As we at Embry Hills United Methodist Church enter into our 20th year as a church, let us give special praise to God for the blessings of worship, fellowship, guidance and growth.

Emory Hills United Methodist strives to serve the needs of this community - to be a center of activity for the entire family - to provide worship, fellowship, recreation, education and cultural growth - to promote Christian living among our neighbors, to help those in need and to spread the "Good News" of the Kingdom of God.

Let us remember with thanksgiving those Christian leaders who have, by the Grace of God, served so faithfully to guide us through these past 20 years.

In 1957, God put into the minds of the trustees of the Atlanta East District of the Methodist North Georgia Conference to purchase a 5.7 acre site on Henderson Mill Road for $10,000. In January 1961 The Reverend Robert E. Wolff was assigned as pastor by Bishop J. Owen Smith to help establish a new congregation and on Easter Sunday, April 2, 1961, Embry Hills United Methodist Church was officially organized. The initial membership consisted of thirty-two enthusiastic people and for fifteen months, they met in the Sequoyah Elementary School.

The church site was deeded over, debt free, to the trustees of the newly formed congregation in May 1961.

Expansion of the church was overwhelming, so plans were proposed, reviewed and approved by the congregation to begin new facilities. Thus, the lovely chapel was founded to meet a rapidly growing membership and the first service was held on July 22, 1962 at 3304 Henderson Mill Road with ninety-seven members to its credit. The Reverend Dan H. Maxey, Jr. came to serve as pastor this same year and during his two year ministry the membership grew to a whopping two hundred people.

In July of 1965, the Reverend Charles L. Hagood was appointed pastor. The need for additional space became obvious and once again, plans were made to enlarge to accommodate the rise in membership as the church continued to grow. The educational building was completed and occupied the first Sunday in February 1966. At that time the membership was 530.

Through the blessings of God, the dreams of a faithful laity and the continuing support of our District and Conference, plans for a sanctuary and fellowship hall began to develop shortly after the occupancy of the educational building. The nine hundred members of the church family moved into their new home the fifteenth day of December, 1968. The sanctuary, which seats six hundred and fifty, the fellowship hall and the kitchen facilities brought the total value of the church property to $700,000.

It was in July 1969 that the Reverend Jack W. Nichols came to offer general assistance to the pastor as our Minister of Visitation.

Reverend James Mooneyhan became our first full time Minister of Youth in 1970. The Reverend R. Frank Crawley was appointed Senior Minister to Embry Hills in July 1971. At this time Ted Garrett served as Minister of Youth.

Miss Carolyn McMillan came in 1973 as first Director of Christian Education.

In June 1974 the Reverend Terrry Cowan became Associate Minister.

Then in June 1975 the Reverend Randall Williamson was assigned as Senior Minister. At the same time the Reverend John Simmons began serving as Associate Minister and the Reverend Dan Maxey, Sr. as Minister of Visitation.

In February of 1976 the Reverend Elizabeth Reed joined us as Associate Minister to the Youth and in 1977 Lurline Fowler became our Director of Religious Education.

In June 1979 Mary Ruth Haisten began serving as Associate Minister and Gina Gilland as Director of Religious Education.

In June of 1980 Dr. D. B. Shelnutt was assigned as our minister and is presently serving our growing congregation.

We at Embry Hills feel the scripture from Ephesians 2:19 most appropriate. "So then, you are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the chief cornerstone, in whom the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord."