HISTORY

NORTHSIDE METHODIST CHURCH

2799 Northside Drive at Kingswood Lane, N.W.

ATLANTA, GEORGIA
The founding, building and growth of Northside Methodist Church might be the typical story of growing communities of Anytown, U.S.A. But to its small group of founders, possessed of a high degree of Christian pioneer spirit, it is a personal story of work and sacrifice, of fellowship and joy of accomplishment in their devotion to Christ and His Church.

THE BEGINNING

On Sunday afternoon, November 5, 1950 in the auditorium of Northside High School about eighty people gathered together under the direction of Dr. Lester Rumble to hear Bishop Arthur Moore preach and to face the challenge of a great opportunity.

The first Church Bulletin, dated the following Sunday, announced: "Welcome to all on this day of the first regular service in our new location. We are a group of God's people making history in trying to meet the needs of this large and growing metropolitan city.... The religious body that does not hasten to build rapidly and encourage new congregations to be formed will lose its opportunity. Methodists do not propose to be short-sighted and your presence here today is an indication of that purpose".

SPONSOR

Lot #1, purchased April 11, 1950 from Mr. Lewis Byrd at a cost of $12,078.50, was donated to the new Church by Methodist Church District Board of Missions and Church Extension of Atlanta-West District, Inc., National Board of Missions, Board of Church Extension of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

It is located at the corner of Northside Drive and Kingswood Lane, Atlanta West District, North Georgia Conference of the Methodist Church.

NAME

The geographical name of NORTHSIDE was chosen that first Sunday afternoon and a new church was born, with the following twenty three people making their decision to become members:

Mr. and Mrs. Albert R. Arnau
Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Black
Mr. and Mrs. B. Russell Bridges, Jr.
Mr. and Mrs. Respess M. Chatfield
Mr. and Mrs. James E. Dickey
Mrs. Eugene T. Drinkard
Mrs. F. C. Lewis, Sr.
Mrs. Linda Lou Chatfield
Mr. and Mrs. H. S. McCurry
Dr. and Mrs. Marion C. Pruitt
Mr. and Mrs. Henry L. Reid
Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Earl Strother
Mr. and Mrs. Randolph W. Thrower

PASTOR

Dr. and Mrs. Eugene T. Drinkard were present at that first meeting and Dr. Drinkard was presented as pastor of this adventurous little group.
Dr. Drinkard came to us from Salem charge in Decatur-Oxford District. He holds A.B. and B.D. degrees from Emory University and did residence work at Union Theological Seminary for his Ph.D. His attractive wife, Caroline, has been a splendid co-worker from the very beginning of our existence. His son, Dewitt Talmadge, II was born June 13, 1951 and his daughter Cora Lee on December 16, 1960.

**ORGANIZATION**

The following Steering Committee was set up to act as the official body of the Church preceding the organization of the Quarterly Conference: S. R. Bridges, Jr. Chairman, Henry L. Reid, Secretary, James E. Dickey, Treasurer, S. J. Barron, Respess M. Chatfield, H. S. McCurry, Paul M. McLarty, Dr. Marion C. Pruitt, Randolph W. Thrower.

**QUARTERLY CONFERENCE**

Within the pastoral charge the Quarterly Conference is the basic body of control, uniting it to connectional Methodism. Dr. Lester Rumble, our beloved District Superintendent, presided at our first Quarterly Conference on January 14, 1951. Following this meeting the Church Directory and list of Committees were given as follows:

**General Church Officers**

Eugene T. Drinkard  
James E. Dickey  
Mrs. Robert L. McMichael, Jr.

Minister  
Church Treasurer  
Membership Secretary

The Board of Stewards

S. R. Bridges, Jr. Chairman  
H. S. McCurry, Vice-Chm.  
Henry L. Reid, Secretary  
Paul L. Abernethy  
Oliver P. Allen  
E. C. Barr  
S. J. Barron  
R. M. Chambers  
Respess M. Chatfield  
William L. Davenport  
Ol. L. Waller  
Judge S. Price Gilbert, Sr.

James E. Dickey  
Albert R. Arnau  
Paul M. McLarty  
Charles D. Munroe  
Dr. Marion C. Pruitt  
J. Albert Quillian  
Fred O. Reese  
Henry L. Reid  
Wm. Earl Strother  
Randolph W. Thrower

The Board of Trustees

Judge S. Price Gilbert, Sr.  
Dr. Marion C. Pruitt  
James E. Dickey

H. S. McCurry  
S. R. Bridges, Jr.

Church School

Randolph W. Thrower  
J. Albert Quillian

Superintendent  
Ass't. Superintendent

Church Nursery

Mrs. Albert R. Arnau  
Director
**CHURCH COMMITTEES**

**Membership & Evangelism**
- Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Thrower
- Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Munroe
- Mrs. Robert L. McMichael
- Mrs. Wm. Earl Strother
- Mr. and Mrs. Fred O. Reese
- Miss Eva Reid
- Miss Anne Garner

**Music Committee**
- Mr. and Mrs. P. M. McLarty
- Mrs. Prince Webster
- Mrs. Ray C. Lewis
- Mrs. Frank White
- Mrs. R. Paul Wilson
- Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Smith
- R. M. Chambers
- Miss Eva Reid
- Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Black

**Hospitals and Homes**
- Mrs. J. Albert Quillian
- Mrs. Ellis H. Bryant, Sr.
- Mrs. Mary B. Wilkerson
- Mrs. James C. Lowe
- Mrs. Horace Garner
- Mrs. H. S. McCurry

**Finance Committee**
- Dr. Marion C. Pruitt
- Wm. Earl Strother
- James E. Dickey

**Audit Committee**
- Randal R. Smith
- Oscar L. Waller

**Good Literature**
- Mrs. Saunders Jones
- Mrs. W. G. Morgan, Jr.
- Mrs. E. C. Barr
- Mrs. W. L. Davenport
- Mrs. Robert G. Smith
- Mrs. Robert L. McMichael

**Parsonage**
- Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Barron
- Mrs. M. J. Dabney
- Mrs. Marion C. Pruitt
- Mrs. S. R. Bridges, Jr.
- Mrs. Respess M. Chatfield

**Publicity and History**
- Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Chatfield
- Frank W. White
- Sterling G. Slappey
- James C. Lowe
- Mrs. R. M. Chambers
- Robert G. Smith
- Stephen R. Styron

**Pastoral Relations**
- Henry L. Reid
- S. R. Bridges, Jr.
- Mrs. Wm. Earl Strother

We are greatly indebted to Dr. Rumble for the vision and planning which made our Church possible and for the loyal devotion he has steadfastly maintained throughout our existence.

Dr. J. W. O. McKibben became our District Superintendent in 1951 and greatly endeared himself to us in that capacity.

A word of thanks to both Dr. Rumble and Dr. McKibben for their guidance, not only in the regular Conferences but also in the meetings necessary during our building years.

Dr. Rumble, who joined the North Georgia Conference in 1916, returned to us as District Superintendent in 1957 and continues to guide us in that position in 1960.
Notices of the Quarterly Conferences were always given in the Church Bulletin and invitations issued to the entire congregation to attend these meetings. To quote Dr. Drinkard, "There is no meeting at which you can learn more about your Church than this one".

CHARTER
MEMBERS

The list was closed Easter Sunday, April 1, 1951 with a total of 152. The names given here follow the original twenty-three previously listed:

Mr. and Mrs. E. Cecil Barr
Mr. and Mrs. Jack Barron
Miss Martha Barron
Miss Diane Bridges
Mrs. J. O. Conoly
Miss Mary Ann Dickey
Mr. and Mrs. Paul McLarty
Mrs. Frank Miller
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Chambers
Miss Carol Chambers
Mr. James E. Dickey, Jr.
Mrs. Horace B. Garner
Miss Ann Garner
Mr. S. Price Gilbert, Jr.
Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Morgan, Jr.
Mr. and Mrs. Robert G. Smith
Mrs. John R. Walker
Mrs. Jefferson M. Dabney
Mr. and Mrs. James C. Lowe, Sr.
Mr. James C. Lowe, Jr.
Mr. and Mrs. Charles D. Monroe
Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Styron
Mr. and Mrs. Frank W. White
Mr. William T. White
Mr. and Mrs. R. Paul Wilson
Mr. R. Paul Wilson, Jr.
Mr. William Earl Strother, Jr.
Mr. and Mrs. Oliver P. Allen
Judge and Mrs. S. Price Gilbert, Sr.
Mr. and Mrs. Tom J. Hayes
Mr. John R. Walker
Mrs. Hugh P. Nunnally, Jr.
Mrs. Russell Holladay
Mr. and Mrs. Hugh B. Wilkerson
Mrs. Hugh Baird
Mrs. Robert McMichael, Jr.
Miss Anne H. McMichael
Mr. and Mrs. Ellis H. Bryant, Sr.
Mr. and Mrs. O. Lloyd Waller
Mr. and Mrs. Paul L. Abernethy
Mr. Paul L. Abernethy, Jr.
Mr. Sterling Slappey
Mr. and Mrs. J. Albert Quillian

Mrs. J. Prince Webster
Mr. and Mrs. William L. Davenport
Mrs. Saunders Jones
Mr. and Mrs. Fred C. Reese
Mr. and Mrs. Randall R. Smith
Mr. Paul McLarty, Jr.
Mr. and Mrs. Stephen R. Styron
Mr. Stephen P. Styron
Mrs. J. B. Smith
Dr. and Mrs. Fred Hodges, Jr.
Mr. Robert Strickland
Mr. and Mrs. Jack Curry
Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Bosanko
Mrs. A. W. Gordon
Mr. and Mrs. Ellis H. Bryant, Jr.
Mr. and Mrs. John Ford
Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Kissam
Mr. Saunders Jones
Mr. and Mrs. Tom D. Strickland, Jr.
Miss Cecelia K. Caton
Mr. Jimmy Black
Miss Patricia Bosanko
Miss Mary Vann Chatfield
Miss Bonnie Jean Gordon
Miss Diane Smith
Miss Margaret Thrower
Mr. and Mrs. Leland G. Baggett
Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Bratton
Mr. and Mrs. Henry M. Collar
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph L. Collins
Mr. and Mrs. LeHol Epperson
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas H. Edwards
Mr. William Ronald Edwards
Mr. Thomas Joel Edwards
Mr. and Mrs. W. Dean Kelley
Mr. and Mrs. Ralph E. Scott
Mr. and Mrs. Claude C. Wills
Mrs. James P. Spurlock
Mr. and Mrs. Glenn N. Keim
Mr. and Mrs. Adolphe P. Posenecker
Mr. William W. Posenecker
Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Richards
Mr. Robert L. Richards
Mr. Lee Turman
WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE  
This vital group of our Church was organized early in its history, with the first general meeting held February 6, 1951. Two Circles were established but the membership was doubled in four months and Circle No. 3 got under way.

Mrs. Wm. Earl Strother, as the first President, was presented with a Life Membership. Other Presidents of WSCS are:

1951-2  Mrs. Henry L. Reid
52-3  Mrs. Paul L. Abernethy
53-4  Mrs. Orbie Bostick
54-5  Mrs. Orbie Bostick
55-6  Mrs. Henry L. Bowden
56-7  Mrs. Henry L. Bowden
57-8  Mrs. William Cosper, Jr. & Mrs. L.C. Harmon
58-9  Mrs. L. C. Harmon
59-60  Mrs. Robert W. Black

Mrs. F. James Funk, Jr. elected for the year to begin July 1, 1960

Circles No. 4 and 5 were added in June, 1954, with a total membership of 176 and expenditures for the year of $2,958.41. Circle No. 6 was added in June, 1956 and Circle No. 7 in June, 1957.

Membership on Oct. 1, 1959 was 180 and expenditures for the year amounted to $2207.46.

Meetings were held in the homes of members and work was started almost immediately on fund-raising projects for the benefit of the Building Fund. With the December, 1952 Church Bazaar netting over $1,000, the Bazaar became an annual fund-raising project of women of the Church. Work days were scheduled beforehand, a spaghetti supper was added, and much hard work and good fellowship went into the effort each year. Other projects of great benefit to the Building Fund included: A Silver Tea, Coffees, Luncheons and Fashion Shows, a China Show, etc.

Notwithstanding all of this, the real work of the WSCS was carried on, with these excerpts from Church Bulletins to show some of the good results:

"Scrapbook for 1954-55 judged second best in its class for the North Georgia Conference; second place in 1956; third place in 1958 and honorable mention 1959".

"Spiritual Life Retreat for the Atlanta West District at our Church April, 1955, with some fifty churches participating".

"World Community Day, a meeting of women from all the various churches in the area coming together in a cooperative endeavor. Mrs. Drinkard in charge of the program for the November, 1955 meeting".

"Annual Officers Training Day for Churches of the Atlanta West District WSCS held at our Church July 19, 1956 and again June 4, 1959".

"General meeting a picnic in August, 1955 at Snap
Finger Farm near Decatur, home of Mrs. W. Sam Smith. "At home of Mrs. Dan J. Haughton near Marietta in 1956.

"Warm Clothes collected for overseas relief".

"Morning Coffee or Afternoon Tea and reception for new members".

"Annual School of Missions of the North Georgia WSCS, with classes on Approved Study Courses in the mornings and Workshops each afternoon".

"Christmas Party for group of children from Methodist Children's Home".

WESLEYAN SERVICE This group, an auxiliary to the Woman's Society of GUILD Christian Service composed mainly of employed women, was organized at Northside in January, 1952. Presidents of the Guild are listed as follows:

- Mrs. Robert McMichael, 1952-53, 53-54
- Mrs. Horace B. Garner 1953-54
- Mrs. Margaret Walker, 1954-55, 55-56
- Mrs. James F. Cox 1956-57, 57-58
- Mrs. Russell Bobbitt 1958-59
- Miss Sara Schroder 1959-60
- Mrs. E. Dalton McGlamry for the term beginning July 1, 1960

As with the WSCS, the ladies of the Guild have a splendid record of providing a channel through which its members can achieve spiritual enrichment and Christian fellowship and take an active part in developing a world Christian community. Membership October 1, 1959 was 40.

CHURCH LIBRARY A committee was appointed and our Church Library came into being in November, 1957 under the able direction of Mrs. Eugene R. Martini. The November 30, 1958 Bulletin carried this reference:

"Happy Birthday! For exactly one year your Church Library has been growing, slowly but surely. It now consists of over 300 volumes, plus many maps and pictures. The Wesleyan Service Guild has continued to take the lead in guiding the growth of the library, but it has been assisted generously by other members and friends.

"Additions can still be made by gifts from groups and individuals. Books for children and young people are our greatest need. A Thanksgiving or Christmas gift would be much appreciated and would bring joy to many users in the library."

On Mrs. McDonald became our Church Librarian.
METHODIST MEN'S CLUB

This fine and active organization through which the men of the Church find a closer fellowship was organized in March of 1954 with 43 men attending. It has constantly maintained a splendid record of work and fellowship. With the presentation of its Charter in June of that year, the Northside Club became one of 5,000 working for a better church and a better community. Its membership numbered 58. Presidents of this group over the years have been:

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The first year the Club initiated its program of selling Christmas Trees with the help of, and for the benefit of, the Boy Scouts of the Church.

The annual Ladies Night Banquet was started in 1954.

The Men's Club had a general store booth at the Bazaar in 1956, helping toward the Building Fund.

The April meeting, 1957 was the beginning of the Annual Father-Daughter Banquets; in the Fall of the same year, the Annual Father-Son Banquet was started.

The Spaghetti Suppers held in March of 1958 and April, 1959 benefited our expanding Youth Program.

The August, 1958 meeting was a Social gathering for a barbecue supper and square dancing at the Church Recreation Hall. The year before, it had been an old fashioned family watermelon cutting.

On September 30, 1959 they had a Family Barbeque at the Atlanta Water Works.

Notices of the monthly meetings of the Men's Club listed prominent speakers with subjects to carry out the purpose of the Club: The development of the spiritual life of the men of the church and the attainment of a Christian fellowship.

BUILDING PROGRAM

First

The/Building Committee was composed of Henry L. Reid, Chairman, Mrs. Albert Arnau, James E. Dickey, S. Russell Bridges, Jr., Leland Baggett, Jr., Wm. Earl Strother, Randolph W. Thrower and Eugene T. Drinkard.
The story of the actual construction of the building might best be told by excerpts from our Church Bulletins over the years, starting with December 9, 1951:

The Building Committee presented plans; gifts totalled $4,552.77.

Pictures of proposed church posted.

Ground-breaking Service Sunday, May 18, 1952, 5 P.M.

Over 250 present.

First meeting in new Church unit, Church Assembly Hall, November 23, 1952. Membership at this time stood at 285.

Contractor - Jiroud Jones & Co. - Cost $65,470.00
Architect - Francis P. Smith 2,291.00
Landscape Architect - Edith Henderson 10.00
Landscaper - Norman Butts 638.16
Cost of kitchen equipment 3,035.40

The Finance Committee was composed of Dr. Marion C. Pruitt, Chairman, James E. Dickey, Ralph M. Braswell, Dan J. Haughton, William Earl Strother and Saunders Jones.

Church Telephone secured December 21, 1952.

Church Trustees acquired lot of land measuring 100 x 229 ft. just east of present building on December 31, 1952 from E. L. King at a cost of $3,811.00. Donation of $3,750.00 made by Mr. and Mrs. Frank E. Davis for purchase of Lot No. 2, and donation of $71.00, cost of title, etc., made by Dr. and Mrs. Marion C. Pruitt.

$4,500.00 needed to secure plans for Sunday School Building.

Special Gifts Committee named March 29, 1953: Pyott Jamison, Chairman, Raymond A. Jones, Jr., Henry Bowden, Orbie Bostick, Mrs. Jeff Dabney, Mrs. Fred Hodges, Jimmy Lowe, Jimmy Black and Patricia Thrower.

The Pastor's Office will be open at the close of morning service—April 12, 1953.

On our Third Anniversary our church property extends 500 feet along Kingswood Lane and approximately 230 feet along Northside Drive. Our annual budget is $39,000.00.

1954 entered with present church building completely paid for, worth $85,000. Special Service of Dedication with burning of notes January 10, 1954. Thanks go to Dr. Pruitt and members of the Finance Commission.


New Church Secretary and morning office hours. Jan. 31st.
Ground-Breaking Service after Church service today (June 6th). WSCS in charge of families bringing box lunches. Membership 62?

Report made by the pastor at the June, 1954 Conference of North Georgia, the estimated value of church buildings and property was $113,000.00, with total expenditures of $49,350.00 during the year.

Construction on the Sunday School building will get under way again just as soon as a new contract is agreed upon between the Contractors Association and Union representatives - July 25th. Construction resumed August 30, 1954, after stoppage of about two months.

The Fourth Anniversary of Northside Methodist Church was observed with the second annual Birthday party on the lawn.

Every Member Canvass made by officials of the Church during the week to secure support of financial program. December 19th.

The new Sunday School Building was opened for use on Sunday, February 13, 1955, marking another big step ahead in the building of our young Church. Recognition Service for leaders and teachers in the Sunday School was the main feature of the Worship Service. Open House was held during the afternoon for members and friends. The Building included 15 classrooms, pre-nursery, church office, pastor's study, storage rooms.

Contractor - J. A. Jones Construction Co. - Cost $99,755.87
Architect - Francis P. Smith - Cost $3,491.46
Landscape Architect - Eugene Martini - Fee $250.00
Cost of Sunday School equipment - $10,091.29

Tribute was paid to the Building Committee of Henry L. Reid, Chairman, Raymond A. Jones, Jr., Mrs. Fred B. Hodges, Jr., Orbie Bostick, S. Russell Bridges, Jr., W. L. Davenport, Mrs. Albert R. Arnau and Randolph W. Thrower. Special thanks were extended Mr. Raymond Jones, Jr., contractor, for the extraordinary amount of time and personal supervision he gave to the building of our plant. The many gifts received are recorded elsewhere.

Full-time Janitor has been secured by our Church to give our building the care it needs. He was Hiram Ragsdale.

The Policy Committee of the Church was called on to study and develop ways and means of carrying out the building of the Church Sanctuary and additional Sunday School rooms due to the steady growth of our Church and Sunday School. April 10, 1955. Members of this Committee were: Mrs. Orbie Bostick, Henry L. Bowden, James E. Dickey, Dan J. Haughton, Raymond A. Jones, J. F. Linville, Henry L. Reid and Randolph Thrower.

Mr. Francis P. Smith has been engaged as Architect for our Church Sanctuary.
The report made by Dr. Drinkard to the North Georgia Conference in June, 1955 listed:

- Paid on new Sunday School Building: $47,292.00
- Paid on indebtedness on Building: $4,409.00
- Indebtedness on Sunday School Bldg.: $63,232.00

Total paid out by the Church and its organizations, all causes, $77,905.00

Duplicate Worship Services were started in our Church February 26, 1956 at 8:45 and 11:00 A.M. to relieve the over-crowded conditions that have prevailed at our eleven o'clock service. Young men of the MYF acted as ushers at the early service and young women of the MYF helped in the nursery.

A Special Meeting of the Church congregation was held May 6, 1956 following the worship services to give final consideration to plans for our Church Sanctuary and a third floor of the Sunday School rooms. The $350,000 bank loan to carry out our building program approved last year now is found insufficient. The Policy Committee approved the request of the Building Committee for additional funds and has secured a loan of $400,000 from the Fulton National Bank, with a maximum of 15 years to repay. "We still should be able to build our Church Sanctuary and additional Sunday School rooms WITHOUT ANY SPECIAL FINANCIAL DRIVE OR CAMPAIGN if our people continue to give to the Building Fund as liberally as they have in past years". This most significant step in our history was given whole-hearted support.

Sixth Birthday: Ground broken for our new Church Sanctuary, to be completed around December 1st. Third floor of Sunday School building to be ready in June.
- Full-time Church Secretary employed January, 1957.
- Laying of the Cornerstone of New Church Sanctuary immediately after 11:00 o'clock worship service June 2, 1957.

The move into the new Third Story was made on two Sundays, June 30th and July 7th.

"Construction on Sanctuary progressing". Booklet sent to every family listing memorial gifts that can be placed in our New Church. August, 1957.

The great day finally arrived: OPENING DAY SERVICES, Sunday, November 24, 1957 in our New Church Sanctuary. To quote from Dr. Drinkard's Message: "The sanctuary which we have dreamed about and worked for so faithfully has become a reality. It is not given to men often to share in the building of such a temple as ours for the worship of Almighty God. To us, in the providence of God, this great privilege has come. A building of enduring beauty and nobility has been reared here. Let us humbly give thanks to God for His goodness and His blessings. Now, more than ever, we must not lose sight of our high ideal 'to have the kind of Church that Christ could join'. We rightly pause for this hour to rejoice and be grateful for the house of brick and stone we have built with God's help. However, with renewed dedication we must today set ourselves to the thrilling task of creating Christian character in the life of our people and bringing God's Kingdom increasingly into our community and our world", so spoke our pastor.
In April, 1958 Lot No. 3 was purchased from Mrs. Martha Hodgson Ellis at a cost of $5,000. The amount of $2,500 was donated for this purpose by Mr. and Mrs. Randolph Thrower; the balance was paid with Church Funds. The lot lies immediately south of our Sanctuary with a frontage of approximately 72 feet on Northside Drive and a depth of 350 feet parallel to Kingswood Lane. It will be used for the present mainly for outdoor recreation purposes.

Contractor - J. A. Jones Constr. Co. - Cost $424,025.00
Architect - Francis P. Smith - Cost $12,940.75
Landscape Architect - Eugene Martini - Fee, $900.00, Cost $10,435.00
Church Parlor furnishings - Cost $4,245.90
Church signs - Cost $400.00
Paving and brick work - Cost $10,700.00
Brides' Room Equipment - Cost app. $500.00

The report made by Dr. Drinkard at the North Georgia Annual Conference for the year ended June 1, 1959:

Estimated value of Church buildings, equipment and land $770,000.00
Expenditures: Missions (Foreign and Home) 7,038.00
Current expenses, incidentals 44,883.00
Sunday School Administration, supplies 4,456.00
Principal and interest on Church loan 59,590.00
Total paid for all causes in the Church 130,535.00

Our sanctuary is of Gothic style architecture which admits of structural beauty and reverence not obtainable in any other style. The dominant desire in all of our work has been to provide a building here which would be beautiful and inspire all worshippers to deep reverence.

Our Church is a real product of the English Gothic style which prevailed during the fourteenth, fifteenth and sixteenth centuries, and embodies the best traditions in Church building. It is not, however, an archaeological copy of any building in Europe. It is rather a modern American and living Gothic interpretation and therefore it is the product of our time but still has for its foundations the best that has gone before in the ages past.

Our architects have recognized that while Gothic is the supreme expression of the Christian Spirit, yet any style which only copies the past ceases to have meaning for modern life. Therefore, it is our hope that the architecture of Northside Church will preach a sermon in itself and help to induce worship in the hearts of all who enter this Sanctuary.

God, in nature, has manifested his love of color in a panorama of glowing beauty which we witness with each changing season. Because all color and beauty belong to Him, is it not fitting to use color in His house? Seasons and certain days in the Church Year are characterized by specific colors which we call Liturgical or Ecclesiastical. These are used in vestments, altar, pulpit and lectern hangings for public worship. There are five such colors most commonly
used: White, Red, Green, Violet (or Purple) and Black. (from Methodist Altars)

"Our Red Altar Cloth including the Pulpit and Lecturn Scarfs are being used today (May 25, 1958) because this is Pentecost Sunday, the day on which the Christian Church was founded in Jerusalem. Red symbolizes the zeal of the Church and the outpouring of God's spirit which came to the early Christians at Pentecost.

"Red, the color of blood and fire, stands for the sacrifice of the Christian Church and its martyrs."

"Our Purple Altar Cloth, Lecturn and Pulpit Scarfs are used throughout the Lenten Season, signifying the spiritual qualities of penitence, self-denial, sacrifice. It also stands for the element of suffering in the life of Jesus as some six weeks before Easter He left the sunny hills of Galilee and started for Jerusalem and the trials it brought Him."

"Our beautiful White Pulpit and Lecturn Scarfs and Altar Cover are used Easter Sunday and for several weeks because white, the symbol of purity and joy and victory, was used by the early Christians to signify the glory of Easter."

"White is also used for several Sundays in December, the Advent Season of the Church Year; white stands for the purity, the simplicity, the beauty and wonder of the birth of Jesus."

"Our Green Altar Cover, Pulpit and Lecturn Scarfs will be used throughout the summer months. Green symbolizes the qualities of growth and life in the Christian Church."

PARSONAGE

Our second Church Bulletin dated November 19, 1950 carried this paragraph: "The Steering Committee has been fortunate in securing a duplex for a parsonage located at 2066 Evergreen Lane, N.W." Two weeks later, "The pastor and his wife are grateful for the interest and the generosity you are showing in furnishing the parsonage. The attitude and spirit of a congregation are largely responsible for the success and happiness of its minister and the life of the church."

On January 17, 1954: "A new parsonage has been rented at 620 Channing Drive, N.W. The pastor and his family have moved into this home and are very much pleased to occupy it. Members are invited to drop by to see the new parsonage.

A campaign began May 10, 1959 to purchase a parsonage for the church. The following Special Committee was appointed by the Finance Commission: J. F. Linville, Jr., James P. Poole, William T. Boyd, Morris I. McDonald, Erle Phillips, Sam E. Houston.

A Called Meeting of the Quarterly Conference was held June 28th to authorize the purchase of a new parsonage.
On July 31, 1959 the Pastoral Family moved into the new parsonage at 3057 Rockingham Drive, N.W. Reception held by Dr. and Mrs. Budd Sunday afternoon, November 15th, 4 to 6.

The Church School was organized November 12, 1950 and all classes were held every Sunday morning in the rooms of the Northside High School until February of 1955, when the first unit of the Sunday School Building was completed. Names of superintendents and figures given in the pastor's report to the North Georgia Conferences are listed below.

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One of the very early Bulletins carried this announcement: "A Nursery for children is being provided each Sunday during the morning worship hour. It is under the capable direction of Mrs. Albert Arnau, assisted by several women and young people of the church. So don't let your young children keep you from worshiping with us. They will be well taken care of here".

With more space available in the new Sunday School Building in 1955, a new Pre-Nursery department for very young children was opened under the direction of Mrs. Fred Hodges, Jr. and Mrs. Luke Brown, Jr.

Many other notes of interest regarding our Sunday School were listed in Church Bulletins through the years; some of them indicating various activities include:

Christmas Program, December, 1952
New Class for Adults, March, 1955
Additional Session for Primary boys and girls (6, 7 and 8 years) held during morning Church service, September, 1955
Sunday School Class for young people, 18 to 23, added during the summer months, July, 1957.
Junior night of fun and fellowship at a supper meeting, Friday, February 6, 1959.

In February, 1951 Dr. Drinkard started the first membership class for children 9 years and over; in 1954 the group was divided into two classes: Junior boys and girls studying for six weeks on Saturday mornings and received into Church on Palm Sunday. The Intermediate and Senior young people met with the pastor on Sunday afternoon
or evening and were received into the Church on Easter Sunday. In this manner our pastor has prepared and received into Church over 170 boys and girls and young people through Easter, 1959. This is indeed a tribute to Dr. Drinkard's faithful concern for and work with our young people.

A Membership Class for Adults was also started Sunday evening February 15, 1959 for those who are not members of the church; those of other denominations who attend our church; and for the general church congregation interested in learning more about the meaning of church membership.

Throughout the years, training courses have been scheduled for Sunday School workers at our church, in the community, and at retreats. Tributes are frequently paid these faithful School workers in Church Bulletins; we are justly proud of a fine Sunday School.

The Church School is organized in three divisions:

- **Children's Division**, from birth through 11 years
- **Youth Division**, from 12 through 23
- **Adult Division**, 24 years and over.

Leaders in these Divisions over the years have been:

**Children** - Mrs. Albert Arnau  
Mrs. Randolph Thrower  
Mr. and Mrs. John Taylor

**Youth** - W. L. Davenport  
R. M. Chatfield  
Eugene R. Martini

**Adult** - R. M. Chatfield  
W. O. Riley

Vacation Bible Schools have been held every year and are listed here with pertinent information:

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A Week-Day Kindergarten for 4 and 5 year old children began September 2, 1958 under the direction of Mrs. William C. Horton. The December 14, 1958 Church Bulletin announced: "Due to the demand, we are adding another group of children to our present Northside Kindergarten Day School." One group is made up of 4-year olds and near fours; the 5-year olds are in the other group. Other teachers in the school are Mrs. Weddington Kelley and Mrs. L. R. Epperson, Jr., with Mrs. Clinton Roth as a substitute teacher.
The first annual Christmas Program was held on Friday evening, December 20, 1950, our Church just a few weeks old. The history of the first nine years of Northside is also the story for these same years of its young, energetic pastor, dedicated to his dream "to have the kind of church Christ could join".

From the very beginning, Dr. Drinkard participated in community affairs, leading, speaking on radio and television, arranging, meeting, offering himself and his church facilities for community use. A complete record of his activities while at Northside would become a volume in itself but a few of the notations over the years will record here some of his interest and influence in so many directions:

At the end of our first year, Dr. Drinkard's sermon at our church was televised.
Speaker at city-wide Youth Rally at Centenary Methodist Church in Chattanooga, May, 1951.
Your pastor is speaking today at Camp Glisson, Dahlonega, to a group of 300 district youth leaders and their adult advisers. April, 1952.

Baccalaureate Sermon, Robert E. Lee Institute, Thomaston, Georgia.

Taught at Camp Glisson week of June 15, 1953.
Vice-Chairman of Commission on Christian Vocations of the Methodist Church, 1955.
January, 1956 "In response to a number of requests, the pastor will begin a Bible Study for adults and young people of the New Testament Book of Revelation".

Recognition was given James E. Dickey in July of 1956 for his services as Church Treasurer since our beginning for his many hours of untiring and faithful service in the work of building our church.

Many announcements are made in our Church Bulletin of meetings in the community of interest to the Church membership, through the wisdom and foresight of our pastor. These announcements cover many subjects, each one of particular concern to Dr. Drinkard in his never-ending efforts to bring his charges closer to God's way of life.

We have been a part of a Community Thanksgiving Day Service since November, 1952, with three other churches in our neighborhood coming to our new church unit that year. With the opening of our New Sanctuary in 1957, the Annual Community Thanksgiving Day Service was held at our church on Thursday, November 28th.

Our Community Christmas Services were inaugurated in 1956, with Dr. Drinkard bringing the message.
Five churches now participate in these community services: Northside Methodist, Northside Park Baptist, Northside Drive Baptist, Center Congregational and Trinity Presbyterian.

"No Service in our Church on Christmas Day. However, the Church Sanctuary will be open and lighted all day for any of our Church families who wish to come by for a few moments of meditation or prayer" - one of many, many opportunities for worship given by our pastor.

Our Church was host in March, 1955 to a District-wide seminar on Christian Vocations.

Union Service of Community Churches at our Church Sunday evening, March 11, 1956. Civil Air Patrol Cadet Corps recognized for character building program among youth. Dr. Drinkard, sermon.
Northside Family Life Institute at Peachtree Road Churches April 15, 16 and 17, 1956.
Dedication of Summer Camp owned by Wesley House June 17, 1956 in Lithia Springs.
Program on Heart Disease February 18, 1957 under the sponsorship of the Fellowship Bible Class.
Washington and Lee University Glee Club will be at our Church Saturday night, April 26, 1958.
National Family Week will be observed at our church May 8, 1958 with Rev. C. Leon Smith, member of the National Family Life Conference, as speaker.

An informal period of prayer and meditation is held each Sunday morning in the Church Parlor from 10:40 to 10:55, sponsored by the Commission on Membership and Evangelism. September 28, 1958.

The Annual District Conference of all Churches in the Atlanta-West District of the Methodist Church was held at Northside on January 8, 1959. Some 350-400 delegates from 52 Churches made reports on work of the church in missions, evangelism, WSCS, new churches, Church literature, etc. and plans for the future. Young men entering the ministry were examined and approved for further study leading to ordination.

Special meeting of all parents in the Northside area Monday, February 20, 1956, Second Ponce de Leon Baptist, on "The Christian Family and Community Problems", with ministers from 12 Northside churches sponsoring.

Several notices appear in the Church Bulletin each year regarding Subscriptions for the WESLEYAN CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, the weekly magazine containing articles of information and inspiration concerning Georgia Methodism. To quote Dr. Drinkard, "You will be a much better informed church member with it in your home". Cost $1.00.

The Passion Story in music was given at our Church Sunday afternoon, April 11, 1954 with our church choir joining with the North Decatur Methodist choir in presenting this program of music and worship.

Ours was the first Church in the Atlanta area to see and discuss a remarkable new picture series called "TALK BACK". The first picture, entitled "PRESSURE", shown to our Family Night Supper group in April, 1959, vividly presented the social, business and family pressures that all of us face today. A panel discussion ensued to bring out ways in which the Christian faith meets the problem of pressure in our lives.

THE LIFE OF CHRIST, a stirring new opera in English, played in Atlanta September 14-18, 1959 at the Tower Theater, with Mr. Jerome Hines taking the part of Christ, and a number of other Metropolitan Opera stars, all devoted Christians, donating their services. The opera was sponsored by the Atlanta Christian Council and our pastor urged that we get tickets early.

Going back to our beginning, Dr. Drinkard led with a spirit of faith and love in the work of organizing, building and raising money. Fellowship took on new meaning for the organizers, the builders, the money-raisers under his direction.

Work-Day and Picnic Saturday, April 7, 1951 to clean off the Church property.

Softball team organized, Mr. Saunders Jones, Manager.
Softball team won championship for third year. Softball team every year.
Free lease secured on Allatoona Church Campsite, 36 acres.
Volley Ball Team organized.
Church picnic June 30, 1951 North Fulton Park sponsored by Adult Class. Pancake Breakfast, Fellowship Bible Class, proceeds for Building Fund. Made an annual affair for a Saturday morning in late Spring.

"Womanless Wedding" presented by Fellowship Bible Class Saturday evening, September 10, 1955; proceeds to Building Fund.

FAMILY NIGHT

These mid-week evenings of spiritual fellowship were started on Wednesday, January 14, 1953. Mrs. T. D. Strickland, Sr. was hostess. 130 persons served. A special series of programs sponsored by the WSCS were given at Family Night suppers starting in February, 1954, with the theme of "Achievements of Christian Missions in the life of our world", with Dr. Arva Floyd of Emory speaking. Meetings on first and third Wednesdays of each month.

Church Night Suppers changed to second and fourth Thursday evenings, with Mrs. Reaves Gaston, our new Church hostess, in charge. The first program, January 19, 1958, concerned "Plans for our Youth" with Mr. Ken Jones leading.

METHODIST

The MYF in our Church was organized April 29, 1951 at the parsonage and met for some time in homes of members.

YOUTH

The MYF, for Youth from 12 to 23 years of age, was divided in 1955 into three groups: Kingswood MYF, 7th grade boys and girls; Intermediate MYF, 8th and 9th grades; Senior MYF, last grades in high school and early college years. Leaders of these groups over the years have been:

- James Lowe
- Linda Lou Chatfield
- Ann Freeman
- Beverly Kitchens
- Porter Morgan
- Diane Lumpkin
- Miles G. Myers, III
- Fred Myers in the year beginning July 1, 1960

Excerpts from Church Bulletins show much interest and activity among the youth of our Church and their leaders:

- Youth Rally at Second Ponce de Leon, February, 1952;
- Senior MYF sold Mustard Seed Remembrancers to help Building Fund; Senior MYF host to Jean Ragsdale MYF Sub-District, with 18 groups in Atlanta participating, March, 1953. Senior MYF collected clothing for Methodist Committee on Overseas Relief; Scavenger Hunt in May, 1953 to help. 40 young people enrolled in Intermediate and Senior MYF on Third Anniversary of Church. Annual Cranberry Crusade started in November, 1953 with fruit collected sent to Methodist Children's Home in Decatur
August, 1954 District Youth Retreat at Reinhardt College in Waleska, Ga. Senior MYF made and sold Christmas cards to help furnish their Sunday School room in the new building. Presented for Family Night program the skit which they had written and enacted at the District Youth Meeting, winning first prize.

January, 1955 Youth Council Meeting; Seniors Retreat at Vogel State Park in May, 28 young people, 5 adults; gave program for children at Home in Decatur in August; Supper meetings started under direction of Mrs. R. M. Chatfield, followed by worship and fellowship programs. Two couples served supper each Sunday night.

Annual Intermediate Camp Week started in June, 1956, combined with Epworth and Mary Branan Churches, at Stephens State Park at Crawfordsville with 16 of our young people that year; 24 in June of 1957, 21 in 1958 and 1959.

Senior MYF host in October, 1956 to all Senior age youth from Methodist Churches in the North Side section of the city to form a strong sub-district youth organization.

MYF groups put on Annual Christmas Play in December, started in 1956, "Why the Chimes Rang".

Senior MYF Cake Sale for service project July, 1957.

Hayrides, Christmas caroling, trip to Mathis Dairy; Youth "Back to School" annual Banquet; Parents' Night; District Youth Rally at our Church in March, 1958 with Dr. Paul Worley, originator of Youth Caravans, guest speaker.

Senior MYF annual summer Retreat at Camp Winfield Scott, Ken Jones, Director, 1957. Young Adult Assembly at Camp Glisson September, 1959.

North Georgia Conference Fellowship, Christian Faith Area program laboratory at our Church in November, 1958, speakers being Dr. Drinkard, Rabbi Harry Epstein and Dr. Wm. R. Cannon. Some 50 young people and their leaders came to learn more about the importance of the Bible and Christian Symbolism for their faith.

Spiritual Life Retreat in Florida in April, 1959, with 21 of our young people experiencing this wonderful trip, arranged and conducted by Mr. Ken Jones. They saw the Passion Play at Lake Wales and attended services at the Methodist Youth Camp in Leesburg.

Cuba Mission Caravan, June, 1959 made by 11 of our young people who spent ten wonderful days learning about and working with Methodist Missions in Cuba. The group, counselled by Mr. and Mrs. Ken Jones and guided by Dr. John Stroud, Director of Methodist Mission Work in Cuba, stayed at the Methodist Youth Camp at Cienfuegos but travelled to different missions each day, doing repair work, leading recreation, conducting worship, meeting the people. The trip was made by Carlton Bailey, Joyce Boykin, Gail Horton, Dianne Lumpkin, Claire Martini, Miles Myers, Fred Reese, Jr., Marilyn Schroeder, Kathy Thrower, Linda Williams and Roger Williams. In June after their return they were given a reception by the WSCS and they themselves gave a spaghetti dinner in August for the benefit of Methodist properties on the Island of Cuba, raising more than $50.00 to build a cabin at the Youth Camp.

Fall Youth Retreat at Camp Koweeta, August, 1959. Youth go to see "The Big Fisherman" at the Roxy Theatre Saturday, October 24th; Youth Party Saturday, November 7th. Youth Council Meeting Saturday, October 24th; Young People's Party October 17th.

MYF Officers initiated Visitation Program which has as its goal an attendance of 150 each Sunday evening.

Lost and Found articles sent to Methodist Children's Home in Decatur.
Interfaith Fellowship Meetings Wednesday evenings and Interfaith Fellowship Prayer Breakfasts, 7-9 A.M.

Mimeograph and addressograph machines given to MYF by Mr. William H. Eagle for use in connection with their program. Office staff organized November 1, 1959 composed of Office manager Claire Martin, associate office manager Jimmy Fletcher, secretary Joyce Boykin, typists Virginia Smith and Sue Hayes, mimeograph Linda Williams, Nancy Black, Jimmy Fletcher, Jack Wilhoit and Skip Reese, newspaper Ellen Thompson.

Sunday evening, November 8, 1959 almost two hundred of our young people participated in our hour of Worship. Our young people read the Scripture, offer the Prayer, sing in the Choir, usher, and at the close of the service many come to the chancel to pray.

**CHURCH MEMBERSHIP**

Twenty-three people signed the church membership roll that first Sunday afternoon. The Charter Membership list closed Easter Sunday, March 25, 1951 with 152 names. During 1952 106 members were received into the church, 17 on profession of faith.

During the week of United Evangelistic Mission service in April, 1953 with Rev. Thomas F. Chilcote, Jr. pastor of First Methodist Church in Chattanooga preaching, teams of church members visited in the community, resulting in 33 people making their decision to join our Church.

During the week of Preaching and Visitation Evangelism March 23-28, 1958 the Rev. W. Lowry Anderson, pastor of the Cherokee Heights Church in Macon, conducted the nightly services, the theme of that revival being "Tell Georgia About Christ". Under the leadership of our Commission on Membership and Evangelism, families of our Church were divided into nine geographical areas and on March 20th nine cottage prayer meetings were held in preparation for this week of pre-Easter services. Members of the church also visited in homes of our community while these services were held at Church. Some 200 people attended each service; 19 people made their decision to unite with Northside.

During the week of January 3, 1960 Dr. E. Stanley Jones, the world's best-known missionary, evangelist, and religious author, was with us for our Spiritual Life Mission. Born in Baltimore, Maryland 76 years ago and educated at Asbury College, Kentucky, Dr. Jones went to India in 1908 as a missionary. In recent years he has divided his time between missionary work in Asia and evangelistic missions throughout the United States. He is the author of more than twenty books, the best known being "Abundant Living".

Membership figures taken from the pastor's report to the Annual Conference of North Georgia Methodism list the following:

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SCOUT ACTIVITIES

Plans were made in February, 1952 to organize our Cub Scout pack, with the organizing committee listed as Albert R. Arnau, D. F. Blackwelder, A. G. Bosanko, Jack B. Curry, Glen L. Evans, Fred O. Reese, Randolph W. Thrower.


Brownie Troop 370 organized October 12, 1952; leaders were Mrs. L. G. DeMotte, Mrs. Paul M. McLarty and Mrs. R. Paul Wilson.

Scout Charter presented to Church December 7, 1952:
Cub Pack with five active Dens; Boy Scout Troop with 18 members.

Cub Scout Banquet February 20, 1953 at Church; annual affair.

Three Brownie Troops special guests at Sunday morning service March 15, 1953.


Boy Scout Troop spent week of July 25-August 1, 1954 at Bert Adams Boy Scout Camp.

National Boy Scout week observed with tribute to Scouts and leaders.

Girl Scout Troop 451 put on program for Family Night Supper March 20, 1957, sponsored by Fellowship Bible Class. 194 present. November 10, 1957 on the occasion of the Presentation of Charters, Dr. Drinkard had this to say: "It is a high privilege to share in the building of Christian character and leadership in the young men of our community".

Our young men who receive the Eagle Scout award are given recognition for this coveted achievement. The following have received this high award: Jere Blackwelder and Carlton Bailey.

Parent's Night, Court of Honor, Annual Father-Son Camp-out at Lake Allatoona in September.

A Campsite and all the necessary equipment for an overnight were set up in May of 1958 and 1959 by our Boy Scout Troop on the Church grounds and everyone was invited to inspect this display.

Girl Scout Christmas Candlelighting Service December 7, 1958 4:00 P.M.

Leader training courses given in Assembly Hall.

CHOIR

Our Church Choir was organized in December, 1950, practicing on Wednesday evenings in the homes of members. The Cherub Choir (Age 4 through 7) was organized in February in the home of Mrs. Paul Wilson and the Junior Choir in the home of Miss Eva Reid.

Since December 1955 we have had a special Candlelight Christmas Carol Service. "Many of us consider this the most beautiful and inspiring service held in our Church each year". Such was the tribute of Dr. Drinkard in announcing this annual service in 1958.

Directors of Music have been:

Mr. Ralph Black
Rev. John H. Patton
Miss Edith Blair
Mr. Alex B. Simson

Mrs. Paul McLarty
Dr. Drinkard's first series of **LENTEN SERMONS** was during the week of February 11, 1951. More recently, in inaugurating the custom of Holy Communion being given each Sunday at 9:15 during Lent, he observed, "There is a reason for Lent, but the reason lies in the human heart and not in the Church calendar ... If the deeper meanings of Holy Week and Easter are to come to us, we need to think and meditate on them before they arrive."

**LAYMAN'S DAY** was begun in our Church on February 25, 1951. "If I were a sculptor I would create a monument in honor of the greatest man and woman I know - the Methodist Layman ... Methodist laymen have made the Methodist pulpit the freest platform in the world." - Bishop Gerald Kennedy.

On October 25, 1959, Dr. Budd had this to say: "Our Annual Layman's Day this year is a unique program in that all men appearing on the program have served or are serving as Chairman of the Northside Methodist Church Official Board. This Church is blessed in a peculiar way with men of unusual ability and talent. Let us channel all our capacities for our Christ and His Church. This is the true meaning of Laymen's Day".

On **METHODIST EXPANSION DAY**, observed annually in all Georgia Methodist Churches, an offering for ten vital causes of our Church is made, nine of these causes within the State, the tenth that of giving relief in disaster areas. Each Methodist is asked to give $1.00 as a minimum in order that the Church may minister adequately in the name of Christ in these needy fields of service.

**METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME DAY**, observed by all Georgia Methodist Churches, in October each year, is made a special day in our Church under the sponsorship of the Fellowship Bible Class, with a group of the boys and girls attending our worship service and visiting the homes of members of this fine Class. The food, clothes, education, medical care, spiritual training and home life these children have is dependent entirely upon what we give on this special day. Dr. Drinkard, 1958.

"The Methodist Church raises a mountainous sum of money each year and not one cent accomplishes more good than the money invested in the lives of these little children who cannot care for themselves", said Dr. Budd in October, 1959 in praising efforts of Northside's committee working for the Children's Home. "Our Work Day Offering amounts to $1,794.00. This congregation has increased its contribution to the Home over 500% in the last few years, due to the faithful work of the Committee headed by Mr. John Ramsey, Sr. Have you ever considered placing the Methodist Children's Home in your Will? Think on this and I will be happy to discuss the matter with you".

Notes from Church Bulletins over the years regarding **COMMITMENT DAY** list various activities in this connection:
- Church reception January 24, 1954 for members to bring pledges for Church budget.
- This is Pledge Sunday in our Church (12/11/55). On this day we ask our members to indicate their desire to support the program of the Church by placing their pledge cards in the offering plate.
- Church reception November 11, 1953, 3 to 5 P.M. about 150 members came and over one-half of our Church budget was pledged.
Loyalty Sunday is being observed in our Church today (12/8/57) just after the opening of our new Sanctuary. Here on the altar we place our pledges of support to the work of Christ and His Church and dedicate them to His Service. May our support be willing and generous that the program of our Church may carry on victoriously. Through Thursday (12/15) of this week $105,749.64 had been pledged on our 1958 budget by 308 families. There are still 53 families who have yet to make their pledge. We hope these remaining families can make their pledges soon so that we may enter the New Year with our Church program fully underwritten.

"Think on These Things" was the title given by Dr. Budd on November 15, 1959 to comments and quotations regarding financial obligations of Church membership. "One of the best suggestions I know is given in Holy Writ, namely, 'If thou hast much, give plenteously; if thou has little, do thy diligence gladly to give of that little' . . . Is it a waste of time to print literature, give dinners, make canvasses, sign pledge cards and have such a great to-do about our annual gift for the work of Christ's Body on earth?" "We are grateful to the men of our Church who are speaking before various groups on phases of the 1960 budget. Some 200 men are working in behalf of this project, and we are assured of success because of such highly qualified leaders," this in connection with the Every Member Canvas. "Northside Methodist Church requests the pleasure of your company at a Loyalty Dinner on Monday, November the thirtieth at seven o'clock".

We are observing STUDENT RECOGNITION DAY in our Church today. Representatives of our Older Youth and College Students are leading both worship services. Others are presenting the MYF and adult programs this evening. We welcome you, our older youth, who, though attending college away from home, are never beyond our thoughts and prayers.

Student Recognition Day the Sunday after Christmas has become a most meaningful day for many of the young people in our Church. The annual buffet supper or progressive dinner given for our college students is held during the Christmas Holidays at the Church or in the homes of members.

Throughout the year many notices are printed in our Bulletin concerning these valued members: "Our college students are now returning home for the summer months. We congratulate them on the fine year of work they have finished and look forward to having them worship with us during the summer". An Older Youth Class and Fellowship were organized in 1958 for the summer months, with Mr. George H. Sowers, teacher.

Baccalaureate Services for our High School Graduates are held at our Church frequently. Congratulations and Best Wishes are extended to these young people on their graduation and again in September, with a complete list published of the colleges they will attend.

DOCTOR'S DAY in March, 1957 showed twenty-three fine Doctors among our members.
Listing some of the notable speakers we have had and their many and varied subjects gives a clearer picture of activities at Northside. In addition to our own pastors, Bishop Moore, Dr. Rumble, and visiting pastors, our list of guest speakers could be a very long one.

Members of the staff and students of Candler School of Theology, Emory University, have brought many inspiring messages to us over the years, in the pulpit, at our Family Night suppers, adult classes, study groups, WSCS, Men's Club, etc. At the head of this list would be Dr. H. B. Trimble, former dean, now Director of Emory's far-reaching and forward-looking Development Program.

Our own Dr. E. C. Peters, retired president of Paine College in Augusta and former missionary to China, contributed immeasurably to our spiritual life until his death in May of 1959; his influence and guidance will be sorely missed for a long time.

Missionary work throughout the world is of prime interest to members of Northside in all departments of the Church and Church School, as evidenced by these notes taken from Bulletins over the years:

Mrs. Roger Guptill, a former missionary to Africa, special missionary program for primary, junior and youth classes, March, 1953.

Miss Layona Glenn of Conyers, former missionary teacher who served as superintendent of two Methodist schools in Brazil. WSCS.

Mrs. Elizabeth Snead, a Methodist missionary recently returned from service in Indo-China, Malaya and the Philippines. Family Night Supper, May, 1957.


Commission on Missions, program for Family Night Supper, November, 1958 on Alaska, our newest and largest State; what the Church is doing there and the many problems and challenges that face the Church in Alaska in the years ahead.

Mr. Michael Hack, the Swiss Consular Agent, on the subject of "Swiss-American Kinship". Men's Club.

Rev. Norman Manning showed slides and related his experiences in a recent trip to the Holy Land. February, 1959. Afterwards those attending Church Night Supper were able to "take a trip" to the Holy Land via the Church Library display of books, maps and color pictures in Jesus' day as well as at the present time.

Mrs. Arthur T. Peterson, former missionary with her husband to Brazil. WSCS April, 1959.

And, of course, the slides Dr. Drinkard showed at the Family Night Supper and the experiences he shared with us on his trip to the Holy Land during the summer of 1959.

We are greatly indebted also to the wives of many of our Church officials for many inspiring messages. Leading this list are Mrs. Arthur Moore and Mrs. Lester Rumble, both well-known and interesting speakers.

Many programs have been brought to us on the work of various agencies of our Church:
Rev. D. B. Scellnutt, Chairman of the Board of Hospital and Homes of our Church, concerning the work and future plans of this very important agency. April, 1958

Rev. Y. Allen Oliver, Executive Director of the Board of Education of North Georgia for the Methodist Church. Family Night Supper, September, 1958.


GIFTS

Mention has been made of many gifts elsewhere, in connection with Church property, construction work, various organizations of the Church, etc. More are given here, particularly those early gifts which meant so much to the growth of our Church:

Pulpit Bible, Mrs. Jessie M. Dickey, mother of Mr. James E. Dickey, March, 1951.

Flowers at Altar, Mrs. R. C. Thornton, for several months.

Pulpit Furniture, including pulpit, communion table, flower stand, clergy seats and communion rail, Dr. and Mrs. Marion C. Pruitt.

Brass Cross, Senior Youth Fellowship.

Candlesticks, Intermediate Youth Fellowship.

Vases, Mr. and Mrs. Albert R. Arnau.

All glass used in the building, including large wall mirror in the ladies room, Mr. Ralph E. Scott.

Dollies, located under the stage, on which tables and chairs are stored, Mr. Leland G. Baggett, Jr.

Electric Switch Boxes, Mr. A. G. Bosanko.

Part payment for Piano, Mrs. Cherry Lewis.

Bricks for the building of the Church bought with the nickels and dimes of the boys and girls in the Sunday School.

Baldwin Electronic Organ, Mrs. S. Price Gilbert; organ made to match color design of Church pulpit furniture.

Pulpit Scarf, WSCS in honor of second President, Mrs. Henry L. Reid, September, 1953.

Book Marks at Altar, Mr. Carl E. Bohn.

$10,000, Will of Mrs. S. Price Gilbert, Sr., with Resolution adopted by Trustees of Church in March, 1954 and by Quarterly Conference in June that the building presently occupied be named and known as the Mary Gilbert Hall in loving memory of this gracious lady.

Special Gifts to the new Sunday School Building were made by the following persons to whom we are most grateful: (Bulletin 2/13/55)

Draperies and picture for Pre-Nursery, Dr. and Mrs. Fred Hodges, Jr. Mrs. Hodges also painted the very attractive signs over the class room doors.

Pictures for 2 and 3-year old Nursery rooms, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Arnau.

Worship altars in the two Intermediate and Senior Youth rooms, made of red oak, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond A. Jones, Jr.

Practically all of the work and play materials in the 3-year old Nursery room and the 5-year old Kindergarten room, Mr. and Mrs. William R. Copeland, grandparents of Page and Linda Lathem.

New Roneo filing system installed in Church office by Mr. Wm. R. Murray, 1955.
Nativity Scene made by master religious craftsmen in Oberammergau, West Germany, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond A. Jones, Jr. Placed in vestibule of Church each year for all to look at this beautiful scene. Tape recorder, Methodist Men's Club, August, 1956 for use in recording sermons and meetings and programs of the Church and Sunday School.

Rose Window in beautiful stained glass picturing the Lord's Supper and symbols connected with the last week of Christ's life, made by the Willett Studios of Philadelphia, Thanksgiving gift from Mrs. Vaughn Nixon, February, 1958.

Vacation trip for Dr. Drinkard and his family, February, 1958. Fellowship Bible Class.

Our BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE was established in April, 1959, is enclosed in the glass top stand in the vestibule of the Church, and lists all gifts made to Northside Methodist Church.

PASTOR'S ASSISTANTS

Rev. Don Clark, wife and son, 2 years ending May, 1957.


Rev. (and Mrs.) Michael Pszyk, July, 1957. Kindergarten during Church Session on Sundays; children's and youth choirs; Intermediate Youth program.

Mr. Bruce Galloway (and wife), Kindergarten Church Session 4 and 5-year olds, October, 1958. Youth choir. Gregory Bruce born January 3, 1959.

Keith Tonkel came in September, 1959, as worker with the youth of the church. He is a theology student at Candler School of Theology and author of "Finally the Dawn" published in 1959.

Mrs. Bennie F. Sowell, Director of Christian Education, July 1, 1959 part time; full time Sept. 1st.

CHURCH PERSONNEL, as listed in the December 20, 1959 Bulletin, Christmas Greetings from the Staff:

W. Candler Budd
Anne Sowell
Kate Drake
Jerry Gaston
Carol Owens
Ken Jones
Keith Tonkel

Teri Horton
Martha Ann Epperson
Helen Kelley
Dorothy Ann Roth
Charlie Kelley

Alec B. Simson
Georgine Pinda
Jeanine Craig
Mignon Pollitt
Frank Ennis
Elsie Hawkins
FAREWELL

The History of a Church can well be recorded by quotations of words of its Pastor and so we give here a further insight to Dr. Drinkard's devotion to his ministry from the Bulletin of June 28, 1959 on the occasion of his last sermon here:

"A Personal Word from the Pastor"

"Today I am preaching my last sermon as your pastor at Northside Church. Since my first sermon here on November 19, 1950 when this Church was only two weeks old and had only 23 members, these have been wonderful years of growth and progress. Across these years Mrs. Drinkard and I have known a warm personal friendship with so many of you. This has been one of the most rewarding experiences of our ministry.

"But, most of all, I am grateful today for the unceasing loyalty and devotion which so many of you have given to this Church in all it has undertaken for Christ's sake. Truly God has blessed each one of us here far more than we deserve. Our prayer is that God's blessing shall continue to be with Northside Church and its people in all the days to come.

"Next Thursday I will officially move to the Glenn Memorial Church at Emory. And Dr. Warren Candler Budd, the pastor at Glenn Memorial, will become the pastor here at Northside. I know he will have your continued loyalty and devotion in the work of Christ and His Church, and Northside Methodist Church will move on to far greater achievements than ever in the Master's name."

WELCOME

Quoting further from the Bulletin of June 28th, we give you Dr. Drinkard's tribute to his successor in

"A Word About our New Pastor"

"Dr. Warren Candler Budd, who has been assigned to our Church as its new pastor, is one of the outstanding ministers of the North Georgia Conference. He obtained his theological training at Duke University and holds an Honorary Doctor of Divinity Degree from LaGrange College.

"In past years before coming to Northside he has had successful pastorates at Hardwick, Warrenton, Eatonton, Hapeville, and Glenn Memorial. At present he is Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Home for the Aged of the North Georgia Conference, and a member of the Conference Board of Missions.

"Mrs. Budd is the former Dorothy Rountree. The Budds have four children: a son who will be a senior in High School next year; a girl who will be in the ninth grade next year; another son who is 9 years old; and a little girl who is 4 years old.

"Until July 16 Dr. Budd and his family will continue to occupy the Glenn Parsonage on Clifton Road, while Dr. Drinkard and his
family will remain in the Northside Parsonage on Channing Drive. This will give Northside Church time to make arrangements for an adequate parsonage for the Budd family before moving."

Dr. Drinkard's prediction of continued "achievements in the Master's name" would seem a certainty for Northside Methodist Church, as we review Dr. Budd's words of July 5th, the occasion of his first sermon:

"As We Begin Our Life Together

"It is with a feeling of considerable awe that I stand in the Northside Methodist Church pulpit which for the past eight years has been graced by one of our most dedicated and devout ministers, Dr. Eugene Drinkard. In this hour the following words from St. Paul have a new meaning: "I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase." (1 Corinthians 3:6) Both minister and members are to be commended for erecting here a most worshipful sanctuary. Such beauty and serenity must be an indication of the spiritual depths of the people and preacher. Therefore, I look forward to our future together without fear, knowing from past experience that the God whose word I proclaim will uphold, sustain and support us in our common venture for Him.

"I know too that a minister does not make a church. It would be far truer to say that a church makes a minister. A pulpit becomes effective only when its force is matched by a reciprocal power in the pew. Above all I covet your prayers.

"So as I begin my ministry among you it is with a sense of deep gratitude for the clergy and laymen who under God have made this church what it is. I shall make every effort to be a good minister of Jesus Christ. And I shall do so with the quiet assurance of divine assistance and warm, enthusiastic human support. I will try to do my part and I know you will do more than yours. With this mutual confidence in one another, with loyalty to our Heavenly Father, with deathless love for Jesus Christ our Saviour, let us begin our life together."

Attach Official list of boards, committees, etc. elected by Quarterly Conference to serve until July, 1960.

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