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Dedicated to the Late
Rev. J. H. Johnson and the Thirty-Seven Charter Members
whose vision and faith made this Church possible.

The Late
REV. J. H. JOHNSON
The First Pastor
1923-1925
Foreword

Let us pull back the curtain of time and look upon a scene laid in Brookhaven, Georgia, twenty-seven years ago. Thirty-seven people were present. It is the first meeting of those interested in a Methodist Church. In these pages we shall endeavor to unfold scene after scene in the development of the church they visualized.

It is our hope that all who read this narrative, will be able to visualize the true setting and seriousness manifested by those thirty-seven charter members in organizing Brookhaven Methodist Church, and get an idea of the faith and hope that have gone into the building of a true church in the years since.

We acknowledge that there will be found errors, since there were so few early official records from which to assemble facts.

We apologize to any whom we may have overlooked, or for any important fact omitted.

To all who contributed information toward this history we give our genuine thanks.

To the committee, elected by Quarterly Conference May 3, 1950, composed of E. D. Allen, Mrs. Paul Wright, Mrs. W. Joe Morris, Mrs. J. E. Greene, and W. H. Tanner, Sr., belong the thanks of our church.

To Mrs. J. R. Wright, who, at the pastor's request nearly five years ago, began collecting material for such a volume, we extend our gratitude.

To Mildred Honea, who prepared the manuscript for the printers, we owe our thanks.

To the thirty-seven charter members and the late Rev. J. H. Johnson, the first regular pastor, this history affectionately dedicated.

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A History of The Brookhaven Methodist Church

The first religious activities in Brookhaven, consisted of Sunday School services held in the log cabin on North Druid Hills Road, adjoining the present location of the Methodist Church. This was in the spring of 1922. Services were held on Sunday afternoons on a community basis. This arrangement continued until early 1923.

During the summer of 1922, a lot, located on the south side of Pine Grove Avenue, near Matthews Street, was donated for the purpose of building a community church. A building was started, but it was found that the title to the property was not clear and construction of the church was abandoned. This set-back did not deter the spirit and the determination of those with the faith to continue religious services in Brookhaven. With the coming of fall and winter, services were held in a home located on University Drive, the same as used by the County Board of Education for school purposes. Preaching services were held in various homes by guest preachers.

In the early spring of 1923, a religious census was taken of the community, and it was found that a majority was affiliated with the Baptist denomination. On the strength of this census, the Baptist group voted to organize a church, purchase a building site, and erect a church. The Baptist members withdrew their affiliation with the community organization. After the withdrawal of the Baptist members, it was found that those remaining were practically all affiliates of the Methodist denomination. Thus in May 1923, the Methodists decided to organize, and build a church.

John F. Bass, called upon the Rev. Nath Thompson, pastor of the Wesley Memorial Church, in Atlanta, to help with the organization. Rev. Thompson advised him that the Rev. J. H. Johnson, a local preacher and a member of the congregation at Wesley Memorial, was qualified for such an undertaking. The Rev. Johnson agreed to give his services in this undertaking. On Wednesday Night, May 16, 1923, prayer meeting was conducted by Rev. Johnson, and at the close of the service the organization plans were discussed and an unanimous decision was reached to establish a church. It would be called Brookhaven Methodist Church. Rev. Johnson then called upon all those present who had a desire to become charter members to give their names and church affiliation, so that he could secure their letters by the next Quarterly Conference, to be held in June at the Prospect Methodist Church, Chamblee, Georgia. A total of thirty-seven
(37) members gave their names and became the charter members of the Brookhaven Methodist Church. They were:

* Mr. D. K. Palmer
* Mrs. D. K. Palmer
* Mr. T. H. McLain
* Mrs. T. H. McLain
  Mr. H. E. Capps
  Mrs. Homer Smith
* Mr. Roy Vance
** Mr. Jeff Abercrombie
* Mr. John F. Bass
* Mrs. John F. Bass
** Mr. B. M. Sykes, Sr.
  Miss Iris Lloyd
** Mr. J. Olin Kitchens
* Miss Nannie Kitchens
  Mr. D. Britt Wingo
  Mr. Joseph Wingo
  Miss Jewell Wingo
  Mr. M. J. Wager
  Mrs. M. J. Wager

** Mr. M. N. Owen
  Mrs. Lawson Fields
* Mr. E. D. Allen
* Mrs. E. D. Allen
** Mr. M. L. Chambers
  Mrs. M. L. Chambers
** Mrs. Wingo Daniels
** Mr. Henry Cox
* Mrs. Henry Cox
** Miss Lila Cox
** Mr. J. A. Eley
* Mrs. J. A. Eley
** Mr. R. L. Rowe
  Mrs. R. L. Rowe
* Mrs. R. T. Sills
** Mrs. Steve Streckfuss
** Mr. H. R. Hairston
  Mrs. H. R. Hairston

During this interval religious services were conducted on Wednesday nights, Sunday mornings and evenings by the Rev. J. H. Johnson.

On June 10, 1923, Quarterly Conference was held at the Prospect Methodist Church, Chamblee, Georgia, by the Rev. W. H. LaPrade, Jr., Presiding Elder, assisted by the Rev. J. W. O. McKibben, pastor of that church. At the conference, Brookhaven Methodist Church became a reality and the first officers were elected. They were:

Stewards
D. K. Palmer
B. M. Sykes, Sr.
T. H. McLain
Roy Vance
E. D. Allen

Trustees
John F. Bass
B. M. Sykes, Sr.
M. N. Owen
Roy Vance
E. D. Allen

Superintendent of Sunday School
B. M. Sykes, Sr.

Pastor: Rev. J. H. Johnson

This was the first and most important step toward a Methodist Church. The charter members realized that their work was only begun, but with glad hearts and the enthusiasm of Methodists they turned toward the second major task. Following the services on June 10, 1923, the Rev. Johnson selected a committee to work out plans for a church building.

* Indicates those still on church roll.
** Indicates deceased members.
There was no money to buy a building site or erect a building. However, through the generosity of one of our members, M. L. Chambers, the congregation was offered the loan of a lot located at the corner of Peachtree and Decatur Roads on which they might build a temporary church with the privilege of removing the building when the congregation was in financial position to purchase a lot. The offer was accepted and D. K. Palmer was selected to supervise the building. The records are not clear as to the elapse of time of the official organization of the church on June 10th, and the beginning of construction on the building, but during this time Sunday School and Church attendance increased so much that it was necessary to secure larger quarters. John Bass again came to the rescue of the congregation with the offer of his home for that purpose. We continued our services at his home until the temporary church was completed in September 1923.

When D. K. Palmer was selected to handle the supervision of the construction of the church, he was also authorized to use all funds in the building fund treasury to purchase as much material as could be bought and to secure other material on open account, if possible. Immediate construction began, with all labor being done by the members and friends of the church, in their spare time—Saturday afternoons, holidays, and at night—with most of the work being done at night by using lights from automobiles parked around the building. The ladies had a definite and valuable part in the construction of the building, by furnishing refreshments and with some actually helping with the nailing and sawing of lumber.

While there is no accurate record of the amount of money spent by the members for materials, it must have been approximately $750.00. Each member gave time and labor to the building. One company gave $250.00 in material; the Mason Furniture Company gave 100 chairs, and the Charlie Tillman Publishing Company gave 100 song books.

The building was completed during the middle of the last week in September 1923. To celebrate the completion of the building, a barbecue was held on the following Saturday. There were smiles upon the faces, and gladness in the hearts of all who participated, for here stood a house erected by faith, and dedicated to the worship of God and to the service of mankind.

To those who entered the doors of this church on Sunday morning, no edifice ever built by man looked more beautiful, for here stood a church, built by men and women with the spirit of God in their souls, and with unselfish hands and hearts. This church was then the only Methodist church between St. Mark Methodist Church in Atlanta and Prospect Methodist Church at Camblee.

This church has the honor and distinction of being one of the few Methodist Churches having full time religious services since its organization.

It is appropriate at this time to give the "First's" of this church for future posterity: Membership by Certificate: Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Butler; By Profession of Faith: Mr. and Mrs. Mac Folds; Infant Baptism, Miss Laura Allen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Allen; Funeral Service: Mrs. H. A. Dodson; Church Wedding: Miss Laura Allen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Allen, and Mr. Clyde Wright, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Wright; and the first revival was held in the school auditorium of the Brookhaven Elementary School in 1925, with our faithful and beloved pastor the Rev. J. H. Johnson, in charge. The revival was conducted by the Rev. Charlie Tillman, assisted by his daughter, Elizabeth. This revival was a tremendous success in spiritual blessings. It brought a large increase in membership upon profession of faith and by certificate.

The church began to grow from the first service, not only in membership, but in a spiritual grace and service to the community also. During the first three months of the conference year the membership increased fifteen (15) upon profession of faith and by certificate. During this period of time a total of $550.00 was raised and disbursed for the purchase of building material, presiding elders salary, conference claims, Sunday School supplies and other miscellaneous expense of the church.

After the liquidation of the building material debt in 1924, the congregation found that it was necessary to take the third step on the ladder of progress and growth.

In the beginning we had erected the Church on a borrowed lot, and it was necessary to purchase a permanent building site. A committee was appointed from the Board of Trustees to select and purchase the best lot available. We do not know the composition of this committee but the lot located at University Drive, Colonial Drive and Thornwell Drive was selected and purchased in 1924, for $550.00, with approximately $300.00 being paid at time of purchase and the balance on monthly notes. This balance was paid in the late spring of 1925.

Now having a building site clear of indebtedness, the congregation was ready to step out upon a more ambitious program. Having now a total membership of approximately one hundred (100). The temporary church built in 1923, was torn down and much of the material used in the new building. During this construction period it was necessary to hold our services in the Brookhaven Elementary School Building located on Fernwood Circle. The new building cost $2,500.00 plus the payroll. Among the new members received were Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Tanner, Sr. It seemed that they came at the right time for Mr. Tanner was able to secure sufficient funds from his acquaintances to meet all the payroll in the construction of the permanent church. The materials were bought on credit and paid for on a monthly basis. The new church was completed and the first service was held in the early fall of 1925. Shortly after our first service our beloved pastor, Rev. Johnson felt that we had grown to full stature and that he had accomplished his work since
our membership had grown from thirty-seven (37) to one hundred and one (101); it was time for the church to assume the responsibility of a full time salaried pastor. He recommended this to the Presiding Elder, Dr. W. L. Pierce, and the Rev. J. V. Jones, Jr., a senior ministerial student at Emory University was appointed to our church. His salary was set by the Board of Stewards at $30.00 per month.

Our church grew and prospered under the leadership of the Rev. Jones, not so much in adult membership, but in the growth of the Sunday School. All the class rooms were crowded beyond capacity, and it became necessary for some of the classes to meet under the trees in the yard, and some under the building. Financially we were not able to enlarge the building, but some better accommodations had to be made for the children; there was only one alternative, dig a basement and make additional Sunday School rooms. All the excavation was done with picks, shovels, and wheelbarrows by the members, with even the pastors doing their share of the physical work. Most all the excavation and building of the rooms was done at night. Fortunately we did not have to do this work by lights from automobiles, as we had done before on the temporary church building. Most credit for the construction of the Sunday School rooms in the basement must be given to Mr. Clifford Hudgins. The work of the basement was begun by the Rev. M. Anthony in 1926 and was completed during the pastorate of the Rev. H. L. Kingman in 1927. If the present Board of Stewards ever feel that they are having a hard time with finances, they should have served during the early day of the church to better appreciate the present better methods of securing contributions.

Very little reference has been made to the activities of the women. They were not idle. They were by the side of the men, encouraging them, working and praying for the success of the church. Had it not been for the zeal and determination on the part of the women, as is always true, the infant church would not have grown as rapidly. Like the pioneer women who went into the western wilderness, they were determined to make Brookhaven a Christian community and a decent community in which to rear their children. It was a struggle between good and evil as always in new areas but good triumphed over evil. The greatest tribute that can be given them is in these words, "THEY SERVED".

Up to 1925, there had been no Woman's Organization in the Church; when Rev. and Mrs. Jones arrived they saw the necessity for a woman's organization and under their leadership the Ladies Aid Society was organized, with Mrs. P. B. Andres, first president. Records do not show the other officers nor the charter members. The work of this group was just for the needs of the local church. In 1936 when the group voted to reach out beyond their own needs they organized The Woman's Missionary Society, thus being an official part of the conference. At this date there was an approximate membership of 15. Under the leadership of the late Mrs. Evie Pelfrey, the first president, the group grew to an active membership of thirty-three (33) pledged members in September 1940, when the name was officially changed by conference to Woman's Society of Christian Service, with Mrs. D. G. Honea serving as the first president. All along through the years the W. S. C. S. has grown. There are now three (3) active circles showing a membership of fifty-five members. In July 1942, a Unit of the Wesleyan Service Guild was organized under the direction of Mrs. S. D. Cherry, with Mildred Honea as the first president and seven (7) charter members. This group has grown as it has worked in the Woman's Division and now has three (3) separate guilds having a membership of fifty-four (54) active members. This making a total membership in the work of the Woman's Division one hundred and nine (109).

Now we come to the fourth major step upward.

Up to the year of 1936 all the pastors had been ministerial students from Emory University. Upon the graduation of the Rev. Francis Cunningham, the District Superintendent, Rev. Wallace Rogers, assigned the Rev. Oakley Lee, as the new pastor. He wanted to live in the Brookhaven community, in order to better serve the church. As there was no parsonage at this time, five of the members agreed to underwrite the rental of a home for the pastor. The Rev. Lee became the first resident pastor of the church. Since this arrangement was not entirely agreeable, a movement was started by the congregation to build a parsonage on the church property. A building fund was started with approximately $1,000.00. The Board of Stewards authorized R. T. Sills, Chairman, to appoint a building committee of one or more to proceed with the construction of the parsonage. Mr. Sills appointed Clifford Hudgins and gave him full authority in the supervising of the construction. The board also authorized the Trustees to negotiate a loan of $1,500.00, making the present parsonage cost a total of $2,500.00, not including the furniture. There are no records to indicate the cost of furnishing the parsonage, but the Woman's Missionary Society bought the stove in 1937, the dining room suite in 1938, and at the same time the Young People bought the living room suite. Then in 1939 the Woman's Missionary Society bought the bedroom suite. In 1944, Mrs. D. G. Honea and Mrs. Nan Sykes led in a campaign to pay off the final amount of approximately $400.00 on the parsonage.

We now come to the fifth step up the ladder of growth and progress in our church history. This is the second most important step in the entire history. There can be no question as to which of the four previous steps is the most important one, for if there had been no organization of the Brookhaven Methodist Church, this fifth one would not have been possible.

The actual beginning of the planning of a new church according to the official records was August 6, 1944. On that date the pastor, the Rev. W. Earl Strickland, reported to the Quarterly Conference: "The pastor is glad to report that we have had a very good quarter in most respects. At the beginning of the quarter we finished liquidating our debt on the parsonage. We have started a fund for a new church building. The campaign was launched at the
morning service today, at which time $225.00 was raised." On December 1, 1944, the Rev. T. Cecil Myers succeeded Rev. Strickland, and the congregation continued to contribute to the building fund and make plans for beginning a much needed new church. On October 19, 1945, the church purchased a new building site located at the corner of North Druid Hills Road and Briarwood Road. The lot was purchased for $1,750.00 and adjoins the property on which the log cabin stands, where the first religious meetings in Brookhaven were held. It has often been quoted that a child on reaching its majority will yearn to return to the old homestead and childhood scenes. That is what the Brookhaven Methodist Church did. It came back to join the old homestead.

After paying the purchase price of the lot, there was a balance of $854.66 left in the building fund as of December 1, 1945. During the year of 1946, there was added to this fund a total of 6,288.52. Making a total on hand in the building fund as of December 31, 1946, the amount of $7,143.18. Contributions continued to be made to the building fund until July, 1948.

The first building committee to consider a new building was appointed at Fourth Quarterly Conference, November 11, 1945. It consisted of: D. K. Palmer, Chairman; W. H. Tanner, Sr., G. F. Milburn, F. C. Robinson, Vivian Thigpen and Mrs. D. G. Honea.

In June of 1947, the following Building Committee was appointed: Frank Jones, Chairman; D. K. Palmer, Vice Chairman; W. H. Tanner, Sr., T. J. Bezuska, W. Joe Morris, H. M. Fountain, Mrs. D. G. Honea, Mrs. Hoyt Mosteller, Clyde Wright, J. L. Ivy and Arnold Brown. This committee functioned as an active committee until the close of the church year June 30, 1948.

On August 4, 1947, ground breaking began with Leon Mabry doing the excavating work, under the supervision of Gregson & Ellis, Architects. Actual construction with Nelson and Sons of Chamblee as contractors, began on October 4, 1947, when ground breaking ceremonies were held. On this day, Local No. 387 of the Ironworkers Union, Atlanta, Georgia, erected the steel at no cost to the church except for crane operator. T. H. McLain was the supervisor. Both of these dates are red letter days in the history of the church. Before the completion of this magnificent and beautiful edifice, there were many complications to overcome, and many disappointments experienced during the construction work. About every bad weather condition imaginable prevailed during the entire period of construction.

It was the fondest hope of the pastor and the congregation to hold the first service in the new church on Easter Sunday of 1948. Again another disappointment occurred. The building was incomplete with no heating equipment installed; and no gas available. However, things were not as discouraging as would appear, for the goal was certainly in sight.

The pinnacle was reached with the holding of the first service on Sunday, April 18, 1948. This was a day of prayer and thanksgiving, for we had now entered the portals of this beautiful edifice as a completed building for our first service. A magnificent church home, erected to the worship of GOD, and of service to our fellowman was opened for worship by the pastor, using the Ritual in the Discipline for that purpose.

It is well to mention that almost a quarter of a century to the day had passed from the date of the organization of the Brookhaven Methodist Church to the date of holding the first service in the new church, the difference being of twenty-five days.

It would be appropriate at this time to state a significant and coincidental date of the writing of this history. The fifth and final phase is being concluded exactly twenty-seven years from the date of the organization of the church. May 16, 1923.

Before the final closing of this narrative of the church, tribute and honor must be accorded to the man who is more responsible for the completion of the church than any other who participated in its construction.

As previously set forth in the course of this history, the first funds for the building were received under the leadership of Rev. W. Earle Strickland, on August 6, 1944, who was succeeded by the Rev. T. Cecil Myers, at the beginning of the Conference year 1944-45.

What was started under the leadership of the Rev. W. Earle Strickland, was completed under the Rev. Cecil Myers, at a cost of $63,304.81. He still remains the pastor of the Church at this writing, having completed six (6) years and beginning the seventh.

Through his indomitable spirit, unaltering fortitude, high ideals and leadership, with his faith in God and his fellowman, a magnificent and beautiful edifice has been completed. It was dedicated to the worship of God, and to the serving of spiritual food to any man who will take the hand of God and walk with Him and receive His blessings.

A tribute to the Rev. T. Cecil Myers, "Well done thou good and faithful servant."
Former Pastors and District Superintendents

Rev. John Maxwell
1934 - 1936

Rev. W. E. Strickland
1941 - 1944

Rev. M. Elrod
1929 - 1930

Rev. E. P. Kendall
1937 - 1939

Rev. C. L. Middlebrooks
D. S. 1945 - 1950
Rev. T. Cecil Myers and Mrs. Myers 1944 -


Ground Breaking Ceremony October 4, 1947. Left to right, Frank S. Jones, Chairman Building Committee; B. H. Greer, Superintendent Sunday School; Mrs. H. M. Fountain, President W.S.C.S.; Rev. Cecil Myers, Pastor.

The first permanent Church on Colonial Drive
The Parsonage at 1611 Colonial Drive

The first Junior Choir

Mrs. Cecil Myers at the Organ

One of the Circles of the W. S. C. S.
Youth Work

Brookhaven Methodist Church has always been blessed with many young people. More or less active through the years, they have done their part in bringing the church to its present place. Back in 1938, the young people bought the living room suite for the parsonage and have given their time and money many many times to do things for the church and parsonage. They participate in the North-Side Sub-District Activities, furnishing many of the officers. There are now four youth organizations, exclusive of Scouts: Intermediates, Seniors, Older Youth, and Young Adults. Participating in camps, retreats, revivals, Caravan Weeks, they find plenty to keep them busy. The first Caravan Week was in June 1949, when the youth of this church invited the youth of the entire Sub-District to take part in the training provided by a National Caravan Team. It was a wonderful success, and again in 1950 a Caravan Team was invited to come. The total enrolment in the Youth Division is seventy (70).

The Sunday School

Across the years since the very beginning, the Sunday School has been among the most active organizations in the church. It is certainly among the most important, since to it is committed the task of training the minds of children. The leaders of the present church received some of their training in the early days of this Sunday School. The Sunday School had an active part in building the first permanent home for the church, and worked hard in building the present beautiful edifice. In September 1948, the Sunday School was departmentalized, and began using the closely graded materials for lessons. A class was organized for each age in the Children's Division. At present there are eighteen (18) classes with a total enrolment of four hundred and sixteen (416), with an average attendance of two hundred and four (204). Tribute ought to be paid to the many people who have served as Superintendents of the Sunday School. Through the years they have made, and are making, a wonderful contribution to the life of the church.

Scouting

On February 27, 1948, a group of interested mothers met with the pastor, Rev. T. Cecil Myers, and a Scout Executive from the Atlanta Area Council and drew up the first plans for any Scouting work in the church. A Brownie Troop was formed, which was destined to be the forerunner of a large and active Scouting Program. Soon the need for Girl Scouting became obvious, and that program was launched and has continued to develop and grow until it is most active. At the present time almost one hundred (100) girls are members of the Girl Scout program. On June 2, 1948, the men of the church were called together to work out the details of the Boy Scout Program. Out of this meeting grew not only an active Boy Scout Troop (269) but also a Cubbing program that is unexcelled anywhere in this area. At the present time, more than 200 children and youth are enrolled in the Scouting program of this church, and throughout the two years it has been active, the program has done much lasting good for the church.

The Men's Club

On May 10, 1950, Methodist Men was formally launched with Thirty-seven (37) charter members. The club from Winder Methodist Church sent a delegation to help with the work of organizing. Mr. Frank Cain was elected President, Frank Farr, Vice-President, Quentin Conway, Secretary-Treasurer. This group did not wait long to set to work. They organized, and began publishing, in August 1950, the first church newspaper; they were responsible for securing the secretarial help for the church office. The future for the club is exceedingly bright and it promises to be one of the leading groups in the church.

War Casualties

We suffered the loss of three of our finest young men in World War II. Woodrow Warren, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Warren, and brother of Mrs. D. Y. Hicks, was killed over France on D-Day, June 5, 1944. Dan Wright, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Wright, and brother of Don, George, Paul, Clyde, Joe Wright; and Mrs. H. B. Austin, was killed on Tinian Island, July 25, 1944. Jim Cotton, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Cotton, and brother of Sarah, Beverly, and Eugene, was killed near the beginning of World War II, off the Coast of Florida in a tanker explosion. Many of our young men served heroically in service, all of them making the church proud to be their spiritual guide.
This would not be complete without giving as much of the statistical history as is possible from the incomplete records. It is unfortunate that so many are incomplete and missing.

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The charter members gave to the church an average of $16.50, per member for the first year. Ten years later they averaged $6.50, and in 1943, twenty years later they averaged $9.45. The highest average being contributed in 1949, when the figure reached $23.94 per member. From this record the original members set a good example for the future members to follow, and from the growth of the Brookhaven Methodist Church down through most of the years, the church now standing is evidence that the tradition set by the charter members has been followed, and may that tradition of loyalty and generosity never die.
The General Rules of The Methodist Church

It is therefore expected of all who continue therein that they shall continue to evidence their desire of salvation.

First: By doing no harm, by avoiding evil of every kind, especially that which is most generously practiced, such as:

- The taking of the name of God in vain.
- The profaning of the day of the Lord, either by doing ordinary work therein or by buying and selling.
- Drunkenness, buying or selling spirituous liquors, or drinking them, unless in cases of extreme necessity.
- Slaveholding; buying or selling slaves.
- Fighting, quarrelling, brawling, brother going to law with brother; returning evil for evil, or railing for railing; the using of many words in buying or selling.
- The buying or selling of goods that have not paid the duty.
- The giving or taking of things on usury, that is, unlawful interest.
- Uncharitable or unprofitable conversation.
- Doing to others as we would not they should do unto us.
- Doing what we know is not for the glory of God, as the putting on of gold and costly apparel; the taking such diversions as cannot be used in the name of the Lord Jesus; the singing of those songs or reading those books which do not tend to the knowledge of God; softness and needless self-indulgence.
- The laying up treasure upon earth.
- Borrowing without a probability of repaying; or taking up goods without the probability of paying for them.

Second: By doing good; by being in every kind merciful after their power, as they have opportunity, doing good of every possible sort, and, as far as possible, to all men:

- To their bodies, of the ability which God giveth, by giving food to the hungry, by clothing the naked, by visiting them that are sick or in prison;
- To their souls, by instructing, reproving, or exhorting all we have any intercourse with; trampling under foot that enthusiastic doctrine, that "we are not to do good unless our hearts be free to it."
- By doing good, especially to them that are of the household of faith or groaning so as to be; employing them preferably to others; buying one of another; helping each other in business; and so much the more because the world will love its own and them only.
- By all possible diligence and frugality, that the gospel be not blamed.
- By running with patience the race that is set before them, denying themselves, and taking up their cross daily; submitting to bear the reproach of Christ, to be as the filth and offscouring of the world; and looking that men should say all manner of evil of them falsely, for the Lord's sake.

Third: By attending upon all the ordinances of God; such are:

- The public worship of God.
- The ministry of the word, either read or expounded.
- The Supper of the Lord.
- Family and private prayer.
- Searching the Scriptures.
- Fasting or abstinence.