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History of St. James Methodist Church, Atlanta, Ga.

Second Conference Year

July 1, 1957 - June 30, 1958

During the early days of this year the members of St. James were eager to get acquainted with their new Pastor and his wife.

Doctor and Mrs. Ozment completely won the hearts of the members of the Church. Dr. Ozment is a very human person and has demonstrated a deep understanding of the relationship of the human to the Divine. His messages have been clear and pointed. He possesses strong qualities of leadership based upon strong convictions and a sincere desire to serve. He is a friendly person and his friendliness is to all human beings.

Mrs. Ozment possesses all of the graciousness and charm of Christian womanhood and to know her is to recognize the source of some of Dr. Ozments inspiration.

With a new year and a new Minister, a new wave of enthusiasm gripped an already inspired congregation.

In addition to the regular Sunday services, and the work of the Church School, certain events and characteristics marked the second year of St. James as a year of progress and development. On preview, the following highlights seem worthy of special mention.

1. A steady and very rapid growth in membership.
2. The selection and purchase of a lot for a Church building program.
3. A series of events and activities aimed at blending the membership of St. James into a closely knit fellowship of active participants in the work and service of the Church.
4. Definite steps in a Church Building Program.

The events of this second year in the History of St. James will be told in chronological order except where summaries of information are given. In the case of a new church body almost every event marks a new step forward, and by observation of these events one may acquire some understanding of the spirit, purposes and characteristics of this new congregation.

It will be recalled that one evident characteristic of the members of St. James during its first year was a desire to give, - to make a positive contribution to the life and service of the Church.

This spirit was even more evident during the second year.

July 7, 1957.

Mr. and Mrs. B.A. Martin presented to the Church a Permanent Membership Record Book.

July 21, 1957.

The members of the Official Board visited the homes of church members to present a progress report in the form of a printed booklet, and to announce that July 28 would be pledge day for the new year.

Significant data from Progress Report:

1. On December 10, 1956, 90 people had expressed the desire to become Charter Members of the new Church. On January 27, 1957, 100 members joined. On July 7, 1957 the membership had increased to 200.
2. The Church School had grown from an original 5 classes with average attendance of 60, to 11 classes with average attendance of 150. Sixteen active classes were in prospect for early Fall.
3. The M Y F had grown from 3 eager members to 24 members with 4 counselors. This group had already undertaken a program of visiting other Churches to foster inter-demonination understanding. Plans were under way for division into 3 separate groups with an expanded program of service.
4. The W S C S had grown and been divided into 3 groups, with definite services to the Church already rendered - a nursery operated for Sunday Services, choir Robes furnished, and active missionary services performed.
5. A parsonage had been purchased and furnished.
6. A budget of \$30,466.00 had been set up for the year, later increased to \$40,666.00, and \$14,880.00 of this had been pledged by members of the Church even before pledge day.

August 11, 1957.

Randall Robert Ozment was born to Dr. and Mrs. Ozment and this event caused much joy and many congratulations.

August 21, 1957.

A box supper was served at the Church followed by an important Church Conference. After a delightful meal and social hour, Dr. Ozment called to order a special Church Conference to consider a report from The Board of Trustees relative to a prospective building site for a new Church building.

Mr. E.H. Etling, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, reported that The Board had selected an eight and a half acre plot on the North West corner of the intersection of Peachtree Dunwoody Road and Loridans Drive as the best suited of many locations considered. All of the members were familiar with this site and expressed approval of The Boards selection.

Mr. Etling then presented a map of the plot and suggestions for buildings, parking lots, recreational facilities, etc., drawn up by Architect A.R. White of Roberts and Company.

Following this Mr. Etling reviewed the financial status of the Church and outlined a financial program which would be necessary if the property were to be purchased and paid for in one year.

The discussion which followed was optimistic and courageous. The group in its imagination, built a complete Church plant - Sanctuary, Church School Building, Recreation and Activities Building for the young people, parking lots, etc.

By unanimous vote the Church Conference then authorized the purchase of the property for \$79,000.00 and set the Church about the task of raising the money and making beautiful dreams come true in the name of The Master.

Reverend Vernon B. McGehee, pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Pine Tops, North Carolina, was a guest and led the opening prayer on this auspicious occasion.

August 25, 1957.

Bradley - Newell, Photographer, made group and individual pictures of the members for the Church scrap-book. This event was arranged by the Committee on History and Records. Mrs. Osgood Clark, Chairman.

August 25, 1957.

The Official Board called attention to a program of "second-mile" giving for Church property and building. Already many members had made pledges supplementing their regular pledges for the budget.

September 7, 1957.

The W S C S gave a picnic for all the members of the Church, young and old, at Chastain Memorial Park. This picnic was attended by most of the Church members. It proved to be a very fine get-to-gether, giving opportunity for getting better acquainted. The children romped in the park, the young people played games, and the older people moved around from one group to another, meeting any whom they had not known previously. This was strictly a social event.

All of the readers of this history, who have attended such a Church picnic, planned and prepared for by the women of a Church, will understand why the writer feels entirely incapable of describing the food and service. Who could do it? Evidently, the cakes, the pies, the chicken, the steaming baked beans, etc, etc, etc, prepared for these occasions just get a touch of loving care not given on other occasions. This was a very happy and worth-while experience for all.

September 29, 1957.

The first Church School Rally Day was held, and a carefully arranged program was carried out.

October 20, 1957.

The Church Staff was augmented by the addition of Miss Eddith Blair and Mrs. Betty Boone as Ministers of Music. Both Miss Blair and Mrs. Boone are experienced in choir directing and both are accomplished musicians.

A special offering was taken for the Methodist Childrens Home.

At the Sunday morning service, Layman's Day was observed. Mr. John Crawford presided and the message was delivered by Mr. Caughey Culpepper, a member of the Inman Park Methodist Church, and General Manager of the Atlanta Freight Bureau. His subject was, "AS FOR ME AND MY HOUSE, WE WILL SERVE THE LORD."

The congregation was fortunate to hear this appropriate and inspiring message by one of the Church's outstanding laymen.

October 27, 1957.

Reverend and Mrs. William Coble were cordially welcomed as additions to the Church Staff. Their services to the Church school and the M Y F will be valuable.

Reverend Coble is from Florence, South Carolina and he is a student at the Candler School of Theology at Emory University.

October 30, 1957.

The First Quarterly Conference of the second Conference year was held. The Conference recieved reports from the separate bodies and organizations of the Church and transacted routine business.

The minister's Report, submitted by Dr. Ozment, presents a clear picture of the progress made since the previous Conference. This report is considered of sufficient importance and historical significance to be included in this history.

DOCTOR OZMENTS REPORT TO THE CONFERENCE.

It is with both a bit of pride, and humility that I make this report to the first Quarterly Conference of the new Church year. I am proud to be a part of such a great and deserving enterprize of building the kingdom of God with such a Zealous, sincere and devoted congregation. I am made humble when I think of the tremendous responsibility which the people of St. James have and must continue to assume if we are worthy of the task we feel God has appointed us to do.

I would be less than kind if I did not express my genuine gratitude to those who labored tirelessly and without thought of Material gain when St. James was only a flicker of hope in the minds of consecrated and energetic men and women. I am constantly appreciative of those who helped to lay the foundation of this Church.

In spite of all the work which had been dne, your minister has not been faced with a problem of leisure time. Attending organizational and committee meetings, visiting prospective and sick members, working on records, preparing sermons, making speeches, writing letters, answering a telephone, attending luncheons, and changing a new baby is sufficient amount of work to keep any one man busy. I am certainly not complaining, but rather stating a fact.

It was a heart warming experience to be aware of the efforts and concern which was reflected in the preparations made for the coming of the parsonage family. We came into a beautifully furnished home with everything in its place. Candy in the candy dish, food in the pantry, and flowers on the table. Some kind hearted person even remembered Tootsie, our dog, with some canned dog food. No minister lives in a lovelier home than the pastor of St. James. We shall be sadly disappointed, but eternally grateful even if the Bishop moves us after one year.

T he accomplishments of this congregation have been startling. I know of no church which has surpassed or equalled the progress of St. James. If age is measured by months we are still infants, but if achievement is considered we are adults. We have been officially organized just a few days more than nine months. Let me suggest some of our accomplishments:

1. Through the kindness of many of our business men in the congregation we have an adquately equipped office. This includes furniture, typewriter, ditto equipment, and Kardex filing cabinet.
2. We have a lovely parsonage which is beautifully furnished.

3. We have purchased an ideal tract of land on which to build our Church at a net cost of \$79,000. (We only owe \$60,000 more.)
4. We have 242 members.
5. We have a well organized and efficient Woman's Society of Christian Service.
6. We have an excellent Church School with an efficient staff.
7. Our four Commissions are organized and functioning with effectiveness.
8. Our Church Staff includes: (1) Minister (2) Part-time Secretarial help (3) Two Music Directors (4) Ministerial student and wife.
9. We have an enthusiastic and well developed Youth Program with six adult leaders.

In spite of our accomplishments we have not, and will not let the glitter of success blind us to our areas of weakness, or cause us to neglect our responsibilities to an ever expanding program of Christian education.

Since the last Quarterly Conference we have recieved a total of 67 persons into the Church. 52 of these came from other Methodist Churches. 7 came on the Profession of Faith, and 8 from other Denominations. The names of these persons are attached.

In view of our needs and out total asset we are financially anemic, however, when one considers what we have done in such a short time we feel as rich as Solomon.

If I were to express my gratitude to all those who have worked diligently and who share in any measure of success we might have enjoyed, it would include every member and many who are outside our official family. Our people have done the work, and I am honored to make the report.

We view the past with pride and look forward with eager anticipation to the future. Our program will be greatly accelerated when we occupy our building on the property we have purchased.

It is with a great sense of satisfaction that I commend the members of St. James Methodist Church for their lofty dreams, untiring efforts, and Christian fortitude. With their unswerving loyalty, and complete cooperation we shall be one regiment in God's army which is forever on the march. No enemy shall retard for long God's work. We will hold his banner high and march unafraid as long as we hear his voice calmly and patiently giving the orders.

Robert V. Ozment,
Minister

November 3, 1957.

Twenty members of St. James attended the Greater Atlanta Methodist Christian Worker's school the previous week. Ten of these were granted Certificates of Recognition. These Certificates were presented to the following on Sunday morning, November 10:

Mrs. W.L. Bost, Mrs. Osgood Clark, Mr. Rodney M Cook, Mr. Ted Cummings, Mr. and Mrs. A.M. Fleetwood, Mrs. G. Ray Mitchell, Mr. John M. Mount, Mrs. W.T. Towles and Mrs. David I. Weeks.

November 10, 1957.

Miss Ann Wilkins began a ten weeks lecture course in The Open Door Class of the Church School. Her text was Franklin Rall's book, "The Teaching's of Jesus."

Miss Wilkins holds a Bachelor of Divinity Degree from the Candler School of Theology, and is now a Research Assistant at that school. The series of lectures was highly interesting, informative and inspirational.

December, 1957.

At the beginning of December the thoughts of the members of St. James turned back in the calendar of time to the birth of Christ our Saviour. This fact was reflected in our music, the messages of our Pastor and in our prayers and meditations.

Dr. Ozment's subject's for his December sermons are given,

December 1; - "It's Time for Inventory."

December 8; - "The Mark of the Saviour."

December 15; - "Why Christ Came into the World."

December 22; - "There is no Christmas without Christ."

December 24; - "Following a Program of Special Christmas music by the choir, Dr. Ozment led a meditation period, discussing the subject; - "Our Greatest Moment."

December 29, 1957.

Mr. John Crawford presided at a service which marked the first visit of our beloved Bishop Arthur J. Moore to St. James. He brought a stirring and appropriate message on the subject; "The Threshold of an Untried Year."

Bishop Moore is known and loved in every corner of the world. He is one of those people whom we may properly call "Great." In the Church Bulletin of this date appears the statement, "We are both proud and humble to claim Bishop Moore as our Own."

December 29, 1957.

A special session of the Quarterly Conference was called. At this session the Trustees were authorized to borrow the necessary money (\$33,000.00) to consummate the purchase of the Church lot.

On this date announcement was made that the Northside Methodist Church had generously offered St. James the privilege of using a complete set of Chancel Furniture which it had. The use of this furniture contributed much to the services held in the school Chapel. This thoughtfulness on the part of the Northside Methodist Church was deeply appreciated.

December 30, 1957.

On this important date the actual purchase of the lot for the Church Building was consummated by the Board of Trustees.

"WHERE NEITHER MOTH NOR RUST DOTH DECAY."

It seems most appropriate at this point to make special mention of the part Peachtree Road Methodist Church assumed in the development of St. James.

First, Peachtree Road set up an item of \$15,000.00 in it's 1957-58 budget to be given to St. James. Then there was a gift of \$1,000.00 from it's Commission on Missions. Following this a special Christmas offering was taken for St. James and this offering amounted to \$8,000.00. Finally, the Official Board and Quarterly Conference of Peachtree Road Methodist Church voted to assume responsibility for the remaining \$33,000.00 debt on St. James Church lot. This legal transaction was consummated on March 26, 1958. With this action our new building site was completely paid for and free of all debt.

Certainly such giving for the cause of Christ by Peachtree Methodist Church and it's individual members will be recorded as "Treasures laid up in Heaven."

St. James will be eternally grateful for this outstanding support. It will have the effect of keeping us very humble and will certainly stand out as a monument to keep us constantly aware of the obligations of Christians to the Author and Finisher of our Faith.

January 26, 1958.

This was anniversary Sunday, marking the end of St. James first year as a Church. The anniversary sermon was by Dr. Nat G. Long, District Superintendent. His subject was "Let them make me a Sanctuary." This was quite appropriate because the members of the Church were giving attention to a Church Building program at this time.

The Church was happy to welcome as visitors and participants in the morning service Reverend Ted H. Walter and Reverend Tom A. Summer. These two young Ministers had been active in the organization of St. James and had participated in the first Church service.

February 3, 1958.

An anniversary meeting of the W S C S was held. Mrs. W.A. Mendenhall, President of the District W S C S was the speaker.

February 9, 1958.

A preparation for membership class was organized and began a course of study and instruction. The class consisted of eleven of our young people. It was taught by Dr. Ozment.

February 19, 1958.

A special meeting of the Quarterly Conference was convened to elect a Building Committee for the proposed new Church buildings. The Committee for Nominations of this important group consisted of Dr. Ozment, Chairman; Forney W. Brandon, Secretary; George R. McKinnon; John M. Mount; Mrs. J.P. North; Elmer H. Etling; G. Ray Mitchell and E.W. Cannon. This Committee submitted the following list of names of people to constitute the Executive Building Committee.

Mr. J.P. Hunter, Chairman; Messrs: E. Walt Cannon, John S. Crawford, Elmer H. Etling, Frank B. Hester, James E. Gilbert, George R. McKinnon, G. Ray Mitchell, John M. Mount, Walter Montgomery, Robert V. Ozment, H. Frank Smith, Wm. T. Towles, Mrs. Osgood Clark, Mrs. J.P. North and Mrs. Harris Dodd.

Mrs. M. Harris Dodd and Mr. James E. Gilbert were nominated from the floor.

All of the above nominees were duly elected.

Following the election of the Executive Building Committee, Mr. John Mount requested that Mr. Walter E. Barber be elected as Assistant Church School Superintendent in charge of membership cultivation. He was duly elected to the position.

February 21, 1958.

At 6:30 a box supper was served at the Church.

February 23, 1958.

Mr. Jim Kane, an artist distinguished in concert and opera, was guest Soloist.

March 2, 1958.

Methodist Expansion Day was observed and a special offering taken for this cause.

March 9, 1958.

The members of St. James were happy to welcome Dr. Wilburn Beasley, who had been an important part of the Church as Guest Preacher for the first five months. Dr. Beasley preached an inspiring sermon on the subject, "Life's Big Secret."

During the week of March 9, Dr. Ozment conducted a series of services for the congregation of the First Methodist Church in Glennville, Georgia.

March 19, 1958.

National Evangelistic Week was observed at St. James.

Mrs. G. Ray Mitchell organized a number of prayer services to be held in the homes of Church members. Each member was invited to attend a specific meeting, and the meetings were all held on Wednesday evening, March 19th. Inspirational programs were given and special prayers were offered for the spiritual growth of St. James and the Churches everywhere. These services were held in the homes of the following members.

Mr. and Mrs. John McFadden
4391 Skyland Dr. N.E.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Durden
6430 Vernon Woods Dr. N.E.

Mr. and Mrs. George McKinnon
810 Loridans Circle N.E.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hester
4678 Anjelo Dr. N.E.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Montgomery
153 Laurel Falls Circle N.W.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe P. North
4721 Mystic Dr. N.W.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Andrews
1824 Valdevere Dr. N.E.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Chamberlain
455 Pine Forest Rd. N.E.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Ford
442 Valley Brook Dr. N.E.

Dr. and Mrs. Ike Rolader
932 Calvert Lane, N.E.

March 23 - 28, 1958.

This was "Tell Georgia about Christ" week and the first series of Revival Services was held at St. James.

The members of the Methodist Church at Glennville, Georgia had been most cordial in welcoming Dr. Ozment as the preacher for their week of services. They must have enjoyed his sermons and service, because they were thoughtful enough to let their Minister come and visit with St. James for a week.

Beginning on Sunday morning, March 23, Reverend E.G. Hutchings, Pastor of the Glennville Church, brought to St. James a series of seven splendid messages. "Man's Supreme Love", was the subject of Reverend Hutchings' first sermon. The word "Supreme", might be used to typify each of his succeeding messages.

He preached a Religion in which Christ comes first in the hearts and lives of men. St. James was fortunate to have this devout and consecrated Minister bring this series of messages to stimulate the spiritual life of the Church.

March 26, 1958.

On this date the congregation of St. James was told that the Building lot, purchased in December 1957, was fully paid for and free of all debt.

March 30, 1958.

At 4:30 P.M. a special Baptismal service was held at the Church for members of the Preparation for membership class. The following were Baptised by Dr. Ozment; Selma Beard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R.A. Beard Jr., Bill and John Hacker, sons of Mr. and Mrs. J.P. Hacker; Susanna Odom, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R.B. Odom; and Susanne Stone, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S.A. Stone, Jr.

April 4, 1958. (Good Friday).

The minister and members of St. James participated in an appropriate service held in Peachtree Road Methodist Church.

Seven Ministers assisted in this service.

Easter 1958.

An observing person could not have overlooked the fact that Easter week-end in Atlanta seemed symbolic of the first Easter week-end. On Saturday night nature seemed to be depicting a world in darkness and doubt. Dark clouds hovered over head. There was an ominous thunder storm, winds almost reached cyclonic proportions. Warnings were announced on Radio and Television.

This was the picture when people retired for the night, with misgivings for the morrow.

On Easter morning everything was different. The clouds had been borne away and the sun rose clear to begin a new and beautiful day. Members of St. James attended the annual City-wide Sunrise Service at Chastain Memorial Park.

At 9:30, during the regular hour for Church School, Dr. Ozment conducted a special Easter Communion Service.

During the 11:00 Service the choir rendered special Easter music. The Offertory was by Mrs. Betty Boone, "I Know that my Redeemer Liveth."

The subject of Dr. Ozment's Easter sermon was, "I Believe in Immortality."

April 7, 1958.

Mr. Albert Welchell, a missionary to the Belgian Congo, was Guest Speaker for a general meeting of the W S C S.

April 13, 1958

At the Sunday morning service, special attention and recognition was accorded to the young people of the Church, Preceding the sermon there was an impressive installation of new Officers of the M Y F. This service was conducted by Dr. Ozment, assisted by Rev. Coble, Mrs. Frank Smith and Mr. Allison Fleetwood.

The following were installed in the offices indicated:

Senior Group President - Perry Mitchell
 Vice-President - Richard Beard
 Secretary - Rita Tilly
 Treasurer - Bill Thompson
 Program Area Chairman; Fellowship - Suzanne Robinson, Citizenship - Jimmy Carroll, Witness - Tommy Lee, Faith - Camille Clements, Outreach - Arnold Johns.

Intermediate Group

President - Judy Stallings
 Vice President - Buzzy Chase
 Secretary - Diane Zunzer
 Treasurer - Jan Campbell
 Program Chairman - Beverly Cook, Co-Chairman Recreation Tommy Ford and Jeff Stallings.

At the close of the service, ten young people who had the Preparation for Membership course given by Dr. Ozment, were received into the Church in full fellowship. These were, Richard A. Beard III; Selma S. Beard; William Hamlin Hacker; John P. Hacker III; Mike A Keller; Susanna Odom; Suzanne C. Stone; Marie Elaine Wright; Kent Walker; Thomas Walker and Sherry Lynn Eberhart.

May 4, 1958

Family night dinner was served at the Church and the members recieved reports on the progress of the committees on plans for the Church building program.

May 12, 1958.

A Musical Concert was given at E. Rivers School under the sponsorship of the choir. Featuring Mrs. Betty Boone, Soprano and Mr. Doyle Ross of Nashville, Tennessee, Bass, with Miss Eddith Blair as accompanist, the program was a veritable musical treat.

The choir realized \$200.00 for its music fund from the proceeds.

May 18, 1958.

Announcement was made that St. James would particapate in the soft-ball league during the summer.

May 20, 1958.

On this date the Fourth Quarterly Conference was held. Certain information secured from the reports of various commissions and groups in the Church reflects the growth and work of St. James during its second year.

The following items seem noteworthy:

Advance specials

Assumed obligation	\$350.00
Actually raised and remitted	\$720.45
(\$250.00 had been assumed and remitted the previous year)	

Church membership at time of First Quarterly Conference	242
Church membership at time of Fourth Quarterly Conference	329
Preparatory members at time of second Quarterly Conference	22
Church School membership increased from 175 to 275.	

Amount raised for Church School purposes increased from \$562.66 the previous year to \$2505.69 for current year.

The report of the W S C S reflects magnificent accomplishments. \$1214.44 was raised from November 1, 1957 to May 22, 1958. In addition 22 special and important services had been preformed for the Church.

The Treasurer's report for the second year of St. James shows cash receipts for all purposes (including special gifts of \$71,052.81) amounting to \$105,064.68.

The Conference elected the following to serve in the offices and positions indicated for the 1958 - 59 Conference year:

Elective Stewards

1. Bearden, Warren H.
2. Campbell, W.F.
3. Carroll, James C.
4. Clark, Osgood
5. Clements, R.L.
6. Connelly, G.L.
7. Cummings, Ted. A.
8. Daughtry, Col. G.O.A.
9. Davis, Lloyd., Sr.
10. Denny, J.W., Jr.
11. Dodd, M. Harris, Sr.
12. Durden, Cecil R.
13. Eubanks, Lamar L.
14. Ferguson, Reagan, Jr.
15. Ford, K. Ken
16. Gilbert, Jas. E.
17. Groce, A.L.
18. Hester, Frank B.
19. Keller, C.R.
20. Lovett, Leon D. Jr.
21. Mitchell, Mrs. G. Ray
22. Moon, H. Cecil
23. Parsons, Thos. S.
24. Parmenter, Mrs. W.G.
25. Rolader I.C.
26. Sewell, J.D.
27. Smith, H. Frank, JR.
28. Thompson, Roy S., Jr.
29. Towles, W.T.
30. Watford, C.H., Sr.

31. White, A.R.
32. Barber, Walter E.

Church Lay Leader - Mr. John S. Crawford.
District Steward - Mr. George R. McKinnon
District Reserve Steward - Mr. J.P. North
Recording Steward - Mr. James C. Carroll, III.
Communion Stewards - 1. Mrs. Sam Johnson
2. Mrs. Paul Snyder

Trustees

1960 1. G. Ray Mitchell
2. J.P. Hunter

1959 1. J.S. Crawford
2. G.R. McKinnon

1961 1. E.H. Etling
2. C.E. Hewell
3. F.W. Brandon

Trier of Appeals - Col. G.O.A. Daughtry
Commission on Education

Rodney Cook, Chairman.
James Gilbert
Mrs. H. Frank Smith
I.C. Rolader
Mrs. Roy Morgan
Mrs. J.D. Sewell
Mrs. C.E. Hewell
Mrs. Claud R. Keller
Osgood Clark
Mrs. Sally Anne Peet
Mrs. G. Ray Mitchell
Mrs. Mark Chamberlain

Ex Officio - Dr. Robert V. Ozment Lloyd Davis
John S. Crawford
John M. Mount
Lamar Eubanks
Ted A. Cummings
Mrs. W.T. Towles
W.E. Barber

Commission on Membership and Evangelism

Daniel Boone, Chairman
James B. Denny
Mrs. Bill Bourne
J.K. Ford
Ward Stallings
Mrs. Archie W. Andrews
Mrs. G. S. McKinnon
Mrs. John F. McFadden
Perry Mitchell
Camille Clements
Howard Cook
Thomas Lee
Edward Warren

Ex Officio - Dr. Robert V. Ozment
John S. Crawford
Mrs. G. Ray Mitchell
Mrs. Rodney Cook
Col. G.O.A. Daughtry
John M. Mount
James C. Carroll, IV

Commission on Missions

Col. G.O.A. Daughtry, Chairman
Mrs. D.B. Bull
Mrs. J.C. Carroll, III
Mrs. C.R. Durden
Mrs. W.C. Harp

Thomas S. Respass, Jr.
 L. Daniel Askew
 Mrs. Robt. P. Cunningham
 Mrs. Ted A. Cummings
 Mrs. Clyde Hunt
 Mrs. W.F. Campbell
 Mrs. J.R. Sturgis

Ex Officio - Dr. Robert V. Ozment
 John S. Crawford
 John M. Mount
 Camille Clements
 Mrs. Paul J. Snyder
 Elective Representative
 from Commission on Finance and Evangelism

Commission on Stewardship and Finance

E. Walt Cannon, Chairman
 G.R. McKinnon
 John M. Mount
 J.P. North
 J.D. Sewell
 W.R. Montgomery
 E.H. Etling

Ex Officio - Dr. Robert V. Ozment
 John S. Crawford
 W.F. Campbell
 C.E. Hewell
 Mrs. Walt Cannon
 Col. G.O.A. Daughtry
 Archie M. Adamson
 Joe P. North

Directors of Stewardship

W.R. Campbell
 C.E. Hewell

Financial Secretary - Mrs. E. Walt Cannon

Lay Member Annual Conference - G. Ray Mitchell

Reserve Lay Member A.C. - Mrs. I.C. Rolader

Church School

John M. Mount, General Superintendent
 Lamar Eubanks, Superintendent of Adult Division
 Ted. A. Cummings, Superintendent of Youth Division
 A.M. Fleetwood, Asst. Superintendent of Youth Division
 Mrs. W.T. Towles, Superintendent of Children's Division
 W.E. Barber, Membership Cultivation Superintendent

District Conference Delegates

Mrs. J.P. Hunter

Reserve Delegate, District Conference

Mrs. G. Ray Mitchell

Committee on Christian Vocation

Pastor
 Representative from Woman's Society Of Christian Service
 Superintendent of Youth Division
 Church School Superintendent
 Elected Laymen - A. H. Groce

Other Committees

Records and History

Mrs. T.W. Pierce, Chairman
 Mr. W.O. Brumfield, Historian
 Mrs. J. Jerome Felton
 Mrs. Rodney Cook

Parsonage Committee - Mesdames Harris Dodd, Chairman; H. Frank Smith, E.H. Etling, C.R. Durden, J.P. Hunter, Rodney Cook, John Mount, John Hacker and John Thompson.

Treasurers - Archie Adamson
 Joe P North

Building and Grounds Committee

H. Frank Smith
 A.R. White
 T.W. Towles
 Mark Chamberlain
 J. Jerome Felton
 David I. Weeks, Sr.

Committee on Nominations

1. Mrs. Rodney Cook
2. Cecil Moon
3. E.H. Etling
4. John Mount
5. Mrs. C.E. Hewell
6. J.P. Hunter
7. Chairman of Official Board

May 22, 1958.

A family night dinner was served at the Church. The budget for the third year was presented and May 25th announced as Pledge Day.

On this occasion the members also had the pleasure of hearing Dr. Pierce Harris, as guest speaker.

May 25, 1958.

This was Pledge Day. A group of men of the Church was served lunch by the ladies following the Church service. Then, between the hours of 1:30 and 3:30, these men visited the homes of members to secure pledges. The pledges received during this short period a total of \$41,490.00 was pledged by 103 families. The amount of pledges rose to more than \$46,000.00 during the week, and before all of the members made their pledges. The average pledged per family was \$402.82.

June 2, 1958.

On this date a special meeting of the W S C S was held for the installation of new Officers for the year 1958 - 1959. Dr. Ozment conducted the installation service.

The zeal and faithfulness of the members of the W S C S indicates as clearly as any other facts the spirit and devotion of St. James to the service of the Master. This historian desires, at this point, to pay special tribute to the women of St. James. The growth and service of the W S C S would be creditable in a much larger Church.

The Officers installed on this date were:

President - Mrs. John M. Mount, 1st Vice President - Mrs. C.E. Hewell, second Vice President - Mrs. John D. Sewell, Recording Secretary - Mrs. I.C. Rolader, Treasurer - Mrs. E. Walt Cannon, Asst. Treasurer - Mrs. Sam Johnson, Secretary of Promotion, Mrs. Regan Ferguson, Secretary of Missionary Education and Service - Mrs. Paul Snyder, Secretary of Christian Social Relations - Mrs. Warren Garrard, Secretary of Student Work - Mrs. Lamar Eubanks, Secretary of Youth Work, Mrs. T.S. Respass, Secretary of Childrens Work - Mrs. Emerson Peet, Secretary of Spiritual Life - (1) Mrs. G. Ray Mitchell (2) Mrs. Rodney Cook, Secretary of Literature & Publications - Mrs. Hugh Johnson, Secretary of Supply Work - Mrs. Roy Morgan, Secretary of Status of Women - Mrs. Mark Chamerlain, Secretary of Local Church Activities - Mrs. T. W. Pierce, and Key Women: Wesley House - Mrs. J.P. Hunter; Goodwill Industries - Mrs. W.F. Campbell/

June 15, 1958

The W S C S presented to the Church two beautiful brass flower urns, honoring Mrs. Rodney Cook, the first President of the Society.

June 16, 1958

The North Georgia Annual Conference convened in Atlanta on this date. Many members of St. James availed themselves of the opportunity to attend the sessions. This Conference was very important to the interests of St. James, and the congregation was made happy when it learned that Bishop Moore had returned our beloved Pastor, Dr. Ozment, to us.

June 22, 1958

The Church extended sincere thanks to Mrs. J. Ken Ford, Mrs. R.P. Cunningham and workers in St. James first Bible School. It was a terrific success - a good job well done.

On this date the new Officers of the Official Board were announced. They were:

Chairman; George R. McKinnon
Vice Chairman; C.R. Durden
Secretary; James G. Carroll, III
Asst. Secretary; J. Ken Ford
Treasurer; Archie M. Adamson and Joe North

June 29, 1958

A House Management Committee was announced for the Parish House. Col. G.O.A. Daughtry was elected Chairman, and was assisted by Dick Beard and Stanley McCalla.

St. James First Building for Church use.

Situated on the lot purchased in December 1957 was a residence. This residence became available for Church use late in the second Conference year. This was the first Church home actually owned by St. James. Perhaps, in the not too distant future, this building will have to be torn away to make room for the more spacious and commodious Church Plant which already exists in the minds, hearts, and aspirations of the members of St. James, - but it will never be torn from the memories of the present membership of the Church. It seems appropriate to give some description of this building and its part in the early life of St. James for the benefit of some who may read this history in years ahead.

The building was constructed of solid rock, typifying the Rock of Ages on which the Faith of St. James rests. Its setting was one of natural beauty, an example of the masterful touch, creative power, and love for beauty of God Himself. With its lawn, tree-jeweled round about, there was an approach which fostered quiet reverence, meditation, and worship.

After some alteration, the interior provided an entrance through a restful den-like room, with a large fireplace. To the right of this room, and elevated a few steps, one entered a long assembly room (formed by throwing the original living room, dining room and two small halls together) which could seat about 150 people. This room was also available for use as a dining room for Church dinners, group parties, etc. There was a large kitchen, and two bed-rooms converted for Church school classrooms and meeting places for youth organizations.

St. James continued to conduct regular Sunday morning services and Church school in the McClatchey Elementary School building, because the new building was not adequate for these; but some of its heart quite evidently moved into its own building on its own property.

Certainly the membership of St. James recognized the omni-presence of God, but as has been the custom through the Ages, as recognized by Christ himself, a congregation has need for a special Temple, dedicated to the honor of God and used as a special meeting-place with Him. St. James now had such a sacred building.

This building, which was called the St. James Parish House, served many useful purposes. It was available and well adapted for choir practice, Board and Committee meetings, class meetings and parties, Church dinners and special assemblies. When Sunday evening Church services were begun, they were conducted in the assembly room of our own Parish House.

A new feeling seemed to permeate these early gatherings in the Parish House - perhaps a feeling that St. James was tasting the "Substance of things hoped for," and "The evidence of things not seen."

Those who attended the first old fashioned barbecue on the lawn of the Parish House will never forget it. There were games for the young, and the not-too-old, and a sumptuous dinner. Good fellowship, and discussions of future plans for the property, were observed in groups scattered here and there. Then, as the afternoon drew to a close, there was a period of group singing of familiar hymns, and, "That Old-Time Religion," was not omitted.

Then there was the first seated dinner by the Open Door Class of the Church school. The building was beautifully appointed and decorated by the ladies of the Class. Following the lovely dinner, a program of entertainment was presented by members of the class.

St. James was on the march.

A financial statement of St. James for the year 1957-58, and the budget for the year 1958-59 appear as appendices 1 and 11 respectively on the following two pages.

Financial statement of St. James as of June 30, 1958 covering Second Conference Year.

Cash Receipts

Church School	\$ 2,204.44
Plate Cash	2,130.85
Pledges	23,943.68
Building Fund	3,925.50
Miscellaneous	1,090.77
Special Collections	716.63
Special Gifts	71,052.81
	<u>\$ 105,064.68</u>
Beginning Balances	10,058.91
	<u>\$ 115,123.59</u>
Disbursements	106,025.15
	<u>\$ 9,098.44</u>
Balances - 1957 - 1958 year	
Add Receipts - 1958 - 1959 year	
Pledges	\$ 530.00
Building Fund	610.00
	<u>10,238.44</u>
Less Payments - 1958 - 1959 Budget	<u>3,995.64</u>
Cash in Bank	<u>\$ 6,242.80</u>
Building and Lot Fund - 1957 - 1958	\$ 2,832.52
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Current Expense Fund - 1957 - 1958	6,265.92
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Total Pledges	\$ 30,650.00
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Appendix No. 1.

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Current Expenses

Pastor's Salary	\$ 5,400.00
Pastor's Car Allowance	600.00
Parsonage Utilities	420.00
District Superintendent's Fund 9%	486.00
Bishop's Fund 2%	108.00
Conference Claimants 16%	864.00
Minimum Salary Fund 2%	108.00
Music	2,400.00
Utilities & Janitor-McClatchey	1,000.00
Utilities & Janitor-Peachtree-Dunwoody	1,390.00
Furniture & Equipment-Peachtree-Dunwoody	1,300.00
Insurance	300.00
Office Supplies	700.00
Secretary	1,120.00
Flowers	100.00
Sunday School	150.00
Commission on Missions	2,100.00
Parsonage Loan Payments	1,440.00
Loan from Bank	3,500.00
Parsonage Committee	500.00
Interest on Bank Loan	115.00
College Fund	167.00
Contingency Fund	1,172.00
Total	\$ 25,440.00
Building Fund	40,000.00
Grand Total	\$ 65,440.00

Committee on Records and History

Mrs. T.W. Pierce, Chairman
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 Mrs. Rodney Cook

Historian:

Mr. W.O. Brumfield.