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Haygood Memorial Methodist Church

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ATLANTA, GEORGIA


The first mention of Haygood Memorial Church in the Minutes of the North Georgia Annual Conferences is an entry on page thirty-five of the Conference held at Griffin, Georgia, on November 18, 1925, with Bishop W. B. Beauchamp presiding. This entry is under Apointments for the year 1925-1926, and as follows:

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During the year 1925, the section known as Morningside, one of the newest subdivisions around Atlanta, was experiencing a boom. Many new homes had already been built there and many others were under construction. The street-car line and pavement were being extended out North Highland Avenue from Virginia Avenue to Lanier Place. Kimballville Farm and the fields east of Highland Avenue and the woods west of Highland were being swiftly replaced by nice new homes and these were being occupied, as soon as completed, by mostly young families of industrious, hopeful, and friendly people. And many of them were members of the several Methodist churches of Atlanta.

Dr. W. L. Pierce was the Presiding Elder of the North Atlanta District at that time (as all know), of course, the Presiding Elder is now known as District Superintendent, and the area of Atlanta is now divided into the East and the West Districts). Dr. Pierce was aware of the development of this new residential section and he was very anxious that a Methodist Church be organized and located there so as to serve these people. He interested a few members of Druid Hills Methodist Church in the plan and, at a quarterly conference of that church, appointed a committee, composed of R. A. Agnew, N. C. McPherson, Sr., J. W. Starr, Judge John S. Candler, and the pastor of the church, Dr. J. Wiley Quillian, to work out the plan.

This Committee met and decided to attempt the execution of the plan. They considered that the first thing to do was to select a site and location for the new church. For the location of the church, they selected the northeast corner of North Highland Avenue and Lanier Place (formerly known as Kimballville Place), fronting one hundred six (106) feet on Highland, being fifty-seven (57) feet wide in the rear, one hundred ninety-two (192) feet deep on one side, and two hundred (200) feet along the side of Lanier Place, to an alley.

On May 30, 1925, this location was purchased and deed made to R. A. Agnew, R. H. Jones, Jr., J. W. Starr, N. C. McPherson, Sr., and Mrs. A. L. Norris, as Trustees of Haygood Memorial Methodist Church (South). The price of this location was $5,000.00 and approximately $2,500.00 was paid cash and a note for the balance of $2,441.48 was made back to the seller, which was due and payable in three annual installments of $813.84 each. Two of the men on the Committee paid $2,000.00 on the lot.

This Committee also agreed upon a name for the new church, as it is above designated. The name "Haygood" was given it in honor of Bishop
Atticus G. Haygood and of his sister, Miss Laura Haygood, who was one of the first missionaries from the Methodist Church to China and who served many years as such in China.

With only a small number of people interested in organizing this church at first, they began in earnest to interest others, in the effort of procuring a sufficient number as charter members for the church. During the latter part of the year 1925, they held prayer meetings from home to home in the community practically every week. The first of these prayer meetings was led by Miss Florence Donehoo and at the home of Reverend J. J. Blank, a local or supply minister of the North Georgia Conference. Those present at this first meeting, according to Miss Florence herself, were, besides herself and Mr. Blanks, her niece, Mrs. Florence Smith, Mrs. J. J. Blanks, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hawthorne, and Dr. L. R. Kendall, Sr.

Dr. L. R. Kendall, Sr., was a retired Methodist Minister of the North Georgia Conference. He was already personally known and loved by many of the community by reason of his having served several churches in the Atlanta Districts and he was also greatly interested in the organization of this new church. Dr. Kendall, therefore, was procured as the leader of this new organization and although he was along in years, he assisted in visiting and holding the prayer meetings among the people for part of the year 1925, and also the year 1926.

As a result of this untiring work, on the part of the small group and with the assistance of Dr. Kendall, a deeply religious and lovable man, by the early part of the year 1926, thirty-nine (39) charter members had been procured for the new Haygood Methodist Church.

The charter members were:

N. C. McPherson, Sr.
R. A. Agnew
Catherine Agnew
William F. Shell
Mrs. William F. Shell
Ellis H. Bryant
Mrs. Ellis H. Bryant
Rev. J. J. Blanks
Mrs. J. J. Blanks
Ruth Blanks
Ruth Kendall
Mrs. Birdie V. Moore
HeLEN Moore
Josephine Smith
Florence Smith
Mrs. Ethel Smith Kerlin
Florence Donehoo
J. F. Smith
Mrs. J. F. Smith
Joseph C. Crumley
MRS. JOSEPH C. CRUMLEY
I. S. Hopkins
W. N. Glenn
MRS. W. N. Glenn
O. L. Taylor
Margaret Lovington
Howard J. Hubbard
MRS. Howard J. Hubbard
MRS. E. L. Ray
Floy Ray
MRS. J. C. Adams
Sara Clyde Adams
Emory P. Eve
Mrs. Emory P. Eve
Emory P. Eve, Jr.
Lucile Eve
John P. Eve
L. L. Nash
Mrs. M. J. Yarbrough
Mack Yarbrough

A year or so earlier, some ambitious persons had planned upon building a university in the vicinity just east of the present intersection of North Highland Avenue and Lanier Boulevard, to be known as Lanier University, and had constructed a large two-story building with six large columns at the front. The first services of Haygood Memorial Church were held in this Lanier Hall and were held there during the latter part of 1925 and until in June, 1926. The organization meeting was held there.

The first Quarterly Conference of Haygood Church was held in Lanier Hall on March 14, 1926, with the Presiding Elder, Dr. W. L. Pierce, presiding. This marked the official birth of Haygood Memorial Church.

At the quarterly conference held on March 14, 1926, Mr. N. C. McPherson, Sr., was appointed to construct a building on the lot which had been purchased the year before at the corner of Highland Avenue and Lanier Place, and he, accordingly, built on the rear part of the lot and along Lanier Place, what has been known ever since as the Sunday School building. He had not only in having the building constructed financially, in the expense of building it, along with others, and the building was ready for use just after the first of June, 1926.

This first building on the corner of Highland Avenue and Lanier Place consisted of one large room upstairs or second floor which was used for a church auditorium, and on the first or ground floor a hall almost the length of the building was flanked on the left by a small room at the rear, a smaller room at the front, and a large room between and, on the right by one large and one small room; and with a small room at the rear end of the hallway. The room used for church services upstairs was provided to seat two hundred twenty-five or two hundred fifty people by opera seats and, in order to provide this number of seats, it was necessary that the seats be not too wide and the rows of seats not too far apart. A large person or a six-footer had hard maneuvering to get all of himself into one of these seats. In 1933, on a cold Sunday, a man of no mean size came into the morning service and kept on his overcoat. After he was seated about middle of the church, the furnace which Mr. F. B. Eaves had had the finances to keep it from leaking, finally heated up and this gentleman decided he did not need his overcoat any longer, but it was necessary for him to stand in order to get it off, which he proceeded to do. As soon as he had seated himself again, he or his wife, discovered that he had “shucked” everything down to his shirtsleeves, and it was necessary for him to stand again to get his coat and vest back on. Even so, this auditorium served the members for more than twenty years.

To help finance this first building, $9,500.00 was borrowed from the Life Insurance Company of Virginia and the loan was secured by deed dated November 2, 1926, signed by O. L. Taylor, J. K. Polk, J. C. Crumley, R. A. Agnew, N. C. McPherson, Sr., J. F. Smith, and E. H. Bryant as Trustees of the church, with the added requirement that the note for the debt be also personally endorsed by Mrs. Birdie V. Moore, O. L. Taylor, Jameson, Polk, R. A. Agnew, N. C. McPherson, Sr., J. T. Hawthorn, Walker N. Glenn, and Miss Floy Ray. This loan was to be paid in five annual installments, four of which were for the principal sum of $475.00 each and the last one, which was due in 1931, for $7,600.00.
At the North Georgia Annual Conference, held in Atlanta, on November 10, 1926, with Bishop W. B. Beauchamp presiding, Reverend J. W. O. McKibbon was assigned to Haygood Memorial Church as its pastor. Dr. Pierce was still the Presiding Elder.

Brother McKibbon was young, full of energy, and also of religion. He at once entered wholeheartedly into the promotion, developing, and building of Haygood church. It was said that he watched the construction of every new home in Morningside, and if a purchaser moved in one day, Mr. McKibbon would be standing on the doorstep of that house the next morning inviting the family to Haygood. With all of his work, he regularly appeared, as brand-new, at the morning services, glad to see everybody, and regularly wearing in his lapel some red flower which had been as regularly brought to him by Mrs. C. L. McCamy, one of the elderly members of the church and mother of Mrs. Lucy Pierce.

This young preacher and his good wife so endeared themselves to the people of Haygood and set such a high mark of accomplishment there, that it has been necessary ever since to procure the best of talent to fill their place. At the end of this conference year, the membership of the church had reached eighty-six.

The Sunday School of Haygood Church was formally opened on the first Sunday in June, 1926, in its new building above mentioned. There had been some lectures on the Sunday School lessons at the meetings in Lanier Hall, but no attempt had been made to arrange those who attended into classes or departments.

The Adult, Junior, and Primary Departments perfected their organization on the opening day, but as soon as a room and equipment could be provided, Mrs. Lucia Pierce continued the Sunday School lessons at the meetings in Lanier Hall, but no attempt had been made to arrange those who attended into classes or departments.

The first organization was as follows: Mr. J. T. Hawthorn, General Superintendent; Mr. H. J. Hubbard, Secretary and Treasurer; Mr. R. A. Agnew, President Adult Department; Mr. I. S. Hopkins, Lecturer Adult Department; Miss Florence Donehoo, Superintendent Young People, Intermediates, and Seniors; Miss Floy Ray, Superintendent Junior Department; Miss Marguerite Daughtry, Superintendent Primary Department; Mrs. H. J. Hubbard, Superintendent Beginners and Nursery Department.

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Among the early teachers of the Adult Department were I. S. Hopkins, Professor R. H. Dominick, Dr. H. H. Harris, W. O. Slate, Judge W. W. Tindall, and Judge John D. Humphries, for whom the Men's Bible Class was named.

Among those identified in the work, in the first years, of the Young People's Department were Mrs. W. F. Shell, Mrs. Leo Sudderh, Mrs. E. I. Belote.

At the fourth Quarterly Conference in 1927, John F. Cone was elected General Superintendent of the Sunday School with W. F. Shell and H. H. McPherson as Assistant Superintendents. The enrollment of the Sunday School in 1931 was six hundred fifty and was one of the few Sunday Schools in the North Atlanta District where the enrollment in the Sunday School was larger than the membership of the church. (The information as to the Sunday School just stated is taken from a history thereof, written by Mr. W. F. Shell in 1931.)

Mr. W. F. Shell succeeded Mr. Cone as General Superintendent of the Sunday School and he was succeeded by Mr. S. B. Gaston, who was succeeded by Mr. Ed L. Adams who in turn was succeeded by Mr. C. O. Morris, the present Superintendent. The number now enrolled is eight hundred and five (805) and fifty-five (55) Officers and Teachers.

The Woman's Missionary Society of Haygood Church (according to a history by Mrs. W. F. Shell in 1931) was organized on the 13th day of September, 1926, in the new Sunday School building just finished. Mrs. Virlyn Moore, Secretary of the Woman's Missionary Society of the North Atlanta District, conducted the organization and the election of officers, and Mrs. T. R. Kendall, Sr., wife of the pastor, led the first opening devotional.

At this meeting, Mrs. Birdie V. Moore was elected its first President and Mrs. N. C. McPherson its first Vice-President. Mrs. J. T. Hawthorne was elected Secretary and Mrs. J. C. Crumley its Treasurer. There were twenty charter-members of the Society and it raised a total of $40.00 for the year. At the end of the year it had thirty-five members.

At the business meeting in December, 1926, the Society was divided into Circles, and it was decided at this meeting to have a Business Woman's Circle, the other Circles agreeing to take turn in preparing dinner for them at their monthly meetings.

During the year 1927, the Business Woman's Circle with Miss Floy Ray as Chairman, the Baby Division with Mrs. E. S. Walkly as Chairman, the Epworth Junior Society with Mrs. R. H. Dominick as Chairman, were organized.

In 1929, Mrs. O. L. Taylor was elected President of the Society; in 1930, Mrs. T. B. McKleroy was elected President, and in 1931, Mrs. S. L. Suggs, the present Superintendent, was elected President with Mrs. E. I. Belote Secretary and Mrs. W. W. Jackson Treasurer. This was the end of the first four years of the Society, and at that time there were two hundred twenty-one (221) members and they raised a total of $1,699.00, for that year.

There are at present approximately 230 active members of the Women's Society of Christian Service (successor of the Woman's Missionary Society), and they have pledged for this year the amount of $2,800.00. Other members are carried on the roll besides those designated as active.

It is stated in the Directory of Haygood Memorial Church, dated 1937, page 3, that "EVERY WOMAN OF HAYGOOD MEMORIAL CHURCH IS A MEMBER OF THE MISSIONARY SOCIETY." The officers that year are published as "Mrs. C. R. Justi, Mrs. E. I. Belote, Mrs. George Latimer, Mrs. Ola Barfield, Mrs. S. L. Miere," and as Chairmen of the Circles, "Mrs. T. F. Bell, Mrs. Frank A. Doughman, Mrs. R. L. Gibson, Mrs. L. O. Kimberly, Mrs. S. L. Laird, Mrs. Ben Robers, and Mrs. George Suggs, and Miss Floy Ray."
A Boy Scouts Troop was sponsored by Haygood Church in its early years from about 1931 to 1933, and appointed a Scout Committee to look after the needs of this Troop. The first meetings were held in an old garage behind the Sunday School building. The floor of this garage was a part of the third story and, if the night was cold, a small fire could be built on the floor. This Troop developed into a fine Troop and took part in several contests of the Troops, probably the largest contest ever entered being at the First Presbyterian Church. There is still remembered a scout whose feet and legs were made up of the major part of his construction and he appeared to have been very closely kept and protected at home and was awkward, timid, and afraid to play; but, after a few meetings of work and play and “running the gauntlet,” he became a real fellow.

Circumstances deprived them of their fine scoutmaster, however, and the inability to procure another, caused the Troop to transfer elsewhere.

At the present time, another fine Scout Troop has been organized at Haygood and is carrying on well under the leadership of the following Committee: Mr. Roswell Smith, Chairman; Mr. J. Blake Dunson, and Mr. W. W. Wilkin; with Mr. Ed W. Perry as Institutional Representative, Mr. James K. Polk, a ministerial student at Emory, as Scoutmaster, Mrs. Laura Moseley, Treasurer.

There is also a Cub Pack under the following leaders: Mr. Louis O. Williams, Cubmaster; Mr. Lonnie Delli, Assistant Cubmaster; Mr. Kember Laird, Chairman of the Committee; and Messrs. Ed A. Isakson, Ed W. Hiles, and Dr. C. S. Gilson, members of the Committee; and Mr. Lewis Moseley, Treasurer.

In 1929, the Church decided to construct an additional building on the lot and adjoining its first building on the east, and to build it a three-story building. A foundation was built accordingly sufficient to support a three-story building, but when the first story on this foundation was finished, it was feared that the rest of the building could not be built at that time and the building ended with the first story and foundation.

About this time also, a two-story, seven-room dwelling on the lot adjoining the church lot, became for sale and, in order to give the church more lot and to procure this dwelling for use of the Sunday School, it was bought, and it was so used as long as the Church remained on North High Avenue.

On March 26, 1930, the Church borrowed from H. A. Brockman, Agent, the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars ($10,000.00). (He was probably “Auntie” for Mr. James K. Polk, one of the Trustees at the time and a friend of Haygood). This money was used toward financing the purchase of the dwelling next door to the church property. The Church agreed to pay this loan within three years, $2,000.00 to be paid in the year 1931, and $2,000.00 to be paid during the year 1932, and the remaining $6,000.00 to be paid in 1933. The depression in business which began in 1929, probably helped to break this promise.

Haygood Church really wrestled with this indebtedness. It was not finally paid off until September 13, 1940,—about ten years later instead of three. Very many times we were unable to pay just the interest on this debt. One effort made to raise a part of this money was putting on a tithing campaign for six weeks; all who would were asked to tithe for six weeks and donate their tithes to the church. Incidentally, during this six weeks, and with only those tithing who were willing, the weekly collections jumped fifty per cent.

Before this debt was paid, J. Ralph Cannon was elected Treasurer of the Board of Stewards, and he announced that he intended to pay off everybody employed at the church, including the pastor, every Saturday night. This helped with the expenses of the church and the pastor and the others were paid weekly.

At every stewards meeting for over a year, substantially the following collosquy would take place between the Chairman of the Board and Mr. Oliver Dolvin:

THE CHAIRMAN: “Brother Dolvin, you know Mr. Brockman personally, and Mr. Polk is also a good friend of yours, how about you seeing them next week and in someways get them to carry over the interest on this loan or a part of it, anyway”.

MR. DOLVIN: “All right, Mr. Chairman, I will see them and see what I can do about it”.

This loan was finally paid down to $1,500.00, and that amount was borrowed from the bank on a note signed by ten or twelve of the members. This note came due every ninety days for about two years and had to be renewed each time for the same amount and some of the signers became a little weary about signing after so long a time.

In the meantime, back in November, 1928, Dr. S. P. Wiggins was made Presiding Elder of the North Atlanta District, and he served as such until the Conference in November, 1931. At this Conference in 1931, Dr. Wiggins was assigned as pastor to Haygood to succeed Reverend McKibben who had served five years, and Dr. R. L. Russell was made Presiding Elder of the District, and the Bishop was Bishop John M. Moore of Texas who succeeded Bishop Beauchamp, in 1930.

Dr. S. P. Wiggins was a man of lovable disposition and character. He was a quiet spoken and devout man, and he was also a learned and able minister and a good pastor. And, although his work had undermined his health, he carried on his work earnestly and faithfully until, during the year 1933, when his physician advised him, on account of his health, to give it up, to the sorrow of his members. He had received into the Church many children who are now members of his church. His devoted wife is still a member of Haygood Church.

At the Annual Conference of 1933, the Reverend B. Frank Rim, was assigned to Haygood as its pastor. He was a young man, able, enthusiastic, and uniting in the work of the church. He could fill any place in the church. If a pianist was needed, he could supply it; if the need arose he could be installed in the sunday school room, he could and did do it. The young people were very fond of him as well as the older ones. He had a smile that reached entirely across his face and hr wore it practically all of the time that he was awake. Apparently, no one enjoyed their work more than he did his.
Up until this time and until 1940, the salaries of the pastors at Haygood had ranged from $2,400.00 to $3,000.00. In 1933, according to the Minutes of the North Georgia Conference, we had set the salary at $3,000.00 and for Conference Work the amount of $900.00, and paid only $2,300.00 on the pastor’s salary and only $450.00, or half, of the Conference Work amount.

At the November Conference, 1936, Reverend W. M. Barnett was assigned to Haygood as its pastor and he served until November, 1939. He was a good pastor and looked well after his flock. He was always full of enthusiasm in his work as minister and as pastor. His sermons were earnestly and enthusiastically delivered and were full of religious substance. His wife rendered much help in the church and also as a member of the choir.

At the North Georgia Conference held in November, 1939, Dr. Luther B. Bridges was assigned to Haygood as its pastor. He had been a general evangelist in the Church for many years and a very successful one. There was some doubt as to whether he would be a success as a pastor on that account, but all such doubts soon vanished. He was an eloquent preacher. And he had a way of getting close to people and the tact of reaching some who thought they could reach. He procured some excellent workmanship for the church and Sunday School from persons who had never thought of doing such work before. He was very much interested in having a new church building.

Mr. W. M. Banta, Sr., was treasurer of the building fund, and he constructed a small portable booth, just large enough for one person to sit, and stationed this booth on the church lawn each Sunday morning and on all days that were available. This booth was used to sell stamps for the new church building, and the money collected was to be used toward the construction of the new church building. The congregation paid a little more than $52,000.00, averaging a little more than $1,000.00 per week.

On April 16, 1941, the present site of the church was purchased for the sum of $4,500.00 which was paid in full at the time of purchase. This lot fronted 377 feet on Rocksprings Road, extended back 419 feet on one side and 420 on the other and being 376 feet wide in the rear.

In May, 1941, a lot adjoining the above mentioned lot and fronting on Cumberland Road was purchased for $650.00 and fully paid for. This lot was 150 feet deep.

On June 2, 1941, the Church deeded to the City of Atlanta the lot just purchased on Cumberland Road and a strip fifty feet wide running from that lot to Rocksprings Road, on condition that the City pave this strip as a street, which has been done.

These lots were deeded to the Church, through its Trustees, Bert Jones, Leo Sudderth, Sr., John D. Humphries, Sr., S. L. Laird (Sr.), B. H. Robinson, J. F. Smith, H. C. Holbrook, and J. R. Wellborn, and the deed contains the “trust clause”.

The North Georgia Conference held in November 1944, Bishop Arthur J. Moore presiding, assigned to Haygood as its pastor, Reverend W. Rembert Sisson. The first sermon he preached showed that he had worked on this work before. He was an outstanding Christian and a success.

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The cost of the new structure was approximately $385,000.00. It was started in 1947 and finished in 1948. The first services held in the sanctuary were in November, 1948. Some services had been held in the recreation room prior to this date, but getting the pews delayed the opening of the sanctuary. Many of the furnishings of the church and Sunday School rooms were donated by different families of the church.

Upon completion of the church building, the Church borrowed the sum of $185,000.00, payable in monthly installments of a little less than
$1,400.00 per month. Up until this time these payments have been made and more in order to discharge it as early as possible and to save interest.

Back in June, 1946, the Church had also purchased a lot on which to build a parsonage. This lot is directly across the street from the new church and fronts 70 feet on Rocksprings Road. The price paid for this lot was $2,200.00. At the end of the conference year 1942, the regular budget of the church had been overpaid by more than $500.00 (wonderful to relate). Instead of trying to find a place to spend this surplus, notwithstanding a very little opinion to the contrary, it was carried over into the next year. During the following years this surplus grew, and when the parsonage lot was purchased, it was paid for in cash from the regular budget without drawing upon the building fund.

Deed to this lot was made to the Church, through its Trustees at that time, E. L. Adams, F. A. Doughman, R. H. Robinson, J. F. Smith, S. L. Laird, Bert Jones, and H. C. Holbrook; and it contains the regular "trust clause".

During the latter part of the year 1946 and the first of 1947, the parsonage was built on the lot above referred to. The building committee of the parsonage consisted of Luther H. Tatum, Judson Andrews, Hoke Blair, Claude Grizzard, Jr., and E. M. Myers. The cost of the parsonage, above the price of the lot was $26,000.00. On April 14, 1947, a loan was made to cover part of the cost. The total loans on the parsonage amounted to approximately $20,000.00 and was payable in monthly installments of $100.00 each; but payments to this time have been made on this debt at the rate of $200.00 per month in order to discharge it as soon as possible and to save interest. The balance of this indebtedness to December 1949 was $16,853.45.

The Building Committee of the church building was composed of: W. Rembert Sisson, Pastor; S. B. Gaston, C. L. Fain, Jr., E. M. Myers, H. H. Nall, Claude C. Grizzard, Jr., George H. Surrency, Hoke Blair, Warren M. Banta, Sr., and Prentice L. Meadows; and they were elected at the first quarterly conference, held on February 9th, 1945, in the old church building. This Committee held its first meeting on February 22, 1945, and at this meeting S. B. Gaston was elected Chairman and Prentice L. Meadows Secretary of the Committee, and Barili & Humphreys were elected as the Architects.

On February 20, 1948, the old church property at the northeast corner of North Highland Avenue and Lanier Place was sold for approximately $29,000.00 in cash, with the right to retain certain personal property or furnishings, including fourteen pianos.

Through the years of its history, Haygood has had the following Bishops presiding over the North Georgia Conferences: 1930 through 1933, Bishop John M. Moore; 1934 through 1937, Bishop W. N. Ainsworth; 1938 and 1939, Bishop J. Lloyd Decell; 1940 to the present, Bishop Arthur J. Moore; and all of these Bishops have preached at Haygood Memorial Church.

The following have served as Presiding Elders or District Superintendents: 1930 and 1931, Dr. S. P. Wiggins; 1931-1934, Dr. R. L. Russell; 1935, Rev. Lester Rumble; 1936 and 1937, Dr. C. C. Jarrell; 1938 and 1939, Rev. W. G. Henry; 1940-1943, E. G. Mackey; 1944-1950, Dr. J. W. Veatch; 1950 to the present, Rev. W. Rembert Sisson.

The North Georgia Conference which was held in June, 1950, with Bishop Arthur J. Moore presiding, assigned to Haygood Church the Reverend Harvey Holland as its pastor. During this first year, he, with his lovely wife and daughter, have won the hearts of his people. The church has carried on well in all of its programs. He is both a minister and a pastor. His sermons are forceful, spiritual, and based upon and full of the gospel which reflect his conviction that he was divinely chosen to preach the Word, and he accordingly takes a text from the Book and preaches it.

Haygood is blessed with competent and devoted leaders and teachers. There are husbands and their wives teaching in the Sunday School who have been serving in that capacity for years; the Director of Christian Education, Mrs. E. F. Newill, is devout, competent, and loyal. And, for it all we are gratefully and thankfully proud and especially for the loyalty of its members, some of whom, though not named as charter-members, yet attended services of Haygood Church while they were still being held at Lanier Hall, and we wish we had the names of them all so as to set them out here. Included in these, according to our present information, are Mrs. F. S. Patterson and members of her family and the J. R. Wellborns and the Peeks.

The total Budget set up for the year 1951-1952, including the building fund, is $61,735.61; that for 1941-1942 was $10,275.00.

The members of Haygood have always been a hopeful and a friendly people and willing to enter upon any program suggested to them for the development of their church. May they always be so.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Birdie V. Moore, H. C. Holbrook, Committee.