THE
HISTORY
of
The First United Methodist Church
of
Bremen, Georgia
1881 – 1981
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INTRODUCTION

What is now THE FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF BREMEN has had an interesting history since about 1881. We regret that the actual beginning date of the church (or mission) has not been recorded.

The Charge Conference of November 14, 1979, voted to use the year 1881 as the beginning point of the church. This action was based on a membership roll which on page 26 showed:

W. F. Cash, Nancy Jane Cash,
and R. Feild joined the church
in 1881.

Several histories have been written during the life of the church and for those the present writers are most grateful. Perhaps as people read this history more data will be revealed about those early days and the next history of this church can be more complete.

The committee has used as resource material: all other known histories of the church; membership rolls; Quarterly Conference records; the Banner-Messenger, which was once the county newspaper; the Bremen Gateway; and the personal reflections of some members of this church.

THE HISTORY COMMITTEE

Mrs. Howard Hancock
Mrs. Joe Miller
Mrs. Frank Miller
Mr. Buford Arnold (until he moved away)
Rev. Lee Branham
THE BUILDING OF THE FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

THE FIRST BUILDING
1881-1893

Since Bremen began in what is now the western section of the present town, it was natural for the first churches to be in that area. The first Methodist Church building was near the old railroad depot on what is now Sewell Road.

The conference journal of 1883 shows that the Bremen Mission was a part of the Marietta District. Apparently in those early years the Bremen church was a part of the Buchanan Circuit, but in the year 1883, it was called the Bremen Mission.

These pastors served in that building:

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FIRST BUILDING .... SECOND LOCATION
1893-1899

As Bremen grew it spread eastward and this building was rolled to a new site during the ministry of J. M. Crow in 1893. It was located on the lot which is now the corner of Tallapoosa and Church Streets. While the building was being moved and readied for worship, services were held in the old depot. This relocation was recorded in the Banner-Messenger (Haralson County newspaper dated July 27, 1893, on file at the Haralson County Courthouse.)

In this location the building also served as church home for the Methodist Protestant Church and several other denominations. The building was demolished by a windstorm in 1899.

These pastors served the church in this location:

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Reverend C. P. Marchman led the congregation in constructing a new building. The site was the corner of Gordon and Lee Streets on property given by Mr. George Hamilton, who also gave land for the Baptist and Presbyterian Churches and public schools. The lumber for the building was cut from the farm of the late Dr. M. K. Phillips and other landowners. When the pastor began the manual labor alone, members joined with him and construction continued.

Mrs. Laura Jo Morris recalls that the heavy timber from the foundation of the old building was salvaged and dragged by mule team to the new location. As she watched from her window while this was taking place she remembers: "It wasn't easy and I thought how firm the foundation of the old church building had been and it seemed like I could hear, 'Fear not, I am with thee, be not dismayed. For I am thy God, I will still give thee aid, I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand, upheld by my gracious omnipotent hand'."

In the spring of 1900 the building was completed and ready for worship with no indebtedness. The church had 65 members.

Conference records show the Bremen Church as follows:

1911 a part of the Rome District.
1911-1927 Bremen-Buchanan Charge.
1927 Bremen, Bethlehem, and Waco Churches formed the Bremen Circuit.
1931-1933 Smyrna Church a part of the circuit.
1934 Bremen and Bethlehem Charge.
1936 District Line Church added.

These pastors served the church at this location:

- C. P. Marchman
- W. S. Gaines
- R. P. Tatum
- C. M. Verdell
- C. A. Norton
- A. F. Nunn
- J. M. Fowler
- J. W. Veatch
- V. B. Hambrick
- J. E. Rorie
- E. P. Eubanks
- W. J. Jolly
- L. H. Green
- W. P. Carmichael
- M. R. Chambers
- J. Walter King
- J. J. Copeland
- W. L. Brackman
- F. D. Cantrell
- Z. V. Hawks
THE PRESENT BUILDING

1938 -

The present church building is the result of several different building and remodeling programs and began in 1938 during the pastorate of Reverend W. L. Brackman. Plans were for the building of the sanctuary and several Sunday School rooms. The land for the building was given by G. E. Bell.

The following four newspaper articles give us a very interesting story of the beginning of the present structure:

METHODIST PEOPLE TO ERECT CHURCH COSTING $10,000.

Plans have been completed and committees appointed by the Bremen Methodist congregation for the erection of a new brick church building to cost $10,000.00.

A new church site on College Street on the Hamilton lot has been bought and donated to the Methodists as a location for the new church building.

The new building will be of brick and tile construction. The auditorium will be 40 by 54 feet with a seating capacity of 300 or better. The Sunday School Annex will be 20 by 60 feet and will have 10 Sunday School rooms and will be like the church, of brick and tile construction. The building will be furnace heated.

Material for the construction is now being bought and work will start as soon as enough is on the ground to warrant work to start. The first work will be grading the lot and excavating for the foundations.

(The Bremen Gateway, March 31, 1938)
GROUND BROKEN MONDAY FOR NEW METHODIST CHURCH

A short but impressive ceremony was held Monday morning at 9 o'clock on the site where the new Methodist church is to be erected on Hamilton Street with more than 50 persons present.

Following the opening song, "How Firm A Foundation", Reverend W. L. Brackman, pastor of the church, led in prayer. H. Meeks made a short talk which was followed by Reverend Marvin V. Stedham, pastor of the Bremen Baptist Church. H. Meeks broke the ground with the first shovel of earth, and Reverend Brackman made the concluding remarks for the ground breaking. Reverend M. V. Stedham gave the closing prayer.

Following the dedicatory service a picture of the group was taken by the Bremen Studio.

Mr. Lloyd White, who will do the brick work and part of the other work was present with his men and laid off the ground. Material is being placed and actual work is now underway.

The starting of this new church building will see the dreams of the Methodist people come true for they have been talking a new church for years.

(The Bremen Gateway, April 28, 1938)

CLOSING SERVICE SUNDAY METHODIST CHURCH IMPRESSIVE

Sunday morning the closing service in the old Methodist Church drew a large congregation and the service was enjoyed.

The program consisted of old songs, solos, and the history of the church was read by the pastor showing the progress made since the church was organized.

Reverend E. P. Eubanks, of Atlanta, brought the message at the 11 o'clock hour. His sermon was fine and enjoyed by the large congregation. Reverend Eubanks was pastor here in 1918 and some of the members were present Sunday to greet him.

On account of delay in finishing the new church, services will be held in the old church on next Sunday.

(The Bremen Gateway, October 27, 1938)
The Atlanta Constitution ran the following article November 24, 1939, during the North Georgia Annual Conference:

RIDING THE CIRCUIT AT THE METHODIST CONFERENCE

(by Thomas M. Elliott)

Here's a story about Bremen, and it's not the steamship Bremen I am telling you about.
With a brand-new parsonage, and a brand-new completely furnished church, with everything paid for no debts hanging over, together with everything else showing similar advances, it makes a story that sounds mighty good to me. But that isn't the half of it.
The Reverend W. L. Brackman is the Methodist preacher at Bremen these four years. Since he hit town "things ain't what they used to be."
"Fust and fo'most," as Uncle Remus would say, things were in a pretty bad way with the little one-room church, with its Sunday School of 60 and congregation of 50, and minus a missionary society, a prayer meeting, and young people's organization.
Bro. Brackman asked the folks to build a new church. They said, "No, sir." But he kept on saying it his way, and today they have at Bremen a jim-dandy new brick church, dedicated, completely furnished, and paid for.

Bremen Methodist became a station (one church) in 1945 and has continued as a station since then.

In 1952, during the pastorate of the Reverend Tom Wheelis, a lot on the south side of the building was purchased from H. B. Hightower for $7,000 for building additional educational space. This project resulted in all of the building south of the present Ratie Field classroom (including half of that room). In addition the church's front entrance was reworked making it more beautiful and the sanctuary larger. The building was air-conditioned. The entire project cost $47,165.00 and was dedicated by Bishop Arthur J. Moore, May 9, 1954.
Further building plans were in the making when Harry L. Mitcham was assigned as pastor in 1961. Additional land was bought from L. C. Guice, Sr. on the north side of the building at a cost of $17,000.00. On the lot were two houses. One was used for a short time as classrooms for youth; and the other was used as a home for the Youth Director, Hollis Cannon.

In 1965, during the pastorate of P. V. Hall, the J. Henry Bell Memorial Library was established in one room of the south end of the building.

The need for additional educational space was met with the building of an annex on the north side of the sanctuary. Under the leadership of the Reverend P. V. Hall and a representative of the Board of Missions, the members pledged the cost of the building in the amount of $216,000.00, which was paid over a three year period. The groundbreaking for the new building was December 3, 1967, a cold, rainy day. Mr. G. E. Bell lifted the first shovel of dirt in this service. This annex was opened Sunday, September 8, 1968.

One of the first things that Lee Branham did after becoming pastor in June, 1969, was to invite Bishop John Owen Smith to dedicate this annex at his earliest convenience. Bishop Smith dedicated the building at morning worship, May 10, 1970.

The next few years saw several additions and changes in church property. In 1970 a remodeling program brought new lighting, new carpet, and painting to the entire south wing. New ceiling, tile flooring, and new cabinets were added to the kitchen and Social Hall. A dishwasher was added to the kitchen in 1971.

The sanctuary received a new heating system in 1975 and in 1977 new air-conditioning. Also in 1977 new heating and air-conditioning were put in the south wing.

These pastors have served the church in this location:

W. L. Brackman  Thomas H. Wheelis
W. H. Boring  Tim W. Holbrook
Willis Jones  Harry L. Mitcham
C. Hoke Sewell  P. V. Hall
Henry T. Smith  Lee Branham
PARSONAGES

The first parsonage in Bremen was built in 1920. Prior to that time the parsonage had been in Buchanan.

July 12, 1924 - Third Quarterly Conference
By authority of the Quarterly Conference, we the trustees of Waco parsonage, report that we have sold the Waco parsonage for $350.00 - $100.00 in cash and $50.00 per year and have placed the $100.00 on the parsonage note at the Farmer's Bank, note attached to Bremen parsonage note at the Bremen Bank.

Reported by Trustees
John H. Shelnutt
J. F. Walker

The two invitations printed below indicate one way money was raised to pay for parsonage indebtedness:

SILVER TEA

At the home of Mrs. J. T. Young
Proceeds to be used on Parsonage Debt
Your presence and contribution will be appreciated
October 28, 1926 3:00 to 9:00 p.m.

A sum of $50.00 was made.

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YOU ARE INVITED

To a "Silver Tea" at the home of Mrs. G. L. Suggs on Monday afternoon, December 31, 1926 from 1:00 until 9:00 p.m., the proceeds of which will go toward paying off a small debt upon Methodist parsonage. Everyone invited to be on hand with their contributions large or small. If you fail to come we'll be disappointed.
The Reverend W. L. Brackman came to Bremen as pastor on December 4, 1935. The old parsonage was sold the same year for $1,000.00 and a new one was bought for $1,500.00. This house was later the home of the late Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Williamson. It stands next to Hightower Funeral Home across the street from the church and is still being used.

"At a called meeting of the Bremen Methodist Church in Quarterly Conference which convened at the church on Sunday evening, August 17, 1941, W. H. Boring, pastor and acting District Superintendent, after having been announced from the pulpit of said church the required 10 days, the date of said original call being August 6, 1941, we, Hoyt Broadwell, Paul Jones, and E. O. McFather do hereby offer the following resolution:

RESOLUTION that this called meeting of said Quarterly Conference authorize the trustees of the church parsonage now located on Gordon Street, to sell and convey title by deed to said property to the purchaser for a consideration of $1,800.00 cash and that this sum be reinvested in a new church parsonage to be located on Buchanan Road in the city of Bremen, Georgia.

Committee,
Hoyt Broadwell
Paul Jones
E. O. McFather
Secretary, J. W. Cantrell"

This house was sold for $1,800.00 and a modern brick parsonage was erected at 420 Gordon Street at a cost of $7,500.00. It had a living room, dining room, 4 bedrooms, and two baths. A large den was added in 1965 and in 1972 the kitchen was remodeled. The parsonage at present is valued at $70,000.00.
SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Sunday School has always been an important part of the church's history. Old newspapers carried more Sunday School news than church news. Social events, group picnics, and work days were very popular. Then the church did not have Sunday School rooms. The sanctuary was divided by curtains supported by wires, to provide rooms for children and youth. The men and women were in one class.

Quarterly Conference records of April 21, 1921, indicate the Sunday School had outgrown the building. In 1922 there were 3 officers, 10 teachers, and an average attendance of 83.

Quarterly Conference records of 1923 show an average attendance of 95.

April 5, 1931, the Quarterly Conference reported a total enrollment of 200 with an average attendance of 111.

When the church was moved from Gordon Street to its present location on Hamilton Avenue, sufficient space became available for new classes to be organized. One of these was the Men's Bible Class. Today there are departments for children, youth, and adults.

In September, 1948, John A. Walker became superintendent. He reported February 13, 1949, "average attendance 231 and more space needed badly". A building program was being considered.

Mr. Walker continues as Superintendent as this history is written and he gives this witness: "I have seen many changes in our Sunday School. It has certainly been rewarding and I have received many blessings in being a part of this Sunday School."

The report of the Commission on Education to the Charge Conference December 3, 1980 showed an enrollment of 482 and average attendance of 211.

The School Sunday Superintendent's office has been filled by good and dedicated people. Some of these are as follows:

J. F. Walker  L. C. Guice, Sr.  H. O. Holloway
J. W. Cantrell  J. V. Hambrick  C. G. Lance
G. E. Bell  W. J. Gilmer  J. A. Walker
W. B. Williamson  J. H. Bell
MUSIC

In the early days of the church the music was led by members of the congregation. A man led the singing and a lady played the pump organ. Then the old organ was replaced by a piano. Much later an electric organ was bought. The first donation for this instrument was sent to the church by J. A. Davis, a member serving the armed forces. The organ was installed May, 1947. Newer instruments are in use throughout the building now.

Some of those early song leaders were: Will Otwell, Emmett Bell, W. J. Gilmer, W. W. Anderson, and Hubert Boyd. Mrs. Ratie Feild played the pump organ for years and served as the first pianist of the church.

In 1940 Jimmy Gresham became the church's first paid music director. He resigned in 1942 to serve in the army.

Mrs. Alline Wynens became director in 1942 and continued as director and organist until she retired in 1959. She was followed by Mrs. Lewis Maier.

In 1959 Jerry Reeves joined the church staff as music director and the youth and junior choirs were organized. Dora Walls served as church organist.

In 1961 George Dixon, who taught music and directed the band at Bremen High School, became the church's music director.

In 1963, under the direction of Hollis Cannon, the junior choir was reorganized. After his departure, Mrs. Harry Mitcham, the pastor's wife, took charge of the junior choir. Beverly McClure served as pianist and later as organist after Dora Walls resigned.

Reverend P. V. Hall, pastor 1964-69, directed the children's Wesleyan Choir and Mrs. Hall was the pianist.

George Dixon resigned in the spring of 1969 and Jim Paxton became music and youth director. In 1971 he became a full time member of the church staff. The number of choirs increased with the Wesleyan and Altar (children), Chapel (youth), and Chancel (adults). Sharon Paxton assisted her husband.
Under Mr. Paxton's leadership the Chapel Choir began making tours. This group sang in Alabama, Florida, West Virginia, and Washington D. C. Mrs. Ann Hobbs assisted with the children's choirs. He resigned in 1973 to direct the music at the First United Methodist Church in Dothan, Alabama.

Hamp Kicklighter of Carrollton served for a short while as part-time director.

Howard Hancock became music director and associate pastor in June, 1974. Mrs. Martha Miller returned to the staff as organist and Mrs. Agnes Cantrell as pianist.

Mrs. Cantrell began playing the piano at the age of 16 for the church services and has served at intervals since. Mrs. Miller began playing at an early age and has served as organist several times. Their music is an inspiring part of each worship service.

In 1975 The Susannah Wesley Handbell Choir for ladies and The Asbury Handbell Choir for children were formed. The Chapel Choir continued tours and visited Florida, Alabama, Texas, Louisiana, and Mississippi. In 1977 The Susannah Wesley Handbell Choir accompanied the young people to Florida.

In 1976 a long playing record by all the choirs of the church was made. Some of these records are still available.

Mr. Hancock resigned in June 1978 to become pastor of the Plainville United Methodist Church and to attend seminary.

Mrs. Ann Hobbs became director of music and under her leadership the music has continued to be vital to the life of the church. She directs the Chancel Choir, the Susannah Wesley Handbell Choir, the Cherub, Altar, and Wesleyan Choirs and the King's Kids, a group established in 1980. She leads singing at Sunday evening worship.
THE METHODIST MEN

The Bremen First Methodist Church Methodist Men was chartered April 24, 1954 with S. O. Higgins as the first president.

August 1, 1954, the Charge Conference reported 72 members. One of the achievements of the men was to send Prof. H. A. Jones to the National Convention of Methodist Men, which was held at Purdue University, LaFayette, Indiana.

Methodist Men has continued to serve the church and community since its organization. Its projects include:

1. Assistance to the Ethel Harpst Home and Sara Murphy Home, both in Cedartown. The men have helped the entire church gather clothing and toys for these institutions. In 1958 Mr. Warren Sewell, Sr. donated a new suit to each male resident of the Ethel Harpst Home. For several years a donation was made to the dental program of the Ethel Harpst Home.


3. Assisted in building the miniature golf course back of the church and now maintain it.

4. At the August meeting each year, the men have as guests the Bremen High School football team and coaches.

5. In 1979 when the Bremen Empty Stocking Fund was without a sponsor the Methodist Men took over this important program and that year aided 65 families. In 1980, 40 families were given assistance.
WOMEN'S WORK

Much of the history of the work of the ladies in our church has been found in Quarterly Conference records.

The 4th Quarterly Conference, November 4, 1922, with Z. V. Hawks as pastor, reported the following: "There is one Women's Missionary Society on the charge. This society is in the Bremen Church. They have a written report to be read to this conference. This society is a great aid to the pastor in his work. They are a blessing to the entire church at Bremen."

On April 17, 1926, the following report was given by the pastor, A. F. Nunn: "The Women's Missionary Society has been absorbed by and merged into a Parsonage Aid Society. In fact the Parsonage Aid Society takes place of the Women's Missionary Society."

On October 24, 1929, the 4th Quarterly Conference reports: "The Ladies' Aid Society, with the efforts of a few ladies, have raised a nice sum to Beaver Board the Church and have in cash $68.00 towards covering the parsonage.

The president of the Missionary Society filed the following report at the Quarterly Conference on April 5, 1931:
"Report of Adult Missionary Society - Bremen M.E. Church, South Members on roll - 14, Auxiliary dues - $24.60. local work - $72.50, total collections - $84.10.
We the ladies of the Bremen Methodist Church have organized a missionary society. We have 9 members, haven't done much yet but hope to as spring opens up and the flu dies down. We have a Children's Society with 10 members which we are proud of."

Respectfully yours,
Mrs. J. A. Copeland, Pres.

The 2nd Quarterly Conference - May 28, 1933, reported: "The Women's Missionary Society has worked faithfully to help pay on the debt on the parsonage, which has been running for 13 years. The entire charge is happy to have that debt lifted."
In 1942 Mrs. W. J. Gilmer, president, reported the Women's Society of Christian Service had an increase in pledges. (First local record of name Women's Society of Christian Service.)

The women of the church, led by the Wesleyan Service Guild, began a church bus project in January 1972, and with the help of the entire membership, the bus was purchased in April that year.

The women have had many projects through the years. These include:

- Placed pew cushions in sanctuary.
- Assisted music department with handbells and risers.
- Supported cancer and heart fund drives.
- Sponsored ladies to spiritual life retreats.
- Sponsored youth from children's homes in Cedartown to youth camps.
- Assisted children's homes in Cedartown.
- Contributed to clothing fund for needy at the local schools.
- Donated to eye examinations for needy in local schools.
- Helped pay for uniforms for the church softball team.
- Donated to the United Methodist Committee on Overseas Relief.
- Purchased drinking fountain for children's playground.
- Purchased paint for Social Hall.
- Assisted Adult Fellowship.
- Provided nursery for church meetings.

At the time this history is written there are five subgroups or circles in our Unit of United Methodist Women. Each subgroup takes the name of its chairperson.
YOUTH WORK

According to the Quarterly Conference records we had an organized Epworth League as far back as 1921. A report that year noted: "An Epworth League was organized with 32 members. They are very enthusiastic." J. J. Copeland, pastor

The fourth Quarterly Conference, November 4, 1922, reported: "The League was enrolled in Nashville and had a Charter and the present membership is 62. They meet every Thursday night for the program." Pastor - Z.V. Hawks.

The following report was given in 1925:

"To the 4th Quarterly Conference, November 9, 1925
Bremen Charge, Bremen M.E. Church South.

The Epworth League of the above named church begs to submit the following report for the year ending November 1, 1925.

On November 1, 1924 we had 32 members on roll. On November 1, 1925 we had 56 members on roll. None lost by death.

A great deal of interest has been shown by the young people.

While we have not been as active as we should have been, yet we have made steady gain and have had good attendance at every meeting.

Activities: Social welfare department reports 25 visits and flowers sent to six different sick rooms.

Two socials for the junior members which were well attended.

Held twelve council meetings where the devotional services were particularly impressed upon the Council.

Held twelve social meetings for the Council which was attended each time by almost every member of the Council.

We cannot say too much for our devotional leaders who have time and energy for preparing each service.

While we have not accomplished what we feel we should, we have gradually grown and entwined ourselves around the hearts of the people who attend our meetings.

We now have plans under way for holding a missionary study class in the future.

We have $25.00 for our missionary pledge and have raised for all other purposes $27.15.

We hope some day to accomplish great things, All for Christ."

R. A. Whatley, president Laura Jo Feild, Secretary
In 1926 the pastor reported the Epworth League was still very active with good attendance.

February 5, 1927 Quarterly Conference reported: "We have one League doing fine work among our young people. They use the programs as published in the Epworth Era. The meetings are well attended. Average attendance is around 40."

On October 26, 1930 the Quarterly Conference reported: "The Epworth League has a membership of 35. Raised $5.00 for Epworth Era. Raymond Otwell has been elected as president of the group."

In 1931 Raymond Otwell reported the League was doing nicely.

September 1947 Quarterly Conference reported: "The Youth Fellowship is great -- going to sub-district meetings. Also, an Intermediate Fellowship has been organized." (first mention of change of name to Methodist Youth Fellowship.)

May 1958 the MYF has been divided into two groups for the purpose of having better programs for each age group.

The church opened a Coffeehouse for youth in 1969 under the leadership of Lee Branham and Jim Paxton. This was located in a downtown building. In 1970 it was moved to the city recreation center and continued three years.

It was a happy day in 1975 for the MYF and Youth Choir when a youth room was made. It was painted, carpeted, and completely furnished with tables, games, record player and T. V. Howard Hancock led the youth and adults in the labor and fund raising for this project.

After Howard Hancock left the church staff Terry Crawford became the leader of the MYF and the group has been very active under his guidance. The MYF now sponsors an Easter Sunrise Service at West Lake, a Galilean service at the same place, a winter ski trip, and a summer "float" down the Tallapoosa River. The group meets each Sunday night at the church or a member's home. Attendance averages about 30.
ADULT FELLOWSHIP

On May 15, 1968, a group of retired people from Bremen First Methodist Church was invited to attend a rally at St. Mark Methodist Church in Atlanta. Fourteen attended and were richly rewarded. Fellowship, recreation, and worship carried out the theme: "Rejoice".

Those attending from our church:
- Lillie Otwell
- Laura Jo Morris
- Maude Perkins
- Velma Muse
- Beulah Spake
- Mary McAlister
- Rev. and Mrs. P.V. Hall
- Martha McCroskey
- Bertha Murphy
- Clara Baskin
- Minnie Talley
- Toka Weathington
- Horace Norton

During this trip it was suggested that a group of retired people in Bremen First Methodist be organized. This was the beginning of the "Adult Fellowship".

In the beginning the group consisted of only Senior Citizens. However, soon the invitation was extended to all adults in the church and on many occasions people from nearby churches are invited.

On February 12, 1969, a group of 20 adults had an enjoyable luncheon at Wayside Inn in Cedartown. At this meeting plans were made for a trip to Greenbrier Shopping Center at which time an election of officers was to be held.

March 5, 1969, the following were elected:
- President, Stella Walker
- Vice-president, Mary McAlister

Trips were made the first Wednesday of each month to various places for lunch.

On May 6, 1970, the group met at the Hutch House and the following officers were elected for the new year:
- President, Stella Walker
- Vice-president, Christine Williams
- Treasurer, Bertha Murphy
During this meeting it was announced that the Wesleyan Service Guild would sponsor the Adult Fellowship by making a cash donation monthly to be used in any way the members wished. This monthly donation continued for several years.

On March 3, 1971, the Fellowship met in the Social Hall with Reverend Marion Sherrill, the district superintendent, as guest speaker. At this time the nominating committee gave the following report for new officers:
President - Bertha Murphy  
Vice-president - Christine Williams  
Treasurer - Laura Jo Morris

These served 1971-72.

In February of 1972, a new bus was purchased by the church and on October 11, 1972, the Adult Fellowship made its first overnight trip. Jim Paxton drove twenty-five members to Gatlinberg, Tennessee.

On December 6, 1972, the Fellowship met in the Social Hall for its Christmas Party. Howard Hancock and Agnes Cantrell entertained with a musical program, "Memories".

The following officers were announced for the year 1973:
President - Eunice Bell  
Vice-president - Lillie Otwell  
Treasurer - Helen Waddell

These persons have held office since that time.

The group has attended Winter Campmeeting at Epworth-By-The-Sea for 8 consecutive years and plan to continue this annual trip. Numerous one day trips have been made as well as meetings in the Social Hall for covered dish luncheons. The Fellowship has made trips of from one to five days to these places:

Kentucky - Florida  
Tennessee - Mississippi  
Virginia - Louisiana  
West Virginia - Arkansas  
North Carolina - Alabama  
South Carolina - Georgia  
District of Columbia
Thirty-three made the trip to Washington, D. C., May 1976. Visits were made to Mt. Vernon, the White House, Arlington National Cemetery, Lincoln Memorial, the Capitol, and Washington National Cathedral. This trip was so meaningful it was repeated in June, 1981.
BITS AND PIECES

Found in the first membership roll was this statement by the pastor:

"Notice: Brethren, never revise this roll, but add to as the people join"... L.D. Coggins, P.C. 1889

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That same roll book has a column "How and when disposed of" to indicate time a person left the membership of the church.

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This book records the following:

Bremen, Georgia, November 9, 1886
Church meeting held - V. N. Vines, preacher in charge, presiding.
Transacted the following business:

First: report of preacher - no complaints from the preacher.
Second: no report from class leader
Third: report of superintendent of Sabbath School:
No. enrolled - 66, School in very good condition.
Fourth: report of stewards.
Fifth: report of trustees:
   money paid on church debt..... $12.75
   money paid for church bell ... 14.20
   money paid for seating church. 36.00
   money paid on other repairs on church ... 3.00
   money paid for stone and brick for church ... 5.00
$70.95

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September 21st, 1891 - Church called together in Conference, J. L. Ivey, P. C. in the chair. After religious service there was prayer by the president. The case of a certain member was called. James Beall, Secretary, Rev. L. N. Holland, prosecuted the case of the accused by reading the bill of charges and specifications, to which this member was charged with immorality - selling as beverage wine and intoxicating liquors.

The following jury was selected as a committee to decide this case: Rev. F. C. Johnson, W. G. Parrish, John Miller, J. T. M. Holland, J. M. Holland, and W. F. Waddell.

The accused in his statement declared that his wine would not intoxicate. Stated that he would not consider himself out of the church should his name be scratched off the book. Inferred that Bro. Ivey was acting through malice and prejudices. Stated further that he had been selling this same wine for a number of years and belonged to this same church, and had never been arraigned before the church until now in consequences of it.

The jury retired and returned the following verdict, 'That we the jury, in considering the evidence, find no one that claims to have been made drunk by the use of the wine manufactured by the accused, but from his own statement to wit that the following ingredients were put into fifteen gallons of wine: blackberry juice, English grapes, wild grapes, muscadine, tomatoes, peach juice, and apple cider. We believe this mixture when fermented will surely intoxicate if freely used. Therefore, we declare the accused guilty of selling intoxicating liquors.'

The chairman passed the following sentence, 'I do hereby declare that this man be expelled from our church for the crime of selling intoxicating wine or liquors.'

After prayer with the benediction the conference adjourned.

James Beall, Secretary
James L. Ivey, P. C.

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Sunday, October 5th, 1902 -- Sunday School meeting at 9:30 a.m.
Class #2 -- 5 present, collection - 12¢
Class #3 -- Bro. Ewing, teacher, 5 present, 5¢ collection, Good Lesson
Class #4 -- Mrs. Beall, teacher, 4 present, 1¢ collection
Class #5 -- Mrs. May, teacher, 11 present, 9¢ collection
Teachers and officers present - 5
Total present ---------------- 30
Total collection -------------- 27¢
Taken from Quarterly Conference Records:

1st Quarterly Conference - December 7, 1919
Reverend J. R. King, Presiding Elder - Reverend W. P. Carmichael, P.C.
Bremen paid pastor for quarter - $171.00
Bethlehem paid pastor for quar. - 50.00
Paid P. E. - $27.00

T. E. Walker was elected Secretary of the Conference.

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The Second Quarterly Conference was held March 28, 1920 for the Bremen Charge. The roll was called and the following members were present: Rev. W. P. Carmichael and W. G. Otwell. $149.00 was raised during the quarter for the pastor.

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Fire Insurance for the church 1920 ......... $ 23.40
(Fire Insurance for the church 1981 ......... $2,437.00)

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The Third Quarterly Conference was held on June 27, 1920 for the Bremen Charge. The following members were present:

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A prayer meeting was started at the Bremen Church by the pastor, J. J. Copeland, during the first quarter of 1921. It was reported there was good attendance and much interest.

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SPECIAL SUPPLEMENT TO 2nd Quarterly Conference - March 30, 1924:

Resolved that the Quarterly Conference grant to the Board of Trustees authority to apply to the General Board of Church Extension for a donation of $1,000.00 and the Conference Board of Church Extension for a donation of $500.00 to rebuild the church at Bremen.

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Second Quarterly Conference - May 6, 1927:

The pastor visits the public schools to conduct chapel and religious services once each week. The pastor, Rev. V. B. Hamrick, also reports he has visited every home in the community during the quarter - both white and black and had learned the age and name of every person living here since April 1st. This was in taking the census.

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The first Quarterly Conference for the Bremen Charge - January 22, 1931 - reported the following:

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<th>Location</th>
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<tr>
<td>Bremen Church</td>
<td>$82.50</td>
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<td>50.17</td>
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$12.00 of this amount went to the Presiding Elder and $126.67 to the pastor.

The conference announced that $952.00 was the amount to be paid pastor for the year, $98.00 to Presiding Elder, $415.00 to General and Conference Work and $16.00 to District Work.

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On November 4, 1941 there was a called meeting of the Board of Stewards. A motion was made by Hoyt Broadwell and seconded by E. O. McFather to pay the pastor $2,600.00 for the year 1942. After a lengthy discussion a rising vote was taken and all present voted favorable of motion.
1941 ..... cost of fuel and lights for January - $ 9.02
(1981 ..... cost of power, gas, & water for Jan.- $ 953.56)

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The month of April, 1954, was designated as Tithe Month by the Official Board. Thirty pledged to tithe during the month. The results enabled the church to pay out all items for the Conference year 1953-54.

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Publishing a church newsletter began in September 1957 during the pastorate of Tim Holbrook, at which time it was called "First Methodist". In 1958 the first church secretary was hired. Mrs. Laura Lunsford worked three months. Mrs. Luvain Miller was hired as secretary April 10, 1958, and has served since that time. The pastor reported to the 4th Quarterly Conference, May 5, 1958, that much work was being done on the church rolls. Some decrease was shown in the total membership due to these corrections.

News was mailed out twice each month with the title of "Bremen Methodist" until 1970 when it was changed to the "The Cross Fire". An 'offset' printing press was installed in the church office May, 1972.

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A church sign showing name of church and pastor was placed on the lawn in 1958. This was replaced with the present iron sign in 1973.

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The church observed Christ's Birthday Party on Christmas Eve, 1958, for the first time. An offering was received for Mission Specials. This observance of the Birthday Party continued for several years.

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Bremen Methodist Church held its first EVERY MEMBER CANVASS in the fall of 1962. It was conducted by the Commission on Stewardship and Finance and directed by the pastor, Harry L. Mitcham. Before that time the church did not ask for pledges and a few people would pay any amount left unpaid at the close of the church year. This Every Member Canvass was a great success and the church continues it annually.
The church’s first Church-Wide Mission Study, for all ages, was held in the winter of 1962. The study was on Latin America and very successful. 420 attended the six sessions, an average of 76 each Sunday evening.

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The church secretary printed a Yearbook of Church Activities in 1962 that contained reports by each organization in the church.

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In 1965 a Church Directory containing pictures of church families, names and addresses was produced.

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In 1969 a booklet was printed listing each memorial given to the church. That material was used in “Memorial” in this history.

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A miniature golf course was built in the area back of the south wing in 1971. Sunday night, October 10, 1971, the course was officially opened. A contest to name this facility resulted in its being called “Lee’s Acre”. Lee Branham designed and helped build the course.

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The women of the church, led by the Wesleyan Service Guild, began a church bus project in January, 1972, and with the help of the entire membership the bus was purchased in April of that year. The Blue Bird All American Bus, with a seating capacity of 36 adults, cost $12,131.00. Later the bus was air-conditioned, carpeted, and luggage carriers installed. A garage was built for it in August, 1973, for $6,000.00

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July 18, 1973, prayer meeting, which had been held Wednesday evening since 1921, was changed to Wednesday; 7:00 a.m. The name “Wonderful Wednesday” was given to this 30 minute prayer and Bible study. Breakfast is served both before and after the prayer service.

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A public address system was installed in the sanctuary so that the nursery workers could listen to the worship services and also to be used by overflow crowds. To further serve those attending worship services, six hearing aids were installed on pews in the sanctuary. This system was replaced in 1981 with a new amplifier, additional microphones, and new hearing aids.

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In 1976 the Acolyte program, which uses children in morning worship, began.

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In 1976 Children's Church became a part of the 11:00 a.m. worship hour.

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The church published an ADVENT booklet of meditation and Christmas memories as a special project in 1977.

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In 1978 a LENTEN booklet of meditations written by church members was produced.

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Seventeen persons attended the re-opening of Wesley's Chapel in London, England, November 1, 1978, which was attended by the Queen of England. It was the first time a sovereign of England had attended a Methodist service. The group saw many places of Methodist historical importance.
ENTERED THE MINISTRY

Three young men of our church have felt the call to preach and gone into the ministry:

Donald Gray, was admitted on trial to the North Georgia Conference in 1949 and became a member in 1952. He retired in 1979.

Randall Williamson was admitted on trial to the North Georgia Conference in 1956, graduated from Emory School of Theology and received into the conference in 1959. At the time this history was printed is serving as Superintendent of the Atlanta-Decatur-Oxford District.

Howard Hancock received his license to preach in his 4th year on the staff of this church. At the time this history was printed he was serving Emerson Church and attending Gammon School of Theology.
COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts have had meeting places provided for them when needed. A hut was built for scouting behind the south wing of the church and an addition was made to it in 1958. Methodist Men sponsored Boy Scout Troop #155 the years of 1965-68. In order to build a garage for the church bus, the scout hut was moved in 1973. The Administrative Board then gave permission for Scouts to meet in the Social Hall.

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Day Kindergarten for five year olds was started in 1968 and continued through the 1979-80 school year when due to the enlarged kindergarten program in the public school there was no need for the church's five year old program.

Day School for four year olds began in 1971 and three year program began in September 1973. Both continue.

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Twice in recent years this church has allowed a part of its property to be used by the Bremen Elementary School. In 1969 when the H. A. Jones Elementary School Building was under construction, church rooms were used by first and second grades for the entire school year.

In 1980-81 when the new Kindergarten building of the Elementary School was under construction one class of five year olds met in the church's kindergarten room.

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Beginning in 1971 the Commission on Education, with support of the church and gifts from people outside the church, sponsored hamburgers, soft drinks, and recreation after each home football game. On many of these occasions three hundred or more young people, children, and adults filled the Social Hall, the parking lot and the golf course.

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In recent years the church has sponsored a softball team whenever there was a recreational and church league to provide competition. Many men and boys have been involved in this program and their endeavors resulted in the team's winning the Recreational Tournament on July 18, 1981. The team received a large trophy and individual trophies were given to the players.
From 1975 until 1979 Lee Branham served as Chaplain of the Haralson County Nursing Home. As a part of this Chaplaincy he conducted a Sunday afternoon worship for residents of the home. He was assisted by Joe Miller, song leader; and Else Branham, pianist. Several volunteers from the church assisted residents get to the chapel and back to their rooms.

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In 1976 Howard Hancock served as Chairman of the Bi-Centennial Celebration for Bremen. The church supported all activities as this town celebrated the birth of the nation. Two "Sunday in the Park" programs were held as a part of the Bi-Centennial. Lee Branham secured Senator Herman Talmadge as speaker for a joint worship service of area churches at the Bremen High School Football Field, June 27, 1976.

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Through the years the church's Commission on Evangelism has sponsored programs of visitation of members and prospective members. In 1979 the Commission on Christian Social Concerns began a systematic visitation of nursing home residents, sick, and shut-in persons throughout the community.

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The Commission on Evangelism planned and prepared a telephone communication system, in 1980, that enables immediate contact with all members of the church.
MEMORIALS

Many persons have been memorialized by gifts to the church. The following list names the gift, for whom, and by whom:

Ratie Feild Sunday School Class for MRS. RATIE FEILD by the class.

J. Henry Bell Memorial Library for MR. J. HENRY BELL by friends.

Sanctuary choir seats for MR. and MRS. JOHN MORROW and MRS. W. H. KENT by Mrs. C. E. Hughes.

Indoor chimes for MR. A. A. OTWELL by Mr. Raymond Otwell and Mrs. Flora Otwell.

Baptismal Font for REV. HENRY T. SMITH by Mr. and Mrs. Hoyt Broadwell.

Pulpit for MRS. MARY WEBB GILMER by Mr. W. J. Gilmer.

Communion Table for MR. R. S. WILLIAMSON by his family.

Two bronze vases for MRS. BURNETTA McCALMON by Mrs. Marie Melzer.

Two bronze urns for MR. and MRS. R. S. WILLIAMSON and MR. and MRS. C. T. MASSEY by Mrs. Donna Hardwick.

Piano in Choir Room for MR. HUBERT BOYD and MR. BILLY BOYD by Mrs. Hubert Boyd and Mrs. Webster Carter.

Cross in choir loft for DR. O. D. KING by his family.

Cross in vestibule for MR. J. HENRY BELL by the circle of which Mrs. Bell was a member.

Hand Rail on front steps for MR. J. HENRY BELL by Mr. Willi Bar and Mr. Stan Rodwell.

Pulpit Bible in memory of HER LOVED ONES by Miss Myrtle Lou Sears.

Cross and Candle Sticks for THEIR LOVED ONES by Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Gardner.
A pulpit chair for MRS. BERTHA EARNEST by Miss Fern Earnest.

A pulpit chair for MR. T. E. WALKER and MRS. W. O. WALKER by Mrs. T. E. Walker and children.

A pulpit chair for MR. GRADY BURNS by Mr. and Mrs. Paul Jones.

A green plant in Ratie Field Classroom for MRS. R. S. WILLIAMSON by Mrs. Mary Holloway.

Robes for Chancel Choir for MRS. P. L. PARKER by Miss Martha Parker.

Sanctuary organ for MRS. FLORA OTWELL by Mr. Raymond Otwell.

Bible in Men's Classroom for MR. DUMA MORRIS by Mr. and Mrs. Raymond C. Otwell.

Piano in Social Hall for MR. S. O. HIGGINS, JR. by Mr. and Mrs. S. O. Higgins, Sr.

Piano in sanctuary for MRS. MARGARET BROADWELL by Mr. Hoyt Broadwell.

An Acolyte Chair in sanctuary for MR. A. LEE WHITE by family and friends.

An Acolyte Chair in sanctuary for MR. HENRY R. WALKER by family and friends.

Sanctuary paraments for MR. W. LEE WHITE and MR. HENRY R. WALKER by families and friends.

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Due to the fact that the Chancel Choir robes given in memory of MRS. P. L. PARKER could not be matched with new robes a decision was made to buy an entire set of robes and to use the older robes whenever needed. The Chancel Choir robes now in use were purchased IN HONOR or IN MEMORY as follows:

MRS. C. M. HILDERBRAND by Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Jones.

MRS. LUCILE COOK by Mr. and Mrs. Gene Cook, Mark and Jeanna.

LAWRENCE COOK by Mr. and Mrs. Gene Cook, Mark and Jeanna.
VIRGINIA CHANDLER by Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Guice, Jr.

MR. and MRS. ARTHUR A. OTWELL by Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Otwell.

BROCK EADY by Velma Eady.

SUE CARTER by Webster, Keri, and Keith Carter.

KAY TALLEY FAULKNER by Mrs. Elmer Talley

MRS. HOYT McCOY two robes by Mr. and Mrs. Gene Cook,
Mark and Jeanna.

ELSE and LEE BRANHAM two robes by friends.

MRS. H. P. BOYD by friends.

HENRY R. WALKER and NELLIE P. WALKER by Martha and Bill Miller,
and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Walker and children.

J. WYATT HIXON and INA B. HIXON by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Walker,
and children.

J. WYATT HIXON and JANE HIXON WALKER by Ina Hixon.

KAYO OTWELL by Mr. and Mrs. Kayo Otwell.

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A stained glass window was placed in the sanctuary IN MEMORY of the following:

MRS. EARL S. GRAY and MRS. INEZ S. STOVALL

MR. and MRS. G. L. SUGGS and MR. R. E. SUGGS

MR. H. CLIFTON HUGHES, JR.

THE PARRISH FAMILY

MR. RENDER BELL

MR. and MRS. Z. B. HAMILTON

MR. and MRS. L. SUMMERLIN

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MR. J. F. WALKER

MR. GEORGE W. CANTRELL

MR. and MRS. M. O. BRACKMAN

MR. and MRS. A. F. OTWELL and MR. W. G. OTWELL

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Several organizations within the WOMEN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE were named as memorials to different persons. Although these names have been discontinued in a new plan for the Women's Society, they are here listed:

Molley Gray Circle
Annie Williamson Circle
Beth McGuin Circle
Lucy Walker Circle
Lorenza Walker Circle

One Unit of the Women's Society of Christian Service was named in honor of MARY HOLLOWAY and that unit is the only one whose name is not changed. Others are known by the name of the unit leader.

Other memorial gifts have been made to the church which have been used in practically every area of church life: budget, outreach, missions, music, library, and property.
THOSE WHO HAVE SERVED AS THE CHURCH STAFF

Music Directors:
- Jimmy Gresham
- Mrs. Chester Wynens (Alline)
- Jerry Reeves
- Mrs. Lewis Maier (Catherine) - adult choir
- Joe Miller (evening worship)
- George Dixon
- Jim Paxton
- Hamp Kicklighter
- Howard Hancock
- Mrs. David Hobbs (Ann)

Organists:
- Mrs. Chester Wynens (Alline)
- Miss Dora Walls (now Mrs. Ken Gable)
- Miss Beverly McClure (now Mrs. T. G. Bryant)
- Mrs. Martha Miller
- Mrs. Donna Bailey
- Mrs. Martha Miller

Pianists:
- Miss Judith Williams (now Mrs. Mike Kimmons)
- Mrs. P. V. Hall (Jean)
- Miss Becky Miller (now Mrs. John Levy)
- Mrs. Hamp Kicklighter
- Mrs. H. B. Cantrell (Agnes)

Secretaries:
- Mrs. W. F. Lunsford (Laura)
- Mrs. Joe Miller (Luvain)

Financial Secretary:
- Mrs. Glenn Hoobler (Sue)

Associate Pastor:
- Joe Burleson

Youth Director:
- Hollis Cannon

Custodians:
- C. C. Talley
- Lawrence Cook
- Sam Caldwell
- Mose Dansby
- Minnie Kelley
- Willie Smith
- Mrs. Willie Smith (Annie Ruth)
PASTORS WHO HAVE SERVED THE CHURCH

1881
1882-83 F. P. Langford
1884
1885
1886 C. N. Vines
1887 Jere Reese
1888-90 L. D. Coggins
1890 E. T. Hendrick
1891 J. I. Ivey
1892 J. C. Edmondson
1893 J. M. Crow
1894 J. W. Bailey
1895 B. P. Searcy
1896-98 J. D. Turner
1898-1900 C. P. Marchman
1901 C. M. Verdell
1902-04 J. M. Fowler
1905 J. E. Rorie
1906-07 L. H. Green
1907-09 J. Walter King
1910-11 F. D. Cantrell
1912 W. S. Gaines
1913-14 C. A. Norton
1915-18 J. W. Veatch
1919 E. P. Eubanks
1919-20 W. P. Carmichael
1920-21 J. J. Copeland
1921-23 Z. V. Hawks
1923-24 R. P. Tatum
1925-26 A. F. Nunn
1926-30 V. B. Hambrick
1930-32 W. J. Jolly
1933-35 M. R. Chambers
1935-40 W. L. Brackman
1940-45 W. H. Boring
1945-47 Willis Jones
1947-49 C. Hoke Sewell
1949-52 Henry T. Smith
1952-57 Thomas H. Wheelis
1957-61 Tim W. Holbrook
1961-64 Harry L. Mitcham
1964-69 P. V. Hall
1969- Lee Branham
THE EPILOGUE

FOR YESTERDAY:

"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

FOR TODAY:

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

FOR TOMORROW:

"Lead On, O King Eternal"
BREMEN FIRST METHODIST CHURCH - 1938
Built during the pastorate of Rev. W.L. Brackman

LOCATED CORNER OF GORDON AND LEE STREETS
1900 - 1938
Built under pastorate of C.P. Marchman

FIRST EDUCATIONAL BUILDING - 1954
South Wing - Built under pastorate of T.H. Wheelis
CHURCH AFTER SECOND EDUCATIONAL BUILDING
1968
Built under pastorate of P.V. Hall

BURNING OF MORTAGE - 1971
Educational Building
James Pollard - Church Lay Leader
Hoyt Broadwell - Chm. Finance
GROUND BREAKING FOR PRESENT SANCTUARY
Rev. W.L. Brackman, pastor
1939
OPENING OF SOUTH WING OF EDUCATIONAL BUILDING - 1953
Front row, reading left - Mrs. Howard Hancock, Supt. of Children's Division; J.A. Walker, Sunday School Supt., Emmett Bell, Chm. of Board of Trustees;
Back row, E.B. Jones, Sr., Chm. of Building Committee; Rev. Tom Wheelis, pastor.
OPENING OF "J. HENRY BELL MEMORIAL LIBRARY"
Family of J. Henry Bell

Mr. and Mrs. G.E. Bell, parents of J. Henry Bell

Banquet of FIRST EVERY MEMBER CANVASS
1963
Harry Mitcham - Pastor

HARRY MITCHAM, pastor 1963
visiting shut-in - Mrs. Effie Feild
EASTER LILIES IN SANCTUARY

CHRISTMAS TREE - Decorated by Methodist Youth Fellowship
METHODIST MEN
EMPTY STOCKING PROJECT
SCENES FROM CHRISTMAS PAGEANT
1980
Church Lawn
One of the smaller classes of church sponsored preschool.

Children enjoying the Miniature Golf Course.

CHURCH BUS