A HISTORY OF PEACHTREE ROAD METHODIST CHURCH

PRAYER MEETINGS FOR CHURCH

The Rev. E. H. Wood, a retired Methodist minister, living in the Buckhead area, had for years prayed for a Methodist church in this section. A number of Methodist families also were praying toward this end. Among those early Methodists who were urgently praying for a Methodist church was Mrs. M. D. Jamerson. Possibly prayer meetings were held in the various homes. Among the first homes in which prayers were uttered for the establishment of a Methodist church in this section was the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. Clyde Roberts, Jr. Present at a prayer meeting for a new Methodist church in this community at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roberts were the following: Mr. and Mrs. W. Clyde Roberts, Jr., and their children, Clyde, Joe, Milton, Marion, and Clarence; others present were Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Logan; Mr. and Mrs. George Lansford. Mrs. M. D. Jamerson led the meeting.

RELIGIOUS SURVEY OF BUCKHEAD COMMUNITY

In January 1925, the Rev. J. C. Adams, Extension Secretary of the Sunday School Board of the North Georgia Conference, after consultation with Mr. C. J. Cofer, who lived in the Buckhead section and was interested in seeing a Methodist church established in this community, determined to make a religious survey of an area of one mile's radius around the business center of Buckhead. The Rev. Mr. Adams and Mr. Cofer, aided by nineteen students from Emory University, spent several days in making a careful canvass. Hundreds of Methodists were found in this community. It was evident that thousands of people would soon be moving into this territory, and that a Methodist church was needed.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Cofer kept in close touch with the Rev. Mr. Adams and the Emory students, and when the survey was finished, Mr. Adams and the students were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Cofer and their two daughters, Miss Josephine Cofer and Miss Maude Cofer, for Sunday dinner at the Daffodil Tea Room on Pryor Street, on January 4, 1925.

Presiding Elder is Consulted

After the survey was made the Rev. Mr. Adams and Mr. C. J. Cofer consulted Dr. W. L. Pierce, Presiding Elder of the Atlanta District, concerning the possibility of organizing a Methodist church at Buckhead. Dr. Pierce was very encouraging and suggested steps to be taken toward the desired end.
The Church is Organized

Following these preliminary activities, Dr. W. L. Pierce, Presiding Elder of the Atlanta District, called together a meeting of interested Methodists in the home of Dr. and Mrs. M. T. Salter at 3221 Peachtree Road, N. E., Atlanta, Ga., on April 28, 1925, for the purpose of establishing a Methodist church.

Accompanying Dr. Pierce was the Rev. E. H. Wood, retired minister. Under the leadership of these two ministers, the church was there organized under the name of Peachtree Road Methodist Church. The Rev. E. H. Wood was named the first pastor.

Those indicating at this organization meeting that they would put their membership into the new Church were: Mrs. E. H. Wood, Mr. Guy Wood, Miss Ruth Wood, Miss Mary Wood, Mrs. M. T. Salter, Dr. and Mrs. F. D. Salter, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Andoe, Mrs. L. H. Seymour, Miss Caroline Seymour, Mrs. Eva Miller, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Henderson, Mrs. Elizabeth Walker, Mr. and Mrs. James L. Respess, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Cofer, Miss Josephine Cofer. These nineteen members were enrolled as founders of the Peachtree Road Methodist Church.

Mrs. C. J. Cofer was elected Church Secretary. Trustees were elected as follows: E. B. Adams, Ex-Governor Hugh Dorsey, Dr. M. T. Salter, Mr. James L. Respess. At a later meeting Mr. G. W. Cooley was made Chairman of the Board of Trustees. Mr. Cooley held this office until the end of 1933.

Other Preliminary Meetings

During May 1925 (May 5, 11, 25, 29, and 31) five other Church meetings were held at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Salter. It is likely that at some of these preliminary meetings in May other interested Methodists than those nineteen mentioned above were in attendance. On May 29, 1925, it was decided that a lot would be purchased at Peachtree Road and Sardis Way. It was also determined that a temporary wooden chapel should be erected. Mr. G. W. Cooley was to have entire charge of buying lumber and building the chapel.

FIRST SERVICES OF PUBLIC WORSHIP

By Sunday, June 7, 1925, the temporary wooden chapel was partially complete, having a roof and a floor, but no walls. The first sermon was preached by Bishop U. V. W. Darlington on June 7, 1925. During the following week
services were held each night at the Church, with a different minister preaching. The ministers were Dr. J. W. Quillian of Druid Hills; Dr. S. P. Wiggins, Conference Missionary Secretary; the Rev. W. M. Boring, Local Preacher; Dr. S. R. Balk of Grace Methodist Church, Dr. Costen J. Harrell, Pastor, First Methodist Church; Dr. T. R. Kendall, Sr., just supernumerated. On Sunday, June 14, 1925, Bishop Warren A. Candler preached. For the Church he received an offering of $1,182 in cash and subscriptions.

CHARTER MEMBERS

In addition to the nineteen founders who organized the Church on April 28, 1925, sixty-nine other members were received during the brief pastorate of the Rev. E. H. Wood—from April 28, 1925, until December 1, 1925.

Nineteen founders organized the Church on April 28, 1925, and on June 7, 1925, when the first service of public worship was held, nineteen others indicated that they would put their membership into the newly-organized Church. These other nineteen were: Mrs. C. H. Wetmore, Mrs. George Lunsford, Mr. Charlie Beall, Mrs. Charlie Beall, Mr. F. A. O'Neal, Mrs. F. A. O'Neal, Mr. P. O. Welborn, Mrs. F. O. Welborn, Mr. A. L. McMullin, Mrs. Maud Orr Tiller, Mr. C. C. Barber, Mrs. C. C. Barber, Mrs. Dorothy Landrum, Mr. G. W. Cooley, Mrs. G. W. Cooley, Mr. Raymond Cooley, Miss Elizabeth Cooley, Miss Jessie May Cooley, Mr. G. W. Cooley, Jr., and Mr. Herbert Salter.

Between June 7, 1925, the date of the first public worship, and the end of the Conference Year, December 1, 1925, forty-nine other members joined Peachtree Road Methodist Church. These forty-nine other members were as follows: Mr. Harry H. Payne, Mrs. Harry H. Payne, Harry H. Payne, Jr., Mrs. W. H. Roane, Dr. M. D. Jamerson, Mrs. M. D. Jamerson, Miss Katherine Jamerson, Mr. J. D. Foster, Mrs. J. D. Foster, Mrs. John F. Moor, Mr. John F. Moor, Mr. J. N. Seymour, Mr. George E. Lunsford, Mr. J. C. Henderson, Mr. Jesse E. Wood, Miss Leona Wood, Mrs. W. W. Duke, Mrs. J. R. Thompson, Mr. J. R. Thompson, Mrs. C. R. Moss, Mr. E. B. Adams, Mrs. E. B. Adams, Miss Caroline Adams, Mr. E. B. Adams, Jr., Mr. J. J. Black, Mrs. J. J. Black, Dr. Roy Y. Moss, Miss Maude V. Mays, Mr. W. Clyde Roberts, Mr. Paul S. Barrett, Mrs. Paul S. Barrett, Frank Barrett, Mary Louise Barrett, Benson Barrett, Mary Nan Johnston, Lucy W. Lofton, Marian Moor, Mrs. E. B. Johnston, Mrs. R. F. Ashurst, Mr. H. H. Lofton, Mrs. H. H. Lofton, Mr. R. L. Ruble, Mrs. R. L. Ruble, John L. Ruble, Mr. C. E. Lovett. These eighty-eight people are considered as charter members.
**PASTORS OF THE CHURCH**

The following have served as pastors of Peachtree Road Methodist Church:

E. H. Wood — 1925
C. A. Norton — 1926
T. H. Shackleford — 1927—1930
R. J. Broyles — 1931—1932
Nat G. Long — 1933
T. Z. B. Everton — 1934
A. Lee Hale — 1935—1938
W. Graham Davis — 1939
N. C. McPherson, Jr. — 1940 to August 1942
John Lee supplied the pulpit in August 1942
W. A. Smart supplied the pulpit from September through November 1942
Nat G. Long (second Pastorate) — December 1, 1942 through present

**THE CHURCH SCHOOL**

The Rev. E. H. Wood served temporarily as Acting Sunday School Superintendent. Mrs. C. J. Cofer organized the Church School, classified the pupils, selected teachers, and ordered literature. The Church School was organized at the first session on June 7, 1925; forty-five men, women and children were present. The offering on that day was $7. By May 27, 1925, the Church School had reached an enrollment of 160. On October 7, 1925, Mr. R. L. Ruble was named Superintendent of the Church School. He served from October 7, 1925, until 1927. Mrs. M. D. Jamerson was named as Mr. Ruble's assistant.

**General Superintendents of the Church School**

- Rev. E. H. Wood — June 7, 1925 to October 7, 1925
- R. L. Ruble — October 7, 1925 to end of 1927
- F. A. O'Neal — 1928, 1929, 1930
- J. E. White — 1931, 1932, 1933

**The Growth of the Church School**

Here is indicated the enrollment of the Church School for each year of its history:
THE CHURCH SCHOOL AS IT STANDS TODAY, 1951

Our present enrollment is as follows:

Officers and teachers .................. 145
Nursery home members ................. 118
Adult home members .................... 15
Children's Division ..................... 635
Youth Division .......................... 311
Adult Division .......................... 848

Total Enrollment ....................... 2072

SCOUT ACTIVITIES

In the fall of 1942, Boy Scout Troop #59 was organized at Peachtree Road Methodist Church. The following have served as Chairman of the Scout Committee:

1942 — Mr. C. M. Stovall
1943 — Mr. C. M. Stovall
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1945 — Mr. C. M. Stovall
1946 — Mr. L. P. Cobb
1947 — Mr. C. M. Stovall
1948 — Mr. Andrew J. Roberts
1949 — Mr. W. K. Meadow
1950 — Mr. John A. Dunaway
1951 — Mr. T. J. Sims
The following have served as Scout Masters:
1942 — Dr. Frank McCormack, Jr.
1943 — Dr. Frank McCormack, Jr.
1944 — Dr. Frank McCormack, Jr.
1945 — Mr. J. O. Hightower
1946 — Mr. W. L. Ballenger, Jr.
1947 — Mr. L. B. Mays, Jr.
1948 — Mr. T. M. Simmons
1949 — Mr. Louie Latham and Mr. George Latham
1950 — Mr. Arnold T. Swain
1951 — Mr. John A. Dunaway

At the present time we have Mr. Tom Sims as the Chairman of the Scout Committee. Mr. John Dunaway is the Scout Master and we have a total of 42 Scouts.

In 1944, Cub Pack #3 was organized at our Church. Mr. R. W. Williams was Chairman of the Cub Pack Committee. Mr. Norman Kohn was the first Cub Master. Other men who have served as Chairmen of the Cub Pack Committee have been:

Mr. John H. Lander — 1945
Mr. John H. Lander — 1946
Mr. H. E. Wyman — 1947
Mr. L. P. Cobb — 1948
Mr. L. P. Cobb — 1949
Mr. E. K. Jamison — 1950
Mr. Lewis L. Barnes — 1951

Cub Masters have been:
Mr. Norman Kohn — 1944-1945
Mr. I. L. Morrison — 1946-1949
Mr. S. W. Hawkins — 1950
Mr. E. K. Jamison — 1951

At the present time (June 1951) we have 72 Cubs. Our Cub Pack is said to be one of the very best in the Atlanta area. One of the significant programs of the year done by the Cubs is the Annual Minstrel which is very widely attended.
The Explorer Scout Unit was organized in 1948 with Mr. V. O. Rankin as leader. We have at the present time twelve members.

**GIRL SCOUT ACTIVITIES**

In 1944 the first Girl Scout Troop was organized at Peachtree Road Methodist Church. Mrs. Norman Kohn was the first group leader. Later more troops were added and a neighborhood group was formed. Mrs. Norman Kohn was named as the Neighborhood Chairman. Mrs. Kohn was succeeded by Mrs. W. K. Meadow as Neighborhood Chairman. We have as of June 1, 1951, ten troops meeting at the Girl Scout Hut.

**INSTITUTIONAL REPRESENTATIVES FOR BOY SCOUT WORK**

Mr. Norman S. Kohn was the first Institutional Representative named by the Board of Education of Peachtree Road Methodist Church to serve as a liaison officer between the Church and Scout Headquarters. Mr. Kohn served in this capacity from 1947 to 1950; he was succeeded in 1950 by Mr. Walter S. Askew, our present Institutional Representative.

**THE EPWORTH LEAGUE**

For some time there was no Sunday evening meeting of the young people; however, late in 1925, Mrs. W. Clyde Roberts organized the first Epworth League and served as its first President from 1925 until 1928. Among the first young people in the Epworth League were J. B. Duke, Frank Barrett, Benson Barrett, Josephine Cofer, Maud Cofer, Emmett Adams, Marvin Boland, Marion, Clarence and Joe Roberts, Carol Stewart and others. Frank Barrett served as president from 1926 to 1930. In 1930 the Epworth League work in the Methodist Church was merged with the total Church School program.

**THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

The first Board of Education at Peachtree Road Methodist Church was organized during the first Pastorate of Nat G. Long in 1933. The following have served as Chairmen of the Board of Education:

- W. L. Ballenger — 1933, 1934
- R. L. Ruble — 1935
- C. G. Boland — 1936
- J. E. White — 1937, 1938
- J. F. Cox — 1939, 1940, 1941
WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

The Woman's Society of Christian Service was organized at the home of Mrs. R. E. Andoe, whose address then was 3218 West Shadowlawn, June 24, 1925. The organization meeting was led by Mrs. Virlyn Moore, District Secretary of the Woman's Society of Christian Service. Seventeen women were present.

Presidents of the WSCS

The following women have served as presidents of the WSCS for the years indicated:

Mrs. M. D. Jamerson — 1925, 1926
Mrs. R. E. Andoe — 1927
Mrs. George Lunsford — 1928
Mrs. C. E. Lovett — 1929, 1930
Mrs. W. E. Letts — 1931, 1932
Mrs. J. L. Respess — 1933, 1934
Mrs. W. E. Letts — 1935, 1936, 1937
Mrs. W. B. Miller — 1938, 1939, 1940
Mrs. C. G. Roland — 1941, 1942, 1943
Mrs. W. L. Ballenger — 1944, 1945
Mrs. H. M. Thompson — June 1949, 1950, 1951

Growth of the WSCS

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**WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD**

The Wesleyan Service Guild was organized at the Peachtree Road Methodist Church in 1941 with 34 members.

The following have served as presidents of the Wesleyan Service Guild:

- Miss Ruth Gibson — 1941
- Mrs. Dale Collins — 1942 (½ year)
- Mrs. W. C. Thompson — 1942, 1943, 1944, 1945
- Miss Patricia Head — 1946, 1947, 1948
- Mrs. H. H. Hamrick — 1949, 1950, 1951

The Wesleyan Service Guild has had members each year of its history as follows:

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**THE BOARD OF STEWARDS**

The first Board of Stewards of Peachtree Road Methodist Church consisted of the following persons: Frank O'Neal, Chairman, C. J. Cofer, G. W. Cooley, Sr., J. L. Respess and R. E. Andoe, Treasurer.
Chairmen of the Board of Stewards

The following men have served as Chairman of the Board of Stewards for the years indicated:

- F. A. O'Neal — 1925, 1926, 1927
- J. L. Respess — 1928, 1929, 1930, 1931, 1932
- Jesse W. Wood — 1933, 1934
- C. G. Boland — 1935
- W. L. Ballenger — 1936
- Guy Wood — 1937, 1938
- W. B. Miller — 1939, 1940
- W. R. Bentley — 1941
- Troy Chastain — 1942, 1943
- R. A. Calvert — 1944, 1945
- C. R. Justi — 1949, 1950
- L. P. Jervey — 1951
- E. O. Kellum — 1952

Members of the Board of Stewards:

The following persons have at various times from 1925 until the present served as Stewards of the Peachtree Road Methodist Church:

Money Raised by the Church for all Purposes

Under the general direction of the Board of Stewards, and assisted by the Church School, the WSCS, and other organizations, Peachtree Road Methodist Church has raised for all purposes for each of the years that it has existed the following amounts:

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TRUSTEES

From the beginning of the Church in 1925 until the present only two men have served as Chairman of the Board of Trustees:


Members of the Board of Trustees

At various times from the beginning of the Church until the present, the following have served as Trustees:

CHOIR DIRECTORS

From April 1925 to September 1925, Mrs. C. J. Cofer played the piano at all services. In October 1925, Miss Leona Wood and Mrs. C. H. Wetmore were named as pianists. Later Miss Leona Wood was named Choir Director. She served in this capacity from 1925 to Easter of 1947. Following Miss Wood as Choir Director was Mrs. Jack Robbins who served from 1947 to March 1, 1950. Succeeding Mrs. Robbins came Mrs. Bruce M. Hughes March 1, 1950, and she is the present Choir Director.

We have in our Church the following choirs: Chancel, Cherub, Youth, and Carol Choirs.

INCREASE OF MEMBERSHIP

From April 28, 1925, until December 1, 1925, during the brief pastorate of the Rev. E. H. Wood, the membership of the Church grew to 88.

In 1926, the Rev. C. A. Norton served the Church, and during his pastorate he received 58 members. He reported at the end of his one-year pastorate a total of 146.

The Rev. T. H. Shackleford served the Church 1927, 1928, 1929 and 1930; during his four-year pastorate he received a total of 232 members; at the end of his pastorate in 1930 there was a total of 332 members.

The Rev. R. J. Broyles served the Church 1931 and 1932; during his pastorate he received 79 members; at the end of his pastorate in 1932 he reported a total membership of 371.

The Rev. Nat G. Long served the Church for the year of 1933; during his one-year pastorate he received 106 members; at the end of his pastorate he reported a total membership of 399.

The Rev. T. Z. B. Everton served the Church for the year 1934; during his one-year pastorate he received 43 members; at the end of his pastorate he reported a total membership of 441.

The Rev. A. Lee Hale served as Pastor 1935, 1936, 1937 and 1938; he was appointed for the year of 1939, but soon after the beginning of the year, he passed away; during his four years at the Church he received into the membership 442 members. He reported at the end of his fourth year a total membership of 693 members.
The Rev. W. Graham Davis served the Church in 1939; during his one-year pastorate he received 83 members; he reported at the end of 1939 a total membership of 758.

The Rev. N. C. McPherson, Jr. served the Church 1940, 1941, 1942; during his three-year pastorate he received 607 members; at the end of his three-year pastorate he reported a total membership of 1148.

The Rev. Nat G. Long began his second pastorate at Peachtree Road on December 1, 1942. During the last nine years he has received a total of 2,386 members. He reported at the Annual Conference in 1951 a total membership of 2650.

BUILDING PROGRESS

Under the direction of Mr. G. W. Cooley, Chairman of the first Building Committee, the temporary wooden chapel was completed. Early in 1928, the temporary chapel was divided into Sunday School rooms; to the chapel a kitchen was added. Also directly in front of the old wooden tabernacle a wooden church auditorium seating about 250 people was erected. The cost of the original temporary chapel built in 1925 was $1500. The Church auditorium built in 1928 cost $4,577.98.

As the years came, the membership of the Church and of the Church School increased. In order to take care of a large membership, additional temporary wooden buildings were added to the original chapel. Additional lots were purchased.

From 1925 until 1942 the Church held its location at Peachtree Road and Sardis Way. The growth of the Church was steady, and it finally became evident that a larger tract of land and more adequate buildings must be provided.

In early 1942 the present lot at 3180 Peachtree Road was purchased at a cost of about $19,000. The temporary buildings were moved from the old lot to the new. The property at Peachtree Road and Sardis Way was sold for $42,500. A recreation building with a kitchen and dining-room facilities, and with equipment for dramatics, known as the Great Hall, was erected at a cost of $35,000. Other improvements cost $9,375. A parsonage at 257 Rumson Road, N.E., valued then at $10,000 was purchased. By the end of 1942 the Church had increased the value of its property to $70,000. The total value of Church property was then $80,000. It was all paid for with the exception of a debt of $14,000 on the parsonage.

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By Easter Sunday 1943 the Church had paid off its entire indebtedness. A celebration of this event was held on Easter with Bishop Arthur J. Moore preaching and dedicating to God the debt-free property. Immediately after Easter 1943, the Church began raising money for additional buildings. That same year a Scout hut, valued at $5,000, was erected.

In 1945 the lower floor of the Church auditorium was built at a cost of $45,000. This unit was dedicated on October 14, 1945. Since October 1945, this section of our Church plant has housed a part of the Children's Division of our Church School.

In 1945 additional land at a cost of $1,500 was purchased to make possible a fifty-foot paved street from Mathieson Drive to West Shadowlaw Avenue.

In 1946 a second Scout hut, valued at $1,500 was erected.

In 1947 a wooded lot to the rear of the Church was purchased at a cost of $7,500. This area, more than 50% as large as the lot at 3180 Peachtree Road, was bought for the activities of our Church's youth program.

By the end of 1947, the Church had added in buildings and land and other improvements a money value of more than $65,000, thus bringing the total worth of the property to more than $135,000. All indebtedness of the Church had by that time been paid, and there was more than $100,000 in the Building Fund.

On April 21, 1948, a ground-breaking ceremony was held (see attached worship bulletin) to initiate the construction of two edifices—the Sanctuary and the Church-School Building. A contract was let to Way-Leonard Construction Company for $485,000. By Palm Sunday, April 10, 1949, the buildings were completed. Pews costing $15,000 had been installed. Carpeting costing $4,000 had been laid. Equipment costing $30,000 was placed in the new Church School Building. This Building consists of a large three-story building. The street floor includes offices for the Staff and the Pastor, a Youth lounge, a supply office, a work room and Youth and Adult Class Rooms. The third floor is for the Youth Division. The ground floor is for the Children's Division. The rooms under the Sanctuary are for the Children's Division also. A contract for an organ was let to the Moller Company for $30,000. The money value of the Church property had been increased between April 21, 1948 and Easter 1949 by $554,000. This amount brought the total evaluation to $870,000.
On Palm Sunday April 10th, there was a special opening service (see attached worship bulletin) for the new building. The Church was crowded and several hundred people had to be turned away.

On February 12, 1950, the new Moller organ was dedicated. (See attached worship bulletin.)

THE BUILDING COMMITTEES

The first Building Committee of the Church in 1925 was composed of the following: G. W. Cooley, Chairman, J. L. Respess, and C. J. Cofer.

In 1942 when the new lot at 3180 Peachtree Road was purchased and the wooden buildings were moved and the Great Hall was constructed, the Building Committee was composed of James L. Respess, R. A. Calvert, Clyde Kennedy and others.

In 1945 when the lower floor of the Sanctuary was built, the Building Committee was composed of C. M. Kennedy, Jr., Chairman, C. R. Justi, H. R. Maugans, Spencer Brewer, Charles H. Robeson, R. A. Martin, W. B. Hardman.

This Building Committee, with the exception of Mr. W. B. Hardman who died, has continued in office ever since. This Committee was re-elected at the Fourth Quarterly Conference on May 23, 1951. Under the leadership of this fine group, the Church School Building and the Church were constructed.

In addition to the Building Committee named above, there was for the construction of the Church School and the Sanctuary, a Building Advisory Committee composed of the following: C. M. Kennedy, Chairman, B. A. Martin, S. S. Brewer, Harry Maugans, Chas. H. Robeson, C. R. Justi, Mrs. Clarence Bell, Mrs. Jack Cathcart, Mrs. L. M. Becknell, Miss Mary Hayes, Miss Leona Wood, Mrs. W. N. Ainsworth, J. L. Respess, Mrs. A. L. Carter, Mrs. C. H. Wetmore, Mrs. H. H. McPherson, Mrs. Leon Dunn, Mrs. W. E. Letts, Mrs. T. D. Fletcher, Mrs. W. C. Thompson, Mrs. E. B. Beason, R. A. Calvert, Alva G. Maxwell, Mrs. J. L. Respess, Mrs. A. C. Maxwell, Mrs. C. G. Boland, Miss Daisy Davies, J. E. McJenkin, L. P. Jervey, E. S. Walkley, Gordon Kenimer, J. E. White, J. F. Cox, H. M. Thompson, Mrs. C. A. Rauschenberg, Mrs. John T. Patton, Mose Hayes, Mrs. D. M. Byrd, Sr., Mrs. G. H. Wood, R. L. Stephens, Banks Godfrey, and M. Evelyn Wall.
CHAIRMAN OF THE BUILDING FUND CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE—AND THE RAISING OF FUNDS

From 1926 to 1940 Mr. James L. Respess served as the Chairman of the Building Fund Campaign Committee for Peachtree Road Methodist Church. During these years, under his leadership, there was raised from the membership for the Building Fund $22,463.13. From a fire loss on the original, wooden Church School Building at Sardis Way there was received $1,033.19. The Church property at Peachtree Road and Sardis Way was sold in 1941 for $41,500. The total raised under the leadership of Mr. Respess from the membership, from the fire loss, and from the sale of the property was $64,996.32.

From 1941 through 1943 Mr. R. A. Calvert served as Chairman of the Building Fund Campaign Committee. Under his leadership there was raised from the membership $45,872.40.

From 1944 through 1950 Mr. L. P. Jervey was Chairman of the Building Fund Campaign Committee. Under his leadership there was raised from the membership $287,797.80. From a fire loss on the new Church School Building in 1950 there was collected $799.43. The total raised under the leadership of Mr. Jervey for the Building Fund was $288,587.23.

For the year 1951 Mr. Banks O. Godfrey was Chairman of the Building Fund Campaign Committee. Under his leadership there has been raised from the membership $42,150.14.

From the sale of property, from fire losses, and from the membership a total has been raised for building purposes from 1926 through June 1951 of $441,616.09.

CHURCH LOANS

In 1942 $20,000 was borrowed from the Citizens and Southern Bank in Atlanta. This loan was repaid by Easter 1943.

In 1948-1949 $327,000 was borrowed from the Citizens and Southern Bank as a Construction Loan.

In 1949-1950 $314,000 was borrowed from the Life Insurance Company of Georgia.

In 1950-1951 an additional $6,000 was borrowed from this Company, making a total of $350,000. This was the permanent loan used to pay off our indebtedness to the Citizens and Southern Bank. Before the loan was made to the Church our members signed notes, underwriting the loan, amounting to a total of $375,000.
An arrangement was made with the Life Insurance Company of Georgia whereby the Church would pay $2,621 per month for twenty years to cover principal and interest. This amounts to $25,452 per year. As of June 1, 1951 the Church has met all monthly payments on time, and has made 26 extra payments.

In 1946-1950 the Church borrowed $20,000 from the Citizens and Southern Bank of Atlanta as the Organ Loan. As of June 1, 1951 this has all been repaid with the exception of $3,000.

**INCREASE OF PROPERTY VALUE BY YEARS**

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ANNIVERSARY OBSERVANCES

On June 3, 1945, a special service observing the 20th Anniversary of Peachtree Road Methodist Church was held in the Great Hall. The Pastor, Nat G. Long, preached on the subject, "Christ and the Church". The nineteen founders of the Church were asked to sit in a body and were given special recognition. Also the other Charter Members were honored. The Pastor gave a brief history of the Church during its twenty years of existence.

On June 11, 1950, the 25th Anniversary of the Church was observed. All of the former pastors who were still living were invited to attend and take part in the Service. The Rev. T. H. Shackleford who served the Church 1926-30 led the morning prayer. Mrs. A. Lee Hale, widow of the late Rev. A. Lee Hale, read the morning scripture lesson. Dr. R. J. Broyles, who served the Church from 1931-32, preached on the subject, "The Love of God". Three of the nine pastors had passed away—the Rev. E. H. Wood, the Rev. C. A. Norton, and the Rev. A. Lee Hale. The other ministers, the Rev. T. Z. B. Everton, the Rev. W. Graham Davis, and Rev. N. C. McPherson were unable to be present. A very large crowd attended the 25th Anniversary services. A wire recording of the proceedings of the Service was made.

On the afternoon of June 11, 1950, a reception was held in the Great Hall honoring the founders and other charter members and visitors. The charter members were given special ribbons to wear and they stood in the receiving line to greet the large number of people who came.

MEMORIALS AND OTHER GIFTS TO THE CHURCH

In the Great Hall a pulpit was given by members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and the general membership of the Church in honor and memory of the Rev. and Mrs. E. H. Wood, first pastor and his wife. This pulpit is now in the Great Hall. The altar, built by Mr. A. S. Horner, was given by the same group in honor of Mr. and Mrs. James L. Respess. The altar is being used now by the Intermediate Department in the Church School. A brass cross, two brass vases, and two brass candlelabra were given by Mrs. Robert Clement in memory of her husband. The brass altar pieces are now in use in the new Sanctuary. A Baptismal font was given in honor of Robert Andrew Calvert, Jr., and in memory of Mr. Joseph Robbins, given by Mrs. Joseph B. Robbins, grandmother and wife.
The Baptismal font is used in the new Church. Twelve beautiful brass offering plates were given by Mrs. Troy G. Chastain in memory of her husband, Troy G. Chastain, who served as Chairman of the Board of Stewards.

On October 1, 1950, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph W. Williams gave two floor-length seven-branched brass candlelabra to the Church in memory of their little son, John Martin Hicks Williams, born January 12, 1945, died, December 7, 1949.

PICTORIAL HISTORY

Mrs. Guy H. Wood and her daughter, Miss Margaret Wood, have given to the Church a partial pictorial history of the Church. There is a picture of each pastor who has served the Church. There are also pictures of the original wooden church at Peachtree Road and Sardis Way, a picture of the Great Hall, a picture of the flat-roof building, the auditorium, and pictures of the completed Church School Building and the Church.

CANDIDATES FOR THE MINISTRY

We have been very happy that during the last three or four years, four of our young men have felt the call of God to preach. They have appealed to the Quarterly Conference for recommendation to the District Conference for license to preach.

At the Atlanta West District Conference in 1946, Edward Drewry Jervey was licensed to preach. He received his A. B. Degree from Emory University in 1950. He is at present enrolled in the School of Religion at Boston University.

At the Atlanta West District Conference in 1951, John T. Patton was licensed to preach. He has received his A. B. Degree from Emory University and is now in the Candler School of Theology at Emory University.

Banks Godfrey, who was graduated in June 1951 from North Fulton High School, was recommended by the Quarterly Conference of Peachtree Road Methodist Church of May 1951, for license to preach. He will be licensed by the ad interim committee sometime soon.

Owen Kallum, a sophomore in Davidson College in North Carolina, was recommended for license to preach by the Quarterly Conference of Peachtree Road Methodist Church on June 17, 1951.
THE STAFF OF PEACHTREE ROAD METHODIST CHURCH

The Period of No Paid Employees

In 1925 there were no paid employees of the Church. The Rev. E. H. Wood donated his time as minister. Miss Leona Wood gave her services as Choir Director.

Janitors and Maids

In 1926 a janitor, George E. Lunsford, was employed. He served until March 1926. Walter Thomas was janitor in 1926; John Barnes was janitor from 1927 until 1932. Richard Murray served as janitor from 1932 until 1940. Garfield Williams served from October 1940 to June 1941. Stanley Humble served in 1941. In 1942 James Clark and Anderson Epps were employed as part-time janitors. In 1943, James Clark became full-time janitor and has been with the Church constantly, except for a brief period of illness, ever since. Other janitors who have served since 1942 have been: W. C. Thornton, Jack Bates, Robert Wheeler, Harvey Taylor, William Whitsett, Wilmer Owens, Frank Smith, John Jackson, George Reed and Duke Durden.

Also at various times since 1942, the following have served as maids:
Beulah Fosby, Ruby Wingfield, Saloma Canty, Maeola Canty, Angeline Thornton, Iris Stiggers, and Gladys Milner.

Secretaries

In the early years of the Church there was no paid secretary; however, Mrs. C. J. Cofer served as secretary without salary. In 1934 Mrs. C. G. Boland was named as the first paid secretary of the Church. Mrs. Boland served until 1940. In 1941 Mrs. T. H. Norton served as Church Secretary. In the latter part of 1941 Mrs. Ben St. Clair served as Church Secretary. From January 1, 1942, until December 1, 1944, Mrs. W. C. Thompson was Church Secretary. From November 15, 1944, to July 1, 1947, Mrs. H. A. Sigman served as Church Secretary. On July 1, 1947, it became necessary for the Church to have two secretaries—Mrs. H. A. Sigman, on July 1, 1947, became the Pastor's secretary and served in that capacity until December 1, 1948. On July 1, 1947, Miss Ruth Gilstrap (later to become Mrs. A. Levy Rogers) was employed as the Church Secretary. Miss Gilstrap served in this capacity until March 1, 1951.
When, on December 1, 1948, Mrs. H. A. Sigman resigned, Miss Ruth Gilstrap became the Pastor's Secretary. From January 1, 1949, to August 1, 1949, Miss Betty Hitt served as Church Secretary. From August 1, 1949, until March 31, 1950, Mrs. W. H. McRae served as Church Secretary. From April 1, 1950, until the present time, June 1951, Miss Evelyn Trawick has served as Church Secretary.

When Mrs. Rogers resigned on March 1, 1951, Miss Frances Blackjack became the Pastor's Secretary.

Workers with our Youth

From 1939 to 1940, Thaxton Springfield, Theological Student from Emory University, served as a part-time Director of Youth Work. T. H. Norton served from 1939 to 1941 in the same capacity. From 1940 to 1941, Mr. N. P. Jacobson, theological student from Emory, was a worker with Youth.

From 1941 to 1943, Bob Lundy and Dorothy Pursell served as part-time student workers with our Youth. Bob Lundy served again for six months in 1944. Also working with our Youth in 1944 were Mrs. Hoyt McPherson and Mrs. Phil Goodrum. From June 1944 to June 1945, Mack Gibbs, theological student at Emory, was a part-time worker with our Youth. Allen Balch served in like capacity from June 1944 to December 1944.

Miss Pat Willman, Agnes Scott student, worked with our Youth during the summer of 1945.

Miss Margaret Johnson served as a Director of our Youth from October 1, 1945, until March 1, 1946.

Tom Smith, theological student, served as Director of Intermediates from the fall of 1945 and the summer of 1946. During the Conference Year, 1945-46, Bill Martin served.

Marion Pierson, theological student at Emory, has served as Director of Intermediates in 1949, 1950, and until June 30, 1951.

Jimmie Williams, theological student at Emory, served from the fall of 1947 until the spring of 1948, as Director of the Senior Department. Tom Smith again became Director of Youth from 1947 to 1948. From the spring of 1948 until the fall, Bill Middleton was Director of work with Seniors.
In the fall of 1949, A. Levy Rogers came to our Church to serve as Director of Young Adult work and he served until March 1, 1951.

From July 1949 until October 1950, Bill Bruner served as Director of work with our Senior Group.

Fletcher Thorington then succeeded Bill Bruner on March 1, 1951, as Director of work with the Senior Group.

Assistants to the Pastor

For the year 1939, following the death of her husband, Mrs. A. Lee Hale was employed as Assistant to the Pastor, the Rev. W. Graham Davis.

On August 1, 1944, Mrs. C. H. Robeson was employed as full-time Assistant to the Pastor and she served until March 1, 1945. Again in the Fall, from September 1, 1948, to December 31, 1948, she served in this capacity.

Directors of Christian Education

In September 1946, Mr. Lloyd H. Snyder, Jr., was employed as Minister of Education; he served until the 1st of August 1947.

On January 1, 1948, Miss Merle Bruner was employed as Director of Christian Education and she has been serving ever since.

Assistant Pastors

On December 1, 1938, when it was apparent that the Rev. A. Lee Hale was desperately ill, the Bishop appointed the Rev. W. Graham Davis as Assistant to the Rev. Mr. Hale. Within two or three weeks after the Conference Year began, the Rev. Mr. Hale died (November 24, 1938). At that time the Rev. Mr. Davis became Pastor of the Church and Mrs. Hale was named as Assistant to Mr. Davis.

On August 1, 1950, Mr. W. Thomas Smith was called from his studies at Boston University to become full-time Assistant Pastor at Peachtree Road Methodist Church.

Hostess

In 1949, when the new buildings were opened, it became evident that a larger staff was needed. Mrs. R. A. Stewart was employed as full-time hostess to direct the work of the janitorial staff, to keep the buildings and grounds in neat order, and to direct the activities of the kitchen, and to carry on any other kindred duties; Mrs. Stewart has served ever since.
The Present Staff in 1951

The following persons are members of the Staff of Peachtree Road Methodist Church, as of June 1, 1951:

Dr. Nat G. Long, Pastor
Rev. W. Thomas Smith, Assistant Pastor
Miss Merle Bruner, Director of Christian Education
Mrs. Bruce M. Hughes, Organist and Choir Director
Miss Frances Blackburn, Secretary to the Pastor
Miss Evelyn Trawick, Church Secretary
Mrs. R. E. Stewart, Hostess
Mr. Fletcher Thorington, Director of Youth
Mr. H. W. Livingston, Building Inspector
James Clark, Janitor
Duke Darden, Janitor
Gladys Milner, Maid

THE FIRST BAPTISM

Cordelia Ann Salter, granddaughter of Mrs. M. T. Salter in whose home the Church was organized was the first baby baptized. The second baby baptized was Ann Cora Cornwall, also a granddaughter of Mrs. Salter. Both of these infants were baptized on May 5, 1925.

CHURCH DIRECTORIES

The Church has had four directories printed: One in 1930 during the pastorate of the Rev. T. H. Shackleford; the second in 1941 during the pastorate of the Rev. N. C. McPherson; the third in 1948, and the fourth in 1951 during the pastorate of the Rev. Nat G. Long. See directories for more detailed information than we can give in this history.

BISHOPS WHO HAVE SERVED THE NORTH GEORGIA CONFERENCE DURING THE HISTORY OF PEACHTREE ROAD

1925 -- W. W. Darlington
1926 -- W. E. Beauchamp
1927 -- W. E. Beauchamp
1928 -- W. E. Beauchamp
1929 -- W. E. Beauchamp
1930 — John M. Moore
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1934 — W. N. Ainsworth
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1938 — J. L. Decell
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1940 — Arthur J. Moore
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1950 — Arthur J. Moore
1951 — Arthur J. Moore

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS WHO HAVE SERVED THE NORTH GEORGIA CONFERENCE DURING THE HISTORY OF PEACHTREE ROAD

1925 — W. L. Pierce
1926 — W. L. Pierce
1927 — W. L. Pierce
1928 — W. L. Pierce
1929 — S. P. Wiggins
1930 — S. P. Wiggins
1931 — R. L. Russell
1932 — R. L. Russell
1933 — R. L. Russell

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1934 - R. L. Russell
1935 - Lester Rumble
1936 -- C. C. Jarrell
1937 - C. C. Jarrell
1938 -- W. G. Henry
1939 -- W. G. Henry
1940 -- Wallace Rogers
1941 -- Wallace Rogers
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1946 -- Lester Rumble
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1949 -- Lester Rumble
1950 -- Lester Rumble
1951 -- Lester Rumble

HOW WE STAND AT THE END OF 1951

At the Annual Conference for 1951 the Pastor made a report of the following statistics:

I. Church School Membership:

Officers and teachers .................. 145
Nursery home members .................. 118
Children’s Division .................... 635
Youth Division ......................... 311
Adult home members ................... 15
Adult Division ......................... 848
Total enrollment ....................... 2,072

II. W. S. C. S. and Wesleyan Service Guild:

Number of members of W. S. C. S. .... 442
Number of members of Guild .......... 41
Raised for all purposes by WSSS and Guild . $6,068

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III. Church Membership:

Received during the year by profession ... 100
by letter ... 267
Total received during year ... 367
Total membership ... 2,650

IV. Finances

Value of Church buildings .... $850,000
Value of Parsonage .... $20,000
Total value of property .... $870,000
Indebtedness on property .... $306,645
Raised for Current Expenses and Incidents .... $76,723
Raised for benevolent causes .... $18,910
Total raised for all purposes .... $153,528
HOW WE STAND AT THE END OF 1951 (Continued):

III. Church Membership

Received during the year by profession ............ 100
by letter ..................................... 267
Total received during year ....................... 367
Total membership ................................ 2650

IV. Finances

Value of Church buildings ......................... $850,000
Value of Parsonage ................................ $20,000
Total value of property ......................... $870,000
Indebtedness on property ....................... $306,645

Raised for Building Fund, Equipment,
Improvements .................................... $57,895
Raised for Current Expenses and
Incidentals ..................................... $76,723
Raised for benevolent causes ................. $18,910
Total raised for all purposes ................. $153,528
SUMMARY OF FACTS IN PASTORATES

FIRST PASTORATE

Period: April 28, 1925 to December 1, 1925 (6 months)
Pastor: Rev. E. H. Wood
Bishop: U. V. W. Darlington
District Superintendent: W. L. Pierce
Chairman of Board of Stewards: F. A. O'Neal
Chairman of Board of Trustees: G. W. Cooley
Church School Superintendent: R. L. Ruble
President of Woman's Society of Christian Service: Mrs. M. D. Jamerson
President of Epworth League: Mrs. W. Clyde Roberts
Choir Director: Miss Leona Wood
Church Secretary: Mrs. C. J. Cofer
Chairman Building Committee: G. W. Cooley

Outstanding Achievements:

1. Church was organized April 28, 1925, in home of Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Salter
2. Lot at Peachtree Road and Sardis Way purchased
3. Temporary chapel erected
4. Received 87 new members
5. Money raised during period for all purposes — $3,890
6. Property value at end of period — $1,698
7. Memberships reported at end of period:
   Church School — 225
   Woman's Society — 25
   Church membership — 87

SECOND PASTORATE

Period: December 1, 1925, to November 30, 1926 (one year)
Pastor: Rev. C. A. Norton
Bishop: W. B. Beauchamp
District Superintendent: W. L. Pierce
Chairman of Board of Stewards: F. A. O'Neal
Chairman of Board of Trustees: G. W. Cooley
Church School Superintendent: R. L. Ruble

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President of Woman’s Society: Mrs. M. D. Jamerson

President of Epworth League: Mrs. W. Clyde Roberts

Choir Director: Miss Leona Wood

Church Secretary: Mrs. C. J. Cofer

Chairman Building Committee: G. W. Cooley

Outstanding Events

1. Received 58 new members
2. Improvement of whole Church organization
3. Money raised during the one-year period for all purposes—$5,399
4. Property value at end of period—$1,500
5. Memberships reported at end of period:
   - Church School — 146
   - Woman’s Society — 33
   - Church membership — 148

THIRD PASTORATE

Period: December 1, 1926, to December 1, 1930 (4 years)

Pastor: Rev. T. H. Shackleford

Bishop: W. B. Beauchamp (1926-1929)
   - John M. Moore (1930)

District Superintendent: W. L. Pierce (1926-1928)
   - S. P. Wiggins (1929-1930)

Chairman of Board of Stewards: F. A. O’Neal (1926-1927)
   - J. L. Respess (1928-1930)

Chairman of Board of Trustees: G. W. Cooley (1926-1930)

Church School Superintendents: R. L. Ruble (1926-1927)
   - F. A. O’Neal (1928-1930)

Presidents of Woman’s Society:
   - Mrs. M. D. Jamerson (1926)
   - Mrs. R. E. Andoe (1927)
   - Mrs. Geo. A. Lamsford (1928)
   - Mrs. C. E. Lovett (1929-1930)

President of Epworth League: Mrs. W. Clyde Roberts (1926-1928)
   - Frank Barrett (1929-1930)
Choir Director: Miss Leona Wood
Church Secretary: Mrs. C. J. Cofer
Chairman Building Committee: G. W. Cooley

Outstanding Achievements During the Pastorate:

1. Church organization improved
2. Temporary chapel divided into Church School rooms
3. Kitchen added
4. Wooden auditorium built to seat 250 people
5. Received 232 new members
6. Full-time janitor employed
7. Choir Director becomes paid member of Staff
8. Money raised for all purposes during four-year Pastorate—$39,563
9. Property value of Church increased—to $23,569
10. Memberships reported at end of period:
    Church School -- 325
    Woman's Society -- 87
    Church membership -- 332

FOURTH PASTORATE

Period: December 1, 1930, to November 30, 1932 (2 years)
Pastor: Rev. R. J. Broyles
Bishop: John M. Moore (1930-1932)
District Superintendent: S. P. Wiggins (1930)
    R. L. Russell (1931-1932)
Chairman of Board of Stewards: J. L. Respess (1930-1932)
Chairman of Board of Trustees: G. W. Cooley
Church School Superintendent: F. A. O'Neal (1930-1931)
    J. E. White (1932)
President of Woman's Society: Mrs. C. E. Lovett (1930)
    Mrs. W. E. Letts (1931, 1932)
Choir Director: Miss Leona Wood
Outstanding Achievements

1. Beautified altar section of Church
2. Introduced beautiful order of worship
3. Received 79 new members
4. Erected additional temporary building for Church School
5. Money raised for all purposes during two-year pastorate—$14,519
6. Property value of Church increased to $26,000
7. Memberships reported at end of period:
   Church School -- 360
   Woman's Society -- 239
   Church membership -- 374

FIFTH PASTORATE

Period: December 1, 1932, to November 30, 1933 (1 year)
Pastor: Rev. Nat G. Long
Bishop: John M. Moore
District Superintendent: R. L. Russell
Chairman of Board of Stewards: Jesse M. Wood
Chairman of Board of Trustees: G. W. Cooley
Church School Superintendent: J. E. White
President of Woman's Society: Mrs. J. L. Respess
Chairman of Board of Education: W. L. Ballenger
Choir Director: Miss Leona Wood

Outstanding Achievements

1. Sunday Evening Program for Youth organized and developed.
   Attendance grew to 75 or 80.
2. Improved order of worship
3. Published monthly news sheet called "Peachtree Up-Look"
4. Received 48 members
5. Church music improved
6. Money raised for all purposes during one-year pastorate—$6,428
7. Property value at end of period—$26,000
8. Memberships reported at end of period:
   Church School -- 362
   Woman's Society -- 91
   Church membership -- 399
SIXTH PASTORATE

Period: December 1, 1933, to November 30, 1934 (one year)
Pastor: Rev. T. Z. B. Everton
Bishop: W. N. Ainsworth
District Superintendent: R. L. Russell
Chairman of Board of Stewards: Jesse M. Wood
Chairman of Board of Trustees: J. L. Respess
Chairman of Board of Education: W. L. Ballenger
Church School Superintendent: C. G. Boland (1934)
President of Women's Society: Mrs. J. L. Respess
Choir Director: Miss Leona Wood

Outstanding Achievements

1. Received 43 members
2. Raised for all purposes during one-year pastorate—$7,036
3. Membership reported at end of period —
4. Property value at end of period—$26,000
5. Membership of Church School — 405
   Membership of Women’s Society — 124
   Church membership — 1,414

SEVENTH PASTORATE

Period: December 1, 1934, to December 1, 1938 (about 4 years and 1 month)
Pastor: A. Lee Hale (died November 21, 1938)
Bishop: W. N. Ainsworth
District Superintendent: Lester Rumble, 1935
    C. C. Jarrell, 1936, 1937
    W. G. Henry, Sr., 1938
Chairman of Board of Stewards: C. G. Boland, 1935
    W. L. Ballenger, 1936
    Guy H. Wood, 1937, 1938
Chairman of Board of Trustees: J. L. Respess, 1934-1938
Chairman of Board of Education: R. L. Ruble, 1935
    C. G. Boland, 1936
    J. E. White, 1937, 1938
President of Woman's Society: Mrs. W. E. Letts, 1935, 1936, 1937
Mrs. W. B. Miller, 1938

Church School Superintendent: C. G. Boland, 1935, 1936, 1937, 1938

Choir Director: Miss Leona Wood

Outstanding Achievements

1. Young Adult Class, known as Wesley Fellowship Class, established
2. Received during four-year pastorate 442 members
3. Generally strengthened the total Church organization
4. Employed full-time Church Secretary, Mrs. C. G. Boland
5. Employed part-time student worker, Thaxton Springfield
6. Additional lots purchased to complete the square owned by the Church—the lot then faced on Peachtree Road, more than 150 feet, the entire length of Sardis Way, and about 125 feet on Roswell Road.
7. Parsonage on Peachtree Road at Sardis Way purchased
8. Additional wooden buildings erected to take care of expanding Church School
9. Property value of Church increased to $36,500
10. Memberships reported at end of period:
    Church School -- 588
    Woman's Society -- 182
    Church membership -- 693

EIGHTH PASTORATE

Period: December 1938 to December 1939 (slightly less than one year)
Pastor: Rev. W. Graham Davis
Bishop: J. L. Decell
District Superintendent: W. G. Henry
Chairman of Board of Stewards: W. B. Miller
Chairman of Board of Trustees: J. L. Respess
Chairman of Board of Education: J. F. Cox
President of Woman's Society: Mrs. W. B. Miller
Church School Superintendent: C. G. Boland
Choir Director: Miss Leona Wood
Outstanding Achievements

1. Received 83 members
2. Raised for all purposes $13,036
3. Estimated value of property at end of pastorate—$36,000
4. Membership reported at end of period:
   Church School — 589
   Woman's Society — 193
   Church membership — 758

NINTH PASTORATE

Period: December 1, 1939, to November 30, 1942
Pastor: Rev. W. C. McPherson served from December 1, 1939, to August 1, 1942 (2 years and 8 months)
        Rev. W. A. Smart and Rev. John Lee supplied the pulpit from August 1, 1942, to December 1, 1942.
Bishop: J. L. DeCill, 1939
         A. J. Moore, 1940, 1941, 1942
District Superintendent: W. G. Henry, 1939
         Wallace Rogers, 1940, 1941, 1942
Chairman of Board of Stewards: W. B. Miller, 1940
           W. R. Bentley, 1941
           Troy G. Chastain, 1942
Chairman of Board of Trustees: J. L. Respess
Chairman of Board of Education: J. F. Cox, 1940, 1941
           Mrs. C. A. Rauschemberg, 1942
Church School Superintendent: C. G. Roland
Choir Director: Miss Leona Wood
Presidents of Woman's Society: Mrs. W. B. Miller, 1939, 1940
                             Mrs. C. G. Roland, 1941, 1942
President of Wesleyan Service Guild: Miss Ruth Gibson, 1941
                                    Mrs. Dale Collins, 1942
Chairman of Building Fund Campaign Committee: R. A. Calvert
Chairman of Building Committee: J. L. Respess
Outstanding Achievements

1. Wesleyan Service Guild organized, 1941
2. Received 607 members
3. Old indebtedness of $15,000 paid and way was cleared for advance
4. Sold property at Peachtree Road and Sardis Way for $10,500
5. Purchased new lot at 3180 Peachtree Road for $19,000
6. Purchased new parsonage at 257 Ramson Road for $10,000
7. Constructed and equipped the Great Hall, and made other improvements, all at total cost of $44,375
8. Inspired congregation to begin thinking of a completed plant. It was then thought that $200,000 would be the cost of the plant. Many made pledges to the project
9. Raised for all purposes during this pastorate $59,827
10. Property value of the Church increased during this pastorate to $80,000
11. Memberships reported at the end of the period:
    Church School — 607
    Woman's Society — 256
    Church membership — 1,148

TENTH PASTORATE

Period: December 1, 1942 (The date of the writing of this history is June 1951—this pastorate has so far been nine conference years. During this pastorate there have been two short conference "years"—one for 8 months, and one for 11 months. These short "years" were occasioned by the shifting of the time of the meeting of the Annual Conference from the fall to the summer. The first summer conference was July 9-13, 1941. This was the 8-month year "year". The conference began in 1948 meeting in June. In 1948 we had the 11-month year.)

Pastor: Nat G. Long
Bishop: Arthur J. Moore
District Superintendent: Wallace Rogers, 1942, 1943, 1944, 1945

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Chairman of Board of Stewards:  Troy G. Chastain, 1942, 1943
                        R. A. Calvert, 1944, 1945
                        C. R. Justi, 1949, 1950
                        L. P. Jervey, 1951
                        E. O. Kellum, 1952

Chairman of Board of Trustees:  J. L. Respess, 1942

Chairman of Board of Education:  Mrs. C. A. Rauschenberg, 1942, 1943
                        J. E. White, 1944, 1945, 1946, 1947,
                        1948, 1949, 1950
                        C. R. Justi, 1951

Church School Superintendent:  C. G. Boland, 1942, 1943
                        H. M. Thompson, 1949, 1950, 1951

President of Woman's Society:  Mrs. C. G. Boland, 1942, 1943
                        Mrs. W. L. Ballenger, 1944, 1945
                        Mrs. H. M. Thompson, 1949, 1950, 1951, 1952

Presidents Wesleyan Service Guild:  Mrs. W. C. Thompson, 1942, 1943, 1944, 1945
                        Miss Patricia Head, 1946, 1947, 1948
                        Mrs. H. H. Hanrick, 1949, 1950, 1951,
                        Mrs. E. M. Murphy, 1952

Choir Directors:  Miss Lena Wood, 1942, 1943, 1944, 1945, 1946
                        Mrs. Jack Robbins, 1947, 1948, 1949
                        Mrs. W. B. Hughes, 1950, 1951

Chairman of Building Committee:  Clyde M. Kennedy, Jr.

Chairman of Building Fund Campaign Committee:  R. A. Calvert, 1942, 1943
                        L. P. Jervey, 1944, 1945, 1946
                        1947, 1948, 1949, 1950
                        B. O. Godfrey, 1951

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Outstanding Achievements


2. Cub Pack organized in 1944—Norman Kohn, first Cub Master

3. Explorer Unit organized in 1948—W. O. Rankin, Chairman of Committee

4. Girl Scout Troop organized in 1944. Mrs. Norman Kohn, leader

5. Junior Choir organized in 1945 by Mrs. Nat G. Long

6. In addition to Chancel Choir and Junior Choir, there were added by Mrs. Jack Robbins in 1947, a Cherub Choir, an Intermediate Choir, a Youth Choir, and a Men's Chorus. Mrs. Bruce Hughes has continued the Cherub Choir, the Junior Choir, the Youth Choir, and the Chancel Choir,

7. First Board of Education was organized. Dr. W. L. Ballenger was the first Chairman.

8. Two-story Scout Building erected in 1943, valued at $5,000

9. A second Scout hut erected in 1946, valued at $1,500

10. Indebtedness on Great Hall of $14,000 paid by Easter 1943. Great Hall dedicated by Bishop Moore

11. Indebtedness on Parsonage of $8,000 paid by end of 1943

12. Additional land purchased at cost of $12,500 in 1945 to make possible a street at rear of Church from Mathieson Drive to West Shadowlawn

13. In 1947 there was purchased for $7,500 a wooded lot to rear of Church, 50% as large as area north of Mathieson Place—this is for Youth activities.

14. In 1945 lower floor of Church auditorium erected at cost of $45,000. No loan necessary. Paid when job was done. This unit was dedicated October 14, 1945.

15. In 1949 new Church School Building and Church Sanctuary erected at cost of $485,000.

16. Moller organ installed in 1950 at cost of $30,000

17. Equipment for Church, including pews, carpets, and the like, installed in 1949 at cost of more than $20,000

18. In 1949 and 1950 equipment for Church School Building installed at cost of more than $30,000
19. In 1949 and 1950 grounds landscaped—and parking area and driveways paved at cost of $______________

20. Staff of six full-time persons and eight part-time persons employed to assist Pastor in carrying on the program. (Full-time people, in addition to Pastor, are: Director of Religious Education; Pastor's Secretary; Church Secretary; Hostess; Director of Youth; Assistant Pastor; Part-time people are: Choir Director and Organist; Building Inspector; three student assistants; three janitors)

21. Received during the pastorate—2,397 members

22. Raised for all purposes during the pastorate—$900,400 (this includes first eight years; will add amount for 1951 when it is figured).

23. Property value of the Church increased to $870,000—an increase from December 1, 1942, when it was $80,000, to June 1, 1951, when it was $70,000, of 988%

24. Membership reported in 1951:
   Church School — 2,022—net increase since 1942 of 112%
   Woman's Society—483—net increase of 113%
   Church membership — 2,650—a net increase since beginning of pastorate December 1, 1942, of 130%