HISTORY

of

EAST POINT COLONIAL HILLS METHODIST CHURCH
The Inception and History
of
The Colonial Hills Methodist Church
603 Nottman Avenue
East Point, Georgia

by
Mrs. F. A. Smith, Historian

with Authorization
of
Rev. H. Oscar Green, Pastor
DEDICATION

This history of Methodism in the Colonial Hills Subdivision of East Point, Georgia, is dedicated to the faithful efforts of Rev. Dr. R. L. Russell, (deceased) Presiding Elder of Atlanta District, North Georgia Conference. The Rev. Willis Jones, Rev. H. E. McBrayer, (deceased), Rev. Jesse Booth, Rev. Charlie Tillman (deceased) Rev. Felton Williams; The faithful, loyal and devout charter members, who have not deserted ranks, those young people and children, with others who have joined in service, co-operation and prayers by their love for Christ and His Kingdom.

Especially, we are grateful for the laborers having to retire from active duty because of declining years and health, yet render a contribution by their prayers.

The Laborers having answered the great summons, but left a record of service, devotion and loyalty in its doctrines and support of its work.

Their names are written in the "Book of Life" and this is gratefully dedicated to them.
INTRODUCTION

In the following pages, I have tried to give you some outstanding facts regarding the inception and history of the Colonial Hills Methodist Church.

The road by which this church has traveled for the past twenty one years has been rough and unpaved in many places. There has been some detours, however, the spiritual high way patrol has been true and loyal, and the promise of our Saviour, "I shall never leave you or forsake you" has steered the pioneers on, and today, victory for Christ and His Kingdom has come to the Colonial Hills Methodist Church.

During this journey, some of the records have found the way to the waste basket, misplaced in some book case, or elsewhere. Yet, there has been sufficient evidence preserved to give evidence of progress in the Advance for Christ and His Kingdom - past, present and future.

Mrs. F. A. Smith
CHAPTER I

The name of this church was chosen because it was organized and first located in "Colonial Hills" - a residential subdivision in suburbs of city of East Point, and the first Methodist Church in the Subdivision. This subdivision is a beautiful residential section, with attractive landscaping designs, very appropriate for the location of a church. Therefore the name was chosen because of the name of the subdivision, and its settings.

The Organization of the church, begun in April 1932.

The Rev. Dr. R. L. Russell, District Superintendent of the Atlanta District, of North Georgia Conference, inspired and encouraged two young ministers, namely, Rev. H. E. McBrayer, Rev. Jesse Booth, accompanied by Rev. Willis Jones to make a survey of suburban communities, where there were possibilities of a young church.

These young ministers found keen interest manifested by the residents of this subdivision, located in the Northeast Section of East Point, Fulton County, with a fast growing population.

On the fourth Sunday afternoon in April 1932, the Rev. Alfred Pulliam, pastor of the Colonial Hills Baptist Church, opened the doors of his church to the Rev. H. E. McBrayer, with a group of twenty-five persons interested; a tentative program of organization developed, at this meeting.
The following Sunday afternoon, the Rev. Pulliam again extended a welcome to meet in his church. And, in the Baptist Church of Colonial Hills, the Methodist Church of Colonial Hills was born, the first Sunday of May 1932.

The open door of this sister church stood ajar with the welcome mat spread out to the Rev. H. E. McBrayer for two weeks, for this young church to formulate plans, for a future home.

During this period, Dr. R. L. Russell, appointed the Rev. H. E. McBrayer as pastor,

Committees were appointed, officers elected and approved as follows:

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Mrs. F. A. Smith - Church Sec. and Ways & Means Chairman
Mrs. Ernest Oxford - Pianist
Mrs. H. J. Oliver, Pres. W. M. S. (she later declined)
Miss Belle Wallace, Pres. Senior League
Miss Nell Fagan, Pres. Junior League
Church School

Mr. W. T. Wallace, Supt.
H. J. Oliver, Asst., Supt.
Mrs. W. J. Förster, Secretary and Treasurer

Teachers of Church Schools were selected as organization progressed.

Charter Members

Totalled seventy one - as follows:

Allen Fred T.
Allen, Ruby Wallace, Mrs. (deceased)

Betts, G. A.
Betts, G. A. Mrs.
Burnan, H. J.
Burnette, Margurite, Miss (deceased)
Burt, Adolphus L. (deceased)
Burt, Nell, Miss (Now Mrs. Hunt - Transf.)

Donnivan, Gladys, Miss
Dickerson, J. W. Mrs.

Fagan, George Sr. (deceased)
Fagan, George, Mrs. (deceased)
Fagan, Frances, Miss (Mrs. E. Wells)
Fagan, Nell, Miss (Mrs. J. Thornton)
Förster, Walter J.
Forster, Walter J. Mrs. (deceased)

Haygood, Ophelia (Now Mrs. C. Hall - Ala.)
Haygood, Sue, Miss

Irvine, Forrest L.
Irvine, Forrest L. Mrs.
Irvine, Minniefred (deceased)

Jinks, F. C. (inactive)
Jinks, F. C. Mrs. (inactive)
Jinks, Lucile (Mrs. Davis) (transf)
Jinks, Edith (Mrs. Sheats) (transf)

King, Luther (deceased)
King, Luther, Mrs.
King, Mildred (Now Mrs. Edward McGill)

McBrayer, H. E. Rev. (deceased)
McBrayer, H. E. Mrs. (transf)
Oliver, H. J.
Oliver, H. J. Mrs.
Oliver, A. W. (transf)
Oxford, Ernest, Mrs. (transf)
Shearin, W. A.
Shearin, W. A. Mrs.
Shearin, Hynes (inactive)
Sheffield, J. E. (transfd)
Sheffield, J. E. Mrs. (transfd)
Smith, F. A. (deceased)
Smith F. A., Mrs.
Smith F. A. Jr. (deceased)
Smith, Jack B.
Smith, Elsie C. (Now Mrs. H. F. Eubank. transfd to Fla)

Tanner, Clara Mrs. (Transfd)
Taylor, H. E. (deceased)
Taylor, H. E. (Now Mrs. Earl Holcomb)
Taylor, James

Vess, Sanford E. (Transfd)
Vess, Sanford E. Mrs. (Transfd)
Vess, Nina Frances (Transfd)
Vess, Elizabeth (Transfd)
Vintson, Mildred, Miss (transfd)

Wallace, T. W. Sr.
Wallace, T. W. Sr., Mrs.
Wallace, Belle Miss (Now Mrs. Chas. Cheek)
Wallace, Jewell Miss (Now Mrs. R. Rowzee, Transf)
Wallace, Ester Miss (Now Mrs. J. Melton)
Wallace, Ronald
Wallace, Grace Miss (Now Mrs. Johnson Tf.)
Wallace, Frances Miss, (Now Mrs. Lockwood)
Wallace, Tommie W. Jr.
Wells, H. C. (Inactive)
Wells, H. C. Mrs. (inactive)
Wells, Bryon W.
Wilkie, F. B. (Transfd)
Wilkie, F. B. Mrs. (tf)
Wilkie, Alvin (tf)
Wilkie, Jack (tf)
Wilkie, Geo. H. (tf)
Wilkie, Geo. H. Mrs. (tf)
Through the spiritual and financial guidance of Dr. R. L. Russell and the Rev. Charlie Tillman, a tent was provided, and anchored on a vacant lot (by consent of owner) on Saint Michael Ave., East Point.

The regular worship was held twice each Sunday, and regular Church School.

Rev. Charlie Tillman visited frequently, rendered service through singing or preaching.

Interest grew with each month, and ladies launched a drive, making and selling donuts, for the purchase of a tent in which the congregation could worship, since Rev. Tillman called for his tent, in which the congregation was worshiping.

The ladies paid $85 for tent, the male members, purchased chairs, and piano, many other expenses were incurred, and the financial going was discouraging.

Because of difference of opinion by some, through misunderstanding, or the lack of knowledge of church procedure, and the need of spiritual strength, and wisdom, there developed discord, and the struggle to cut run satan, or put him to flight was one of difficulty, but victorious after a struggle.

Total raised by combined sources including contributions and loan of $100 - one hundred dollars - (which was paid in full) was two hundred and thirteen dollars and ninety-seven
cents ($13.97). The Pastor only received $40.12 for his
years labor in Gods Vinyard.

Rev. McBrayer, with his charming and faithful wife, young
son "Billy" lived in Lakewood Heights, and both were employed
in public service.

Their service in the organization and work of the Colonial
Hills Methodist Church, was a real spiritual, physical and
financial contribution to the building and promotion of Meth-
odism in the Colonial Hills. While Mrs. McBrayer is yet holding
the position she has held for nearly twenty-five years. The
son Billy, after growing into manhood, and while serving on the
Medical Staff of Grady Hospital, preceded his father in death
by a few years.

Their works live on.
Rev. H. E. McBrayer was the grandson of the late Reverend N. E. McBrayer, a minister in the North Georgia Conference from 1877 to 1938, who became interested in his grandson entering the ministry. Rev. McBrayer did his seminary work at Emory University, finishing 1925.

His ministry began with the Douglasville Circuit upon his graduation from Emory. In April 1932, he organized the Colonial Hills Methodist Church and was its first pastor. In November 1932, when the Sylvan Methodist Church was two months old he became its pastor.
CHAPTER II

November 1932 - Conference

The appointment by the Bishop Ainsworth of the North Georgia Conference, of November 1932 of Rev. George H. Stone as pastor in charge of Gate City Church and Colonial Hills Church, with Rev. Lester J. Coe, as assistant pastor for the Colonial Hills Church, Rev. Stone and Rev. Coe were given a grateful welcome.

Rev. Coe came for his first service on the first Sunday of December, and even though he served only six months, and under very difficult conditions, his short term was quite progressive. He was a student at Emory.

The congregation was continuing worship in the tent, which the ladies had purchased, and the part of December, a heavy sleet and freeze came, the sight of which put the "Church Tent" on the ground practically demolishing it and the furnishings.

The piano and some chairs was recovered, and placed in the front rooms of the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Smith, 109 St. Michael Ave., just across the street from the Tent Church.

F. A. Smith, was chairman of Trustees' and he and Mrs. Smith, extended to the congregation, three front rooms of their home where church service continued until June 25, 1933.

Not withstanding, the fact of the many ups and downs in the fight with trials and temptations of discouragement from many sources, the spiritual perseverance, to help in establishing Methodism in the Colonial Hills, much good came out of the testings.
Brother Coe, had a very successful, but short term of service, his work with the youth fellowship was outstanding.

The average attendance of Senior and Junior League combined, numbered more than fifty on Sunday Evenings.

The total salary paid for six months was $11.55.

The Official record of Officers for the six months past, of the church, are not available. Therefore your scribe cannot record them here.
CHAPTER III
Worship Place Changed

June 25, 1933 - The church furniture was moved from the home of Mr. & Mrs. F. A. Smith, after six months worship, to a Store Building on Main Street.

Through efforts of Mr. W. A. Shearin and Mrs. F. A. Smith, a Real Estate agent, Mr. J. P. Cottingim, East Point, gave the rental of a building, until what time it should be rented for business.

Much labor by the Youth Fellowship, ladies and men, the building was made very attractive. A large heater, sufficient to heat the building was given by Cooper Furniture Co. Whitehall St. Other donations by various friends soon made convenient worship in all departments.

Change of Pastor

Upon the departure of the Rev. Coe, at the close of School at Emory, the Presiding Elder, sent the Rev. John R. Blackwell to supply for the remainder of conference year.

Rev. Blackwell, immediately organized the ladies into an organization which was called "Workers Council". Mrs. W. A. Shearin was elected president with a membership of 14, much interest was manifested, spiritually increase in financial service was also noticeable.
The officers, as follows:

Trustees:

F. A. Smith - Chairman
J. E. Sheffield
W. E. Forster

Stewards:

Fred T. Allen - Ch.
T. W. Wallace, Sr.
George Wilkie
Mrs. F. A. Smith
Miss Belle Wallace

Dist. Steward - T. W. Wallace, Sr.

The work and progress begun with much interest manifested. The Rev. Blackwell, managed to pay back bills and built the spiritual and financial program.

All departments function regularly, and just when the inspiration was highest, the Automobile Company for which Rev. Blackwell worked (he was transferred from Jacksonville, Fla) ordered his transfer to Savannah, in Dec. 1933.

During his short period of service the membership increased, Church School and League work made much progress.

Rev. John R. Blackwell, with his wife and two lovely daughters, left the Colonial Hills Church in person, but their service lives on.
Salary paid Rev. Blackwell for six months $17.30.

$12 Conference claim - 11/19/33.
CHAPTER IV
Again Change of Pastor


The new spiritual flame kindled by the Rev. Blackwell was as a go ahead by the congregation, the New Pastor, with a lovely Christian wife, young son, Billie, and daughter Ethel, fell into active service, endearing themselves to all.

The two following years of Brother Llorens service was the beginning of a new era in the spiritual life of the church.

Tent the third time.

A notice came from the Real Estate agent, the building was being rented, therefore moving time was limited.

The Pastor received the loan of a large Tent by the Rev. Felton Williams.

A vacant lot on Newman Avenue was loaned, Tent anchored in the spring of 1934. Rev. Felton Williams very ably assisted Rev. Llorens in a revival service. Former members revived, new members added.

A drive was launched for a lot for a building.

Finally one was found, 611 Newman Avenue. There was a limited time for the purchase, because a mortgage loan was to be foreclosed within forty-eight hours.

There was no money in Treas. Prayers were offered, yet the time limit was drawing to a close.
Prayer Answered

Mr. & Mrs. F. A. Smith prayed in their living room alone until midnight. Mr. Smith, retired, had to go to his railroad job at five next morning. Mrs. Smith continued in prayer. At three a.m. the answer came. A voice said "You go to Mr. Matthews, West End Branch, First National Bank, he will let you have it."

Mrs. Smith awakened her husband, told him what the Lord had answered. It was agreed.

At nine a.m. Mrs. Smith entered the Bank, told her story to Mr. Matthews, he gave her a check for $325. Between the hours of seven and eight thirty that morning, she had called friends and the following made cash contribution:

- Mr. Howard L. Carmichael $25.00
- Mr. Carlos Hemperley 15.00
- Mr. Marvin G. Morgan 5.00
- Dr. R. L. Russell 15.00
- Mr. Charlie Killian 1.00
- Dr. M. D. Collins 5.00
- Dr. J. L. Duggan 5.00
- Mrs. Smith S.S. Class $76.00
  (small girls)
The Mortgage and Interest was $325.00
The owner Mr. Bettie
60.00
385.00

From the bank Mrs. Smith called her husband, he hurried home, she called Mr. Bettie, the owner, and with him, Mr. & Mrs. Smith, Mrs. E. L. McGrew, hastened to McDonough, Ga. where the holder of the loan mortgage, Mrs. Kate Brown was at the court house to foreclose.

They reached there at 11:45 A. M., fifteen minutes before foreclosure.

After this the going seemed hard. The notes at Bank on the loan $325 were to be paid $28.70 monthly. The current expense of the church had to be met.

After the purchase of the lot, the worship continued in Tent for a while.

Plans to build was formulated, and building started. A neighbor objected, a temporary restraining order.

Then God directed the Board of Officials to Mrs. Knott who owned the adjoining lot, and she sold it to them for $360 and gave the sixty off, making purchase price $300.

Needless for me to add, God really was keeping watch through His shepherd of His sheep in Colonial Hills Methodist Church (Tent).

Brother Llorens with his officials then launched a drive to place a building on this second lot.

Just as framing was placed on the foundation by the men,
of the church with Mr. T. W. Wallace Sr. Building Ch., the Tent was called for by Brother Williams.

It being summer, worship continued under trees until the roof was on the building.

Progress made, and the close of Rev. Lloren's second year, left the Congregation stronger spiritually, financially and with fellowship and love.

Presiding Elder, Dr. R. L. Russell
Pastor, Rev. R. E. Lloren's (in official record)

Trustees

F. A. Smith, Sr. Chairman
T. W. Wallace, Sr.
W. E. Forster

Stewards

Fred T. Allen, Chairman
MRS. F. A. Smith, Sec.
T. W. Wallace Sr.
W. H. Welch
Miss Belle Wallace

Dist Steward
Fred T. Allen

Alternate, Mrs F. A. Smith

Church Treas
Mrs. Fred T. Allen

Lay Leader
Geo. F. Wilkie
Missionary Stewardess
Mrs. W. A. Shearin - Pres. Workers Council
Mrs. Frances Underwood - Christian Stewardship
Mrs. Mary C. Lane

Building Committee - T. W. Wallace Sr. - Chairman
F. A. Smith, Sr.
H. J. Oliver
CHAPTER V
1935 Conference

At the November conference, 1935, the Rev. Neil McKinnon was sent to the church as Pastor.

Rev. McKinnon came to Emory for a year's study from the West Virginia Conference.

With his family, his charming wife and young daughter, Flora, he lived in quarters on the Emory campus.

He did not have a car, yet the distance and inconvenience never kept him from one appointment.

His spiritual value to this church can not be estimated by words, even of less than a year's service.

With his wife always at his side, unless weather prevented, their love and interest in the young people was indeed wonderful. Great interest increased attendance and loyalty.

Through the leadership of Bryon W. Wells, Senior, and Miss Nell Fagan, Junior Leagues, these two organizations made a lasting contribution.

There was revival service during the summer. Members were added to the roll, and the church school grew under Mr. Fred T. Allen, Supt.

Sorry, I have not been able to locate the exact official roll of officers.

The work on the building of the church progressed under Mr. T. W. Wallace, Sr., and the building committee.
There were no class rooms, yet through the genius of Mr. J. H. Oliver, curtains were made, wires run, so after church School, the curtains were rolled back, and Sanctuary was available for service.

There was an increase in the amount paid the pastor, over the past, yet it was quite small.

There seemed to be in the minds of some, the fact ministers ("preachers") did not need to be paid for ministerial service if they were "Called of God," their service was to be "Charitable donation."

Many times it was the pleasure of your scribe to have her son or daughter drive Rev. McKinnon and family back to Emory, after the evening service, and one evening I told him I would be away at "Indian Springs Camp Meeting" for a week. He then stated he wished he was financially situated so he could also attend.

It was my pleasure to tell him, Mr. Smith and I would take him and his wife and daughter as our guest in our cottage, so we did.

Rev. McKinnon rooming in the "Preachers Dormitory." This was a great week in the spiritual life of each of us.

When Rev. McKinnon finished at Emory in the fall of 1935, returned to West Virginia Conference, he was sent as a Chaplin
in the U. S. Army over seas. Some years later, he came to Fort McPherson on official business. While there he visited your scribes home. He had not learned of Mr. Smith's death, and in expressing his sympathy he told me of his injuries in service, and wounds on face and neck where scrapnel had left permanent injuries. His testimony was wonderful, saying his "service in Colonial Hills Church and the blessing he received at Indian Springs Camp Meeting, had been his great Spiritual Asset, and helped him in overcoming his injury. In his chaplain work with men, service/ even though his financial pay was small, his spiritual investment had paid great dividends.

During the year 1936, Brother McKinnon, was very ably assisted by the Rev. Ernest Kendall, Rev. Frank Moorhead and Rev. W. R. Smith, fellow students, at Emory.
CHAPTER VI
1936 Conference – Bishop W. N. Ainsworth
Presiding Elder Dr. C. C. Jarrell

The Rev. Harry L. Mitcham was sent to the church by the Bishop of the 1936 Conference.

Rev. Mitcham was a young minister, filled with spiritual enthusiasm and good health. He had a lovely and talented young wife, who labored with her husband in the successful work of building and bringing a greater, deeper spiritual interest in the several departments of the Church Organizations.

Mrs. Mitcham was very active in the women’s work. There was an active Woman’s Society, but was not affiliated with the general North Georgia Conference of W. M. S.

Mrs. Mary Lane was President, the ladies work and finances went to the local church work.

Both the Pastor and wife gave much time and service in the young people’s work and church School.

In the one year’s service of Brother Mitcham, he too, had the assistance of a fellow student, Rev. Robert Price whose work with Youth Fellowship was very successful.

His home was Williamsburg, Va.

I regret that I have no official record of Brother Mitcham’s Official Board, and have failed to locate any former member who may accurately know.

Mr. Fred T. Allen was Church School Supt.
CHAPTER VII
1937 Conference - (1946)
Dr. C. C. Jarrell - Presiding Elder

November 1937, the Rev. Ralph W. Wood was sent to the church. Rev. Wood was a man of experience in the art of mixing with the people. His wide experience in College and High School teaching was quite beneficial in understanding young people especially.

He and his adorable and charming wife lived in their own home out on Emory Drive - owned his car, therefore he was situated so he could give more time in visiting and co-operating with each department of his church organization.

The church was still struggling to meet financial obligations of years past. Rev. Wood immediately began to formulate plans for expansion of the small building, and build class rooms.

Notes were to be met on loan, and no money was available to hire labor. The Pastor came in afternoons after his teaching during the day at Tech High. With other men he put overalls on and worked as they did.

As the year advanced, the work and interest advanced.

Needless to say, there came times when discord would slow the work, congregation would be small, yet never did the pastor waver.

As conference drew nigh, the finance was low. The Pastor would give what was in Treasury for him to be applied to church and conference claims.

Before the Lay Delegate was to go to conference. The fourth quarterly conference over, The Pastors' wife would write
a check to church Treas. for one hundred dollars, sometimes more, so the conference claims could be met.

1938 Conference -
Bishop J. L. Decell
Presiding Elder - Dr. W. G. Henry

The Rev. Ralph W. Wood was returned to Colonial Hills Church. His Ministry for the next few months brought changes in attendance.

Quote from his report to 2nd Quarterly Conference -

"Very definitely changes have taken place in the church during this quarter. Attendance increased in all departments, more members came and larger numbers of non-members in response to Evangelistic Message; nothing is being done to meet financial obligations of the church. We feel this is not only necessary but a Christian obligation."

end of quote.

Brother Wood gave eight and one half years of ministerial service, he labored earnestly and successfully in increasing membership and as a laborer in the carpentry of building the class rooms he worked side by side with Henry Lester, F. A. Smith, Sr., T. W. Wallace, Sr., J. C. Noles and others in the building program of the church.

The ladies W. M. S. served noonday meals, and oft times evening meals to the men of Friday of each week, which was set apart for the work day.

The following is the first year and last year of his ministerial service.
1937 Total Members 66 - 1946, 136
1938 Average Church School Attendance 45 - 1946, 65
1938 Church School raised $74.00 - 1946, $323.00
1938 Church Raised for all purpose $482.00 - 1946, 1003.00

Official Board (Not all recorded)

TRUSTEES

F. A. Smith, Sr., Chairman
T. W. Wallace, Sr.
J. E. Sheffield

STEWARDS

J. E. Warner, Chairman
J. D. Fagan, Treas.
H. J. Oliver
Mrs. Mary C. Lane
Fred T. Allen
E. E. Askew
H. D. Lester

Church School Superintendent

Fred T. Allen

Pres. W. S. C. S. Mrs. Mary C. Lane

1940 - Delegate to annual conf., Mrs. F. A. Smith. Alternate Mrs. H. J. Oliver.
Please Note:

Rev. Ralph Wood was given a leave of absence by request in May 1946.

His wife had been ill for some time, and was confined to hospital and to her home. The responsibilities physically were heavy, and Brother Wood felt it better for himself, wife, and the church. Therefore, he was relieved temporarily by the Rev. Luther McArthur.
CHAPTER VIII
May 1946

Rev. Luther McArthur had just returned from chaplancy over seas at the time the Rev. Wood asked for a release from service, therefore the District Superintendent placed him in Rev. Woods place temporary.

Rev. McArthur served about two months and a half, in that short period he captivated the young people by his spiritual enthusiasm and personality, and they began to go forward as never in the history of the church. Mrs. McArthur was a devoted and loyal companion in the work with the young people and W. S. C. S. ladies.

Rev. McArthur took up the work Brother Wood had formulated, in the placing of a wall across the front of the church property on Newman Avenue, which had been designed and was to be given by Mrs. F. A. Smith as a memorial to her husband, F. A. Smith, Sr. as Chairman of the Board of Trustees, and their son F. A. Smith Jr., who was killed in service in World War II, and both were charter members.

About the time for work to begin on the wall, columns, walk and steps, Rev. McArthur was sent back to the congregation in Avondale Estates, which he had served before he became chaplain in the U. S. Army.

Here again, circumstance caused a vacancy to the church pulpit.
CHAPTER IX

June 1946 Cullen B. Jones - June 1950

The District Superintendent, Dr. J. W. Veatch sent to Colonial Hills Church Rev. Cullen B. Jones, with family consisting of an attractive and most charming wife, and two lovely young daughters. They bought a home, settled into community and church activities with zeal and enthusiasm.

The first year, much progress in friendly relations with all the church families and inactive members became active, new members added. Young people became enthusiastic and a spirit of cooperation was manifested in the building program of the church spiritually and financially.

During their first year a little son, Cullen B. Jr., came to bless their home.

The four years of Brother Jones pastorate, the church made marvelous strides.

The W. S. C. S. realized some outstanding achievements.

The Church School, The Youth Fellowship, and Junior department with team work unexcelled made 1949-50 the "Banner" years in the history of progress of the church to date.
Indebtedness Paid

June 15, 1947 - Eleven o'clock Service

Dr. J. W. Veatch, District Superintendent,

Dr. W. T. Hunnicutt - Retired

Rev. Luther McArthur - former Pastor

Rev. Cullen B. Jones, Pastor

Under the direction of Rev. Jones, this date is recorded as the greatest in the history of the church, to date.

After an appropriate and impressive message by Dr. Veatch, a prayer by the Rev. Dr. W. T. Hunnicutt, special music by the choir, words of congratulations by Rev. McArthur, the pastor brought a short message of gratefulness and appreciation to his Official Board, Trustees, Stewards, and the combined organizations of the church, for the loyalty to God's cause in the progress of Methodism in Colonial Hills, and his praise to all in each effort made. He accepted the presentation of the cancel indebtedness on the church property which had incurred during the Pastorate of the former minister$.

This was a great service.
Home Coming

June 15, 1947 was also the event of a "Home Coming" to many former members and friends.

After the paying of Indebtedness, the congregation adjourned to the community park across street from church. There a picnic dinner was served to some one hundred and fifty people. An hour of spiritual fellowship with former members, new and active ones, was greatly enjoyed.

Dedication Memorial

At two o'clock p.m., the throng of happy folk reassembled at the church, where a very impressive and beautiful Dedication Service was rendered.

During the service, Jack B. Smith, the son, and brother of F. A. Smith Jr. and a returned veteran of World War II and Trustee, elected to his father's place, drew the American Flag, as his mother drew the Christian Flag, unveiling the Memorial Plaque

The Program follows.
DEDICATION SERVICE

of

F. A. SMITH MEMORIAL WALL AND COLUMNS

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A GIFT TO THE

COLONIAL HILLS METHODIST CHURCH

FROM MRS. F. A. SMITH IN LOVING

MEMORY OF HER HUSBAND:

F. A. SMITH, SR.

AND OF HER SON:

LEADING AIR CRAFTSMAN,

F. A. SMITH, JR. R.C.A.F.

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JUNE 15, 1947
THE DEDICATION SERVICE

HYMN No. 85. ONWARD CHRISTIAN SOLDIERS

MINISTER: Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

People: Give unto the Lord, O ye kindreds of the people, give unto the Lord glory and strength.

MINISTER: Honor and majesty are before him, strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.

People: Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time forth and for evermore. Amen.

INVOCATION

PRESENTATION AND DEDICATION

We ask Mrs. F. A. Smith now to present the memorial.

Mrs. Smith: In the name of my husband, Mr. F. A. Smith, and of my son, Leading Air Craftsman F. A. Smith, Jr., R. C. A. F., I present to this church this memorial, to be dedicated to the glory and praise of God.

Pastor: We accept this gift as a sacred trust, and shall guard it reverently, in honor of the faithful and devoted life to whose memory it is erected.

(Then the minister shall pronounce the words of dedication.)

In the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, I dedicate this Memorial to the glory of God, and in memory of his servants, F. A. Smith, Sr. and Leading Air Craftsman F. A. Smith, Jr.; in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.
DEDICATORY PRAYER (Let the people unite in the response.)

Give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name:
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.
WE SEE JESUS, BECAUSE OF THE SUFFERING OF DEATH,
CROWNED WITH GLORY AND HONOR.
Almighty God, our heavenly Father, without whom no words or works of ours have meaning, but who dost accept the gifts of our hands as the tokens of our devotion; grant thy blessing upon us as we dedicate this gift to thy glory. May this memorial which we now dedicate be an enduring witness before all thy people of the faithful service of thy servant. May our lives, being consecrated unto thy service, be joined with thy faithful ones unto that building which groweth unto a holy temple in the Lord.

Amen.

HYMN No. 226 My Country 'Tis of Thee

BENEDICTION
January 1950 - Parsonage Purchased

A dream of Rev. Jones became a reality in January 1950, when the purchase of a parsonage on a beautiful lot across the street from the church was made.

This was a beautiful six room house.

The Men's Club, Woman's Society of Christian Service, and the Youth Fellowship, organizations launched a financial campaign to furnish this parsonage.

In March 1950, the Pastor and family moved into the first Parsonage of this church.

The fourth Sunday of March, the W. S. C. S., with Mrs. F. A. Smith President; the Youth Fellowship, with Miss Mary Walton President, sponsored an "Open House."

The afternoon session was under the auspices of the W. S. C. S.; the evening session under the auspices of the Youth Fellowship.

This was an interesting and lovely affair. Delicious refreshments, sherbert punch, with cake, mints and fruits, was served by charming young ladies of the Fellowship group to approximately two hundred and fifty guest. Among these guest were District Superintendent Dr. J. W. Veatch and Mrs. Veatch, Rev. and Mrs. Frank Pim, Chaplain and Mrs. Carl Cheek, V. A. Hospital 48, Rev. and Mrs. C. Hoke Sewell.
Several District Officers of the W. S. C. S. and local societies in the Atlanta-East District. Some former pastors and their wives.

The cake for this occasion was made by Mrs. Vincent, and consisted of four tiers, beautifully decorated in Bells and Valley Lillies, topped with a miniature Church, in which a light burned during the musical program and serving refreshments.

The closing of four years of service filled with love and devotion to the work in the advancement of Methodism, friendly fellowship with the church family, and the community at large. It was with a tinge of regret and reluctance the members and church friends said "good bye and God bless you" to this Pastor and his lovely family when he was sent to another charge.

The achievements and membership increased, Christian brotherhood and confidence restored, a greater zeal toward progress in every department, not least, but great, financial understanding in the needs of the church as a whole. Sunday School Class Rooms built, a large recreation, dining and kitchen quarters annexed and Parsonage purchased.

Officers follow from here.
Rev. Cullen B. Jones 1947 - 1948

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPT.

Fred T. Allen

TRUSTEES

James D. Fagan
Fred T. Allen
T. W. Wallace
Jack B. Smith

STEWARDS

E. E. Askew
James D. Fagan
T. W. Wallace
C. L. Robinson
Ronald Wallace
Donald Hargrove
Richard Metetal
W. E. Arrington

GOLDEN CROSS

Mrs. Lavenia Yarian

PRES. W. S. C. S.

Mrs. Christine Wallace

COMMUNION STEWARDESS

Mrs. Bennie Fagan
QUARTERLY CONFERENCE 1948 - 1949

TRUSTEES

Mr. T. W. Wallace
Mr. J. D. Fagan
Mr. Jack Smith
Mr. E. E. Askew
Mr. McCain

STEWARDS

Mr. Claude Bannister
Mr. Frank Almand
Mr. James Fagan
Mr. Ralph Fagan
Mr. E. G. Freeman
Mr. Arthur Gillard
Mr. D. W. Hargrove
Mr. Wm. Harris
Mr. Blitch Smith
Mr. Jack Wilson

COMMUNION STEWARDESS

Mrs. George Yarian

CHURCH SCHOOL SUPT.

Mr. Blitch Smith

Pres. W. S. C. S.

Mrs. F. A. Smith
June 1950 - June 1951

Dr. Rembert Sisson, Dist. Superintendent

Following the transfer of Rev. Cullen B. Jones, the Rev. J. E. Holbrook came to the pastorate of the Colonial Hills Methodist Church.

He and his devoted and Christian wife moved into the parsonage and entered into ministerial service in the church and community with spiritual service.

Although he only remained with the church one conference year, he completed a year of wonderful spiritual growth, through his message both on Sunday and Wednesday evenings, which was a source of spiritual knowledge and helped each and every member that listened with open minds to a most wonderful understanding of God's Holy Word.

There was some additions in membership, and financial obligations were met. Yet the value of his service can't be estimated in dollars and cents, or church additions, but the deep and unfolding of the meaning of the Holy scriptures.

1950 - 1951 Officers follows.
Rev. J. E. Holbrook 1959 - 1963

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPT.

Mr. Blitch Smith

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Mr. T. W. Wallace, Sr.
Mr. J. D. Fagan
Mr. Jack Smith
Mr. R. L. McCain

STEWARDS

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Mr. Frank Almand
Mr. James Fagan
Mr. Ralph Fagan
Mr. E. G. Freeman
Mr. Arthur Gillard
Mr. D. W. Hargrove
Mr. Wm. Harris
Mr. Blitch Smith
Mr. Jack Wilson
Mr. Homer Swaink

Committee on Records and History

Mrs. F. A. Smith

Committee on Hospitals and Homes

Mrs. Geo. Yarian
CHAPTER X
1951 Conference
Bishop Arthur J. Moore
Dist. Supt. Dr. Rembert Sisson
Pastor, Rev. H. Oscar Green

This Conference sent many ministers to the respective church's but one could not have been chosen to minister to the needs of the church to which he was sent, that was better qualified for that particular church than the one which was sent to this church.

Rev. H. Oscar Green, with his wife of charming personality, a deep devotional interest in the husband's field of ministry, two lovely children, young daughter Katherine, young son Larry, came to the church family and established residence in the parsonage.

Rev. Green was a young man in age, yet farther advanced in the years of ministerial service than the average minister of the same age.

His ministry began in his teens and being the son of a Methodist minister, he was spiritually mature, with knowledge of administrative church procedure and spiritual enthusiasm which can only be acquired by a close walk with Christ through God's garden of service with the desire for the Salvation of Souls.

His work with officers in each church organization has
stimulated interest that will grow and glow and be as bread cast upon waters - will be gathering benefits many years hence.

Sanctuary Transformed

Early in the spring of 1952, Brother Green, through his building committee achieved a marvelous transformation in the redecorating and repairing the Sanctuary. It was a place of beauty, and after attending the worship which is an inspiration to each one attending, upon leaving, you have the knowledge of knowing, "It was good to have been in the House of the Lord."

The Revival Service in April 1952 was attended by goodly numbers. A real revival should have been experienced in each individual soul, if not it was not the fault of the messenger and message.

The greatest ingathering of souls in membership by letter transfer, and profession of faith, was realized during this revival, when a class of forth-three (43) came in one week.

1952 Assistant Pastor

Rev. Robert A. Davis came to the church through Brother Green's acquaintance and knowledge of his ability in working with Youth Fellowship. "Bob" as he was affectionately called, served as assistant Pastor, and director of the choir and congregational singing, as well as director of the Methodist
Youth Fellowship.

It was with deep regret the time came to give "Bob" a "good-bye" hand clasp, with the wishes of God's blessings through Christ to go with him as he was entering into greater fields of service in his Master's Vineyard. As he left for Blacksburg, Va.

"Bob's" home was in Broxton, Georgia. After his graduation from High School in his home town he attended South Georgia College. Then the University of Georgia for undergraduate work.

He attended Emory University for Seminary, and received Batchelor of Divinity Degree in 1952. He also served as President of "Wesley Foundation" at University of Georgia, where he finished in 1949 with honors.

Also served as assistant Pastor of College Park Methodist Church before his connection with the Colonial Hills Church, while in the Seminary.

He joined the Virginia Conference in 1952, and was appoin
ted as Wesley Foundation Director at Blacksburg, Va.

James Calhoun

After the departure of "Bob" Davis, Brother Green and the church family were very fortunate in having Rev. James Calhoun, a student at Emory to step into service, in the work of assistant Pastor and Director of the Choir and congregational singing. His interest with the youth fellowship and the ministerial messages of spiritual devotion to the Christian truth in the
gospel has been a real inspiration to the young as well as older members. James is only nine-teen years of age, yet he has the ability of one much older in service.

The Methodist Conference may find a few years hence, the great possibilities of a young Bishop in James Calhoun.

His home is in Albany, Georgia, where his mother resides and is teaching in the High School there.

Sorry his history of school attendance is not available.

Evangelistic Service.

The Guest minister for the United Evangelistic Mission, April 17-24 was the Rev. Harold Harris, pastor of the Lincoln Park Methodist Church, Knoxville, Tenn.

His ministry during this period of service and his singing will linger in the memory of his hearers.

The additions to membership was a class of twenty-three.

Rev. Green is bringing to a close the second year of his work with one of the greatest achievements in the history of Methodism in Colonial Hills Church.

Largest membership in church and church school with the organization of a Men's Bible Class, average attendance twenty.

Jack B. Smith, teacher.
There is no room for this class in church or class rooms, and Mrs. Green, very graciously invited the class to meet in the living room of the Parsonage each Sunday morning.

Largest membership in W. S. C. S. and good attendance of M. Y. F.

All Conference claims are up to date. Pastors salary has been voted an increase.

May this servant hear his Master say "Well done thou good and faithful servant, thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many".

Rev. H. Oscar Green is the son of the late Rev. H. Oscar Green, Sr., a minister serving in the North Georgia Conference at the time of his death, and the son stepped into his father's pulpit completing the years appointment.

Rev. Green graduated from the University of Georgia in 1942, and from the Candler School of Theology in 1947, where he received his Bachelor of Divinity Degree.

He joined the North Georgia Conference in 1942 and received his Ordination of Elder - 1947.
Rev. H. Oscar Green 1951 - 1952

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPT.

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R. E. J. Mettetal

PRES. W. S. C. S.

Mrs. Charles Schiffer
PRES. MEN'S CLUB
Arthur Gillard
PRES. YOUTH FELLOWSHIP
Miss Ruenette Winslett
The board of Stewards of Colonial Hills Methodist Church adopted the following General Budget for this conference year, July 1, 1952 - June 30, 1953:

MINISTERIAL SUPPORT:

- Pastor's Salary: $3000.00
- Pastor's Automobile Expense: $300.00
- District Supts. Fund: $300.00
- Episcopal Fund: $52.00
- Conference Claimants: $390.00
- Supplementary Salary Fund: $60.00

MUSIC DIRECTOR
- $260.00

WORLD SERVICE
- $250.00

PARSONAGE NOTES
- $660.00

INCIDENTALS:

- Insurance on Church Bldgs.: $84.00
- Water, Lights, Gas: $135.00
- Bulletins, Office Supplies: $155.00
- Postage, etc.: $155.00
- Janitor: $204.00

TOTAL ANNUAL BUDGET: $5850.00
TOTAL MONTHLY BUDGET: $487.50
TOTAL WEEKLY BUDGET: $113.50
TRUSTEES


BOARD OF STEWARDS, 1952-53

Arthur T. Gillard, Chairman
W. T. Young, Vice Chairman
J. Claude Bannister, Recording Secretary
E. G. Freeman, Church Treas. and Financial Sec.
Perry M. Barrow, Lester O. Dawson, J. D. Fagan, Ralph Fagan,
Donald Hargrove, Chas. V. Jordan, J. D. Keller, Richard E. J.

Church School Supt.
Church Building
Pres. of Men's Club
Treas. of Bldg. Committee
Pres. of W. S. C. S.
Chairman Circle No. 1
Chairman Circle No. 2
Pres. Senior M. Y. F.
Chairman of Music Committee

B. H. Smith
Perry M. Barrow
Jack B. Smith
Mrs. A. J. Wilson
Mrs. B. H. Smith
Mrs. Margaret Eidson
Charles Jordan
Mrs. B. B. Swafford

REGULAR MEETINGS

Board of Stewarts
W. S. C. S.
Circle No. 1

Tuesday after last Sunday
3rd Monday - 8:00 P. M.
1st Wednesday - 10:30 A. M.
(Regular meetings cont.)

Circle No. 2
2nd Thursday - 8:00 P. M.

Men's Club
1st Monday - 7:00 P. M.

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday School 9:45 A. M.

Morning Worship 11:00 A. M.
(Nursery kept during this service)

Methodist Youth Fellowships 6:30 P. M.

Evening Worship 7:30 P. M.

Bible Study with Pastor Wednesday - 7:30 P. M.

Choir Practice Wednesday - 8:30 P. M.
Colonial Hills Church
Atlanta-East District

From Aug. 20, 1952, to May 18, 1953

Total membership 284 on last report
Total membership 295

From the report of Trustees for the year ending June 30, 1953
the estimated value of Church building and Furnishings are
29,500.00. The estimated value of the Parsonage and furnishings
are 15,500.00. Which makes the total value of property
held 45,000.00
W. M. S. - W. S. C. S.

This brief history of the Woman's work is not complete because your scribe has not been able to get together all information, therefore it will dates and figures as records in hand reveal.

The women of the Colonial Hills Methodist Church did not have a Woman's Missionary Society for the first five years of the organization of the church. Several times during period, efforts were made to organize, for various reasons, they failed, mostly because there were not sufficient finances, also there were some ladies not familiar with procedure of the work in General Conference that held to the idea of "Home Missions" was the only need in the woman's work.

There was in the fall of 1933, through the influence of acting pastor Rev. J. R. Blackwell, a "Workers Council" organized with 14 members. Dues 10¢ monthly.

This program continued, yet on a larger scale, though slowly.

However, the local work of the woman's organization was an outstanding financial contribution to the church finances.
W. M. S. Organized

March 1938 - The efforts and prayers of the few who knew what spiritual benefits could be derived through the W. M. S. by the Missionary contribution in local state and national fields of service, attended a conference at Marietta, where five women became affiliated with the General Society. The five signing charter membership cards were:

Mrs. E. E. Askew
Mrs. Mary Lane
Mrs. J. H. Brady
Mrs. H. J. Oliver
Mrs. F. A. Smith

Mrs. S. D. Cherry - Dist. Secretary.

Gave to our church and completed the organization, Mrs. Mary Lane was elected the president, and served for a period of three years.

Then Mrs. J. E. Warner was elected president.

The most outstanding work of Mrs. Lane's term of office at this time was the visit of a guest speaker, Miss Marrion, a worker in Africa, for two most inspiring and beneficial programs in missions. October 1939, December 1940 and served for two years - 1941 - 42.

Through these years circles were formed and interest in all lines of work increased with membership.
Dec. 1943, Mrs. Mary Lane again became the president. Faithfully and with zeal and devotion she very efficiently led the women to a better understanding of the responsibility of Christian Discipleship.

Mrs. Lane served until June 1946, when she found it more convenient to attend church nearer her residence and transferred to the Mary Brannen Church.

June 1946, Mrs. Christine Wallace became the president and served through Nov. 1947.

Dec. 1947 Mrs. F. A. Smith became president and served through March 1950 when she left for Florida in April, Mrs. Gladys Harris, vice president served to June, when a new conference year began.

Mrs. Charles Schiffer became president June 1950 and was reelected in June 1951, serving through June 1952.

Mrs. A. J. Wilson became president June 1952, and after closing the years work was elected to serve for 1953.

The following record of service and financial gains speak for the efficiency of each leader, and the co-operation of the officers of the Local Society and the loyal circle chairmans, with team work of each member in serving of time, talent, and financial support.

The project of the society locally is the responsibility of Parsonage (interior) up keep in furnishings and repairs.
The Christian Social Relation Committee sent four boxes to Miss Thelma Maw missionary in Korea - December.

Supply committee gave baskets at Thanksgiving to Good Will Industries and $15.00 to Youth Group to Camp Glisson, $30.00 to church Treas. for missions.

For flowers in Church, hospital patients, and funerals was $114.00.

Contribution for dinners and entertaining church committees during the United Evangelistic Mission $64.00.

Took part in making garments for Emory Hospital Auxiliary.

The following is a brief history of officers term of office, membership and financial growth as of record.

1933 Workers Council, 1934

Mrs. W. A. Shearin - President

Members 14 Local work, $110.00

1935 Mrs. Mary Lane, president to March 1938.

As Workers Council much local work was done and membership increased to 20.

1938 - W. M. S. was instituted Members 25, Local work $74.00

Treas. $482.

1939 - Members 30, local work approx. $25.00 Dist. Treas. $4.00

1940 Mrs. Mary Lane, Members 29, local work $110 Dist. Treas. $4.10
1942 Mrs. J. E. Warner president
Members 41 - Local work $190
Dist. Treas. $10.00

1941 - Mrs. J. E. Warner president
Members 29 - Local work $190
Dist. Treas. $4.10

1943 - Mrs. Mary Lane, president
Members 39 Local work $195.00
Dist. Treas. $9.00

1944 - Mrs. Mary Lane, president
Members 26, Local work $58.00
Dist. Treas. $4.00

1945 - Mrs. Mary Lane, president
Members 26 Local work $68.00
Dist. Treas. $4.00

1946 - Mrs. Christine Wallace president
Members 29 Local work $135.00
Dist. Treas. $4.00

1947 - Mrs. Christine Wallace, president
Members 33 Local work $334
Dist. Treas. $51.16
1948 Mrs. F. A. Smith, president.

Members 36 Local work $313
Dist. Treas. $108.98

Conference
1949 to June 1950 through April 1950 Here the conference year changed.

Members 41 Local work $950
Dist. Treas. $119
Pledge $74.00
Cultivation 9.00
Week of Prayer 21.00
Three life membership 15.00 $119.00

Conference
June 1950-51 Mrs. Chas Schiffer president

Members 44 Local work $555
Dist. Treas.
Pledge 70.00
Cultiva. 2.00 $72.00

Conference
1951-52 Mrs. Chas. Schiffer, president

Members 44 Local wrk $506.00
Dist. Treas.
Pledge  $77.35
Supplies  5.00
Cult. fund  6.45
Week of Prayer  7.05
Total  $95.85

1952-53 Mrs. A. J. Wilson, president
Members 45, Local work $454.49

The Methodist Youth Fellowship

This is a very active group, even few in number.
The present President is Chas. Jordan. Director, Rev. James Calhoun. Regular meetings, Sunday evening 7 o'clock.

This group is quite active in the district work also.
The first Pres. in 1932 - Miss Belle Wallace members 20.
1933 The president of the Junior League - Miss Nell Fagan members 25.