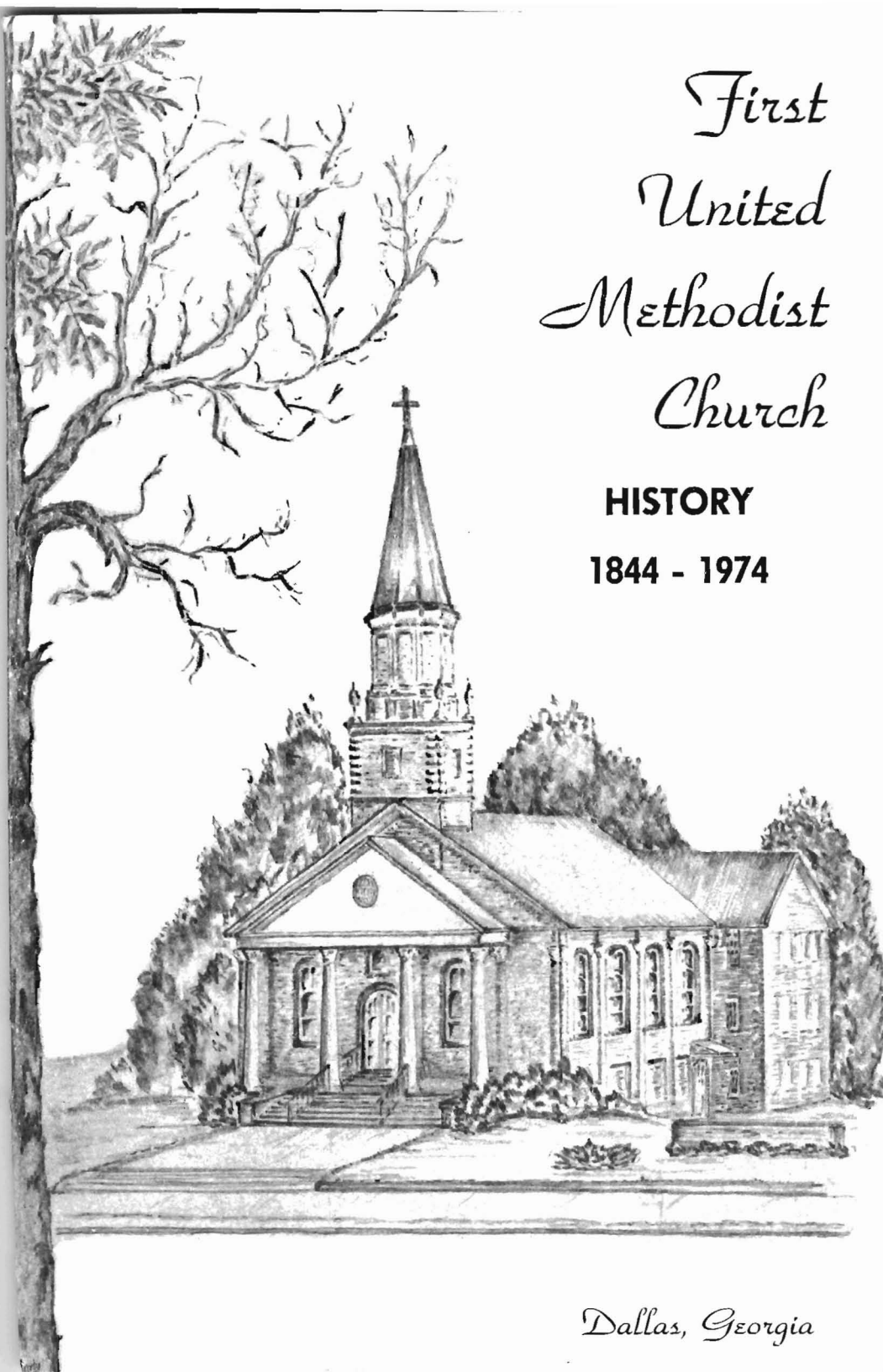


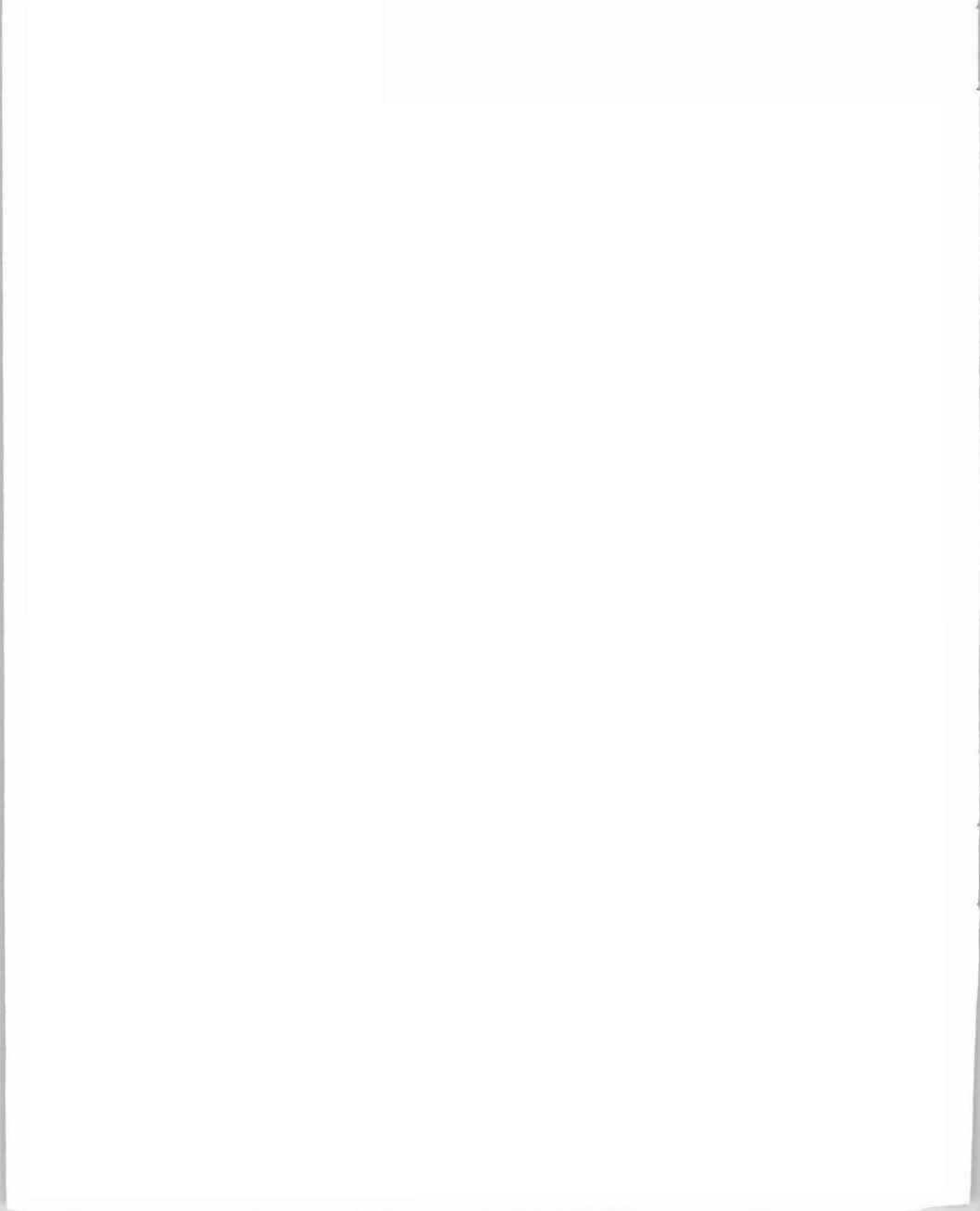
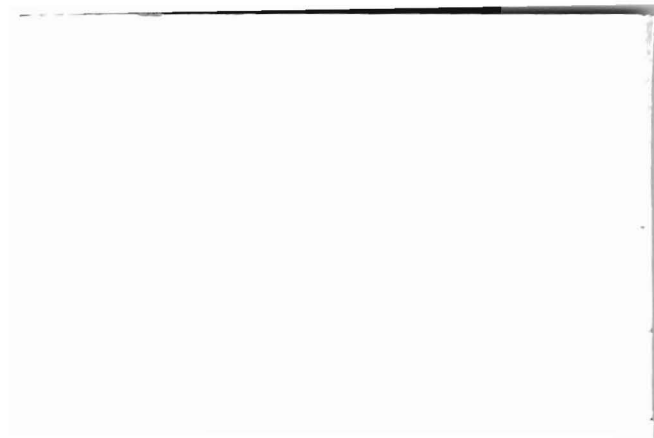
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THE ROME DISTRICT
NORTH GEORGIA CONFERENCE
OF
THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

HISTORY OF
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DALLAS, GEORGIA
COMPILED BY MRS. C. B. MCGARITY

THE ORIGINAL DALLAS METHODIST CHURCH WAS LOCATED IN PAULDING COUNTY ON LAND LOT NUMBER 350, IN 1844. THIS LAND LOCATED ABOUT ONE AND ONE-HALF MILES SOUTHWEST OF DALLAS, WAS DONATED BY SAMUEL CHAPPELL. THE FIRST CHURCH HOUSE WAS BUILT OF FINE LOGS CUT FROM THE GROUNDS ON WHICH THE CHURCH WAS BUILT. THIS BUILDING WAS DESTROYED BY FIRE SEVERAL YEARS LATER.

ON MARCH 18, 1855, THE JUSTICE OF THE INFERIOR COURT, NAMELY, L. M. MATTHEWS, JOHN PACE, S. D. MCGREGOR, J. J. WILLIAMS, AND S. RAGSDALE EXECUTED A DEED TO SAMUEL CHAPPELL, HEZEKIAH HARRISON, JACOB R. OWEN, THOMAS M. ANSLEY AND DR. GEORGE T. PARKER, TRUSTEES OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH SOUTH, TO THE PLOT OF GROUND ON WHICH THE CHURCH HOUSE AND PARSONAGE NOW STAND.

IN 1892, THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND STEWARDS OF THE CHURCH AND PROPERTY WAS COMPOSED OF E. DAVIS, A. J. CAMP, J. B. WATSON, R. L. RAWLS, AND DR. S. ROBERTSON.

SEVERAL CHURCH HOUSES HAVE BEEN ERECTED ON THE PRESENT CHURCH GROUNDS SINCE 1855. THE CHURCH BUILDING WAS ENLARGED IN 1912 AND A CHURCH SCHOOL ANNEX WAS ADDED IN 1940.

ON A VERY COLD FRIDAY NIGHT IN FEBRUARY, 1945, THE ENTIRE CHURCH PLANT WAS BURNED TO THE GROUND. AND WHILE EMBERS WERE STILL SMOKING, THE BOARD OF STEWARDS MET ON THE FOLLOWING SUNDAY AFTERNOON IN THE PARSONAGE TO MAKE PLANS TO REBUILD. PRESENT ALSO WERE REV. CHARLES MOORE, PASTOR, REV. JOE BLACK, A FORMER PASTOR, AND REV. B. FRANK PIM. THE PRESENT STRUCTURE, VALUED AT \$100,000, THEN, WAS STARTED LATE IN THAT YEAR. IN 1946, THE CONGREGATION UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF REV. GORDON THOMPSON, MOVED INTO THE BUILDING WHICH WAS NOT YET COMPLETED. THE NEW AND MODERN STRUCTURE WAS COMPLETED IN 1951.

IN APRIL OF 1951, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS, COMPLETED A SUCCESSFUL DRIVE FOR FUNDS TO CLEAR THE CHURCH OF DEBT. DURING THESE YEARS, OUR METHODIST CHURCH ACCEPTED THE INVITATION TO HOLD SERVICES IN THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF DALLAS.

ON A LOVELY CRISP WINTER DAY, DECEMBER 2, 1951, BISHOP ARTHUR MOORE, REV. D. L. HAGOOD, DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT, REV. DAN BREWSTER, PASTOR, R. R. LEE, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS, AND A GREAT CONGREGATION OF MEMBERS AND FRIENDS, FROM FAR AND NEAR, PARTICIPATED IN THE DEDICATION OF THE CHURCH.

THE PASTORS OF
THE DALLAS METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SOUTH
FROM 1881 - 1953

1881 -	SAMUEL D. EVANS	1910-1912 -	LUCIEN ROPER
1882-1883 -	B. F. PAYNE	1913-1914 -	J. L. WARE
1884 -	W. W. BRINSFIELD	1915 -	N. L. GREEN
1885 -	R. B. O. ENGLAND	1916 -	G. B. BARTON
1886-1887 -	S. B. LEDBETTER	1917-1919 -	T. M. ELLIOTT
1888 -	G. J. ORR	1920-1922 -	M. M. WALRAVEN
1889 -	W. B. AUSTIN	1923-1924 -	W. A. WOODRUFF
1890 -	K. W. NEWTON	1924-1925 -	G. W. RIDLEY
1891-1892 -	W. J. WOOD	1925-1927 -	O. J. WITHROW
1893-1894 -	W. T. IRVINE	1928-1929 -	W. E. BROWN
1895 -	C. C. DUREL	1929-1931 -	E. C. SWETNAM
1896-1898 -	J. T. EAKES	1931-1936 -	J. W. STEPHENS
1899 -	J. G. GOLDEN	1937 -	J. B. GRESHAM
1900-1902 -	A. F. NUNN	1938-1941 -	W. Z. WIGGINS
1903 -	J. E. RORIE	1941-1943 -	J. L. BLACK
1904-1905 -	J. M. FOWLER	1944 -	A. F. HOWINGTON
1906-1907 -	A. S. HUTCHENSON	1945 -	CHAS. O. MOORE
1908 -	J. N. BAILEY	1946-1948 -	GORDON THOMPSON
1909 -	J. W. GOBER	1948-1953 -	D. F. BREWSTER

ACKNOWLEDGMENT FOR MOST OF THE ABOVE INFORMATION OF THE EARLY CHURCH HISTORY IS GIVEN TO THE LATE LUCIENE E. ROBERTS, NATIVE OF PAULDING COUNTY, AND LATER PRESIDENT OF MIDDLE GEORGIA COLLEGE, COCHRAN, GEORGIA, WHO HAD RESEARCHED IT FOR INCLUSION IN A "HISTORY OF PAULDING COUNTY!"

THE INTERESTING ACCOUNT FOLLOWING IS INCORPORATED IN THE HISTORY OF OUR CHURCH AS IT WAS GIVEN IN WRITING TO THE AUTHOR FROM MR. W.A. FOSTER, SR., MEMBER OF THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF DALLAS, IN 1953:

"THE DALLAS METHODIST SUNDAY SCHOOL WAS ORGANIZED IN THE YEAR 1881 BY MISS JANE FOOTE AND S.L. STRICKLAND, THIS BEING THE FIRST ORGANIZED SUNDAY SCHOOL IN DALLAS. IT WAS WELL ATTENDED, WITH FIFTY TO SIXTY EACH SUNDAY. MR. STRICKLAND WAS MY TEACHER AND WE BOYS SURELY LOVED HIM. I HAVE A LITTLE BOOK HE GAVE ME FOR REGULAR ATTENDANCE DURING THE YEAR 1881. IT'S TITLE IS 'BAXTER'S CALL TO THE UNCONVERTED'. SO FAR AS I KNOW I AM THE ONLY LIVING PERSON WHO ATTENDED THIS SUNDAY SCHOOL. I HAVE GREAT LOVE FOR YOUR SUNDAY SCHOOL. IT HAS DONE GREAT WORK FOR THE BOYS AND GIRLS OF DALLAS."

ON JANUARY 2, 1953, THE ATLANTA CONSTITUTION CARRIED THE ABOVE ACCOUNT OF THE DALLAS METHODIST CHURCH WITH A PHOTOGRAPH OF THE CHURCH HOUSE AND PASTOR DAN F. BREWSTER, AS ADVANCE PUBLICITY FOR THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH BIRTHDAY OF THE CHURCH CELEBRATION ON WHICH DAY A COPY OF THE CHURCH HISTORY WAS PRESENTED TO EACH MEMBER OF THE CONGREGATION PRESENT.

CHURCH OFFICERS ON THIS DAY IN 1953 WERE THE FOLLOWING:

BOARD OF TRUSTEES: H. L. CROKER, W. L. ELLISON, BILL GREEN, C. G. LEE, JOE WATSON, HERMAN WATSON.

BOARD OF STEWARDS: R. R. LEE, CHAIRMAN; C. A. ATCHESON, A. A. COOPER, CARL EMERSON, W. O. GREEN, J. W. HAY, TOM HAY, J. F. MARCHMONT, PAUL MATTHEWS, LEWIS MCCLUNG, C.B. MCGARITY, PRICE THORNTON, W. L. ELLISON, GRADY EVETT, LOWEN WOMACK, LEE WOMELSDORF, BOYKIN DUNAWAY, BILL GREEN, C. G. LEE, MAX SMITH, HERMAN WATSON.

BOARD OF EDUCATION: GEORGE T. BAGBY, CHAIRMAN; H. L. CROKER, MRS. FRANK HAY, R. R. LEE, MRS. H. L. COLQUITT, MRS. R. R. LEE, MRS. ROBERT STEWART, MISS DAWN RAGSDALE, MISS REBECCA WATSON, MRS. H. L. CROKER, MRS. J. W. HAY, MRS. HERMAN GAMBLIN.

MUSIC: MRS. ERNEST BENTLEY, CHOIR DIRECTOR; J. F. MARCHMONT, CHOIR PRESIDENT; W. P. KINCAID, PRESIDENT OF MEN'S CHORUS.

LAY ACTIVITIES: J. F. MARCHMONT, CHURCH LAY LEADER; B. P. THORNTON, DISTRICT STEWARD.

FINANCE: H. L. COLQUITT, H. L. CROKER, FRANK HAY

WOMEN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE: MRS. H. L. COLQUITT, PRESIDENT; MRS. R. R. LEE, VICE PRESIDENT; MRS. W. F. BYRD, SR., RECORDING SECRETARY; MRS. W. O. GREEN, PROMOTION SECRETARY; MRS. T. L. WILLIAMS, TREASURER; MRS. SCOTT SMITH, PRESIDENT OF WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD; CIRCLE LEADERS: MRS. FRANK HAY, MRS. POPE WEEMS.

THE PASTORS OF
DALLAS FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
1953 - 1974

WILLIAM R. RIDGEWAY	- 1953-55
CHARLES C. CLUETT	- 1955-57
MARION J. SHERRILL	- 1957-62
H. A. MCNEAL	- 1962-63
LEO BURGESS	- 1963-65
ZACHARY FARR	- 1965-69
WESLEY STEPHENS	- 1969-73
TERRY L. PHILLIPS	- PRESENT PASTOR

YOUNG PREACHERS COMING FROM THE DALLAS METHODIST CHURCH HAVE BEEN (1) WILLIAM F. BYRD, JR. WHO WAS THE FIRST MEMBER OF THE DALLAS METHODIST CHURCH TO ENTER THE MINISTRY. HE WAS ADMITTED TO THE NORTH GEORGIA CONFERENCE IN 1952.

WE REMEMBER SEEING WILLIAM F. BYRD, SR. ALWAYS AT THE ALTAR WITH HIS YOUNG SON, BILLY. (2) GEORGE JACKSON COLBERT ENTERED SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY AS A MINISTERIAL STUDENT IN SEPTEMBER, 1963, AND IS NOW SERVING IN LUBBOCK, TEXAS.

REV. E. T. HOLLINGSHEAD WAS LICENSED TO PREACH BY THE STILESBO RO CHURCH IN 1938 AND TRANSFERRED TO DALLAS FIRST UNITED CHURCH IN 1958 WHERE HE REMAINS A LOCAL PREACHER.

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS SINCE 1953 HAVE BEEN: REV. D. L. HAGOOD, REV. J. HAMBY BARTON, REV. R. P. SEGARS, REV. DUMAS B. SHELLNUT, REV. MARION J. SHERRILL, AND REV. HUBERT FLANAGAN, THE PRESENT SUPERINTENDENT.

BISHOP ATTICUS HAYGOOD HAD RELATIVES LIVING AND WORKING IN DALLAS AND ONE OF WHOM, A YOUNG MAN, MARRIED A DALLAS GIRL IN 1906.

BISHOP WARREN CANDLER DEDICATED THE FIRST BRICK CHURCH OF THE DALLAS METHODIST CHURCH.

BISHOP ARTHUR J. MOORE DEDICATED THE PRESENT CHURCH HOUSE.

BISHOP WILLIAM CANNON, WHEN A YOUNG MINISTER, WAS THE "SPECIAL PREACHER" AT A SUMMER "REVIVAL" IN DALLAS CHURCH.

WE HAVE ONLY A FEW OF THE OLD RECORDS PRESERVED. THE EARLIEST SUNDAY SCHOOL RECORD IS AS FOLLOWS: APRIL 1, 1900 - W. J. BAKER, SUPERINTENDENT. OPENING SONG, NO. 215 - "THE REVIVAL" - OFFICERS AND TEACHERS PRESENT 5 - SCHOLARS PRESENT 28. SCRIPTURE LESSON, MATTHEW 4:25, 5:1-12 - SUBJECT OF LESSON - "THE BEATITUDES" - MINUTES READ BY W. P. COOPER - COLLECTION 22¢ - WEATHER - FAIR. SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT FOR DECEMBER 21, 1952 WAS: TOTAL NUMBER PRESENT 122 - OFFERING - \$12.65.

THE EARLIEST QUARTERLY CONFERENCE RECORD WE HAVE IS THAT OF THE FIRST QUARTERLY CONFERENCE AND WAS HELD ON JANUARY 30, 1911, AT THE DALLAS METHODIST CHURCH. SOME FACTS FROM THIS CONFERENCE WERE: PASTOR, LUCIAN ROPER; DIST. SUPT, J. S. JENKINS; RECORDING STEWARD, W. J. BAKER; OFFICIALS PRESENT WERE: J. B. WATSON, F. A. HAY, W. J. BAKER, W. H. HANSARD, FRED MILES, F. A. BAKER, W. H. CLAY, T. L. VEMER, C. T. GUNNELL, A. T. GRIGGS, J. W. HAY, J. T. ATCHESON, S. C. CONALLY, R. D. LEONARD, B. E. CROKER.

FOUR CHURCHES WERE ON THE CHARGE IN 1911 - DALLAS, FLINT HILL, NEBO, AND MT. TABOR. THESE CHURCHES REPORTED FOR THE YEAR 1910 THE FOLLOWING AMOUNTS: PASTOR \$729; BISHOP \$10; PRESIDING ELDER \$121; CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS \$30; FOREIGN MISSIONS \$45; HOME MISSIONS \$79; CHURCH EX-

-TENSION \$12; EDUCATION \$5. SOME INTERESTING EXCERPTS FROM THE PASTOR'S REPORT:

"THE GENERAL STATE OF THE CHURCH IS PRETTY GOOD. I HAVE FILLED ALL MY APPOINTMENTS EXCEPT AT NEBO AND ON THAT SUNDAY WE WERE RAINED OUT. THE CONGREGATIONS ARE GOOD. SINCE COMING ON THE CHARGE, I HAVE MADE 160 PASTORAL VISITS; PREACHED 16 SERMONS; READ A NUMBER OF GOOD BOOKS; MADE 10 NEW SERMONS; MARRIED 2 COUPLES, AND HAVE WALKED 100 MILES."

BROTHER ROPER'S LAST REPORT AS PASTOR OF THE CHARGE IS DATED NOVEMBER 14, 1913. IT STATES:

"THE GENERAL STATE OF THE CHURCH IS NOT BY ANY MEANS WHAT IT OUGHT TO BE. WHILE THERE ARE A NUMBER OF GOOD PEOPLE ON THE CHARGE, THERE ARE MANY OTHERS WHO DO NOT TRY TO LIVE RIGHT. THREE THINGS HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO THE DECLINE OF THE CHARGE: NAMELY WHISKEY DRINKING, WORLDLY AMUSEMENTS, AND THE FAILURE TO SEE THE RIGHT USE OF MONEY. THE LORD HAS PROSPERED THE CHARGE AS NEVER BEFORE; YET, ALL COLLECTIONS ARE BEHIND LAST YEAR. THE PEOPLE ARE GOING WHERE THEY WANT TO GO AND YET THE LORD'S HOUSE IS NOT VISITED BY MANY AND THIS MEANS A CALAMITY TO THE RISING GENERATION."

A COMPLETE LIST OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS IS NOT AVAILABLE. THERE IS, HOWEVER, IN EXISTENCE, A PIECE OF MEMORABILIA - A GIFT WRITING PEN ATTACHED TO A BASE BEARING A GOLD PLATE ON WHICH IS INSCRIBED, "C. B. MCGARITY, SUPT. DALLAS METHODIST S.S. 1917-1940." AFTER RETIREMENT FROM THE OFFICE FOR ONE YEAR, HE SERVED FOR TWO MORE SUCCESSIVE YEARS, MAKING A TOTAL SERVICE OF TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AT THAT TIME. SINCE 1953, THOSE WHO HAVE SERVED AS SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT FOR ANY LENGTH OF TIME HAVE BEEN: H. L. CROKER, JULIAN MARCHMONT, JOHN B. CLAY, RAY GRAHAM, AND LOREN WILLS, THE PRESENT SUPERINTENDENT.

THE CRADLE ROLL HAS ALWAYS BEEN A STRONG DEPARTMENT IN THE SUNDAY SCHOOL. AS EARLY AS 1912, MISS MARY DEJAR - NETTE HAD CHARGE OF IT. SHE WAS FOLLOWED BY MRS. C. A. HART,

WHO HELD IT FOR A LONG NUMBER OF YEARS. MRS. AGNES HAY HAS GIVEN A GREAT DEAL OF TIME AND ATTENTION TO THE NURSERY DEPARTMENT.

MRS. FRANK HAY RECEIVED SPECIAL RECOGNITION WITH A CERTIFICATE IN SEPTEMBER, 1967, FOR LONG, CONTINUED SERVICE AS SUPERINTENDENT OF THE CHILDREN'S DIVISION OF THE DALLAS METHODIST SUNDAY SCHOOL.

A PHOTOGRAPH WAS MADE OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL STANDING IN FRONT OF THE DALLAS METHODIST CHURCH IN 1927. RECOGNIZED AMONG THEM ARE:

FRANK MEEK, WILLIS HAY, A. O. COLQUITT, JESSE ATCHESON, JOHN HAY, FREE HAY, W. J. BAKER, WILLARD HAY, GABE COHEN, REV. O. J. WITHROW (PASTOR), WILL WATSON, HAROLD COLQUITT, TOM WATSON, JULIAN MARCHMONT, JOHN COCHRAN, COL. C. B. MCGARITY (SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPT.), WILL OWENS, BOB ATCHESON, KATE HAY, MRS. WILLO THOMAS, MRS. SALLY GRIGGS, MRS. A. J. CAMP, COL. A. J. CAMP, ALFRED COLQUITT, MRS. GABE COHEN, MRS. C. S. FOSTER, JESSIE MAY LEE, NELLE HAY, RUTH BROWN, MILDRED JOHNS, GRACE HART, J. W. (RED) HAY, BILLY THOMAS, PAT HANSARD, RADFORD JOHNS, CURTIS BROWN, LOWELL BROWN, PAUL MEEK, BILL HAY, HUGH COLQUITT, ALLENE THOMAS, FRANCES HART, JANETTE MCGARITY, MARCIA MCGARITY, ELIZABETH JOHNS, PATSY COLQUITT, AND ELIZABETH COLQUITT. TWENTY-TWO PEOPLE IN THE GROUP HAVE NOT BEEN IDENTIFIED.

THERE ARE THOSE AMONG US WHO WILL REMEMBER THOSE YEARS WHEN LACK OF SPACE (CLASSROOMS) IN THE CHURCH LED TO A MEN'S CLASS WITH COL. H. C. HUTCHENS AS TEACHER, WHILE THEY MET AT THE DALLAS WOMAN'S CLUBHOUSE NEARBY.

IN THE WOMEN'S WORK IN THE CHURCH, THE RECOLLECTION OF THE FIRST MISSIONARY WORK WHICH DATES BACK TO THE TIME WHEN MRS. LENA BARTLETT ROBERTSON (WIFE OF DR. EMMETT ROBERTSON) GATHERED TOGETHER A GROUP OF SEVEN AND EIGHT YEAR OLDS IN THE OLD CHURCH AROUND 1898 AND TOLD THEM ABOUT THE SUFFERING FROM THE GREAT FAMINE OF INDIA. SHE SHOWED PICTURES OF THE HUNGRY CHILDREN OVER THERE, TO WHICH THE DALLAS CHILDREN RESPONDED BY BRINGING THEIR

PENNIES FOR THE "MITE BOX".

DURING THE YEARS, THE WOMEN OF THE CHURCH HAVE BEEN DIVIDED INTO CIRCLES THAT HAVE BORN THE NAMES OF "LIZZIE CAMP CIRCLE", THE "LIZZIE WATSON CIRCLE," THE "MATT HAY CIRCLE", AND OTHERS.

WHEN THE NAME OF "METHODIST MISSIONARY SOCIETY" WAS CHANGED TO THE "WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE", IT WAS NOTED WITH A SPECIAL PROGRAM.

THE WOMEN OF THE DALLAS FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH HELD THE ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF THE "UNITED METHODIST WOMEN" ON JANUARY 21, 1973. MEMBERS PRESENT FOR THIS MEETING WERE: LUCILE WATSON, MARY A. WALSH, MERLYN JORGENSEN, SARA SMITH, FLORA BELLE LEE, KATE CROKER, ZILLAH BONE, FRANCES HAY, ANNETTE STEPHENS, MAYBELLE H. MCGARITY, ROZZELLE H. SMITH, AGNES HAY, HAZEL RATLIFF, STEPHANIE RAKESTRAW, JOANNE FUDGER, MITCH PARIS, VERA LEE LILLIE WILLIAMS, IRENE ELLISON, OPAL GRAHAM, CORA COLQUITT VEVA BYRD, EVELYN BYRD, MATTIE STEWART, AND CECIL HYATT. VISITORS PRESENT WERE: MRS. JOE FRANK HARRIS, ROME DISTRICT PRESIDENT OF WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE, MRS. LEE WOMELSDORF, FORMER PRESIDENT OF DALLAS WSCS, SARA EVETT, AND REV. WESLEY STEPHENS.

OFFICERS ELECTED WERE:

MRS. H. H. WATSON - PRESIDENT
MRS. ERNEST EARLS - VICE PRESIDENT
MRS. ARTHUR FUDGER - SECRETARY
MRS. LUTHER WILLIAMS - TREASURER

CHAIRPERSON OF PROGRAM - MARGE EARLS
CHAIRPERSON OF PERSONHOOD - CORA COLQUITT
CHAIRPERSON OF SOCIAL INVOLVEMENT - PEGGY RAKESTRAW
CHAIRPERSON OF SUPPORTIVE COMMUNITY - FLORA BELLE LEE
CHAIRPERSON OF NOMINATIONS - KATE CROKER
CHAIRPERSON OF CHRISTIAN GLOBAL CONCERNS - PEGGY WILLS
CHAIRPERSON OF COMMUNITY SERVICE - AGNES HAY

OF SPECIAL INTEREST HAS BEEN THE ACTIVITIES OF THE "FUN AND FELLOWSHIP CLUB" WHICH HAS ENGAGED THE ATTENTION OF THE "GOLDEN AGERS" OF THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY, SINCE

ITS ORGANIZATION IN 1973. IT HAS FUNCTIONED UNDER THE GUIDANCE OF MRS. LUCILE WATSON AND MRS. FLORA BELLE LEE, ASSISTED BY MR. PRICE THORNTON AND MR. FRED LAWRENCE.

BEFORE 1909, THE PARSONAGE WAS SITUATED ON THE LOT DIRECTLY ACROSS THE STREET NORTH OF THE METHODIST CHURCH. IN 1909, A PARSONAGE WAS ERECTED ON THE PRESENT GROUNDS. THIS LAST LASTED MANY YEARS BY BEING ADDED TO, UNDER - PINNED, RECOVERED, AND RE-PAINTED. FINALLY, THE FOLLOWING WAS ENTERED IN THE CHURCH MINUTES:

TO: THE CHURCH CONFERENCE OF THE FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

THE OFFICIAL BOARD, HAVING FULLY RECOGNIZED THE NEED FOR A NEW BUILDING, HEREBY REQUESTS PERMISSION OF THE CHURCH CONFERENCE TO SELL AND REMOVE THE EXISTING BUILDING AND TO ERECT UPON THE SAME GROUND A NEW BUILDING TO BE VALUED AT APPROXIMATELY \$20,000. WE FURTHER REQUEST PERMISSION OF THE CONFERENCE TO RECEIVE AND DISBURSE MONEY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THIS BUILDING, TO AUTHORIZE TRUSTEES TO BORROW SUCH FUNDS AS MAY BE NECESSARY FOR THE COMPLETION OF THE BUILDING, AND TO MORTGAGE THE NEW BUILDING AS SECURITY FOR BORROWED FUNDS AND TO SIGN AND EXECUTE NOTE AND DEED TO SECURE DEBT AGAINST PARSONAGE LOT AND BUILDING.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,
PRICE THORNTON, CHAIRMAN
OFFICIAL BOARD
FIRST METHODIST CHURCH
DALLAS, GEORGIA

VOTED ON AND PASSED AT CHURCH CONFERENCE ON JANUARY 12, 1958.

SIGNED, J. HAMBY BARTON
DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT

C. B. MCGARITY
SECRETARY
CHURCH CONFERENCE

IT STANDS TODAY AS AN ATTRACTIVE COMPLEMENT TO THE FIRST METHODIST CHURCH BUILDING OF DALLAS.

THE CHURCH'S MUSIC HAS ALWAYS BEEN A MEANINGFUL PART OF THE WORSHIP SERVICE. THERE ARE THOSE AMONG US WHO CAN STILL RECALL THE VOICES OF THE ELDER MEMBERS AS THEY RAISED THEIR VOICES IN SONG WITHOUT THE AID OF ANY MUSICAL INSTRUMENT, WHEN FINALLY ALL JOINED IN THE SINGING. THE ORGAN AND THE PIANO WERE BOUGHT IN TIME. IN THE FIRST HALF OF THIS CENTURY, THERE ARE THOSE WHO WILL REMEMBER THE INSPIRED SINGING OF MR. JAMES B. ("MR. JIM") WATSON OF THE DALLAS METHODIST CHURCH WHO GAVE OF HIS SERVICES TO ANY CHURCH IN THE TOWN OR COUNTY. HE OFTEN SPENT A WEEK AT A TIME LEADING THE SINGING IN SOME OTHER TOWN IN GEORGIA. HE WAS OFTEN ACCOMPANIED IN SINGING BY HIS SISTER, MRS. SALLY WATSON GRIGGS. MR. WATSON'S DAUGHTER, MISS GLADYS, ACCOMPANIED ON THE PIANO AND OFTEN RENDERED VIOLIN SELECTIONS. WHAT AN INSPIRATION THEIR MUSIC WAS.

THE ABILITY AND WILLINGNESS OF MR. T. L. WILLIAMS TO PLAY ANY KIND OF MUSIC AT ANY TIME (WITHOUT NOTES) HAS BROUGHT PLEASURE ON MANY OCCASIONS IN THE DALLAS CHURCH.

THE CHURCH HAD A MEN'S CHORAL GROUP AROUND THE YEARS OF THE FIFTIES THAT ALWAYS HAD CHARGE OF A PERIOD AT EACH SUNDAY NIGHT SERVICE. THIS BROUGHT AN INCREASED ATTENDANCE AT SERVICES.

OTHER PIANISTS AND ORGANISTS HAVE BEEN MRS. WILLO THOMAS, MRS. W. F. BYRD, MRS. ERNEST BENTLEY, AND MRS. GEORGE WILSON. TODAY, MRS. PEGGY THOMAS IS THE ORGANIST AND CHOIR DIRECTOR, GIVING SPECIAL INTEREST TO GRADED PROGRAMS FOR THE CHILDREN AND YOUTH OF THE CHURCH, INCLUDING A HANDBELL CHOIR.

WE LIKE TO REMEMBER THE OLD TIME REVIVAL MEETINGS HELD IN THE METHODIST CHURCH OF DALLAS WITH OTHER CHURCHES IN THE COMMUNITY OFTEN EXTENDING THE MEETINGS AT THEIR CHURCHES. THERE WAS REV. CHARLIE DUNAWAY, EVANGELIST, WHO PREACHED HERE THREE DIFFERENT SUMMERS AROUND 1900. THERE WAS ALSO THE REV. CONWAY. THIS WAS NEAR THE TIME THE COTTON MILL WAS BUILT. MANY NEW FAMILIES MOVED TO DALLAS, AND CAME TO THE CHURCH. GLORIOUS MEETINGS WERE HELD WHEN PEOPLE REFUSED TO LEAVE THE ALTAR UNTIL THEY FELT THEIR SINS HAD BEEN FORGIVEN. THROUGH THE YEARS, MR. JESSE

ATCHESON WAS THE MEMBER WHO WOULD PREACH, PRAY, AND SAY "AMEN" AT ANY NEEDED TIME. THERE WAS MRS. W. P. ("MISS SALLY") COOPER, VERY DEVOUT, WHO SEWED THE CHURCH'S FIRST PULPIT CLOTH.

THE FIRST FORMAL WEDDING CEREMONY REMEMBERED BEING PERFORMED IN THE DALLAS METHODIST CHURCH WAS WHEN MISS BERTHA SCOTT WAS WED TO MR. BENNIE SMITH ON OCTOBER 18, 1903. THE CEREMONY WAS PERFORMED BY REV. A. F. NUNN AT THE BEGINNING OF THE SUNDAY EVENING SERVICE. A FULL CONGREGATION WAS PRESENT TO BEHOLD THE RITES. THE BRIDE, WEARING A LONG WHITE DRESS WITH A TRAIN AND ADORNED WITH THE TRADITIONAL BRIDAL VEIL, CAME INTO THE CHURCH WITH HER MAID OF HONOR, MISS DOLLIE REEVES, AND THE GROOM ENTERED WITH HIS BEST MAN, MR. WILL OWENS. THEY STOOD BEFORE THE ALTAR FOR THE CEREMONY, AFTER WHICH THEY TOOK THEIR SEATS ON THE SECOND SEAT, RIGHT HAND SIDE OF THE CHURCH RESERVED FOR THEM. THEY SAT THROUGHOUT THE SERMON AND THE BALANCE OF THE CHURCH SERVICE, AT THE CONCLUSION OF WHICH THEY RECEIVED THE CONGRATULATIONS AND GOOD WISHES OF ALL PRESENT.

WHEN ONE THINKS OF THE CHURCH'S RECREATION PROGRAMS, ONE THINKS OF THE ORGANIZATION OF A BOY SCOUT GROUP IN 1924, AND OF ANOTHER, THE MEN'S CLUB MANY YEARS AGO. THEN IN THE LONG AGO, THERE WAS ALWAYS THE ANNUAL SPRING PICNIC WHICH WAS HELD IN THE COMMUNITY, SOMETIMES AT NEIGHBORING SPRINGS WHEN IT WAS NECESSARY TO "RIDE A TRAIN" TO REACH THE DESTINATION. TOO, THERE WAS THE BEAUTIFUL, TALL CHRISTMAS TREE PUT UP IN THE CHURCH. ONE REMEMBERS A CERTAIN CEDAR TREE USED BEFORE 1900, AND REMEMBERS BEING SENT TO THE CHURCH WITH AN EXQUISITE DOLL WITH "OPEN AND SHUT EYES", AND WEARING A PRETTY WHITE ORGANDY DRESS WITH RUFFLES AROUND THE SKIRT. ONE REMEMBERS, ALSO, THE BEAUTIFUL YOUNG LADY WHO TOOK THE DOLL AND THOUGHT IT PRETTY AND FASTENED IT TO THE CHRISTMAS TREE TO AWAIT THE EVENING SERVICE WHEN ALL THE DOLLS AND OTHER GIFTS WOULD BE ANNOUNCED FOR THOSE WHO WERE TO RECEIVE THEM. THE BEAUTIFUL YOUNG LADY IN CHARGE OF THE CHRISTMAS TREE WAS A MISS MAMIE COOPER, MEMBER OF THE LARGE METHODIST FAMILY OF "COOPERS", WHO LATER MARRIED MR. GEORGE T. WELCH AND THEY SPENT THEIR ENTIRE LIVES IN DALLAS.

RACE RELATIONS AMONG THE DALLAS CHURCHES HAVE ALWAYS BEEN EXCELLENT. ALL THREE OF THE NEGRO CHURCHES OF

OF THE DALLAS COMMUNITY ARE OVER ONE HUNDRED YEARS OLD AND HAVE WRITTEN HISTORIES OF THEIR CHURCHES.

THE MEN'S CLUB OF THE DALLAS METHODIST CHURCH FIRST INVITED THE MEN'S SINGING GROUP OF THE NEGRO CHURCHES TO SING FOR THEM AS A PROGRAM IN THE 1940'S. AFTERWARD, THEY CAME OFTEN TO SING FOR THEM, SUCH WAS THE PLEASURE IT BROUGHT.

THE COMBINED FEMALE CHOIRS OF THE NEGRO CHURCHES WERE INVITED TO COME AND BE A PART OF THE PROGRAM AT THE ANNUAL MEETINGS OF THE STATUS OF WOMEN PROGRAMS (1955 - 1960). AT ONE OF THESE MEETINGS, SPECIAL COMMENDATIONS CAME FROM THE WIFE OF BISHOP ARTHUR MOORE, MRS. STEWART COLLEY, PRESIDENT OF THE WOMEN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE, AND MRS. JAMES C. MALONE, CONFERENCE CHAIRMAN OF THE STATUS OF WOMEN COMMITTEE, WHO WERE PRESENT. THE WOMEN OF ALL THE CHURCHES IN DALLAS MEET FOR THE WORLD DAY OF PRAYER.

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IN THE REPORT MADE BY THE PRESENT PASTOR, REV. TERRY L. PHILLIPS IN CHARGE OF THE PERIOD JUNE 21 - OCTOBER 13, 1973, HE SAID "ACROSS THE YEARS DALLAS HAS HAD SOME OUTSTANDING MINISTERS. TO FOLLOW IS INDEED A HUMBLING EXPERIENCE. HOWEVER, WE BEGAN OUR MINISTRY IN DALLAS WITH THE REALIZATION THAT WE HAD BEEN SENT TO THE KINGDOM FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS. FIRST CHURCH DALLAS HAS A GREAT SPIRITUAL HERITAGE. HOWEVER, WITH PAULDING COUNTY BEGINNING TO GROW COULD IT BE, THAT THE MOST OUTSTANDING CHAPTER OF THIS CHURCH'S HISTORY IS YET TO BE WRITTEN? TO THIS END, WE CONSECRATE OUR EFFORTS."

AND SO, WE LOOK BACK OVER ONE HUNDRED THIRTY YEARS WITH GRATEFUL HEARTS FOR THE INFLUENCE OF THE CHURCH AND LOOK TO THE FUTURE AND THE GREATNESS OF GOD.

AUGUST, 1974