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## FOREWORD

This history of the New Salem United Methodist Church was written to commemorate the 120th year of its existence. Members of New Salem and its friends can look back over many years of sharing with the community and be proud of its achievements, its growth, and its service to our Lord.

The compiling of the information contained herein was a work of love: recalling past happy events, discovering the past practices of stewardship, realizing the indomitable spirit of the early members striving to create a growing Methodist church, and knowing that their early labors have produced a church with which they would be delighted to call their own.

Many people have been involved in creating this document. Those on the History Committee are as follows:

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Without doubt, some members of the congregation reading this history will find that a committee member's name has been overlooked, or a detail left out that deserved mentioning. However, this Church's History Committee has made every effort to assimilate the information they had, and to relay New Salem's historical past as accurately as possible. One thing that has been learned from this project is that Church members in general, and the Church organizations in particular, should keep accurate records and make notes of special events. Future generations, writing the history of the next 120 years, hopefully will have an easier time compiling a church history as a result.

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# CHAPTER ONE

## INTRODUCTION

New Salem United Methodist Church is located about six miles from the center of Statesville, N.C. It is off U. S. Highway # 64 to the south on what is now known as New Salem Road. The cornerstone on the Church indicates its beginning at 1870, but New Salem's actual church history began long before.

## ORIGINS AND EARLY HISTORY

In order to understand the place of New Salem in local church history, one must first understand something of the background of Old Union church.

Traditionally, Old Union was built on land given by James Gay in 1788. A new deed was made by John Gay after the old one was burned in 1801. The church seemed very much alive then, but soon its Baptist membership was connected with New Hope, nearer the South Yadkin River. There is little evidence of a Methodist involvement, but one of the

witnesses to the second deed was Zechariah Ellis, a Mt. Bethel Methodist.

E. F. Rockwell, historian of the past century, indicates that Old Union was built in the midst of the area of the old militia musters. These areas were marked by horse racing, fighting, and drunkenness. One man was killed when the horse he was riding threw him and broke his neck. Such roughness had given the section the name of "Rowdytown," and Rockwell surmises that if a community ever needed a church, this one did.

New Union was organized about 1833 at the site of Old Union. Included in the union were Presbyterians, Baptists, and Methodists, with Richard Mayes, a Methodist, as one of the trustees. The Old Union site, which had reverted to the Gay family, was deeded again by Franklin Gay in a deed that spells Union as "Younion." New Union was located where the present-day Gay's Chapel Baptist Church now stands, east of New Salem.

On December 26, 1834, Joshua Leigh, who had been pastor of the Iredell Circuit that year, organized a little group into a Methodist Society at New Union. There were seven names on the roll: Milus M. Mayes, traditionally a teacher and a bachelor in the New Union record; Richard Mayes, a trustee of New Union and later donor of the land for New Salem; Nancy Mayes, Richard's wife; Rachel Starr, a widow; Mrs. Keturach Montgomery, and finally Sarah Henson and Rufus W. Mayes, both unmarried. In later parts of this history, they are called the "original seven."

The Mayes family, so dominant in the first roll, had been living in the community since 1800. Benjamin Mayes was there in 1799 and trading in land. James Mayes moved in soon after 1800 coming from an area between Lynchburg and Charlottesville, Virginia. There is no evidence, though, that before 1831 they had been connected with Old

Union. What evidence there is, connects them with New Hope Baptist Church that began to grow in 1802.

Methodist circuit riders had been preaching already in the neighborhood for a few years. In 1831, Joshua Bethel had listed quarterage from Mayes; so had Thomas Barnum in 1832. The amounts were small, less than \$1 all told, but this still supplies evidence of preaching there. In 1833, a new deed was made and New Union was reactivated. In 1834, Leigh listed a membership of six at New Union.

Until the end of 1838, New Union appears regularly in the Quarterly Conference minutes, with Milus Mayes usually present and the Society paying about \$1 a quarter. From 1838 until 1843, there is no evidence of New Union nor of Milus Mayes. Neither is there any class roll for New Union, although four different ones were made for the other churches on the circuit. Then, in 1843, Milus Mayes began attending Quarterly Conferences with regularity, and Pastor John T. St. Clair reported 25 white members. From then on until 1871, New Union was a fundamental part of the Iredell Circuit.

From 1844 until 1850, there are extant rolls of the "class" at New Union stored in the manuscript room at Duke University. In 1844 and 1846, the original seven led the list, with no change in marital status. The 1844 roll lists 24 in all, with seven from a Johnson family that moved on to Trinity, northwest of Statesville, and became part of the story of that church. In 1846, the roll had been brought back up to 22, with three of the new ones being children from the Mayes family.

The most important addition to the 1849 roll was George A. Eagle. He had bought a plantation less than a mile west of New Union and had moved in from Rowan county. He was to join Milus Mayes in the leadership of the Church and play an impor-

tant part for more than 30 years until he moved to Texas in 1883. One of his slaves, Tamm, shows up on the 1849 roll, but he was immediately removed. He is interesting in that he is the only Negro on the old New Union rolls. All the other churches on the circuit except one, were reporting a colored membership regularly.

By the time the 1850 roll was made, other names were appearing that became part of the story. Two of the Haire families had shown up, as had Mrs. Mary Cline and Mrs. Jane S. Murdock. Others kept appearing and then disappearing, with notes such as, "transferred" to another church, or "gone to the Baptists," or in one case, "expelled." Five of the original seven were still there, with Rufus married and his wife on the roll. Sarah Henson was marked "removed," and Rachel Starr's name had just disappeared. In all, by 1850, there were 35 on the roll. During 1849, the number had been up to 43.

We have no more rolls until the New Salem roll of 1872, but the Iredell Circuit records give something of a picture of the church. Milus Mayes and George Eagle were regular attendants at Quarterly Conference. Both were class leaders. Milus Mayes was usually the steward with the responsibility for New Union and Providence. Once they changed places, but it did not seem to work. Into the early years of the Civil War, there were Sunday School superintendents other than Milus Mayes, but by 1863, he was back.

Milus Mayes' Sunday School was a good one, although not "evergreen"; it did not run during the winter. However, during the summers of the 1840's, he could report nine teachers and 61 scholars - larger than any other school on the circuit. There was one exception: Rocky Springs in Alexander County had a larger school. It was evidently an interdenominational Sunday School and a major part in the growth of the church until after the Civil

War.

Financially, New Union was marked by its steadiness. In the period before the Civil war, its assessments grew from \$10 to \$45. There were two or three churches with a slightly smaller assessment. However, New Union usually paid up and its contributions were more regular than the other churches. During the panic of 1857, at the beginning of the Civil War, the assessment was not paid, but that was a hard year on all the circuits. Near the end of the Civil War, the assessment rose to \$320 and it was paid - maybe in produce, maybe in Confederate money. After the war, its assessments rose to \$75 that was usually paid. In 1870, a new name appears: Jesse D. Click took George Eagle's place as steward.

The date in the corner-stone at New Salem is 1870. Likely during that year, moves were begun to withdraw the Methodist element from New Union, and build a new church which was eventually called New Salem Church. The history shows that the Methodist element in New Union had grown from a struggling little society into a rather large congregation ready to build its own church and take leadership in a new circuit.

At the fourth Quarterly Conference of the Iredell Circuit that year, a resolution was adopted by a narrow majority to create a new circuit known as the Statesville Circuit. Six such churches composed the Statesville circuit: Mt. Zion in Statesville, Providence, Trinity, Bethlehem, Center, and New Union. By the time the Circuit was formed at the 1871 Conference, Statesville had been made into a station charge and Center had been absorbed by other churches. The other churches were made into a circuit and J.W. Puett was sent as pastor. Evidence suggests that New Union was in the forefront of that move.

In August of 1871, Rev. J. P. Smoot, pastor of

the Iredell Circuit, made the following statement.

“We need two churches to provide comfortably for our people. At New Union we are confidently expecting a new church to be built, which is sorely needed at this point. The class at Center, nearly if not quite all, might be accommodated at other appointments and it will have to be done unless something can be done to provide a house of worship.”

After that, Center, less than a mile north of the present Midway Church, northwest of Statesville, disappeared from the record. A month earlier, the presiding elder, Marquis L. Wood, had already set up Mt. Zion as the Statesville station.

In January 1872, Richard Mayes and his wife, Nancy, deeded a little more than five acres of land to the Trustees of New Salem Church. That was the first time the name New Salem was used. Before then it had been New Union. At first, not all the trustees were from New Salem. A trustee named Henry Turner does not appear on the New Salem rolls, and T. C. Anderson, J. C. Anderson, and Andrew Rickert were from Mt. Zion at Statesville. However, the others - G. A. Eagle, J. D. Click, L. P. Earnhart, and M. M. Mayes - are part of the New Salem story. In 1875, When Richard Mayes and his wife deeded three quarters of an acre more to the New Salem trustees, all were members of New Salem congregation. The trustees were G. A. Eagle, J. D. Click, T. A. Murdock, L. P. Earnhart, M. M. Mayes, Gilbert Mills, P. M. Miller, and N. P. Watt.

On August 21, 1872, the presiding elder and the pastor sat down and made a new roll for the New Salem society - 49 men and 70 women listed separately. The congregation was a large one for the day. Only one other roll is available for comparison: Snow Creek had consistently been the largest church in the county, and in 1872 New Salem was slightly larger.

# CHAPTER TWO

## **NEW SALEM BEGINS**

The exact needs that precipitated the creation of New Salem Church is anybody's guess. Possibly it was simply the need of a new building, and the realization that the other elements were dying out of the Union church. The Presbyterians had withdrawn in the 1840's and organized Fifth Creek Presbyterian Church. The Baptist elements were becoming so weak that the main leaders were going to New Hope. The Baptist church disbanded shortly after New Salem organized.

Already there were changes showing up in the 1872 roll. Younger leaders were taking their own places in church history. Richard Mayes was still there, but he died in 1876. Milus Mayes, married by then, and George A. Eagle were both classified as "exhorters" - men having particular local influences similar to modern-day lay leaders. Except for E. E. Yates in the mid-1900's, these two were about as close as New Salem has come to producing ministers. The class leaders of the new church were those young unmarried men - Daniel

L. Webb, who was soon to marry into the Mayes family, Franklin Eagle, and Durant H. Mayes. Thomas A. Murdock was on the roll and soon moved into a position of leadership. Other names on the roll with local connotations were Beam, Blackwelder, Haire, Mills, Earnhart, Lowtharpe, Beaver, Knox and Baird.

Others soon moved into the community and became connected with New Salem. N. Porter Watt moved in from Stony Point and purchased a share in a grain mill nearby before the end of 1872. P. N. Little was there before Watt. By 1874, the name of Thomas J. Conger appears on the roll. His name and that of some Johnsons and Hunnicutts, eleven in all, are listed as forming a new church in 1875. They were among the founders of Chapel Hill Church, although that church does not date its existence before 1879. Mr. Conger organized the first Sunday School at Chapel Hill.

A significant influx into the Church before 1880 that needs to be noted is a result of the tobacco migration into eastern Iredell County. People moved in from the tobacco belt along the Virginia border including T. B. Adkins and John A. Gunn in 1877 and J. J. Clendenin and Thomas J. Page a little later.

For a little more than the first ten years, the parsonage of the Statesville Circuit was at New Salem. It stood about where the present ball park pavilion is now. In the 1880's, a lot on Bell street in Statesville was bought and a new parsonage built. The old parsonage at New Salem was sold for \$50, and the proceeds applied to the new one. Underwriting the cost of the new parsonage were two New Salem men, N. Porter Watt and Thomas A. Murdock. The debt to them dragged on until well after 1890 when a \$100 donation from J. B. Duke finally allowed it to be paid off.



## COOL SPRING CHURCH ORGANIZED

Early in 1909, a new church appeared on the Statesville Circuit - Cool Spring. New Salem was on the Statesville Circuit until the Annual Conference of 1912. At that time the circuit was divided and the eastern Iredell churches were formed into the Cool Spring Circuit. An academy-village had grown up around the school at Cool Spring and in 1908 a church was organized there. Although other Methodist churches had grown up on the Statesville Circuit, none after Chapel Hill had seriously competed with New Salem's territory until the organization of Cool Spring. In 1883, a Baptist church, Gay's Chapel, was organized at the old New Union site. In the early part of the twentieth century, the Abilene Church of Christ had been organized, also competing with New Salem's membership. New Salem, however, continued as the dominant church of the area.

Under the influence of W. M. Bagby, pastor of the Statesville Circuit during the 1880's, most of the churches built new buildings. New Salem did not. A committee was appointed to investigate the need, but nothing came of it. The church there was new, and some of the leaders had their money tied up in the parsonage. During 1900, though, a new building was erected. Quarterly Conference records for that period are missing, but the newspapers carried two items dealing with the new building. One item in the *Statesville Record and Landmark* noted that W. L. Dawson had to move the Quarterly Conference to Providence the fifth Sunday in July. The item also stated that arrangements had been made for preaching in Providence at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday because the new building was not complete. The second item appeared early in August of that year. It stated that a scaffold used in creating the ceiling inside the building had fallen with four men and had hurt Will Haire "enough for notice."

## BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

New Salem has had three church buildings. The first, built in 1872, was a frame building, as was the second one that, as noted previously, was built in 1900. The present building erected in 1948 stands about where the first one did. The second building was built in front of the first, and the third, behind the second. All have had their principal entrance on the north side.

### FIRST CHURCH BUILT - 1872

History is sketchy about this first church built in 1872. However, when the first building was in use, there were three trees that stood close to the entrance. They had been notched and heavy boards put between the trees that served as benches for those who wanted to sit and talk outdoors. The appearance of the first church building is sketched in Figure 2.1.



**Figure 2.1** - This artist's sketch by Mrs. Louise McIntyre shows what the first church to hold the name of New Salem looked like

## SECOND CHURCH BUILT - 1900

Lumber for the second church building was donated by the members, as was the labor. It is said that James K. Gay was on hand when the first building was being torn down. He was there to claim his hammer that he had dropped down in the wall cavity twenty-eight years earlier. A photograph of that building is shown in Figure 2.2.

The pulpit for the second church was built by Frank Haire. For years it was stored in the basement of the present church. Then in 1987 it was refinished by Raymon Mayes and John VanArsdale and is presently used in the Fellowship Hall.

The second building was heated by two wood-burning stoves. They were on each side of the building. Pipes from each of them met about the center of the building and smoke went out of a flue suspended in the ceiling.

The second building was lighted at first by kerosene lamps. Later these were replaced with Coleman gas lamps. These, in turn, yielded to electric lights in the latter 1930's. Frank Taylor and Glenn Warren, members of the Church, did the wiring for the electric lights.



**Figure 2.2** - Second church building built in 1900

At that time, and long after the second building was in use, the road from Statesville to Cool Spring and Cleveland ran along the north side of the cemetery and church property. That road was in use until after U.S. 64 was built in 1927. A well and watering trough were located in what is now the northwest corner of the church yard. The northern side of the cemetery was a wooded area and served as a hitching and camp ground. The well and watering trough were convenient to Church use. Many people camped there as they journeyed along the road.

Those who attended New Salem had their favorite hitching areas. Those who hitched in the woods north of the cemetery were the Webb, Bell, Murdock, Beaver, Sill, and Fox families. The Mayes, Long, Haire, Adkins, Reavis, and Turner families hitched south of the church. On the northeast side, the Clendenin, Hager, Beard, Mills, Gunn, Stroud, Phifer, Cornelius, Lowtharpe, and other families hitched.

In 1914, the year World War I began, New Salem's congregation consisted of 186 members. Records show they met their annual budget of \$321.75.

### **THIRD CHURCH BUILT - 1948**

Earl D. Mayes served as chairman of the Finance Committee and Glenn Warren as chairman of the Building Committee for the third church.

Lumber for the third building was also donated. Logs were brought to a sawmill on the west side of the cemetery and sawed and hacked there. Dr. John W. Scott had the well drilled and donated it to the church.

Ray Warren and his crew built the present building, although others could and did donate labor. Dan Warren stayed away from his job and gave a month's labor to the structure. W. Glenn

Warren and Earl D. Mayes, Sr., gave a month and a half. Two Negro men, George Icard and Harold Scott, gave two weeks of labor. Figure 2.3 shows the appearance of the third church building in 1948.



**Figure 2.3** - Third church building as of 1948

Mr. Harvey W. Murdock gave liberally and substantially to make the present building possible. He made a series of challenge gifts that encouraged the project and challenged the congregation to do its best. The total cost was about \$65,000, and a gift from the Duke Endowment helped defray the construction costs. When Mr. Murdock died, he left a fund in trust to benefit the Methodist Home, The Children's Home, and New Salem Church. Each organization shared a third in the income. It was stipulated that the Church should use this income for the maintenance of the cemetery and grounds. He is buried in Oakwood cemetery in Statesville. Figure 2.4 shows Mr. Murdock with his brothers. They are the sons of Thomas Murdock mentioned earlier in this history.

The third church was the first to have stained glass windows; the earlier two had clear glass ones. The stained glass windows were donated by mem-

bers of the congregation. Special plates appear under each window, and show the donor and those honored by the giver. Some of the pews and many of the hymnals were also donated by members of the congregation.

The first service in the new (third) building was held March 27, 1949; William and Dot Hager were the first to be married there on August 15, 1949; and Judy Warren was the first baby baptized in it.



**Figure 2.4** Sons of Thomas Murdock. From Left, Will Murdock, Scott Murdock, Charlie Murdock, Joe Murdock, Jay Murdock, and Harvey Murdock.

## MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

No musical instrument was used in the first building. Later, an organ that belonged to the Cornelius family was hauled to the church for use in special services. It is now in the home of Raymon Mayes. The first instrument owned by the church was a reed organ. Miss Eula Mayes played it for the services for many years.

The first grave in the cemetery for years was marked by box woods. It presently is marked by a flat stone. It was for Mrs. Sarah Jane Vaughan who died about 1889. She was the great grandmother of Wade H. Bell, a deceased member of the congregation.

In the early days, graves were dug by friends and neighbors who brought their own tools for this purpose. About 1900, Henry Johnston, grandfather of Mrs. Patrick Hager, started a fund with which to buy some grave digging tools for the church, and he started the fund with 15 cents.

Some of the early custodians in the 1920's, 1930's, and 1940's were Burette Mayes, Raymon Mayes, Glenn E. Mayes and Grier Webb.

Part of that time, the Church let the custodian use the open field south of the cemetery to grow corn, cotton, or other crops. The crops were then sold as payment for custodial services to the Church.

In later years, in our present Church building, families shared the custodial services. Each family would clean the Church for a period of time. Then Mary Williams Estes became the first paid custodian.

## **PARSONAGE BUILT - 1958**

New Salem was separated from the Cool Spring charge in 1958, and set up as a one-church charge. In preparation for this, a parsonage was built that year at a cost of \$16,500. Richard B. Jenkins, Sr., was the chairman of the building committee. Rev. W. H. Pheagin, Jr., and his family were the first ones to occupy the parsonage. An open house to celebrate the occasion was held on Sunday afternoon, September 14, 1958. The Woman's Society of Christian Service sponsored the event. They welcomed the congregation, and visitors from Statesville, Maiden, and many pastors in the county to the new home. Figure 2.5 shows a photograph of the parsonage in 1990.

In 1969 New Salem and Cool Spring churches combined in a two-church charge because New Salem could no longer operate financially as a station church. The pastor continued to live in the New Salem parsonage. Then in 1980, under the

pastorage of Hubert Brown, New Salem again became a one-charge church.



**Figure 2.5** Parsonage in 1990



# CHAPTER THREE

## BUILDING ADDITIONS/RENOVATIONS

### CHURCH RENOVATIONS - 1964

In 1963 under the direction of our minister Donald Haynes, a study was made of the physical needs of New Salem. A Committee determined that we needed more educational space and a Fellowship Hall that was larger and more accessible. The congregation voted against the project at that time.

The congregation did vote to do certain renovations to the existing church building. The sanctuary ceiling was replaced and insulation added. Storm windows were added. The Fellowship Hall in the basement was reworked, a ceiling was added to cover the floor joist, tile floor put down, and the brick walls painted. New cabinets were built to cover electrical pipes in the kitchen. A great deal of volunteer help was used in the above renovation. Joe Gantt was hired to do the insulation and ceilings.

A gravel parking lot was added to the rear of the church. Fred Swann, Pat Hager, and Parker

Matlock used their tractors in doing some of the yard work. They were paid \$2.00 each for gasoline. The work was completed in 1964.

## CONSTRUCTION FELLOWSHIP HALL - 1970'S

The need for additional space for Sunday School classes, a Fellowship Hall, space for the choir, and a pastor's study was recognized during the pastorate of Rev. Donald W. Haynes. Some planning was done at that time.

However, during 1971-72, the last year of the pastorate of Rev. Garland R. Stafford, definite steps were taken to activate such planning. The Administrative Board appointed a Committee to Study the Physical Needs of New Salem Church. They returned their recommendations, which were accepted and approved by the Board on April 25, 1971. Their recommendations were as follows:

1. Erect a steeple on the bell tower.
2. Provide a men's room on the main floor.
3. Rearrange the chancel area to provide more space for the choir and within the chancel rail; use the space in the rooms behind the pulpit if necessary.
4. Construct a new building that would provide space for at least two nursery groups, one kindergarten class, a choir rehearsal room, a fellowship hall, a kitchen, and the necessary auxiliary space.
5. When the present nursery rooms are vacated, put the pastor's study there, temporarily.
6. Put a sound-insulating wall in the present Fellowship Hall to accommodate two adult classes. Renovate the present kitchen for use as a classroom, possibly by senior highs.
7. Air condition all space.

Architect Tom Hutchins developed the plans. A financial campaign was successful in securing funds to begin the construction when all pledges had been paid. Included in the project were remodeling the vestibule in the Church, and surrounding it with a steeple, and increasing the seating in the auditorium.

On Sunday, February 25, 1974, a ground breaking service was held and led by the pastor, Rev. Donald C. Davis. First to break ground was Rev. Garland Stafford, a former pastor, followed by Richard Jenkins, Sr., James Warren, Clyde Turner, Raymon Mayes, Charles Current, Lucille Carter and Louise McIntyre; see Figure 3.1.



**Figure 3.1** Groundbreaking Ceremony in February 1974

One of the first steps in the construction of the Hall was the laying out of the outline of the building and proposed installation of underground piping. A photograph was taken one Sunday that shows people inspecting those grounds. If one looks closely in Figure 3.2, he can see small stakes and white lines used to show workers where the foundation and pipes would run. The photograph was taken from the Church building looking towards the parsonage.



**Figure 3.2** Photo showing location stakes and pipelines for new Fellowship Hall

The building was completed in 1975. It consists of fourteen rooms: Fellowship Hall, pastor's study, church office, conference room, two class rooms for children, nursery, choir room, fully equipped kitchen, kitchenette for children's department, two rest rooms for adults, one rest room for children, and a utility room. Figure 3.3 shows the new Fellowship Hall as seen from the parking lot.



**Figure 3.3** Fellowship Hall shown on the left with the main church building on the right.

The raising of the steeple in June 1975 was of great interest to the readers of the *Statesville Record and Landmark*. Photographer Neil Furr from the paper took many pictures of the event, four of which were published in the June 7 issue. They

showed (1) workmen raising the lower part of the steeple from the truck, (Figure 3.4), (2) as they began to lift it, (Figure 3.5), and (3) finally placing it on the top of the building with a large crane; (Figure 3.6). Tom Hutchins, architect, took the picture of a workman being lifted by a crane with the cross that he placed at the very top of the two-part steeple: see Figure 3.7. The steeple and its erection were accomplished by Campbelleville Industries, Inc.



**Figure 3.4**



**Figure 3.5**

Removal of a new steeple from a truck and the beginning of lifting it to its resting place on the church

The Fellowship Hall was first used on Easter Sunday, March 30, 1975. By special effort, sufficient funds were raised to retire the debt by December 22, 1981, earlier than scheduled. Considerable credit must go to Jason Ellis for the fund raising. He once said there were dollars out there, and it was just a matter of going out and getting them. He had a thermometer-type poster made showing progress in obtaining funds. Through his many telephone calls and continuing efforts, the thermometer progress ultimately reached its goal. The Duke Endowment contributed \$46,000 on the \$200,000+ project.



**Figure 3.6**  
Placement of the steeple  
on top of church



**Figure 3.7**  
Workman carrying cross to  
place at the top of the steeple

The building was then ready for dedication. Figure 3.8 shows the appearance of the sanctuary at that time. The appearance of the Church sanctuary has changed a little from 1970. With the purchase of a new organ in 1983, speakers suitable for its greater dynamic range were required. The speaker openings may be seen next to the doors leading to the rooms behind the altar. Figure 3.9 shows their location. In addition, a piano was located in front of the altar. The cross and altar candles were given by Mrs. Caldwell Hager in 1954, in memory of her husband, Caldwell Hager. The location of these additions may be more clearly seen in Figure 3.10.

The dedication service was held April 25, 1981. The pastor, Rev. Hubert A. Brown, led the service. The District Superintendent, Rev. Marion Workman, preached the sermon and consecrated the dedication site. The service was followed by a carry-in meal in the Fellowship Hall.



**Figure 3.8** Bishop Earl Hunt preaching at New Salem in 1970. In pulpit Garland R. Stafford, Bishop Hunt, and Jerry D. Murray



**Figure 3.9** Appearance of Sanctuary in 1990. Notice the two speakers adjacent to the doors



**Figure 3.10** Close-up of the front of the church showing the location of the piano and altar added in the 1980's

## PARSONAGE RENOVATION - 1986

In 1986, the Administrative Board asked the Parsonage Building Committee to study the parsonage to determine what we needed to bring it up to date and what it would cost. The Committee consisted of the following people:

Louise McIntire, Chairman

Dick Miller

Betsy Cooke

Michael McConochie

Victor McIntyre

Glenda Warren

Craig Ballard

Glenn Mayes

The Committee completed its study, and reported to the Board who voted to proceed with the recommendations. Ray Warren was contracted to do the carpentry work, and a great deal of volunteer labor was donated.

A total of 486 square feet was added. The interior of the existing den, kitchen, and utility room was removed. There was an "L" added to the existing kitchen and den. A completely new kitchen was installed in that space. A new bedroom and bath to the rear of the kitchen, and a 15' x 18' den beside the kitchen were built. In addition, the utility room was moved to the existing breeze-way, and a deck was added to the kitchen side of the addition. The existing garage doors were repaired, and the driveway was paved. Some landscaping was done. Two new heat pumps were added, replacing the existing oil furnace that was installed in 1958. The total cost of this addition and renovation was \$41,000.



# CHAPTER FOUR

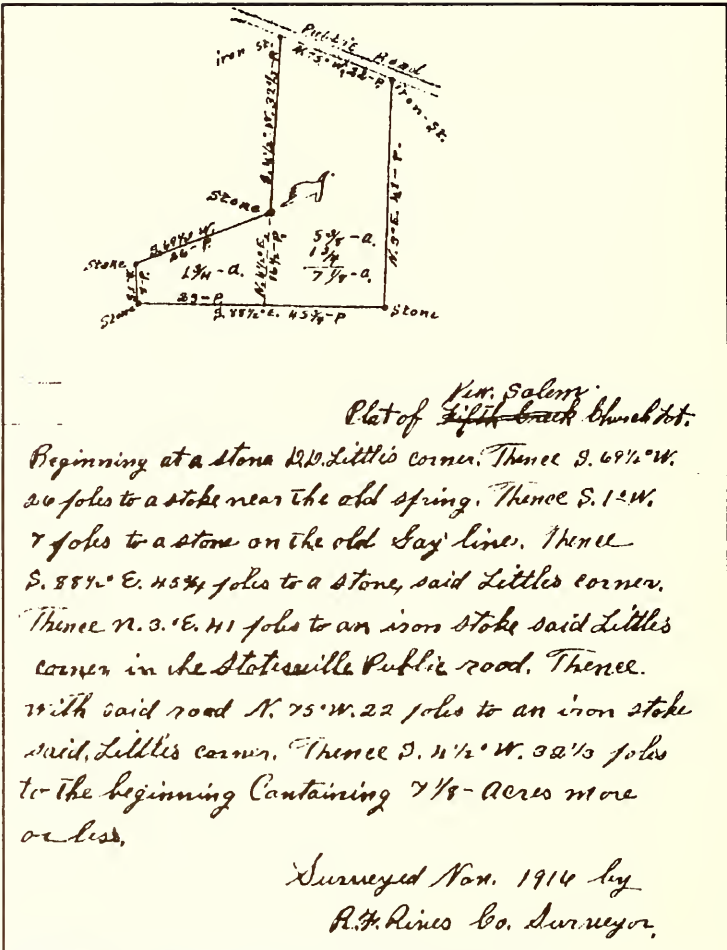
## LAND/CEMETERY

### LAND ADDITIONS

The Church has been fortunate in being able to secure additional land from time to time. This made an expanded program of activities possible.

An early survey was made in 1916 and makes mention of the old spring as one of the locating corners. The survey was done by R. F. Rines, and his plat is shown in Figure 4.1. (Next Page)

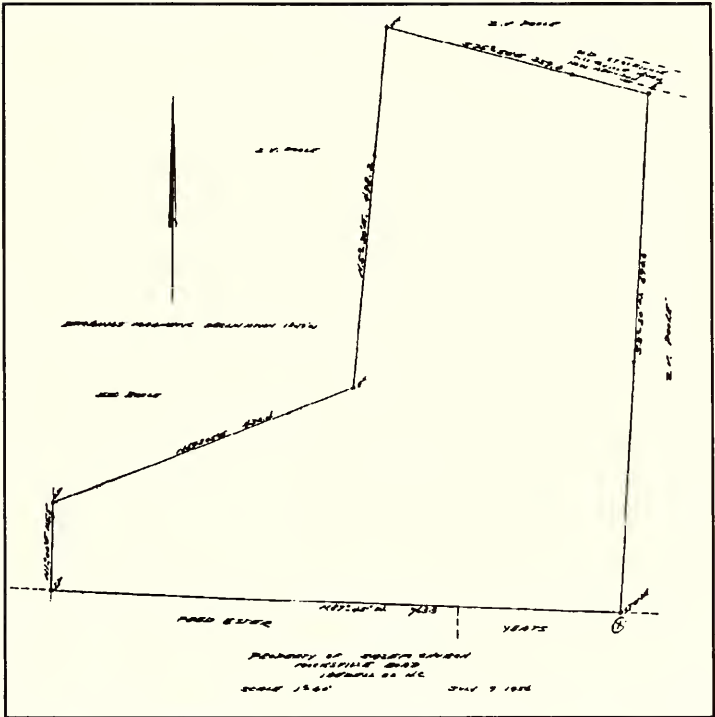
In 1956 a survey of the Church property was made. It was found that about 20 feet of the cemetery was on the Poole property. Dee Poole was a Trustee at that time. He and Glenn Warren went to see Mr. Z. V. Poole to see if he would sell the 20 feet to the Church. Mr. Poole said he could not sell it because it belonged to his deceased wife. However, he did give New Salem the property as a quick claim. The surveyors then resurveyed the property and added the 20 foot strip to the Church property.



**Figure 4.1** Survey of Church property in 1916

In 1963 New Salem purchased 8 acres of land from the Poole family. That property joins the east side of New Salem and was purchased for \$500 an acre. The present parking and recreational area occupy that area. The ball field was originally located in the field across the road from the parsonage and was moved to its present location. The plat shows the property owned by New Salem Church after the 1963 purchase; see Figure 4.2. The corner at the western side of the property is the location of

a spring that supplied water to the Church in its early days.



**Figure 4.2** 1963 Survey of Church property

In 1987 thirteen acres lying north of the Church and extending to highway US64 were purchased from Mrs. Severa Weber for the sum of \$42,500. A plat of the land currently owned by New Salem is shown in Figure 4.3 (Next Page)

The land is currently vacant except for the walking path surrounding its perimeter. The land is planted with grass for hay production. Figure 4.4 is a photograph showing its emptiness, and is included for future generations to remark how pastoral it once looked at the time the picture was taken.

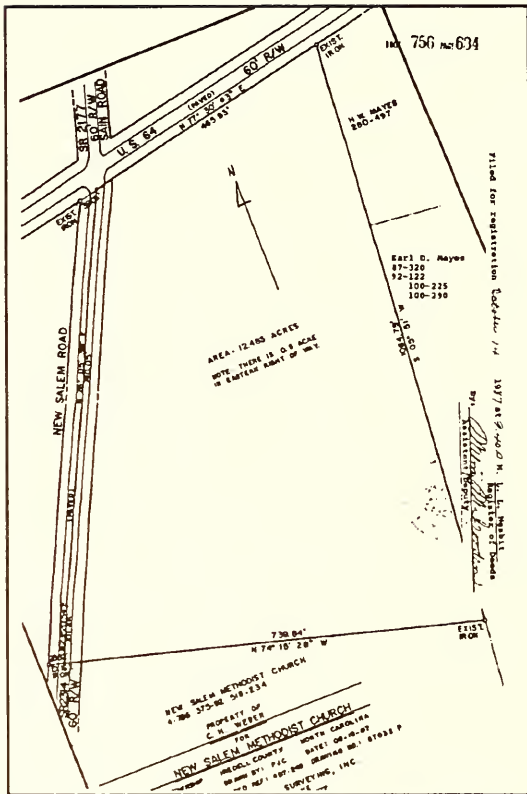


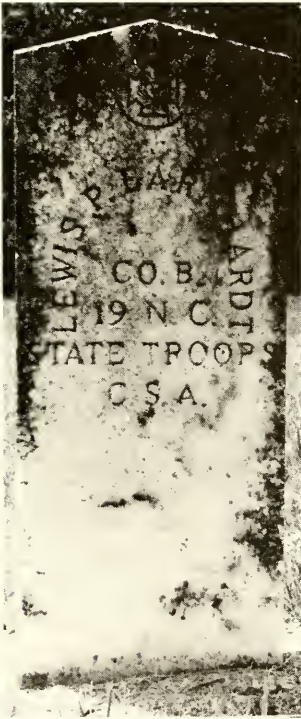
Figure 4.3 Property survey for 1987 purchase



Figure 4.4 Land purchase of 1987 looking from Church parking lot north to US 64 highway. What will a member see in 25 years from this same spot?

## NEW SALEM CEMETERY

The cemetery is located on the west side of New Salem Road across from the Church. It contains the bodies of veterans of various wars back to the Civil War of 1865: see Appendix for those names. Figure 4.5 is the photograph of the tombstone of Lewis P. Earnhardt representing one of those veterans that may be located in the cemetery. Many well known names of current Church members may also be found in the cemetery.



**Figure 4.5** Tombstone of Civil War veteran L.P. Earnhardt

As explained earlier, Harvey Murdock provided a trust fund for perpetual care of the cemetery grounds. In 1985 the amount of the trust fund was \$25,000, the income of which is paid to the Cemetery Committee for upkeep of cemetery grounds. Any extra money not needed for ground care can be used as determined by the Committee. The principal of the trust can never be used. Any money coming in to the Cemetery Fund in sale of graves, memorials, and gifts is to go into the Fund. The Committee is an autonomous body, electing its own members and chair man for a total of five members. If the New Salem

United Methodist Church should ever fail to exist, the Committee will continue to exist and take care of the cemetery. Figure 4.6 shows a photograph of the cemetery as it looked in May 1990.



**Figure 4.6** Appearance of New Salem Cemetery in 1990

In 1975, the existing Committee consisting of Glenn Warren, Chairman; Gene Haire; Raymon Mayes; Fred Swann; and Don Davis, Executive Officer of the Church, set up the following rules for the Cemetery and set a plot reservation fee of \$400.

### **Cemetery Rules and Regulations**

1. The New Salem Cemetery is maintained by funds that are appropriated by the New Salem United Methodist Church, and by donations, which are made to the New Salem Cemetery Fund.

2. Plots are to be assigned to members of the New Salem United Methodist Church without charges, upon request. These plot assignments are to be recorded with the Chairman of the Cemetery Committee. Corner markers are to be set in at ground level on all reserved plots. Any pastor or former pastor may be given burial privilege together with his immediate family (defined as spouse and minor children).

3. Any member of the New Salem United Methodist Church who has been assigned a plot may bury any member of his family (defined as spouse, minor, and unwed children).

4. Any person whose deceased husband or wife is buried in the New Salem Cemetery and who was a member of the Church at the time of burial, will be given, upon proper request, free burial privilege for himself or herself.

5. Any former member or any non-member who desires burial privileges in the New Salem Cemetery for reasons of having lived in the community or having members of his family buried in the New Salem Cemetery, may be assigned a plot by the Cemetery Committee upon payment of a reservation fee of \$25.00 more per grave plot than nearby commercial cemeteries are charging for a grave plot. Burial privileges are not transferable and fees are not returnable. The Cemetery Committee has the right to refuse burial privileges.

Upon making a plot reservation, The Chairman of the New Salem Cemetery Committee shall fill out a Cemetery Plot Reservation form in duplicate to be signed by himself and applicant. One copy is to be given to the applicant and one kept in the Cemetery records. A record of the reservation shall then be made on the Cemetery Plot Layout Sheet.

Funds received from payment of plot reservation fees are to be invested in an interest bearing account in perpetuity. Funds accruing from interest on this principal may be used on the upkeep of the cemetery at the discretion of the Cemetery Committee.

6. A member of this Church who moves his membership to another church loses his burial rights in the New Salem Cemetery even though a plot may have been assigned to him while he was a member. Exceptions to this are open as stated in items 4 and 5 above.

7. No one is to be permitted to install curbing or plant shrubbery on or around grave plots. Cemetery custodians may remove any objectionable objects at their own discretion.

8. Persons desiring to erect monuments must request and follow proper placing directions from the cemetery officials. Only headstones may be above ground and they must be set in a concrete footing that extends 8 inches beyond the base of the stone on all sides, up to ground level.

9. A Cemetery Committee shall be elected annually by the Administrative Board of the New Salem United Methodist Church. It shall be composed of one trustee whose term is in force and three other members. Members may succeed themselves.

10. These Rules and Regulations may be amended, as experience and necessity may require, by the New Salem Administrative Board upon recommendation by the New Salem Cemetery Committee.



# CHAPTER FIVE

## CHURCH SCHOOL

The Annual Conference JOURNAL carried a list of Sunday School Superintendents beginning in 1916 and continuing until 1939. Except for 1918 and 1919 when E. S. Hager served, Joe E. Webb is listed from 1916 until 1929, and again from 1933 until 1937. C. E. Hager served 1930-1932. In 1938 Raymon D. Mayes, at that time still in his teens, was elected. He served until he went into the Armed Forces in the Second World War. Some others who have served as Church School Superintendent at New Salem have been Jason Ellis, Ross Mayes, and Glenn Mayes.

Christian education has always been a strong part of New Salem. While New Salem was a part of the Cool Spring Charge, Sunday School was in session every Sunday although a church service was not held every Sunday. The superintendent or some other leader had an opening devotion and hymn singing before going to the classes. After class, everyone reassembled for reports and any announcements that needed to be made. Then the

service would close with a song and a prayer and the assembled would go home.

There were five churches on the Charge for many years (Cool Spring, Providence, Clarksbury, Rose Chapel, New Salem), and church preaching would occur twice a month. On the first Sunday of the month, preaching was at 11:00 AM. Then a preaching service was held on the third Sunday afternoon at 3:00 PM, with Sunday School starting at 1:45 PM.

When New Salem became a "station church" in 1958, the congregation continued to have an opening service for Sunday School for several years. However, they did not reassemble after class except for special needs. The opening devotional continued until the late 1960's, with each adult and youth class being responsible on a rotating basis.

New Salem has had a strong Sunday School through the years. Even during the depression years, the Sunday School enrollment ranged from 150 to 180, and attendance ranged from 70 to 115 according to records for 1929, 1930, and 1931.

New Salem has always placed a strong emphasis on Sunday school because it was the basic membership training for the youth before joining the Church. In 1963 the Commission on Education began to operate the Church School. Before that time there was a worker's council made up of teachers and the superintendent. They began a strong program for Sunday morning, Sunday night, and mid-week.

In 1964 the Committee on Education selected new curriculum materials to meet the needs of all age groups. The Committee on Education continues to work to improve the Church School.

In June 1984, Jane Kirby became the Director of Education among her other duties. This has greatly strengthened the Church School program. Hopefully New Salem United Methodist Church will

become much stronger and genuinely reach out to help meet the needs of other persons.

Kids Night Out was initiated in April 1986, by Mrs. Irene Mayes and Mrs. Bonnie Warren as leaders. Children ages 2-10 meet at Church the last Friday night of each month from 6:30-9:00 to study God and the Church. Activities include group singing, games, hand crafts, and local trips. Kid's Night Out accomplishes a second goal of giving parents of these young children free time for themselves. It is supported by the parents and Sunday School classes.

The traditional Church School continues as an important avenue of communication, but new structures and materials must be constantly discussed and explored. The Committee recognizes fully that the Church must try to reach the entire family and the whole person.

The accompanying pictures, Figures 5.1-5.5, show some of the classes representing the Sunday School over the years.



**Figure 5.1** Adult and children's Sunday School in 1943



**Figure 5.2** New Salem Sunday School in 1913



**Figure 5.3** Sunday School Class 1952-1953. From left, Judy Webb, Mitchell Vinson, Judy Bustle, Billy Connolly, Jane Holton, Jerry Hager, Janet Mayes, Barbara Bell



**Figure 5.4** Vacation Bible School in 1956



**Figure 5.5** Junior Class 1960-1961. From left, Elaine Mayes, Carol Johnston, Brenda Reynolds, Joe Pheagin, Dennis Hager, Johnnie Plyler. Teacher Janet Haire



# CHAPTER SIX

## LEADERSHIP/GROWTH

### LEADERSHIP

As far as is known, Rev. Earnest E. Yates is the only preacher who has gone out from New Salem. He was born May 7, 1878, and died June 21, 1949. He graduated from Davidson College in 1908 and was admitted into the Western North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, that fall. He was a noble and effective servant of God and the Church.

In 1914, D. L. Webb was a lay delegate from the Statesville district to the Annual Conference. Joe E. Webb served similarly in 1928, 1930, 1932, and 1933. With the unification of the Methodist Episcopal Church, the Methodist Episcopal Church South, and The Methodist Protestant Church in 1939, each pastoral charge began to have its lay delegate. (Before that, lay delegates were elected by each District Conference and the number did not equal as many as the number of charges.)

The following served as lay delegates:

Joe E. Webb for Cool Spring Charge: 1940-46  
and 1956

E. D. Mayes, Sr.: 1950-51

W. T. Colvert, Sr.: 1955

John Plyer: 1959

Phillip Connolly: 1960

Wayne Stikeleather: 1962

David Bunch: 1964

Richard Jenkins: 1965

Ross Mayes: 1966-67

Jason V. Ellis: 1968-71

Henry G. Elwell, Jr.: 1982, 1987, and 1988

Glenn Mayes: 1983, 1985, and 1986

Raymon Mayes: 1984

Jane Kirby: 1989, 1990

Church lay leaders, beginning in 1956, have been Joe E. Webb, John Plyler, John Henry Webb, Victor McIntyre, P. A. Hager, Glenn Mayes, O. Clyde Turner, David Harmon, A. G. Campbell, Jason V. Ellis, Glenn Warren, Collier F. McCall, and Ross W. Mayes.

The following pastors have served the church:

<u>YEAR FIRST</u> <u>APPOINTED</u>	<u>NAME OF</u> <u>PASTOR</u>	<u>YEAR FIRST</u> <u>APPOINTED</u>	<u>NAME OF</u> <u>PASTOR</u>
1870	J.F.Smoot	1887	G.W. Ivey
1871	J.W.Puett	1890	J.C. Hartsells
1872	A.K.Murchison	1891	R.S. Webb
1873	J.N.Somers	1895	J.O. Shelley
1875	N.S.Norton	1898	L.M. Brower
1876	T.A.Coon, supply	1899	W.L. Dawson
1877	N.S.Norton	1900	R.B. Shelton
1878	T.S.Triplett & N.S.Norton	1902	J.H. Brendall
1881	C.G.Little	1903	R.M. Taylor
1883	W.M.Bagby	1905	R.S. Howie
		1907	T.E. Wagg



1909	J.D. Rankin	1941	H.M.Wellman
1910	Rankin, reaptd.	1945	E.H.Lowman
(but in 1911 JOURNAL,		1946	J.M.Taylor, Jr.
J.P. Hipps listed as 2nd yr.)		1950	G.M.Carver
1912	J.J. Edwards	1954	D.W.Charlton, Jr.
1915	C.P. Goode	1958	W.H.Pheagin, Jr.
1918	R.A. Swearingen	1962	D.W.Haynes
1921	J.E. McSwain	1966	H.A.Barker
1925	F.H. Price	1969	G.R.Stafford
1927	John Cline	1972	D.C.Davis
1928	D.A. Oakley	1976	H.A.Brown
1932	Jesse Ingram	1982	C.D.Pyatt
1934	J.G. Winkler	1984	R.E.Cook, Jr.
1937	R.E. Hunt	1988	J.R.Reeves
1938	J.O. Banks	1990	H. Morrison

## CHURCH/SUNDAY SCHOOL GROWTH

Church statistics in the Western North Carolina Conference were not recorded as individual churches until 1926. The records were compiled from church reports and submitted at the General Conference, which met in the fall of the year. However, it became obvious that such a meeting time, when ministers would receive and move to their new charges, was very difficult on the families. Children especially were being hurt, having to move from schools that had just started a new session, and then having to relocate in a new one. Therefore in 1957, the Annual Conference was moved to June.

The following information details the New Salem Church membership in the Church and in the Sunday School. In addition, the monies expended during the year for all commitments is shown. The information was obtained from the extensive library of Conference Journals belonging to G. R. Stafford and covers the period from 1926 to 1988.

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>CHURCH MEMBERSHIP</u>	<u>SUNDAYSCHOOL MEMBERSHIP</u>	<u>MONEY SPENT</u>
1926	202	206	\$911
1927	No report given.		
1928	220	170	1227
1929	No report given		
1930	205	152	680
1931	205	149	460
1932	200	100	587
1933	186	120	718
1934	204	135	759
1935	209	150	585
1936	221	162	569
1937	205	150	1215
1938	220	150	813
1939-1941	Information given for Cool Spring Charge only.		
1942	214	96	1033
1943	221	126	1224
1944	198	126	1381
1945	202	134	1943
1946	201	165	790
1947	212	190	1104
1948	232	197	1155
1949	226	189	1100
1950	257	195	1268
1951	267	201	11545
(Additional expenditures were reported due to a building program)			
1952	268	207	2984
1953	279	219	3152
1954	287	201	3219
1955	239	228	4799
(A total of 71 names were removed from the roster this year)			
1956	258	235	4998
1957	252	224	4047
1958	259	224	19821
1959	273	232	12885

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>CHURCH MEMBERSHIP</u>	<u>SUNDAYSCHOOL MEMBERSHIP</u>	<u>MONEY SPENT</u>
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(New Salem became a station charge this year)

1960	280	232	9600
1961	273	239	11215
1962	283	248	13156
1963	294	270	17040
1964	286	249	16048
1965	290	267	15074
1966	290	258	16174
1967	307	258	15718
1968	317	278	17637
1969	313	273	21100
1970	296	189	17878

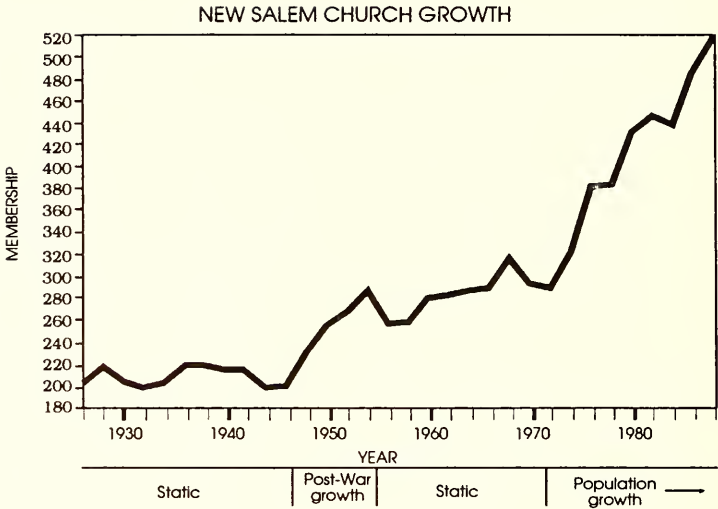
(New Salem became a two point charge under G. R. Stafford this year)

1971	281	209	15826
1972	290	211	16997
1973	307	214	20929
1974	322	226	73373
1975	333	246	57434
1976	383	275	46407
1977	371	287	53357
1978	384	288	68980
1979	411	313	73350
1980	434	311	71967

(New Salem reverted to a single church under Hubert Brown)

1981	449	311	18012
1982	447	293	74726
1983	456	292	77594
1984	441	293	88111
1985	465	318	119561
1986	488	318	117550
1987	502	306	114382
1988	519	321	145530

When the above information is placed on a graph of membership versus years, it may be seen that there were two periods of growth from 1928 to 1990; see Figure 6.1.



**Figure 6.1**

Membership remained constant from 1928 until 1946. At that time, two things occurred to cause a growth spurt: World War II had ended and servicemen returned home and started families. In addition, the third church was constructed in 1948, and growth continued until 1954. At that point growth remained almost constant until 1972. Then, probably due to the industrial growth of Statesville and the large influx of new families, membership climbed from about 280 in 1972 to about 520 in 1988.

The above information also shows how the expenses necessary to manage a church increased over the years due to inflation and expanded programs. In contrast to today's costs, one can compare how things were in 1922. A Board of Stewards managed the Church's income, and in that year they issued the following financial plan:

"The Boards of Stewards of New Salem Church

unanimously adapted the 'Budget Financial Plan' for the year of 1922. This plan provides that the several small amounts you are expected to contribute to the different interests during this Conference year, such as Pastor and Presiding Elder's salary, Conference Claims, Children's Home, etc., are all added together and the whole amount is placed opposite your name.

You are specially requested to place one-twelfth each month, or one-fourth every three months in a small envelope, which will be furnished you, and drop in collection plate at church.

Believing you will appreciate this information, we give below the name of every person whom we consider in full fellowship with us, and all he or she are expected to pay for the whole year, is shown in figures opposite the name.

Our plan is to distribute leaflets immediately after every Quarterly Conference, which will show what each person has paid during the past three months. Please see to it that one-fourth of your amount is paid every quarter.

Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how He said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'  
— Acts 20:35.

Signed,  
BOARD OF STEWARDS  
W. P. Hager, Chairman"

A copy of the Board of Stewards' membership assessment plan for 1922 is shown in Figure 6.2 on the next page.

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STEWARDS		Assessed		P.A.		Assessed		P.A.					
W. P. Hager	64.00	64.00	Bertha Hager	2.00	2.00	Thomas Haag	18.00	18.00	Hilf Hair	1.00	1.00		
J. P. Haggerty	9.00	9.00	Kenneth Hair	2.00	2.00	Verna Hair	2.75	2.75	Mrs. Loyd Kennedy	2.00	2.00		
H. L. Webb	9.00	9.00	Mrs. B. P. Hair	2.50	2.50	Ivy Hair	1.00	1.00	Josephine Knicker	4.00	4.00		
J. W. Mayes	14.00	14.00	Frank Ketchie	2.54	2.54	Calvin Hager	2.00	2.00	Leola White Moore	2.00	2.00		
M. Hager	40.00	40.00	Charles Little	1.73	1.73	Theresa Mills	2.00	2.00	Mrs. Ellen Hale	1.00	1.00		
J. J. Adkins	24.00	24.00	George Little	2.78	2.78	Mrs. Laura A. Gano	2.00	2.00	Mrs. Ella White	2.00	2.00		
<b>MEMBERS</b>				Mrs. Ada Maym		3.90	3.90	D. D. Little	16.25	16.25	Raymond Brumaker	7.00	7.00
E. K. Hair	1.00	1.00	A. E. L. Maym	1.00	1.00	Edward Goodrich	2.75	2.75	Mrs. Beulah Brumaker	2.00	2.00		
Mrs. M. K. Gray	1.00	1.00	Mrs. Mary Ledy	2.17	2.17	Edith Harbeck	2.00	2.00	Mrs. M. K. Brumaker	7.00	7.00		
Mrs. N. M. Graham	1.00	1.00	Magnum Little	5.40	5.40	Mrs. J. C. Fox	2.00	2.00	Mrs. Louie Moore	2.00	2.00		
John Myers	2.00	2.00	Mrs. Ruth Maym	1.00	1.00	Kiger Abernathy	12.18	12.18	Mrs. Pearl Campbell	2.00	2.00		
Earl Smith	2.00	2.00	Jessie Little	7.25	7.25	Harriet Parker	2.00	2.00	Harvey W. Harbeck	10.00	10.00		
W. P. Yain	14.84	14.84	Walter Little	8.40	8.40	W. B. Haulala	10.00	10.00	Mrs. John A. Fox	2.00	2.00		
Mrs. W. C. Maym	2.00	2.00	Mrs. D. R. Little	2.00	2.00	Mrs. Emma Crook	2.00	2.00	Mrs. T. J. Harbeck	2.00	2.00		
Marjorie Maym	2.00	2.00	Ida K. Little	2.50	2.50	Mrs. Small Abernathy	2.00	2.00	Quincy Martin	2.00	2.00		
May John Yates	2.00	2.00	Jessie Little	2.00	2.00	Mrs. Susan A. Omondia	1.25	1.25	John Martin	7.00	7.00		
Earl Maym	12.00	12.00	Mrs. Walter Little	2.00	2.00	Mrs. W. P. Hager	2.75	2.75	Janet Fox	2.00	2.00		
Mrs. W. P. Yain	2.00	2.00	Harvey Little	2.72	2.72	John Harbeck	1.00	1.00	T. J. Harbeck	10.00	10.00		
Mrs. Earl Maym	2.00	2.00	Jessie Little	2.00	2.00	Mrs. H. T. Johnston	2.00	2.00	George Hair	2.72	2.72		
Norm May Yates	2.00	2.00	Johnnie Little	18.00	18.00	Alma Harbeck	2.00	2.00	Wray Mason	2.75	2.75		
Mrs. John W. Maym	2.00	2.00	Ralph Little	7.00	7.00	W. L. Hair	2.00	2.00	Earl W. Harbeck	10.00	10.00		
John A. Hays	11.00	11.00	Prod Williams	7.00	7.00	Harvey Harbeck	2.75	2.75	Walter W. Harbeck	10.00	10.00		
Mrs. E. J. Hays	2.00	2.00	Georgie Mills	2.10	2.10	Wm. William A. Harbeck	2.00	2.00	John Hale	2.00	2.00		
Mrs. E. J. Hays	2.00	2.00	Walter Mills	11.00	11.00	J. C. Hays	2.00	2.00	James Corraline	2.00	2.00		
Mrs. E. J. Hays	2.00	2.00	George Parker	4.10	4.10	Mrs. Helen Isifer	2.00	2.00	John A. Fox	2.00	2.00		
Harvey Hager	2.00	2.00	Maude Corraline	2.00	2.00	Ed W. Mills	14.00	14.00	Earl W. Harbeck	10.00	10.00		
Ed W. Hair	2.00	2.00	Edith Gibson	7.20	7.20	Mrs. Elm J. Nason	2.00	2.00	Clay Martin	2.75	2.75		
Mrs. W. A. Hays	2.00	2.00	Mrs. James W. Corraline	2.00	2.00	Mrs. Fern Mills	2.00	2.00	Walter Martin	2.00	2.00		
Mrs. W. A. Hays	2.00	2.00	John Corraline	11.00	11.00	Mrs. Otto Stroud	2.00	2.00	Robert Martin	2.75	2.75		
Mrs. W. A. Hays	2.00	2.00	Maude Corraline	2.00	2.00	Mrs. Helen Isifer	2.00	2.00	Lee A. Sharge	2.00	2.00		
Earl Corraline	2.00	2.00	Jessie Little	1.00	1.00	Prod R. Mills	16.00	16.00	Alma Martin	2.00	2.00		
Levett Adkins	2.00	2.00	Urra Corraline	2.54	2.54	Marion Nason	2.75	2.75	Joe K. Webb	11.00	11.00		
Mrs. Jesse B. Bell	2.00	2.00	Leo Gibson	3.78	3.78	Mrs. Prod R. Mills	2.00	2.00	Walter Martin	2.00	2.00		
J. P. Johnson	11.00	11.00	Mrs. David Fox	2.00	2.00	Ruth Stroud	1.00	1.00	Mrs. Lee A. Sharge	2.00	2.00		
Mrs. B. A. Adkins	9.00	9.00	Glen Fox	2.72	2.72	Edith G. Mills	10.00	10.00	Mrs. Joe B. Webb	2.00	2.00		
M. C. Bell	7.00	7.00	Geo Gibson	1.00	1.00	Charlie Nason	2.00	2.00	Alma Martin	2.00	2.00		
A. P. Bell	4.00	4.00	Mrs. Dora Fox	2.00	2.00	Norris Stroud	2.75	2.75	Ralph Corraline	2.00	2.00		
Alvin H. Adkins	7.00	7.00	Kenna Haysworth	1.00	1.00	Jay Nason	2.75	2.75	Mrs. E. H. Tucker	2.00	2.00		
Gay Graham	2.00	2.00	Mrs. Jess Hendrix	2.00	2.00	Mrs. Arthur Stroud	2.00	2.00	Jessie Martin	2.00	2.00		
Wade H. H.	2.00	2.00	Joe R. Marshall	2.00	2.00	Mrs. Otto G. Mills	2.00	2.00	John W. Webb	10.00	10.00		
Mrs. H. H. H.	2.00	2.00	Mrs. Laura Haysworth	1.50	1.50	Arthur Stroud	2.00	2.00	Earl Sharge	2.75	2.75		
Mrs. H. H. H.	2.00	2.00	Kenneth Fox	2.00	2.00	Lernale Berie	2.00	2.00	Mrs. John W. Webb	2.00	2.00		
Mrs. H. H. H.	2.00	2.00	Harold Harbeck	2.00	2.00	Galen M. Adkins	7.00	7.00	Jessie A. White	2.00	2.00		
Levett Hair	2.72	2.72	Mrs. Adale Smith	2.00	2.00	G. M. Gibson	7.00	7.00	Bessie White	2.00	2.00		
Mrs. William Hays	2.00	2.00	John Fox	2.00	2.00	Henry A. Adkins	7.25	7.25	Alvin White	2.75	2.75		
Theresa Hair	2.00	2.00	Wm Fox	2.00	2.00	H. P. Hager	20.00	20.00	Chas Webb	2.75	2.75		
Frank Johnson	2.00	2.00	Nita Marshall	2.00	2.00	Joseph Adkins	7.25	7.25	Mrs. Jesse A. White	2.00	2.00		
William A. Marshall	10.00	10.00	Ed Fox	2.72	2.72	Thy. Y. Hager	2.75	2.75	Bessie White	2.00	2.00		
Urra Harbeck	2.00	2.00	Mrs. A. P. Bell	2.00	2.00	Wesley Adkins	2.75	2.75	Arthur J. Boyer	14.00	14.00		
H. P. Hays	1.00	1.00	Mrs. E. C. Bell	2.00	2.00	Mrs. M. P. Hager	2.00	2.00	M. W. Corraline	2.00	2.00		
J. P. Hays	4.00	4.00	R. L. Adkins	10.00	10.00	Jessie Belle Adkins	2.00	2.00	Mrs. J. P. Corraline	2.00	2.00		
John Hair	2.00	2.00	Walter Adkins	2.00	2.00	Mrs. C. M. Gibson	2.00	2.00	Mrs. A. Wilson	2.00	2.00		
Mrs. John Hair	10.00	10.00	Willie Chas	2.00	2.00	Ed Hager	2.00	2.00	Wesley A. Boyer	14.00	14.00		
Mrs. Lillian Hale	2.00	2.00	Phedra Adkins	2.75	2.75	Mark Adkins	2.00	2.00	Mrs. M. W. Corraline	2.00	2.00		
			Thomas Corraline	2.00	2.00	Kath Hager	2.00	2.00	Mrs. N. A. Gibson	2.00	2.00		
						Joe H. Adkins	2.00	2.00	Ralph Corraline	2.00	2.00		

All payments to November 1st, 1922. P. B. If there is an error in any of above, please report to Treasurer.

Our plan is to distribute ledgers immediately after every Quarterly Conference, which will show what each person has paid during the past three months. Please see to it that one-twelfth of your amount is paid every quarter.

The best neglect to "honor the Lord with thy substance." —Prov. 3:9.

"Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how He said, It is more blessed to give than to receive." —Acts 20:35.

Signed,  
 BOARD OF STEWARDS,  
 W. P. HAGER, Chairman.

Figure 6.2 Board of Steward's Membership assessment plan for 1922

# CHAPTER SEVEN

## SPECIAL EVENTS

### Open House, September 18, 1959

An Open House was held honoring Rev. William H. Pheagin, pastor of New Salem Methodist Church, Mrs. Pheagin and their sons, Ed, Joe, Dan, and Tim. The Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Church was the hostess on that Sunday afternoon, September 18, 1959. Mr. Pheagin was the first pastor of the New Salem Church since it had become an independent station. The occasion also was a house warming for the new parsonage. The *Statesville Record and Landmark* described the occasion as follows:

"The parsonage, set in a grove of trees on a spacious lawn adjoins the New Salem Church. It is very handsome, modern in every detail, and is most attractively and conveniently furnished throughout. On that Sunday afternoon, it was particularly lovely with the wealth of flowers that were arranged in every room. The roses, graceful, long-stemmed

buds and full blown blossoms, were the gift of Bob White, an elder in the First Presbyterian church of Statesville who has a green thumb for flower-growing, particularly for roses.

Members of the Woman's Society helped in receiving Sunday afternoon. At the door were Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Hager and Mrs. W. H. Bustle, president of the W.S.C.S. who introduced guests to the receiving line, which was composed of the pastor and his wife, and Richard Jenkins, chairman of the Building Committee.

Mrs. C. S. Holton showed the way to the hall, and Mrs. Frank Everhardt directed to the bedrooms. Mrs. W. T. Colvert, Mrs. W. H. Haithcox, Mrs. Wade Harbin, and Mrs. Richard Jenkins received in that area. Elmer Mayes and Fred Swann received in the family room, and Mrs. Fred Hager directed to the living room. It was there that Mrs. Everett Fox, Miss Nora Yates, Mrs. Elmer Mayes, Mrs. Oscar Dellinger, and Miss Jane Holton received. Mrs. Henry Murdock poured punch during the first hour, Mrs. Howard Current during the second, and Mrs. J. B. Mayes, Mrs. Clyde Turner, Mrs. Foy Reavis, Mrs. Raymon Mayes served. Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. John Plyler were on the breezeway where guests said good-bye.

Mrs. Pheagin, the new lady of the parsonage, was very charming in a blue lace dress. Her flower was an orchid. Mrs. Bustle, president of the W.S.C.S., wore black sheer and she too had an orchid. The flowers were gifts of Mills Flower gardens and they were dressed by Cutting's Florist who also gave boutonnieres.

The dining room table, where lime punch and cookies were served, had a white cutwork cloth as cover and pink roses in a crystal bowl with pink tapers in crystal epergnettes of pink rose buds and baby's breath made the setting. Pink glads in a brass container and pink candles in brass holders were on the mantel with glads and rose buds on the



tables in the reception room. Red roses were used in the master bedroom and yellow in the other bedrooms with mixed flowers on the breezeway.

After seeing the parsonage, and visiting with the pastor and his family, many of the 200 or more guests who called went over to the Church and were shown over it by Messrs. Clyde Turner, John L. Fox, and Gilbert Bell.

Among the special visitors during the afternoon were two former pastors, Rev. H. M. Wellman with Mrs. Wellman of Statesville; Rev. and Mrs. Joe Taylor and Miss Mary Taylor of Greensboro. Other special guests were Rev. C. E. Bruce, pastor of Bethlehem church and Mrs. Bruce; Rev. and Mrs. Donald Haynes of Union Grove church; Rev. and Mrs. J. S. Johnson of Fifth Creek church; and Rev. and Mrs. Bryson Sweezy of Jones church in Mooresville, and Miss Elaine Sweezy.

There were many visitors from Mr. Pheagin's former church in Maiden and others from out-of-town. Those included Mr. and Mrs. Jim Johnston; Mr. and Mrs. Steele Adkins and daughter of Hickory; Miss Edith Hager of Washington, D. C.; Mrs. Lloyd Troutman of Kannapolis; Mrs. Caldwell Hager of Winston-Salem; and Miss Rachel Oakley of High Point, daughter of a former pastor of the Church.

The members of the congregation held a particular interest in visiting over the parsonage as they all helped in the building and in the furnishing of it.

Each room was furnished by some Church group, from the Primary and Junior groups that gave the fire sets to the Men's class that furnished the kitchen. The master bedroom was furnished by the Ladies class, the living room and dining room by the Upper Room class, and the two bedrooms by the Young Adults. The furnishings are well selected for the home, and rugs, draperies, and decorative touches blend with the style and finish of the rooms."

## CENTENNIAL

In 1970, New Salem observed its Centennial with five special events. On February 15, Bishop Earl G. Hunt, Jr., came to preach at the morning worship hour. Following the service, dinner was enjoyed in the Fellowship Hall.

During March, five former pastors returned and preached for Sunday night services. They were scheduled in the following order: Rev. George M. Carver; Rev. W. H. Pheagin, Jr.; Rev. Joseph M. Taylor, Jr.; Rev. E. H. Lowman; and Rev. Donald W. Haynes. Most of them were able to bring their families with them. Supper was served before each service.

June 7 was another special Sunday: Homecoming. Rev. D. W. Charlton, Jr., brought his family and he preached at the morning hour. This was followed by dinner at the pavilion.

July was a special singing month. Phillip S. Connolly arranged for special singing groups to come each Sunday night, bringing programs of gospel singing.

A pageant, "The New Salem Story," was presented on Saturday night, September 26. It was written by Ed Stafford and had some additions by Ross Mayes. A large number of actors from the local congregation appeared. It had an appreciative audience.

Mrs. Fred L. Swann was the general chairman for the Centennial observance. The following committee chairmen were selected to work with her.

### Program Committee

Rev. Garland R. Stafford and Mrs. Stafford.

Program Sub-Committee on Drama

Mrs. Victor McIntyre and Danny Hendrix.

Program Sub-Committee on Music

Mrs. Allen D. Campbell

and Mrs. Ralph Perkins Frazier.  
 Hospitality Committee  
 Richard B. Jenkins, Sr., and A. G. Campbell.  
 Hospitality Sub-Committee on Dinners  
 Mrs. O. Clyde Turner.  
 Hospitality Sub-Committee on Nursery  
 Mrs. William Parker.  
 Hospitality Sub-Committee on Ushers  
 Richard B. Jenkins, Sr.  
 Hospitality Sub-Committee on Decorations  
 Mrs. Patrick A. Hager.  
 Hospitality Sub-Committee on  
 Ecumenical Relations - Ross W. Mayes.  
 History Committee  
 Raymon D. Mayes.  
 Invitation Committee  
 Mrs. Ross W. Mayes and Mrs. James D. Warren.  
 Publicity Committee  
 Mrs. Gary W. Mize.

Almost everyone in the congregation was on a committee and did his tasks faithfully and well. Many photographs were taken during the activities and Figures 7.1 and 7.2 are representative of what the proceedings were like.



**Figure 7.1**  
 Cast of the centennial celebration



**Figure 7.2** Centennial Players. From left, Duane Carter, Essie Dellinger, Dorothy Harman, David Harman, Janet Haire

### OPEN HOUSE - HOMECOMING SEPTEMBER 14, 1975

An open house was conducted Sunday, September 14, 1975, from 3 to 5pm at New Salem, where an educational building was recently completed and the sanctuary had been renovated. Figure 7.3 is a photograph of the new Fellowship Hall shown on the left, with the Church on the right. The Church also observed Homecoming. After the 11 am worship service, dinner was served and special music was presented.



**Figure 7.3** Fellowship Hall with main church building

Dr. Garland Stafford of Statesville, a former pastor of New Salem, was the guest speaker at the morning service. Following the Homecoming dinner, the Steele Family singers from South River Methodist Church presented special music and singing.

The Open House to which the public was invited, was guided by the Building Committee. They included Richard Jenkins, Sr., and James Warren as co-chairmen. Others were Charlie Current, Louise McIntyre, Raymon Mayes, Clyde Turner, and Lucille Carter. The building fund drive was led by Harry Myers, Jr.

### **HUBERT BROWN APPRECIATION DAY**

Sunday, January 10, 1982, was "Hubert Brown Appreciation Day" at New Salem, as the congregation honored its pastor of six years. Jason V. Ellis, chairman of Pastor-Parish Committee, presented an engraved plaque to Rev. Brown. James Warren, co-chairman of the event, presented a Rockwell 32-inch Radial Drill Press with stand to the pastor from the congregation. Other members of the committee were Glenda Warren, Frank Harris, Joy Johnson, and Mary Gay Swann.

### **SCANDINAVIAN CARAVAN**

As part of an exchange program between the countries of Scandinavia (Denmark, Sweden, and Norway) and the Western North Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church, six young people from those countries were guests of New Salem from July 15-18, 1984. The young Christians were as follows:

Dag Olav Stokkin, Norway  
Tone Helen Hansen, Norway  
Helene Dufva, Sweden  
Anna Karin Johansson, Sweden

Bente Thomsen, Denmark  
 Hakan Romeborn, Sweden

They stayed at the homes of John and Sharon Caviness, Millie and Henry Elwell, and Virginia McConochie while being hosted by New Salem. They came to the U.S. in June and left in mid-August, traveling from church-to-church throughout the western part of the State. The program has been operated by the WNC Conference for 30 years. Scandinavian youth come to the U.S. one year, and American youth visit Scandinavian countries the next. The purpose of the Scandinavian Caravan is to share Christian faith and witness with fellow Methodists abroad.

During their stay they experienced such things as a lasagna supper, tour of a tobacco farm, a game of softball followed by a watermelon feast, a tour of Davis Hospital, a covered dish supper, a square dance, great fellowship, and a worship service led by themselves for us. Figure 7.4 shows the young people touring a tobacco farm under the guidance of Church member and Iredell County Agent John Caviness.

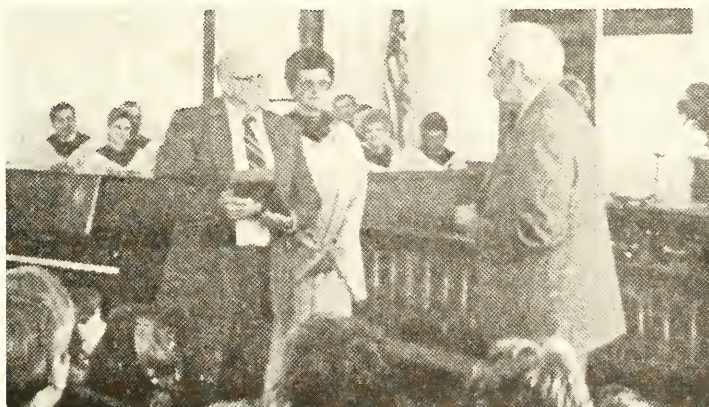


**Figure 7.4** From left, Hakan Romeborn, Bente Thomsen, Helene Dufva, Tone Helen Hansen, Anna Karin Johansson, and Dag Olav Stokken, John Caviness, and Bill York.

## A. G. CAMPBELL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Graduating high school students who are members of New Salem United Methodist Church are eligible to receive a scholarship for post-secondary education through a scholarship established to honor A. G. Campbell, a long time member of our Church. The scholarship fund was sponsored by the David Bunch Friendship Sunday School Class to honor A. G. for his continuing contributions to church activities. Figure 7.5 is a photograph of the presentation ceremony on March 6, 1985.

David Bunch presented a plaque and stated, "Mr. Campbell has given time, steadfastness and unselfish service to the New Salem Methodist Church family. This exemplary pattern set by Mr. Campbell will hopefully continue through the scholarship fund beneficiaries." David Bunch has been the Friendship Class teacher for many years.



**Figure 7.5** A.G. Campbell receiving plaque from David Bunch

## NEW SALEM UMW HONORS MRS. REAVIS

The United Methodist Women of New Salem honored Mrs. Lavenia Reavis at an informal reception in the Church Fellowship Hall in 1986. Mrs. Reavis was presented a plaque in appreciation of her work in the Church from the UMW by its president,

Mrs. Irene Mayes; see Figure 7.6.

Mrs. Reavis is a life-long member of New Salem. Before her move to the Methodist Home in Charlotte to make her new home, she was a most dedicated member, faithful in her attendance to worship, Sunday School, and Wednesday night services. She was very active in the UMW and was presented a Life Membership pin in 1968.

Mrs. Reavis is the third generation of her family to be a member of New Salem. Her grandfather, Thomas A. Murdock, was one of the first trustees when the Church was organized in 1870.



**Figure 7.6** Front row, from left, Libby McCune, Mrs. Reavis, Norris Reavis. Back row, Irene Mayes, Louella Reavis, Mary Gay Swann, Mildred Turner, Bill McCune, Rev. Reece Cook, Jr.

## CHRISMON BECOMES A CHURCH TRADITION

The year was 1986 and the big Christmas tree in the sanctuary had a special meaning for Mary Gay Swann. Mary Gay and the Swanns have deep roots in the New Salem Church.

A long time ago – more than 30 years, a friend says – she and her husband, the late Fred Swann, were tearing down a fence at their home,



when they found a tiny cedar seedling nestled against the fence.

Their first impulse was to cut it down, but then they decided to save it in the hope that it would thrive and one day become a Christmas tree for their Church.

Fred died December 10, 1981, and Mary Gay - more than 80 years old - is still active in the Church.

By 1986 the cedar was plump and beautifully proportioned and ready to fulfill its destiny. On that special tree, the women of the Church displayed special Chrismon decorations they had spent months making.

An article prepared for New Salem's Church bulletin says the idea of making new Chrismon ornaments for the tree was rekindled by Dot Wilkinson, an active worker in the Church. The members of Pearl Webb subgroup enthusiastically accepted the idea. Glenda Warren located Metaleen Morgan of Hickory, an instructor who specializes in this sort of handwork. Hans Heymann arranged for classes to be taught by Mrs. Morgan through Mitchell Community College. Figure 7.7 shows some of the women making ornaments for the Chrismon tree, and Figure 7.8 shows the Chrismon tree decorated with various ornaments.



**Figure 7.7** Fron, from left, Mary Gay Swann, Louise Carter, Louise McIntyre. Second row, Teacher Metaleen Morgan, Nora Yates



**Figure 7.8** The Chrismon Tree

When the Christmas season is over, the Chrismon tree is removed from the sanctuary, its branches removed and stored until the beginning of Lent. At that time its main trunk is cut and made into a rough cross. The bare cross is then placed in the Church sanctuary as a reminder of the Jesus who had to bear one on His way to His crucifixion.

On Easter Sunday, the cross is covered with a wire mesh as shown in Figure 7.9. Prior to the morning church service, the cross is then covered with flowers brought from church members' gardens. The flower-covered cross represents our belief that "Christ Has Risen." Figure 7.10 shows the appearance of the cross after it is outlined with flowers.



**Figure 7.9** Rough Cross made from Chrismon Tree and used at Easter



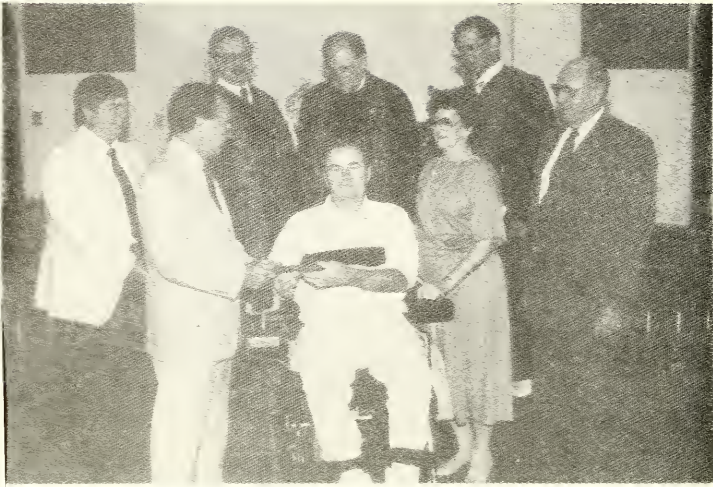
**Figure 7.10** Cross covered with flowers representing our belief "Christ Has Risen"

## JASON ELLIS HONORED

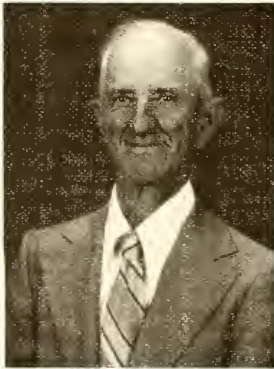
Jason Ellis has been the District President of the United Methodist Men's Club for many years. On Sunday, July 23, 1989, the Methodist Men of New Salem United Methodist Church honored him with a lifetime membership in the organization. That day also was known as JASON ELLIS DAY.

Jason has served the Methodist Men in the Statesville District and Conference levels, and became the first in the Statesville district to receive the honor. He is only the 52nd person in the Western North Carolina Conference to be so honored.

Following the presentation of the lifetime membership, which is shown in Figure 7.11, Jason and his family were guests of a luncheon in Fellowship Hall. Dr. Donald Haynes, representing the Western North Carolina Conference, Rev. Reginald Cooke, Statesville District Superintendent, and Mr. Jimmy Mauney, Conference president of the Men's Club were present during the presentation.



**Figure 7.11** Pictured in foreground from left, Jimmy Mauney, Jason and Laura Ellis, Vic McIntyre. Back row, Frank Harris, Rev. James Reeves, Dr. Donald Haynes, and Rev. Reginald Cooke



**Figure 7.12**  
Ed Clendenin

## ED CLENDENIN NIGHT

April 25, 1990, was the evening New Salem honored Ed Clendenin (Figure 7.12) for his many years of faithful service to the Church. The celebration was the finale for the regular Wednesday evening Bible studies discussed in Chapter 11. Almost 200 friends and relatives ate supper with Mr. Ed, and then adjourned to the Church sanctuary. There a congregational sing and admiration hour took place for him. Long a lover of singing as a tenor, Mr. Ed and the congregation spent an hour singing with him and being entertained by other singing groups. Figure 7.13 shows Mr. Ed eating with some of his friends before the song fest.



**Figure 7.13** Ed Clendenin and friends eating before the song fest, April 25, 1990

## RECEPTION FOR REVEREND H. L. MORRISON

A tea was given Sunday, July 8, 1990, in the Fellowship Hall of New Salem to welcome Rev. and Mrs. Hayward L. Morrison, who assumed the pastorate in June.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Elwell, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Mayes and Ms. Jane Kirby, welcomed guests and introduced them to Rev. and Mrs. Morrison and their daughter, Sally, and grandson, Lee.

Guests were then directed to the refreshment table to enjoy apricot punch and tea dainties. Punch was served by Mrs. Wayne Stikeleather, the President of the United Methodist Women, and Ms. Sue Baker. The United Methodist Women and Pastor Parish committee sponsored the tea.



# CHAPTER EIGHT

## CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS

### UNITED METHODIST MEN

The United Methodist Men of New Salem United Methodist Church was first chartered March 21, 1958, with 25 members.

Patrick Hager	Carl Johnston
Gilbert Bell	Joe E. Webb
Lloyd C. Reynolds	J. B. Mayes
John A. Plyler	Wayne Stikeleather
Howard Current	Elmer Mayes
Jason Ellis	A. G. Campbell
Henry Murdock	W. H. Bustle
Raymon Mayes	Clyde Turner
Glenn Mayes	Richard Jenkins
P. S. Connelly	Arthur Campbell
Marian Waugh	David Bunch
Fred Hager	Fred L. Swann
John W. Webb	

Eight of these members were still active in 1988.

The Club has been responsible for several projects. In 1965-66 it completed a recreation park for children. It gave material aid in reducing the debt on the pavilion. The barbecue pit was built in 1983, and is a memorial to Gilbert Bell, one of the charter members. Figures 8.1 and 8.2 show the completed structure and some of those who helped build it.



**Figure 8.1** Barbecue pit built in 1983



**Figure 8.2** From left, Mack Harder, Bill Warren, Cash McCall, Glenn Mayes, Dwight Pyatt, Wade Harbin



For years, members of New Salem have joined Conference building teams who have helped people in third world countries in the Caribbean, Mexico, and Central America. They helped in building churches and parsonages and in off-setting the expenses for those trips. See section "*BUILDING TEAMS*" for more information on participants.

When New Salem began broadcasting the worship services from a Statesville radio station in 1987, Methodist Men helped underwrite the project.

To raise money for their projects, the Club has bailed pine needles for sale, sold firewood, and now have two barbecue suppers a year. This enabled the Club to contribute \$500 to the building teams, and \$5,000 to worthy causes since 1986, including \$1,294 to help a member get medical treatment abroad.

The Club has had some outstanding speakers at its meetings such as N.C. Attorney-General Rufus Edmiston who spoke to the Club on drug abuse. Other speakers have included State Representative J. P. Huskins; Iredell County Sheriff LeRoy Reavis; Statesville Police Chief J.D. Myers; and Hugh Morton of Grandfather Mountain. Chub Seawell, an outstanding national Christian speaker, gave a very inspiring program. Blaine Madison, of the N. C. Department of Correction, Juvenile Division, spoke on his responsibilities in his work.

One of the members, Jason Ellis, served as president of the Statesville District United Methodist Men from 1985 until his tragic automobile accident in April 1988 which left him immobile.

In 1985 the Methodist Men of New Salem was presented an "Outstanding Fellowship Award" from the Annual Conference United Methodist Men in recognition of service to the active program of United Methodist Men.

Members who have served the Club as presidents are as follows:

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>PRESIDENT</u>
1975	Allan Rodgers
1976	Charles Carter
1977	Charles Carter
1978	Jason Ellis
1979	Jack Moore
1980	Jack Moore
1981	Frank Harris
1982	Fred Oakes
1983	David Henderson
1984	John Caviness
1985	Charles Schneider
1986	Albert Church
1987	Frank Harris
1988	Carlton Hewitt
1989	Victor McIntyre
1990	Victor McIntyre

## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

### CHARTER MEMBERS OF THE WOMEN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE 1940

Background Note: The first women's organization of New Salem Church was a Ladies Aid Society that was formed in 1922 with Mrs. Joe Webb as president. She served five years. Mrs. D.L. Warren and Mrs. W.C. Mayes, now members of the Women's Society of Christian Service, were charter members of the Ladies Aid Society. From a pledge of 10 cents per month, the ladies paid for painting the church in 1937 at a cost of \$77.00. There were 25 members in 1939 when Mrs. Patrick A. Hager was president.

Of the three charter members of the Ladies Aid Society mentioned above, only Mrs. D. L. (Girlye B.) Warren (see figure 8.3) is alive in 1990 at age 101: she is the oldest member of New Salem Church. Girlye Barker was born February 9, 1889, to William



**Figure 8.3** Girlie Warren

and Margaret Barker. She and her husband, Dan Warren, came to the New Salem Community in 1919. Mrs. Warren has given over 70 years of loyal service to New Salem Church. As long as her health permitted, she was faithful in attendance at wor-

ship service, Sunday School, and the United Methodist Women. She has children, grand children, and great grand children who are active members of New Salem. Her faithfulness and dedication is a great example and challenge to us all.

In 1940, the Ladies Aid Society joined with the women throughout the Methodist Church to form the Women's Society of Christian Service. The charter members of the 1940 organization were as follows:

- |                      |                       |
|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Mrs. Harvey Murdock  | Mrs. Joe Webb         |
| Mrs. P. A. Hager     | Mrs. W.C. Mayes       |
| Mrs. D. L. Warren    | Mrs. E. P. Hager      |
| Mrs. Caldwell Hager  | Mrs. A. P. Fox        |
| Mrs. J. Coit Webb    | Mrs. Everett Fox      |
| Mrs. R. N. Cornelius | Mrs. Fred Hager       |
| Mrs. D. M. Parlier   | Mrs. Elmer Mayes      |
| Mrs. J. B. Mayes     | Mrs. Neely Overcash   |
| Miss Gladys Mayes    | Miss Milenda Gant     |
| Miss Florine Fox     | Miss Pauline Webb     |
| Miss Eula Mayes      | Mrs. J. J. Williams   |
| Mrs. Melvin Luther   | Mrs. Walter Miller    |
| Mrs. J. O. Banks     | Mrs. Minnie W. Taylor |
| Mrs. Luther Cauthen  | Mrs. Moody Cornelius. |

During the early 1950's, the United Methodist Women's organization continued to be known as the Women's Missionary Society of Christian Service.

Then the group had general meetings only.

There were no circles, or subgroups. Attendance was good and membership ran in the 40's. There was an emphasis on missions, helping with church projects and debt retirement, and remembering the sick and shut-ins. The Society was helping pay for the current sanctuary building then. One interesting note was that when roll call was made at the meetings, members answered by telling the number of visits made or flowers or food taken to the sick during the past month.

To help raise money, a friendship quilt in shades of deep pink and blue was made. For the price of one dollar, a person's name was embroidered on the quilt. Although years have passed, much about the UMW has remained constant, with a thread of love and service continuing to be woven throughout the organization, then and now.

This labor of love was accomplished by spreading the work among various sub-groups to which the ladies of the Church could join according to their interests. Although the names of the subgroups and the number of meetings were different, their purpose and projects were very similar. Currently there are three such groups. The Mildred Turner subgroup is named for a faithful, dedicated member of the Church for many years, who now serves as chairman of the group. The Pearl Webb subgroup and the Janie Colvert sub-groups were each named for a faithful, dedicated member of the UMW, both deceased. Mrs. Webb served as first president when the women were organized in 1922. Mrs. Colvert served a term of 8 years as treasurer.

During 1968-1972, Glenda Warren was president of the women's group. Their activities were varied then. Some of the projects completed in 1971 were as follows:

- (1.) - \$75.00 was raised to support building team members.
- (2.) - 44 containers of horticulture bulbs were planted to go to shut-ins and rest homes.
- (3.) - 23 Christmas boxes were prepared and delivered to the sick and shut-ins.

In 1967 the following members of the UMW were presented with an Emblem Pin. That pin signifies that they have given faithfully of their prayer time and talents to the Church and the United Methodist Women.

Mrs. D. L. Warren	Mrs. R. H. Crouch
Mrs. Bertha Turner Massey	Mrs. Ella Beckham

Mrs. Mildred Turner was honored by being chosen outstanding United Methodist Woman to represent New Salem United Methodist Church in the Conference Centennial Scrapbook. She was presented a centennial pin because of the honor.

The year 1972 was a busy one for the organization. In that year when WSCS began its year in January instead of June, they planned and carried out a successful bazaar that was church wide. The women worked from early in the year until fall, preparing for the occasion. They used one of the store fronts on East Broad Street, Statesville, near the old Ford Motor Co. as the site for the sale. Wooden items, quilts, afghans, canned goods, craft items and plants were sold. Our Church members worked long and hard for this. The profit of about \$2,000 was donated to the Building Fund. Figure 8.4 and 8.5 shows the activity of the group during the bazaar work.



**Figure 8.4**  
Agnes Mayes  
and Louise  
Carter showing  
the crafts  
on sale by the  
New Salem  
Women



**Figure 8.5**  
A view of the  
many canned  
goods put up  
by the UMW  
for the bazaar

## CHARTER MEMBERS OF THE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

In 1968 the United Methodist Women came into being in the United Methodist Church due to the merger of the Evangelical United Brethren Church and the Methodist Church.

Near the end of 1971, the WSCS of New Salem had been given an opportunity to vote on a new name for the Conference organization of women. New Salem was given the choice of three names, and our group chose "United Methodist Women." New Salem United Methodist Women came into being in January, 1973.

Following is a list of the charter members of this organization at New Salem.

Mrs. A. C. Crouch	Mrs. Jason Ellis
Mrs. Fred Lazenby	Mrs. Raymon Mayes
Mrs. Gary Mize	Mrs. E. D. Beckham
Mrs. Troy Evans	Mrs. W. G. Warren
Mrs. A. G. Campbell	Mrs. Wade Harbin
Mrs. W. C. Mayes	Mrs. W. T. Colvert, Sr.
Mrs. Fred S. Hager	Mrs. R. H. Crouch
Mrs. Danny Hendrix	Mrs. Foy Reavis
Mrs. Dorothy Pritchard	Mrs. Oscar Dellinger
Mrs. Elmer Mayes	Mrs. P. A. Hager
Mrs. A. P. Matlock	Mrs. Bill Warren
Mrs. Allen D. Campbell	Mrs. O. Clyde Turner
Mrs. John Lewis Fox, Sr.	Mrs. Homer A. Barker
Mrs. Quint H. McCoy	Mrs. Fred Swann
Mrs. Robert Campbell	Mrs. Philip Connolly
Mrs. Everett W. Fox	Mrs. Roy Vinson
Mrs. Wayne Stikeleather	Mrs. Earl D. Mayes, Jr.
Mrs. James D. Warren	Mrs. Ross W. Mayes
Mrs. W. H. Bustle	Mrs. Gene Haire
Mrs. David Harmon	Mrs. D. L. Warren
Mrs. Richard B. Jenkins, Sr.	

### THOSE WHO HAVE SERVED AS PRESIDENTS OF THE DIFFERENT WOMEN'S ORGANIZATIONS

Mrs. Joe E. Webb	1922
Mrs. Harvey Murdock	1923
Mrs. P. A. Hager	1924
Mrs. Caldwell Hager	1925
Mrs. Everett Fox	1926
Mrs. John H. Webb	1927
Mrs. Ross W. Mayes	1952-1954
Mrs. Raymon Mayes	1955-1957
Mrs. W. H. Bustle	1960-1962
Mrs. O. Clyde Turner	1963
Mrs. Gene Haire	1964-1967
Mrs. James D. Warren	1968-1972
Mrs. Robert Lackey	1974-1977

Mrs. Wayne Stikeleather	1978-1980
Mrs. James Warren	1981-1982
Mrs. Irene Mayes	1983-1986
Mrs. Richard Jenkins, Jr.	1987-1989
Mrs. Wayne Stikeleather	1990-
* Mrs. Ross W. Mayes also served in 1973	

During Naomi Stikeleather's leadership in 1978-1980, a memorable event occurred. Each member of the New Salem UMW was invited to place her signature on a paper which Naomi took to the UMW Conference at Lake Junaluska. There in a special service in Stuart Auditorium, all similarly signed papers from UMW organizations comprising the entire Western North Carolina Conference were attached to a screen at the front of the auditorium. Every person was given a card with her name on it, signifying that she was a Charter Member of the UMW. "This was a very touching ceremony," Naomi said.

Glenda Warren had a second term as president in 1981-82. It was in 1981 that the UMW awarded Mrs. Jamie Bustle a Special Mission Recognition Pin in the United Methodist Women. Jamie served two terms as president of the ladies group at New Salem. It was during Glenda's second term that the UMW collected recipes and put together a cook book with Nancy Mayes and Brenda Kilgore as co-chairmen.

One of the long standing money-making projects is the Iredell County Personnel Club dinner. It dates back to the early 1950s. It is always a buffet style dinner of chicken, country ham, home-made biscuits, vegetables, salads, and desserts with coffee and tea. The Planning Committee always does a superb job, but usually had quite a bit of food left. However, in 1988, President Prissy Jenkins states, the meal was finished with virtually no food left over. To the Committee's surprise, when they



cleared the serving table, there were only 3 ham biscuits, and 5 pieces of fried chicken remaining. All the other dishes were practically empty. That was one year the food was figured a little too close for comfort. In spite of that, the diner's must have had plenty because the Club gave the usual generous bonus, above the regular price for the meal, and they are still coming back as of 1990.

## YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS

The Epworth League was the original name of the youth group in the Methodist Church. In the '40s, it became the Methodist Youth Fellowship. When the Methodist Church combined with the Evangelical United Brethren in 1968, it became the United Methodist Youth Fellowship and remains so today.

In the days of the Epworth League, few people had cars and most youth activities centered around the church and community. Those activities included picnics, ball games, watermelon parties, singings and occasional visits from another church group or a sub-district group.

In the summer while Joe Taylor was the preacher, he would take the entire young and children's departments to a camp on the Catawba River called Buffalo Shoals. His mother went as cook. Food was provided from the farms and gardens of the parents. Counselors from the adult membership went and the whole group stayed a full week.

Camp Tekoa, the Conference camp, located in Hendersonville, N.C., began in the late '40s and early '50s. New Salem has always had good attendance at Tekoa. One summer, twenty-two youths attended and several went on to become counselors there.

District camps were established in the early '60s. Our district camp is Camp Carolwood in Lenoir. The two camps, plus many other places

have kept the youth motivated. Various places the youth have attended include Camp Ashburn Acres for retreats, Pfeiffer College for swimming, trips to Carowinds, Disney World in Florida, the World's Fair in Tennessee, and the Carolina beaches, to name a few.

New Salem has always had a strong youth program. There have been many willing adults giving of their time as counselors and teachers to keep the program active. Some who have helped over the past forty years include the following: Carlton Hewitt, Avon and Charles Schneider, Louise and Vic McIntyre, Brenda and Jim Hawks, Lena Matlock, Jim and Joan Williams, Naomi and Wayne Stikeleather, Joyce and Wayne Mayes, Irene Mayes, Bonnie and Bill Warren, Glenda and James Warren, Glenda and Maurice Jenkins, Kathy and John Potts, Tim and Vanessa Jones, Sharon and Tony Bishop, and others.

Gary Mitchell was the first paid counselor for New Salem. He was at New Salem during the years 1976-78. During his stay, he organized the Youth Choir and presented a musical program entitled, "Light Shine." That Choir consisted of over 30 youths of the Church. The group is shown in Figure 8.6.

Following him were Duke divinity students who provided youth programs during the summer months. They were paid jointly by the Conference and New Salem Church and were boarded by various members of the congregation.

The first out of state trip by the youth group was to Disney World in 1978. Twenty-three individuals went with adult supervision by Pastor Hubert Brown and his wife, Norma, James and Glenda Warren, and Wayne and Namoi Stikeleather. Charlie and Avon Schneider worked hard and planned the trip, but at the last moment were unable to go due to a death in the family. The trip was not entirely



**Figure 8.6** Front row from left, Gary Mitchell, Leigh Warren, Julie Pritchard, Kelle Stikeleather, Penny Ross. Second row, Lisa Starrette, Scottie Stamper, Kim Hawks, Laura Rogers. Third row, Cindy Cornelius, Michelle Williams, Joy Johnson, Jewel Combs, Tim Ross. Fourth row, Greg Schneider, Tim Johnson, Todd Hewitt, Chuck Schneider, Teddy Nellis, Scott Wilkinson. Back row, Mark Wilkinson, Brian Bell, Neal Adkins, James Campbell, Will Montgomery, Clive Bell. Not pictured are Janet Hewitt, Mark Mitchell, Kristen McIntyre, Tracy Stikeleather, Gina Stamper, and David Warren

adult sponsored because the youth worked for one year earning money to pay their way.

In 1982 a trip was made to Knoxville, Tennessee, by the United Methodist Fellowship Group, and the UMYF, to visit the World's Fair being held there. Among the adults accompanying the group were Hubert and Norma Brown, Wayne and Namoi Stikeleather, Tim and Vanessa Jones, Janet Haire, and Bill and Rosalie Skeens.

In 1984, New Salem interviewed Jane Kirby for a part-time position as organist and choir director. It was learned that Mrs. Kirby had experience in a combination position of music and education. For some time the church had considered the possibility of hiring a Director of Christian Education. With the option of having one person rather than two part-time persons, the church decided to ask Mrs. Kirby to become the Director of Music and Education full time.

In June 1984, Jane Kirby began her work at New Salem. One of the first areas of concentration was the youth program. The UMYF began having a schedule of a snack supper every week as a break between youth choir and their meeting, instead of once a month. Some traditional activities and events that were begun in 1985 were spring and fall retreats, at least one skiing trip each year, a summer trip each year, with a larger trip every 4 or 5 years.

Another trip was made to Disney World in the summer of 1986. The young people and their parents participated in diversified fund raising activities to help pay for the trip. The young people worked with a point system and many earned the full cost of the trip. Adults who accompanied them were Rev. Reece Cook, Rosalie Skeens (Youth Coordinator), Mike Gantt, Sharon Caviness and Jane Kirby.

The youth have also been actively involved in service projects. They held an auction to help pay for the father of one of the members to receive special medical treatment in Germany. They have had "rock-a-thons" for cystic fibrosis, cookie "bake-ins" for shut-ins, Christmas caroling to shut-ins, Valentine visits to shut-ins, and clean-up sessions for the Church grounds, just to name a few.

One tradition that was begun in 1986 was a yearly talent show-spaghetti supper. It has become an event that the whole Church looks forward to

with pleasure. In 1989 the youth group decided to have a "Youth Sunday." They accepted the responsibilities of the total worship service and the teaching of all the Sunday School classes. It was a success and probably will also become a tradition.

At the present, we have on roll in the New Salem Church, approximately 40 young people in the Junior and Senior programs. There are also 21 young adults attending colleges in the Carolinas. New Salem's future remains in the hands of our most valuable assets: our youth.



# CHAPTER NINE

## MUSIC AT NEW SALEM

New Salem has been fortunate in having faithful and competent service in its choir and from those who have played the organ and piano.

Those who have directed the choir over the years are as follows:

Martha Nell Plyler	Late '50-1960
Glenn Mayes	1960-1962
Janet Harder Lackey	1962-1980
Gary Mitchell	1976-1978
Cash McCall	1980-1984

In 1984 Jane Kirby became the first employed organist and choir director. Her education, training, and ability made definite advances in the Church's music.

Organists have been as follows:

Martha Nell Plyler	
Jane Holton	
Verna Dean Campbell Snow	
Carol Pheagin	
Joan Haynes	1962-1964
Elaine Mayes Blackburn	1964-1969

Rose Clendenin Frazier	1969-1972
Mary Davis	1972-1976
Rita Mason	1976-1978
Sue Sander	1978-1979
Kelle Stikeleather Love	1978-1979
Tim Goins	1979-1980
Janice Keener	
Hilda Pyatt	
Jane Kirby	

Glenda Parker has played the piano for the Church music since 1978.

Since 1984 there has been an active music program for all ages. Figure 9.1 shows the youngest choir contributing to a Sunday worship service. Since 1984, the Youth Choir has done a musical, "Now Hear It Again" and a special Christmas concert each year. The adult choir has presented a Christmas and Palm-Passion cantata each year. Its goal was to learn the "Hallelujah Chorus" from Handel's *Messiah*. In December of 1986 that goal was attained as a part of the Christmas music and has continued each year. Figure 9.2 shows the choir presenting the Chorus in 1989.



**Figure 9.1** Children's choir in front of altar





**Figure 9.2** Adult choir of New Salem United Methodist Church

In the summer of 1989 Mrs. Kirby directed a Children's Music Day Camp for elementary children. It was to be an introduction for a graded music ministry, which would begin in the fall. The day camp was well attended, and with the help of Vanessa Jones and Loretta Stone, the children were given a variety of activities and learning experiences. When the first day for children's music ministry arrived in the fall, the Fellowship Hall was filled with parents and children. That particular program for children has been very successful.

At Christmas of 1989 in spite of an ice storm that changed the performance date, the children presented a full musical entitled, "Little Christmas Lamb." All the choirs participate in worship services with the adult choir singing almost every Sunday.



# CHAPTER TEN

## STAFF GROWTH

During the first year of Rev. Hubert Brown's ministry at New Salem in 1976, Mrs. James Warren was employed as the Church's first salaried Church secretary. She served until January 1982 when Mrs. Wendell Worthington, (Figure 10.1), was employed as Church secretary. She continues in that position.

On June 24, 1984, Mrs. Jane Kirby, (Figure 10.2), was employed as New Salem's first salaried Director of Music and Christian education. In 1988 she began her training as a Diaconal Minister requiring several years before being consecrated as such. She served as Director of Music and Christian Education until November of 1990.

Other salaried members of the Church staff have included the following:

- Groundskeeper - Allen Rogers
- Eric Patterson

- Custodians - Mrs. Lavinia Reavis  
- Mrs. Mary Estes  
- Mrs. Bera Mayes  
- Mrs. Gwenda Parker  
- Mrs. Louise Carter  
- Maury Jenkins  
- Amy Jenkins  
- Carrie Bishop



**Figure 10.1** Doris Worthington, Church Secretary



**Figure 10.2**  
Jane Kirby, former  
Director of Music and  
Education

# CHAPTER ELEVEN

## FELLOWSHIP AND STUDY

### WEDNESDAY FAMILY NIGHT

New Salem was experiencing a very low attendance at the Wednesday Night Bible Study. Approximately ten or twelve were attending each week. The pastor, Rev. Hubert Brown, was much concerned and was working toward a family/fellowship/Bible Study, with supper served.

On January 16, 1982, the first Family Fellowship Bible study was held with supper served at 6:15 pm. Attendance that night was 60. The price of the supper was set up on a donation basis with \$1.50 suggested for adults and \$.75 for children. As of October 1987, the price was increased to \$2.00 for adults and \$1.00 for children. This is a family event of fellowship, food, prayer, singing, and Bible study - something for all ages. A nursery is provided also.

Several church members have had leadership roles. Mrs. Irene Mayes was in charge of the children's story hour. Choir practice followed the

Bible study. Cash McCall, director of the Adult Choir, Mrs. Sue Sander, director of the children's choir and youth choir were the volunteer directors of our music program at that time. Mrs. Fred Swann was responsible for preparing the meal from January 16, 1982, until February 3, 1986. At that time, when the average weekly attendance was 102, Joan Feeney volunteered to assume this responsibility. Mrs. Feeney also became New Salem's first Church Hostess and relinquished that position to Lou Davis in 1987. Others helping in preparing the meals have included the following: Nora Yates, Mary McCall, Hilda Church, Louise Carter, Laura Ellis, Millie Elwell, Lucille Connolly, Hilda Pyatt, and Willie Shoemaker, a non-member but supporter of New Salem.

Rev. Hubert Brown taught the Bible study until June 1982. At that time Rev. Dwight Pyatt was appointed to New Salem. He taught the study until June 1984 when Rev. Reece E. Cook, Jr., was appointed to New Salem. The average weekly attendance for 1987 was 108. In June 1988, Rev. James R. Reeves was appointed to New Salem and taught the Bible Study until the appointment of Rev. Hayward Morrison in 1990.

During Rev. Cook's ministry, a dialogue group for junior and senior high school students was added to the Wednesday night program. The leaders for this group were Betsy Cook, Amy Niblock, Sharon and Tony Bishop. This group did not continue.

One of the highlights of the Wednesday evening Bible studies was the visitation of Bishop L. Bevel Jones, presiding bishop of the Western North Carolina Annual conference of the United Methodist Church. He visited on February 25, 1987, to dine with the members of the study group and share his Methodist goals with us.

## FROM THE CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE

The *CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE* is a weekly newspaper put out by the Methodist Board of Publications, Inc., Greensboro College, Greensboro, N.C. It covers church news for the North Carolina Conference consisting of Methodist churches east of Greensboro to the Atlantic Ocean, and the Western North Carolina Conference for Methodist churches west from there to the border of Tennessee. The June 2, 1986 issue of the Advocate carried the following article with a dateline of Statesville.

### BIBLE STUDY AT NEW SALEM 'OUTSTANDING'

One of the outstanding programs in New Salem Church is its Wednesday Family Night Bible study.

The program could be a model for other churches desiring to improve their church fellowship, Bible knowledge and community participation. "It is an excellent way to attract new members and make them a working part of God's Church," said Henry G. Elwell, Jr., chairperson of the Administrative Board.

The Wednesday evening Bible Study was started in 1976 by the Reverend Hubert Brown with approximately 10 to 12 members in attendance. Participation did not improve, much to Brown's concern. He then decided to make it a Family Fellowship Bible Study with supper served at 6:15 p.m. Attendance at the first such meeting in January of 1976 was 60. That format proved very successful, and continued through the Rev. Dwight Pyatt's pastorate. Current attendance under the Rev. Reece Cook averages 103 with a high of 132.

This is a family event of good food at a non-profit price, fellowship, prayer, singing, and Bible study. Children's activities have something for all ages, with a nursery provided. Topics studied have

included Revelation, the Gospel according to St. John, prayer, the Articles of Religion and others.

One of the secrets of success is the selection of excellent cooks for the kitchen. Mary Gay Swann and Nora Yates were the first to prepare menus and meals with the help of other Church women. At present, Joan Feeney has undertaken the job of chef.

"Combining excellent meals, children supervision, thoughtful Bible Study, and discussion, as well as holding choir after the Bible Study, has produced an enthusiastic spirit of Christian fellowship and cooperation. How would you like such a Wednesday night Christian gathering with a ready pool of enthusiastic workers for other church tasks?" Elwell said, in praising the study's outreach and recommending it to other churches in the WNC Conference. (End of news item)

Photographs were taken during one of the regular Wednesday Bible meeting after the evening meal and are shown in Figures 11.1 and 11.2.



**Figure 11.1** Views of attendees at the regular Wednesday evening Bible study.





**Figure 11.2** Attendees awaiting beginning of Bible Study; Rev. Reece Cook at the white board

One of the features of the Wednesday Bible study occurs on Maundy Thursday; the regular Wednesday occasion is changed for that one night. A Seder meal is served Thursday night duplicating the last supper Jesus had with his disciples. Figure 11.3 shows Reverend Reeves at the serving table containing the food to be eaten. The menu includes only those foods that were probably eaten at that Last Supper. Items shown are bread, butter, honey, cheeses, dates, and grapes. At the individual tables were placed parsley, a bowl of salt water, a container of grape juice, and candles. No utensils are provided because the meal duplicates the conditions experienced in the time of Christ.



**Figure 11.3** Rev. Reeves during the Seder dinner representing Christ's last supper with his disciples. Only foods representing those used by Jesus are served

# CHAPTER TWELVE

## RECREATION

In 1948 New Salem men organized a softball team and played in the Bethany Church League until it folded in 1952.

That year, the team bought the poles and light bulbs from Bethany and moved them to New Salem. Davie Electric Membership Corporation personnel helped install them across New Salem Church Road from the front of the present parsonage.

A church league of six teams was organized for men, and a Bible League baseball team was created of four teams for boys of 9-12 years of age.

In the late 1960's, the Church bought eight acres of land on the east side of the Church and the playing field was moved there, where it now remains.

In the 1970's, new poles and sealed beam lights were installed and the backstop fence was rebuilt. A softball league of six teams for girls and women was organized.

In 1990 the Recreation Committee entered its 38th year of scheduled recreation. The Recreation Committee is made up of a chairman and ten committee members. Everyone works on a voluntary basis. Several from New Salem spend 100 to 200 hours each year, year after year. One person from Temple Baptist gives 175 hours each year. A married couple from Linney's Grove Methodist spend 100 hours each season keeping score. Also, a volunteer from Union Grove Methodist spends over 100 hours each year. Along with these individuals, there are several more from other churches, without whose dedication to this program, there would be no way of continuing it year after year. This is truly a community project.

The Recreation Committee operates on its own finance program. It pays for all fencing, light poles, light bills, light bulbs (which in 1990 cost \$23.00 per bulb), balls, scorebooks, and the upkeep on the field. They charge each softball team a \$125 entry fee. They have six men's teams and usually four girl's teams, comprising a total of about 150 players.

The Little League consists of four baseball teams including boys and girls 8-12 years of age. There are approximately 60 children participating in that League. Sponsors include Beaver's Store, Parlier Plumbing, Cliff-Day and JayBees'. The sponsors give \$100 every year and each boy and girl is charged \$10. That pays for equipment, trophies, insurance, and uniforms. The Little League coaches are all adults and are sincerely dedicated to the boys and girls. Each team has three coaches. There is a husband/wife combination as scorekeepers, who, in seven years, have missed only two games and have never been late for any other game. All the volunteers love the boys and girls and the children respect them for their help.

In 1983 the Little Leaguers were taken to Atlanta Stadium to see the Atlanta Braves play against the N.Y. Mets. Seventy-eight players, coaches, concession workers and scorekeepers went along.

In 1984, 34 went to Charlotte to see Charlotte play against Texas, and in 1988, 92 Little Leaguers including coaches and other workers went back to Atlanta to see the Braves play San Diego. It is suggested that the New Salem community would be rated on top in N.C. for the number of young people having seen a professional baseball game.

The activities of the Recreation Committee are part of the relaxation, fun, and fellowship of meeting new friends that are important parts of a Christian community.

Besides the ball field,( Figure 12.1), which is also used by boys football teams, tennis and volley ball courts have been built. A picnic area with play equipment for children has been constructed - see Figure 12.2.



**Figure 12.1** The Ball field part of Recreation area



**Figure 12.2** Children's and picnic area of recreation facilities with barbecue pit in background

In 1989, a walk extending around the periphery of the Church property was built for use by Church members and those of the surrounding community. Its construction cost was negligible to the Church members. Bobby Warren contacted Betty Wooten of Jack Wooten Incorporated, Bobby Church of Church Grading Company, Dwight Younger of Martin-Marietta, and Al Mendaloff, a friend, for assistance. With their donations of time, materials, and money, plus a few outside contributions, the walking path became a reality. It was opened with a ribbon cutting ceremony at the Church Homecoming in September 1989. The balance of the debt was paid off in January 1990 from the proceeds of a spaghetti supper sponsored by the Modern Christian Living Sunday School Class who agreed to help sponsor the park in 1991. The path was turned over to the Church at Homecoming in September 1990.

Prior to 1987 a bus was used for the convenience and fellowship of transporting Church members and their guests to various recreational and religious functions. It became necessary to decide

whether to continue its high maintenance and discomfort in favor of a modern air conditioned bus. In 1987 a second hand bus, meeting the criteria set forth for one, was purchased. It is used for youth and adult trips on a pay-as-you-go basis. Figure 12.3 shows the new bus with New Salem identification on its side.



**Figure 12.3** Bus purchased for church trips





# CHAPTER THIRTEEN

## MISSION BUILDING TEAMS

New Salem has been noteworthy in the number of its members who have participated in mission building teams. These teams of volunteer workers from over the Western North Carolina Conference helped build churches and a parsonage in this and other countries. They go under Conference auspices.

Mission building team activity was initiated in 1963 by Dr. Nat M. Harrison, former president of High Point College. He had seen the plight of termite-riddled wood buildings, including churches, when he visited Puerto Rico earlier; masonry was the remedy.

It is believed that Ross Mayes who joined a team that went to Costa Rica in 1964 was the first volunteer from New Salem. He pointed out that Christian fellowship with the local people was worth more to them, and for those who went, than just sending money to get the work done. Many more volunteers from New Salem were to follow.

The following is a record of their endeavors with the names listed in alphabetical order rather than chronologically by date of activity. Their name, the date of activity, and the structure on which they worked is shown.

Hubert Brown	Buenos, Mexico, 1981	Church
A. G. Campbell	St. Croix, 1968	Church
Lucille Carter	Haiti, 1984	School
Willis Carter	Puerto Rico, 1979	Church
Randy Foster	Monterey, Mexico 1980	Church
Ralph Frazier	Puerto Rico, 1972	Church
Wade & Betty Harbin	Haiti, 1979	Training Camp
	Monterey, Mexico 1980	Church
	Jamaica, 1981	Community Bldg
	Panama, 1982	Church
	Costa Rica, 1983	Library/ Meeting Room
	Haiti, 1984	Church School
	Acapulca, Mexico, 1985	Church
	Antigua, W.I., 1986	Conference Center
	Marlinton, W. Va., 1986	Repair flood damage
	Acapulca, Mexico, 1987	Church
	Puerto Rico, 1988	Church
	Kenya, Africa, 1989	Training Institute
	Jamaica, 1990	Church
Victor McIntyre	St. Croix, 1968	Church
	St. Croix, 1969	Church
	St. Croix, 1970	Church
	Puerto Rico, 1971	Parsonage
	Puerto Rico, 1972	Church
	Monteray, Mex, 1980	Church

	Monteray, Mex, 1981	Church
	Puerto Rico, 1982	Church
	Monteray, Mex, 1983-4	Church
	Acapulca, Mex, 1985-7	Church
	1988	
	1989	
	Puerto Rico/ Jamaica 1990	Church
	Zaire 1990	School
Agnes Mayes	Costa Rica, 1972	
Ross Mayes	Costa Rica, 1964/1972	
Wayne Mayes	Haiti, 1981	Dining Hall
Fred Oakes	Jamaica, 1981	Community Building
Bill & Bonnie Warren & Vic McIntyre	Marlinton, W. Va. 1986	Repair Flood damage

Other members of the Church have done work at Camp Tekoa, Camp Elk Shoals and Camp Carolwood over the years, including some of the members already listed plus the following:

Louise McIntyre	Raymon Mayes
Sudie Mayes	Bill Skeen
Gene Haire	Janet Haire
Agnes Mayes	Allen Rogers
Jacob VanArsdale	

Many pictures have been taken of the work done by these building teams and remain part of the library of the individual volunteer. Figure 13.1 is a representative picture of the type of work these dedicated volunteers have labored on in building churches and other structures in less fortunate countries or circumstances than ours. The photograph shows construction of a training camp resi-

dence at Camp LaHatte, in Haiti, West Indies, by the Mission Building Team of which Betty and Wade Harbin were a part.



**Figure 13.1** View of typical building team activity. Workers are constructing a religious training camp residence at Camp LaHatte in Haiti, West Indies

# CHAPTER FOURTEEN

## COMMUNITY SERVICE

### COMMUNITY 64 CLUB

Prominent among the Church's services to the community is that of providing a meeting place for the Community 64 Club so named because of its nearness to U.S. highway #64. The club is designed for senior citizens, and the roster bears the names of members of six Baptist churches - Faith, First Baptist, Abilene Church of Christ, Gay's Chapel, New Hope, Oakdale and Society, plus Fifth Creek Presbyterian and Cool Spring and New Salem Methodist churches.

The Club was organized September 20, 1977, at New Salem; twenty-five persons were present. They elected Mack Harder, president; Mae Abernathy, vice-president; and Marguerite Hager, secretary. The following have served as president: Mack Harder, Glenn Warren (two terms), and Hazel Adkins.

The Club meets the second Tuesday, September through June, at 11:00 a.m., followed by a carry-in lunch. The June meeting typically has

been a picnic at the Harder home on Lake Norman. During the summer and fall, the Club takes trips in the Church bus. There are 35 members, with good attendance.

## SCOUTING TROOPS

New Salem has encouraged Scouting groups by offering them our facilities. Fred Oakes is the Church liaison person between the Church and boy and girl scout troops. The girls' organizations meet twice monthly and are under the leadership of Kathy Massey and Kathy Fox. They have the following groups.

Brownie Troop	20 girls
Junior Troop	15 girls

There are four boys' organizations under the direction of John Green and several other den leaders as follows:

Tiger Den	10 boys
Cub Scouts	40 boys
Webloes	8 boys
Boy Scouts	13 boys

# CHAPTER FIFTEEN

## FORMER PASTORS' COMMENTS

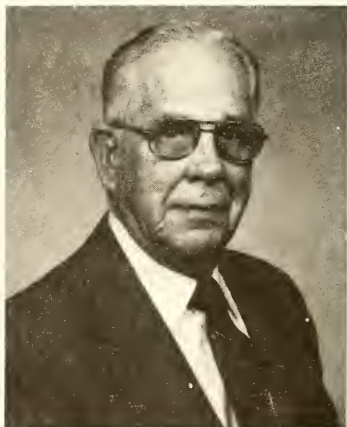
An attempt was made to contact all living pastors who serviced New Salem, and ask for their remembrances of their time here. The following information in their own words was extracted from their replies.



**Rev. D.A. Oakley**  
**1928 - 1932**

Figure 15.1

Deceased, April 1, 1951



**Rev. J. G. Winkler:**  
**1934-1937**  
Figure 15.2

“It was a privilege to become pastor of the Cool Spring Charge and know that I had the opportunity to know the people that made up the membership of the New Salem Church. The building was made of wood and replaced by the present building. The people are the same. They were grateful for their minister and were doing all they could to support him. This was during the depression that was nation wide, but the people of New Salem did more than support him. They worked together as a church and carried on a program that became a model for the rest of the churches on the charge. They attended each service, took part in the activities, and visited each other. I would not like to call names for I may leave out some of the most faithful, but the congregation was made of the finest people in the world. I do remember Uncle Harvey Murdock when he came back home from a life spent in the West. He was tall, had a mustache and sang bass in the choir. He became a friend to every one in the Church and did quite a bit with his money to make the Church a steady piece of property for all who came after him. I look at New Salem today and have many memories of the days gone by. I am proud of its record and how it meets the needs of so many people within the community and the whole world. I am proud that I had the joy by being connected with its history.”





Rev. E. H. Lowman:  
1945-1946  
Figure 15.3

“After receiving the appointment to the Cool Springs charge in October, 1945, we drove by the churches. The New Salem Church was leaning at the front to one side. I remarked to Eunice that we had to do something there, if no more than to prop up the building.

About the first Sunday I was told that Mr. Harvey Murdock had offered to match dollar for dollar up to \$5,000 toward a new building. Before Christmas, the Church raised \$2,000 and qualified for a similar amount from Mr. Murdock.

We began to work on plans. I remember drawing up the plan after we had defined our needs. I took the plans to a draftsman at Morrison Fixture who put the 'architecture' on it. The plans came while at Conference in 1946. I was moved to become the first pastor of Monticello which was put with Rose Chapel.

Joe Taylor became the pastor, and the people of New Salem built the church as was drawn. Of course improvements could have been made.

I congratulate the congregation for its steady growth in facilities and spiritual maturity.”



**Rev. Joseph M. Taylor:**  
1946-1950  
Figure 15.4

“The highlight of my ministry at New Salem was observing the sacrificial effort of the membership in building the new structure. It was a great occasion for the congregation when we moved in for the first experience of worship!”



**Rev. George M. Carver:**  
1950-1954  
Figure 15.5

“I spent four of my most happy years in my Ministry on the Cool Springs Charge which has New Salem United Methodist Church, its very best Church. These 4 years I shall not forget ever.

In 1952 I was selected from the Cool Springs Charge as a Page to the General Conference which was held in San Francisco, California. New Salem United Methodist Church assisted in the expenses of the trip without being asked.

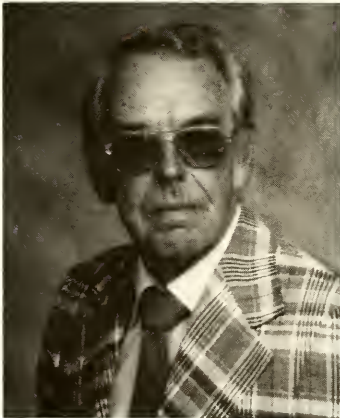
The Sunday School rooms of the New Salem Church were being completed while I was there. Other work was also being done on the Church. Lot of night work was being done. I helped where I could.

I shall remember how the members waited on house repairs, buying of new appliances and trading cars to first complete the Church building. This was an inspiration to me for sure.

The New Salem Methodist Church was paid for while I was there. The last building offering taken while I was there was more than \$2,200. I drove to Duke to get the last \$3,000 from the Duke Foundation. I persuaded Dr. Ormand to give the check to me and let me take it in person to the Church Treasurer. He did.

The New Salem United Methodist Church was dedicated while I was there: November 9, 1952. My father was killed the day before Dedication and I was needed at home. I remember that I missed the Dedication but through Glenn Mayes I insisted the Dedication continue. The people worked so hard and sacrificed so much for that special day so I felt it best to have the Dedication as planned.

I worked with the Young People and I really enjoyed fellowship.”



**Rev. Dave Charlton:  
1954-1958**  
Figure 15.6

“I have so many fond memories of the Cool Spring Charge and New Salem in particular. It was a joy to be at New Salem. I consider it the best four years of my ministry in every respect. The congregation was so responsive, eager, enthusiastic, and cooperative. I can't even remember any significant problems. I remember so many warm

and gracious people. I remember the interest and excitement of building a parsonage and making plans toward being a 'Station' Church. And then I left. I remember that being a sad and difficult time for me. I really don't believe there has been another period in my ministry quite as good as those four years and I will always be grateful to the people of New Salem and will always cherish so many people there and so many good memories."



**Rev. William H.  
Pheagin, Jr.:**  
1958-1962

Figure 15.7

"We do have many fond memories of New Salem days. I especially remember the good people there who surrounded us with love and support. And as I think back on my immature

ways and my groping efforts, I appreciate the people even more. They had to be mighty tolerant and long-suffering."



**Rev. Donald W. Haynes:**  
1962-1966

Figure 15.8

"Don and Joan Haynes followed Bill and Carol Pheagin in June, 1962, the second parsonage family to live in the 'new' parsonage built in 1958 when New Salem became a station appointment.

On moving day the road was axle deep in mud! After many years on a dirt road, New Salem Church road was under construction to be paved to a point just beyond the parsonage driveway. During the grading, summer rains turned the roadbed into a quagmire! However, the sun soon shined; the road dried up and gravel was hauled in to settle until the pavement could be applied. By September, the parsonage and Church were on a paved road.

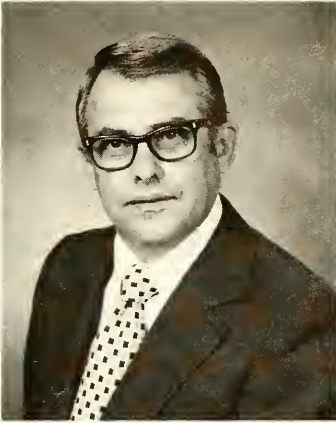
In the summer of 1962, the four year old parsonage was painted. Everette Fox gave several days of professional labor, with others volunteering. The foyer was papered; James Warren built a divider for the living room; Vic McIntyre sanded and re-finished the beautiful hardwood floors, and Essie Dellinger spent hours re-upholstering furniture. Under the able leadership of Louise McIntyre as Parsonage Committee Chair, the parsonage took on a brand new look.

The new parsonage's first newborn baby arrived January 19, 1963 — Alyssa Joan, Don and Joan's third child. New Salem for the Hayneses is still the place where "the babies were little." We bought our first clothes dryer from David Harmon, ending the time honored practice of hanging diapers on the line when, in winter, they "freeze-dried." Doug pulled some departed saint's tombstone over and broke his leg in the cemetery, but misfortune otherwise stayed away as three children discovered life. The "farmer boy" father raised a garden, had chickens in the back yard, and let the children observe the old mama cat have a litter of kittens!

During the four year pastorate, the Church made two major changes and backed away from another one. Eight acres of land were purchased from the Poole estate at a cost of \$4,000. This enabled us to move the softball field from the parsonage front yard and expand the recreational program dramatically. We built a tennis court,

erected a pavilion , and James Warren platted a full-scale recreation park. The additional acreage also gave us some much needed parking. James laid off the present parking lot behind the Church – all on newly acquired land. Ross Mayes led a shrubbery project to landscape the new circle driveway and parking lot. Parker Matlock and Fred Swann furnished tractors and labor to sow the old parking lot and the old ball field in grass. Raymon Mayes and Bill Bustle supervised construction of a new backstop and Crescent Electric Membership Co. erected the new field lights. This project brought the Church's land to sixteen acres and laid the foundations for other ministries to come.

Inside the Church, \$10,000 was spent on insulation, a new sanctuary ceiling, a totally new Church kitchen, ceiling in the basement Fellowship Hall and storm windows on the Church and Parsonage. This was the result of a decision to "fix up what we had" rather than build a new Educational Building and Fellowship Hall. The \$175,00 price tag was seen as too much to venture in 1965; that had to wait until later. With leadership from A. G. Campbell, a number of new families joined New Salem during these four years. However, the dramatic growth was still in the future. Changes were made, but the Hayneses left a strong and vitally alive Church not yet become a suburb of Statesville. The four years went quickly. Some deaths ended an era – one was Mr. Harvey Murdock's, age 96. Mr. Murdock left a small endowment to the Church that continues to help with cemetery upkeep."



**Rev. Homer A. Barker:**  
**1966-1969**  
 Figure 15.9

"The dreams, the plans, the special friendships and love that we experienced with you will never be forgotten. We remember with pleasure living in the beautiful setting of your Church and parsonage. Those were eventful school days for our children. During our last year there, Dick graduated from North Iredell High School and Doug graduated from eighth grade at Cool Spring Elementary School.

The memories were many: baseball in the new recreation field, homecoming in the open shelter, special Thanksgiving Stewardship Dinners, everybody bringing delicious food, Janet Campbell's Choir singing "Bless This House," the Men's Chorus and Women's Chorus and Harry Myers' reporting and encouraging the stewardship efforts. We remember our joy at Vic McIntyre's new floor in the parsonage breezeway, Dennis Hager keeping the Church clean and spotless and playing "Short-nin'Bread" on the piano, Irene Mayes' and Hagers' work with the young people and the good times we had, Richard Jenkins' fixing the organ speakers over the sanctuary doors, my burning trash, setting the woods on fire and having to call the Fire Department, a growing Young Adult Class studying new Sunday School literature, and hopes and dreams thinking about a new building and a new chime tower which have both materialized since that time. We remember serious moments and also time of joy, fun and laughter, and how much we enjoyed that fellowship: Mary Gay Swann and Nora Yates' bring-

ing flowers from their home, Agnes Mayes and Glenda Warren's typing the bulletin, Bill Bustle's recovering our furniture, Louise McIntyre's art classes and Raymon Mayes' well-kept Church grounds.

One of the most amusing incidents of our entire ministry was on a Sunday morning when we had a visiting minister. Before the message, Janet and Phyllis sang a duet. Janet was seated but Phyllis could not get her folding seat to go down. With all her weight she tried again. A. G. Campbell was sitting behind Phyllis and Dick beside A. G. Suddenly Dick leaned over and whispered desperately, "Mother, Mother, you're on A. G.'s foot." Phyllis eased up trying not to make a scene and sat back down. The visiting minister was now behind the pulpit trying to get everyone's attention when Dick said even more loudly, "Mother, get up, get up, you're still on A. G.'s foot." By the time A. G. got his foot out of the chair, there was no way the choir could keep their poise. Naomi Stikeleather and Nancy Mayes hid behind their books. Wayne Stikeleather was bending double trying not to laugh. Ross Mayes looked like he was about to explode. Margie Campbell, Janet Haire and Bonnie Warren took turns shaking and trembling through the service.

There were some people who did not hear a word the preacher said. But A. G. was heard to say that preachers are not the only ones who can step on your toes and promised never again to rest his foot on a folding chair. We are deeply grateful for New Salem Church and for our years with you. We pray God's richest blessings upon you and on your continued ministry.





**Rev. Garland R. Stafford:  
1969-1972**  
Figure 15.10

"New Salem observed its centennial year in 1970 with a series of special events. Bishop Earl G. Hunt came and preached on Sunday morning, February 15. He was accompanied by District Superintendent, Jerry D.

Murray. Mrs. Hunt came also and all were guests of the Church at a dinner in the Fellowship Hall.

Preaching by former pastors was a special feature each Sunday night in March. Rev. George M. Carver preached March 1. Rev. William H. Pheagin came March 8. Rev. Joseph M. Taylor preached March 15. Rev. E. H. Lowman was the visiting speaker on March 22. The concluding service featured Rev. Donald W. Haynes. Before each service there was a "carry-in" supper. Some of the men brought their families and this afforded a time for renewing fellowships.

A homecoming service was observed June 7 with Rev. David W. Charlton preaching in the morning service and a congregation of 260 people. This was followed by a picnic dinner at the pavilion.

Each Sunday night in July there was singing by different choirs and groups. This was arranged by Phil Connolly.

The Centennial observance was concluded on Saturday night, September 26 with a historical play written by Ed Stafford, assisted by Ross Mayes. Costumes were of bygone eras.

It had been a memorable year of fellowship and remembering by the Church family. Through

the providence of God, New Salem had been a witness for Him for a century.

A historical sketch of the Church was contained in the yearbook for 1972.

The second event that is prominent in my memory was personal. New Salem-Cool Spring was my last pastorate. I retired at the Annual Conference session in 1972. Before we moved both churches joined in giving us a retirement dinner at New Salem. Each church made a substantial gift of money that we used to get some furniture re-upholstered and get some new furniture for our retirement home. I had been appointed pastor of 45 rural churches and now I had none!"



**Rev. Don C. Davis:  
1972-1976  
Figure 15.11**

"As to my ministry at New Salem I am sure you remember that it was during this time that we updated the sanctuary and built the new Fellowship Hall-Education-Office complex. Records will show that the Church

really began to grow during the time I was privileged to be there.

I am pleased to have been associated with New Salem Church and its people and cherish being included with a picture in your history book.



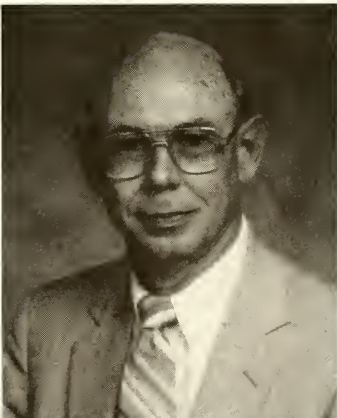
**Rev. Hubert A. Brown:**  
**1976-1982**  
Figure 15.12

“We were privileged to be the pastor when New Salem became a stationed church, 1979, as the membership grew to nearly 500.

The Church became debt-free of the educational facilities which had been a heavy burden for years. The Church had a tremendous growth in the Youth Department and secured a bus for traveling.

We hired a secretary for the first time in the history of the Church. We had a growth in Church membership of over 200 new members in 6 years. We started the Wednesday Night Fellowship Supper and Bible Study for the entire family in 1980. In two years we averaged over 80 people.

Most important, the spiritual life of the Church was our number one goal! Many souls were won to Jesus and homes were turned around. May God be praised!”



**Rev. C. Dwight Pyatt:**  
**1982-1984**  
Figure 15.13

“As I reflect upon my years as a pastor at New Salem, I recall above all that this was a caring church. The people were concerned for fellow church members and community members who

were in need – and ministered to those needs. I trust this concern has not lessened.

Other things I remember are the good attendance and good food at our Wednesday evening family night suppers and Bible study. I understand these continue. I remember the active youth program and the active senior citizens group. I remember the concern for both missions and evangelism. I even remember the taste of good chicken barbecue!

During the first year of my pastorate at New Salem, I recall we purchased a copier to replace an ancient mimeograph machine. We published a monthly newsletter. We also had to install a new furnace in the sanctuary building to replace the one which had burned out.

In my second year as pastor we held a Church Conference to authorize and plan to finance a number of items: roof repairs, renovation of the Church basement, pave the parking lot, purchase a new organ, as well as a new piano for the choir room. The renovation of the basement, the new organ, and the new piano were accomplished before I moved away.

Two programs were established during my tenure which I trust have helped the Church financially and spiritually – the Circuit Rider Program and the Shepherd Program.

One of the last acts of the Church while I was pastor was to vote to employ a Music Director/Director of Christian Education. This new staff member began work the day I moved away.

May God bless you in ministry and service in the years which lie ahead!"



Rev. Reece E. Cook, Jr.:  
1984-1988

Figure 15.14

“The life blood of any church is found in the personal faith and commitment of its lay members. I have found the members of this church to be faithful to their calling, committed to their respective tasks, and

sincere in their quest for spiritual growth.

The Family Night Bible Study provides a unique opportunity for study, discussion, and a ready exchange of ideas. Over the last four years we conducted an in-depth study of the Gospel of John, The Acts of the Apostles, and a discussion of a series of sermons dealing with life after death and the future destiny of believers. This program brings together good food, Christian fellowship, and Bible study, all of which add a vital dimension to the life of our Church.

It is also exciting to see the mission program of the Church growing. We participate not only in district, annual conference, and world mission, but also in local and advance mission specials. Through the United Methodist Women, the United Methodist Men, the United Methodist Youth, and mission special offerings, we were able to give more to missions in 1987 than in any previous year. Money was raised to assist Ike Hager and Joan Williams with their medical expenses. Also, food and a Thanksgiving offering were given to the Yokefellow Ministry. We also contributed to the Youth Service Fund, assisted local needy families, and contributed to the Red Tide Fund to help families on the North Carolina Coast.

Through a Long Range Planning Committee organized in 1987, we are still in the process of studying the possibility of:

- A. A day care center for both children and adults.
- B. An adult retirement center
- C. Remodeling the sanctuary
- D. Purchasing a new sound system for the sanctuary
- E. Continuing to broadcast our worship services on the first and fifth Sundays of each month.

Also, through the efforts of the Long Range Planning Committee and other groups, an additional twelve acres of land is in the process of being purchased between the Church and highway #64, a church bus has been purchased, and there has also been a major addition to and renovation of the Church parsonage.

During the last four years, we have had a net membership growth of 61. A concerted effort has been made by the Nominating Committee to involve new members in all aspects of the Church's life. Fitting the person to the task and the task to the person not only gets new members involved, but it also strengthens the overall Church."



**Rev. Dr. James R. Reeves:  
1988-1990**  
Figure 15.15

"During the first few months of my ministry at New Salem I was privileged to experience the Church and community commitment to building a home for Jason Ellis. Mr. Ellis was a leader in

New Salem Church in the Statesville District, and in our Annual Conference when he was injured in an automobile accident. The injury left him paralyzed from the chest downward. The commitment of the New Salem community to the building of a new home for Jason and Laura Ellis that would be wheelchair accessible was a special inspiration.

This activity was a good introduction to New Salem, for the one word that I would use in describing my experience of New Salem is "vitality." It seems that every single age group of our Church is a vital one; we have many, many children, a great number of young adults and middle adults, a great number of retirees, and a substantial number of persons who might be called senior citizens. We have a vital Wednesday night program, a vital youth program, and a vital senior citizens program in the 64 Club. The caring fellowship, and the vitality of the spiritual life of our congregation will constitute the core of any remembrance I will have of New Salem United Methodist Church."



Rev. Hayward L. Morrison:  
1990-

Figure 15.16

Rev. Morrison became  
pastor of New Salem in  
June 1990.



**District Superintendent  
Reginald J. Cooke:  
1986-1990**

Figure 15.17

"I rejoice with you in your present endeavors to compile your local church history. I am very grateful that the providential hand has written our recent histories in these past four years in such a

way that we have shared them together in ministry.

I recall with great appreciation your happy family occasions on Wednesday evenings, the fine program you have for adults, young adults, youth, and children, and I pray God's continuing blessing on these good ministries at New Salem."



# CHAPTER SIXTEEN

## ORAL DISCUSSION BY CHURCH MEMBERS

### INTRODUCTION

The Committee on Church History met on August 17, 1986, to videotape some anecdotes that some of the church members remembered from years past. Mary Gay Swann introduced the panel of members which consisted of Louise McIntyre, Janet Haire, Mary Gay Swann, James Warren, Irene Mayes, Nora Yates, Ed Clendenin, Raymon Mayes and Glenn Mayes. Frank Feeney operated the video camera and Joan Feeney prepared and served refreshments.

Louise McIntyre served as moderator to ask some questions that had been formulated by the Church History Committee. The following are some of the memories shared.

**DISCUSSION****QUESTION: What are the first memories of the Church that you have?**

Janet Haire: I remember the old white church with the big double doors. I remember the big stove and Sunday School classes were on the sides, and every time I would come out and sit in the congregation, Fred Hager would always pick on me. There was nothing he enjoyed doing any better than picking on me. We have a big picture of the whole congregation, and I was a little girl standing in the front at that time.

Mary Gay: I've been a member of this Church for 60 years (except for the few years I strayed off with the Baptists - but I came back). My first memory of the Church was the little white church building that Janet spoke of, and the Church was the center of everything at that time. Everything just revolved around the Church. On Sunday morning there was never a question in our minds whether we would go to Church or not. That was just accepted as going to school during school time. We got up and prepared for Sunday School. The Church had a very meaningful place in my life, from my early childhood.

James: I remember the little white church also. We used to have Sunday School classes on the far end near the highway, and I used to be the boiler tender back in my younger days. I'd come on Sunday morning and fire it; we had three stoves. We had one in the center of the Church and one on each side. We'd fire those up — it's a wonder we didn't burn the Church

down. Then we had little kerosene heaters that we put back in the Sunday School rooms. We had the same old bell that we have in the Church now. The Church had carbide lights at one time and my brother-in-law, Frank Taylor, converted those over to electric lights when we got electricity. I remember that during the Church services, the women would sit on the left side and the men on the right side and then some of the younger men and women would sit together.

Irene: I remember sitting on one side and the big pot bellied stove.

Nora: The first impression that I remember was coming to Sunday School on Sunday morning and Mrs. Pearl Webb was my teacher. We had little cards and that was the most interesting thing. One time we had a revival meeting; I was about 3 years old. Grandpa and Grandma Gay said they believed they would bring us. Mama said they'd better not take "Sister" because Mrs. Murdock shouted. Sure enough, they took me anyway. After it was getting close to the end, Mrs. Murdock did shout; she was a grandmother of Lavenia. I don't remember anything about coming to the revival and I don't remember anything about leaving, but I can just see Mrs. Murdock yet. We had two services - one in the morning and one at night. I can remember I was just petrified.

**QUESTION: Mr. Ed, how about transportation?  
How did you get to Church?**

Mr. Ed: Well, from walking on up to the wagon. Sunday School back then and now - well,

there's just no comparison. It used to be we'd all come together and have several songs first. After Sunday School they'd have another song service and whoever kept books would read out how much collection and how many members present, etc. I've been a member here since I was about 18 years old, about 64 years.

**QUESTION: How do you think the ministers are different?**

Mr. Ed: Preacher Edwards is as far back as I can remember. He was the preacher here then.

James: I used to think that preachers were sort of like God — that he didn't do things that we do. I know I saw Joe Taylor come out of the movies one night and I couldn't believe it because ministers don't do things like that. I know some of the ministers that came for revival would get going pretty good and put a lot of emotion into what they were doing. I know I've gotten thumped on the back of the head a time or two for sitting there and snickering at them.

Louise: They always ate with us. They came home for lunch and supper.

James: We had poundings where you'd give them a pound of meal or butter or something.

Janet: They were not paid much money back then and they depended on gifts and groceries from the Church.

**QUESTION: What would you say about Church leaders? Do we have leaders of quality as we did**

**then? Would you say we had more outstanding leaders then?**

James: I feel like our church leaders now are really dedicated, but I think our leaders back then were really dedicated. I remember Raymon Mayes was the Church School Superintendent before he went in the Service. He was 22 years old. I remember how much emphasis he put into the job.

Irene: Mr. Joe Webb; I can compare Bill Skeens with him in a way. When Mr. Webb was here, you felt something. There's something about Bill that is like that. He is always witnessing.

Mary Gay: Back in my childhood days, when I'd hear the word Christian, I'd always think of Mr. Joe Webb.

**QUESTION: What were some of the things you did or are doing in the Church during your active years?**

Mary Gay: This Church has a tradition to be proud of because we have active members now who are great grandchildren of the first trustees of this Church. We have one of them here with us: Louise. A.G. Campbell is in that group also. Janet's great grandfather was added in the second group of our trustees as was Ed Clendenin's.

Louise: We have not said anything about our youth. Back then it was called the Epworth League, and about the time I was in high school it became the Methodist Youth Fellowship. Only recently it has become the United Methodist Youth Fellowship. In those days we'd go camping and we'd go out on Buffalo Shoals

and we'd have weeks of camping and we would always had an active youth program. When I became an adult, my husband Vic and I worked with the youth for a long time.

Irene: The first time I taught a Sunday School class, I taught eleven years straight. Then I decided to try being out one year - but I was so restless.

**QUESTION: Do you think our Church service is much different today from then?**

Mary Gay: They are much more formal now.

Janet: I can remember as a child being scared to death when the preacher preached hell fire and damnation all the time, and now I'd like to have a little more of it. I think it's definitely changed.

Irene: When they had an altar call - that's where you got your membership. When they would go up during revival, that's when they would join the Church.

Janet: I think our creeds and our basic formality have not changed that much. We still use the doxology, etc.

Mary Gay: Well, not in your time it hasn't. But when you take it back to my time —.

Louise: The music is different too. Our music is more prescribed and we didn't have a choir director then. Our music is selected by the choir director and choir, and not as much congregational participation or congregational used.

Janet: I've been in the choir since I was in the 8th grade which was a long time ago, but it definitely has changed. We did not have a director then, and we had someone in the Church who led us. Now we've hired a full-time person, so it has really changed. The music that we sing is different.

Mary Gay: The first musical instrument that the Church ever had was an organ from the Cornelius family: Raymon Mayes' grandfather. They brought it in for special services, like meetings. Raymon has it in his home - not the first one the Church owned, but the first one that was used in the Church.

James: I'd like to say one thing about the Church services. New Salem was hooked up with about four other churches. We'd have church service on Sunday afternoon. I had a little A model and always dreaded coming to Church on Sunday afternoon at 2:00. That killed your whole Sunday afternoon.

**QUESTION: What about some of the social activities?**

Mary Gay: Going back to my day, the social activities consisted of what we called a picnic which was always the second Sunday in August. That was the beginning of what was then called a protracted meeting. In case you're wondering why it was called protracted, it was because there was no date set as to how long that series of services would run. They were guided by the leading of the Holy Spirit and the manifestation of the interest in that. If it lasted a week or it might last two weeks

or it might last longer. There was always a program at Christmas time which involved music and things that the children would do like recitations, etc. Instead of having Family Night as we call them now, on Sunday, families who wanted to visit with each other socially would take their picnic for lunch and gather their food and spread their lunch on the ground and it was literally “dinner on the ground” because there were no tables. I could always think of a lot of things I’d rather be doing right then as to be doing that – but the family stayed together. The children stayed with the family.

Nora: There was not anything we could do on Sunday but just sit around. Our mother and our great aunt would read to us. We weren’t allowed to get out and play ball or crack walnuts or anything.

Mr. Ed: There’s too much change to me. What goes on now on Sunday doesn’t appeal to me at all. I can’t take it. In fact, about two more generations if it keeps on, there isn’t going to be any more Sunday.

**QUESTION: How about dress in the old days compared to how they dress now?**

Mr. Ed: That’s plumb tee-totally changed!

Janet: They used to have to wear hats – women did.

Nora: They wore shirtwaists and a skirt. They didn’t call them blouses.

James: Back then, you had Sunday clothes – you wore them on Sunday. You didn’t wear them



to school. That was something you wore to Church.

Louise: You wore your three pair of overalls to school.

Raymon: Well, you wore overalls to Church, too. I don't know of anything that was more dressed up then than a new pair of overalls and a white shirt; overalls with galoshes.

James: I remember when I was a kid, between 10-15 years old, we didn't wear overalls to Church, not like they do now – overalls and tennis shoes. You didn't see that. You wore dress clothes, sport coats, etc.

Louise: And the women had a hat and gloves to match.

Mr. Ed: Women had to have an Easter hat or the clock would stop if they didn't get that.

Janet: I can remember Aunt Eula chugging up the hill in her T-Model and that was back when everybody else was driving cars. She would come in her T-Model and I couldn't wait to see her chug-a-lugging up the hill.

Irene: Talking about Aunt Eula – she used to play the pump organ until we changed to a piano.

Mary Gay: Even further back then, those days were the horse and buggy and the covered wagon. Right here, where the parking lot and the parsonage are is where the animals were "parked" and tied up. Also the current upper end of the cemetery was wooded. Each family had their own "hitching" place. That is what

they called in those days and you could just depend on Sunday morning each one of them being found in his regular hitching place.

Raymon: What's the difference today? If you get here early before somebody gets it you usually park in the same place. Why, it's no different. Then you had your rope cut long enough to go around one tree and that is where you parked if you got there first because your rope wouldn't fit any of the rest of the trees.

Mary Gay: Of course our transportation was walking - because we lived about as far again beyond the Church as we are now. We walked because our father said the animals needed to rest on Sunday, too. I didn't have any trouble walking up here, but as soon as we'd get out and get about where the parsonage is now, these two little fat girls (my sister and I) would say "Papa, carry me." Papa would say, "Mama, take my coat." He would hand his coat to Mama and Papa would reach down and pick up two fat little girls and carry them all the way home.

Irene: Mary Gay, tell about how you fell down in the mud on Sunday coming to church.

Mary Gay: I learned at a very early age that pride really goeth before a fall. One Sunday morning when we walked up here, it was the only time in my life I remember thinking I looked pretty. I had on a white dress that was tucked and laced all over that my mother and great aunt had made. I had on a little blue silk hat and black patent leather shoes. It had rained the night before and we came to a

little place in the road where it was slick like it is when the water runs over it. My great aunt reached out and said, "Mary Gay, let me hold your hand." I said "No," and I jerked away and my foot hit that slick place and down I went. My mother took me out and sat me down on a log at the edge of the woods. My daddy walked back home and got some clean clothes and she redressed me there in the woods and we came on to church. If I could have learned all my lessons as well as I learned that one, I'd have been better off.

**QUESTION: Do you think people are more religious today or less religious?**

Irene: I hate to say this, but I wonder if when they were religious on Sunday, they were all week. I believe it used to stick with you all week, and I'm not sure it does now.

Raymon: The church was the center of the social activity at one time. That's the only place they had. To me, I think people are more religious today because they have so many more things competing with it. They have so many choices. You don't have to go now.

Mary Gay: You feel like we went then because there was no place else to go?

Raymon: We used to be more neighborly then than we are now because we had to be. That was a way of life. You depended on them. But now we are independent and we don't pay any attention to anybody.

Janet: I feel like people are religious today and there are so many more people and so many more

things to interest us that I feel that deep down we still have a deep faith.

James: I think people are as religious now. Maybe we just have more temptations than we did back then. There's more going on and maybe we have to work at it a little bit harder.

**QUESTION: Can you think of something funny or embarrassing that happened to you at Church?**

Irene: Mamaw always got ready to go to church and in the wintertime when we were in the old church she got ready one day and put on her heavy long coat. When she got to Church, she looked down and there was a mousetrap on the end of her coat.

James: I remember one youth fellowship when Glenn Mayes was our leader. Coite Little came with me one night. Coite brought two big old June bugs with him. About the time Glenn started to pray, Coite turned those things loose. I think Glenn had a little bit longer prayer that night and I think those June bugs went to the back of the Church and came back down the center of the Church. They sounded like two B-29s. One of them landed on Glenn's tie and he reached up and got it and kept on praying.

Nora: One night we played hooky from a meeting at Lake Junaluska at United Methodist Women's Conference. We decided to go to Cherokee. We were going through those shops and as we were walking around there, I knocked a little hen off and broke it all to pieces. I had to buy the rooster that went with it and I still

have the rooster. Every time I look at that rooster, I think of that trip.

Raymon: The pastor was Jesse Ingram and we didn't have any air conditioning and he was preaching and his shirttail was working out and his socks were working down. Jesse just stopped preaching, reached down, pulled up his socks, tucked in his shirt, tightened his belt and said "Fellas, the devil's after me just like he is after you," and went right on preaching.

Janet: I've had a couple of embarrassing things, but the funny things happen when we're in choir. Naomi and I get tickled over nothing. At my sister's wedding in 1963, she got married right after church on Easter Sunday. All those millions of people are there on Easter and I was soloist. I got up to sing and I was so nervous I couldn't sing the first verse. I made the biggest mess. If I could have gone under that floor, I would have. I got straightened out by the second verse and made it through, but never have I ever done that again! The worst thing I ever did was sitting in choir one Sunday morning and Janet Lackey was on my left. The flowers were so ugly that morning. They were just awful. I leaned over to Janet and said "Those are the ugliest flowers," and I looked at my bulletin; she had put the flowers in that Sunday. I prayed and prayed that Janet didn't hear me. When I got home my phone was ringing and it was Janet apologizing for the ugly flowers.

James: The first speakers we put in up in the Church were for the organ. Well, Joe Gantt or somebody did the carpentry work and they

band sawed those door casing and did not use sand paper or did not set the nails. I asked Richard Jenkins who had messed those up and I ended up having to redo them. That taught me not to say anything unless I wanted to do it myself.

**QUESTION: What about the role of women in the Church? Holding office or having a say?**

Mary Gay: I can remember back to my childhood, they taught Sunday School. They could be teachers, but as far as our church history reveals, there were no church offices held by women. The woman's organization dates back to 1922, which was known as the Ladies Aid Society. It had a president, vice-president, etc. One year the pastor's salary was in the red. So the Ladies Aid had a money-raising project to make up that deficit. Then another time, the Church was in need of painting. There seemed to be no funds for it, so the Ladies Aid financed the painting of the Church. That was in the 20's or early 30's. One thing I can think of, off the top of my head, is the quilt and Glenn still has the quilt. You paid so much and embroidered your name or someone else's name on it and a quilt was pieced together.

Raymon: Your church officers used to be different then from what they are now. Then you only had your church stewards who went out and tried to collect money and a lay leader and trustees.

Mary Gay: From what I can tell from our church history, the women of New Salem have al-

ways served in a backup role, either recognized or unrecognized.

Glenn: During the time of assessment, the stewards' job was to assess each family so much according to their ability to pay – and they were supposed to pay that amount of money. I went through some old records where my daddy was assessed so much and Ed's daddy, etc. After one quarterly conference, they did not have enough to pay the preacher's salary and they went out one Sunday afternoon and somebody had given a bushel of potatoes and were given so much credit for the potatoes and someone else gave an old hen. Some people did not have money and that's the way that some of it was raised. For two or three years we had what was called God's Acre Project where we grew patches of cotton. Everybody pitched in and worked it and picked it and sold it for the Church. Part of that was done at the side of the cemetery and part of it was done up at Louise's uncle's home.

**QUESTION: What are some of the significant changes you've seen in the Church?**

Louise: We have new buildings. It was built in 1947-49, somewhere along in there. In 1950 we were married in it.

Raymon: Well, men and women are not separated now. They can sit beside one another now.

Mary Gay: We are very much organized. That's one of the greatest changes.

Louise: How about budget and finances? That's changed tremendously.

Janet: As far as the grounds, our ball field used to be across the road from the parsonage instead of where it is now. Mother told me the "out house" used to be back here when we had the old church.

**QUESTION: In the early years, what expectations did you have of the minister? How have your expectations changed?**

Mary Gay: My first memory of a minister and what was expected of him was much like James mentioned. He was more or less a person put on a pedestal and he was required to walk the line as nobody else was — he was different from us. He wasn't looked upon by the laity as a person who could be as warm and as understanding with a deep and sincere love and concern for his flock as he is looked upon today.

Louise: So we have greater expectations?

Raymon: My experience with the minister is different. I've helped them all patch tires. I've helped them all paint so I don't see any difference. My expectations now are no different from what it used to be. Nobody ever had any more flat tires than Oakley did.

James: I think I expect more out of a preacher now than what I remember as a child. My expectation is for him to be the leader — for him to be the man in charge.

Louise: They're more available to us now than they were. Maybe that's because I'm an adult now



and I held them more in awe then, and didn't see or feel that close to them.

Mary Gay: We didn't see them except on Sunday and when they would visit in the home and that wasn't often because with five churches it was more than one person could cover.

Louise: I think we still expect them to work as much as we do.

Janet: I've always felt they should be so good and so perfect, but they're just one of us and they are just struggling like we are. Mother told me that one Sunday I was real fussy and the preacher called me down. After the service, Fred Hager said he would rather have heard me fuss than that preacher preach!



# CHAPTER SEVENTEEN

## **NEW SALEM 1990**

The year 1990, starts the 120th year of New Salem history. To commemorate the occasion, the Historical Committee of New Salem United Methodist Church has published this history. New Salem has a rich heritage and one we can be proud to claim as our own. We have been blessed with a variety of persons who have strengthened our ministry and mission in the New Salem Community. Let us look at how the Church stands today.

The 1990 Yearbook and Church Directory details the many people associated with the Church's day-to-day activities, the various organizations in existence, and the programs offered for its members. The reader of this document is referred to the Directory for such details, and only a snapshot of such information is shown here.

The Church Staff in this year is composed of the following paid and volunteer persons:

Pastor	Hayward Morrison
Director of Christian Education and Music	Jane M. Kirby
Church Secretary	Doris J. Worthington
Custodian	Louise Carter
	Bera Mayes
Volunteers:	
Church Hostess	Lou Davis
Church Hostess Committee	Louise Carter
	Millie Elwell
	Mary Gay Swann

The Administrative Board is chaired by Frank Lawson, and consists of 56 voting members. The Board oversees the activities of the following Committees, with chairpersons as shown.

- Audit - R. P. Frazier
- Missions - Agnes Mayes
- Cemetery - Glenn Warren
- Nomination - J.R. Reeves
- Education - Janet Haire
- Parsonage - Loretta Viars
- Evangelism - James & Glenda Warren
- Pastor/Parish - Tim Jones
- Finance - Henry Elwell
- Trustees - Bobby Stone
- History - Mary Gay Swann
- Worship - Robert & Janet Lackey
- Homecoming - Becky Hager
- UMYF Counselors - Tony & Sharon Bishop
- Communion Stewards - Irene Mayes

In addition to the Committees, the following functions are the responsibility of those so indicated.

Treasurer of Murdock Fund	James D. Warren
Chairman of Estate Planning	Ross Mayes
Memorial Secretary	Lena Matlock

Director of Chancel Flowers	Irene Mayes
Worship Service Nursery Dir.	Joyce Hager
Sunday School Nursery Dir.	Bonnie Warren
Head Usher	James Warren
Assistant Head Usher	Richard Jenkins, Sr.

The Budget for Church operations amounts to \$131,399, and was broken down into the following categories.

Maintenance	\$19,383
Christian Education	4,550
Worship	1,600
Membership and Evangelism	400
Conference Delegates	200
Contingency	250
Office Supplies	4,500
Salaries	70,553
Outreach	29,283
Missions	100
Homecoming	100
Historical Committee	500

The Church grounds, facilities, and equipment are exceptional for parties, picnics, reunions, cookouts, barbecues, and recreational events. Recreational facilities include a lighted baseball field, tennis courts, basketball goals, and volley ball courts. There is also a wide variety of playground equipment for children. Members of the Church and community are encouraged to use these facilities, and their use is scheduled through the Church Office.

The recreation park sponsors six men's and four women's softball teams from various churches in the area. Also, four Little League teams from area sponsors play at New Salem. The Recreational Park organization consists of 15 members of New Salem Church.

Its officers are:

President - Bill Bustle

Vice President - Robert Harkey

Secretary/Treasurer - Bonnie Warren

Directors - 12

The New Salem United Methodist Church School covers Nursery classes through Grade 12 with the following teachers.

Nursery I - infants	Julie Pearson
Nursery II - toddlers	Loretta Stone
Kindergarten - ages 4 to 5	Beth Layman
Grades 1 to 2	Jane Duncan & Linda Morrow
Grades 3 to 4	Irene Mayes
Grade 5	Debbie Gabriel
Junior High	Tony & Sharon Bishop
Senior High	Amy Niblock and & Carlton Hewitt

New Salem college students number 21, all studying in North Carolina schools of learning.

Adult Sunday School classes combine the religious and social aspects of the Church. There are six such classes which offer varied curriculum with teaching styles from open discussion to lecture. The classes cover all post-college ages and have names originally selected by their members.

Young Adult Class	Tim and Vanessa Jones
Wesley Class	Henry Elwell, Ross Mayes, & Ira Porterfield
Fellowship Class	Glenn Mayes, Ramon Mayes
Upper Room Class	Joyce Hager
David Bunch Friendship Class	David Bunch
Modern Christian Family Living class	Class Members

Vacation Bible School (VBS) was begun at New Salem in the 1940's as a program for the children in the community. It continued to be planned and directed by volunteers from the Church until 1984 when the Church hired a Director of Christian Education, Jane Kirby.

With the help of the Education Committee and especially the children's coordinators, a different style of VBS was formulated in 1986. The Fellowship Hall was transformed into a "Bible Village" learning center. The children dressed in biblical costumes and participated in a hands-on learning experience. This concept of VBS continued through 1989 when an adult class was added. The VBS then became a family program. It has continued to be inter-generational into 1990.

The United Methodist Women's organization is open to all the women of the Church. A meeting of the general membership is held every other month on Monday after the first Sunday. Naomi Stikeleather is the president for this year, with Janet Haire, Vice President; Rose Frazier, the Recording Secretary; and Sudie Mayes, Treasurer.

Each year the UMW awards one of their members a Life Membership Pin. This honor is bestowed upon members who have given faithfully of their prayers, time, and talent to the Church and UMW. The award was started in 1953 and 54 pins have been awarded to worthy members. The Appendix lists those members who have been honored in the past years.

The UMW is organized into three groups with chairperson and membership as follows.

Janie Colvert Friendship	
Virginia McConochie	21
Mildred Turner Community Action	
Mildred Turner	23
Pearl Webb Study and Sharing	
Janet Haire	24

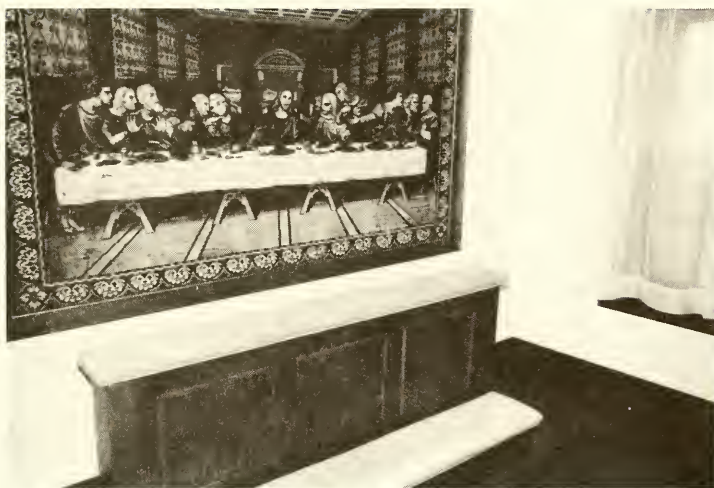
The United Methodist Men's group is for fellowship of Christian men in support of each other through the Church and is in support of the entire working life of the Church. Membership is open to all men of the Church and community, and the president is Victor McIntyre.

Regular meetings are held once each month on the fourth Monday, except in July and December. Once each year, wives are invited to be guests on Ladies' Night. A dinner is prepared each month by the UMW, followed by a wide variety of programs, including speakers and slide presentations.

The Community 64 Club is an organization for older members of New Salem Church and the surrounding community. It uses the Church as a focal point for its activities. Currently Glenn Warren is president of the organization, with Ethel Goodwin as vice-president, Elsie Holthouser the secretary, and Juanita Warren as treasurer. It has a membership of 55 and meets regularly on the second Tuesday of each month. Activities include picnic, bus trips, and fellowship with one another.

A recent addition to our Church is the Prayer Room, a view of which may be seen in Figure 17.1. The former Mayes Bible Class room has been completely refurnished, painted, and carpeted by volunteer labor. A lovely prayer bench is located below a hanging of the "Last Supper." For use at any time, especially before each Sunday service, the Prayer Room is a real addition to our Church.





**Figure 17.1** The Prayer Room located in the rear of the Church Sanctuary



**Figure 17.2** Nursery I Class

From left: Laura Mayes (Visitor), Tyler Carter, Class Teacher Beth Ward, Matt Pearson, Class Teacher Julie Pearson, Christopher Manners, Class Teacher Phoebe Ward, Alex Bridges, Ashley Bridges



**Figure 17.3 Nursery II**

From left: Joshua Moore, Class Teacher Loretta Stone, Carter Thornburg, Ashley Jones



**Figure 17.4 Kindergarten**

From left: Michael Lowrance, Bobby Carter, Brian Williams, Brian Gabriel, Class Teacher Loyce Campbell, Emmy Lou Sigmon, Sara, Carolyn Bridges. Not present: Jerry Bell, Spencer Laymar, Amy Pearson, Teacher Toni Campbell



**Figure 17.5 Elementary I & II Class**

From left: Class Teacher Jane Duncan, Jill Mayes, Natalie Ellender, Mandy Niblock(Visitor), Shannon Lowrance, Amanda Jones, Jimmy Mayes. Not pictured: Class Teacher Linda Morrow, Adam Hefner, Holly Bell, Perry Bell, Drew Morrow, Kari Lawson, Chad Duncan, Mark Clendenin



**Figure 17.6 Junior Youth 3/4 Grade Class**

From left: Andy Viars, Brad Gabriel, Class Teacher Debbie Gabriel, Adam Hankins, Reagan Stone. Not pictured: Jeremy Yount, Stacy Holpp, Kiera Laymon, Ali Morrow, Josh Duncan



**Figure 17.7** Grades 5/6 Class

From left: Kalie Sigmon, Allison Gabriel, Class Teacher Irene Mayes, Ryan, Martin Kirby, Jared Stone, Amanda Williams



**Figure 17.8** Junior High Class

From left, seated: Matthew Brown, Richard Niblock, Michael Campbell, Kevin Lawson. From left, standing: Jenny Mayes, Joy Frazier, Phillip Ward, Class Teacher Sue Barker. Not pictured: Jamie Ballard, Dana Johnson



**Figure 17.9 Senior High Class**

From left, seated: Mike Bishop, Lee Haire, Justin Johnson, Amy Niblock, Teacher, Shawna Holpp, Joy Mayes, Carlton Hewitt, Teacher, Daniel Niblock, Jim Jacobs, Carry Bishop. Not pictured, Aaron Wood, Leann Bowman



**Figure 17.10 Young Adult Class**

From Left: Tim Jones, Vanessa Jones, Beth Carter, Daryl Carter, Gary Lowrance. Not pictured: Tom and Kay Bridges, Don and Pam Clendenin, Jeff and Tracy Moore



**Figure 17.11 Fellowship Class**

From left, Glenn Mayes, Mabel Mayes, Raymon Mayes, Sudie Mayes, Mildred Turner, Clyde Turner. Not pictured: Margie Campbell, Lucille Connolly, Richard Jenkins, Ethel Mayes, Charles Bashear



**Figure 17.12 Wesley Class**

From Left, Ross Mayes, Ira Porterfield, Lorraine Porterfield, Louise McIntyre, Louise Carter, Betty Nelles, Henry Elwell, Glenda Warren. Not pictured: Tony and Shawn Bishop, Janet and Robert Harkey, Vic McIntyre, Agnes Mayes, Joyce and Wayne Mayes, Naomi and Wayne Stikeleather, James Warren, Bill and Bonnie Warren



**Figure 17.13 Upper Room & Men's Bible Class**

Members: Ed Clendenin, Delphia Creech, Everett Fox, Lydia Fox, Jason Fox, Joyce Hager, Maruerite Hager, Martha Hambricht, Ethel and Mack Hardner, Lessie Mayes, Lena Matlock, Mary Gay Swann, Glenn Warren, Juanita Warren, Nel Whitener, Nora Yates, Clarice Vinson



**Figure 17.14 David Bunch Friendship Class**

Largest adult class at New Salem with over 50 members.  
Teacher is David Bunch

**Figure 17.15 Modern Christian Living Class**

Photo not available. Members: Pat and Jenny Gantt, Billy and Christy Manners, Brenda and Gene Dull, Gary and Carol Lowarance, D.C. and Loretta Viars, Gwenda Parker, Debbie and Terry Yountz, Darlene Bell



**Figure 17.16** Richard Jenkins, who for many years has been keeper of Sunday School attendance, and Chief Usher





**Figure 17.17** Glenn E. Mayes, Church Lay Leader 1988-1990. He was honored as Lay Person of the year 1990 from New Salem at the district Lay Conference May 19, 1990, at First Methodist Church, Hickory, N.C.

## APPENDIX

### NAMES OF VETERANS BURIED IN NEW SALEM CEMETERY

William M. Smith	Carl Murdock
F. E. Menius	Eckels Overcash
R. Melvin Luther	James R. Moore
John B. Shoemaker, Jr.	Henry Johnston
Albert F. Cashion	Lewis P. Everhardt
L. A. Beaver	John Calvin Fox
Harry J. Shepherd, Sr.	Clyde Sheppard
Harry J. Shepherd, Jr.	Joseph Eidson
John A. Fox	Knox Gay
Elmer Honeycutt	Hial Hare
Thomas Eugene Adkins	Charlie Johnson
Jason Fox	Hoyt Murdock

### UMW LIFE MEMBERS

Following is a list of UMW members who have been honored in the years past for their faithfulness, for their prayers, time, and talent to the UMW and the Church; they have received a Life Membership Pin.

- 1953 Mrs. Harvey Murdock
- 1954 Mrs. D. M. Parlier
- 1955 Mrs. W. C. Mayes
- 1956 Mrs. Joe Webb
- 1957 Mrs. Eula Mayes
- 1958 Mrs. E. P. Hager
- 1959 Mrs. W. T. Colvert, Sr.
- 1960 Mrs. P. A. Hager
- 1961 Mrs. Everette Fox
- 1962 Mrs. Raymon Mayes
- 1963 Mrs. Clyde Turner
- 1964 Mrs. Elmer Mayes
- 1965 Mrs. A. G. Campbell
- 1966 Mrs. Fred Hager

1966 Mrs. Donald W. Haynes  
1967 Mrs. Oscar Dellinger  
1968 Mrs. Foy Reavis  
1969 Mrs. Fred Swann  
1969 Mrs. Homer Barker  
1970 Mrs. Wade Harbin  
1971 Mrs. Ross Mayes  
1972 Mrs. Gene Haire  
1972 Mrs. Garland Stafford  
1973 Mrs. Glenn Warren  
1974 Mrs. Janet Lackey  
1975 Mrs. Clarice Vinson  
1975 Mrs. Don Davis  
1976 Mrs. Richard Jenkins, Sr.  
1976 Mrs. Wayne Stikeleather  
1976 Mrs. James D. Warren  
1977 Miss Nora Yates  
1977 Mrs. A. P. Matlock  
1978 Mrs. Bill Warren  
1978 Mrs. Irene M. Mayes  
1979 Miss Ona Mills  
1980 Mrs. Jason Ellis  
1980 Mrs. Hubert Brown  
1981 Rev. Hubert Brown  
1981 Mrs. Willis Carter  
1981 Mrs. Bill Bustle  
1982 Mrs. Charles Carter  
1982 Mrs. W. T. Colvert, Jr.  
1983 Mrs. Glenn Mayes  
1983 Mrs. D. L. Warren  
1984 Mrs. C. Dwight Pyatt  
1984 Mrs. Henry Elwell  
1985 Mrs. Lucille Connolly  
1985 Mrs. Mary Johnston  
1986 Rev. Garland Stafford  
1986 Mrs. Polly Jenkins  
1987 Mrs. Dot Wilkinson  
1988 Mrs. Ralph Frazier  
1988 Mrs. Earl D. Mayes, Sr.

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1989 Mr. Richard Jenkins, Sr.  
1989 Mr. Allen Rogers  
1989 Mrs. Albert Church  
1989 Mrs. Virginia McConochie



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