History of
Park Street United Methodist Church
PARK AT LEE, S. W., ATLANTA, GEORGIA
 Ministers: Charles Shaw
        Frank R. Greer

1878 - 1978
THE HISTORY OF PARK STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

ATLANTA, GEORGIA

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THIS BOOK IS DEDICATED
TO THE MEMORY
OF
John H. Mathews
1909-1978
FOR FIFTY YEARS
AN INTEGRAL PART OF
THE HISTORY
OF OUR
CHURCH
# A CENTURY OF SERVICE

The following devout Christian men have served as pastors of Park Street Methodist Church during its first 100 years.

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REV. CHARLES C. SHAW
Pastor

DR. FRANK R. GREER
Pastor of Visitation

OUR CHOIR
THE HISTORY OF PARK STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The Church, now known as Park Street United Methodist Church, was the first church organized in West End, and the first to have its own building. In 1878, thirteen years after the War Between the States, a revival was held at Gammage Crossing on Lee Street, by the Reverend F. B. Davies, then employed as a city missionary. Following the revival, a Sunday School was established and regular preaching services were held. The nucleus of the congregation were faithful members of Trinity Methodist Church living in the West End area and the little church was known as the West End Mission.

In later years, W. M. Davies, son of the Reverend Davies, recalled that the benches were without backs; a Mr. Smith, a truck farmer, was superintendent, and two of the families who attended were the Butlers and the Waters - the latter living at the corner of Gordon and Holderness Streets.

Reverend Davies was anxious to have a church of his own and finally a new church was built at McCall's Crossing on a lot given by Mr. Anthony Murphey. It was dedicated in April, 1881, and was known as Murphy's Chapel. After Reverend Davies death this church was served by several young preachers, including Warren A. Chandler, who in later years became a Bishop. This church was not used very long but was sold, and the small but earnest congregation worshiped in West End Hall across from the present West End Branch of the First National Bank. This was in a diagonal direction and was probably over Mr. R. H. Caldwell's Store. The members sat on long straight back benches and used a small wood stove for heat. Later the congregation worshiped in the West End Academy, which was located where the Lee Street School was later built.
Minutes of meeting of Board of Trustees of Park Street Episcopal Church South, were held January 17, 1891, at 3:30 PM at the office of W. H. Holcomb, present were R. H. Caldwell, W. H. Holcomb, G. A. Howell and H. L. Culberson.

The object of the meeting was stated by Mr. Howell to be to ratify the individual action of about 15 members of the Church borrowing $3,000.00 from Mrs. Powell for three years from January 1, 1891, at 8 per cent interest with which to build a parsonage. On motion said action was approved and the debt recognized as that of the Church. Mr. Howell also stated that $1,000.00 of the $3,000.00 borrowed, had been used to pay off the Church debt to the Atlanta Home Insurance Company and stop interest, said amount being provided for in subscriptions already made which are as yet uncollected. Also that the Chairman of the Board of Trustees had made a temporary loan to the Chairman of the Board of Stewards of $300.00 and takes his note therefor, both items were approved.

It was then moved and seconded that a committee of three from the Board of Trustees, with G. A. Howell as Chairman be approved as a Building committee to see to plans and attend to building of a parsonage and also that Brothers J. Henly Smith, W. I. Zachry from the Board of Stewards be requested to cooperate with said committee in the work. The motion was adopted and G. A. Howell, R. H. Caldwell and W. R. Shropshire appointed as the Trustees Committee, said Committee were requested to begin at once and use all possible diligence in pushing the work to completion. There being no further business the Board then adjourned.

H. L. Culberson

Secretary
At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of Park Street Church the questions of Insurance of the Church, the Parsonage and the furniture in both was discussed by the members present. It was the general opinion that we were carrying more insurance than was necessary. The whole matter was referred to G. A. Howell to act on and adjust amounts.

His report made subsequently to the Secretary is as follows:

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The Annual Conference in 1883, recognizing the growing and importance of the West End Mission and its need for regular pulpit supply, created a Charge and assigned the Reverend Howard L. Crumley as pastor.

At the time, Col. George W. Adair, Mr. J. Henley Smith, Mr. Burgess Smith, and Mr. G. Arthur Howell, lived adjoining the triangular block where the church now stands - their front yards facing the little wooded plot. This lot was for sale and these men decided to buy it themselves and present it to the Town of West End (West End was taken into the City of Atlanta around 1892) for a park or playground for children, thus preventing anything objectionable coming into their neighborhood. In presenting the plot, they made one restriction and that was that there should never be a saloon in West End. To this, the City Fathers readily agreed, and were willing to draw up papers to that effect, as they felt that this beautiful little plot, with young trees that had grown up since the Battle of Atlanta, would be ideal for a Park.

Reverend Crumley heard of the plans to give the little plot to the town, he went to see the above owners, and prevailed upon them to give him the plot for a church. They agreed readily but there were some restrictions involved in the plan. Mr. Burgess Smith objected to church bells and said he would readily agree to the lot being given for the new church provided there would be no bells. He said people didn't have bells to tell them to go to work, so why should they need bells to tell them to go to church; and that is why Park Street Church has never had a bell.

(Much of this information was given by Mrs. Burgess Smith, beloved widow of one of the donors of the property and was a Charter Member of the Church).
TO THE BUILDING COMMITTEE OF WEST END METHODIST CHURCH

Gentlemen:

While, for personal considerations, I would exceedingly regret to see a church located on the "Parklot" fronting on Park, Lee and Hammond Streets, I can not afford to offer further opposition to a scheme in which, however deeply interested I may be the general wish of the community. Assuming, therefore that there exist no opposition to the erection of a Church on said lot among the residents and property holders near and contiguous thereto, I yield my consent to the erection of the church on the following conditions:

First: The grounds surrounding the church (when erected) shall always be accessible by unlocked gates and all orderly white persons shall be permitted to enter them at all times and be allowed to remain without molestation, as long as they do not disturb religious services.

Second: The grounds shall also be enclosed with an open fence, such that the grounds may be easily viewed from the street from any side.

Third: The grounds shall be sown in grass and shall be divided off by neat walks, and shall always be kept in such condition.

Fourth: The fence surrounding the lot shall always be kept in good repair and neatly painted, and the grounds always kept in neat order and clean condition.

Fifth: No private residence, parsonage, stable or other building shall be erected on the lot without the consent of the undersigned.

Sixth: No sewer shall ever be placed on the premises and if there be necessity to place a privy or watercloset thereon, it shall be so concealed or located that to the general passerby, its object shall not be suspected, and it shall always be kept in such condition that it will never be offensive to persons passing the streets, or sojourning on the grounds (it shall be built as a part of the Church).

Seventh: The church shall be neat and attractive and shall present as cheerful aspect as is practicable in a building of that kind, and the undersigned shall have a voice in the locating of it and in approving the plan thereof.

Eighth: The church shall always be kept in good condition and good repair. I mean the edifice, the building (and I trust the same will always be the condition of the organization).

Ninth: The Undersigned shall be consulted as to the arrangement of the grounds.
Tenth: The Church shall be so far completed within ten months from the time the foundation is laid, as not to present an unsightly appearance.

Eleventh: When the building ceases to be used for church purposes, the property shall revert to the present owners, and non-compliance with conditions herein named, after six months written notice to the Board of Trustees, shall also forfeit the grounds.

Very respectfully,

Burgess Smith

Recorded February 5, 1885

C. H. Strong

C.S.C.

Deed Book WW, Page 741
Fulton County Records.
STATE OF GEORGIA.
COUNTY OF FULTON:

THIS INDENTURE made this first day of September in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty-four, between George W. Adair, J. Henley Smith, Burgess Smith and G. A. Howell, of the County of Fulton and State of Georgia, of the first part, and J. B. Thornton, William Stewart, R. H. Caldwell, G. P. Humphries, H. L. Culberson, G. A. Howell, K. C. Erminger, as Trustees of Park Street Methodist Church of West End, the same being a part of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, of the County of Fulton and State of Georgia, of the second part:

WITNESSETH, that the said parties of the first part, for and in consideration of the sum of Ten Dollars, in hand paid at and before the sealing and delivery of these presents, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, have granted, bargained, sold and conveyed, and by these presents do grant, bargain, sell and convey unto the said parties of the second part and their successors

All that tract or parcel of land situated, lying and being in the town West End, in Land Lot (108) One Hundred Eight of the 14th District of Fulton County, Georgia, containing about three-quarters of an acre, and bounded by Park Street (former Salter) and Hammond Street and Lee Street, and being in the shape of a triangle, and being a lot which the Church building is now being erected. Said lot shall revert to said parties of the first part or their heirs or assigns when it ceases to be used for church purposes by the Methodist Church, and is conveyed subject to the conditions set out in the annexed communication from said Church, which letter is hereby made a part of this deed. Said premises are to be in trust to be used, kept and maintained as a place of Divine Worship, for the use of the "vicinity" and membership of the Methodist Episcopal Church South; subject to the discipline, usage and ministerial appointments of said church, as from time to time authorized and declared by the general conference of said church and the annual conference within whose bounds the said premises are situated.

TO HAND AND TO HOLD the said bargained premises, together with all and singular the rights, members and appurtenances thereof, to the same being and belonging, or in anywise appertaining to the only proper use, benefit and behoof of them, the said parties of the second part, their successors for church purposes and as set out in this letter.

And the said parties of the first part, their heirs, executors and administrators, the said bargained premises unto the said parties of the second part, their heirs, executors and administrators, shall and will warrant and forever defend, by virtue of these presents.
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the said parties of the first part have hereunto set their hands and affixed their seals, the day and year first above written.

G. W. Adair ___________________ SEAL

J. Henley Smith _________________ SEAL

Burgess Smith ___________________ SEAL

G. A. Howell ___________________ SEAL

Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of:

R. W. Sams

R. A. Howard
N. P. Fulton County, Georgia

Recorded February 5, 1885

C. H. Strong _______________ C.S.C.

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Fulton County Records
The membership grew until after only ten years a membership of 409 was reported. Excerpts from the minutes of the Board of Trustees meeting January 17, 1891, shows that a motion was made and seconded that a committee of three from the Board of Trustees with G. A. Howell as chairman, be appointed as a building committee to see to plans and attend to building a parsonage on Lee Street, and also that Brothers J. Henley Smith, W. I. Zachry, from the Board of Stewards, be requested to cooperate with said committee in the work. The motion was adopted and G. A. Howell, R. H. Caldwell and W. R. Shropshire appointed as the Trustee Committee. Said committee was requested to begin at once and use all possible diligence in pushing the work to completion. After completion this parsonage was occupied by pastors until abandoned as a parsonage in 1928.

It was during the ministry of the Reverend Joel T. Daves (1898-1900) that Mrs. Daves was instrumental in inaugurating circles in the church, beginning with ten, with a few members in each. This plan spread until it was adopted by almost all denominations and reached over a portion of the South.

Excerpts from the minutes of the Official Board in 1898 showed these salaries:

- Pastor: $1,500.00 per year
- Presiding Elder: 225.00 per year
- Organist: 100.00 per year
- Janitor: 100.00 per year

There were 21 stewards with Col. E. V. Carter, chairman; Mr. C. H. Mitchell, treasurer, and Mr. Robert Hugh White, secretary.

Excerpts from the minutes of 1900 showed sidewalks were laid on the Lee Street side of the church at a cost of $136.80. In the Spring, the Stewards raised money to bury two members of the church.
So, in 1884, Park Street Church was built. Mr. G. Arthur Howell was chairman of the Board of Stewards, Arthur Howell, Jr. and Carlton Smith, sons of two of the donors turned the first shovels of dirt. The property was conveyed by warranty deed from George W. Adair, J. Henley Smith, Burgess Smith and G. A. Howell to Park Street Methodist Episcopal Church South on September 1, 1884. (This deed is recorded in Book W. W. page 301, Fulton County Records.

Particular attention is called to the following, appearing in said deed: "Said lot shall resort to said parties of the first part, or their heirs or assigns when it ceases to be used for church purposes by the Methodist Church".

Reverend Crumley, with G. A. Howell, constituted the "Building Committee" and practically carried the burden of erecting the first House of Worship on this site. (This was a red brick building which served for 27 years.) Mr. G. P. Humphries was the architect.

When finished, a great opening service was held by Dr. David Sullins from Tennessee preaching, after which a collection was taken, resulting in sufficient funds being pledged to pay for the building thus firmly establishing a Methodist Church on Street from which it derived and still maintains its name.

In 1887, Reverend Crumley brought his bride to the church. (She was formerly Miss Susie Johnston, and in 1936 was still a member). The Crumleys brought up their family in a beautiful colonial home at 945 Gordon Street, which is now the site of the Uncle Remus Library.

Dr. and Mrs. Thomas D. Longino was the first couple to be married in the church. Dr. Longino lived to celebrate his 100th birthday. Mrs. Longino was a charter member and as late as 1936 was still active in the church.

Elizabeth Adair (who became Mrs. Robert Gregg) was the first baby christened in the church.
Park Street Missionary Society is entitled to a foreword. When Reverend H. L. Crumley moved the church from McCalls Crossing to its present site, the membership was quite small. A new church had to be built, and the Ladies' Aid Society felt that they could not at that time undertake a Missionary Society, also. There were 26 members in this Society and all of us paid dues to the Foreign Missionary Society, but we did none of its special work.

The formal organization was effected in June 1888 under Reverend A. G. Wardlaw.

THE CHAPTER MEMBERS WERE:

| Mrs. Forest Adair | Mrs. Ladson |
| Mrs. J. K. Brunner | Mrs. Linton S. Lewis |
| Miss Brown | Mrs. E. D. L. Mobley |
| Mrs. R. H. Caldwell | Mrs. L. H. Muse |
| Miss Mary Culberson | Mrs. Wiley Pope |
| Miss Leila Culberson | Mrs. E. M. Pendleton |
| Mrs. W. H. Holcombe | Miss Emma Turner |
| Miss Fla Humphries | Mrs. W. H. Venable |
| Mrs. J. T. James | Mrs. J. L. Waters |
| Mrs. Hubert Culberson | Miss Lillie Waters |
| Miss Annie Carleton | Mrs. L. Z. Rosser |
| Miss Mattie Harwell | Mrs. J. W. Lee |
| Miss Sallie Harwell | Mrs. J. W. Nelms |
| Mrs. Frank Baker | Mrs. W. J. Sims |
| Mrs. J. W. Hollie | Mrs. J. A. Rosser |
| Mrs. E. V. Carter | Mrs. Kirshner |
| Mrs. A. J. Wardlaw | |

Included in our membership at various times have been Mrs. Luke Johnson, North Georgia's representative on the Mission Board, Mrs. J. N. McEachern, President of the North Georgia Conference Missionary Society; Mrs. E. W. Brogson, Treasurer of North Georgia Conference Society; Mrs. B. F. Pim, Secretary of Atlanta District before its division; and Mrs. J. C. White, Secretary of The South Atlanta District.

Reverend B. Frank Pim, General Field Secretary of Epworth League, Nashville, and Conference Executive Secretary Board of Education, has been an honorary member since his birth.

We have two missionaries, members of Park Street Junior Missionary Society; Miss Laura Mitchell, Stationed in China; and Miss Norwood Wynne, whose work is in Mexico.

We have one honorary Life Patron and twenty life members.
The Juvenile Society of Women's Foreign Missionary Society was organized in our Church the first Monday in June, 1894. Lady Managers were in charge of this department which was subdivided into two societies "The Little Lights" and "The Buds and Blossoms. The outstanding children's organization of the Woman's Home Missionary Society was the "Florine McEachern Brigade", organized in 1903 and composed of children six to fifteen years of age. This organization was a Mite Box brigade, and was universal over the Southern Methodist Church, the funds to be used for a Memorial for Children.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society and the Woman's Home Missionary Society merged in 1910 under the name of The Women's Missionary Society.
HISTORY OF MUSIC

AT

PARK STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Beginning November 15, 1897
HISTORY OF MUSIC AT PART STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Excerpts from old records beginning November 15, 1897 - report of the Music Committee: "It is earnestly requested that every member of this Board refrain from making any unfavorable criticism of the choir or any of its individual members. It is an arduous task indeed to organize and hold together a volunteer church choir. The members of it must necessarily devote considerable time; be confined to a punctual and regular attendance at one church exclusively (regardless of who is to preach), besides other personal inconveniences and after doing this and contributing their best efforts toward the music, unkind criticism from anyone is certainly very inconsiderate and greatly demoralizing to the choir. We further suggest that should a member of this Board be guilty of criticizing this choir, the Chairman should immediately appoint a critic as chairman of the Music Committee and Director of the choir and the present incumbent will cheerfully resign in his favor."

Respectfully submitted,

Robert H. White
Chairman, Music Committee

Apparently prior to 1897 there was a piano but no organ - the dates could not be ascertained but apparently about that time the piano was played by Mrs. Robert E. Collings, formerly Miss Leila Hanbury. Mrs. Collings was a prominent pianist having studied abroad and appearing in many concerts. Mrs. Collins was the mother of Lois, who became Mrs. Arthur Myers; Leila, who became Mrs. Richard Florrid; Robert, Jr., who married Miss Nina Graves and whose daughter, Margaret, was a member of the choir in 1960.

In 1897, Miss Olive Wilson was organist. The organ was a reed pump organ. In 1898, Miss Carrie Howell was appointed organist at a salary of $100.00 per year. ($8.32 per month-approximately).

According to the records there seemed to be two reed organs for in 1899 the ladies of the church wanted to exchange the two reed organs for one better reed organ. The church would have to pay the difference of $75.00.

In February, 1901, the new organ had not been purchased, so Miss Howell wrote the Board a letter stating that unless some change was made she would have to give up the position of organist at the end of the month as she was not physically able to pump it. Her resignation was accepted and Mr. W. I. Todd was engaged at the same salary. Members of the choir at this time were Dr. E. T. Booth, Miss Annie Laurie Langford, Mrs. Dupree and Mr. R. H. White.

At the meetings of the Board of Stewards the purchasing of a pipe organ was being discussed but nothing done about it.

In 1903 Miss Carrie Howell was able to be the new organist again. Horns had been engaged for use in Sunday School and Church Services but in September 1903 they were unable to pay for them.
In 1904, the subject of a pipe organ was again discussed. A Mr. Brown had offered one at a reduced price to the pastor, Dr. L. G. Johnson, Col. E. V. Carter, Mr. Forrest Adair, and Mr. J. N. McEachern were appointed to act.

$1,400.00 was subscribed towards this purchase. It was evidently a Brown organ.

In May 1904, 100 copies of "Revival Number Four" (Mr. Charlie B. Tillman's book) were purchased.

In July 1904, Prof. Drukenmiller was asked to take charge of the music for one month with Miss Howell continuing as organist.

In June 1905, the records show that a motion was adopted that the new organ was not to be used for practice by anyone other than the regular church organist.

In 1907 Miss Howell resigned to become Mrs. McWhorter Milner and her sister, Miss Mary Howell (Later Mrs. P. D. McCarley) became organist.

From 1907 to 1912 the name of the organist was not mentioned in the records. In June 1910 it was voted to use congregational singing for a while.

In 1912, Mr. W. M. Bearden was Director of the choir with his daughter Miss Irene Bearden as organist. (There were three Bearden sisters who became well known as a trio, singing on many occasions, during revival services and musical concerts.)

In December 1912, a quartet choir was engaged with Mrs. W. S. Elkins as organist. She was paid $30.00 per month. The choir consisted of Mrs. Q. D. Culpepper, soprano, $20.00 per month, Miss Brownie Smith, alto, $20.00 per month; Mr. Charles F. Hoke, tenor, $25.00 per month; and Dr. E. T. Booth, who always gave his services.

In December 1913, Mrs. G. E. Curran became the soprano at $25.00 per month with Mrs. S. O. Hartley as alto at $17.50 per month. The rest were the same as in 1912.

In July 1914 Miss Rebie Upchurch became soloist at $25.00 per month. In August 1914 Miss Linnie Blosser became the organist and in September Mrs. W. S. Eakin became soprano soloist at a salary of $30.00 per month. In March 1915 Mrs. P. H. Todd replaced Mrs. Eakin. In November 1915 Mrs. Paul Hemke's name appears as soloist.

The complete choir listed in February, 1916 was: Organist, Miss Linnie Blosser, $30.00; soprano, Mrs. P. H. Todd, $40.00; alto, Mrs. Earl L. Jackson, $25.00; tenor, Mr. J. W. Marshbank, $25.00.

In the summer of 1916 Miss Blosser became Mrs. Charles F. Hoke and Mr. J. Gordon Moore became the organist and choir director. In December 1916 it was decided to have a chorus choir with a leader and organist - salaries not to exceed $70.00 per month.
In 1917 there was no paid choir and the organist Mr. Moore was paid $50.00 per month. In October the Board voted to entertain the choir in appreciation of their services.

In 1917, December, it was decided to have a paid choir again. Dr. Booth, chairman of the Music Committee, was asked to write the choir members and thank them for their services.

The music appropriation for 1919 was $1,400.00. The choir consisted of Miss Bonnie Hood, alto; Mr. H. H. Smith, tenor; Mrs. B. D. Shreve, soprano.

Mr. J. Gordon Moore continued as organist until November 1920 at which time the choir consisted of Mrs. J. T. Daniel, soprano; Miss Helen Douglas, alto; Mr. H. M. Smith, tenor; and Dr. E. T. Booth, bass, who continued to give his services.

On December 7, 1920, Mrs. Edwin Aiken (nee Viola Harler) became organist and Director of Music, as well as the Church Secretary at a salary of $100.00 per month for the combined positions. For fourteen years she served as secretary, resigning that office in October 1934. Mrs. Aiken was and still is one of Atlanta’s best organists and has just completed her fifty-second year as organist of Park Street Church. She is Past Dean of the Georgia Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. Across the years she has produced a superior type of music for the many church activities. On her 50th anniversary a big celebration was held in her honor.

When the new educational plant was built the sanctuary was renovated and the Organ rebuilt. The good parts of the old Hall organ were incorporated with an Austin Organ at a cost of $16,000.00. Mr. Roy Staples was in charge of the installation. It is considered one of the better organs in the city of Atlanta. It is a three manual organ with twenty-six sets of pipes and chimes and is placed in two elevated chambers with grills opening into the choir loft. The church choir loft was enlarged at the same time.

At the time of this writing Mrs. Aiken has become Organist Emeritus - playing just occasionally. The church continues with good music under the leadership of Mrs. Elizabeth Pearson, organist and Mr. Guy Sharpe, director.

Due to changes in our neighborhood and in all of West End many of our choir members have moved away but come back to sing on special occasions.

The present chorus choir consists of Mrs. W. M. Bradley, Miss Tena Suttles, Mr. and Mrs. Emory Griggs, Mr. and Mrs. Walker Kinsman, Mrs. T. E. Lupo, Mrs. Zachry Farr, Mrs. Dorothy Dean, Mrs. D. O. Graham, Miss Rebecca Dennard, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Sharpe, Mr. Roy Brantley, Mr. Stafford Graydon, Mr. Clifford Thomas, and Mr. O. W. Johnson.
We have one of the best choirs in the Atlanta area which is directed by Mr. Guy Sharpe. Mrs. E. E. Aiken has retired as organist and Mrs. Elizabeth Pearson is the organist. The members of the choir are as follows:

Warren Sharpe
Stafford W. Graydon
Emory Griggs
Michael Oglesby
Roy Brantley
Walker Kinsman
Clifford W. Thomas
Rebecca Dennard
Virginia Sharpe
Doris Graham
Marie Alexander

Dorothy Dean
Patti Alexander
Dot Sumner
Jean Kinsman
Virginia Griggs
Tena Suttles
Gladys Bradley
Elizabeth Thomas
Laurie Alexander
Betty Parrott
Emily Lupo
MRS. E. E. (VIOLA) AIKEN has been organist and choir director at Park Street UM Church in Atlanta for 50 years. (See story below)

Dec. 6 more than 600 friends of Viola Aiken met at Park Street UM Church to celebrate her 50 years of service as organist and choir director there; and, as stated by the Rev. Ernest Kendall, pastor, "to rejoice that she is in her accustomed place at the organ on this, the first Sunday of her second fifty years."

It was a time of joyful reunion for, in addition to the present church members, there were former members, former pastors, choir members, piano and organ pupils, those who had known and loved Mrs. Aiken through her music ministry with the North Georgia Conference Youth Assemblies, members of her family, and other friends.

Bishop Marvin Franklin of Jackson, Miss., one of the 16 ministers who have served as pastor of Park Street Church during Mrs. Aiken's tenure, preached at the 11 a.m. service. One of the choir's anthems, "Lift Up Your Heads", was sung by the choir Dec. 7, 1920, Mrs. Aiken's first Sunday as director at Park Street.

The first copy of a record, "Viola Aiken at the Organ", cut at the urging of friends, was presented to Mrs. Aiken by Harold Cheney, who has handled arrangements for the record. Also, Mrs. Aiken was presented with a color television by Mrs. Stuart Bolen and John Mathews, on behalf of many friends.

After the service, dinner was served in the fellowship hall, supervised by Mrs. O.M. Bradford and her committee.

When Mrs. Aiken first went to Park Street, it was in a dual capacity; for the first 14 years she served as church secretary as well as organist-choir director. In addition to her designated work, she has served in many volunteer capacities also. Her work with the Young People's Missionary Society in 1921 led to the formation of a young girls' circle - The Viola Aiken Circle - still an active circle with a number of charter members and still with Mrs. Aiken as its devotional leader.

For 18 consecutive years, Mrs. Aiken directed the music at the North Georgia Youth Assemblies - at Oxford, LaGrange College, and later Camp Glisson. Also, for a number of years she served as organist for the North Georgia Annual Conference sessions at old Wesley Memorial Church; for many years she has been organist at the Mount Gilead Camp Meeting.
A meeting of the Board of Trustees of Park Street Church was held at the Church on Tuesday Evening, July 10, 1900. Present and answering the roll call Dr. T. D. Longino, J. B. Zachry, Forrest Adair, E. H. Mathews and Hubert Culberson. It was decided to elect officers for the Board, none having been elected for years past, and Dr. Longino was made Chairman and Hubert Culberson Secretary. An informal discussion as to absentees and their continued non-attention to the duties of their positions was participated in by those present by nothing definite was decided on as action to be taken.

The question of insurance on Church property was brought to the attention of the meeting and Brother Mathews reported that after confering with Brothers R. H. Caldwell he had given the expirations to Arthur Howell with instructions to write all the insurance for five years at ninety cents per hundred.

The records of the Secretary showed that on the Church, the amount of insurance carried was $3,000.00 and on the Church furniture the amount was $2,000.00. On motion it was unanimously decided that the policies should be changed and the amounts fixed as $4,000.00 on the church and $1,000.00 on the furniture and Brother E. H. Mathews was instructed to attend to having change made. It appearing that the insurance as above listed had been written May 15th, the action of Brother Mathews is directing who should write it was ratified and approved.

As to the insurance of the Parsonage and furniture of same, it appearing that insurance would not expire until July 28th, it was on motion ordered by the Board that same be given to Miss Ida Chambers. The amounts are $1,500.00 on the building and $500.00 on the furniture.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

H. L. Culberson, Secretary
In 1901 gas lights were bought and a tile walk laid in front of the Church.

In November 1902, the following resolution was adopted: "That it is the opinion of the Board of Stewards that the welfare of the church demands that we have regular preaching services every Sunday evening from this date on and the secretary is hereby instructed to furnish a copy of this resolution to our pastor, Dr. Luke Johnson".

Park Street organized two new churches, Stewart Avenue Methodist Church (originally Bonnie Brae Mission), and the Oakland City Methodist Church. These two Methodist Churches were supported by Park Street Church until they were able to care for themselves. (Minutes of the Quarterly Conference, February 27, 1911, showed $200.00 raised for Oakland City and a lot valued at $1,000.00 donated by Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Buttrick).

In September 1905, Reverend Troutman stated that mission work was needed in the Bonnie Brae section. Brothers Cox, and Pim (father of the Reverend B. Frank Pim, a later pastor of the Church), and Simpson were appointed to investigate and see if they could find a suitable location for a Mission. The committee found a lot in February 1906 but the owner was not in the proper trading humor.

In December 1906, the pastor's salary was increased to $3,400.00 per year. The church had a balance after all debts were paid of $285.84. Of this $200.00 was given to the pastor, Reverend M. L. Troutman, in appreciation of the earnest work done by him.

At this time work was being done in the "Woolen Mill Mission" with Mr. A. J. Mayfield, chairman of the committee.

In February 1907, the committee secured an option on a lot for the Bonnie Brae Mission. In June 1907, the Board voted to buy the lot. Mr. Forrest Adair and Mr. J. N. McEachern were added to the committee. In September 1907, the following Building Committee for the Mission was appointed: Dr. J. C. White, Mr. A. J. Mayfield, Mr. D. J. Ray, Mr. Shannon, Mr. Pim, and Mr. Barge. Mr. Mayfield reported the lot purchased, deed secured and recorded; also bids for the building secured.

At the close of 1907, the treasury showed a balance of $297.15 after all bills were paid. $125.00 was given to the pastor to apply on conference claims. A resolution was passed by the Board not to grant church certificate to members able to pay, who were in arrears on accepted assessments. There was much discussion over crowded conditions in the Sunday School and the need of enlarging.
Board of Trustees met in called session at the Church, present R. H. Caldwell, E. V. Carter, Forrest Adair, J. J. Simpson and H. L. Culberson. Upon report being made that Carlton Smith, who had the Church and Parsonage both insured in the defunct Atlanta & Birmingham Fire Insurance Company, had caused the risks to be rewritten in the Virginia State Insurance Company for the unexpired time and hoped to get back from the receiver of the A & B Co., enough of the unearned premium to pay the premium on the new insurance although in same report it was shown that W. R. Hoyt & Company, agents, had sent the bills for the same to the Secretary of the Board, it was moved and carried that the insurance be left to the management of Brother Smith, but he was informed that the Board of Trustees were not satisfied with the Virginia Company and he was required to have the risks written in some company better known locally, Board then adjourned.

Resolutions adopted by the Board of Trustees, Park Street Methodist Episcopal Church South, October 9, 1912.

Resolved that Park Street Methodist Church South borrow from the State Life Insurance Company of Indianapolis, Indiana, the sum of Twenty Thousand ($20,000.00) dollars for five years at the rate of six (6%) per cent interest payable semi-annually, with the privilege on the part of said Church or its Trustees to repay said loan in sums of One Hundred ($100.00) Dollars or any multiple thereof at any interest paying period after two years from the date of the loan. Resolved further that the President of the Board of Trustees of Park Street Methodist Church South be and is hereby authorized and directed for the purpose of securing the repayment of said loan, to execute the name of and on behalf of said Church, such loan-deed, trust-deed, mortgage or other instruments in writing that may be necessary or required to evidence and secure said loan and also execute and deliver such notes or other writings as may be necessary to evidence said loan, and to lodge with State Life Insurance Company, such insurance policies covering said church property as may be necessary of advisable such loan-deed, mortgage or other instruments and such notes to be in such form and to contain such covenants, conditions and agreements as said State Life Insurance Company may require. The President of said Board of Trustees is further authorized in the name and on behalf of Park Street Methodist Church South to arrange all matters of detail and do all matters and things that may be necessary to be done in order to obtain and consummate said loan of Twenty Thousand ($20,000.00) Dollars.

I hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a correct copy of resolutions adopted by the Board of Trustees of Park Street Methodist Church South at a special meeting of the Board of Trustees on October 9th, 1912, and that said resolutions were adopted unanimously by the Board and the resolutions duly recorded on the Minutes of the Board of Trustees of Park Street Church.

This 9th day of October, 1912.
In January 1909 Brother Weaver from the Bonnie Brae Mission attended the Board Meeting and the amount Park Street would pay toward the Pastor's salary was discussed but no decision reached. However members of the Board authorized $100.00 to complete the inside of the Mission.

In February 1909 individual communion sets were purchased for $36.90.

In April 1909 Bonnie Brae School was authorized to publish a directory of Park Street Methodist Church and receive the benefits from ads secured. In November 1909 talk of a new church began. $40,000.00 was the first price agreed on, but in May 1910 the Building Committee asked for $50,000.00 which was accepted. Members of this Building Committee were Dr. J. C. White, L. E. Floyd, Robert Hugh White, W. B. Disbro, J. N. McEchern, Craig Cofield, George Dowman, Sr., Marvin M. Davies, Dr. T. D. Longino, A. J. Mayfield and Col. E. V. Carter. Plans were completed and contracts let by August 1911.

The Atlanta Board of Education granted permission for the membership to worship in Lee Street School which was located on Lee Street, between Gordon and Dunn Streets and which now has been torn down and replaced by the West End Mall.

Mr. E. C. Merry, Chairman of the Music Committee, asked the Official Board for directions concerning a new organ. The Committee was instructed to go ahead and make arrangements and was given power to act. Mr. George Dowman and Dr. H. C. Miller were on this committee with Mr. Merry. A Hall Organ was ordered for $4,400.00, to be installed by October 1, 1912. (For any further information concerning Organs, see History of Music of Park Street United Methodist Church.)

The old seats and pulpit chairs were given to the Capitol View Methodist Church.

After the corner stone was laid and the Church completed, the new Organ was played for the first time on October 9, 1912, by Miss Itene Bearden. Dr. Samuel R. Belk was pastor at this time.

The first Board meeting was held on October 9, 1912, at which time Mr. Merry reported that $1,400.00 had been paid on the organ the balance to be paid at $1,000.00 per year for three years.

The first wedding in the new Church was that of Dr. and Mrs. Belk's daughter Mary to Mr. Thomas Scott.

At the November meeting of the Board, appreciation was expressed to the Reverend Charlie D. Tillman and his daughter, Mrs. M. M. Burns, for their Services during the Revival.
STATE OF GEORGIA,
COUNTY OF FULTON:

TO THE SUPERIOR COURT OF FULTON COUNTY:

We, T. D. Longino, R. H. Caldwell, Burgess Smith, M. M. Davies, H. L. Culberson, George Dowman, J. J. Simpson, R. H. White, and E. V. Carter, hereby certify that we constitute and compose the Board of Trustees of Park Street M. E. Church South, and that each of us have been duly elected a member of said Board of Trustees and are now acting in that capacity.

As such Trustees we hereby enter our names as each and hereby certify that said Park Street M. E. Church South, of which we are the Trustees is known in the City of Atlanta and is engaged in religious work therein under the name and style of PARK STREET M. E. CHURCH SOUTH.

We further certify that the objects and purposes of said Park Street M. E. Church South are religious and benevolent, and that said Church is engaged in the usual and regular work pertaining to a Protestant Church of the Methodist Denomination.

This instrument, or writing, is filed for record in the Clerk's office of the Superior Court of Fulton County in accordance with Section 2828 of the Code of Georgia of 1911.

This 4th day of November 1912

T. D. Longino J. J. Simpson
M. M. Davies Burgess Smith
George Dowman R. H. White
E. H. Caldwell H. L. Culberson
E. V. Carter
In 1916 the Reverend Arthur J. Moore, Revivalist, conducted a meeting and was paid $490.00.

The first Sunday School (or Church School) Parent-Teacher Association was organized at Park Street Church. The Reverend S. P. Wiggins was minister and Mr. Steve West was superintendent of the Sunday School when Mrs. F. A. Johnson (better known through the years as "Miss Annie", and whose death occurred on March 5, 1972) conceived the idea of organizing a P. T. A. in the Sunday School, contending that if a child's physical and mental development required the help of a secular Parent Teacher Association certainly his moral and spiritual development needed the help of a Sunday School P. T. A. After some opposition the P. T. A. was organized. Two years later one of the Episcopal Churches asked Mrs. Johnson for her plans of organization which they carried out in detail. All together Mrs. Johnson organized eleven Parent-Teacher Associations in Churches over the city; all following her plan as worked out in Park Street Church, being careful to take up only the moral and religious training of children. One program used at a P. T. A. meeting at the Church was presented at the Southeastern Fair and won first prize. Many old Park Streeters remember this amusing little skit, "If The Shoe Fits, Put It On".

Report of Board of Trustees of Park Street Church on Fourth Quarterly Conference - For the Year 1916

This charge has one church and one parsonage. There has been no expenditure of any amount on either the church or parsonage during the present year other than payments on the outstanding indebtedness. That amount of approximately $5,000.00. The church is insured for $3,000.00, the Parsonage $2,000.00. The church is valued at $6,000.00. The Parsonage at $5,000.00. The premium on insurance have been paid and previously reported. Nothing has been lost by fire.

The deeds contain the proper trust clauses. They are recorded in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Fulton County, Georgia in Books W3 page 104, in book 13 Page 734, in book WW pages 301 and 741 and in book 226 page 223.

Respectfully submitted

Thos. D. Longino

Chairman Board of Trustees
CHAPTER 3

1917 - 1930
RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF PARK STREET METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH SOUTH

Revolved that Park Street Methodist Episcopal Church South obtain an extension of the loan of $20,000.00 dollars made November 15, 1912, by The State Life Insurance Company of Indiana for an additional period of five years from November 15, 1917 with interest at the rate of six (6) per cent per annum payable semi-annually May 15th and November 15th, 1918, 1919, 1920, 1921, 1922 and execute an extension agreement and ten interest coupons for $600 Dollars each substantially similar in form (except as to date and maturity and omission of words "of even date herewith") to the coupons formerly attached to the principal note, all the covenants and agreements of the said principal note and of the security deed to remain in force as to the principal and interest without change except as to the maturity of the principal and interest and including the same privilege reserved by the Church to repay the principal in sums of $100.00 Dollars or any multiple thereof at any interest paying period. Resolved further that the Chairman of this Board of Trustees is directed to sign the said interest coupons in the name and behalf of said church and of this Board and to lodge with said Company all Insurance Policies covering the Church property and arrange as matters of detail and do all matters and things that may be necessary to be done to obtain said extension.

I hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a correct copy of resolutions adopted by the Board of Trustees of Park Street Methodist Episcopal Church South at a special meeting of the Board of Trustees held in Atlanta, Georgia, on the 23rd day of November 1917 and that said resolutions were unanimously adopted by said Board and have been entered on the Minutes of said Board. This 23rd day of November 1917.

H. L. Culberson

Secretary of Board of Trustees, Etc.
In 1926, on Sunday, March 6th, at the Morning Worship Service, the Mortgage on the Church was burned by the following officers:

Mrs. T. D. Longino, Mr. J. E. McJenkins, Mr. A. E. Kelley, Mr. G. P. Dance, Dr. T. D. Longino and Mr. J. M. Griffith.

As the membership grew, more Sunday School Class Rooms were needed, so several wooden buildings were erected on the back of the church lot.

In 1928, the old parsonage was abandoned as a parsonage and the pastors lived in rental property. During 1929 records show that Mr. Craig Cofield, an honored, retired steward and member of the Church for more than thirty-five years, deeded to the Church, without restriction as to sale, a lot 63 by 145 feet, located on the corner of Apple and Orchard Streets in Hapeville, estimated worth $500.00. (Deed record in book 1183, page 290, of the records of the Superior Court of Fulton County.)

In regard to the parsonage, the lot reverted back to the Estate of Chamer Humphries, deceased, and therefore, to his heirs at law. The Church is deeply indebted to Judge Hewitt Chambers for laboring unceasingly for many years, expending much time and his own money on clearing the title to this property and presented a complete and final report to the Administrative Board on October 5, 1959.

In 1929, Park Street was represented on the foreign field by the Reverend M. B. Stokes of Seoul Korea, whose salary was paid as part of the Missionary Maintenance Campaign of the Church.

In 1932, a second parsonage was bought, located at 1404 Beecher St., SW. This property was conveyed to Park Street Church by Mrs. Katherine Suttles Hardin, by warranty deed dated May 1932, recorded in Book 1419, page 371, Fulton County Records, for a consideration of $6,000.00 and other valuable considerations.

During the pastorate of Reverend Fred Glisson (December 1933 through November 1936), Park Street experienced three of the most unusual years in the history of the Church. 900 new members were added and the net increase was the largest of any church in the entire denomination. Three hundred and thirty members were received in his two Easter Classes alone. During the first year of his ministry, one or more persons united with the church at each morning and evening workshop service, and for three years never a week passed without at least one new member. For three consecutive years Park Street had the largest number of Intermediates in Atlanta attending City-wide Christian Adventure Institute and for two years had the largest number attending Camp Glisson of the North Georgia Conference.

In 1935, Mr. Mark Johnson, son of Mrs. F. A. Johnson, organized a Cub Pack known as Cub Pack #1. Park Street was the first church in the whole Atlanta Area of Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts of America to sponsor a Cub Pack. Besides sponsoring all the branches of Boy Scouts, a Girl Scout Troop was sponsored.
As the match was applied to the mortgage Sunday morning of the Park Street Methodist Church, the little flames seemed to mount higher and higher, as if they, too, were rejoicing that the debts on that Church were canceled. Dr. and Mrs. T. D. Longino applied the match which started the flames, and J. E. McJenkins, former treasurer of the building fund; J. M. Griffith, treasurer in the final cleanup, and A. E. Kelley, chairman of the committee which secured the last $7,000 which paid the debt, assisted. Dr. Longino is chairman of board of trustees, and Mrs. Longino is one of the two charter members now connected with the church. Miss Leland Waters is the other. Many of the former church members were present and special music was provided.

M. M. Davies spoke on "The Good Old Days of the Church." Mr. Davies' father, F. B. Davies, who was city missionary in 1878, held services in a one-room house near Gammage's Crossing. "There was no West End then", he stated, "my father held Sunday School and I remember Mr. Smith, a truck farmer, was superintendent. The Waters family, who lived at Gordon and Holderness, as they do now; and a family named Butler, were the three families that I remember in the little mission. My father begged money for a Church, and he must have paid as he want, for the Church was built near McCall's Crossing; and dedicated in April, 1881, after Anthony Murphy had given the lot. My father never lived to see the future of that Church."

After this church was sold, the members met in West End Hall until 1884, when Reverend Howard Crumley became pastor. During his ministry a church was built at the present site, the triangle at Park, Lee and Hammond Streets. This lot was donated by Burgess Smith, Henley Smith, Arthur Howell and George Adair, Sr.

The first wedding in this Church was that of Dr. and Mrs. Longino, and Dr. Longino told how Sunday morning how he met his wife, and decided to come to West End, where he moved across the street from the Church, and he lived there 40 years. He told of the growth of the Church so that it was necessary to rebuilt.

"Dr. Lee was pastor at that time, and many old West Enders were moving across town," said Dr. Longino, "Mr. Eubanks, Mrs. Sally Adair Eckford, Dr. J. C. White, R. H. White, E. V. Carter, the Disbros and many other West End people now away from West End make substantial donations. This is the best part of Atlanta, and many older men say they spent many happy days in Park Street Church. Be careful of your boys, now and train them right. West End lies on the road between New York and New Orleans; you have to pass through it on the way from Chicago and Miami, so you see West End is the best place in which to live."

"I want to see a light in front of this Church burning all night long, and the church doors kept open with a sign, "Come in, and rest and pray." You know there is many a foot-sore tramp who passes this church on his way back to Florida."
Under the leadership of Dr. C. M. Meeks, the Church has a membership of 1,400. Some of the older members moved away, but Dr. Meeks says, "That is the price of a growing City." Many of the most prominent families in West End are identified with this Church.

Brother Craig Cofield, an honored retired steward and member of this Church for more than 35 years, has recently by consent of the Board of Stewards deeded to the Church, without restrictions as to sale, a lot 63 x 145 feet located on the corner of Apple and Orchard Streets, Haleville, Georgia. This lot is estimated to be worth Five Hundred Dollars ($500.00), and is given in lieu of any further obligation on the part of Brother Cofield to contribute toward the support of this Church.

This deed is recorded in Book 1183 Page 290 of the Records of the Superior Court of Fulton County, Georgia.

Respectfully submitted

J. B. Zachry
Secretary

T. D. Longino
Chairman
Atlanta, Georgia
November 6, 1929

Report of Board of Trustees of Park Street Methodist Church South, to the Fourth Quarterly Conference for 1929.

This charge has one church of brick and one Sunday School Annex and one parsonage, both of wood construction, and all free of debt.

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There has been no expenditure on any of the above buildings beyond ordinary repairs which will be shown in the Treasurer's report.

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All premiums are paid or will be in due course. All policies and deeds are in custody of Dr. T. D. Longino, Chairman of the Board. The deeds to all property contain the proper trust clauses and are recorded in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Fulton County, Georgia, in books W3 Page 104, Book I-3 Page 734, Book W.W. Pages 301-741 and in Book #226, Page 223.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary

Chairman
CHAPTER 4

1930 - 1978
FREEDOM BELL RINGS MESSAGE OF HOPE

BY: DR. B. FRANK PIM
PASTOR, PARK STREET METHODIST CHURCH

TEXTS: "For He is our PEACE. He has made both of us to be in unity, and destroyed the barrier which kept us apart." Ephesians 2:14

"He hath opened the door of faith". --- Acts 14:27

On Tuesday, from the heart of Berlin, the Freedom Bell, sponsored with others, by a Georgian, General Lucious D. Clay, will sound its first notes. Amplified by radio and accompanied by the "Voice of the United Nations" it will send a message through the Iron Curtain that the democratic nations desire Peace and Understanding with Justice to all. On that day which is the fifth anniversary of the Ratification of the UN Charter, church bells in these nations will join the refrain to call all people to prayer that God may guide the councils of men and nations, that the problems and conflicts may be settled in righteousness and love rather than hate and war. Many of you had a part in making Freedom Bell possible. We can sing together the words of Alfred Tennyson:

Ring out the ancient forms of party strike.
Ring in the nobler modes of life,
Ring out the false pride and place of blood,
The civic slander and the spite;
Ring in the love and truth and right,
Ring in the common love of God.

We have seen the doors of faith and confidence, of love and understanding closed by the selfishness and greed of men; and the doors of fear and suspicion, of prejudice and hate open wider.

I believe the men and women, and I know the children of the world and peace. But how can it be achieved? We all know that peace and understanding without goodness cannot be permanent. It can only come with good men and women believing in its possibility.

The early fathers of America believed that they could open the door of freedom and understanding by prayer and faith they planted on these shores, a nation with liberty and justice for all.

Woodrow Wilson believed in the possibility of the League of Nations, and gave his life to that cause. Wendell Willkie, sensing the need of a United World, left as his memorial to the future generations a theme and a book, "One World."

The United Nations----God bless it, and make it a blessing! Here representatives of more than 50 nations will study the problems and suggest the right solutions. They can, under God, lead us to Peace and Brotherhood, and the practice of the Golden Rule.

"God hath opened the door of faith."
One Thousand and Fifty-One Members were listed on the Membership Roll of Park Street Methodist Church in 1950.

During the ministry of the Reverend B. Frank Pim, whose father and mother had been active members of the early Church, and building program was begun.

The wooden buildings were torn down and at a cost of $150,000.00, a new Educational Wing was built, as well as some remodeling in the Sanctuary and the Organ rebuilt.

The new equipment was put into use during 1953, and named the B. Frank Pim Building in memory of Reverend Pim, who died suddenly on March 14, 1951.
IN MEMORIAM TO
THE REVEREND B. FRANK PIM
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On March 14, 1951, our Pastor, B. Frank Pim slipped from Park Street Methodist Church, his Father's home on earth, to his Father's Heavenly Home. When taken ill, only several hours before his death, as ever, he was at the Church, about his "Father's business".

It is fitting that Park Street was his last charge of the twelve churches he served during his thirty-seven years as a minister, for it was here, that as a lad, he gave his heart to God.

It was here that his mother for sixteen years, gave of her time and talents as Superintendent of our Children's Division.

As our pastor, leader and guide, Brother Pim was devoted to his work. It is impossible to over-estimate the genuine service he has rendered us.

So versatile was Frank Pim that there was scarcely a place in the Church that he could not fill; preacher, teacher, counsellor, pianist, song leader, secretary, even carpenter or electrician.

Not only could our pastor apply his many talents to so many situations, but could adjust his personality to any age group, the trusting baby that he took into his arms for Baptism, the children looked upon him as a personal friend, the youth who thought of him as one of their own age but held up as a shining example, and the older people, with their knowledge of the world, yet who drew strength and courage from association with him.

Whereas, the loss of Frank Pim, our miss so deeply grieves us, and whereas, our Church, our entire community, and the Atlanta Church Circles at Large are profoundly saddened; be it therefore Resolves that we as, the Official Board of Stewards of Park Street Methodist Church give due expression of our appreciation of Brother Pim in his Christian character, his glowing personality, his deep and abiding faith, and his work in the Kingdom, and that we tender to Mrs. Pim, Dorothy Ann, Jean and Frank, Jr. our deepest sympathy, and assure them our love. That we thank God for the unselfishness with which man of God blessed us here at Park Street Methodist Church, and that we invoke in behalf of his loved ones that comfort and loving care which only Frank's Heavenly Father can give.

Resolved further, that a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of the Park Street Board of Stewards, that a copy be sent to the Wesleyan Christian Advocate, and that copies, each be furnished his wife and children.

Respectfully submitted,

W. A. Moreland

Mrs. Annie Johnson

Mrs. J. M. Griffith,
Committee
In 1962, a new parsonage was purchased, located at 1421 Downs Drive, S. W. Money from the sale of the Beecher Street Parsonage, plus $25,000.00 left to the Church in the will of Mrs. T. F. Hanbury went on to the purchase of the new house and furnishings. This parsonage was first occupied by the family of the Reverend James L. Welden. After they were settled an "Open House" was held and was attended by Bishop J. Owen Smith, who dedicated it.

Since 1950, many changes have occurred in the West End Area and the transitional times have been reflected in the life of the Church. Since 1963, Park Street Church has participated in the Atlanta Inner City Ministry to an effort to help meet the needs of persons living in the community surrounding the Church.

Over the years the Church has been served by many young Associate Pastors but no history of the Church would be complete without mentioning the Reverend Denny C. Starnes, the affable associate pastor who came to the Church as a young man in 1932 and was associate pastor until his death in May, 1967. He was loved by all who knew him and of invaluable service to all the pastors with whom he served.

At the time of the writing of this history, the membership of the Church has dwindled to 658 members. Many of the young families have moved to newer neighborhoods on the outskirts of the city. This does not mean it is no longer an active Church. Percentage-wise it probably has a greater number of members actively interested in the work of the Church than it ever had before. A fairly large budget considering the size of the membership, and the fact that there are no wealthy people in the Church, is met regularly.

The Church School is headed by Mr. S. Wallace Turner, assisted by many good teachers. The Adult Department of the Church School consists of the following classes:

Crusaders (once known as The Mothers Class), Davies, Kidd, Marytha, Partnership, Pioneer, Rhodes, and Wesley. The Youth Department consists of:

Nursery, Kindergarten, Elementary 1 and 2, Elementary 3 and 4, Elementary 5 and 6, Junior, High and Senior High.

The Woman's Society of Christian Service is headed by Mrs. H. L. Alexander, and has around one hundred members. The W. S. C. S. was formerly known as "The Missionary Society" and its formal organization was effected in June, 1888, while the Reverend A. G. Wardlaw was Pastor.
Denny C. Starnes, who has entered his Heavenly Home, is still with us here at Park Street Church, as an inspiration, and a challenge; one whom we loved, appreciated and recognized as a loyal witness to his Saviour.

In sickness, we needed him, looked forward to his visits. Regardless of our pain, he encouraged and cheered us, and his prayer always left us with a lift.

This Associate Pastor of ours, who came to us in 1932, had a heavy schedule. He also taught English and Science at Hoke Smith High School five days a week, only retiring in 1961. Here, the secret of his discipline was love. Many of his students he helped with their problems and instead of dropping out of school, they graduated.

December 24, 1955, Denny married Miss Minnie Winn, who was working with the Young People in our Church School. She was Chairman of our Commission on Missions, and a member of our Official Board. She, too, had a heavy schedule. She was, and is Librarian of the Dodson Drive School, Fulton County.

What a Team! On this couple’s Wedding Anniversary the Official Board presented them with a beautiful silver tray with this inscription, "Because We Love You." This sweet sincere tribute was than paid them: "We love you, not only because of what you have done for us, and the service you have rendered to Park Street Church; we love you also because of what you are and what you mean to us and what you will mean to us in the future."

"In later years may it cause you to have a happy reflection, consequent upon a well spent life, spent in service to God and to your fellow man."

From the Quarterly Conference Report in 1963, Denny speaks to us of his many and varied activities. His report is three pages, closely typed so only a few can be listed. He never used the word duty in regard to what he did for us, for to him it was a joy to serve us, especially in visiting.

He knew us in our homes. Those who worshipped with us and signed Visitors Cards were promptly visited, many becoming members, as were the newcomers to West End. Daily visits were made to those ill in homes and hospitals.

Eventide, formerly the "Old Ladies' Home" was close to Denny’s heart, and many of these residents loved him as a son. I quote, "I have conducted services at Eventide, and celebrated Holy Communion there. When I preach to these ladies, they are so appreciative."

Before coming to us at Park Street as Associate Pastor, Denny served at St. Paul Methodist and Trinity Methodist. Today, how very grateful we are to our District Superintendents for not moving him, but allowing us to keep him thirty-five years.
In 1965 Denny had his first heart attack. Then back and forth first to the hospital, when better at home, and, at times even attending Church Services. What an example he has left us of Christian faith and stewardship.

From his Quarterly Conference Report, we also learn that he was with many of our members as they crossed the Great Divide. When his turn came, May 26, 1967, we feel sure that Denny was received with, "Well done, Thou good and faithful servant, enter Thou into the joy of Thy Lord."

To you, Minnie, we, the members of the Official Board, extend our sincerest and heartfelt sympathy. You, too, are an inspiration with your courage and faith, as you continue your much appreciated good work here at Park Street.

Mrs. Annie S. Johnson
HISTORICAL RECORD - PARK STREET METHODIST CHURCH

ATLANTA, GEORGIA

CHAPTER 1, ORIGIN AND MINISTERIAL SUPPLY

1878 --- 1950

Park Street Methodist Church was founded in 1878 as a Mission by Reverend F. B. Davies, then employed by the North Georgia Conference as a City Missionary, and until 1884, was served by several young preachers, including Bishop Warren A. Candler, and was usually referred to as the West End Methodist Church, and from 1878 to 1884 was supplied by pastors of some other Charge. The records do not clearly show to what it was a portion of.

The first house of assembly was a small white wooden building on Lee Street, near McCall's Crossing, known as Murphy's Chapel.

The Annual Conference 1883, recognizing the growth and importance of the West End Church, and its need of better pulpit supply, created a charge and assigned Reverend Howard L. Crumley as Pastor. Brother Crumley with the aid of some half dozen or more of the faithful, immediately proceeded to organize a church, meeting in the rear of R. H. Caldwell's store, corner of Gordon and Lee Streets. After completing the organization, regular meeting services were held morning and evenings, upstairs over the stores.

Mr. G. Arthur Howell became very much interested in the Church and Sunday School, and was instrumental in securing the lot on which the Church now stands, it being a gift of Messrs. C. A. Howell, Col. G. W. Adair, J. Henly Smith and Burgess Smith.

Brother Crumley, with Mr. G. P. Humphry as Architect, and Mr. C. A. Howell, constituted the "Building Committee" and practically carried the burden of erecting the first house of worship.

When finished, a great opening service was held, with Dr. David Sullins of Tennessee doing the preaching, after which a collection was taken, resulting in sufficient funds being pledged to pay for the building. Thus firmly establishing a Methodist Church on Park Street, from which it derived and still maintains its name.

(Information furnished by the late Hubert L. Culberson)

MINISTERIAL SUPPLY

After four years of faithful service by Brother Crumley, he was succeeded by Rev. A. J. Wardlow, who served two years, Dr. J. W. Lee, four years, Rev. J. W. Roberts, two years, Rev. J. B. Robins, two years, Rev. J. T. Daves three years, Rev. Luke G. Johnspn four years, Rev. M. L. Troutman four years, Rev. Fletcher Walton one year, Dr. J. W. Lee one year (second term) Dr. Samuel R. Belk three years, Rev. Wallace Rogers four years, Dr. Walton two years (second term), Dr. S. P. Wiggins three years, Rev. Chas. M. Meeks four years, Rev. Marvin A. Franklin four years, Rev. Henry H. Jones, one year, Rev. J. Hamby Barton two years, Rev. Fred L. Glisson three years, Rev. Irby Henderson three years. Dr. E. Nash Broyles six years, (the only pastor in the Church's History serving more than the usual four year period). Rev. Lawrence L. Cowan one year, Dr. Virgil L. Moore one year, and Dr. B. Frank Pim now serving his third year.
Note that Park Street Methodist Church has been honored with some of the strongest Ministers of the North Georgia Conference.


(Information furnished by Dr. George W. Barrett retired, long time Annual Conference Secretary)

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CHAPTER 2 CHURCH PROPERTY

Park Street Church now owns outright by Warrants Deeds, three pieces of real estate of considerable value, being the present Church building and lot on which it is situated, numbers as 791-801 Park Street, a resident number 556 Lee Street, known as the old parsonage, and 1404 Beecher Street, now being used as the parsonage.

These three pieces of property is considered as being in fairly good physical condition, with NO indebtedness, and are conservatively estimated in value as follows: The Church in its entirety $115,000. Number 556 Lee Street $8,000, and 1404 Beecher Street $8,500.00

Each piece of real estate being minutely described in the Fulton County Courthouse Record Room as follows: Book WW page 301, Book 1-3, page 734, and Book 1419 page 371. All in the Southwest Section of the City.

MISCELLANEOUS

MISSIONS: Bonnie Brae - now Stuart Avenue and Oakland City Churches were formerly Missions of Park Street Church.

OLD TIMERS: It is noted from some of the records that Mr. and Mrs. Benj. P. Pim - parents of our present pastor were very active in Church and Sunday School, in its early days, Mrs. Pim being Superintendent of the Children's Division, and President of the Missionary Society in the gay nineties. Mr. Pim being a member of the Board of Stewards. Dr. B. Frank Pim joined the Church here when twelve years of age.

Descendants of the R. H. Caldwell family, mentioned in our first paragraph, down to the third generation, are still active members here.
MISCELLANEOUS - Continued

Of the Church Directory published in 1894, carrying 409 names of members here at that time, four are still living and participating in the Church's activities: i.e., Mrs. Ellen O. Butrick, Mr. Kennon Caldwell, Mrs. T. P. Hanbury, and Mrs. Mary H. Longino widow of Dr. T. D. Longino whose marriage was the first marriage ceremony performed in the old building, and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Scott (Mary Belk daughter of Dr. S. E. Belk) was the first in the present building. Several other names are still living, but membership elsewhere.

ENROLLMENT - MEMBERSHIP

CHURCH:
First year no authentic information .......... 1894 Directory shows 409
Present enrollment 1940-50................................. 1,951
Total Funds Raised................................. $37,581
Church School --- No information for first year ............... ?
Present enrollment .................................... 1,099
Fund Raised - all purposes.......................... 6,360
W. S. of C.S. None first year
A small organization known as the Ladies Aid Society, followed by Woman's Missionary - 26 members, but no date or other information.
Present enrollment 310 ..................... Funds raised 2,453

*NEW PROJECTS*

We are now in the midst of raising funds for an extensive enlargement of our Church School plant, some $100,000 or so. Already more than half of the amount estimated as necessary is in pledges and cash. Prospects good for an early start on it.

Historical Committee 1950
W. A. Moreland
Mrs. J. M. Griffith, Sr.
Mrs. O. M. Bradford
Mrs. Annie S. Johnson
Miss Mabel Lovelace
Mrs. Evelyn L. Cox
An Acolyte Program was organized in January, 1972. It was named The Earnest P. Kendall Chapter of the Order of Acolytes. A Constitution and By Laws was formed by the first eight members. (The members present at that meeting were: Stephen P. Kinsman, Connie Sharpe, Mary Frances Bryant, Mamie, Walter and Jill Wilkins, David and Charles Lynch.) The first Adult Advisor was Mr. R. Lowman Oglesby, and President Stephen Pim Kinsman.

Services of the Church on Sunday are held at eleven o'clock and five-thirty. Except for the summer months, suppers are served on Wednesday nights followed by a program of music, prayers for the sick and a short worship service.

The Church Staff, as of June 1972, consists of the Reverend Ernest P. Kendall, Pastor, the Reverend Marcus Bocker, Associate Pastor of the Inner City; the Reverend C. G. White, Local Elder, (Reverend White has been a member of Park Street since 1950, and still teaches the Pioneer Class); Mrs. E. E. Aiken, Organist; Mrs. Elizabeth Pearson, Assistant Organist; Mr. Guy Sharpe, Youth Choir Director; Mrs. Julian D. Reeves, Church Secretary; Mrs. Johnnie B. DeLoach, Church Treasurer; Mr. Charlie Johnson, Custodian; and Mrs. Daisy Harmon, Maid.

Mrs. Aiken ("Ma" to most of the younger people) has been more than the organist and choir director - although she has held that position for Fifty-two years. She was Church Secretary, as well as Organist, the first fourteen years; she organized the Kidd Class and was its first teacher; she organized the Viola Aiken Circle in the 1920's, which now functions as a night circle. She has been the confidante of young and old over the years and has been a true representative of Christ to all who have known her.

Reverend Kendall and his wife Nell, who have endeared themselves to all in the five years they have been here, will be leaving after Quarterly Conference and will be given up reluctantly. However, it is the hope of all that our new pastor will be one who will carry the banner of Christ so high that Park Street United Methodist Church will be a guiding light to all its members and to all in the community as well.

The Committee on Records and History wishes to thank everyone who in any way contributed memories, pictures, records, newspaper clippings, Historical items, etc.

The Committee has made no attempt to pay tribute by name to the many members who have, worked diligently for the welfare of the Church. Each member today remembers the ones who have meant most to him or her - many have gone on to other churches - many are still working in the Church today.

Committee on Records and History:

Mrs. O. M. Bradford
Mrs. W. H. Bradley
Mrs. B. J. Frink
Mrs. J. M. Griffith
Mrs. J. F. Harris
Mrs. C. F. Lyle
Mrs. C. F. Reeves
Mrs. J. L. Richardson

Mrs. M. M. Richardson, Chairman
June 25, 1972
Since the Church History was compiled in 1972, there have been many changes.

After Rev. & Mrs. Ernest Kendall left Rev. J. Zachary Farr became Pastor. He was pastor from July 1, 1972 through June 30, 1975. Serving Rev. Farr was his wife Martha Lee Farr, Sons Jon Farr and Paul Farr. Martha Lee was on many of the committees and in the Choir. She was also a member of the Friendship Guild.

During Rev. Farr's ministry Clark College wanted to buy the Church Property. Church Conference was held so that every member of Park Street Church could have a chance to express their wishes and 122 voted NO. Thank God that they did. After this it was decided not to sell or rent out any part of the Sunday School Building.

In 1974, a very dear couple Col. & Mrs. Henry Naab gave a beautiful American and Christian Flag. They were and still are appreciated very much. Also during Rev. Farr's ministry we had Rev. Louie Baugh as Associate Pastor. It was in Rev. Farr's ministry that the Church Officials decided to sell the parsonage on Downs Dr. After this a house in Decatur was rented for the use as a parsonage until another one could be found.

Our next and present Pastor was Rev. Charles C. Shaw, who with wife Ruth, daughter Beth and son David lived in the rented house for a while and then Rev. Shaw decided that he wanted to buy a house so that when he retires they will have a house to go to. The Administrative Board voted to pay him rent on this house as long as he is Pastor of Park Street instead of trying to find another one, this is located at 3635 Charles Dr., East Point, Georgia.

The year of 1976, was a very busy time for the members of our great Church. This being the 200th. birthday of our great Nation. We were all busy planning the big celebration for July 4, 1976. The Choir put on an outstanding program. Park Street United Methodist Church as well as all Methodist Churches at 12:00 noon the Church Bell started ringing for PEACE.

When all the money had been counted by the church, the Sunday School Classes, Circles, Missions and the other committees and the reports were turned in Park Street Church had raised over $66,000.00 dollars. This really was a year to be remembered for a long time to come.

In 1977, we acquired the service of Dr. Frank R. Greer and Mrs. Greer a retired Minister who have endeared themselves to all of us. This year was also to be a busy time because this was to be a very busy time getting the plans made for the Centennial of Park Street Church.

Miss Sue Holbrook has been working to bring the Official Church Roll up to date. We now have 495 members on roll. Attendance averages around 130. Many on the roll live out of town. Many has had to move out of West End because of the changing neighborhood and although still member's can't attend church unless someone brings them. We no longer have Sunday night services at the Church but meet in homes of our members.
We have a very small number of young people left but what a hard working group they are. They are always working on something for the Church or our shut-ins. On Sunday July 30th, after the church service and lunch everyone went out to see them send up 500 balloons with cards tied to each one giving a verse of scripture and the address of our church and the date of our Centennial celebration.

During 1978, our hearts were saddened by the loss of four more of our hard working beloved members.

Mrs. Ethel Richardson

Mrs. Joe L. (Ethel) Richardson served her church and community as long as she was able to. She served on many of the committees of her church and helped her many, many friends. She will always be remembered by her friends that she served and helped so much. It was by people like her that has made Park Street the place it is today.

Mr. John H. Mathews

On Thursday, August 3, 1978, we lost a very dear friend to everyone who had the privilege to know him. Mr. John H. Mathews, as we entered the church there was John to greet everyone with a big smile, a handshake or kiss. He was a member of the Kidd Class, and just about every committee of the Church.

On his way to the church on Sunday morning or Wednesday night when we had the Family Night Suppers programs he would stop and bring people to the church and if anyone else needed a way after he got to the church he would go after them.

It was very seldom that John ever got to listen to all of a Sunday School lesson because someone would call that needed a ride to church. Then there would go John to get them and bring them to church.

John Mathews was one of the happiest Christians that I have ever known. He lived his Christian life every day instead of just on Sunday. I have seen the time that he would make two trips to carry people home from Church before he could go home. That was the way John felt that he had to help his fellowman.

He may not be with us in body but his spirit and memory will be with us always.

He will be with us in spirit on October 8, with all the other loved ones and friends that have gone on before us.

W. E. Harwell

W. E. Harwell served his community and City as a Detective Lt., of the Atlanta Police Department, for a number of years trying to solve the problem of so much crime.
When he wasn't working on his regular job he could be found working at Park Street United Methodist Church, painting the Sunday School Class rooms, seeing that all the windows were in excellent condition.

He was always ready to do his part when he was needed at the Police Department, at home, at Park Street United Methodist Church, or helping a neighbor— as long as his health permitted.

Judge Hewitt W. Chambers

Our Judge Hewitt Chambers, was another very special church member and friend. He worked very hard giving his valuable time and money locating the heirs of the ones who donated land to Park Street to be used for our church and a parsonage. This was one of the many kinds of things that he did for his church.

Judge Chambers served on the many boards, and committees of Park Street Church. He was always ready to help with the many activities, the campaigns with his advice and money.

He was a very dear friend as well as a church member. When he entered the church he greeted everyone with a smile and handshake.

This question has been asked many times. Isn't Park Street ready to close her doors? This is answered NO. When Park Street is meeting all the pledges and the commitments that is expected from her why should she close her doors to the service of allmighty God and to all mankind, when she is needed so badly.

Every year Park Street United Methodist Church always goes over the top of her quota for the Wesleyan Christian Advocate. By still being able to meet all the commitments that is expected of her we can go for another 100 years.

Lets begin Park Streets 200th year with a strong faith, the determination and prayers as the first members of Park Street Methodist Church did.

This last section of history of our church was compiled by.

Mrs. M. M. (Nelmer) Richardson

Miss Sue Holbrook
When Rev. Fred L. Glisson was our pastor at Park Street Methodist Church in July 1935, he organized Cub Pack No. 1. We were the first pack in the South. We were the only Cub Pack south of the Ohio River.

Mr. W. D. Thompson was the first Cub Master and Mr. Dick Carlson was his assistant, who later became Cub Master. A few years later Mr. Carlson helped organize another pack in another part of Atlanta.

Mr. Royal Hayes became Cub Master of Pack #1 and was there for several years. Then Mr. Glenn Wilson was Cub Master.

Mrs. Arthur Page was first Den Mother of Pack #1. Each Den of from eight to twelve boys were under a Den Mother, meeting once a week at the Mother's home. Once a month, all would meet with their parents, den mothers, Cub Masters and men who worked as a committee in interest of the Pack.

The men I remember on the committee were Mr. W. D. Thompson, Mr. Thomas A. Hartley, Sr., Judge Myron Herzberg, Mr. J. P. Hansard and Mr. Paul Queen.

We first met for our meeting each month at the old Parsonage on Lee Street. Later they met in the dining room of the Church. We needed a place to call our own and a new Boy Scout Troop #20 had been organized. Mr. Paul Queen and Mr. Thomas Hartley Sr., talked to the Trustees of the Church. They decided to jack up the end room of the white building that was used for Sunday School. Mr. Queen and Mr. Hartley thought they could dig under that room and make a room for Cubs and Scouts.

The Church had no money so Judge Herzberg talked to several of the men and it was decided to borrow $1,000.00 from the First National Bank in West End. The Church would not agree, so several of the men on the Pack and Church went on the note. When it was time to renew the note the Judge would get all to sign the note again.

We put on many dinners to pay the note off. Mr. King of King's Bakery on Westview Drive would give us desserts for our dinners. Mr. Walter Richard was interested in Cubs and Scouts and offered his help also.

Mr. Queen and Mr. Hartley knew a man who jacked up buildings. The man gave them a good price of $200 to jack it up, put a large iron post to hold it in place and dig out the dirt. Then the men took over with the boys help and the floor was smoothed out. A load of cement was ordered and they made a nice smooth floor, built the sides and front with cement blocks and windows were put in. A heavy plank bench was made around the sides and each side of the door leaving a large play space in the middle.

Mr. Queen and Mr. Hartley worked in their spare time each day after their regular jobs and all day on Saturday. Some of the Scouts helped on Saturday. After the room was used for play at the meetings the cement made a dust problem. Mr. Hartley bought enough paint to paint the floor. The Scout boys helped wash the floor real clean and one Saturday Mr. Queen and Mr. Hartley painted the floor. This solved the problem.
The first Den Mothers were Mrs. Arthur Page, Mrs. Thomas A. Hartley, Sr., Mrs. Hoyle Hayes, Mrs. Thomas Randall, Mrs. W. Glenn Wilson, and Mrs. Harold Owens.

I was Den Mother for 6 years. My Den Chief was our son Thomas Jr. He was in Mrs. Page's Den as a Cub. After Thomas went to work after school, Robert Wroten was my Den Chief. He was in my Den as a Cub for 3 years.

Mr. Allan day and Mr. Donald Sylvester were first leaders of Troop #20. Some of the first Cubs were Thomas Hartley Jr., Fred Allman Jr., Winter Griffith, Hulett Sumlin, Blake Askew, John Hunsinger, Richard Randall, David Thompson, Robert Wroten, Jack Wroten, Paul King, W. T. Wilson, Robert Ross, Hoyle Hayes Jr., Thomas Randall and many others.

The Pack Committee went to Lee Street and Peoples Street Schools and asked for the name of nine year old boys near Park Street Methodist Church. All the homes were visited and many boys came in the Pack, went through Cubs and on to Boy Scouts.

I can think of more about Cubs and Troop #20 to write but this gives an outline of what we did for our boys. Many of the boys are fine outstanding men now.

Mrs. Thomas A. Hartley, Sr.
THIS IS WHAT THE LETTERS IN THE DAVIES CLASS MEANS

D. Dedication, Devotion and Dependability
A. Ability- The ability to help others
V. Victory- Working to let others know what the love of our lord means
I. Inspiration- Inspiring others to better things
E. Excell
S. Sincerity
C. Christians
L. Love
A. Adore and Adoration
S. Service- Serving to help make this a better world for all mankind
S. Share

SUE HOLBROOK
Visiting Teacher

May 14, 1978
HISTORY OF MARVIN M. DAVIES CLASS
PARK STREET METHODIST CHURCH
1911-1927

We have really been an organized Young Woman's Bible Class since about 1911 - about sixteen years ago, under the supervision of Mr. Marvin M. Davies, we elected officers and installed our first working committees. We can, however, date our real beginning back when six or eight little girls of about five years of age - say some twenty-five odd years ago - in sash and bonnet, and regretfully leaving "dolly" home, said our Golden Text to "Miss Helen" Jefferson, sitting in the "Baby Chairs" and dropped our pennies one by one into the tin cups at Old Park Street Church.

As time passed and we learned the Commandments, the Apostles Creed, the Twenty-Third Psalm, the Beatitudes (and many other things not in books were impressed on our young minds) we graduated from Primary Days into the "Big Room" where, since our broken hearts were rung by the same wedding bells that had taken our dear Miss Helen from us, we were kindly "mothered" and soon became attached to "Miss Mary lou" Baker. The same old bells pealed forth once again - this time leaving us under the guidance of Mr. J. L. Beasley, where we grew in statue, numbers and spirituality.

However, we were in our "teens" when we became "subjects under a new Here we had to listen closely to catch the meaning of all "those big words" was about the time the New Church I believe. Our new teacher was a tall, spectacled broad-shouldered gentleman with a clear twinkle in his blue eyes - and all sorts of new scientific and psychological explanations in his brain. His name was Marvin M. Davies and he taught us for about sixteen years.

As I said before, we have been a well organized class for quite some years and under the guidance and leadership of these splendid teachers we gathered strength to build up the present class and to enlarge in spirit and numbers to our present organization.

About a year ago Mrs. Evans Hall became our teacher and under her directions we have enlarged and are doing splendid work.

Will you pardon a personal word? I would say that I count it my highest honor to have been an original member of this class, from the first day I entered Sunday School until now and I hope to continue to be one of and keep in touch always with its aims and accomplishments.

Under the many years of guidance and training of such a teacher as Mr. Davies and others and now, under the splendid inspiration and leadership of our Mrs. Hall, and our splendid staff of officers, President, Mrs. Teague and our earnest Pastor, Dr. Marvin Franklin, I hope, young "Redbirds" and "Bluebirds" that you really understand and appreciate your "Family Tree" and will use your heritage, your influence and your prestige to even greater advantage in years to come.

Always remember our motto - "FOR OTHERS"

VELMER TURNER CULLEN
Historian

November 8, 1927
HISTORY OF MARVIN H. DAVIES CLASS
PARK STREET METHODIST CHURCH
1927 - 1978

The original history of the Class covering period from early 1911 until November 1927, as you will note, was interestingly written by Mrs Velma Turner Cullen, Class Historian at that time. Sorry- I am neither a writer nor a historian- but I will attempt to bring the history up-to-date.

Mr. Davies taught the class for some sixteen years and when he left us Mrs. Evans Hall, who was the assistant teacher, became our regular teacher. This was in late 1926, after she became our regular teacher and we loved her we changed the name of the Class to The Davies "HALL CLASS.

"Mr Davies passed away on February 18, 1932"

Our class room was in what is now known as the Pastor's Study. We were young (much prettier than we are now) enthusiastic and very very happy. We had a membership of one hundred and thirty eight.

We continued to meet in this room until the Sunday School attendance increased so much that it became necessary to build some wooden portables at the rear of Church Building to be used for Sunday School Class rooms. We then moved into one of these and again- we were happy with our setup. This was our Sunday School Home until some time around 1950 at which time the portables were torn down.

In 1950 the Church membership had reached one thousand and fifty, therefore, building plans were essential. A building program was begun. The portables were torn down to be replaced by the B. Frank Pim Building. This building was completed in 1953. When the portables were torn down we were again without a class room to call our own. We had hopes of having space in the New building but that did not materialize- there was no space for us.

In January of 1955 Mrs. Annie Johnson- our "Miss Annie" approached Miss Julia Bankston- Julia had been a loyal member of the class since 1914- and told her that the space formerly occupied by the kitchen was available for a Class Room- and she would like to see us have the space. She urged us to get busy and get the project going. We discussed the matter in the Class and everyone was most enthusiastic. "got busy"

Money for getting the room ready for occupancy came in part-- in part from our treasury-- in part from donations made by Friends and by each and every member of the class. We began our project on March 13, 1955 by selling what we called "shares" at $20.00 each and by late 1955 we had collected $1757.00- We completed the Room in every detail to our liking and a formal Dedication Service was held in the Class Room. Rev. Peter Manning, presiding. We are still so proud of our labor.

During the entire period of our existence as the Marvin H. Davies Class we have been blessed in having the Very Best Teachers: Mr. Marvin H. Davies, Mrs. Evans Hall, following her came: Mrs. Ruby Drew, Mrs. Deborah Ramsey, Mrs. Bess Hardeman, Mrs. Elizabeth Savage, Mr. Victor Hitchcock, Mr. Joe Pittard, Mr. H. W. Jenkins, Mrs. Beulah Vandiver, Mrs. Thelma Gentry (Leatherwood), Mr. Julian Reeves, Mrs. Hett Kendell, Col Clifford Hiatt, Mr. Carrel Larmore and Miss Frances McKee.
It is true it has been a long-long time since 1911, when our class was really founded but we enjoy reminiscing sometime. We only have eighteen active members on roll, however, we have good attendance—take part in all Sunday School and Church activities and enjoy our Class Room very much.

This brings the History of the Marvin N. Davies up-to-date.

Anne T. McColskey
President

August 22, 1978
THE KIDD CLASS HISTORY

The Kidd Class is the largest class at Park Street United Methodist Church. It was organized in 1931 by Mrs. Edwin Aiken with 50 members. When she gave the class up after serving as a wonderful teacher, we had another teacher who came to us from the Rhodes Class. It was none other than the late John Irwin Kidd, a teacher at Brown High School and a beloved Sunday School teacher for 18 years. From 1941 to 1946 he was away serving Uncle Sam. We stuck together and carried on because of his influence and fine example set for us as a Christian Soldier. It was in his honor that the class was named for him about 1937.

In April 1952 our beloved teacher and leader in the church was called to his Heavenly home. One of his favorite verses that he quoted so often was, "A Man's goal should exceed his grasp or what is Heaven for?" In his last lesson to our class he ended with this thought, "You are writing a Gospel, a Chapter each day, by the deeds that you do, and the words that you say. Men read what you write, whether false or true. Say, what is the Gospel according to you.

From April 1952 to 1953 we have many visiting teachers until we found Mr. Stafford W. Graydon. After his first lesson January 1953 we felt like he was the teacher for the Kidd Class and we went after him. He has won our love, respect and admiration. With him as our leader in God's service we are striving to go forward to higher and better things.

The average attendance for this year has been 46 for each Sunday. For the month of August 1978, 49 average.

Members of the Kidd Class have served in various departments of the Church School. Several have been Superintendent, and Assistant Superintendent. At one time we had 23 members teaching thru out the Sunday School.

Our first T. V. program on the air was in 1953. Mr. Ralph Ricketts was President, Stafford Graydon taught our lesson, Fred Todhunter lead the singing with Martha Todhunter at the piano.

Besides supporting our Church and Sunday School we contribute and help the Methodist Children's Home, (three times each year), Scholarship Fund, Leper Colony, Cerebral Palsy Center, Missions and World Service.

The Officers for 1978-79 are as follows:

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Each Sunday we have a special musical number by one of our favorites, Guy Sharpe, Virginia Sharpe, Sam Deavors, Foy Harris and Cliff Thomas. Accompanied by Viola Aiken or Elizabeth Pearson.

This splendid class of men and women can be summed up by an acrostic by Mrs. Aiken at our annual banquet.

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Kindness to all
Integrity
Dependability
Daring (dare to go forward)

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Christian Class
Love
Ability
Share
Service

We are proud of our class and our teachers, Stafford Graydon and Harold Cheney. We are proud that we are a part of our great Church, Park Street United Methodist.

Our Class Motto is, "What kind of Class would the Kidd Class be if every member was just like me."

Thru the years under the leadership of our beloved teachers, Stafford Graydon and Harold Cheney we have grown in numbers and we have grown spiritually.

May we ever go forward under the wonderful leadership of our fine teachers, our President Aline Kinsey and the new officers for 1978-79.

Wallace Turner has been our loyal and faithful Superintendent for 15 years. O. M. Bradford has been our efficient and faithful treasurer of the Sunday School Department for 25 years.

Our Class is like the Song, "Bless Be The Tie That Binds our Hearts in Christian Love."

Ruth Ester
Class Historian
HISTORY OF THE
WESLEY SUNDAY CLASS

Memories are dear—Often they fail to preserve details—

The Wesley Class as a family of Church School Members goes back many years—Taking shape in the various Youth Classes—(the Akimites, Shepherd Boys Class, Walter Polands class, other girls classes in the Young People's Department, and later the Joy Class). The Wesley Class existed as early as the mid-1930's.

Musicals, such as "The Music Shop," directed by Mrs Edwin Aiken in 1930; Womanless Weddings, and Minstral Shows provided Christian fun and fellowship, Banquets and special dinners have been the class concern too. This type Christian fellowship reached many in the church community.

Camps, at first chaperoned by Edwin and Viola Aiken and later by Victor and Emma McKee, Lillian Griffith, Tom and Lenora Hartley, Warren and Gladys Bradley, provided ways of developing the blessed ties that have bound those who attended this class in an eternal bond of Christian Fellowship.

Through the years, the members of the class have worship, studied, and learned. They have gained spiritual strength through leadership and instruction from dedicated teachers and officers—Names that have passed through the portals of this class linger in treasured memory for the remaining members—

Viola Aiken was teaching during World War II—Walter Poland was away in service, but returned to teach the class again—Annie Johnson the power of strength and stability, gave her service as teacher until she was physically too frail and feeble to serve—Stuart Bolen, Guy Sharpe, Eugene Lupo, Edward Bryant, Rebecca Dennard, and Frances McKee form the present corps of teachers for this class and others throughout the church. The eternal life of each previous teacher reaches down through these into the life of Park Street United Methodist Church today.

For a trip back through the years memories reach: Tena Suttles, who remains a vital member of the class; Virginia Young, Arlene Metzger, Lester Wilson, and Elsie Storey who took part in Musicals, Wilbur Fifer, Ed Pafford, Evelyn Eddleman and Dick McClure whose beautiful voices added to the choir of our church; to Slade Dean, Bill Calloway, and Elizabeth Henderson, to Mary Chapman, Lenora Slaughter, Katherine Norton, Mary Ross, and Frances McKee who helped pack Christmas boxes (including a treasured Coca Cola) for our boys in service; to Jane Lewis, Dorothy Hopkins, Hicks and Lavern Ashmore, who were active members—

Many members were in service during World War II—Mrs Edwin Aiken made a scrap book of those in service from Park Street.
The Wesley Class
Willing to serve
Ever our Lord,
Seeking in spirit,
Leaving each soul,
Each speaks his prayers,
Yielding self in
Christian fellowship to
Last through the years.
A turn of the century
Stands challenging now
Stirring the mind to
The Wesley Class' future.

Some have come and moved on others have stayed.

J. L. and Louise Alexander
Lawton and Patti Alexander
Elise Benfield
Stuart and Marjorie Bolen
Edward and Sarah Bryant
Bill and Joan Butler
Marjorie Cowan
Dorothy Dean
Rebecca Dennard
Barbara Dobbie
Mary Anne Doty
Dixie and Doris Graham
Faye Hill
Sue Holbrook
Walker and Jean Kinsman
Eugene and Emily Lupo
James and Estell Lynch
Bill and Mildred Ross McGuork
Frances McKee
Lowman and Frances Oglesby
John and Betty Parrott
B. Frank Pim
Sybil Rigsby
Robert Ross
Guy and Virginia Sharpe
John and Myra Stanfield
Dot Sumner
Tena Suttles
"THE MUSIC SHOP"

A Musical Comedy in Three Acts

THE CHARACTERS
(In Order of Appearance)

Mr. Charles Meredith, bachelor who owns the shop
Miss Jean Meredith, his niece
Frances, a college student
Betty, a college student
Sara, a college student
Miss Lou Smith, unmarried but willing
Miss Mae Stanford, in love with the Professor
Pat McGee, who is learning to sing
Mrs. Tim Kelly, the janitress
Mr. Jim Morgan, salesman with new ideas
Mr. Walter Poland
Miss Helen Keller
Miss Virginia Young
Miss Lester Wilson
Miss Elsie Storey
Miss Arlene Metzger
Miss Willbur Freer
Miss Mary Chapman
Miss Evelyn Eddleman
Miss Mary Clonts
Miss Martha Livingston
Mr. Edwin Aiken
Mr. Claund Lyle
Mr. Ed Pafford
Mr. Dick McClure
Mrs. Edwin Aiken
Miss Mary Clonts
Miss Elizabeth Henderson
Mr. Bill Callaway

THE AIKENITE CLASS
PRESENTS
THE MUSIC SHOP
PEEPLES ST. SCHOOL
DEC. 2, 1938
8:15 PM.
WESLEY CLASS ROLL (1930's)

TEACHERS

VIOLA AIKEN
WALTER POLAND

NAMES of members (addresses were on the original list)

Hicks Ashmore
Margaret Bryant
Mary Chapman
Slade Dean
Arthur DeLoach
Johnny DeLoach
Harold Duncan
James Griffith
Pierce Hembree
LaVerne Kirkland
Joy Lenny
Rose Mary Long
Ed Pafford
Nellie Poston
Joyce Richardson
June Scott
Jean Sherrard
Lenora Slaughter
Eva Stewart
Tena Suttles
Bill Teague
Bob Coffer

Claudia Twiggs
Marion Turnipseed
Jessie Mae Johnson
Mary Lewis
Thornton Womack
Arlene Barnes (Metzger)
Charlie McCrady
Back before 1899, there were two women societies in the Methodist Church—one was the Foreign Missionary Society and the other was the Home Missionary Society. A woman in the Methodist Church could belong to either one or both.

During the pastorate of Rev. Joel T. Daves, he originated the idea of circles among the women's work and the women were then divided into groups known as circles. Some of the women in the Missionary Society at Park Street Methodist Church, South, at that time were: Mrs. James D. C. Ray, Tom Lovelace, Forrest Adair, Arthur Howell, Wiley Pope, Hubert Culberson, and Mrs. Evelyn Cox, Mrs. McEachern, and Misses Eloise, Mary, and Leila Culberson.

Miss Leila Culberson formed the Wesley Community House at the Fulton Bag and Cotton Mills.

Back in the 1890's there was a Children's Missionary Society which was called the "Little Lights." Mrs. Hampton was the leader and each year, a missionary program was put on and the children would portray persons from foreign lands, dressed as Chinese, Japanese, Indians, etc. These programs would be held at the Sunday night church service.

In about 1907, under the direction of Mrs. J. C. White, Miss Rushie Ray (now Mrs. Linton S. Lewis) had charge of the "Little Lights" and similar programs continued.

Various Circles or groups were formed during the life of Park Street Church. Around 1909-10 Miss Bessie Mobley formed a circle of the young women.

A group was formed for the business women of the church and during the early 1920's, the would meet at the wren's nest where dinner had been prepared for them by Mrs. Arthur Hale. This business group later became known as the Wesleyan Service Guild when the Southern and Northern Methodist merged.

Other Women's groups have also been formed: The Viola Aiken Circle, The Beulah Vandivere Circle, the Lillian Griffeth Circle, and the Junior Wesleyan Service Guild (Now Friendship). These groups are still active and contributing to the women's work.
THE LILLIAN GRIFFITH CIRCLE

In 1948, when Dr. B. Frank Pim was Pastor at Park Street Methodist Church and Mrs. J. M. Griffith was President of the Women's Society of Christian Service, several young married women and their families brought their memberships to our Church.

Mrs. Griffith saw the need of these young mothers to be involved in the Missionary Program, and she invited them to a meeting which was held at the Church in a Sunday School Room which is presently the Church Office. Martha Todhunter was elected as the first Chairman for the Advance Circle. Charter Members were


Two years later on Mrs. Griffith's Birthday, September 14, at a meeting held at Doris Ellison's home, a special celebration was held for Mrs. Griffith. Her Birthday Cake was baked in the shape of a Bible, and a handkerchief shower was given in her honor. At the end of the program, the group advised Mrs. Griffith that The Advance Circle would be known in the future as the Lillian Griffith Circle.

Mrs. Griffith has been an inspiration and a splendid example for us to follow. All through the years she has been a guiding light to the group, and never misses a meeting when she is in town. We are also indebted to Mrs. Vandivere and Mrs. Grace Bradford for their attendance and instructions.

After thirty years, with thirteen active and seven honorary members, this group shares and values the friendship, fellowship and love for one another. Illnesses or sorrows are followed closely not only in their families but in the entire Church Membership.

The Circle is progressing under the leadership of Mrs. Sybil Rigsby, Chairman. Programs are well planned, with enlightening devotions, and each meeting is keenly anticipated by the members.

A partial list of Special Projects of the Lillian Griffith Circle has participated in are

- Gifts to the Shut-In's of Park Street United Methodist Church.
- Memorial Gifts and fruit juices to Our Lady of Perpetual Help.
- Gifts to Clients at Milledgeville State Hospital.
- Bible Records to Mrs. Vandivere who has a vision impairment.
- Cash gift to member of Church who had a flood damage to her home.
- Annual contributions to Ethel Harp's Home.
- Wedding Gifts to daughters of members of Circle.
- Canned supplies to restock pantry at Park Street Pastorium.
- Special contributions to Grady Hospital.
- Contributions to Missions in honor of Mrs. Griffith.

All the members of the Lillian Griffith Circle have been presented Life Memberships and proudly wear their pins.
It has been a happy experience for all of us to have been a part of this group of women who have seen their families grow up in Park Street United Methodist Church.

We realize that this group is only a link in the chain of United Methodist Women, but we are grateful, that thru Mrs. Griffith's leadership, we have had the opportunity to serve.

Martha Todhunter

August 24, 1978
TRIBUTE TO MEMBERS OF THE LILLIAN GRIFFITH CIRCLE

I would like to tell you ladies
Just what you have meant to me.
So while you're here and can't escape
I'll take this opportunity.

First of all, our thanks to Mrs. Griffith
The mother of us all.
What would we have done without her
On her we always call.

It's "Mrs. Griffith, we need a place to meet,
Could you have us on Monday night."
Not one time has she refused or said,
"No, because my house just looks a sight".

It's "Come on, girls, you're welcome here,
You know you always are,"
God sees these little things she does
So from us she'll get an extra star,

Next, our hats off to Ruby
Who is the leader of our clan.
Not only do we appreciate her
We also appreciate her man.

That Judy is a charmer,
She's one Chance we'll always take,
So when she isn't off with Ford
Good times for her we'll try to make.

There will never be another Evelyn,
With all those cards, she sure does work
She means so much to all of us
If I had her job, I'd go beserk.

We all appreciate Mildred,
She really knows how to take care of our money,
With someone to take that off our minds
It makes the rest of our lives more sunny.

To all our sick and shut-in friends
We'll call Nell our "Johnny on the Spot".
In order to send cards to all of them
She keeps the road to the Post Office hot.

Have you ever tried in vain
To call someone on the phone,
Bless Barbara; she keeps trying each month
Until she finds us all at home.
To hear our reports from month to month
You would think it was just a breeze.
But it does take time and effort too
So to our secretaries, "Thank you, Elizabeth and Louise."

From our "World Outlook" we learn a lot
About our Methodist friends,
It take a lot of reading and studying, too,
All our praise - Virginia wins.

A couple of chairman we've had in the past
Along with all the rest,
Are Carol and Doris who did a great job
in our books, they sure passed the test.

Although Rich's claims this gal
Many a Monday night,
Come join us when you can, Annette,
You help to make our meetings bright.

To Sybil Corley, the one who is tops
In everybody's heart,
Who is ready, willing and able
To always do her part.

Cecil and Jeff, we all love you, too,
We were so glad to add your names to our roll.
You've discovered the "fountain of youth", my friends
Because Lillian Griffith members never grow old.

Our honorary members, we can't do without
Not even for a little while,
How many people do we see like Martha
A woman who always wears a smile.

When Christmas season comes around
On Mrs. Vandivere we always call,
To bring a lovely Christmas story
She is such an inspiration to us all.

There are two other ladies in this group
Who have helped our dreams become real
They always give us their support
Thanks to you, Grace Bradford and Ruth Deal.

We also have a special friend
with her we like to meet.
Lydia says we're good for her,
But it's us who gets the treat.

I thank you, God, for all these friends
Whom I have come to know and love,
And now my prayer for each of them
Is continued blessings from above.

Bessie Lamb
July 15, 1968
PARK STREET METHODIST MEN

The Park Street Methodist Men was organized and chartered in 1966. Under the leadership of Thomas Long, the first President, the group met several months in the Kidd Class Room, as a Discussion Group. Since the club could not find a convenient time to meet, it became inactive and lay dormant for several years.

In 1975, Reverend Charles C. Shaw, Pastor of Park Street United Methodist Church, asked several of the men of the Church to attend the Methodist Men's Retreat at Rock Eagle. Four attended including the Pastor.

It was a very inspiring weekend, and after returning from Rock Eagle, the four that attended wanted to reorganize the Park Street Methodist Men. We called together a meeting of the men of the Church to find out if they were interested in reorganizing the group at the Church. We held four reorganization meetings and all was in favor of a breakfast-type meeting. We elected officers at the last reorganization meeting, and those elected were Gene Lupo, President; Clifford Hiatt, Vice President, and Lowman Oglesby, Secretary-Treasurer.

In January, 1976, we had our first Breakfast-Guest Speaker Meeting, and since that time we have had our meetings once a month with an average attendance of twelve men at each meeting.

The group has made available to the membership of the Church, automobile tags with the name and location of the Church. We are distributing scriptures and have made available the Good News Bible.

The monthly meetings are held the Second Saturday of each month.
This Class was first known as the Ramsey Clark Bible Class. This was a large very active class everyone participated in every phase of Park Street Methodist Church and Community. Mr. Ramsey Clark was the first teacher, after him another very fine Christian gentleman Major William L. Clark, who was also a teacher at Joe E. Brown Jr. High School.

Mr. & Mrs. W. A. Moreland and others very dedicated members served Park Street Church and their community as long as their health permitted them to. Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Moreland always brought beautiful flowers to the Sunday School class room and to the church.

This devoted Christian giant also served his church as the secretary for a number of years.

As the years passed by and the members moved away from the church community, the name of this class was changed to the Pioneer Sunday School Class. This has also been a very active class, with every member serving on the many committees of the church.

This class had very devoted teachers, Mr. Victor H. McKee, and the Rev. C. G. White. These fine Christian Giants, when they were not working at the church they would be visiting in the neighborhood inviting people to come to Park Street Church, and telling them what they were missing not.

The present teachers for this class are—Sue Holbrook, Ruth Shaw, Frances McKee and Rebecca Dennard.

This Class may be small in size but they do the work of a big class. They always give more than their share financially. They are also encouraging other people in working and serving our master.

The Ramsey Clark Class met in the White parable and the Pioneer Class also met there until it was torn down for the B. Frank Pim Building to be built.

The following members were also members of the Ramsey Clark Class: Col. & Mrs. Henry Naab, Mrs. M. M. (Nelmer) Richardson and Mrs. Walter F. Harrison.
HISTORY OF THE RHODES SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

The Rhodes Sunday School Class was one of the first Sunday School classes at Park Street Methodist Episcopal Church South. Many of the outstanding leaders of our church have been teachers of this class over the years. Mr. Earl Rhodes, Mark Johnson, and A. W. Baker. The present teachers are Mr. Roy Brantley, Col. Clifford Hiatt and Mr. J. P. Hamsard.

The Rhodes Class met in the white portable in the back of this church until it was torn down for the new building to be built.

Over the years, this class has done many things to help not only for the church and community, they have given scholarships to young people so they could get their education. This would have been impossible without the help of these wonderful Christian Men.

Many of these members are serving as Trustees, and on the Administrative Board.
HISTORY OF THE
JUNIOR
WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD

On April 12, 1945, Mrs. W. M. Dugger, President of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, Park Street Methodist Church, held a charter meeting to form the Junior Wesleyan Service Guild for the younger business women of the church. Approximately 20 young women attended this charter meeting. Mrs. John W. Yarbrough served as a counselor and advisor for the group. Mrs. William Hutt was the Bible teacher.

For a number of years dinner meetings were held at the church—the dinners having been prepared by mothers of several of the members. After that meetings were held in the homes of the members.

In the more than three decades this group has been in existence, missions sponsored by the Women's Division of the Methodist Church have been supported. In addition the Junior Guild paid the tuition for young women to attend Vashti School in Thomasville, Georgia, and the Georgia School of Technology.

Special emphasis has been given to doing for others, particularly at Thanksgiving and Christmas. In the past children served by the Wesley Community Center were given parties and individual gifts, in addition to giving gifts of a general nature to be used in the community center itself. In the last few years the Cancer Home has been an extra focus of attention in giving the patients small gifts on their supper trays.

Several years ago, the group changed its name to the "Friendship Wesleyan Service Guild" which seemed more appropriate as the majority of the members were no longer the "young" women of the church. The group is still in existence, known presently as the Friendship Unit and the group has been represented over the years at the School of Missions, and at District and Conference retreats.

The present members are as follows:

Patti Alexander
Sarah Bryant
Mary Bryant
Elise Benfield
Mary Comacho
Marjorie Cowan
Dorothy Dean
Mary Ann Doty
Barbara Dobbie
Doris Graham

Sue Holbrook
Jean Kinsman
Rushie Lewis
Emily Lupo
Frances McKee
Virginia McLucas
Frances Oglesby
Betty Parrott
Sybil Rigsby
Dora Scruggs
Lydia Scruggs
Ruth Shaw

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