SHILOH
METHODIST CHURCH

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H. M. DRIVER, Pastor
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To the members of Shiloh Church:

As you read the pages included in this booklet about Shiloh Methodist Church, I hope each of you will bow your heads and thank God for this wonderful heritage of ours and pray for strength to work even harder for the betterment of our church and its congregation.

--- Anne Lee
In a small school house in 1848, a group of men and women gathered together to dedicate their hearts to God. The meeting place was small, but it seemed large to these devout people. The small school house was located just above J. J. Owens' present home. This band of Christians formed the foundation of Shiloh Methodist Church. They continued to meet regularly in this school house for almost a year, but as their devotion grew, their number grew also, and they began to plan for a larger Church building.

They went to work to locate a building site for their Church. The place they selected was the Old Shiloh site on the east side of Yellow River, where U. S. Highway 12 now crosses the river. On the 5th day of March, 1848, this property, containing three acres of land, was purchased by the trustees from Henry Thompson for the sum of five dollars. It was deeded by Mr. Thompson to Thomas M. Merrivether, Zachery Price, Abbot Williams, and Moses Cunningham.

With the land purchased, a small frame building was soon erected. The building contained one large room and was heated by a big stove in the center of the room. This building served for sixty years as the spiritual center for all those whose desire it was to enrich their lives and promote the Kingdom of God.

Old Shiloh Church was the first preaching place for many Emory-at-Oxford students, who later became noted Methodist preacher Bishop Warren A. Candler preached his first sermon there. The following excerpt was taken from Giant Against the Sky, by Doctor Alfred M. Pierce. Doctor Pierce quotes Bishop Candler:

"It was Saturday when I got back to Oxford from the Quarterly Conference where I had been licensed to preach. My roommate was Don Abbott, a young preacher. We stayed in one of Professor G. W. Stone's cottages and Don chopped wood and built fires to help take care of his expenses. While cutting wood that day he split his foot open with an ax. I hadn't more than got there when he said, "Judge, you'll have to preach for me tomorrow."

"You know I can't do that," I said.
"Aren't you a preacher? Didn't they license you to preach?"
"Yes, but I haven't got any sermon."
"Well, get one," he said, "because you are going to preach tomorrow at Shiloh on Yellow River."

I was worried powerful bad, but tried to fix me something to say. Sunday morning I didn't shave. I didn't have but one whisker, and I was afraid to cut that off for fear it would not come back.

Mrs. Haygood (the wife of Atticus G. Haygood) had two horses and a carriage, and she took me out there. We got there in plenty of time, and I went in and sat around for a while, and it was a long time before anyone knew that the preacher had come. I didn't do much preaching, but I said my piece and got through with it. That was the first time I tried to preach."
Bishop Candler's choice of a text for that sermon was significant, it embodied the spirit of his life: "Put thy hands findeth to do, do it with all might."

Doctor Dickey, Doctor A. M. Pierce, and Doctor Peter Manning also preached sermons in the old Shiloh Church.

In the year of 1909, Shiloh Church was moved to the present site, one mile up the Atlanta Highway from the old site. This property was purchased from Mrs. H. L. Candler, containing one acre of land, more or less, for the purchasing price of fifty dollars. The property was deeded to the following trustees on the twelfth day of April, 1909: W. S. Marbut, J. M. Jones, L. H. Sherwood, and G. J. Hawkins. The building committee for the new Church was W. S. Marbut, L. H. Sherwood, and W. E. Ray. The first sermon was preached by Reverend J. M. Crowe, in this new building. Doctor F. N. Parker preached the dedication sermon of the new Church.

The membership of Shiloh in 1909 was 79 members, compared to that of 1953 of 167 members. Shiloh is a beautiful brick building with two thousand four hundred square feet in the main auditorium and a basement of one thousand two hundred square feet, which serves as the men's classroom. In addition, Shiloh has a block building which contains four classrooms and a kitchen which was completed in 1950. There is also a four acre recreation park with lights for all kinds of get-togethers. A gas heating system has been installed throughout the Church and Sunday School rooms. A new piano and a carpet have also been purchased. The people of Shiloh are very proud of their new parsonage, which was completed in 1951. It contains four rooms and a bathroom. The 4-H Club of Almon purchased shrubbery which was placed around the parsonage adding to the beauty of the area. It was during this time that Shiloh was placed on a three-church circuit - The Almon Circuit. At the beginning of this conference year (1953), the Almon Circuit became a two point circuit. Now Shiloh Church has services on the first, third, and fourth Sunday mornings and on the first and third Sunday evenings.

It has been our privilege throughout part of our lives to worship in buildings made possible through sacrifices and efforts of other generations. Shiloh was built because good men and good women of another generation lived, sacrificed, dreamed, and built this Church. There is a new Shiloh Church at Almon because the good people of Shiloh, though proud of the Church inherited from another generation, would not be satisfied to enjoy and absorb the results and sacrifices of their fathers and mothers. This building is here because your fathers and mothers were good men and women who lived rich full lives, and because they lived and dreamed, you and I have this Church.

Whether we like it or not, there is no middle ground, we either go forward by our efforts or we drift backward through lack of effort. The same applies to our Church. It is either a bigger, better, and more beautiful Church because of our efforts or for lack of efforts, it is smaller and weaker because you and I lived and passed this way.

Another generation was proud to pass their Church to you and me, and we are proud of that heritage. We are working to improve and modernize our Church so that our boys and girls will be proud of what we pass to them and feel that we had cause to be proud of passing this Church to them.
One of the most important events to ever happen in Shiloh Methodist Church was the Centennial celebration on May 16, 1948. Mr. Julian Owens was chairman of the Centennial, and the success of the day was due in part to his untiring efforts. To help Mr. Owens, twenty-three committees were appointed with chairmen and helpers for each.

The Centennial celebration of Shiloh Church marked one hundred years of progress, with a record crowd of over 400 attending.

The Centennial sermon was preached by Doctor A. H. Pierce, of Atlanta. The Reverend W. H. Ruff, pastor, along with the Reverend R. P. Segars, and the Reverend Sams, also took part on the program. After the sermon a delicious noon-day meal was spread and enjoyed by all.

In the afternoon session, L. C. Rawlins, Sr., gave the church history which was most interesting, followed by the placing on the altar of a beautiful memorial wreath by Sandra Piper.

The candle lighting ceremony was held, one hundred candles being lighted by Mrs. Robert Covin. She wore a dress fashioned in 1848 style which was very beautiful. "Amazing Grace", the memorial song, was sung by all.

A huge three tiered memorial cake had been placed on the altar and was cut by C. P. Dobbs, he being the oldest member, along with W. A. Owens and L. C. Rawlins.

Following this, Mrs. C. H. Berry, Sr., and Mrs. J. T. Owens, Sr., took charge of the cake cutting which was served to the congregation by six little girls: Miss Jean Hammond, Miss Joyce Lee, Miss Margaret Wallace, Miss Kathryn Farrow, Miss Vannelle Edwards, and Miss Marianna Piper.

The day was brought to a close by the singing of "Blest Be the Tie", and Reverend Ruff pronounced the benediction.

Truly, this was an occasion that every member who attended shall never forget.
THE FLICKERING CANDLE

As the one hundred candles were being lit at the Centennial, one candle flickered and went out. An older member said that this one candle symbolized the one year during the Civil War when the Church almost died. Although there are no members who can remember these years, we can be sure that they were not pleasant ones.

The first years of the war sent fathers and sons to battle, many of whom never returned. The following years saw a decline in economic as well as moral standards, while the strain of war seemed to be more pronounced. When the tide of the war turned and the Northern Armies marched through Georgia, the Church seemed to be drawing its last breath.

After the war was over, the difficult period of the reconstruction saw the people returning to their farms and beginning the task of building a new South. Along this time came the quickening of a religious consciousness, which paved the way for new and greater ways of living for the future generations.

The candle was relit and began to burn brightly.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Several men who have attained greatness in their field have spoken in our Church. Among them are James C. Davis, Congressman, from the Fifth District and George Hamilton, State Treasurer.

Miss Kate Everett and Doctor R. L. Archer were the first couple married in the present Church.

Charles Peek was the first baby christened in the present Church.

May 17, 1868, Shiloh had a library of 560 books.

The Sunday School was organized in 1868.

The gift to the Decatur Orphans Home in 1915 was $30.35, in 1948 it was $30.75.

Average attendance at Bible Schools in 1948-9-50-1-2 was 80.

The Martha Dobbs Euphors League was organized January 30, 1906. It was disbanded and reorganized on September 14, 1928, by the Prospect Euphors League. The Euphors League proved to be a big factor in enriching the lives of the youth of Almon Community. The name of the organization was changed in 1950 to the Martha Dobbs Methodist Youth Fellowship. It has an average attendance of 15 and is contributing much to the spiritual life of the young people of the community.
At a memorial and dedication service honoring E. F. Hammond, Mrs. James Dobbs gave the following memorial reading:

"On November 19, 1852, a little boy came to bless the home of Elijah and Ellender Hammond, who lived in Campbell County, Georgia. A few years later the little boy became an orphan and was reared by two old ladies. At the age of 17 he moved to Newton County and spent the remainder of his life here.

"On December 22, 1871, a new birth came to Grandpa and he grew in Grace and Knowledge and in Favor with God and Man until his translation on June 8, 1946. He lived a long useful life and his friends are numbered by his acquaintance. Grandpa loved his home, his neighbors, and his Church. When the doors were opened, he was always there to lend there his services and to worship.

"Being the oldest of our group, his absence has brought a transformation to the entire church. Those who came in contact with him never left without knowing they had been in the presence of Jesus. Nothing shackled his faith; trials, tribulations strengthened it.

"Grandpa was mighty in prayer and each day during the war (World War II) he carried each boy of the community to the Throne of Grace and each Sunday morning when letters were read from the boys he would almost shout for joy in knowing that the Lord had taken care of them. The evidences of his fervent prayers is displayed on the Service Flag. All of the boys came back and much credit was given to this great man of God.

"Grandpa was careful to use his influence in the Christian way. He was the most perfect man to live among us. His name is synonymous with goodness. His passing is an irreparable loss to the community, but we compromise when we realize that he is serving the Master "Over There" as he did here. There is no way he could have missed, for he fulfilled every commandment and walked cautiously in the footsteps of Jesus. Our love and esteem for him is untold and only judgment will reveal his influence upon us.

"A good man has left us to be with God."
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1904-1905 " " W. E. Venerable
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1908-1910 " " J. M. Crowe
1910-1914 " " M. B. Sams
1914-1916 " " J. S. Askew
1916-1919 " " J. S. Strickland
1919-1922 " " J. T. Pendley
1922-1924 " " J. W. Tumblin
1924 " " Wright & Christian
1924-1928 " " N. P. Manning
1928-1931 " " C. W. Fruit
1931-1933 " " L. P. Huckaby
1933-1935 " " J. C. Buenett
1935-1936 " " N. B. Landrum
1936-1939 " " Carl McGrady
1939-1941 " " Knerls
1941-1942 " " Robertson & Chapman
1943-1945 " " Nelson Oldford
1945-1946 " " W. E. Rowell
1946-1947 " " Webb Garrison
1947-1949 " " W. H. Ruff
1949-1950 Almon Eugene T. Drinkard
1950-1951 " Leslie Rabb, Robt. Collins
1951 " " John Humphrey
1952-1953 Almon (Decatur-Oxford Dist.)
H. M. Driver

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS OF SHILOH FROM 1900 TO 1953:

1900 M. A. Bentley
1901-1902 C. W. Berry
1903-1904 W. S. Marbut
1905 S. A. Brown
1906-1907 W. S. Marbut
1908-1909 G. W. Hawkins
1910-1913 W. S. Marbut
1914 G. W. Hawkins
1915 E. F. Hammond
1916-1919 W. S. Marbut
1919-1935 L. C. Rawlings
1935-1937 J. L. Dobbs
1937-1950 T. O. Chapman
1950-1953 J. N. Dobbs
THE OFFICIAL BOARD
1953 - 1954

Rev. H. M. Driver, Pastor
J. T. Owens, Sr., Chairman
Harold Hays, Vice Chairman
Bobby Bowen, Secretary

Elected Stewards

B. L. Bowen
J. C. Capes
G. H. Dobbs
J. H. Dobbs
J. O. Harper
Harold Hays

Elected Stewards

L. L. Kinnett
Charles Kitchens
J. T. Owens
J. T. Wallace
T. P. Wallace

Honorary Stewards

D. H. Bentley
J. L. Dobbs
W. L. Ray

Communion Steward
Mrs. Grady Crowell

J. H. Dobbs, Church School Superintendent
J. T. Owens, Sr. Chairman, Commission on Education
Mrs. Rufus Edwards Chairman, Commission on Membership and Evangelism

Charles Kitchens, Chairman, Commission on Finance
J. T. Polk, Sr. Chairman, Commission on Missions
Mrs. Charles Kitchens, President, Women's Society of Christian Service

Miss Joyce Lee, President, Methodist Youth Fellowship
T. O. Chapman, Delegate to Annual Conference
Edgar Wallace, Charge Lay Leader

Trustees

C. H. Berry, Jr.
C. P. Dobbs
C. P. Hammond

C. B. Kitchens
J. T. Polk, Sr.

(Some names above are duplicated. Total membership of Official Board is 22.)
COMMISSIONS ELECTED BY THE QUARTERLY CONFERENCE

Commission on Membership and Evangelism
Mrs. Rufus Edwards, Chairman
Billy Letson, Secretary
Bobby Bowen
Harold Hays
Miss June Dobbs
Mrs. James Whitten

Ex-Officio Members
Mrs. H. M. Driver, Secretary of Spiritual Life
Miss Vannelle Edwards, Chairman of Worship, M.Y.F.
J. N. Dobbs, Church School Superintendent
J. T. Owens, Asst. Superintendent in charge of Membership Cultivation
J. T. Polk, Sr., Chairman Commission on Missions
H. M. Driver, Pastor

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J. T. Polk, Sr., Chairman
Miss Joyce Lee, Secretary
Mrs. Harold Dobbs
Mrs. C. H. Berry, Jr.
J. H. Dobbs

Ex-Officio Members
H. M. Driver, Pastor
Mrs. Jack Neely, Secretary of Missionary Education & Service
Miss Joyce Lee, President, M.Y.F.

Commission on Education
J. T. Owens, Sr., Chairman
Mrs. Harold Dobbs, Vice Chairman
Miss Sherry Pippin, Secretary
J. N. Dobbs
J. C. Harper
Miss Vannelle Edwards
H. M. Driver, Pastor

Commission on Finance
Charles Kitchens, Chairman
T. P. Wallace, Secretary & Church Auditor
H. M. Driver, Pastor
Emory Kinnett
Edgar Wallace
J. T. Wallace
Harold Dobbs

Charge Lay Leader - Edgar Wallace
Co-Lay Leader - W. E. Ray

Delegate to Annual Conference - T. O. Chapman
Alternate - Edgar Wallace

District Steward - J. L. Dobbs
Paragraph 219, 1952 Discipline. To the Official Board, in cooperation with the pastor, is especially committed the promotion and administration of these essentials of the church's life and ministry - Evangelism, Education, Missions, Finance. It shall be the duty of the Board to give continuous leadership and oversight therein, through four commissions, whose respective duties are hereinafter defined.

DUTIES OF COMMISSION ON MEMBERSHIP AND EVANGELISM

Meet monthly and have Chairman or other member report at monthly to Official Board. Seek out the unsaved and the unchurched in the community, and to exercise all diligence that they may be lead into a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ and into the fellowship of the church. Seek out the inactive and negligent members and try to restore them to active participation in the church's life and fellowship.

To promote the total program of Evangelism within the church and community. Take a religious census of the community with the cooperation of the Church School and W. S. C. S., as well as other organizations in the church, and make a list of persons from these and other sources who should be won to Christ and His church. To use all laudable means to create an evangelistic spirit within the membership, and in cooperation with the pastor plan and promote evangelistic services.

To promote attendance upon the public worship of God and through friendly visitation, distribution of literature, and other means, to lead indifferent members to active participation in the life and work of the church. To arrange for visitation of strangers and newcomers to the community, to those who are ill and distressed. To organize and promote prayer groups. To encourage private and family worship. To promote reading of the Scriptures and other good literature such as Upper Room.

Urge members of the Methodist Church who move into the community to transfer their membership to our church. Assist the pastor, when requested, in training classes for church membership. Cooperate with the commission on education and the commission on Missions in organizing new churches. Develop an adequate program for the adjustment of new members into the life and work of the church.

DUTIES OF COMMISSION ON EDUCATION

Meet monthly and have Chairman or other member report at Official Board meeting. Determine the policies for the church school, as a whole and its parts, and give general direction to all the educational work of the church. Study the educational needs of the church and provide for the organization, guidance and supervision of the church school and its three divisions.
Counsel with officers and teachers regarding literature used by classes and departments and see that the literature is appropriate for each group. See that all departments of the church school follow the standards of membership, attendance, and maintenance of the roll which are established by the General Board of Education.

Enlist and train necessary officers, teachers, counselors, and other leaders. Elect certain officers and teachers as required by the Discipline and remove them for habitual neglect or improper conduct. Provide for proper observance of special days and occasions in the church year. Provide study groups in marriage and Christian home making for parents and young people.

Plan the financial program of the church school and give careful supervision to expenditures. Allocate space for departments and classes and control the equipment provided for the use of the church school. Encourage and maintain opportunities for initiative and expression on the part of youth as well as opportunity for adult counsel.

**DUTIES OF THE COMMISSION ON MISSIONS**

To provide for the distribution of missionary information and literature, for the circulation of missionary periodicals, and the use of missionary visual education materials in the church.

To plan each year, under the leadership of the pastor, with the cooperation of the W.S.C.S., and the Commission on Education, for a church-wide school of missions in order that the entire congregation, adults, youth, and the children, may be drawn into a period of intensive study, using the study book and other materials recommended by the Section on Education and Cultivation, and approved missionary materials for children and youth.

To cooperate with other agencies in the survey and study of the needs of the community, and to recommend to the Quarterly Conference plans whereby the local church may undertake missionary projects for the purpose of Christianizing the total life of its own community. Study the missionary programs of the General Board of Missions and recommend special projects, home and foreign, that should be supported by the local church.

To cooperate with the pastor, W.S.C.S., church school officers, and other groups in the local church, in all plans for the development of the missionary life and spirit of the local church, especially in programs and offerings for missions on fourth Sundays, plans for raising funds for world service and conference benevolences, and the support of missionary " specials" by all individuals and groups.

Cooperate with pastor and Commission on Finance in obtaining adequate provision for benevolences in local church budget, and to ensure an effective every-member canvass each year, with emphasis on Stewardship and Missions.
DUTIES OF THE COMMISSION ON FINANCE

To set up budget for the local church, in collaboration with pastor, secretary and treasurer, and other proper officials, submit same to official board. When budget has been approved by the board the commission on finance shall proceed to ensure an income sufficient to cover same, and shall administer the funds accordingly to the following plan, with such adaptations and adjustments as the board may determine:

There shall be an every-member canvass, by which all members shall be given opportunity to make their individual pledges to the support of the church. Every member of the church is obligated to support the entire program of the church. Pledges should be, as far as practicable, on a weekly basis, and in proportion to one's income. Should the probable income appear insufficient to meet the annual budget, steps shall be taken at the beginning of the year to provide for the deficit.

All payments on pledges shall be credited to the donors, and a proper account shall be kept of each subscriber and contributor. Funds received shall be deposited promptly in a bank approved by the board. Funds received shall be disbursed as the board directs, and to the objects for which they are contributed. Contributions designated for specific causes and objects shall be promptly forwarded according to the intent of the donor, and shall not be used, even temporarily, for any other purpose. When the budget has been approved, additional appropriations or items shall not be added without consent of the board, and payments to no cause or item in the budget shall exceed the budget allowance except by order of the board.

As far as practicable, the treasurer shall prorate income each month among the respective items in the budget, according to the proportional share of each, provided that the pastor's salary shall be excepted and given priority. The commission shall inform the congregation of the financial needs of the church.
CHURCH SCHOOL TEACHERS, OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Superintendent - - - - - James H. Dobbs
Asst. Supt. for Membership Cultivation - - J. T. Owens, Sr.
Asst. Superintendent - - - - - J. O. Harper
Secretary - - - - - Miss Vannelle Edwards
Pianist - - - - - Miss Minnetta Letson
Chorister - - - - - Bobby Bowen
In charge of:
Grounds - - - - - J. Z. Capes
Recreation - - - - - G. M. Dobbs & J. T. Owens, Sr.
Social Work - - - - - Mrs. Edgar Wallace & Mrs.
Adnah Hammond
Cards & Scrapbook - - - - - Miss Sherry Pippin

Ladies Bible Class

Teacher - - - - - - - Miss Anne Lee
Asst. Teacher - - - - - - - Mr. Grady Williams
President - - - - - - - Mrs. Edgar Wallace
Secretary - - - - - - - Mrs. J. T. Owens, Sr.
Treasurer - - - - - - - Mrs. J. T. Wallace

Christian Fellowship Class

Teacher - - - - - - - Mrs. Charles Kitchens
President - - - - - - - Mrs. Clyde Godbee
Secretary - - - - - - - Mrs. T. P. Wallace

E. Hammond Bible Class

Teacher - - - - - - - J. O. Harper
Asst. Teacher - - - - - - - Harold Hays
President - - - - - - - Chester Clarke
Vice-president - - - - - - - J. C. Capes
Secretary - - - - - - - Bobby Bowen
Treasurer - - - - - - - Hinton Bailey

Youth Followers Class

Teacher - - - - - - - Charles Kitchens
President - - - - - - - Billy Letson
Secretary - - - - - - - Miss June Dobbs
Treasurer - - - - - - - Miss Minnetta Letson

Workers for God Class

Teacher - - - - - - - Mrs. C. H. Berry, Jr.
President - - - - - - - Charles Polk
Vice-president - - - - - - Luke Harper
Secretary - - - - - - - Kathryn Parrow
Treasurer - - - - - - - Joyce Lee
Church School Officials Continued:

Willing Helpers Class

Teacher - - - - - - Mrs. Grace Edwards
President - - - - - - Clara Sue Capes
Sect. & Treas. - - - - - Janet Hays

Christian Soldiers Class

Teacher - - - - - - Mrs. C. P. Hammond

Sunbeam Class

Teachers - - - - - - Mrs. Jack Neely
Mrs. Herman Holifield

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METHODIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP OFFICERS FOR 1953-54

President - - - - - Miss Joyce Lee
Vice-president - - - - - Larry Smith
Secretary - - - - - Miss Martha Glen Hammbnd
& Treasurer

Program Area Chairmen:
Christian Faith - - - Miss Vannelle Edwards
Christian Citizenship - - - Miss Minnetta Leiton
Christian Outreach - - - Miss June Dobbs
Christian Witness - - - Miss Margaret Wallace
Christian Fellowship - - - Miss Anne Lee & Larry Capes

Representative on Commission on
Education - - - - - Miss Sherry Pippin
Publicity Chairman - - - - Miss Sandy Range

Counselor - - - - - Mr. Bobby Bowen
WOMEN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE
OFFICERS FOR 1953-54:

(Meetings are held monthly, each Wednesday afternoon after the third Sunday.)

Mrs. Charles Kitchens, President
Mrs. Clyde Godbee, Vice-president
Mrs. C. H. Berry, Jr., Recording Sect.
Mrs. Emory Kinnett, Promotional Sect.
Mrs. Harold Dobbs, Treasurer

Secretaries of Special Work

Mrs. Jack Neely       Sect. of Missionary Education & Service
Mrs. Edgar Wallace    Sect. of Christian Social Relations & Church Activities
Mrs. Thomas Wallace   Sect. of Youth Work
Mrs. Herman Holifield Sect. of Children's Work
Mrs. James Whitten    Sect. of Literature & Publications
Mrs. H. M. Driver     Sect. of Spiritual Life
Mrs. Fred Lee         Sect. of Supply Work

Women's Society of Christian Service Treasurer's Report for Year 1952-53 - - by Mrs. J. T. Wallace, Retiring Treasurer

Receipts:

From Apron                  $ 26.00
From Sale of Christmas Cards 24.00
Lenten Offering             5.00
Suppers for Men's Club      101.45
Sale of Flavoring           64.80

Total Received             $221.25

Disbursements:

For Cleaning Church         $ 5.00
Venetian Blind for Parsonage 11.25
Study Course Delegate       9.86
Literature                  3.40
Typewriter                  45.00
Postage                     1.20
Song books                 100.00

Total Disbursements        $175.71
Of interest to our community is the Methodist Men's Club which was organized in February of 1953.

Our club meets once a month for an hour and a half of fun and a feast and then a few minutes of business matters are discussed. Our regular meeting night is Tuesday night after 3rd Sunday in each month.

The fees for each member is $1.00 per month for the meal prepared and 25¢ goes to support or help sponsor a boy scout troupe.

The By-Laws:

A member must uphold the purpose of the club by attending each meeting, if possible, and be a member of Shiloh Methodist Church Men's Bible Class.

Dues must be paid in advance to take care of all expenses in advance.

All officers must gather before or just after the meeting to discuss progress made each month or any business matters that might arise.

Committees and officers for year:

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CHURCH TREASURER'S REPORT AS MADE TO
FOURTH QUARTERLY CONFERENCE FOR 1952-53

Receipts:

Balance on July 1, 1952 $67.83
Collections by Stewards 723.50
Loose Plate Offerings 2,254.50
Special Contributions for Parsonage 1,024.29

Total Received $4,069.92

Disbursements:

Pastor's Salary $1,080.00
Repairs to Pastor's Automobile 140.00
District Superintendent 86.40
Episcopal Fund 21.60
Conference Claimants 140.40
Minimum Salary 21.60
Children's Home 130.75
Methodist Publishing House 147.10
District Work 10.80
Expansion Day & World Communion Sunday 127.52
Miscellaneous 195.67
Housekeeper 142.50
Fuel & Electricity 131.08
Insurance 114.44
Improvements on Buildings 286.01
Paid on Indebtedness of Parsonage 750.00
Interest 79.00
World Service 200.00

Total Disbursed $3,854.87

BALANCE ON HAND $215.00

Estimated Value of Church Building, Equipment and Furnishings $13,000.00
Estimated Value of Parsonage & Furniture 5,500.00

Total estimated value of all Church Property $18,500.00

HOW YOUR WORLD SERVICE DOLLAR SERVES HUMANITY

Missions 62.35% American Bible Society 1.36%
Education 15.71% Hospitals & Homes 1.09%
Theological Schools 8.90% Ministerial Training .93%
Evangelism 2.18% World Peace .92%
Temperance 2.02% Scarritt College .56%
Radio & Films 1.84% Social & Economic .50%
Lay Activities 1.64% Relations...

These are the causes your Fourth Sunday Church School offering helps to support. The more money received, the more missionaries we can send to teach the love of Christ to other nations.
TOTAL AMOUNT PAID BY SHILOH METHODIST CHURCH
FOR ALL PURPOSES CONFERENCE YEAR 1952-53
(as reported to Annual Conference)

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<td>W.S.C.S. Cash sent to Conference &amp; District Work</td>
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<td>Amount spent by Church School for Local work</td>
<td>361.06</td>
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**TOTAL AMOUNT PAID** $4743.69
BUDGET FOR SHILOH METHODIST CHURCH FOR YEAR
1953-54 AS APPROVED BY THE OFFICIAL BOARD

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<td>Buildings and Improvements (10%)</td>
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% Indicates per cent of Pastor's Salary

*The building and Improvement fund was set up as a reserve fund at 10% of the Pastor's Salary. In adopting this the board was looking ahead when heavy repairs will need to be made on the Church Property.*