PRESENT LEADERS OF THE BERLIN CHURCH:
Bishop John Owen Smith
Dr. Delma Hagood, Dist. Supt.
Rev. Wayne Hopper, Charge Pastor
Dr. George Clary, Jr., Pastor
James R. Thompson, Sunday School Supt.

TRUSTEES:
Horace Neely..................1973
Arthur M. Knight.............1973
Martin Thompson...............1971
Harley D. Josey..............1971
C. Douglas Flakes............1972
Mrs. Horace Neely: Communion Steward.

TRUSTEES: September 1, 1827
James Netherland
Daniel Howell
Edmund Parker
William B. Green
William Gunn.

TRUSTEES: April 3, 1924
A. R. Napier  J. R. Collins
J. R. Gepfert  W. A. Shaw
M. R. Collins

BUILDING COMMITTEE: 1873
Robert Elliott  Absolum Napier  John Modsette
William Walker  Henry Bishop  James Dunford
James Buck  Thomas Atkins  Lewis Collins
Henry Dickinson  Alexander Walker  Ms. Ann B. Clark

Present sanctuary dedicated by Bishop George Foster Pierce in 1877.

BUILDERS: John Trobridge, Z. W. Collins
1971 - HOMECOMING DAY: April 25, 1971

10:00 a.m. SUNDAY SCHOOL
11:00 a.m. MORNING WORSHIP

Prelude: Mrs. George Clary, Pianist
Call to Worship: No. 696, No. 701
Hymn No. 1: "O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing"
Affirmation of Faith: No. 739
Pastoral Prayer: The Lord's Prayer - Response
Special Music
Words of Welcome and Announcements
Homecoming Day Offering (For Building Fund)
Presentation of Guest Preacher
Hymn No. 137: "Spirit of Faith, Come Down"
Homecoming Day Sermon by: Rev. Harvey Lambert
(Former Pastor of our church, now Pastor at Crawfordville, Georgia.)
Prayer
The Invitation to Christian Discipleship
Hymn: No. 119 - "Just As I Am"
Benediction

About 12:30 p.m.: HOMECOMING DINNER
We invite all of our friends to stay and share the fellowship of this occasion with us.

2:00 p.m. HOMECOMING SERVICE
Brief Song Service: Special Music
Notes on the 'History of Berlin Church'
Brief Sharing Period.

BENEDICTION
We hope to complete our parsonage at Berlin before another Homecoming. We are paying cash as we build; our offering today goes for this purpose.

Your generous support is much appreciated.

Next year we here at the Berlin Church hope to operate a week-day kindergarten.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:
Annual Charge Conference: Sunday, May 30th, at 7:00 p.m. at Berlin.

REVIVAL AND VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: Middle of July.

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HISTORY OF BERLIN CHURCH:

Last year after the Homecoming bulletin was printed we learned more about the 'History of Berlin Church'.

The original deed for one acre of land at present location was dated September 1, 1827.

Walter Clark, in his book A Lost Acadia (page 89), says that Berlin Church was erected "at some date in the 1830's." This is as close as we can get now to the original beginning of this church.

The church must have declined, because we have records that in 1873 it was revived. In 1877 the present sanctuary was completed and dedicated.

The second deed for additional property is dated April 3, 1924. It was evidently the work of J. R. Collins who surveyed the new lot of 2.67 acres and made the plat which is attached to the deed.

The church is now in the process of trying to get a third deed to provide additional land.

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A LIST OF PASTORS SINCE 1940:

1. E. P. Eubanks
2. Lloyd Jackson
3. George Chambers
4. Charles Davis
5. E. E. Cadle
6. John Brackman
7. C. L. Booth
8. W. O. Dinkins
9. O. J. Withrow
10. L. G. Cowart
11. C. C. Stuart
12. Glen Radford
13. John Preston
14. Harvey Lambert*
15. George Clary

*Our guest preacher.

See back page for names of other persons connected with the 'History of Berlin Church'.

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BETHEL METHODIST CHURCH, April 25, 1971
George B. Cherry, Jr., Pastor

WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS: Rev. Arthur Ratliff was pastor here in 1949 and 1955.
Mr. and Mrs. Lambert did good work while they were here. It is good to welcome them back for this occasion.

NEW MEMBERS SINCE LAST APRIL:
Mr. and Mrs. James Theron Ellis
Mr. and Mrs. Ted Russell Collins
Miss Jane Neville
Mrs. Darby Bell Atkins Simon

In this same period we have lost only one: Mr. P.R. Meyers, by transfer.

THIS YEAR IS THE 50TH Anniversary of the Berlin Church Cemetery. It was 50 years ago last month (March 30, 1921) that the first grave was put in the Berlin Church yard. This first grave was that of Mr. Walter Perry Collins. He died in his 30th year and at his own request was laid to rest near the 'base tree' where he had played as a child. Several of our members remember this fine young man. Some of our members have known every person who has been laid to rest in our Church yard. It is very fitting that a Church yard should be used as the last resting place for persons who loved that Church.

BUILDING FUND REPORT: It was reported at Church Conference last Sunday that we now have $15,877 in this fund. During the coming year, we hope to complete our parsonage and to paint the Church building. We appreciate everybody who has helped. We hope you will help us complete this work.

NOTICE: We will have a Church Conference next Sunday at 7:00 P.M.