EARLY HISTORY

A group of papers and a book were turned over to a representative of the Church by Mr. and Mrs. Bill Scott (same having been left with them by Mr. R. L. Nesbit). The following information was found written on the back of a letter dated August 4, 1948.

"R. C. Nesbit. I have belonged to Mt. Pisgah Church 65 years. The church was moved from the Pleasant Hill to Nortown. The old church was named the Martin Church. The one acre tract of land that the church was moved off of belongs to Mt. Pisgah Church. The triangle being used for a grave yard.

"The Mt. Pisgah Church was built 1873. The old church was built when the first settlers crossed in the Indian Settlement."

Mrs. Bertie Crocker, whom we believe to be the oldest living member of Mt. Pisgah United Methodist Church, recalls attending church in a log house that was located where the parsonage now is. She reports that there were slab seats in the building. The log house was on the property when it was acquired by the Church. She also remembers the arbor, as do a number of our members. It was used for camp meetings and there were camp houses around for people to live in during camp meetings.

The first church at the present location was a white frame building and was nearer the edge of the cemetery than the present building.

The present church was built by the members. Trees were cut from the property, a saw mill brought in to saw the lumber. It was begun in 1940 and completed in 1946.

The cornerstone is as follows:

Mt. Pisgah Methodist Church
Frank Morehead, Pastor
W. G. Thomason, Chairman
E. F. Hawkins, Vice Chairman
R. L. Nesbit, Sec'y & Treas.
O. L. Drumbelow
W. H. Scott
E. C. Chamblee, Sr. Architect
Construction started 1940
Completed 1946
F. D. Smith, Pastor
RECENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1962 The well was dug.
1962-64 The Educational Building was built.
1965 A trailer was rented for use as a parsonage. Rev. John Green owned it and had brought it to live in while he was pastor at Mt. Pisgah Methodist Church.
1967 The parsonage was purchased and completely renovated. The house was moved to the present site from Doraville.

Choir robes were given by Mrs. Mildred Seydel.
1968 Red velvet was given by Mrs. Margaret Palmer, now deceased, for drapes for back of choir and for altar rail. The church bought red velvet for drapes for all the windows. The pastor's wife, Nancy Davis, made all the drapes.

The sanctuary was painted inside by the men.
1969 The organ was given by Northside United Methodist Church.
1971 Stained glass windows were installed in the sanctuary.

Ceiling, fluorescent lights, floor tile were installed in the fellowship hall and kitchen.
1972 A savings fund was started for the purpose of using the interest to pay for maintenance of the cemetery.

The parking lot was enlarged and paved and a security light was installed.

A wall was built at the edge of the parking lot at the cemetery.

An area was cleared for a softball field and a volleyball court was paved.

The church entrance was closed in making a vestibule, and a front porch was added. A concrete walkway was paved around the church, including a large area in front of the church.

A former Sunday School classroom was made into the minister's office.
1973 A new roof was installed on the sanctuary and educational building.

The members have contributed furnishings for the parsonage and have beautified the grounds with shrubbery and flowers. The men keep the grass cut at the church and in the cemetery.

Current plans and projects underway include new chairs for the church school, new ceiling, light fixtures, carpet and air conditioning for the sanctuary.

We wish to express our sincere appreciation to Dr. J. J. Sneed, Sr. for his work in compiling this listing of previous pastors. Our special thanks are also due Mrs. Charles II. Lee for obtaining and compiling the other information found in this history. Particular thanks are also due Mrs. Beryl Virak for the typing and mimeographing. Also to all the members and friends who made contributions of information and time.

Mt. Pisgah confidently looks to the future - building on the firm foundation bequeathed to us by a long and eventful heritage.

Robert N. Murphy, Pastor