

A. Present Churches

* ASHPOLE-CENTER: On County Road 2422 two miles north of Rowland; Founded in 1880 according to a church deed; Earliest deed February 5, 1880, Book YY, Page 130 for the same tract as described in a deed September 21, 1904, Book 4-U, Page 517 for Bethel M.E. Church, South: Became Blue Ridge-Atlantic M.D. Church; Ashpole by 1950; Membership 90.

BARKERS: Intersection of County Roads 1005 and 1958 five miles north of Lumberton; Founded by 1879 at which time Barkers is named a preaching place in the Lumberton Circuit according to "The Robesonian", May 23, 1971; Earliest deed January 26, 1883; Book 3-C, Page 105; Membership 137.

BEAUTY SPOT: On County Road 1179 just off State Road 710 one half mile north of the Community of Purvis; Founded in 1869 according to a church history; Earliest deed September 29, 1885, Book 3-G, Page 273 for land whereon the church then stood; Formerly Methodist Episcopal; Membership 140.

* BETHESDA: On County Road 2225 one and a half miles west of the Community of Barnesville; Traditional beginning in 1711 as a community church according to a church history; Earliest documented date 1862 according to Scrap Book of Asbury Church; May have been a part of the South Carolina Conference as early as 1850; Earliest deed September 25, 1914, Book 6-J, Page 400; McKendree and Bethesda consolidated in 1927; Membership 504.

BUIE: Intersection of County Roads 1509 and 1318 in the Community of Buie; Founded in 1900 according to local church information; Earliest deed October 17, 1904, Book 4-V, Page 429; Membership 31.

COLLINS CHAPEL: Intersection of County Roads 1750 and 1749 two and a half miles south of Lumber Bridge; Founded November 21, 1958 according to local church information; Earliest deed September 8, 1978, Book 440, Page 97; Membership 69.

* FAIRMONT, TRINITY: Corner of Trinity Street and Iona Street; Founded August 15, 1896 as a consolidation of Hopewell (1854) and Corinth (1870) Methodist Churches according to local church information; Earliest deed March 26, 1897, Book 3-X, Page 371; Membership 339.

* LUMBERTON, ASBURY: Corner of "B" Street and Orange Street in East Lumberton; Founded about 1910 according to a printed history of Chestnut Street Methodist Church; Earliest deed October 19, 1914, Book 6-J, Page 460; Formerly East Lumberton Methodist Church, became Asbury in 1958; Membership 302.

- * LUMBERTON, BRANCH STREET: Case Street near Branch Street; Founded in 1962 and organized June, 1963 according to "The Robesonian", May 23, 1971; Earliest deed September 28, 1961, Book 13-T, Page 262; Membership 145.
- * LUMBERTON, CHESTNUT STREET: Corner of Chestnut Street and Eighth Street; Founded between 1787 and 1803 according to a printed history; Congregation may have been meeting in an academy building when the town was founded in 1788 according to references made by Francis Asbury; Earliest deed February 17, 1830, Book U, Page 377; Formerly Lumberton Methodist Church, became Chestnut Street in 1906; Membership 1,214.
- LUMBERTON, MOUNT OLIVE: 403 Elizabethtown Road; Founded about 1876 according to a Conference history; Earliest deed September 25, 1879, Book XX, Page 697; Formerly Methodist Episcopal; Membership 174.
- LUMBERTON, PINEVIEW: On State Road 211 By-Pass at Oak Street; Founded October 1, 1962 according to local church information; Prior to 1962 "The Peoples Church" according to a deed; Earliest deed May 8, 1959, Book 13-B, Page 23; Membership 71.
- MAXTON, SAINT GEORGE: Community of Maxton; Founded in 1872 according to a Conference history; Earliest deed May 31, 1872, Book LL, Page 422; May have been in existence as early as 1865 according to The Maxton Centennial Booklet; Formerly Methodist Episcopal, Membership 1/1.
- MAXTON, SAINT PAULS: Corner of Sanders Street and Florence Street; Founded in 1884 as Ashpole Mission according to local church information; (1876 on cornerstone); Became Shoe Heel Mission in 1887 and Saint Pauls by 1916; Earliest deed February, 1884, Book 3-D, Page 550; Membership 223.
- MOUNT ZION: On County Road 1318 less than a mile from the Hoke County line; Founded in 1868 according to a church deed; Earliest deed October 2, 1868, Book MM, Page 395; Formerly Methodist Episcopal; Membership 142.
- * NEW ZION: On U.S. Highway 74 near County Road 1003 five miles west of Interstate 95; Founded in 1883 according to a church deed; Earliest deed October 12, 1883, Book 3-C, Page 713; Formerly Zion Chapel Methodist Episcopal, became New Zion by November 1, 1943 according to a deed in Book 9-Q, Page 405; Membership 72.
- * OLIVET: Community of Marietta; Founded about 1800 according to a local church history by Miss Helen J. Oliver; In 1794 Henry Ledbetter preached in the area while on Little Pee Dee Mission according to Historical Sketches of Churches, Duke University Library; Olivet Church built in 1830; Earliest deed January 7, 1859, Book FF, Page 239 for land "adjoining the Mt. Olivet Church land"; Originally called Grantham's, was Mt. Olivet between 1859 and 1879; Membership 73.

* PARKTON: On Third Street in Parkton; Founded October, 1904 according to local church records; Earliest deed November 22, 1904; Book 4-W, Page 246; Membership 102.

PEMBROKE, CALVARY: Corner of Third Street and Blaine Street; Founded as Moss Neck of the M.E. Church, South in 1893 according to a church deed; Earliest deed October 3, 1893, Book 3-R, Page 8; Became Calvary by October 26, 1949, Book 10-5, Page 274; Another deed is for Pembroke M.E. Church, South, January 22, 1906, Book 4-Z, Page 368; Membership 92.

PEMBROKE, FIRST: On State Road 711 in Pembroke; Founded by 1922 according to a church deed; Earliest deed October 27, 1922; Book 7-1, Page 187; Another deed June 26, 1923, Book 7-J, Page 334; Formerly Blue Ridge-Atlantic M.E. Church before 1940; Membership 175.

PEMBROKE, SAINT JAMES: On North Jones Street; Founded in 1924 according to a Conference history; Earliest deed April 24, 1908, Book 5-Q, Page 59. This lot reconveyed to original grantor December 24, 1926, Book 7-S, Page 549; Another deed May 22, 1928, Book 7-X, Page 167; Formerly Methodist Episcopal; Membership 25.

PINEY GROVE: On State Road 83 one mile north of the South Carolina State line; Founded about 1886 according to a Conference history; Earliest deed October 31, 1889, Book 3-L, Page 832; Formerly Methodist Episcopal; Membership 205.

PLEASANT GROVE: On County Road 1154 three miles east of the junction of State Road 710 and County Road 1154 about ten miles north of Rowland; Founded about 1900 according to a personal recollection; Earliest deed March 2, 1917, Book 6-Q, Page 633; Formerly Blue Ridge-Atlantic M.E. Church; Membership 127.

PROSPECT: On County Road 1352 near the intersection of County Roads 1352 and 1353 about five miles north of Pembroke; Founded in 1874 according to local church information; Earliest deed April 6, 1876, Book 3-G, Page 428; Another deed dated September 13, 1887, Book 3-1, Page 180 indicates an affiliation with the Methodist Protestant Church; Formerly Blue Ridge-Atlantic M.E. Church; Membership 775.

RED SPRINGS, NEW PHILADELPHUS: On State Road 710 four miles south of Red Springs; Founded November 7, 1959 according to local church information; Earliest deed to Board of Missions October 2, 1959; Formerly Philadelphus; Membership 116.

RED SPRINGS, RHYNE MEMORIAL: 624 West Fourth Avenue; Founded in 1902 according to a Conference history; Earliest deed March 14, 1901, Book 4-G, Page 556 for a Methodist Episcopal Church; Formerly Chapel M.E. Church; Membership 166.

* RED SPRINGS, TRINITY: 204 East Third Avenue; Founded February 4, 1877 according to a church history which reports that W. S. Chaffin first preached at Red Springs on that date while serving on the Drowning Creek Mission; Earliest deed February 25, 1890, Book 3-M, Page 307; Red Springs Methodist Church, became Trinity by 1908; Membership 391.

* REGAN: On County Road 1955 one mile east of the County Road 1005 in the northeastern part of the county; Traditional founding date 1783 as a campground according to local church information; Francis Asbury records preaching at "Riggins Chapel" on February 3, 1803; Earliest deed June 23, 1847, Book AA, Page 71; Membership 112.

* ROWLAND: Corner of Bond Street and Church Street in Rowland; Founded January 31, 1903 according to a church history; Earliest deed October 9, 1902, Book 4-N, Page 102; Membership 245.

ROWLAND, CEDAR GROVE: 211 South Walnut Street; Founded in 1870 according to local church information; Earliest deed March 1, 1893, Book 3-Q, Page 334; Possible earlier deed December 13, 1886, Book 3-H, Page 956; Formerly Methodist Episcopal; Membership 106.

* SAINT PAULS: 400 West Broad Street in Saint Pauls; Founded in 1909 according to a church history; Earliest deed April 27, 1910, Book 5-R, Page 590; Membership 277.

SALEM: On U.S. Highway 501 two miles west of Alfordsville Crossroads; Founded in 1886 according to a Conference history; Listed in Minutes for the Robeson Circuit in 1862 and probably used for brush arbor worship; Earliest deed December 27, 1879, Book XX, Page 777; Formerly Methodist Episcopal; Membership 133.

SANDY PLAINS: On County Road 1515 one-half mile south of the intersection of State Road 72 and County Road 1515; Founded in 1908 according to local church information; Earliest deed September 4, 1906, Book 5-C, Page 403; Formerly Blue Ridge-Atlantic M.E. Church; Membership 218.

SMITHS: On State Road 41 two and a half miles west of the Bladen County line; Founded before 1853 according to a church deed; Earliest deed February 3, 1853, Book BB, Page 634 for land joining the land of Smith's Church; Membership 45.

B. Former Churches

ASBURY: Earliest deed July 30, 1861; Book EE, Page 440; Methodist Episcopal, South.

BETHEL: Earliest deed February 5, 1880; Book YY, Page 130; Methodist Episcopal, South.

CENTENARY; Earliest deed August 11, 1882; Book 3-B, Page 701; Methodist Episcopal, South.

COMMUNITY CENTER: Earliest deed January 25, 1946; Book 10-A, Page 2977 Methodist.

CORINTH : Earliest deed November 22, 1890; Book 3-M, Page 591; Methodist Episcopal, South.

ELROD: Earliest deed May 2, 1898; Book 3-Y, Page 259; Methodist Episcopal, South.

FAIRMONT, PLEASANT GROVE: Earliest deed October 5, 1932, Book 8-F, Page 574; Methodist Episcopal.

HAMMONS: Earliest deed October 3, 1792; Book C, Page 160; Methodist.

HATCHERS CHAPEL: Earliest deed May 28, 1952; Book 11-X, Page 136; Methodist.

HICKORY BEND: Earliest deed September 1, 1909; Book 12-J, Page 361; Methodist Episcopal.

HOPEWELL: Earliest deed November 30, 1864; Book FF, Page 238; Methodist Episcopal, South.

LUMBER BRIDGE: Earliest deed ----, 19--; Book 5-Q, Page 66; Methodist Episcopal, South.

MARSH CHAPEL: Earliest deed January 20, 1909; Book 5-0, Page 507; Methodist Episcopal.

MCDONALD: Earliest deed December 5, 1919; Book 7-8, Page 106; Methodist Episcopal, South.

MCKENDREE: Earliest deed April 15, 1904; Book 4-U, Page 376; Methodist Episcopal, South.

NEW PROSPECT: Earliest deed March 10, 1892; Book 3-0, Page 999; Methodist Episcopal.

OAK GROVE: Earliest deed April 3, 1903; Book 4-Q, Page 350; Methodist Episcopal, South.

PINE GROVE: Earliest deed June 30, 1859; Book 6-I, Page 401; Methodist Episcopal, South.

PROVIDENCE: Earliest deed June 20, 1811; Book Q, Page 112; Methodist Episcopal.

PURVIS : Earliest deed March 6, 1903; Book 4-P, Page 149; Methodist.

RED BANKS: Earliest deed April 6, 1882; Book 3-B, Page 335; Methodist Episcopal, South.

RENNERT HOLY : Earliest deed April 4, 1907; Book 6-A, Page 300; Methodist Episcopal.

SAINT LUKES: Earliest deed October 25, 1919; Book 6-Z, Page 150; Methodist Episcopal.

SAINT HARKS: Earliest deed July 10, 1922; Book 7-G, Page 631; Methodist Episcopal.

SALEM: Earliest deed April 9, 1830; Book U, Page 561; Methodist Episcopal, South.

THESSALONIA: Earliest deed November 26, 1880; Book 3-A, Page 207; Methodist Episcopal.

TURNERS CHAPEL: Earliest deed September 7, 1936; Book 8-J, Page 500; Methodist.

ZION: Earliest deed May 29, 1869; Book AAA, Page 696; Methodist

Methodist. Earliest deed January 17, 1910; Book 5-S, Page 227; Methodist.

ZION: Earliest deed January 18, 1896; Book 3-U, Page 704; Methodist Episcopal, South.

C. Unnamed Church Property

Methodist Episcopal: March 18, 1882; Book 3-B, Page 578.
 Methodist Episcopal, South: September 22, 1869; Book QQ, Page 330.
 Methodist Episcopal, South: October 15, 1883; Book 3-C, Page 529.
 Methodist Episcopal, South: August 31, 1891; Book 3-N, Page 851.
 Methodist Protestant: November 29, 1911; Book 6-C, Page 42.