DIRECTORY OF

Burns Memorial
United Methodist Church

2372 Lumpkin Road • Augusta, Georgia 30906

REVEREND JAMES W. EBERHARDT, SR., Minister

Office Telephone: 798-1454  Parsonage: 2306 Silverdale Road
Telephone: 798-2595
Our Church History

The first group met as a non-denominational church at Fleming Elementary School. Out of this group grew the Burns Memorial Methodist Church, named in memory of George Doster Burns, young son of Mr. and Mrs. George E. Burns. The Burns Memorial Methodist Church was organized June 22, 1945 with Rev. Robert Taylor as pastor. Services were held in the Fleming School while plans to build were made.

The property for the first church building was donated by George E. Burns and E. J. Richards. The church, having been named in memory of a young man and the property donated by two interested workers with youth, was dedicated to youth. The membership was small, thus, making the construction of a building a slow process. A loan was made and construction was begun under the supervision of H. L. Grimaud. Many members gave of their time and talent to help fulfill their dreams. Rev. Taylor visited and worked with untiring efforts and sacrifices. The first service in our own building was the presentation of a Christmas program on December 22, 1946.

In 1949 Rev. Taylor was transferred and Rev. Charles J. Grilhe was sent to Burns. With Rev. Grilhe's hard work and leadership the building was completed.

In 1950 Rev. Grilhe was followed by Rev. W. C. Bowen. During this pastorate the educational building was erected. The A. J. Grimaud family donated the land for the first parsonage site, and through the generosity of Mr. Pete Knox of Knox Brothers Construction Company we were given the first parsonage.

In 1952 Rev. Reynolds W. Green, Jr. became pastor. Our community and church were growing very fast. Under Rev. Green's leadership our present building was constructed. The first services were held on January 16, 1955.

In 1957, Rev. Blake Craft came to Burns for four years service. In 1961, Rev. Shelton E. Adams became our pastor for two years. He was followed by Rev. William R. Ridgeway, who was pastor for five years. Under the leadership of all our pastors we continued to grow.

During Rev. Ridgeway's ministry the new parsonage was built and furnished, and the old mortgage paid, leaving the church debt free. Our present minister, Rev. J. W. Eberhardt, Sr., came to Burns in 1968. At the present time we are in a building program constructing an addition to our educational department.

God has been good to us and we are thankful to Him for it.