HISTORY of the ALLGOOD ROAD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 1960 - 1986
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October 5, 1986
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2. Mrs. Jean Buder  
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4. Mrs. Ruth S. Dahlberg  
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6. Jean Dahlberg  
7. George Dahlberg  
8. S. Slade Dean  
9. Marion Dean*  
10. Harriett Dean  
11. Elizabeth Dowdy  
12. John W. Henderson  
13. Mae Henderson  
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22. Susan Netherland*  
24. Alice B. Shockley*  
25. James Maurice Shockley  
26. John Michael Shockley  
27. Roy Webster  
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30. Millie Farrin  
31. Michael Farrin, Jr.  
32. Laura Bush  
33. Walter DeLamar  
34. Mrs. Walter DeLamar  
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37. Susan Holland  
38. Esten Ricketson  
39. Mrs. Esten Ricketson  
40. Blaine H. Mabry*  
41. Martha Mabry*  
42. Hattie H. Bragg  
43. Mrs. C. H. Mitchell  
44. Miss Lottie Skinner  
45. Johnny York  
46. Faye York  
47. Mrs. W. F. Anderson*  
48. Brenda Mabry*  
49. Mrs. W. B. Wells  
50. Elizabeth Wells*  
51. Dianna Buder  
52. R. C. Calvin  
53. Mrs. R. C. Calvin  
54. Debbie Calvin  
55. Larry Skinner  
56. W. H. Russell, Jr.*  
57. Mrs. W. H. Russell*  
58. Sherry Russell*  
59. Donald Field  
60. Judy Field  
61. Beverly Field  
62. Jack Clemons  
63. Vera Clemons  
64. Kathy Farrin  
65. Farrel Moultrie  
66. Ruth Moultrie  
67. Milton R. Hamrick  
68. Mrs. Milton R. Hamrick  
69. Karen Hamrick  
70. Wanda Ballard  
71. K. B. Hollis  
72. Mrs. K. B. Hollis  
73. Tom Puckett  
74. Polly Puckett  
75. Cheryl Dowdy  
76. Al Henderson  
77. Billy Dean*  
78. Marian Dean*  
79. Roy Webster, Jr.*

* These persons are on the current roll of the Allgood Road United Methodist Church at the time of the writing of this history in 1986.
On April 3, 1960, an organizational meeting was held to form Allgood Road Methodist Church. Reverend Donald Keyes, a young Methodist Minister from Florida and a student in the Candler School of Theology at Emory, had been selected as the first pastor of this new church.

Ministerial Appointments

1960 - 1966  Reverend Ronnie Ballard
1966 - 1967  Reverend Jackson P. Braddy
1967 - 1972  Reverend William B. Roane
1972 - 1976  Reverend L. Edward Kelley
1976 - 1977  Reverend Malcolm Coleman
1982 - 1986  Reverend William O. Dinkins
HISTORY

Someone has said that any institution is but the lengthened shadow of one individual, but the history of the Allgood Road United Methodist Church shows that it is the lengthened shadow of not one individual, but lengthened shadows of many faithful, consecrated men, women, and children who have loved it, worked for it, and prayed for it throughout the twenty-six years of its existence.

The organization of the church is best related by copies of the original documents. The documents are as follow: letter of invitation from Rev. Delma L. Hagood, District Superintendent, Decatur-Oxford District; roll of persons present at the March 27, 1960 meeting for discussion and to set the date for the Organizational Service; minutes of the March 27, 1960 meeting; first worship service on April 3, 1960 at 2:00 P.M.; first Church Conference; first Quarterly Conference; and the persons elected to serve on the required commissions.
To Prospective Members of
The Allgood Road Methodist Church
Fine Lake, Georgia

Dear Fellow Christians:

For some months there have been many efforts made looking toward the organization of a new Methodist Church in your area. I am happy to say that we are now ready to make this very important step. This project is being sponsored by the Decatur-Oxford District Board of Missions and Church Extension, Inc. of the Methodist Church. As you know, a beautiful 6½ acre tract of land has been purchased across from the Allgood School as the future home for this church.

Rev. Donald Keyes, a young Methodist Minister from Florida and a student in the Candler School of Theology at Emory, has been selected as the first pastor of this new church. We are very fortunate to have the services of this experienced, capable and dedicated young minister.

This letter is to invite you and anyone you may know of who may be interested in this new church to come to the Allgood School on next Sunday afternoon, March 27, at 3:00 o'clock. It is to be an informal meeting to discuss the plans and set the date for the Organizational Service of the new Church. The recent survey by the Belvedere Methodist Men's Club shows that there are about 100 families in the area who are interested in the project. We are very pleased with this outlook, and we are delighted that you are among those who are interested.

Looking forward to seeing you on next Sunday afternoon, I am

Sincerely,

Delma L. Hagood

Delma L. Hagood

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Oxford, Georgia
P. O. Box 286
Telephone: Covington 7402
These attended the first meeting of Allgood Road Church.

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The Methodist Church for the Pine Lake area of the Decatur-Oxford District of the North Georgia Conference met March 27, 1976 in the Allgood Road School auditorium at 3:00 p.m. for its first meeting with twenty-nine persons present. The District Superintendent, Rev. Pelman Haygood, was presiding.

This meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. Haygood. The congregational sang "Orchard Christian Soldier," "Lord Divine," and "Since Jesus Came Into My Heart." John Henderson at the piano.

Rev. John Lance of the Pine Lake Baptist Church was introduced. He extended greetings to this group from the Board of Deacons of his church, gratefully offering us the use of his church office and office equipment with their prayers and Krista Miller for this church to be another great asset to this community and promoting God's work. Mr. Lance O'Dell of Decatur First Church.
lose and the visitors extending a kind of encouragement.

The Rev. Donald F. Keyes, J.P., of the Florida Conference will be the pastor of this church until Annual Conference in June. Rev. Keyes gave an inspiring address, reading Matt. 18 chp 5-20 verses. After this message Rev. Keyes held an informal question and answer session. It was announced that property had been purchased for a church site, 6.00 acres, cost $8500 (eighty-five hundred dollars) and paid for by the $10 club.

A survey has been taken of this area by the Belvedere Methodist Men's Club. Their report was 419 homes visited, 1470 or 43 families agreed to join the new Methodist church, 3570 interested in joining 40% not interested in changing their membership from other churches. This gave about 198 prospective members.

Sunday April 3, 1960 2:00 p.m. was set for the date of the
Organizational meeting of a new Methodist Church at which time three (3) stewards, three (3) trustees and four (4) commissioners are to be elected.

Respectfully submitted
Robert Mahoney
Acting Sec.
April 3, 1960

The first formal worship service of the Methodist Church for the Pine Lake Area was held Sunday, April 3, 1960, 2:00 P.M. The Pastor, Rev. Donald T. Keyes conducting the service. The Diet. Dept. Rev. Delma Haygood brought the sermon of the day, his text taken from Matt. 16:13-18, and Ephesians 4:11-15.


Ushers for the day: Mr. J. L. Henderson and Mr. J. D. Stockley Jr.

Invitation for membership was extended at close of sermon by the Rev. Haygood — accepted on proposal of faith — accepted by transfer of membership.

Rev. Haygood suggested the offering $101.87 (one hundred and one dollars and eighty-seven cents) be directed toward the
First Mission Special of this Church

Visiting Pastors and Laymen:
- Rev. James Thompson, Belvedere
- Rev. and Mrs. Marcus Martin, Glen Haven
- Rev. Coras Brownlow, Stone Mountain
- Rev. W.L. Cauthon, Jr., Oscar, Summer
- Arandon
- Rev. C.B. Crochan, Patillo
- Mr. and Mrs. Joe Brigby, a family
- Mr. Brigby is president of the Committee of Mission and Expulsion, Inc. for the
  Chester-Oxford District
- Mr. and Mrs. T. Osby, Jr.
- Mrs. T. Osby, Sr.

This Church is the first to be
organized in this district for
five years.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert Mahony
Acting Sec, Sec.
April 3 1960

The first Church Conference of the Methodist Church for the Blue Lake
Area, Decatur-Oxford District of the
North Georgia Conference was held
Sunday, April 3 1960 by Presi-
dent, Rev. Delma Haygood in
the Allgood Elementary School
Auditorium. Mrs. Ethel Mahoney
appointed recording secretary for
the remainder of the Conference
year or until July 1, 1960.

The elected stewards for this
came term were: Mr. P.W. Richland,
Mr. James O. Storms and Mr.
J. W. Henderson.

The Conference was adjourned.

And the first Quarterly Conference
of this Church was held.

Respectfully submitted,
Roberta Mahoney
Acting Sec. Sec.
This first Quarterly Conference of the Methodist Church for the Pine Lake Area was held April 3, 1960 in the Allgood Elementary School Auditorium by the District Superintendent Rev. Helene L. Hagood, Rev. Donald J. Keyes, pastor.

Mrs. H. D. Maloney elected Recording Secretary for the remaining Conference year or until July 1, 1960.

Nominating Committee elected to work with the pastor for election of trustees, stewards, church school superintendent and chairman for the four (4) commissions are: Mr. A. W. Pilling, Jr., Mr. S. Slate, Dean, Mr. N. D. Maloney.

Local Church Committee to choose select name for this Church: Mr. J. H. Henderson, Mr. Roy Webster, Mrs. H. D. Maloney.

District Committee
Rev. Donald Keyes, pastor
Mr. Joe Crisby and Mr. James Pearson.
Mrs. Bellec Butz was elected as publicity chairman.

Time for future worship services to be worked out by the pastor and the minister of the Baptist Mission. Also holding services in this building.

Sunday worship will be held April 10, 1960, at 10:00 A.M. in this building.

The pastor of this church is to be Reverend T. F. Myers at a salary of $75.00 a month to be paid by the Board of Mission of the North Georgia Conference until the end of this conference year.

The hymnals were given and paid for by the Mission and Extension Committee Inc.

Stone Mountain Methodist Church offered their mailing facilities.
Belvedere Meth. Church offered a Communion Service Set. This set was given Belvedere by the Clarkston Meth. Church.

This Conference was adjourned with prayer offered by Rev. C. B. Crockan of Patillo's Memorial.

Report submitted.

Robbie Melody
Sec. Sec.
1. Membership and Evangelism (¶219). Who are elected members?

Holland, Henry F., Jr., Chairman
Mrs. B. K. Buder
Mrs. Roy Webster
Miss Joan Dahlberg
Mrs. J. W. Henderson
Mrs. A. W. Dahlberg
Mr. Lee (?)
Mrs. Lee (?)

Who is elected chairman? Holland, Henry F., Jr.

Who are the Ex Officio Members?
Donald F. Keyes, Pastor
Mr. James O. Shockley, Church School Supt.

2. Education (¶232). Who are elected members?

Mrs. James O. Shockley
Mrs. J. M. Dowdy
Mrs. Theda Jackson

Who is elected chairman? Mrs. James O. Shockley

Who are the Ex Officio Members?
Donald F. Keyes, Pastor
Mr. James O. Shockley, Church School Supt.

3. Missions (¶256). Who are elected members?

Mrs. H. D. Mahoney
Mr. H. D. Mahoney
Mrs. Laura Bush
Mrs. R. M. Netherland
Mrs. Henry F. Holland, Jr.

Who is elected chairman? Mrs. H. D. Mahoney

Who are the Ex Officio Members?
Donald F. Keyes, Pastor
Mr. James O. Shockley, Church School Supt.

4. Stewardship and Finance (¶262). Who are elected members?

Mr. Roy Webster
Mr. B. K. Buder
Mr. M. Farrin
Mr. S. Slade Dean

Who is elected chairman? Mr. Roy Webster

Who are the Ex Officio Members?
Donald F. Keyes, Pastor
Mr. B. K. Buder, Church Treasurer
Mrs. H. D. Mahoney, Chairman of Comm. on Missions
Reverend Ronnie Ballard

In July of 1960 Reverend Ronnie Ballard came to Allgood Road Methodist Church to serve as its first full time pastor. Rev. Ballard received his Bachelor of Divinity degree from the Candler School of Theology at Emory University. He moved into the parsonage at 573 Allgood Road and began his ministerial assignment immediately. Allgood community was a fast growing neighborhood of single family dwellings. To visit all newcomers was a full time assignment. Rev. Ballard was the first visitor in these new homes arriving as soon as the moving van left.

First Pastor's Report

"On July 10, 1960, Allgood Road Methodist Church began its first conference year as a full time church with a full time pastor. In this short time (Aug. 21, 1960) a Junior Methodist Youth Fellowship has been organized; weekly programs of visitation began through the Commission on Membership and Evangelism: Senior Methodist Youth Fellowship organized: choir robes purchased: Sunday night services begun: a beautiful parsonage bought (buying) and in the process of furnishing: and a substantial gain in both membership and attendance. Sunday school teachers have been added, and the church school as a whole profited much from the capable leadership of their superintendent and Commission on Education. Woman's Society of Christian Service is to be organized Tuesday night (August 23).

Under the able direction of the Stewardship and Finance Commission, every member of the church has made a pledge.

Such accomplishments on the local level, however, do not mean the church has become blind to the needs of those outside its own parish area. The Commission on Missions has selected two areas of need and are determined to give financial assistance in two others during the conference year.

As pastor of this church, I feel that these great strides have been made possible through the leadership of the Holy Spirit in the lives of dedicated and enthusiastic laymen such as we have here tonight. I pray that we may always be found in his service and that we will never become complacent or self satisfied as long as one soul remains outside the Kingdom. 'To make Jesus, Lord and Saviour of every life' — This is our goal."

Signed: Rev. Ronnie Ballard

Statistical report of August 21, 1960:
Members 50, gain of 10 since July 10, 1960
Budget for 1960-61 $4,727.00
On October 5, 1960, the first building committee was organized with Blaine H. Mabry, Chairman, J. W. Henderson, Roy Webster, and A. W. Dahlberg named as members. The committee was instructed to have plans ready by October 1, 1961.

On November 15, 1960, Miss Wanda Tatum was married to Reverend Ronnie Ballard. The membership celebrated this occasion and welcomed the first lady to occupy the new parsonage. Wanda Tatum Ballard became a charter member of the Allgood Road Methodist Church.

When quarterly conference convened on November 30, 1960, the report showed that Allgood Road Methodist Church had been very productive. Three new Church School classes had been organized, three new teachers recruited, a youth choir organized, teachers and leaders attended training sessions at Pattillo Methodist and Decatur First Methodist. Allgood Methodist shared Thanksgiving Services with Pine Lake Baptist Church. Members indicated a growing concern for tithing. Membership had a 40% increase which brought the membership to 70.

In reporting the Work and Program of the local church as of May 25, 1961, membership had increased from 40 to 101, the church budget had more than doubled ($13,866.00), and was pledged in full - a pledge from every family. Contributions were sent to World Service, to specials in all four of the major mission areas, $10 dollar Club, and Expansion Day. The greatest aspect of this Conference year was receiving 20 members on profession of faith.

The second year (1961-62) of work at Allgood Methodist found the members engaged in carrying out plans on the local, district, conference, and national level. The main thrust was evangelism: To deepen their own spiritual lives, and to win others for Christ.

All commissions and committees were organized and functioned. The members were looking forward to the time of building their first unit of the new church. Many hours were spent in meeting, planning, working and praying to bring this dream to reality. The first unit (church and church school rooms) was completed in the spring of 1962.

The Woman's Society of Christian Service was in its second year with a membership of 20. They experienced good attendance and participation.
The church now has one unordained Local Preacher, John W. Henderson, Jr. John was a Charter Member and is at present in school at Emory University. The number of members reported to conference was 168. Then on October 26, 1962, the church members rejoiced with the parsonage family at the birth of their daughter, Rhonda.

At reporting time, May 17, 1963, 247 members were on roll, and actively participating in the work of the church and its outreach. Attendance in church worship services and church school showed a tremendous increase. The budget was $23,929.00. The church had accepted and paid all district and conference apportionments in full, had overpaid its Expansion Day quota for three consecutive years, had contributed to Methodist Children's Home, had exceeded Ten Dollar Club quota, and has continued as a "four lane" mission church. Larry K. Tippens was approved as an unordained Local Preacher. Larry is a student at Emory University.

The following information is from the Pastor's Report of March 29, 1964:

"Our church has made more strides forward during the past ten months than any other similar period in our short history. For instance, Church School attendance has increased over 40%, church attendance has made two morning services necessary, a tithing and stewardship program has increased offerings by more than $300.00 per week (for the past 7 weeks), four new Church School rooms have been added in the fellowship hall and the entire first floor completed and in use by our membership of 295. Two new Church School classes have recently organized and are meeting the needs of their respective age groups.

All connectional items are paid up to date as is true with all financial obligations. The 1964-65 budget has also expanded. While looking to the future the church has placed $5,000.00 in next year's budget for the "New Building Fund". It is very likely that by this time next year we will be ready to enter the second phase of our building program.

In evangelism we are fifth in the district among churches of all sizes in winning and bringing people into the church. We are able to maintain this high degree of effectiveness through a well organized program planned and executed by the Commission of Membership and Evangelism. We give God the praise for this progress reported."

Signed: Rev. Ronnie Ballard

The 1964-65 conference year at Allgood Road Methodist Church was most productive, and concluded its first five years. Membership increased to 364; attendance increased in both Church School and morning worship service.
The increase in Church School averaged approximately forty more per Sunday than last year. This made it necessary to develop building plans immediately.

A master plan for the church had been completed with construction to be done in three steps. The beginning of the second stage (educational building) began this year. On May 23, 1965 the Building Committee was named: J. W. Henderson, Chairman; Nat Andrews, Robert Lemon, Grant Swan­son, Luther Moore, and Richard Stevenson. Cost to be $75,000.00.

A Lay Witness Mission during February proved to be a meaningful experience that lifted the spirit of the entire church.

The church rejoiced with the Ballard family, with the birth of Kyle on May 11, 1965.

The Official Board was expanded for the year with the addition of new officials serving for the first time. All connectional items are up to date and all apportionments will be paid in full at the end of the conference year. With a new building program in sight, and continued challenge of missions, 1965-66 should be a productive year.

August 22, 1965, found the members breaking ground for the second building of a three unit master plan. The new construction will double Church School space, plus adding facilities as church office, work room, and a new pastor's study.

Besides building a new building on Allgood Road, there was such a sharp increase in missionary giving that the Mission special went to the Congo for the building of an apartment for a national pastor and his family while he is in school. The apartment will be named for Allgood Road Methodist Church.

Reporting time May 8, 1966, will bring to a close the first six years of Allgood Road Methodist Church with membership of 424. With the addition of the new educational building each of the Children's classes has been divided so that there is only one age group per room. The entire Church School program has been expanded. Attendance continued to increase.

The following is quoted from Rev. Ballard's last report to conference as he will be taking a leave to go to Glasgow, Scotland to study under
Conference Report

"Missionary giving reached an all time high this year and our church more than tithed its entire budget to missionary and benevolent causes. Our church has actively participated in all connectional programs of our district and conference and some on the jurisdictional level.

The 1966-1967 Church budget was increased to $40,000.00 (lacking $38.00) for the largest financial undertaking ever attempted. In this is included a $1,500.00 mission special and the support of a part time youth director. Both of these are new steps taken on faith. We pray for strength and wisdom to accomplish these (and other) challenges which await us during the coming year."

Rev. Ronnie Ballard, May 8, 1966

Cleo M. Anderson
Marion M. Dean
Martha M. Dobbs
1966 - 1967
Reverend Jackson P. Braddy

In June 1966 the parsonage at 573 Allgood Road was occupied by Rev. Mr. Jackson P. Braddy and his mother, Mrs. W. J. Braddy. Jackson Pafford Braddy received the Bachelor of Arts degree from Emory University in English and American Literature in 1954. The degree of Bachelor of Divinity was awarded by Union Theological Seminary, New York in 1957.

The Church Staff was as follows:
- Mrs. Sara Grubbs, Church Secretary
- Sterling Laney, Youth Director (Emory Student)
- Robert Netherland, Choir Director
- Ms. Brenda Mabry, Organist

Rev. Braddy was an accomplished organizer, liturgist, and hymnologist. Spearheaded by the Wesley Sunday School Class the new Methodist hymnals were purchased by individuals and organizations for the sanctuary. Rev. Braddy instructed the congregation in the use of all portions of the hymnal and highlighted a little known hymn each month at the morning worship. He held seminars with the Worship Committee to emphasize the liturgical facets of our worship. We began to observe the different seasons of the Christian Year. Our worship services became more formalized and on November 27, 1966, Bob Wilkie served as the first acolyte.

All Commissions and Committees were activated, positions filled and functioned well. The Commission on Christian Social Concerns, in cooperation with the Woman's Society of Christian Service, held a United Nations Banquet. There were guests from many different nations and cultures, and an international dinner was served, the menu and recipes furnished by the United Nations. This proved to be a very successful undertaking.

With 1568 other Georgia Methodist Churches, Allgood Road Methodist participated in the "Venture in Faith", receiving a transcribed message from Bishop John Owen Smith. This service was spearheaded by the Commission on Membership and Evangelism, under the leadership of Mr. John Graves, and was an inspiring service.

The cover of the church bulletin was revamped to show a portrayal of the projected church physical plant. At the bottom of the cover was the following quote from the Discipline of the Methodist Church:

"The Church is of God and will be preserved to the end of
time, for the conduct of worship and the due administration of his Word and Sacraments, the maintenance of Christian fellowship and discipline, the edification of believers, and the conversion of the world. All of every age and station stand in need of the means of grace which it alone supplies."

As the conference year came to a close, a group of Allgood Road Methodist Youth under the guidance of Youth Director, Sterling Laney, and Rev. Braddy traveled to Washington, New York, and Expo '67 in Montreal.

For the year Allgood Road Methodist Church showed a net decline of thirteen members from 424 to 411.

Rev. Braddy left the church members more knowledgeable of the functions of church organization and procedures. The records of his year of ministry were extremely well organized and complete.

Harold P. Dobbs
1967 - 1972

Reverend William B. Roane

Reverend William B. Roane became pastor of Allgood Road Methodist Church in 1967. He moved into the parsonage at 573 Allgood Road with his wife Sue and children Brad, 7, and Mary Susan ("Missy"), 4. The membership at the time was 415 and the annual church budget was $34,633.25.

Rev. Roane received his Bachelor of Arts degree in Humanities from Emory University. He attended Duke University School of Theology and received his Master of Divinity from Candler School of Theology, Emory University. Rev. Roane was active in the Decatur Oxford District, with a particular interest in Youth Work. He served as district director of Youth, and in this capacity was a group leader at the North Georgia Conference at Oxford College. He was also a member of the North Georgia Board of Christian Concerns. In 1968 he participated in the Georgia Mental Institute's "Fostering Mental Health through the Religious Community", and in a graduate counseling program at Georgia State College.

Some very significant events occurred during Rev. Roane's tenure. In 1968, Allgood Road Methodist became Allgood Road United Methodist Church. This was the result of the merger of the Methodist Church and the United Brethren Church. The name of the Woman's Society of Christian Service was changed on November 17, 1968 to Women's Society of Christian Service and a new charter was signed.

The following quote was taken from Rev. Roane's Quarterly Conference report dated October 2, 1969:

"Here at Allgood the state of affairs is rather ambiguous at the present time. On the positive side a good spirit is apparent among the members who are involved and working for the ongoing of the church. Attendance has been fair to good at the Sunday morning worship services. The meetings of the various organizations have been well attended since the beginning of the church year in July. There is a spirit of cooperation in the church. The Sunday School is providing an excellent program especially in the Children's Division.

A pressing concern is in the area of finances. We are behind in the budget items except salaries of the staff. Budget of $34,633.25, pledged $17,949.20. Follow up is taking place.

Allgood Road United Methodist Church has the potential of being a very strong and active church. This is evident by the efforts of those who are taking part in its life now. The primary need is to reach a stable financial condition.
in which more of the members contribute."

The church decided to have a Stewardship Crusade in 1970 under the leadership of Dr. E. Bruce Wilson. Goal of $40,000.00 to be reached over next three years - pledges of $55,017.15 received - these monies were designated for the debt reduction. Local budget for next 22 months set at $52,000.00, pledges received were $45,827.92.

There was a new spirit in the church and an eagerness to get busy with many activities. The Methodist Men reorganized and pledged $2,000.00 during the Crusade. Women's Society of Christian Service pledged $2,000.00 and worked tirelessly to reach their goal.

The Chancel choir presented a Spring Musicale and Singout with sacred and secular music. Choirs from Pine Lake and Rowland Hills Baptists joined with them in this endeavor. The evening was entertaining and well attended. The free-will offering went to help the Choir's pledge to the Debt Reduction.

Membership in the Methodist Youth Fellowship started to grow and gathered momentum in attendance and activities. They are seeking a Youth Director.

In 1971 the church staff consisted of Mrs. Joyce Hoodburn, Secretary; Mrs. Carroll Whitley, Choir Director; Mrs. Donna Massey, Organist; and Rev. Christopher Doyle, Minister of Youth. Membership was growing, the youth have a leader, improvements have been made on the church and parsonage.

The need for a new and larger parsonage was established in 1971 and the search for a suitable home began. The Church Conference, with the District Superintendent, Reverend Frank Prince, presiding, voted to approve the purchase of the residence at 4251 Allgood Way for a price of $36,500.00. In January 1972, Bill, Sue, Brad, and Missy moved into the new parsonage.

The Roanes were very civic minded, and active in school and athletic pursuits of the children. Sue completed her studies and received a Master of Special Education degree from Georgia State University. She became a member of the faculty of the Cerebral Palsy Center. Her connection with the school encouraged many members of the Women's Society of Christian Service to give many volunteer hours at the school. A new mission pursuit!

Under the leadership of the Roane family, the church experienced slow but steady growth. All work areas of the church attracted dedicated men and women, including the Women's Society of Christian Service, the Methodist
Men, and Sunday School. The pastor led a weekly Bible study with eighteen participants, and a Mission Study was very successful. At report time in 1972, members numbered 450.

Both Bill and Sue Roane were living examples of Christian love and compassion. They led the members of Allgood Road United Methodist Church into a deeper spiritual awareness of the needs of youth, the handicapped, the elderly, and those in need.

Gene and Joyce Woodburn
In July, 1972, Reverend Edward Kelley was assigned as pastor to the Allgood Road United Methodist Church. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Oglethorpe College in Humanities, and his Bachelor of Divinity degree from Emory University, Candler School of Theology in 1966. Mrs. Nancy Kelley and two daughters, Stephanie and Ava Jane completed the parsonage family.

Mr. Don Dejarnett served the church as choir director and youth leader.

July through December, 1972, was filled with activity. The Women's Society of Christian Service held a membership tea for all ladies of the church in an effort to reach more ladies of the church. The Women's Society of Christian Service had a Cut & Sew Day, making and installing new draperies for the Fellowship Hall. A Teacher Appreciation banquet was a September event. A program of beautiful Christmas music by the Chancel Choir highlighted the season.

In January, 1973, the Church Staff was as follows:
- Mrs. Charlotte Ward, Choir Director
- Mrs. Donna Massey, Organist
- Mr. Jim Moore, (Emory Student) Youth Minister

The 1973 budget was $44,257.40. All Commissions were organized and functioning.

February was study month, subject: "Technethics" — what new ethical questions are raised by today's technology and how will the church be affected? The programs on this subject were:

- Feb. 4 Rev. James T. Reuteler, missionary to Sarawak, was the speaker.
- Feb. 11 Rev. Larry McCoy, Director of Truckstop Boys Lounge of Atlanta.
- Feb. 18 Mrs. Lloyd Chapin, Volunteer worker, Fellowship Mission.
- Feb. 25 "The Second Coming of Mrs. C." — a skit by the Junior and Senior Youth.

A Service of Celebration was held on March 11, 1973 by the Women's Society of Christian Service to change the name of the organization to United Methodist Women. Twenty-nine members signed this Charter.
Other activities during the year included program of singing and classical guitar by Ed Kilbourne; Vacation Church School; clothing donations for United Methodist Cherokee Indian Mission at Cherokee, N. C.; United Methodist Women and youth of the church held a Vacation Bible School at the Fellowship Mission; Church-wide Rally Day and annual picnic; the addition of Greg Childrey to the staff as Youth minister; Youth Retreat at Camp Glisson; Community Thanksgiving Service at Pine Lake Baptist Church with Rev. Kelley, the speaker; Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion, and special Christmas music by all choirs. Total membership of the church was 482.

The church continued to grow in 1974 with the same staff and a budget of $48,381.40. The Commission on Missions provided programs during March and included Rev. & Mrs. Oscar Canasco, missionary to Chile. As a result of this participation by Rev. Canasco, a special offering was taken in May to help with their work in the migrant Puerto Rican community of Fort Myers, Florida.

Greg Childrey resigned as Youth Minister to attend Medical School. He was succeeded by Mr. & Mrs. Craig Bond. The "Spirit Seekers", a youth group of singers, was organized and presented their first program for the church in October.

An annual Thanksgiving Banquet was begun and appropriate observances were held at Christmas with special music. The membership of the church was 528. The budget for 1975 was $52,943.40.

The year 1975 began with the following Church Staff:

- Mrs. Charlotte Ward, Choir Director
- Mrs. Donna Massey, Organist
- Craig & Edwina Bond, Youth Leaders
- Mrs. Debbie Smith, Youth Leader
- Mrs. Carolyn Coulter, Church Secretary

April 13, 1975 was observed as the fifteenth anniversary of the founding of the church. The hymns used in the service were the same hymns sung at the organizational meeting in 1960. The scripture was the text read by Dr. Delma Hagood, organizing District Superintendent, at the first formal worship service Sunday, April 3, 1960.

On June 13, 1975, the Choir Director, Mrs. Charlotte Ward and Mr. Robert L. Wilkie were joined in marriage.
Rally Day was observed with a church picnic and all families in the church were visited by teams of two members in the afternoon. A Thanksgiving Banquet was held in November and Christmas was celebrated by the making and placing of "Chrismons" on the tree. The Chancel Choir presented the cantata, "King of Kings", followed in the evening by the Children's Christmas program. A Candlelight Communion Service marked Christmas Eve.

One of the special days of 1976 was the Sunday that a plaque was presented to Mrs. W. F. Anderson. This commendation was given for the years of service to the church and especially her service to the Children's Division of the Church School.

The plaque read:

With Deep Love to
Cleo Anderson
For Loyal and Dedicated Service
Which Has Helped So Many
Of Us Find a Deeper Understanding
Of The Glories of The Christian Faith

By The Generosity of God, Your
Dedicated Service and Loving
Kindness Is a Light In The Darkness
To Lift Our Spirits.
You Are Worthy To Be Kept
In Everlasting Remembrance

Allgood Road United Methodist Church
1976

The area served by Allgood Road United Methodist Church was and has remained a family church. Its members are young families, with many fathers traveling during the week, being promoted and transferred. In 1975 and 1976, these transfers struck again. Attendance and monies were low, leaving the church with unpaid apportionments and other expense at conference time in 1976.

Lois Caines
1976 - 1977
Reverend Malcolm A. Coleman

In July of 1976, Reverend Malcolm A. Coleman came to Allgood Road United Methodist Church. He attended Young Harris College and received his Bachelor of Science degree from Georgia Teachers College. He attained the Bachelor of Divinity degree from Emory. Reverend Coleman and his wife, Wilma, were a treasured addition to the church as all our pastors have been.

At the time when Reverend Coleman became the pastor, Charlie Boggs was serving as Youth Minister; Karen Perry, as Secretary; Sue Cole, Choir Director; and Donna Bowcock, Organist. Allgood United Methodist Church was meeting for two Worship Services as well as Sunday School. All commissions were chaired and functioning, and The Book Nook was established. The Book Nook was the new church library which was located in the Sunday School Office.

Under the direction of Mrs. Bonnie Stevenson, the church roll was updated. The membership audit follows:

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Vacation Church School was held August 2-6. The week was very successful and ended on Friday night with a graduation. The sharing group, "I Want to Be a Tither", began meeting at the parsonage. This group was very enthusiastic and interested in God's plan for giving. They encouraged the congregation to meet with them on Monday nights. Allgood Church was also having Family night suppers every fourth Sunday. As one can see, there were lots of opportunities at the church to share in Christian fellowship, but we were also called upon to unite and give in a very special service. Volunteers were needed by the hour to help in physical therapy for Justin Pierce. Juanita Elmore was responsible for our church volunteers.

On August 29, 1976, Thad Collier replaced Charlie Boggs as Youth Minister. We were pleased to welcome Thad into our church family. Shortly thereafter, a called meeting of the Administrative Board met to hear presentation of the new building plans. This meeting took place on September 7, 1976. Rally Day along with the church picnic was held September 12. It was sponsored by the Commissions on Education and Stewardship.
"Curric-U-Shop" was held on September 21 & 22 at Decatur First Methodist for all people concerned about Christian Education. A "Learning Arena" was also shared to update Methodists on what was available. August and September were very busy months for Allgood.

Interested families gathered at Camp Glisson on October 22-24 for a very successful weekend of Christian fellowship and growth. Allgood Road United Methodist Church was honored to have Reverend Eugene Davis, pastor of Brookhaven United Methodist Church, as the guest evangelist on October 31 through November 3, 1976. Throughout the fall, the United Methodist Men, United Methodist Women, Athletic Committee, Bible Study led by Thad Collier, and Spirit Seekers continued to be very active.

The "Community Thanksgiving Celebration" was held at Pine Lake Baptist Church. Five churches including Allgood participated in this service. The annual Thanksgiving banquet at Allgood Road United Methodist was on November 21 at 6:30.

December began with the Charge Conference. Dr. Garnett Wilder presided. Budget was approved for 1977 in the amount of $44,042.71. On December 12, the Chrismon Tree was placed in the church. The members also enjoyed the advent wreath which was given by Ann and Fred Long.

Christmas is a very meaningful time in the life of any Christian. Lives were enriched through many special services: on December 12 special music by the children and youth was performed at the 11:00 service and the Youth Christmas play followed at the 7:30 P.M. service; on December 19 the "Night of Miracles" was presented by the Chancel Choir at the 11:00 service; and on December 24 the Christmas Eve Holy Communion service was held.

The Stewardship Commission sponsored the Annual Talent Show on February 20 at 7:00 P.M. It was a very successful event. Allgood Road set aside March 27 as a day of devotion and discussion regarding the new building program. Families were urged through prayer and discussion to consider their financial participation above and beyond the regular giving in the areas of pledges, donations, and other assistance. An opportunity to pledge was given on this day.

On March 13, 20, 27, and April 3, a church membership training seminar was conducted by Reverend Coleman. On Palm Sunday, those who had attended...
and had made their decision to join the church were received as members. The annual Maundy Thursday service was held on April 7, 1977. The Chancel Choir presented "Seven Last Words of Christ". Sue Cole directed the choir, Donna Bowcock accompanied the choir, and Reverend Coleman narrated the play. Communion was served, and the offering was used for lay training at Seoul Methodist Seminary in Korea. Members of the congregation were given the opportunity to place Easter Lilies in memory or honor of loved ones in the church on April 10. The Chancel Choir presented the cantata, "Easter Celebration".

The Revival or "Jubilee" was held May 15-18. It was sponsored by the Commission on Evangelism. Dr. Garnett Wilder, Reverend Harry Alderman, Dr. Tom Whiting, and Dr. Dan Brewster were the revival speakers. Flowers were placed in the church during the revival in memory of Mrs. D. H. Jordan, Mrs. Coleman's mother.

On June 12, 1977, a fellowship supper was held in honor of Reverend and Mrs. Coleman. The Colemans were leaving for retirement at this Annual Conference. The conference was held June 14-17 at Glenn Memorial United Methodist Church with Mrs. Marion Dean as our delegate.

Margaret Ackerman
Reverend K. Edward Tomlinson

Reverend Edward Tomlinson with his wife, Nancy, and two daughters, Lisa (7) and Kelly (3) came to Allgood Road United Methodist Church in July 1977. Rev. Tomlinson had served as associate pastor at Briarcliff United Methodist Church prior to his assignment to Allgood Road. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Emory and Henry College in Emory, Virginia, and attained a Master of Divinity from the Candler School of Theology at Emory University.

Rev. Tomlinson came at a time when the church was found with several on-going problems. Active membership had fallen off, the church had recently been sued, and there appeared to be a need for strong leadership. At an Administrative Board meeting on July 17, 1977 the question was raised on forming a corporation for the church so as to protect individual members in legal matters. (Three members had been named in the suit mentioned above.)

Also, a recent audit of the church roll had removed 96 members, reducing our total membership to 467. New roofs were needed for both the Sanctuary and Educational Building, plus a new air conditioning unit for the second floor of the Educational Building. The total estimated cost for these projects came to $6,500.00.

On Sunday night, March 5, 1978 the Administrative Board voted to expand our sanctuary at a cost of not more than $9,000.00. This project would add six pews in the sanctuary and five pews in the choir loft. This move followed a decision by the Administrative Board in January 1978 to raise $12,091.00 over the next three years for the Pastor Pension Fund. This $12,091.00 would be added to the total goal of $5,000,000.00 suggested by our Conference for the Pastor Pension Fund.

The year 1978, Rev. Tomlinson's first full year at Allgood Road proved to be a very successful twelve (12) months. There was a good increase in membership growth, church maintenance and repair, and many other projects were concluded as planned. A building committee was named: Chairperson, Tom Peters; Dick Stevenson; Gene Woodburn; Mary Butler; Tom Young; Lamar Warner; Mary Cushen; Joyce Fallin; Grady Poole; and Jim Shockley. On June 10, 1979 the Building Committee made the first recommendation.
concerning the need for an additional building or buildings. This recom-
mendation was unanimously approved on July 22, 1979. Also, in early 1979,
a new library was furnished in memory of Ted Campbell by his family. The
room is to be used by the church, not only as a library, but also for small
conferences and as a bride's dressing room.

In 1980, the church staff was composed of Wayne E. Moseley, Assistant
Minister; Jan Henthorn, Church Secretary; Charlotte Wilkie, Director of
Music; Edwina Bond, Assistant Director of Music; and Donna Bowcock, Organist.

On April 13, 1980, Allgood Road United Methodist Church celebrated its
20th Anniversary. Dr. Ronnie Ballard, the first full time pastor, preached
at the 11:00 A.M. service. Wayne Mosely preached at the 8:45 A.M. ser-
vice. A covered dish dinner was served at the Allgood Road School. After
the dinner, a short history of the church was given by Marion Dean. Several
of the former pastors attended and participated in the afternoon fellowship.
Ann Long, Chairperson of History and Records Committee, coordinated all the
activities involved with planning this celebration.

As of January 1, 1981, the membership had grown to 592 members, and the
proposed budget had grown from $64,780.17 in 1977 to $109,186.40 for fiscal
1981. At the end of 1981, the membership had grown to 638 and proposed budget
for 1982 had increased to $125,845.40. The following is taken from the Pastor
Report to the 1981 Charge Conference:

"Never have I worked with a more competent or dedicated group
of leaders than those who comprised our Council on Ministries
this year. By their careful planning and carrying out of
their responsibilities, the full program of this church has
sought to meet the needs of our people. Especially, I want
to commend these persons, who have established our Youth
Ministry as an effective and well-rounded ministry of our
church.

Also, I lift up to you our Church Staff which is unexcelled
in my experience. To Bob Fletcher, Charlotte Wilkie, Nita
Call, Vicki Smith, and Barbara Dickson, I say 'thank you'
for being the productive and cooperative team you are.

As we look ahead, I challenge you to give your wholehearted
support in seeing that the effective ministry and program
planned here is carried forward and the dreamed new san-
cuary is made a reality. There must be more teamwork
than ever if we are to raise the necessary funds in our
coming Financial campaign.

It is a pleasure to be the pastor of an active, forward
looking congregation as this one. Thank you for the privilege."

Respectfully submitted
K. Edward Tomlinson

The writer spoke to Reverend Tomlinson on Tuesday, July 29, 1986. The question was asked about his years at Allgood Road United Methodist Church. His comment was that those days were some of the most happy ones in his life.

Grady Poole
The present minister of the Allgood Road United Methodist Church, William O. Dinkins, began serving this church June 1982. Reverend Dinkins, who prefers to be known as "Pete", is a native of Richmond County, Georgia, attended West Georgia College, received a Bachelor of Arts degree from La Grange College, and a Bachelor of Divinity from Candler School of Theology. He has actively participated in the North Georgia Conference for thirty-one years and a highlight of Reverend Dinkins' career was being founder and director of the Potters House, Jefferson, Georgia, from 1967 through 1975. He and his wife, Joandrew (Jo) Johnson Dinkins are parents of Joy Joandrew (1950), Susan Diane (1952), and James Leonard (1962). For twenty-five years "Jo" has been a member of the United Methodist Women and is currently Treasurer for the North Georgia conference of United Methodist Women.

In preparation for the Dinkins' arrival, the parsonage was recarpeted, a new refrigerator/freezer purchased, and corrections made to eliminate a moisture problem in the basement area, which included purchasing a dehumidifier. The Dinkins found the parsonage to be "comfortable and adequate".

Concurrently, S. Joseph Elmore became the new Assistant Pastor and Director of Youth while completing his education at the Candler School of Theology. In addition to a new pastor and assistant at the helm, three key chairpersons moved away and replacements were needed for their positions.

The main thrust of the church remained to be the acquisition of funds for the proposed new building and by November 1983, 90% of the $100,000.00 goal had been reached.

Missions at home have included Wesley Homes, United Methodist Children's Home, the Food Pantry, the Clothes Closet, Women's Crisis Center, and the Red Cross Blood Mobile. Dinners are prepared by various groups and individuals for families in time of need, and only recently, extensive repairs and refurbishings of a fellow member's home have been made. Foreign Missions continue to support of the Methodist Church at Quesada, Costa Rica, as well as the Costa Rican student, Saul Robles, attending Livingston University. Several community organizations and study groups use the church facilities.
for weekly meetings.

The United Methodist Women increased in numbers making it possible to form another circle — bringing the number of circles to three. They were named the Circle of Friendship (day circle), Nena Mae Andrews Circle (night circle), and the Cleo Anderson Circle (night circle). As a special project, the Circle of Friendship with other members of the congregation made beautiful cross stitch Chrismon ornaments for the 1983 Christmas tree. These are to be kept as a permanent collection. A donation to missions is made on Mothers Day, in the name of each baby born within the preceding year, and at that time, the Mother and child are presented before the congregation. The Cleo Anderson Circle continued to give time and monies to the Fellowship Mission. The Nena Mae Andrews Circle sent money to the Costa Rican student.

The United Methodist Men's Sunday morning breakfasts are having larger attendance. The first event for their newly formed Project Committee was the installation of a new roof on the parsonage — completed in one day by 20 men!

The Educational Department has expanded and Adult and Pre-School classes have been added. Teachers are recruited on a 6 month basis. There is a week for Vacation Bible School during the summer.

Gregg Curry of Anniston, Alabama became the new Assistant Pastor and Director of Youth May 20, 1984. He is a student at the Candler School of Theology, Emory University.

Under the able direction of Charlotte Wilkie, the Music Department has excelled. Besides the Chancel Choir's weekly performances, concertos have been presented for Easter and Christmas. There are now choirs for handbells, youth, children, and cherubs. The Youth have been on tour throughout Georgia, Florida, and Alabama. Currently they are presenting the musical, "Godspell". A tape recorder has been purchased and tapes are made of all anthems and special music events.

The United Methodist Youth Fellowship, averaging an attendance of 30 members, has been active in all areas. They have raised money for World Hunger, Wesley Homes, and volunteered their services for church activities. They have had numerous informal fellowship activities together, including ski trips, ball games, rafting, ice skating, weekly "Firesides", and retreats.
Athletics continue to be a strong factor in the fellowship program, which includes bowling teams, golf tournaments, softball and basketball leagues. The softball field, located behind the church, is also used extensively by other church teams in the community. In 1983, members built a storage room and concession stand for the athletic area; in 1984 an ice machine was purchased.

A pictorial directory of church members was published the fall of 1983 and a large scrapbook covering twenty-five years of church history (1960–1985) was completed July 1986.

A bond funding program for the proposed church building was voted upon and passed. In October 1984 the entire issue of $500,000.00 was subscribed in one week. The ground breaking ceremony for the new sanctuary was November 18, 1984 with Dr. Larry Bauman, Superintendent of the Atlanta-Decatur-Oxford District, present.

The return of bids from building contractors proved to be too costly and a revised plan was approved by the Church Conference, August 11, 1985. The proposed building, with seating for 424 in the congregation and 50 in the choir, will be built on a slab. Estimated cost - $500,000.00. The present building committee is composed of the following members: Tom Peters, Chairperson; Dick Averitt, Mary Butler (Secretary), Marion Dean, Joe Ditzer, Joyce Fallin, Bud Garrison, Dick Gallagher, Ed Glover, Herbert Hill (Chairperson of Furnishing Committee), Don King (Treasurer), Bill Perkins, Dick Stevenson, Bud Schenck, Gene Woodburn, Charlotte Wilkie, Grady Poole, Dick Wright, John Butler, Buddy Wilkie, Juanita Elmore, and Jonny Elmore. The clearing of the ground for the new sanctuary was started January 8, 1986 and with favorable weather throughout, work has progressed steadily.

Recent years have seen much struggle and growth within the church in all areas, but on this firm foundation a beautiful sanctuary has been built. Praises be to God and heartfelt gratitude to all persons in the past, present, and future years to come who have made and will make this event possible.

Pastor's Report

"I am presently in my fifth year as senior minister of Allgood Road United Methodist Church. In many ways it has been both the most demanding and the most satisfying. This year we see the completion of our new
sanctuary, which we have worked toward for the past four years. It has demanded a great deal of the time, energy, and resources of the entire church. It has been very rewarding to witness a church working together as they gave their time, talent, and resources not only in this project but to the overall ministry of the church. Although this has placed a heavy demand upon our church, it has demonstrated what we can do if we are committed to Christ and dedicated to a task. We are better and stronger for the struggle.

It has also been a most rewarding year as we have witnessed great growth in the leadership of the laity of our church in every area of its life. Never before in the history of the church have so many men, women, and youth taken leadership.

This is the first year we have taken the financial responsibility of the new building indebtedness and our first $200,000 budget. We have not only done well with the above responsibilities but our members have also given thousands of dollars to furnish and equip the new facility. Most of these funds were above and beyond their regular financial support and were in the form of gifts in memory or in honor of loved ones or friends.

There is a renewed pride, a fresh hope, and clearer vision of ministry in our church. And although we have seen a number of fine leadership families move away due to promotions and/or transfers, God is adding new members to our church family almost weekly.

I am in the thirty-first year of my ministry and feel that these last five years at Allgood Road have been some of my most enjoyable and rewarding. I pray that we the Allgood Road United Methodist Church in this year of Our Lord 1986 shall by the leadership of God's Spirit and in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ move into the new sanctuary a strong and committed body of Christ. May God use us, all that we have, and all that we are to His glory and honor. May His name be forever praised."

William Oliver Dinkins
Minister

Charles L. and Nancy L. Stephens