoar on the Bullock Cross Road, also referred to as the Taylor-Ferry Road and Old Clarksville Road. These houses were owned by Anthony Marrow and lived in by Anthony Marrow, Levy Marrow and Rev. Willie Marrow. The deed can be found in Granville County Court House. This property first owned by Wilkins Stovall.

A third deed was made October 28, 1892, to James Royster, Levy Marrow, and Edward Jordan, trustees of Zion Methodist Episcopal Church by Wilkins Stovall, for a place of residence for the use and occupancy of the preachers of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The deed was mailed to the pastor, Reverend Charles W. Blaylock. It is filed in book 48 in the Granville County Courthouse. It is most likely the site of the first school as well. The Bullock Colored School was the last to operate from this site. It is not known how long the Methodist Church provided housing for its pastors.

Planning for Fellowship Hall

³ North Carolina Conference Directory see under Granville County

⁴ A book entitled North Carolina Conference Historical Directory (1984) - courtesy of Robin Harry, Administrative Assistant for The N. C. Conference Commission on Archives and History.

On December 31, 1977, Rev. Albert Shuler and the Trustee Board met with Sam Hodges to discuss plans for building a fellowship hall. Trustee members for 1977-1978 terms were co-chairmen Charles Clark and William Gregory Royster along with Lucille Bullock, Mildred Marrow, Isabelle Reid, Albert Royster, Annie Mildred Royster, Rufus "Tom" Royster, Elizabeth Young and special Building Treasurer Elsie R. Hargrove. They agreed for the removal of the last huge oak tree at the rear of the church. This oak tree had offered shade for the long handmade picnic tables used during Homecoming Services and other special occasions. This space was needed for the new building and later for the walkway between the two buildings given by Ernestine Royster.

This project lasted over several years. Therefore, the trustee board members were somewhat different when the fellowship hall was completed. In 1979, the family of the late Walter Griffin and wife Bettie Bullock Griffin gave the church land to build a fellowship hall. The trustees were Charles Clark, William G. Royster, Mildred Marrow, Rufus Tom Royster and Mildred Royster. In 1981, under the leadership of Rev. David Dunlap it was completed. Some Other trustees serving during the period of 1979-1981 were Elsie Hargrove '79, Dallas Watkins '81, Elizabeth Henderson '81 and Jesse Marrow Jr. '81. A wooden handicap ramp was built to make the building accessible to all. This ramp was removed and a new ramp was built in 2012.

Exterior Changes

Time has brought many changes. The building has been rebuilt or remodeled at least three times. It was possibly destroyed by fire at least once before the 1900's. This may be the reason for having to buy back the property from Wilkins Stovall in 1892. The church was remodeled around 1904.

There are some noticeable changes. The first windows were clear glass. In 1977, a storm blew out one of them. The window was board up by Rufus Tom Royster. Later, William Gregory Royster purchased a replacement window. In October of 1978, all windows were replaced with sun blocking ones.

The church's exterior was painted several times. In 1978, it was painted for the last time and vinyl siding added in the 1990's.

The wooden steps replaced by cement steps and a rail. Concerned about safety, Goodrich "GD" Marrow gave the set of railings installed by Arthur Palmer.

The front wooden doors were locked from the inside by placing a bar across two wooden posts attached to the double doors. These doors replaced by Willie L. Royster in memory of his wife Lucy C. Royster.

Interior Changes



Throughout the years, major changes took place in the sanctuary. The kerosene lamps were replaced by the electric lights in the late 1940's or early 1950's. The lights were Globe shaped. These were replaced with the present day chandeliers, hanging from long chains due to the high ceilings.

The church was first heated by a coal burning pot belly stove. This stove had to be fed coal during worship services for the mere fact the services were long. One of the persons who performed this job was Isaac Isaham Fields. All of the children were fascinated by the fire's blazes when the coal was put in the stove. This pot belly stove was replaced by an oil burning heater, purchased by Albert Royster. Mary Lee Mason was one of the members who had the task of lighting the burner on cold Sunday mornings. She was the last to do so. During the leadership of Rev. Walter McLeod, Charles Clark, Trustees Board chairman and members worked to replace the stove with a central heating system.

During the leadership of Rev. Donnie Jones paneling was donated in memory of Ernest Clark. His daughter Marjorie Friend donated the paneling. The windows in the pulpit area were painted to block the sunlight and other needed chores done by Rev. Jones. He was known as Pastor Handy.

The first pews were handmade. Due to the efforts of Isabelle M. Reid, they were replaced with the present pews and bench pads.

The church floor was fully carpeted under the leadership of Rev. Donnie Jones and the pulpit was also extended. In 2013, the family of Charles Clark replaced the carpet in his memory. This carpet was installed during the pastorate of Rev. William Johnston.

Traditions

When the kerosene lamps were replaced by electric lights, the revival meetings could now start later and the farmers could work later in the fields. The revivals lasted a week. During this period the Methodist Episcopal Church thrived. One of the well-known revivalists was Rev. Kingsberry. Different members would agree to feed the pastor and the guest minister at their home nightly. Children would complain because they knew that the ministers would get a meal fit for a king, while they would have the leftovers and sometimes something totally different. Revival was usually held in July. Some say this was because the members' gardens would be in full harvest.

Revival meetings were the only time you could join the church in earlier times. The unsaved would sit on the mourner's bench while the saints prayed and sang over them. These terms probably originated with Samuel Cross, since he used them in his letter. Rev. Glendora Hargrove in 2011 was the first woman revivalist.

After baptism on Sunday morning the new converts were read into the church and served

Communion. The Communion was originally given from a single cup served by the pastor. Individual small communion glasses replaced the single cup. Today, a packaged bread and cup is used. After the converts received the Bread and Wine, the Right hand of Fellowship extended.

The Sunday school was established during the early 1900's. Known superintendents were: Henry Martin, Ida J. Marrow, James Sneed, Bettie Bernice Bullock, Belle Field, Elsie Hargrove, Annie Mildred Royster, Mary Lee Mason, Janie Royster, and Geraldine Royster. Regretfully at the present time the Sunday school is inactive.

Most services dismissed by the congregation standing, lifting right hands, and the minister offering the closing blessing taken from Numbers Chapter 6 Verses 24-26. "The Lord bless thee, and keep thee; The Lord make his face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee; The Lord lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace."

In the early church, the men were seated on the left and the women on the right. No one can remember who the first woman was who sat on the men's side, but they remembered raised eyebrows on the matter.

Music Ministry

The first musical instrument was an organ. The first known organist was Ida Jones Marrow followed by Esther Hall. At one time the church had an organ and a piano. Later the piano replaced the organ completely. Mrs. Hall organized the first choir; members included; Betty Bullock, Dorothy Marrow Harris, Goodrich Marrow, Adele Marrow Paschall, and Belle Fields Scott. The following are a list of other piano players; however, they may not necessarily be in order of service. They were: Mary C. Evans, Goodrich "GD" Marrow, Randolph Lockett, Rosa Small, Verona Thorpe, Steven Hargrove, Mary Anna Marrow, Mary Eaton, Gladys Thorpe, Shawn Carroll, and Rickey Allen, who served before, is the current piano player.

Women Society

The Women Society now known as the United Methodist Women has been very active over the years. The pulpit scarves, the second communion set, the set of candle holders, and the first carpet for the pulpit were given by this organization.

The most active time for this organization was during the leadership of Mrs. Cobb, Mrs. Doris Brunson and Mrs. Brenda Jones. At the present time the unit is inactive.

Past Presidents are as follows: Mildred Marrow, Bettie Bullock, Thelma Murray and Isabelle Reid.

United Methodist Men

The United Methodist men were active for a brief period. The only president was Dallas Watkins. The organization contributed much to the spiritual and physical growth of the church.



Cemetery Upkeep

After the church members and community helpers performed their annual spring cleaning, an individual volunteered to maintain the church ground and cemetery. These individuals were Eddie Griffin, Boley Marrow, Dallas Watkins, Rufus Tom Royster, and Little Jesse Marrow. The only tools being used were a sling blade, a rake, an ax and later a push mower. Later on Albert and William Royster took care of the grounds and cemetery. Janie Royster also played a big part in the upkeep of the buildings and grounds as the Trustee Board chairperson for several years. There were other members who worked in this capacity.

Dedicated Ushers

There have been four dedicated ushers. The first two were Mary Alice Marrow Smith, president of the usher board, and Elizabeth Marrow Young. The third faithful usher was Mary Mason and at one time president. She worked with Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Young. They were present at practically every worship service and most choir anniversaries, (as seen in choir picture), and all other special church functions until their health failed. Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Young serviced as ushers for more than 40 years each. The present president, Willa Jean Smith Richard took up where they left off in 2003. On the first and third Sundays, she leaves work in order to render her service at the 9:00 morning services. Ushers are the first to greet the people. This brings to mind another person, Walter Griffin, who stood at the front door to greet the people long before the term usher was used. He probably can be referred to as a dedicated usher/greeter.

Walter Griffin and Isaac Isaham Fields were church bell ringers. The bell ringer would toll the bell to let the community know that there was a death, a fire, or some other emergency. A different toll would be used to signal a death, a fire, and another would signal that the worship service is about to start. Different tolls alerted the listener of what action needed to be taken. An emergency toll meant to gather at the church, whereas the death toll was informative. (Toll: to ring with strokes separated by long, equal interval, usually as a solemn signal). Jesse Marrow was a bell ringer mainly to signal the start of worship services, and for funeral processions. There was no need for emergency signals due to modern means of communications. The bell had to be removed due to safety concerns. The damaged tall steeple was replaced by a shorter one.

Connection with Different Churches

Baptist Grove Baptist Church and Zoar Chapel once held joint Christmas and Sunrise Easter Services, alternating between churches. Before Sunday school was established at Baptist Grove, members such as Barbara Griffin Terry attended Sunday school at Zoar as well as singing in the choir. There were members of three other churches who sang, Chris Ann Marrow, Leon Daniels, and Cornelia Obey. Leonard Dunn of St Peter's once ordered Sunday school materials for Zoar. Members of Hargrove Chapel, Phil Lewis and Herman Hill worked closely with Zoar Chapel when the two churches shared the same pastors. Rev. Hall was St Peter's pastor.

Pastoral Appointments

Outstanding leadership has been the legacy for the Methodist Episcopal Church at Bullock. Much of the information was collected and kept by Mildred Jordan Marrow, (1901-1997), granddaughter of Allen Crews and passed down to her daughter, the active church historian, Annie Mildred Marrow Royster. Also, a book housed in the Richard Thornton Library helped to put in order and to solidify those pastors' names remembered by Mildred Marrow⁵.

Following are the pastoral appointments: It includes Rev. D. Brooks (1877-1878), Rev. R. Alexander (1879), Rev. W.H. Payne (1879-1880), Rev. L.B. Gibson (1881-1882), Rev. C.N. Grandison, (1883-1884) and Rev. Alex Newsome (1884-1885). During the period from 1885-1889 it is not clear that Zoar had the same pastors as St. Peters. It is not until 1891 that Mildred Marrow recalled hearing Rev. Milton M. Jones (1891-1892), and we know from the deed made on October 28, 1892 that Rev. Charles W. Blaylock was the pastor. He served from 1892-1894. Rev. Blaylock was followed by Rev. R.C. Campbell (1894-1895), Rev. S.B. Barker (1896, 1899-1900), Rev. G.F. Hill (1899-1901), Rev. G.W. McMaster (1901-1902), Rev. William Wells (1902-1904), Rev. J.C. Prince (1904-1907), Rev. A.H. Newsome (1907-1911), Rev. A.G. Jenkins (1911-1914), Rev. J.A. Baxter (1914-1916), Rev. R.J. Shipp (1917-1918), Rev. J.C. Rush (1918-1921) and Rev. J.H. Isham (1924-1925). Rev. James W. Hall (1925-1953), did not serve as pastor for Zoar the entire time as he did for St. Peters. Rev. Alfred, Rev. Evans, Rev. Hill, Rev. R.J. Shipp and Rev. Walter Lomax were pastors for Zoar some of this period. Rev. Hall is buried in the church cemetery along with wife and daughter. The next appointed pastors were Rev. J.W. Gwynn Sr. (1953-1957 still the Oxford Charge), Rev. L.W. Coltrane (1958-1959), Rev. W.E. Tyler (1960), Rev. Charles G. Bynum (1961), Rev. Ira A. Friend (1962-1967), Rev. T.V. Carter (1968-1977), Rev. James White (1972-1973) and Rev. Charles Cobb (1973-1977). Rev. Gregory Banks and Rev. Gregory V. Palmer served as co-pastors for a short time in 1977. These pastors were followed by Rev. Albert Shuler (1977-1980), Rev. David Dunlap (1980-1983), Rev. Jesse Brunson (1983-1987), Rev. Derrick Harris (1987-1991), Rev. Walter McLeod (1991-1994), Rev. Donnie Jones (1994-2003), Rev. Christopher Chikoore (2003-2006), Rev. Brian Williams (2006-2007), Rev. Marcus Singleton (2007-2009), Rev. Christopher Diggs (2009-2010), Rev. Antoinette Burwell (2010-2011) Rev. William A. Johnston (2011-January 23, 2017) the only pastor to die while serving. He served as pastor of the Zoar Chapel Charge and drove from Fuquay N.C. to Bullock for five years after having been retired for years. Rev. Johnston pressed on faithfully although he was experiencing major health issues. He played a major part in clearing the deed to land where the old school was located and with the printing of Zoar Chapel's history book. A Memorial Service was held for Rev. Johnston on April 9, 2017 and a tree planted in his memory. Rev. Leroy Worth Sr. (March 4, 2017-Present).

Each pastor's imprint has been left on the church. To God be given the Glory for all of them having passed our way.

⁵ To Be Faith To Our Heritage- A History Of Black United Methodism In North Carolina by Linda D. Addo and James H. McCallum

Zoar Chapel Methodist Church- Oxford Charge



Rev. Milton M. Jones
1891 Deceased



Rev. J. C. Rush
1918-21 Deceased



Rev. James Hall
1926-? Deceased



Rev. Walter Lomax



Rev. J. W. Gwynn
1953-57 Deceased



Rev. Charles Bynum
1961



Rev. Theodore Carter
1968-77 Deceased



Rev. Gregory V. Palmer
1977

Pastors of Vance-Granville Charge



Rev. Albert Shuler
1977-1980



Rev. David Dunlap
1980-1983



Rev. Jesse Brunson
1983-1987



Rev. Walter McLeod
1991-1994



Rev. Donnie Jones
1994-2003



Rev. Chris Chikoore
2003-2006



Rev. Brian Williams
2006-2007



Rev. Marcus Singleton
2007-2009



Rev. Christopher Diggs
2009-2010



Rev. William Johnston
2011- 2017 Deceased



Rev. Leroy Worth
2017- Present

Rev. Johnston and Rev. Worth served Zoar Chapel Church Charge.

Pictures were not available for other pastors.



Leaders of Zoar Chapel United Methodist



Fannie M. Crews
Class Leader
Born 1864- 1923



Robert Jordan
Steward
Church Secretary (Deceased)



Walter Griffin
Sexton
Bell Ringer Deceased
Came to Bullock around 1880



Hester Jones Crosby Griffin
Class Leader
Sunday school Teacher
Sexton
Born 1880-1963



Annie Crews Jordan
Class Leader
Born 1881-1942



Ida Jones Marrow
Class Leader
Sunday School Superintendent
Organist
Youth Leader
Sexton
Born 1887-1961



Mildred J. Marrow
Trustee
President Women Society
Communion Stewardess
Born 1901-1997



Everett G. Clark
Trustee/Steward
B. 1880- 1960
moved To Bullock about 1918



James Royster
Trustee/Steward
Born 1902- 1967



Bettie Bernice Bullock
Church Secretary
Sunday School Superintendent
Youth Leader
Communion Stewardess
B. 1911- 1979



Betty Belle F. Scott
Sunday school Teacher
Sunday School Secretary
(D)



Sarah M. Bruce Griffin
Church Treasurer
(D)

Leaders of Zoar Chapel United Methodist Church



Annie Mildred M. Royster
Trustee
Treasurer
Communion Stewardess
Finance Committee Chair.
Sunday School Superintendent



Mary Alice M. Smith
Trustee
Usher Board President
Communion Stewardess
Sunday School Teacher
B. 1921-2010



Charles M. Clark
Lay Leader
Trustee Board Chairman
Administrative Board Chair
Finance Committee Chair
B. 1922-2012



Elizabeth M. Young
Trustee
President of Senior Choir
Usher
B. 1923-2012



Elizabeth Henderson
Church Secretary
Trustee



Isabelle M. Reid
Lay Leader
Trustee
Administrative Council Chair
President of Gospel Choir
President United Methodist Women
Recording Secretary
Finance Committee Chairman 2017



Jesse Marrow, Jr.
Trustee
Sexton
B. 1937-2003



William Gregory Royster
Lay Leader
Trustee Board Chairman
Usher
B. 1944-2004



Elsie R. Hargrove
Lay Leader
Building Fund Treasurer
Sunday School Superintendent
Local Lay Speaker
Usher
Trustee 2017



Thelma C. Murray
President of United
Methodist Women
Trustee
Communion Stewardess



Dallas Watkins
President of United
Methodist Men
Trustee
B. 1945-2002



Joyce G. Bailey
Financial Secretary
Usher

Leaders of Zoar Chapel United Methodist Church Cont'd



Janie Royster
Church Treasurer
President Trustee Board
Sunday school Supt.
Sexton
Finance Committee Chair.



Willa S. Richards
Financial Secretary
Trustee 2017
President Usher Board 2017
Communion Stewardess 2017



Barnette R. Green
Recording Secretary
Trustee 2017



Toinette Clark
Financial Secretary
Treasurer 2017



Jonathan Baptist
Church Treasurer
Trustee
Usher



William Clark
Trustee Board Chairman
Usher
Trustee 2017



Christine C. Baptist
Recording Secretary 2017
Lay Leader 2017
Trustee 2017
Usher 2017



Patrice LaVette H. Gray
Financial Secretary



Gloria R. Smith
Recording Secretary
Trustee 2017



Lisa Henderson Glover
Church Treasurer
Trustee
Lay Member-Annual Conf.



Mattie C. Royster
Administrative Council
Chairperson 2017
Financial Secretary 2017



William Samuel Royster
Trustee Board Chairman 2017

(Not pictured)	(Not Pictured)	(Not Pictured)	(Not Pictured)	(Not Pictured)	(Not Pictured)
Goldie Griffin	Isaham Field	Rebecca Wingfield	Henry Martin	James Sneed	Mary D. Mason
Trustee/ Steward	Sexton	Church Secretary	Sunday School Superintendent	Trustee/Steward Church Superintendent	Secretary
	Bell Ringer			Sunday School Superintendent	Sunday School Superintendent
					Usher Board Pres.

There is a period of Zoar Chapel's history that is unknown. Names of some leaders are not known. The information provided taken from oral accounts as well as written documents and is as accurate as possible.

Pianists of Zoar Chapel United Methodist Church



Mrs. Ida Jones Marrow (D)⁶



Mrs. Esther Hall (D)



Mrs. Mary Evans Harris



Mr. Goodrich Marrow (D)



Rev. William Scott (D)



Mrs. Rosa Small (D)



Mrs. Verona Thorpe



Rev. Steven Hargrove



Mrs. Mary Anna Marrow (D)



Rev. Mrs. Mary Eaton (D)



Mr. Shawn Carroll



Mr. Rickey Allen- Current

Not pictured are Mr. Randolph Lockett and Mrs. Gladys Thorpe. (D)

Pictures are not necessarily in order of service.

⁶ Deceased



Senior Choir- Elizabeth Young, Mildred Royster, Isabele Reid, Brenda Jones, Elsie Hargrove. Former members: Thelma Murray, Bettie Bernice Bullock, Lucy C. Royster and Betty R. Watkins.



1980's Gospel Choir- Brenda Glover, Shantrel Walker, Patrice Hargrove
Second Row: Joyce Glover Bailey, Leon Daniels, Patience Reid -Terry
Back Row: Mary Mason, Isabelle Reid, Vickie Reid, Elsie Hargrove



Front Row: Patrice Hargrove, Brenda Glover, Shantrel Walker
Second Row: Joyce Glover, Shirley Glover Chandler, Patience Terry
Back Row: Mary Mason, Isabelle Reid, Rev. Hines, Elsie Hargrove
Ushers- left Elizabeth Marrow Young and Mary Marrow Smith



Gospel Choir of 1980's and 1990's



Rickey Allen, Cornelia Obey, Alijah Burwell, Joyce G. Bailey, Isabelle Reid
2014 Church Choir

Family Member of Samuel G. Cross



Rebecca Marrow Cross- wife (D)



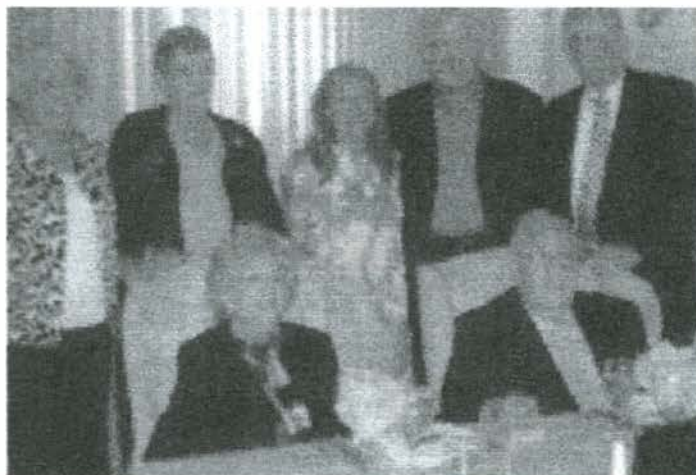
Anderson Cross – son (D)



Henrietta Cross Hatton-granddaughter-(1914-) 102



Family Members



Family of Weldon Cross-son of Samuel Cross and Rebecca Marrow Cross

⁷ Courtesy of Henrietta Hatton and Rudy Turner

⁸ Courtesy of Sharon Shelton

Family Members of First Trustee

Thomas Pettiford



Clementine S. Marrow (D)



Jean Marrow



Wes Marrow (D)

Lacy Morton



James Royster (D)



Ruth Morton Gayles



Sarah Royster Terry

Gloster Lewis



Gertrude L. McCargo (D)



Rebecca M. Smith (D)



Joseph Smith

Unfortunately, there are no pictures of Trustee James Royster (1843-1912) or of his family members. Their names are Mary Royster, Fleetwood Royster, Sr., Pearlie Royster Griffin, and Clarence "C" Henderson Sr., nor the family of William P. Hayes.

Levy Marrow



Susan Marrow (D)



Sarah Marrow Griffin (D)



Henrietta M. Marrow
Wife of Anthony "Tony" Marrow

Edward Jordan



Robert Jordan (D)



Annie C. Jordan (D)



Mildred J. Marrow (D)
Step-granddaughter

Trustees- Fellowship Hall- (1977 -1981)



Charles Clark '77, '80



William G. Royster '77, '80



Mildred J. Marrow '77, '80



Annie Mildred Royster '79



Isabelle M. Reid '78



Elizabeth M. Young '78



Rufus Tom Royster '79



Elizabeth Henderson '81



Lucille C. Bullock '77



Dallas Watkins '81



Jesse Marrow Jr. '81



Albert Royster '78



Elsie R. Hargrove '79

Early Members and Family Members

Fannie Marrow Crews



Fannie Marrow Crews (D)



Louise Crews Smith (D)



Pauline M. Jimerson (D)



Charlie Crews (D)

Will Hunt and Mary Jane Lewis Hunt



Theodore Clinton Smith



Michael Marrow



Larry Marrow



Steven Marrow

Joe Roberts and Emma Roberts



Reed Spencer (D)



Fannie Bell S. Wilson



Winifrey Shelton



Winifrey White

Alex Jones and Lula Jones



Alex Jones (D)



Johnnie Jones (D)



Alberta Royster



Caffie Royster Reid

Henry Kinton and Sue Kinton



Fannie K. Branch (D)



Nathaniel Kinton (D)



Beatrice Webb Bullock (D)

Rebecca Marrow and Columbus Marrow



Anderson Marrow (D)



Joyce Glover Bailey



Mary Carroll (D)



Nelda Carroll

Isaac Isaham Field and Lucy Frances Royster Field



Hattie F. Terry (D)



Bettie Belle F. Scott (D)



Shack Field (D)

Rufus Bullock (1866-1935) and Sarah Babe Paschall Bullock (1879-1961)



Rufus Bullock (D)



Patience Reid Terry



Rufus Tom Royster (D)



Vicki Reid Hicks

William and Lucy Crosby and Hester Jones Crosby



Sarah Hatcher



Polly Crosby Toler (D)



Ethylene R. Eggleston



Pauline R. Robinson

Walter Griffin and Bettie Ann Bullock Griffin



Edward W. Griffin
Son- Born 1887-1983



Claudia Hargrove (D)



Edna Hicks Taylor (D)



Sylvia A. Griffin

Original Land Owners



Wilkins Stovall (D)
Seller of both tracts of land on which the
church building and school occupied.



David Stovall
family member



Heirs of Walter Griffin and Bettie Bullock Griffin
Donated land for Fellowship Hall
Seated: Mary G. Monk, Pearl G. Skipwith, Barbara G. Terry
Standing: Gora G. Bailey, Willie Griffin, Lorenza G. Hicks, Luetta Small Brummell
Back Row: Floyd Griffin, Sylvia A. Griffin, and Clarence Griff



Two former students, Gabriel Marrow and Boley Marrow pose in front of the Bullock School. This is a picture of the second building. The first building was probably the house furnished for the Methodist Church preachers mentioned in the deed made to the church trustees on October 28, 1892. The house burned around 1943. The students were relocated to another house closer to Bullock until the two- room school pictured above was built. This school closed at the end of the 1953 - 1954 school terms. Students were transferred to G. C. Shaw. A selected few were transferred the previous school term. Although started on August 24, 1868, it is not clear if it was in continuous operation through 1954.

Samuel Cross is the first teacher of the students in the Bullock area. It is not clear if this is indeed the school at the Bullock Cross Road mentioned in his letter. The Bullock School would have the same address during this period. One deed of Zoar Chapel also has the Bullock Cross Road as its location.

Bullock School earliest known teachers are Mrs. Mary Jesse Evans, Ms. Beatrice Royster, Mrs. Willie Hunt, Mrs. Isabelle T. Davis, Mrs. Maude Lassiter, Mrs. Beatrice T. Wilson, Mrs. Olivia T. Bullock, Mrs. Vinnell Hicks, Mrs. Helen Parker Thomas, Mrs. Lucinda Poole, Mrs. Hattie S. Norwood, Mrs. Bessie Redding, Mrs. Mary Evans Wimbush, Mrs. Gloria R. Manley, and Ernestine Hicks Kinton.



Mrs. Mary J. Walker (D)



Mrs. Isabelle T. Davis (D)



Mrs. Beatrice T. Wilson (D)



Mrs. Lucinda Poole (D)



Mrs. Hattie Norwood (D)



Mrs. Mary E. Wimbush (D)



Mrs. Gloria R. Manley (D)



Mrs. Ernestine H. Kinton (D)

Bullock School Students and members of the Methodist Church



Fannie M Crews (D)⁹



Susan Marrow (D)



Pauline M. Jimerson (D)



Robert Jordan (D)



Annie Crews Jordan (D)



Bessie C. Putney (D)



Sarah M. Griffin (D)



Louise Crews Smith (D)



Ida Jones Marrow (D)



Hester Jones Griffin (D)



Edward Griffin (D)



Clementine Marrow (D)



Mildred J. Marrow (D)



Willie Bell Marrow (D)



Fannie K. Royster (D)



Lucille C. Bullock (D)



James Royster (D)



Hickey B. Royster (D)



Bettie B. Bullock (D)



Maryland Griffin (D)



Anderson Marrow (D)



Johnny Jones (D)



Courtress Bullock (D)



Hattie F. Terry (D)



William L. Clark (D)

⁹ Decease Member.



Zelma Clark Burwell



Thelma Clark Murray



Annie Mildred M. Royster



Mary Alice M. Smith (D)



Claudia Green Hargrove (D)



Charles Clark (D)



Elizabeth M. Young (D)



Cora Lee Clark Royster



Mary Jane Royster (D)



Polly Crosby Toller (D)



Beatrice Webb Bullock (D)



Goodrich Marrow (D)



Ludy Crosby Palmer (D)



Lucy Crosby Royster (D)



Betty Belle F. Scott (D)



Shack Field (D)



Marie Marrow Murphy



Paul Clark (D)



George Edward Clark (D)



Rufus Tom Royster (D)



Cumell Buster Marrow (D)



June Royster (D)



Adele Marrow Paschal



Sarah Royster Terry



Dorothy Marrow Harris



Dorothy Royster (D)



Boley Marrow Jr.(D)



Gabriel Marrow Jr. (D)



Isabelle Marrow Reid



Lois Roberson Royster (D)



Olivia Marrow Glover(D)



Willie Royster, Jr.



Johnnie Royster (D)



James Royster (D)



Bobby Royster (D)



Jessie Marrow Jr. (D)



Bessie Royster



Leo Royster (D)



Ernestine Royster



Carolyn R. Walker



Clinton Royster



Sarah Hatcher



Robert L. Royster (D)



Elsie R. Hargrove



Ida M. Glover(D)



William G. Royster (D)



Willa S. Richards



Gloria R. Smith



John G. Royster (D)



Regina Y. Miller

Pictures were not available for other students and members.

One of the most notable students/member was Alston Marrow, son of Fannie Marrow Crews. He is one of the "Magnificent Seven" of the Unknown Soldiers Monument in Philadelphia's Fairmont Park. Several years ago it was relocated to Parkway near the Franklin Institute. A great-niece, Marie Marrow Murphy and family took part in the ceremony. Alston has on the ring. He received a personal letter from President Teddy Roosevelt and there is also a picture of them.

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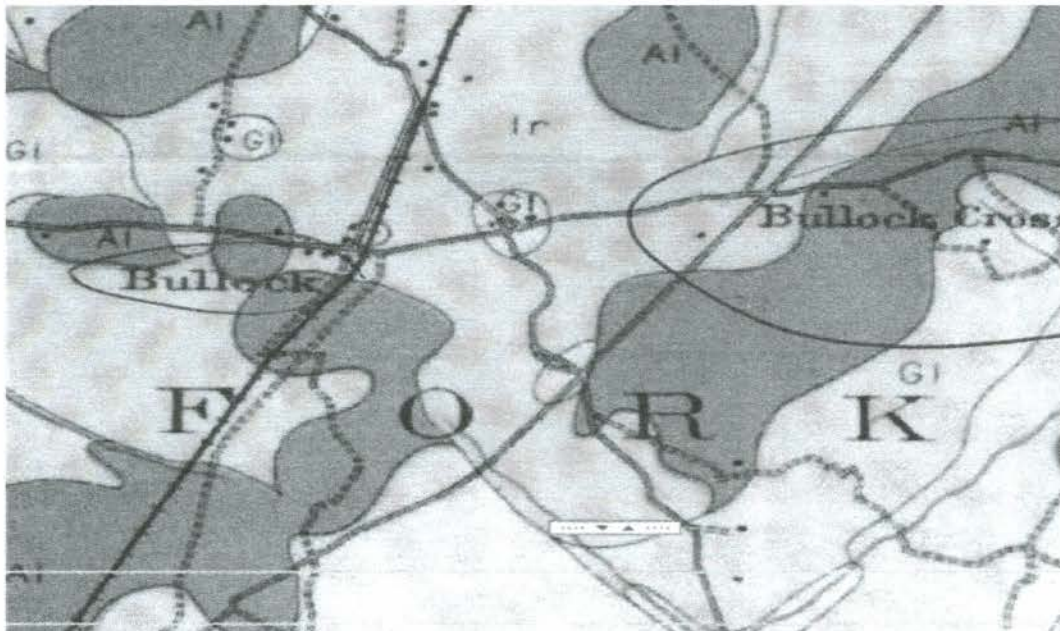
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Zoar Chapel United Methodist Church is located in the Bullock Cross Road circle.