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OUR HERITAGE

A HISTORY OF GRAY'S CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 1831-1988



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Dedication

This book is dedicated
in memory of
The late Grady T. Allred
and in honor of
Mrs. Vivian Allred

whose generous contributions to the Cemetery Trust has made it possible for
the Cemetery Trustees to pay the cost of publishing this book.



The late Grady T. Allred and Mrs. Vivian Allred.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The early history of Gray's Chapel Church has been handed down by word of mouth from one generation to another and by writings left by some of the older members.

We are indebted to Rev. George L. Reynolds, former pastor (1934- 1938), for the historical sketch which he wrote in the church register. We also appreciate Rev. H.L. Isley and members of the church who published **History of Gray's Chapel Church, 1831-1942**. This book contains writings of J.W. Pugh (1898), W. S. Lineberry (1921), G.W. Pugh (1943), A.P. Trogdon, Rev. Isley and others.

We are also grateful for the help given by the church members of today and by friends of the church. Without the newspaper clippings, old bulletins, administrative board minutes, Sunday School records, pictures and memories of our older members, this history would not be complete.

Special thanks goes to Louise Pugh Corder for proofreading and suggestions, to Roberta Underwood and Beatrice Underwood for their help with updating the cemetery listing.

We are aware that much of our church history has been lost. Should anything be found in the future, please let us have a copy, and we will preserve it for future publications.

Mary O. Jones-- 1988

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Early History of Gray's Chapel Methodist Protestant Church

1831-1900

In 1831 Arrington (Arenton) Gray held a protracted meeting at York School House which was located a mile or two west of where Gray's Chapel Church stands today. God's Spirit descended on this old school house. Many people came to know the Lord Jesus Christ, and they saw a need for a church in the area.

After this meeting a "class" was organized, and in the first class book, six male and six female members were listed:

Mark Hardin	Margaret Jones
John Wolfe	Mary Wolfe
Simeon Bane	Isabelle (Ibey) York
Lemuel Lineberry	Sarah (Sally) Lineberry
Joshua Routh	Laura Foust
Migaiah McMasters	Sibel McMasters

This class continued to meet and the members became the charter members of the church.

Lemuel Lineberry was the first class leader and served as leader for many years; sometimes he was assisted by James Wilkerson. Mark Hardin, John Wolfe, Simeon Bane and Lemuel Lineberry were elected trustees. Back then, it was the custom to hold class meetings at least once a month at which time each member would stand and give his or her experience. The class leader would then go around and shake hands with each member and exhort each one to be faithful and to press forward to the high calling of Jesus Christ. These meetings were very beneficial to the church.

Five acres purchased for \$10.00.

From the original church deed we find that, "...on the sixth day of May in the year of our Lord, one thousand, eight hundred thirty-four (May 6, 1834 A.D.), Jesse (Jefse) Walker of the county of Randolph and the state of North Carolina on the one part, willingly for the sum of ten dollars, to him in hand paid at the time of counting affixed his seal and delivered to said Mark Hardin, John Wolfe, Simeon Bane and Lemuel Lineberry, Trustees and their successors in office on the other part, a deed for five (5) acres of land on which to build a House of

Worship, to be used solely for the benefit of the said Religious Society of Methodist Protestant for ever."

This land was situated on the waters (watershed) of Sandy Creek near where the Fayetteville Road and the Sandy Creek Road crossed and was to be known as Gray's Chapel. The tract of land was still in growing timber and had not been cleared. Wild turkey, deer and other wild animals could be found roaming through the woods. The land was level and well suited for a church building site.

Logs cut for the church set on fire.

The men of the church and community went to work cutting logs and clearing the land. After the logs were cut, hewed and moved to the building site, the "log raising" was scheduled. But on the night before the building was to be "raised," some evil minded person or persons set fire to the logs.

This must have been a great disappointment, but the "Soldiers of the Cross" did not despair. They went back to the woods and cut and hewed more logs and "raised" a log building in which to worship God. This building measured 20 x 24 feet

It had three windows, one on each side and one behind the pulpit. The pulpit was a square box so high that one could scarcely see the head of the preacher unless he was a tall man.

The building was covered with oak boards made by Gilbert Jones. The benches (pews), about twelve in number, were made of slabs with holes bored in them in which to put the legs. These seats must have been very uncomfortable; at this time preachers were said to be "long-winded" with their sermons lasting about two hours. (Sometimes the preacher would take his text in Genesis and end with Revelation.) The door of the church was made of boards hung on the outside with wooden hinges and had a latch like a barn door. We have no record of how the building was heated, but most buildings at this time had a fireplace and used wood for heat.

Rev. Alson Gray was the first preacher.

Rev. Alson Gray, brother of Arrington Gray and a circuit rider, served this Methodist Protestant congregation in their little log church--this being one of the first Methodist Protestant churches organized in this area. Alson Gray's route extended from his home in Jamestown to a point in Chatham County--around 55 miles. This circuit was known as Guilford Circuit.

On his route, Rev. Gray stopped at twelve to fifteen churches and preached on weekdays as well as Sundays. At this time in history, people would stop their work to go hear the Word of God preached. Rev. Alson Gray rode a horse, and on his saddle was a saddlebag that always contained a Bible and a hymnbook. He ate his meals and spent the nights at the different homes in the communities where he preached. He was also given corn and hay for his horse.

W.S. Lineberry, in his writing in 1921, said he heard Rev. Alson Gray say he was paid only \$40.00 for a year's work. Obviously, Alson Gray was not in business to make money, but rather, to save souls. He also wrote that his father, Lemuel Lineberry, one of the charter members of the church, said that Gray's Chapel Church was named in honor of Arrington Gray instead of Alson, as most people thought. But today, as we give thanks for our church and our heritage, may we remember

Arrington Gray, who conducted the series of revival meetings at York School House and Alson Gray, who continued to bring God's message to this small congregation in such a way that the members were empowered by God to continue to build on this foundation. Some years later, Randolph Circuit was formed. This circuit consisted of Randolph County churches only, and Gray's Chapel Church became a part of it. Rev. Isaac Coe succeeded Rev. Gray.

Civil War brought hard times.

Hard times were prevalent in the Gray's Chapel area during the Civil War (1861-1865). My grandfather, Frank Jones, spoke often of the hardships that he, his mother and brothers experienced while his father, John Jones, was away at war. The Gray's Chapel community was well represented in the War Between the States. A partial list, found elsewhere in this book, includes Captain Scott Lineberry (who was the W.S. Lineberry that preserved some of this church history that we have today), Major Laban Odell (who fell in defense of the South), and J.W. Pugh (who volunteered to serve). Gray's Chapel Church survived these hard times and grew in faith and in membership. By the year 1868, there was need of a larger building.

First frame building built.

Through the perseverance of Lemuel Lineberry, William Lineberry and others, a larger, up-to-date frame building measuring 30 x 40 feet was built. Among those helping to cut the logs for the first frame building were these: William Lineberry, J.S. Trogdon, Solomon Redding, Jack Allred, Gaston Julian, Isaac Julian, Tobias Julian, Jack Routh, W.C. Routh, Alfred Routh, Zack Routh, Neece Routh, Jack Walker, A.P. Trogdon and W. P. Trogdon.

Benoia and Ben Prichard sawed the lumber which was then hand dressed. The shingles for the roof came from Montgomery County. The women of the church stayed busy knitting stockings which they sold to buy the nails. Semore York took the contract to build the church for \$200.00. Most of the labor was donated. Among those helping to build the building were these: Larking Nelson, Hiram Nelson, James Nelson, James Pugh, Nick Dowdy, John

Redding, John Jennings, Dorris McDaniel and Horace McDaniel. The pastor of the church at this time was Rev. William C. Kennett.

Log church building sold.

The log church building was sold to James Wilkerson; and with help from Alfred Routh and other neighbors, it was moved off the church property some distance to the east and was used for a dwelling for many years. Later it was used as an outbuilding and was torn down sometime in the 1950's. (Sorry, no picture could be found.)

First camp meeting held in 1877.

In 1877 Rev. William Amick held the first camp meeting under an arbor of hewn timber built by the men of the church. A fence was built on the sides, and seven or eight "tents" were built in rows with sheds for kitchens. All had dirt floors. Among the "tent" holders were the following: J.S. Trogdon, J. Wesley Pugh, Zachariah Routh, Horace McDaniel, John Curtis and Nathaniel Curtis.

Camp meetings were held at this campground for about 25 years. Pine torches were used to furnish light at night.

People came from far and near on foot, by horseback, or by buggy and wagon. Those who owned "tents" got their families together and loaded their wagons with food, clothes and bedding. The campground became their home for the duration of the revival. The man of each family would ride his horse home between services and do the chores that needed to be done and then return to the campground.

Many great preachers took part in these camp meetings. There was preaching in the morning, preaching in the afternoon and preaching at night. God's Spirit descended on this campground. There was much praying, shouting and praising the Lord. A trumpet was used to call the congregation together. G.W. Pugh, in his writings, said he could remember Alex Smith as he mounted the pulpit platform with his long tin trumpet. Then he would blow a few loud blasts. As he continued to blow, he turned first to the north, then south, east and west so that everybody all around could hear.

In 1897 a new roof was put on the church building, and the next year, 1898, a substantial iron fence was put around the cemetery in which repose the remains of most of the pioneers of the church.

From a paper found by Bruce Pugh while going through some old records, we find that Gray's Chapel Sunday School raised money for a library back in the 1800's. On this list we find the name of John Wolfe who lived until 1861. He was the great-grandfather of Bruce, Jack and Herbert Pugh. A copy of this list follows:

Amount of money paid for Sunday School library at Gray's Chapel, and by whom paid.

	\$-cts
John Wolfe	.50
E. W. Sineberry	1.00
J. Routh	1.00
Leffe Pugh	.50
Alfred Routh	.50
James Pugh	1.00
Samuel Sineberry	1.00
Wm. H. Sineberry	.50
David Foust	.50
Saban Odell	.50
Samuel Odell	.50
Samuel Pugh	.50
Embergon Sineberry	.50
Harris Sineberry	1.25
Reuben Smith	10.00
Whole amt.	

If the school is dead you can divide according to the amount each one paid.

R. Smith

Camp Meeting.

GRAY'S CHAPEL, RANDOLPH CO., WEDNESDAY, AUG. 29, 1877.

THE CAMP MEETING,

J. L. MICHAUX, Editor,
J. S. MICHAUX, Publisher.

—This church is named after Rev Alson Gray, who was the pioneer in introducing the gospel in connection with the Methodist Protestant church in this immediate neighborhood.

The date of his earliest visit here is 1831—46 year ago. In those days this ground was a comparative wilderness, and wild deer walked through the forest. In 1832 a small log house of worship was erected, and this gave place to the present neat, comfortable and spacious building which was completed in 1871. This is Randolph circuit, the pastor of which is Bro Amick. From this point due North to Greensboro is 20 miles; Asheboro is eleven miles South-west; Union Factory is seven miles West; Cedar Falls and Franklinsville are six miles distant, nearly due South.

—The oldest persons here are, Mrs. Lineberry, mother of Pres't Lineberry, eighty-six; Wm Nelson, eighty-four; David Fox, four miles distant, said to be ninety-one, and a colored man on Deep River, said to be one-hundred-and-fifteen. Rev. Alson Gray is seventy-seven, and is yet strong to labor.

—The ministers present are Alson Gray, C F Harris, the pastor, Z C Lineberry, Dr Fox, Wm Dickens, Alex Cooper.

Tent-hold: Bros Trogdon, J W Pugh, Lineberry, Alfred, Alfred Routh, W Z Routh, M Routh, Zach Routh, Laughlin, Bedding, Quincy Pugh, M Pugh, Eli Hays, M Hays, T K Pugh, York, Lowe, Craven, Patterson, Jones, Kirkman, B. L. R. On Saturday night the

opening services consisted of singing and prayer. The eight o'clock hour on Sunday morning was filled by the pastor, who discoursed without a text. Bro Gray preached at 11 o'clock on John 4:22. Bro Harris at 3 o'clock on 1 Thes 5 chap. The pastor at night, on Luke 23:42. Some came forward for prayers. Monday, eight o'clock, a. m., Bro Cooper, on John 19:14. 11 o'clock, Bro Harris—funeral of Cicero, son of I N Barber—on Rev 21:4. 3 o'clock, Bro Gray, on Psalms 9:17—with good effect. At night, Bro Lineberry, on Matt 19:5; exhortation by the pastor, followed by a season of increased interest, and one conversion. Tuesday morning eight o'clock, Bro Dickens, on James 1:17. 11 o'clock, Bro Gray, on Dan 7:27. 3 o'clock, Bro Harris on Rom 5:5. Eight o'clock p. m., Bro Lineberry on Matt 16:25.

—On Sunday night the congregation was startled by the announcement—"A child is lost!" Zeno Curtis' three-year-old boy was missing. Numbers of persons with lamps and torches were soon on the tramp, making the circuit of the encampment in search of the child, and in about fifteen minutes the lost one was found under the arbor whither he had gone at the sound of the trumpet. Then the voice of the mother was heard exulting over the fact that her little one was restored.

—The next Camp Meeting at this place is appointed for the last Sabbath in September of next year.

—News came Monday morning that as Nathan Cox was returning from church on Sunday, the holding-back straps of his harness gave way, causing his mule to kick furiously, by which Mr Cox was seriously, perhaps fatally, injured, his wife's jaw bone being broken, and his son also smartly hurt.

"Camp Meeting - 1877" (continued)

During the French Revolution, Jean Bon St. Andre, the Vendean leader, said to a peasant, "I will have all your steeples pulled down that you may no longer have any objects by which you may be reminded of your old superstitions." "You cannot help leaving us the steeple," replied the peasant, "and we can see them further off than our steeples."

Although your prayers may seem to be without effect, yet cease not to pray, for if thy petition be lawful, and then submit the granting thereof unfeignedly to the will of God, be sure that at length thou shalt either get thy desire, or the contentment as great as if thou hadst gotten it.—*Alexander Hume.*

I heard of a very old man like myself who was asked what his age was. He answered, "The right side of eighty." "I thought you were more than eighty," said the inquirer. "Yes, I am beyond it," he replied, "and that is the right side, for I'm nearer to my eternal rest."—*Rowland Hill.*

What is this life but the circulation of little mean actions? We lie down and rise again, dress and redress, feed and grow hungry, work or play, and grow weary; and then we lie down again and the circle returns.

The Lord takes up none but the forsaken; makes none healthy but the sick; gives sight to none but the blind; makes none alive but the dead; sanctifies none but sinners, and to all these he is precious.—*Luther.*

It is a strange thing to behold what gross errors and extreme absurdities men do commit for want of a friend to tell them of them. The light of good counsel is that which setteth all things straight.

To a person who asked him when was the right hour for dinner, a philosopher replied:—"If you are rich," said he, "you can dine when you like; and if you are poor, you can dine when you can."

Each man has an aptitude born with him to do easily some feat impossible to any other.—*Emerson.*

There are but few who know how to be idle and innocent. By doing nothing we learn to do ill.

He that speaks of another's failings with pleasure shall hear of his own with bitterness of heart.

The first step towards being ignorant is to learn that you are ignorant.

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Names of Persons Attending Sabbath School at Gray's Chapel in 1880

1. A.B. Walker
2. Madison Jones
3. Joseph Smith
4. J.S. Trogdon
5. George Cagle
6. W.M. Routh
7. Jessy E. Pugh
8. Zachariah Routh
9. Irene Foust
10. Sarah A. Pugh
11. Mary J. Pugh
12. Ardella Cox
13. Zula Routh
14. Sarah E. Routh
15. Lueler M. Allred
16. Sallie E. Coble
17. Lieue Pugh
18. Pugh
19. Genettie Cagle
20. Cora E. Pugh
21. Cara E. Pugh
22. Zorada Routh
23. Ednora Routh
24. C.C. Kyme
25. Daniel M. Routh
26. John R. Coble
27. John C. Nixon
28. James C. Allred
29. Malcom L. Allred
30. Cisero Walker
31. Thomas Cagle
32. Manroe Gray
33. Alexander Gray
34. L.P. Foust
35. W.A. Smith
36. John Redding
37. P.A. Routh
38. Wesley Curtis
39. Elrada Foust
40. Margaret Allred
41. Lucinda Foust
42. Minnie Routh
43. Jenny Routh
44. Reany Pugh
45. Cernelia J. Wrightsel
46. Leana Curtis
47. Nancy J. Swaim
48. Mary Gray
49. Henryetta Cagle
50. Mary Coble
51. Mary J. Jones
52. Rhem W. Pugh
53. Malcolm L. Allred
54. Cisero Redding
55. J.A. Pugh
56. Theadore Pugh
57. Willie McDaniel
58. John Walker
59. J.F. Smith
60. Cisero Walker
61. Pugh
62. Deida Allred
63. Ulinsa Pugh
64. Mayina Cagle
65. D.H. Allred
66. Pugh
67. Sarah An Hardin
68. J.M. Jones
69. Ida Lackey
70. Emma C. Ward
71. G.M. Jones
72. Hugh T. Curtis
73. Benjimum Gray
74. N.B. Curtis
75. Luhama Kyme
76. Caroline Jones
77. A.R. Hackett
78. Johny Cagle
79. Lucy E. Gray
80. Maggie Curtis
81. W. D. Gray
82. D. A. Allred

In searching through some old class books we find some interesting records.....

April 22, 1877

J.W. Cagle, Superintendent
Augusta Routh, Asst. Superintendent
N.M. Routh, Secretary
Augburn Routh, Librarian
M. Jones, Treasurer

April 19, 1879

Sabbath School Organized
A.B. Walker, Superintendent
John A. Gray, Asst. Superintendent
William M. Routh, Secretary

May 29, 1881

J.C. Smith elected Superintendent
D.M. Allred, Asst. Superintendent
Clarkson Kime, Secretary
D.A. Allred, Librarian

July 12, 1885

School opened by singing
Officers and teachers present-- 7
Scholars present 25
Visitors present 4
Total School 36

10 memorized verses
Small school-- weather somewhat unfavorable.
Singing this evening at the Gray's Chapel Institute.

April 11, 1886

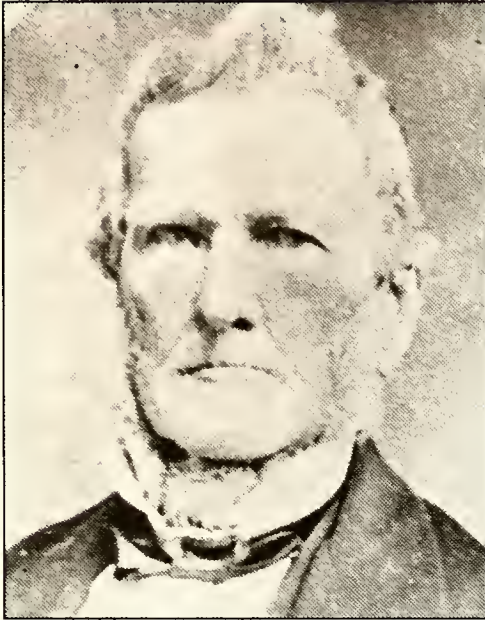
Chapel Sunday School organized by electing:
J.W. Pugh, Superintendent
Delinda Foust, Asst. Superintendent
Lou M. Allred, Secretary

32 people enrolled in the class.

October 24, 1886

Officers present 3
Scholars present 59
Visitors present 25
Total 87

Gray's Chapel's First Pastor-- Rev. Alson Gray



Rev. Alson Gray, a circuit rider--
first pastor of Gray's Chapel
Methodist Protestant Church



Rev. Gray is buried at Fairfield Church
Cemetery six miles east of Archdale.
Born, June 14, 1799--Died, September 23, 1880

This writing of Dr. J.E. Prichard in 1952 was submitted by Mrs. Dorothy Green, a member of Giles Chapel Church:

"The least that can be said of Rev. Alson Gray is that he was a remarkable man. His license to preach was renewed by the Guilford Circuit in 1829, and until the time of his death on September 23, 1880, he was constantly on the march. He organized more Methodist Protestant churches than perhaps any other man of his day. He was president of the annual conference time and again. He was agent for the Jamestown Female Seminary, conference evangelist, pastor of large circuits and promoter in general."



Rev. A.W. Lineberry
1824-1899

Rev. A.W. Lineberry (1824-1899), an ancestor of the Gray's Chapel Lineberry's, was born near New Salem and was called to preach at age 25. He was an active minister of the Methodist Protestant Church for 50 years and was at one time pastor of the Randolph Circuit of which Gray's Chapel was a part. He received his honorary title of Doctor of Divinity from Rutherford College and was president of the North Carolina Methodist Protestant Conference from 1870-1872.

At the time of his death on February 14, 1899, he was pastor of Richland Circuit in Randolph County and was buried at Moriah Church Cemetery in Guilford County. Because of the rough weather that winter, the funeral service was postponed. In July, a memorial service was held at Shady Grove which was located near his old homeplace. For the relatives who could not attend this service, a second service was conducted at Gray's Chapel on Sunday, September 24, 1899 (homecoming) by Rev. G.F. Milloway.

Called to Be a Minister

Rev. Orin Pedller Routh

Orin Pedller Routh (1867-1939), who grew up in the Gray's Chapel community, was converted and became a member of Gray's Chapel Church at the age of 12. When he was 21, he preached his first sermon at his home church and preached his last sermon in 1938 at the annual Homecoming Day service at Gray's Chapel. He also served as pastor at Gray's Chapel in 1906 and 1907. He was a Methodist Protestant preacher for 39 years and served as an evangelist for one year.

Rev. H.L. Isley wrote in 1943, "Brother Routh possessed a strong and beautiful Christian character. He was quiet and unassuming, never trying to make a show of his religion; yet how sweet and real was his experience with Christ. He believed in living a pure sinless life in this world. He was a Methodist preacher who seemed to be going on to perfection and one of many who reached that glorious experience in this present world." (picture on page 18)

Rev. W.F. (Billy) Hackett

William F. (Billy) Hackett grew up in the Gray's Chapel Church where he and his family worshiped. He submitted the following for Gray's Chapel history book:

"As I write this story about God's call to the Gospel ministry, I believe it had its beginning back years before the Lord called me to preach. I think about my parents when I was growing up, and the way they lived before me influenced my life.

I remember my mother on her knees by the bedside and my father as he stood and leaned his head on the mantle over the fireplace. I knew they were praying for me.

I remember my mother calling me on Sunday mornings to get up and go to church at Gray's Chapel. I also remember my sister, Elsie Mae, reading me stories from the Bible and Mrs. Gladys Pugh reading Bible stories at school. In Sunday School, my teacher, Miss Mary Jones, taught our Sunday School class. All this influenced my life, although I know the call was from God.

I was called while attending Red Cross Baptist Church, and I give thanks to Rev. Roy Hoover, who encouraged me and helped me in learning the Bible."

Billy Hackett became a Baptist minister and has pastored Baptist churches in North and South Carolina. At the present time, he and his family are living in Conway, South Carolina where he is pastor of Kingston Baptist Church.



Rev. W.F. Hackett

Called to be a Minister (continued)

Gwen Ree Pugh Sutton

Gwen Ree Pugh, the daughter of Herbert and Lola Pugh, was an active member of Gray's Chapel Church from childhood. She was a member of the choir, assistant pianist and a Sunday School teacher.

After entering High Point College and her marriage to Timothy C. Sutton in 1978, she began attending the Salvation Army Church where her husband was a member. Upon graduation from college, both Gwen and Timothy applied for admission to the Officer's Training School in the Salvation Army. They were accepted and both graduated with honors.

On June 6, 1981, Timothy and Gwen Sutton were ordained as ministers in the Salvation Army. They were assigned to the Beaufort, South Carolina Corps. They have two children, Bethany and Phillip. In 1986 they accepted an appointment with Faith Christian Center in Beaufort where they are still serving.



Gwen Ree Pugh Sutton

PASTORS OF GRAY'S CHAPEL CHURCH

(A partial list)

Rev. Alson Gray (First Circuit Rider)	Rev. O.P. Routh-- 1906-1907
Rev. Isaac Coe	Rev. W.F. Ashburn-- 1908-1910
Rev. Joe Causey	Rev. W. C. Lassiter
Rev. C.F. Harris	Rev. W.M. Pike
Rev. Joe Dunn	Rev. W.F. Ashburn-- 1919-1924
Rev. James Deems	Rev. A.O. Lindley-- 1924-1928
Rev. William Wiles	Rev. D.I. Garner-- 1928-1930
Rev. Spate	Rev. Edward Suits-- 1930-1934
Rev. John Michaux	Rev. George L. Reynolds-- 1934-1938
Rev. Richard Michaux	Rev. H.L. Isley-- 1938-1943
Rev. A.W. Lineberry, D.D.	Rev. G.B. Ferree-- 1943-1946
Rev. Z.C. Lineberry	Rev. George L. Curry-- 1946-1948
Rev. W.W. Amick-- 1877	Rev. Y.D. Poole-- 1948-1951
Rev. W.C. Hammer	Rev. C. Frank Pennigar-- 1951-1955
Rev. Jackson Laughlin	Rev. James T. Bowman-- 1955-1959
Rev. C.A. Cecil	Rev. O. Ray Moss-- 1959-1963
Rev. N.F. Bullock	Rev. George M. Carver-- 1963-1965
Rev. W.F. McCulloch	Rev. Martin W. Heckand, Jr.-- 1965-1968
Rev. W.C. Kennett	Rev. Mitchell C. Murrow-- 1968-1972
Rev. D.A. Highfill	Rev. James P. Clodfelter, Jr.-- 1972-1975
Rev. G.F. Milloway	Rev. Ray C. Stephens-- 1975-1979
Rev. J.R. Hutton	Rev. R. Dale Hilton-- 1979-1984
Rev. H.S.B. Thompson	Dr. D. Edwin Bailey-- 1984-1988
	Rev. Frank M. Jarvis-- 1988-

Important Dates in Our Church History

- 1831 Protracted meeting at York School House. A "class" was organized with twelve members who later became the charter members of Gray's Chapel Methodist Protestant Church.
- 1834 Trustees of the church, Lemuel Lineberry, Mark Hardin, John Wolfe and Simeon Bane bought five acres of land from Jesse Walker for \$10.00 on which to build a house of worship--a log building, 20 x 24 feet.
- 1868-1869 Second church building erected, measuring 30 x 40 feet.
- 1877 First camp meeting held at Gray's Chapel in an arbor built of hewn timber.
- 1897 New roof put on church building.
- 1898 A substantial iron fence was put around the cemetery.
- 1908-1909 Third church building erected.
- 1909 First memorial service held on the fourth Sunday of May.
- 1919 Old arbor replaced by new one on same site.
- 1929 A raised platform was built to the south end of the arbor for the pulpit and choir. An extension was added to the north end.
- 1931 Gray's Chapel celebrated the centennial of the church.
- 1939 The Methodist Episcopal, the Methodist Episcopal South and the Methodist Protestant churches merged to form the Methodist Church.
- 1939 Gray's Chapel Methodist Church celebrated the 108th anniversary of the church.
- 1940 Woman's Society of Christian Service was organized.
- 1942 A new addition was built to the church for seven classrooms. The sanctuary was enlarged and renovated.
- 1950 Gray's Chapel Church, which had formerly been on a four-point charge, became part of a two-point charge known as Bethany-Gray's Chapel charge.
- 1950 A new parsonage was built near Gray's Chapel.
- 1959 Old arbor removed to make room for fellowship hall.
- 1962 The church fellowship hall was dedicated.
- 1966 A building committee was appointed by the administrative board to study the needs of the church.
- 1968 After the merger of the Methodist Church and the Evangelical United Brethren Church, the church became known as Gray's Chapel United Methodist Church.

Important Dates in Our Church History (continued)

- 1969 The United Methodist Men received their charter.
- 1970 A Lay Witness Mission was held at Gray's Chapel for the Bethany-Gray's Chapel charge.
- 1970 "Our Venture in Faith Crusade" was held at Gray's Chapel, December 26-30.
- 1971 The Cemetery Trust Fund was established.
- 1973 Ground- breaking service for a new church building, June 24.
- 1974 The first service was held in the new church, Saturday, May 25.
- 1975 Dedication service for the fourth church building, Sunday, May 25-- Bishop Earl G. Hunt, Jr. presided.
- 1975 Gray's Chapel became a station church in June. Rev. Ray C. Stephens was appointed first full-time pastor.
- 1977-1979 Much work was done in the cemetery including aligning and sand blasting the old grave stones in the old section of the cemetery.
- 1980 Church became more "mission minded." Designated first Sunday of each month as "Hunger Fund Sunday." Began sponsoring a child in Mexico and a bed in Childrens' Hospital in Haiti.
- 1980 Special observance of 200 years of Sunday School.
- 1981 Lawrence Routh spoke at 150th Anniversary Celebration for Gray's Chapel Church.
- 1987 Children's church began.

Pastors of Gray's Chapel Church



Rev. W.W. Amick (1877-)



Rev. C.A. Cecil



Rev. G.F. Milloway



Rev. H.S.B. Thompson



Rev. O.P. Routh (1906-1907)



Rev. W.F. Ashburn (1908-10, 1921-24)



Rev. D.I. Garner (1928-1920)
(no picture available)



Rev. A.O. Lindley (1924-1928)



Rev. Edward Suits (1930-1934)



Rev. G.L. Reynolds (1934-1938)



Rev. H.L. Isley (1938-1943)



Rev. G.B. Ferree (1943-1946)



Rev. George L. Curry (1946-1948)



Rev. York Dudley Poole (1948-1951)



Rev. C. Frank Pennigar (1951-1955)



Rev. James T. Bowman (1955-1959)



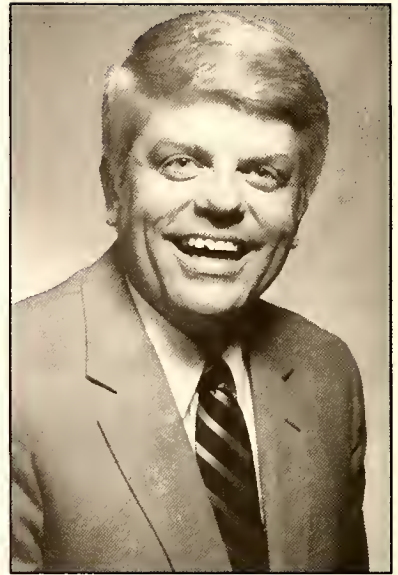
Rev. O. Ray Moss (1959-1963)



Rev. George M. Carver (1963-1965)



Rev. Martin W. Heckard, Jr. (1965-1968)



Rev. Mitchell C. Murrow (1968-1972)



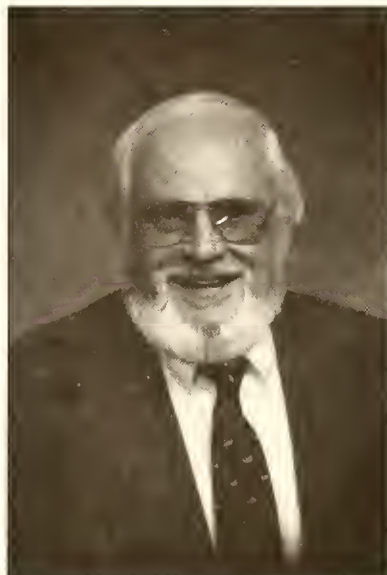
Rev. James P. Clodfelter, Jr. (1972-1975)



Rev. Ray C. Stephens (1975-1979)



Rev. R. Dale Hilton (1979-1984)



Dr. D. Edwin Bailey (1984-1988)



Rev. Frank M. Jarvis (1988-)

Early 1900's

For the history that we have of our church in the early years of the twentieth century, we give thanks to Mr. G.W. (Bub) Pugh. Without his writings and memories that he passed on to his family and friends, our history of this period would be sketchy indeed. Mr. Pugh, a descendant of charter members John and Mary Wolfe, was a loyal and dedicated member of Gray's Chapel Church. Today we find three generations of his descendants active in our church.

Although the camp meetings were discontinued in the early 1900's, the members of Gray's Chapel Church were still active and dedicated to their God and church. The people at this time believed in revivals. Great revivals continued with some of the best preachers in the Methodist Protestant Church taking part in these meetings. Preachers of this period did not mind getting in the pulpit and telling the congregation of their sins and what would happen if they did not repent. The preaching of that day was more of God's wrath than the preaching of God's love as we hear from the pulpit today.

Excerpts from a class book discovered.

The following is an excerpt from a class book belonging to Gray's Chapel Methodist Protestant Church:

"Meeting held the fourth Sunday in September, 1906.

Continued one week

60 conversions 49 joined the church

Rev. George Milloway preached every service.

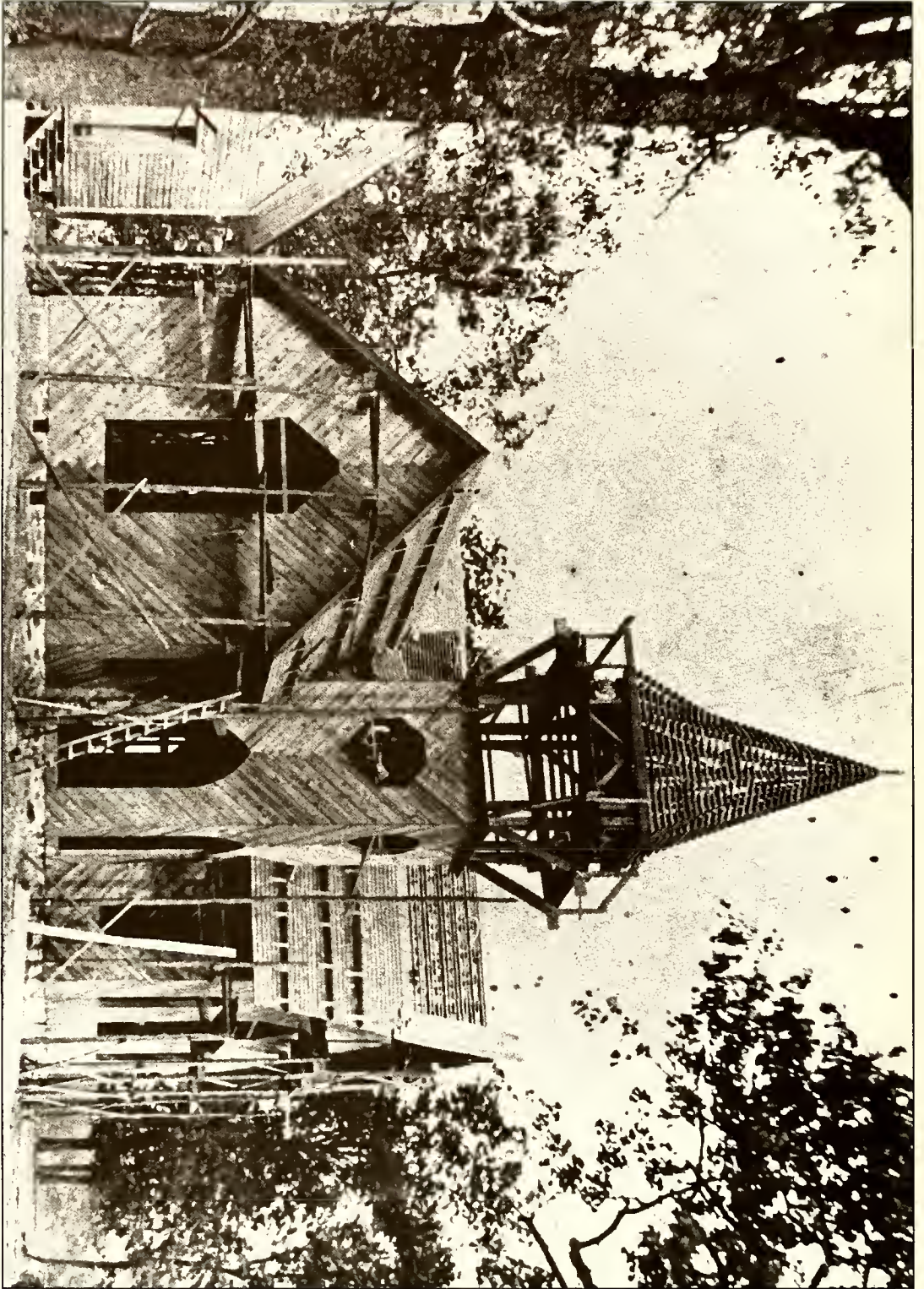
D.M. Allred, secretary"

Trustees elected November, 1906 were these: J.W. Pugh, George Cagle, M.F. Pugh, Bethel Allred and N.B. Curtis.

Gray's Chapel members desire new building.

The people of Gray's Chapel Church and community were, for the most part, prosperous. They took pride in their homes and surroundings. They took pride in their church, the grounds and the cemetery. In 1907, the church members became interested in building a new, larger, up-to-date church. Trustees at this time were: J.W. Pugh, A.M. Nixon, Madison Jones and Isaac Routh. These trustees decided definitely to erect a new building. Rev. W.F. Ashburn was pastor at this time. A.W. Nixon, a first-class carpenter, was put in full charge. He drew the plans and was foreman of the job. Subscriptions and donations had been started in early 1907. J.W. Pugh, chairman of the trustees, paid his pledge to B.P. Allred (one of the collectors) before he died February 15, 1908.

The sawmill men of the church and community furnished most of the framing. The heavy foundation sills for the whole building were donated by Alfred Routh's sons, William and Joshua, who were expert hewers of timber. The dimensions of the new building were 48 x 34 feet with a recessed chancel and pulpit in the center on the east side.



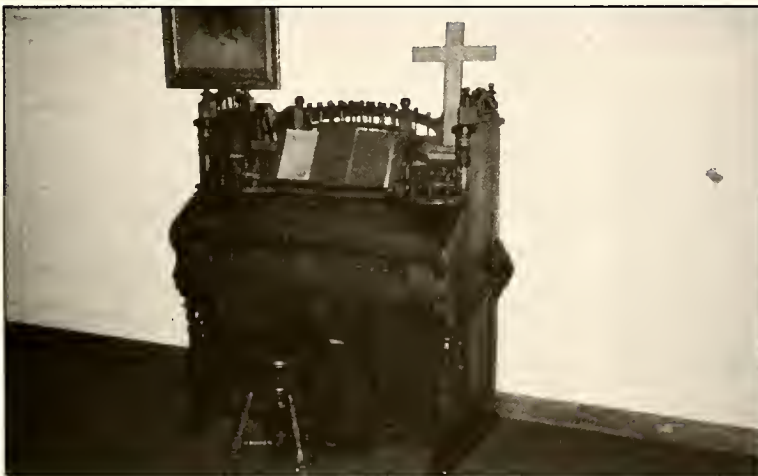
Third church under construction, 1908 - 1909 (note second church building at left).



The pulpit desk was made and donated by John Cox of Greensboro while he was working at Oettinger Lumber Company. He grew up at Providence and was a member of Gray's Chapel church. This desk was a masterpiece of workmanship and highly praised as a sacred desk. Today, this pulpit is used in the Fellowship Hall as the speaker's stand.



Mrs. Letha A. Pugh's bonnet. This type of black bonnet was worn by the older ladies in the 1800's and early 1900's. Mrs. Pugh has a daughter, Mrs. Gertrude Routh, and 9 grandchildren who are members of Gray's Chapel Church today. They are Junius Routh, Thomas Routh, Jimmy Routh, Joe Pugh, Eric Pugh, Carletta Pugh, Margaret Julian, Beatrice Underwood and Christine Dunn.



Old organ

New building contained nice features.

A Sunday School room with a gabled front was on the west side. It was 24 x 14 feet with folding doors which opened into the sanctuary. This room had a curtain in the center that was used to separate the room into two Sunday School classrooms. Sunday School classes also met in different corners of the sanctuary where a large wood and coal stove sat in the middle.

The vestibule in the southwest corner extended upward into a steeple that contained the old bell that had been used for years to call the people around Gray's Chapel to come and worship God. On the wall hung a nice church clock that was presented to the church by James A. Odell of Greensboro in memory of members of his family who were buried in the church cemetery. The old pulpit desk from the second church building was taken to the arbor and was used there so long as the arbor stood.

The building was completed in 1909. The last funeral in the old building was that of Samuel Dunn, section master at

Lineberry, who died September 22, 1909. The first funeral in the new building was that of Jane McDaniel, who died October 5, 1909.

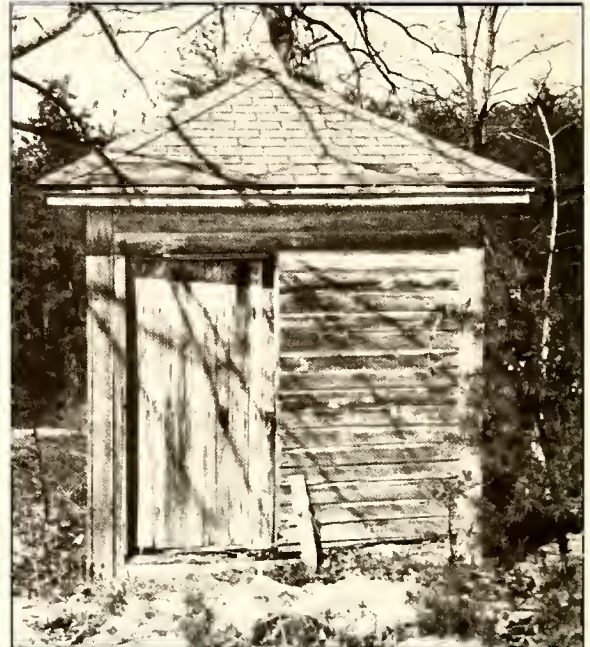
Second building sold at auction.

After the congregation moved into their new building, the second church building, which was a frame building, was sold at auction. Mrs. Ednora Cates bought it and had it moved, intact, up to the crossroads just off the church lot. With additions added to the rear for living quarters, she operated a store in the old church building which was located in the front. Later Mrs. Cates sold the business to A.M. Underwood and his son, R.H. (Reggie) Underwood. This store became one of the best country stores in the community.

After the death of his father, Reggie Underwood operated the store as long as his health permitted. After Reggie's death on September 24, 1969, his wife, Beatrice Foust Underwood, kept the business going until the end of 1985. Early in 1986, Mrs. Underwood, then age 87, sold the contents of the building; and now it stands vacant.



Underwood's Store. Front part was the second church building.



Old Johnny house.

Memorial Day Service, 1909



The first Memorial Day Service was held on the fourth Sunday of May, 1909, according to Eulah Hamilton Finch, who, at the age of 93, now resides at Altergale Housing Facility in Greensboro. This Memorial Day service was instituted by the pastor, Rev. W.F. Ashburn, Mr. W.M. Cates and Mrs. Finch's father, Mr. Cicero Hamilton, who was the choir leader at the time. This service was a great success and has been held every year since that time on the fourth Sunday of May. At this first service, according to the history that has been handed down, there were only two cars on the church grounds. The rest of the crowd used the old mode of travel--on foot, horseback, buggy or wagon.

Back then, and for many years, Memorial Service was an all-day affair and was always held under the arbor so long as the arbor stood. It became one of the largest attended services at Gray's Chapel. The arbor was not nearly large enough to

accommodate the crowds. There would be more people standing around or walking over the church grounds and cemetery than were seated under the arbor.

At the conclusion of the morning service, the crowd would gather in and around the cemetery. The youth of the church would march to the center of the cemetery where the flowers that had been gathered the day before had been placed. These flowers, according to Mamie York, now a resident at Wesleyan Apartments in High Point, were mostly wildflowers, sometimes only honeysuckle. The boys and girls would get an armful of flowers and, going in different directions, would place flowers on each grave. It was the desire of the youth and the congregation of the church that every grave in the cemetery would be decorated with flowers. Just when this custom was discontinued, we do not know; but, from a 1931 Memorial Day bulletin, we find that decorating the graves was on the program.

CENTENNIAL AND TWENTY THIRD ANNUAL MEMORIAL
SERVICE OF GRAVE'S CHAPEL
METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH.

ORDER OF SERVICE
MAY 24, 1931

---10:30 O'clock---

Hymn-----

Roll call of deceased members of 1930-31-----
Service in cemetery-----Decorating graves.

---11:00 O'clock---

Hymn-----

"Faith of our fathers!"-----
Prayer-----

Hymn-----

Onward Christian Soldiers.

Offering-----

Sermon by pastor-----Subject
-----Our Heritage-----

Prayer-----

Hymn-----How Firm A Foundation.

Benediction-----

Intermission

---2:00 O'clock---

Hymn-----

History of the church-----

Hymn-----

Address-----Rev. R. C. Stubbins

-----Pastor of the Ashboro M. P. Church-----

Remarks---By former pastors and visitors---

Announcements-----Adjournment-----

On his return from the convention which was held in Washington D. C., the pastor sustained injuries which made it impossible for him to complete this program.

---Rev. Edward Suits Pastor---

Centennial and Twenty-third annual Memorial Service. Program furnished by
Miss Lona Wood.

At one time, a large cross was decorated with flowers and placed in the center of the cemetery in memory of all who were buried there.

After the benediction in the cemetery, dinner was served on the church ground. Different families or groups would spread a tablecloth on the ground (or a table, which the more fortunate had prepared for this purpose) on which to put the food. Someone from each group would get a bucket and dipper and go to Mr. A.M. Underwood's well and bring back a bucket of fresh well water. Iced tea and cold drinks were unheard of at this time.

After the meal and a period of fellowship, part of the crowd would again gather under and around the arbor where several different preachers would be in the pulpit. There was more preaching, singing, praying and testifying.

Gray's Chapel Church still has a Memorial Day Service each year on the fourth Sunday of May; but today it is held in the sanctuary of the church and has been since the early 1960's when the arbor was replaced by the fellowship hall. Although everybody today rides in a car,

the crowds are not so large as they used to be; however chairs sometimes have to be carried from the fellowship hall to seat the overflow crowd. As the memorial roll is called, a white carnation is placed on the altar of the church in memory of each member and non-member buried in the church cemetery and for each church member buried elsewhere.

After a memorial message by the pastor, the service is concluded in the cemetery where many of the graves are beautifully decorated with flowers by families and friends of the deceased. Chimes are played as the crowd makes its way to the graves of their loved ones.

After the benediction, dinner is spread on a long table in the fellowship hall where there is always a large pot of hot coffee and cold drinks ready to be served by some of the ladies of the church. After the meal and a period of fellowship, the crowd soon departs.

Memorial Day has been, and still is, a special day at Gray's Chapel Church with a host of visitors who have ties with the church and cemetery.

October 5, 1911

From Siloam to Randolph

On September 23, I started to Randolph County to visit my mother and to attend Special Meeting at Gray's Chapel. I learned at Climax, that Bro. Lassiter had engaged Bro. Henry L. Powell to do the preaching for him. Not knowing Bro. Powell, we both got off at the same station, and there waited for Bro. Mat. Jones to carry the preacher home with him, so he took Bro. Powell in the buggy and I was left to foot it. This, I was pleased to do, for I wanted to walk the old road that I used to walk so much when a boy, that leads to the home of Bro. Jim, a mile's distance.

Bro. Jim seemed surprised when he saw me, for he did not know I was coming. I spent the night with him and family pleasantly. Next morning, we were up early getting ready to go to Gray's Chapel for church services. We reached the Church in time and then I began seeing familiar faces, but many of familiar face that I have met there was not; they have gone to meet their reward. One of whom I would like to speak, though he has been gone about two years, and this is Cicero H. Redding; he was ever honest, a Christian gentleman. I have played with him and have worked with him. It makes me sad to think of his death.

I visited the graveyard and it is indeed cemetery for the country. It is a credit to the people and the community.

At 11 o'clock, the service began. Possibly 2,000 people, with Rev. H.L. Powell in the pulpit. I never did hear him preach before. I thought he could when I first saw him, and now I know it. Bro. Powell did all the preaching that day; no night meeting. After 3 o'clock service, I winded my way to see my aged mother who seems to be very pert for one of her age. She is 84 years of age. She is living with Bro. Frank.

Monday morning, Mother, Bro. Frank and wife and myself all came back to church; heard two more sermons by Bro. Powell. I spent Monday night with Bro. Mat and so did Bro. Powell. There we talked with Bro. Powell and found him a great talker, a great reasoner, a good preacher--a good man.

Jonathan Thomas Jones

Letter written by Tom Jones to the Methodist publication at that time, the **Methodist Protestant Herald**. Mr. Jones, who was a railroad employee for years, kept close ties with his church, Gray's Chapel, even though he was away much of the time.

Roll of Gray's Chapel Sunday School (from a classbook dated 1911-1916)

R.E. Routh, Secretary

Mr. R.P. Foust, Superintendent

Class # 1

G.W. Pugh, Teacher
T. E. Routh
Charles Allred
W. D. Vuncanon
W. A. Redding
E. L. Pugh
Jasper Foust
C. W. Allred
M. L. Coble
W. R. Brower
L. K. Routh
R. H. Underwood
A. M. Allred
I. E. Routh
Brower York
Arthur Pugh
Numa Brower
L. A. Pugh
Clarence Routh
Charlie Routh

Nina Allred
Janie Underwood
Maggie Pugh Gray
Margaret Walker
Bessie Redding
Nettie Hackett
Vada Hackett

Class # 3

Ollie Routh, Teacher
Eula Routh
Ila Routh
Cratie Redding
Verggie Walker
Beatrice Foust
Ora Pugh
Eva Richardson
Vada Lineberry
Carletta Pugh
Verlia Routh
Bessie Richardson

Moris Pugh
Coy Allred
William Cates
Mabel Lineberry
Ray Nixon
Jack Pugh
Colon Hardin
Cathleen Walker
Evelyn Walker
Flora Vuncanon
Anna Vuncanon
Sara May Coble
Bertha Routh
Brule Pugh
Howard Lineberry
George Hackett
Almond Walker
Elsie Routh
Keni Lineberry
Vannah Pugh
Albert Sharen
Lucian Pugh
Murphy Allred
John Lineberry
Verdin Lineberry
Flavis Brower
Carl Brower
Ted Walker
Vallie Kirkman
Worth Pugh
C. Hackett
Bessie Foust
Annie Redding
Marie Ward
Bengie Ward
Regie Allred
Clarence Pugh
Alvah Routh
Cornigie Walker
Elmer Nixon
Verdie Nixon
Bessie Foust
Rozell Routh

Class # 2

Maggie York, Teacher
Esther Walker
Lola Jones
Ollie Redding Allred
Ila McMaster
Cina Lineberry
Cornie Lineberry Routh
Alice Lineberry
Zula Pugh
Lula Ward
Carie Dunn
Gertrude Pugh
Mamie Walker
Fronie Lineberry
Ethel Lineberry
Ada Hackett
Ida Nixon Allred
Janie Jones
Alma Nixon
Addie Routh
Bettie Nixon

Class # 4

Not Listed

Class # 5

Mary J. Pugh, Teacher
Dorothy Routh
Julia Sharen
Mary Sharen
Hilda Pugh
Nettie Pugh
Lena Richardson
Vellar Walker
Lena Underwood
Cordia Underwood
Jesse Hackett
Grady Allred
James Pugh
Ney Pugh
Mary Pugh
Ruby Pugh
Virgil Hardin
Edna Routh

World War I (1914-1918) found young men from Gray's Chapel Church and community going overseas to fight for freedom. Cyrus Lineberry gave his life on the Hindenburg Line in Germany on September 29, 1918 - less than two months before the Armistice was signed.

First arbor torn down

In 1919, the first arbor was torn down and replaced with a new one on the same site. Ten years later, in 1929, the arbor was repaired with an extension on the north end

and also an extension on the south end with a raised platform for the pulpit and choir. The arbor then measured 40 x 60 feet. The altar was the pulpit platform, and straw covered the dirt floor on which to kneel.

Many great sermons were preached from this arbor pulpit, and many souls responded to the invitation as the choir sang the great revival songs.

In 1921, the Randolph Charge consisted of Shiloh, Bethel, Gray's Chapel, and Bethany.

Superannuates of Methodist Protestant Conference



The Methodist Church

In 1939, the three branches of Methodism, the Methodist Episcopal Church, the Methodist Protestant Church and the Methodist Episcopal Church South, merged to form the Methodist Church. At this time, the charge became known as the Randolph-Gray's Chapel Charge in the High Point District with Dr. S.W. Taylor, District Superintendent. Rev. H.L. Isley was pastor of the charge.

Gray's Chapel celebrates 108th Anniversary.

Gray's Chapel Church celebrated its 108th anniversary on Sunday, September 24, 1939 with Homecoming and the beginning of the annual revival. The pastor, Rev. H.L. Isley, preached at the 11:00 service. There was dinner on the church grounds; and at

2:00, Rev. W.F. Ashburn, a former pastor who had served the church at two different times (1908-1910 and 1921-1924), and Miss Edith L. Guthrie of Saxapahaw were the anniversary speakers.

The speakers said that Gray's Chapel Methodist Church, formerly a Methodist Protestant Church, had been very active in its first 108 years, with camp meetings being held for about 25 years, and great revivals sounding the evangelistic note had been continuing.

Revival services continued through the following week. Rev. Isley conducted the afternoon services at 2:30 p.m. The 7:30 evening services were conducted by Rev. Charles Coble of the Haw River charge. Church membership at this time was around 325.

United Methodist Women

This history of the United Methodist Women was submitted by Louise Pugh Corder, an active member of the U.M.W. today. She has fond memories of going to the women's meetings with her mother when she was a small child and feels like she has always been a member.

There was a Ladies' Auxiliary at Gray's Chapel Methodist Protestant Church before the unification of the Methodist Episcopal Church, the Methodist Episcopal Church South, and the Methodist Protestant Church in 1939. There is not sufficient data to write a history of the auxiliary.

On October 18, 1940, Rev. H.L. Isley and a group of church women met at the home of Gladys Pugh and organized a Woman's Society of Christian Service. There were ten charter members. The officers elected were:

President--Gladys Pugh
Vice-president--Vanna Brower
Treasurer--Ila Routh
Sec. of literature and publications--Lou Lineberry
Sec. of Christian Education--Hilda Lineberry
Sec. of Young People's Work--Mamie York
Sec. of Supplies--Lillian Redmon
Recording Secretary--Beatrice Underwood
Corresponding Secretary--Linda Coble
Carletta Pugh was also a charter member.

Meetings were planned for the first Sunday of each month after Sunday School, and dues were set at ten cents a month.

Within three years' time, membership had increased from 10 to 34 active members, and the pledge to missions had more than tripled from \$10.00 to \$35.00. Dedicated officers, well-planned programs, and special prayer and self-denial and holiday services helped make meetings and other events a creative stimulus to society members.

During the 1940's, the Woman's Society of Christian Service gave regularly to Bethlehem Houses; foreign, national, and local missions; student aid; baskets for shut-ins; and other phases of Christian service. The society raised money through

sales of pot cleaners and flavoring and by holding an annual lawn party and quilt auction.

The women contributed extensively to the remodeling of the church sanctuary and to the furnishing and decoration of new Sunday School classrooms. Included among the donations were a carpet for the sanctuary and curtains for new classrooms.

During the 1950's, the Woman's Society of Christian Service continued to grow and provide inspiration and service to the church and community. Money for the society's various missions was raised through the selling of magazines, flavoring, dish cloths, church plates, and by sponsoring a lawn party at which homemade ice cream, name quilts, and other items were sold. The ladies compiled a church cookbook which was published and sold. A womanless wedding planned by the women was an enjoyable fund-raiser.

The organization continued to thrive and increase its pledges to the work of the national organization and its contributions to local, national, and foreign missions. Fruit baskets continued to be given to shut-ins each Christmas, and student aid was furnished to church-sponsored colleges.

A significant phase of work for members during this period was donating generously to the furnishing and decoration of the new church parsonage as well as buying a communion set and other necessities for the church.

In 1968, the Woman's Society of Christian Service became the Women's Society of Christian Service as a prelude to the merger of the Methodist Church with the Evangelical United Church to become the United Methodist Church. In 1972, the General Conference authorized the organization of the United Methodist Women, and the local unit held a special commemorative celebration. Charter

members included: Louise Corder, Janna Correll, Opal Cox, Elsie Davis, Nettie Davis, Eula Hall, Mary Jones, Berniece Kerns, Lena Lackey, Hilda Lineberry, Lake Lineberry, Ruth Lineberry, Verla Lineberry, Ernestine Millikan, Joetta Moore, Faye Murrow, Frances Nixon, Carletta Pugh, Gladys Pugh, Lola Pugh, Marjorie Routh, Myra Thomas, Elise Trogdon, Edith Williams and Mamie York.

The 1960's, 1970's and 1980's were years filled with increased participation by local chapter members in local, district and conference work. Under the leadership of capable, dedicated officers, the organization flourished. Delegates attended officers' training programs, mission studies, spiritual-life retreats, schools of missions, district meetings and annual meetings of the Western North Carolina Conference of United Methodist Women. They returned to the local unit with enthusiastic, enriching ideas. During this period, Marjorie Routh, Myra Thomas and Mary Sumner served terms as active district officers. Gladys Pugh invited speakers who presented enlightening mission studies on designated global areas of concern. Special realia and multimedia programs for the entire church were presented by missionaries from Haiti, Korea, India and several areas of Africa.

Gray's Chapel United Methodist Women have continued throughout the years to consistently increase their pledges and other gifts to the work of the national organization and have given significant donations to pressing needs such as Braille Bibles, Murdoch Center, Bethlehem scholarships for summer camps, Murdoch camperships and the Methodist Building Fund.

The United Methodist Women have always assisted the church and parsonage and have provided many things for the fellowship hall and new sanctuary and classrooms since their construction. The ladies bought carpeting for the parsonage in 1976 and furnished some of the classrooms in the new church building. They have purchased attic fans, blinds, microwaves and a refrigerator for the fellowship hall, and have supplied dishes and lace tablecloths to equip the hall for receptions and showers.

The women have continued to boost church and community youth programs.

They have aided the Boy Scouts and United Methodist Youth Fellowship in various ways and also recognize high school and college graduates each June with a small token of proud, loving support.

In the 1970's, the local unit initiated its annual Christmas golden age dinners and parties. These parties are always a source of pleasure for senior citizens and a rewarding experience for the Methodist Women. Shut-ins unable to attend are remembered with a dinner or gift.

In September 1975, the local unit held the first annual fall bazaar in the fellowship hall. The Gray's Chapel United Methodist Church Fall Bazaar has become the chief fund-raising project of the organization, a worthy outlet for the creative skills of church and community members and an eagerly-awaited event for people from many areas of the county and state.

In 1983, Gray's Chapel United Methodist Women published a second, more inclusive cookbook which was a major success. The United Methodist Women look forward to seeing the decorations and eating the delicious food at the Christmas parties which Joann Barker and Rebecca Moore have hosted at Joann Barker's home for several years.

The church library receives a substantial donation from the United Methodist Women each year, and the women have bought various items of media equipment for the church including a tape recorder, record player, slide projector, movie projector, filmstrip projector, screen and equipment truck.

The local group has taken an active role for the last four years in the United Methodist Reading Program. The women purchase recommended books, and many members have become more well-informed and involved in Christian missions through their avid reading. Mrs. Gladys Pugh manages the reading program and is responsible for ordering the books and adding them to the church library.

For many years, lifetime membership pins have been given by the United Methodist Women in recognition of faithful, outstanding service to church and mission work. A contribution to missions is made in honor of recipients of the pins.

In 1985, the group assumed the

important responsibility as caretaker of the Sally P. Hodgkin Memorial Scholarship. Scholarship committee members are: Chairperson Sue Farlow, Jackie Lewis, Louise Corder, Christine Haithcox, and Rebecca Moore. The United Methodist Women administer this scholarship carefully and are grateful to be able to help worthy church recipients in their quest for higher knowledge.

Gray's Chapel United Methodist Women has a history of outstanding officers.

A list of known presidents includes: Gladys Pugh, Avis Hunt, Carletta Pugh, Hilda Lineberry, Lula Routh, Eula Hall, Marjorie Routh, Berniece Kerns, Myra Thomas, Mary Sumner and Jackie Lewis. A special thanks goes to Carletta Pugh who has served as president of the organization several different terms throughout its 47 years of existence. Other women who should be noted for their long years of service as officers other than president are Louise Corder for many years of innovative program planning as vice-president; Ernestine Millikan, Opal Cox and Joetta Moore for years of careful record-keeping as secretary; and Margaret Julian, Hilda Lineberry and Janna Correll for long-term, accurate

financial bookkeeping as treasurer. Present officers of the Gray's Chapel United Methodist Women are:

- President--Jackie Lewis
- Vice-president--Louise Corder
- Secretary--Janie Sumner
- Treasurer--Janna Correll
- Coordinator Christian Global Concerns--Daisy Routh
- Coordinator Christian Personhood--Carletta Pugh
- Coordinator Christian Social Involvement--Elise Trogdon
- Coordinator Supportive Community--Ruth Lineberry
- Secretary of Program Resources--Sue Farlow
- Chairperson of Membership--Joetta Moore
- Chairperson of Nominations--Christine Haithcox
- Nominating Committee--Lola Pugh, Sarah Craven

Other present members include: Joann Barker, Kathryn Bailey, Opal Cox, Hilda Lineberry, Ernestine Millikan, Rebecca Moore, Gladys Pugh, Marjorie Routh, Shawn Sumner, Bertha Teague and Myra Thomas.



Addition planned for the church

From the writing of G.W. Pugh and others, we find that in 1942, members of Gray's Chapel decided to build an addition to the church to be used for Sunday School rooms. After consulting architects at Duke University, blueprints were drawn to build a 40 x 34 foot two-story wing to the north end of the present building. Trustees of the church at this time were: I.E. Routh, E.C. Routh, Jasper Foust, Brower York and B.H. Lineberry.

A building committee was appointed by the church members. The committee included: L.K. Routh, Sr.; Treasurer, R.H. Underwood; L.M. Lineberry, R.E. Routh, T.E. Routh, Roy Davis and Washington Brower, collectors.

U.S. in World War II

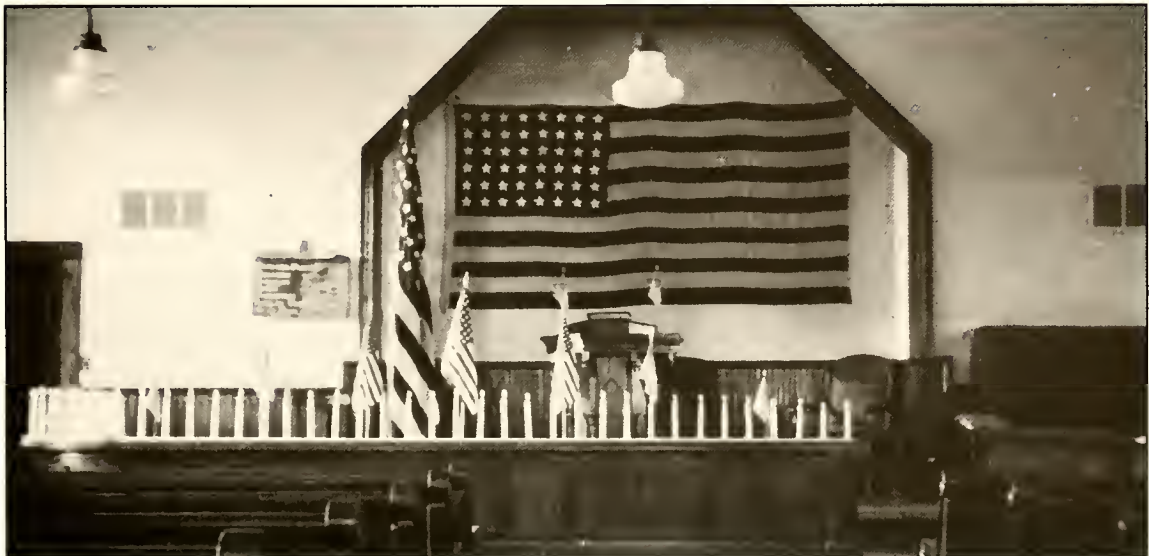
At this time in our history, (1942-1945) our country was again at war. World War II was being fought in Europe and Asia. Many young men of the church and community were called to defend our country. One of our ladies, Rachell Brower Twiddy, was serving in the Army Nurse's Corps. It was a sad time on the home front as the young people went off to war. But with trust in God, Gray's Chapel people continued to press forward under the leadership of their pastors, Rev. H.L. Isley and Rev. G.B. Ferree. (Rev. Ferree had a son flying a B-2 bomber over Europe at this time.)

G.W. Pugh said in his writing in 1943:

"The building program went on. T.E. Routh, being a good carpenter, was made foreman. Colon Redding, of Millboro, was employed to work on the inside and to do finishing work. The building committee was congratulated on its efficiency and determination not to let up on the job until it was completed.

The new addition was built onto the north end of the church. The auditorium was extended ten feet into the new addition. The pulpit was moved to the north end and elevated, recessed and enclosed with circular railing. Also the choir loft was elevated and enclosed.

The church now had seven new Sunday School classrooms--four downstairs and three upstairs. Each classroom was furnished with the best chairs that could be bought for this purpose. Each class took pride and special care in selecting shades and draperies for their room. Times had changed. In 1943, Gray's Chapel had a modern church building with Sunday School rooms, electric lights, heat and air-conditioning--all this on the old campground at Gray's Chapel. Gray's Chapel had always had a reputation of erecting good substantial churches. The church and fixtures were insured for over \$8000. The members were proud of their well-arranged, beautiful church, and they cordially invited all to worship with them.."



Candlelight service during World War II honoring servicemen from Gray's Chapel Community.



After Sunday School rooms built-- 1942



Back of the church-- 1942

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>GRAY'S CHAPEL.</u></p> <p>The Church of Blessed Memories.</p> <p>9:45 Church School D.H.Hall, Supt.</p> <p>11:00 Morning Worship. Prelude Piano.</p> <p>CALL TO WORSHIP: Min.--If any man ^{will} come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow me.</p> <p>PEOPLE:- AND HE THAT TAKETH NOT HIS CROSS, AND FOLLOWETH ME, IS NOT WORTHY OF ME.</p> <p>Hymn 246 " COMING TO THE CROSS." Morning Prayer. Scripture Lesson Announcements Worship with Tithes and Offerings. Hymn 276 " Must Jesus Bear The Cross Alone." One Stanza.) The Sermon. Closing Prayer Hymn of Dedication Num.248 "Near The Cross." Benediction.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">* * * * *</p> <p>* * * *</p> <p>* * * *</p> <p>* * * *</p> <p>* * * *</p> <p>* * * *</p> <p>* * * *</p> <p>* * * *</p> <p>* * * *</p> <p>* * * *</p> <p>* * * *</p> <p>* * * *</p> <p>* * * *</p> <p>* * * *</p> <p>* * * *</p> <p>* * * *</p> <p>* * * *</p> <p>* * * *</p> <p>* * * *</p> <p>* * * *</p> <p>* * * *</p> <p>* * * *</p> <p>* * * *</p> <p>* * * *</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>SHILOH-GRAY'S CHAPEL</u> <u>METHODIST CHURCHES.</u></p> <p>Geo.L.Curry, Pastor Climax N.C.</p> <p>Geo.B.Clemmer, Dist.Supt. Thomasville N.C.</p> <p>Clare Furbell, D.D. Bishop Charlotte N.C.</p> <p>" Emmanuel, - God With Us." Matt.1:25</p> <p>March 23, 1947.</p>	<p>* * * *</p> <p>* * * *</p> <p>* * * *</p> <p>* * * *</p> <p>* * * *</p> <p>* * * *</p> <p>* * * *</p> <p>* * * *</p> <p>* * * *</p> <p>* * * *</p> <p>* * * *</p> <p>* * * *</p> <p>* * * *</p> <p>* * * *</p> <p>* * * *</p> <p>* * * *</p> <p>* * * *</p> <p>* * * *</p> <p>* * * *</p> <p>* * * *</p> <p>* * * *</p>

Church bulletin--March 23, 1947. At this time, Gray's Chapel was still on a four point charge with services at 9:45 at Shiloh and 11:00 at Gray's Chapel. (This bulletin given by Margaret Julian)

SUNDAY, MAY 21th, 1950

"This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.—Psalm 118:24

MEMORIAL SERVICE _____ 11:00 A. M.

HYMN

DEVOTIONAL _____ REV. Y. D. POOLE

HYMN

SPECIAL OFFERING FOR THE UPKEEP OF THE CEMETERY

SERMON _____ REV. Y. D. POOLE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ROLL CALL

BENEDICTION IN THE CEMETERY

THE MINISTRY OF FLOWERS

The beautiful flowers which adorn our church today are given in memory of: Mrs. Maggie York, Michael M. Sherwood, Zora K. Ivey, Dora Rolla Pierce, Roy P. Foust, and Leitha E. Jones.

OFFICERS

President _____ FRED JULIAN
Vice President _____ JACK PUGH
Secretary _____ MRS. BRUCE PUGH
Treasurer _____ R. H. UNDERWOOD

AFTERNOON SERVICE

1:45 P. M.

HYMN

DEVOTIONAL _____ MRS. Y. D. POOLE

SPECIAL MUSIC

BUSINESS SESSION

SPECIAL MUSIC

ANNOUNCEMENTS _____ REV. Y. D. POOLE

SPECIAL MUSIC

BENEDICTION _____ REV. Y. D. POOLE

FLOWERS: Mrs. Roy Davis, Mrs. Joe Pugh, Mrs. Fred Julian, Mrs. Verla Lineberry and Mrs. Mamie York.

MUSIC: Miss Opal Coble, Mrs. D. H. Hall, Mrs. Hobert Lineberry, Miss Dolores Lineberry and Worth Pugh.

USHERS: Roy Davis, Mack Lineberry, Joe Pugh and Dove Coble.

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Easter Sunrise Service

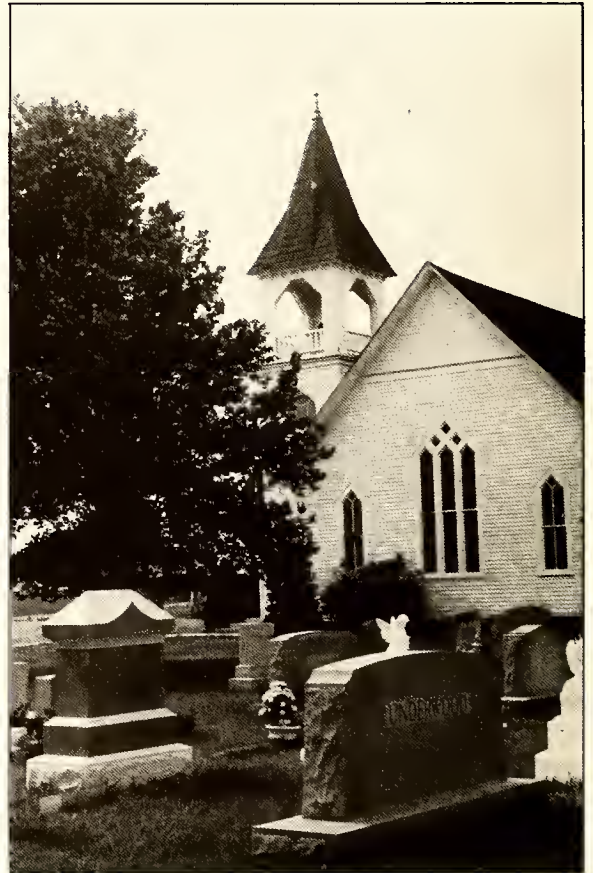
The first Easter sunrise service for the Bethany-Gray's Chapel Charge was held in the early 1950's at Bethany Church. The next year it was held at Gray's Chapel, and has been held each year since. It was rotated between the two churches until they both became a station church in 1975.

Since then, Gray's Chapel has had an annual Easter Sunrise service. The service is planned so as to be in progress as the sun

rises in the eastern sky back of the cemetery.

Mr. Fred Julian assisted Rev. Frank Pennigar in planning the first service. He attended every sunrise service until he was called to his Heavenly home on May 25, 1983.

Following the sunrise service, breakfast is served by the Methodist Men in the fellowship hall.



History of Happenings

In 1945, the Randolph-Gray's Chapel parsonage, located in Julian, was sold. Rev. and Mrs. G.B. Feree moved into the Cates' House which was located a short distance up the road from Gray's Chapel Church. A year later, the Joe Redding house at Millboro was rented as a temporary parsonage. Rev. and Mrs. G.L. Curry moved there when Rev. Curry was appointed to the charge (1946-1948).

In 1950, the Randolph-Gray's Chapel charge was divided. Bethel and Shiloh Churches were put on the charge with Julian. Bethany and Gray's Chapel became a two-point charge known as Bethany-Gray's Chapel Charge.

A new parsonage was built in 1950 on land near Gray's Chapel which had been bought in 1946 for this purpose. Rev. and Mrs. Poole moved into the brand new parsonage for the last year of Rev. Poole's appointment (1948-1951). Rev. Frank Pennigar followed Rev. Poole as pastor of Bethany-Gray's Chapel Charge. Gray's Chapel Church was very active in the 1950's. Being on a two-point charge gave the ministers more time with the church and its people.

Fellowship Hall needed.

Times were always changing. The people became interested in church-related activities in addition to the traditional Sunday School, worship services and revivals. At this time, for many, church services and activities conducted at the church were the extent of their social life. There was really no place to meet for these fellowship gatherings; many people saw the need for a church fellowship hall. This need was discussed often. There was no room on the church property for such a building except where the old arbor was standing.

At this time, the arbor was being used only twice each year-- Memorial Day on the fourth Sunday of May and Homecoming and the beginning of the annual revival on the fourth Sunday of September. Upkeep and cleaning for the two special occasions was becoming quite a task. Many people thought that the need of the church at this time was a fellowship building where the youth, the senior citizens and those in-between could meet informally to fellowship and get to know each other better.



Gray's Chapel Parsonage--built in 1950 for the Bethany-Gray's Chapel Charge

Others thought the old arbor should be preserved. Many people had sacred memories of this arbor. But progress must and did go on. Many of the young adults were taking their place as leaders of the church, and the majority was in favor of making room for a fellowship building.

Arbor as it looked in 1959



In 1959, the arbor was removed from the church lot, and a modern brick fellowship building began to take shape. Harlan Hackett was chairman of the building committee. The brickwork was done by William A. Lineberry and his crew. The building measures 70 x 24 feet and contains a large assembly room that extends the length of the building with a fireplace in the center on the west side. A kitchen with plenty of cabinets and all the necessary appliances is on the east side of the building. It was soon stocked with the necessary pots, pans, silver and china. The Woman's Society of Christian Service was instrumental in getting the

funds and donations to pay for these.

The building also contains restrooms, ladies lounge, furnace and storage rooms. The building was furnished with tables and chairs which were bought as memorials. By 1962, the structure was debt-free and was dedicated. Rev. O. Ray Moss was pastor at this time. The fellowship hall served the church well in the 1960's and is still serving the church today.

Many groups have met in this fellowship building such as: the Methodist Women, Methodist Men, MYF and Scouts. There have been many family reunions, mission suppers, bridal receptions,

birthday parties and numerous other fellowship meetings.

An awning was added over the large front porch after the original construction was completed. On this porch are several pews from the old arbor. The porch now serves as the meeting place for the men of the church before and after services, intermissions, etc. Trustee Clarence Lineberry led in completing this project because he promised some of the older men, who did not approve of doing away with the arbor, that there would be a place for them to gather and visit with one another.



Gray's Chapel Fellowship Hall-- Built 1959-1960

More Entries from Class Books

August 6, 1911

Children's Day held at this place

Sunday, December 21, 1913

School opened by singing, reading the lesson and prayer by Superintendent.

Teachers	Scholars	Collection
Class #1 G.W. Pugh	20	\$ 64
Class #2 Maggie York	6	.02
Class #3 Ollie Routh	6	.02
Class #4 Anie Pugh	2	.02
Class #5 Mary J. Pugh	17	<u>.02</u>
Officers Present	<u>7</u>	
Total	58	\$.72

Christmas Tree Wednesday Evening--G.W. Pugh, Reggie U. and Lucian P. to get the tree. Ollie Routh, Ora Pugh and Ila Mack to collect money to pay for treat.

December 28, 1913

Organized Sunday School for 1914
Mrs. Anie Pugh, Superintendent
Mrs. Maggie York, Assistant Superintendent
Mr. R.E. Routh, Secretary
Literature for last quarter paid for. \$.50 in treasury

July 19, 1914

School met and opened with singing by choir.
Reading of lesson by superintendent and prayer by Rev. Webster.
All classes present.
Collection for Methodist Orphanage was taken which amounted \$1.34.
School closed by singing.

G.W. Pugh, Pro-tem

January 10, 1915

Sunday School Reorganized
G.W. Pugh elected Superintendent
G.D. Pugh elected Assistant Superintendent
Miss Ollie Routh, Secretary

July 2, 1916

School opened by singing, reading scripture lesson and prayer.

Teacher	Scholars	Collection
M.P. Baraca Class--D.A. Vuncannon	5	
Collection for charter		\$.42
M.P. Philathea Class-- Ila McMaster	9	\$.07
Class #3--Maggie York	6	.05
Class #4--T.E. Routh	6	.02
Class #5--R.P. Foust	<u>13</u>	<u>.07</u>
Total	39	\$.21

Sunday, December 31, 1916

Song service at 3 o'clock
 Reading of the lesson and prayer by D.A. Vuncannon
 Officers elected for the year of 1917
 Mr. G.W. Pugh elected Superintendent
 Miss Ila McMaster, Assistant Superintendent
 Mr. Lester Routh, Secretary
 Mr. Ralph York, Assistant Secretary
 Miss Beatrice Foust, Organist
 New literature will be here next week.
 R.E. Routh, Secretary

November 23, 1924

School opened by song service, reading lesson and prayer by Brother Foust.

	Teacher	Scholars	Collection
Class #1	G.W. Pugh	23	\$ 1.07
Class #2	J.T. Hayes	20	.27
Class #3	Mrs. Foust	9	.09
Class #4	Miss Nellie Brower	10	.05
Class #5	Miss Vanna Pugh	<u>21</u>	<u>.18</u>
	Officers present	3	\$1.66
	Teachers present	<u>5</u>	
	Total	91	

Total Collection	\$ 1.66	
Cash in Treasury	12.79	
Collection for Children's Home	\$3.67	
	T.E. Routh	

October 2, 1927

Sunday School opened by singing by choir and prayer by Mrs. Smith

	Teacher	Scholars	Collection
Class #1	G.W. Pugh	20	\$ 1.33
Class #2	Taught by Superintendent	8	.27
Class #3	Mrs. Underwood	4	.56
Class #4	Mrs. Foust	16	.15
Class #5	Cathleen Pugh	5	.03
Class #6	Josie Lineberry	<u>12</u>	<u>.10</u>
	Total Scholars	65	\$ 2.44
	Officers Present	2	
	Teachers Present	<u>6</u>	
	Total	73	

Amount in Treasury \$4.53
 School closed by singing.
 T.E. Routh, Secretary

Congregation of Gray's Chapel Church around 1914- 1915



Row 1: Rev. W.L. Pike, Erastus Routh, Denny Pugh, Carson Walker, Ney Pugh, Garmen Walker, Andrew (Negie) Walker, James Pugh, Alvin Routh, Ray Nixon, Ted Walker, Jack Pugh. Short row between 1 and 2: Corda Underwood, Marie Ward, Marjorie Allred, Evelyn Walker, Edna Foust, Edith Foust. Row 2: Ruben Foust (holding Paul), Freddie Coble, Bessie Foust, Hilda Pugh, Mae Pugh, Elsie Routh, Julie Sheron, Dorothy Routh, Mary Sheron, Bertha Routh, Carrie Richardson, Delinda Frenless Foust, Joanna Nixon. Row 3: Verla Routh, Fronic Lineberry, Vadie Lineberry, Ollie Redding, Eva Richardson, Gracie Smith, Eulah Routh, Ila Routh, Lentye Allred, Beatrice Foust, Maggie York, Ione Foust. Row 4: Issac Routh, Jasper Foust, Rassie Brower, Mack Coble, Ida Allred, Annie Pugh, Jannie Underwood, Ollie Routh, Ila McMasters, Cradie Redding, Alma Nixon, Minnie Sheron, Bertha (or Jannie) Jones. Row 5: _____, Lucian Pugh, Dennis Allred, R. Arlendo Allred, Alfred Nixon, Brower York, John Nixon, Charlie Allred, Alice Lineberry, Charlie Allred and son, J.D., Ila Kirkman, Lucina Lineberry.



Sunday School Class Meeting at the home of Ina Lee Pugh--1930's: Row 1: Edith Brower, Louise Routh, Maxine Routh, Margorie King, Dorothy Routh, Maxine Walker, Joyce Pugh, Virginia Routh, Nancy Pugh, Opal Pugh. Row 2: Ina Lee Pugh, Ila Jones, Sally Pugh, Margaret Routh, Mary Jones, Roberta Underwood, Wilma Pugh, Mamie York, teacher.

Boy Scouts -- Troop 518

Boy Scouts - Troop 518 is sponsored by Gray's Chapel Church and was organized in 1961. Howard Kerns was the first scoutmaster. Rev. O. Ray Moss was pastor at that time.

In 1968, Tommy J. Routh, who had joined the Scouts earlier to "help out," was installed as scoutmaster. During Routh's years of service as the troop's leader, he received numerous awards including The Randolph District Merit Award, The Cleveland Thayer Award and The Silver Beaver Award. Tommy Routh retired from Scouting in July 1985 after serving 17 years.

Following his retirement, he was honored at a surprise dinner in the Gray's Chapel fellowship hall by Scouts, former Scouts and their parents. At this dinner meeting, John Waugh, president of the Red Cross Civitan Club presented the Scout troop with an Eagle Scout plaque which

contained the names of the 18 Eagle Scouts of the troop: George Jones, Steve Jones, David King, John Hall, Tom Baldwin, Forest Fields, David Poupore, Mike Fields, Randell Reynolds, Sam Routh, Eric Lambert, Bobby Dermer, Corrie Parkes, Terry Shepard and four Hinshaw brothers--R.W., Weldon, Mike and Sam Hinshaw. This plaque also honored the memory of the late Ernest Hinshaw, a member of the Red Cross Civitan Club and father of the four Eagle Scout brothers. Eagle awards before this time were earned by Bill Routh, Mike Nixon and Dean Nixon.

Roger Lambert assumed the position of acting scoutmaster and later was installed as Scoutmaster of Troop 518. Assisting at this time were Phil Andrews, Max Hinshaw, Floyd Parks, Jimmy Routh and George Joyce.



Retiring scoutmaster and Eagle award recipients. Row 1: Bobby Dermer, David King, Tommy Routh, Terry Shepard, Randall Reynolds. Row 2: John Hall, David Poupore, Weldon Hinshaw, R.W. Hinshaw, Mike Hinshaw, Sam Hinshaw, Tom Baldwin.

Our Church Today

In the mid-1960's, there was much talk at Gray's Chapel of a new, modern church building. Attendance was good, more and more children were being enrolled in Sunday School and the educational facilities were not adequate.

A building committee was appointed by the Administrative Board of the church. The first recorded meeting was held February 20, 1966. Needs of the congregation were discussed--not enough classrooms (two classes were meeting each Sunday in the sanctuary), no bathrooms and the building was hard to heat. The two-story educational wing was thought to be a fire hazard, and the 57-year-old sanctuary was badly in need of repairs.

At this meeting, the pastor of the church, Rev. M.W. Heckard, Jr., read from the Methodist Discipline concerning building, remodeling and duties of a church building committee. Much discussion followed. There was talk of remodeling, a new church building, size of building needed, ways and means of raising money, builders and architects. It was decided that the first move should be to get a report on the condition of the present building. This report would be given to the membership of the church along with a request for support to a building program.

The building committee members at this time were: Edward A. Thompson, chairman; L.K. Routh, Jr., vice-chairman; Mrs. Jack Pugh, secretary; Howard Kerns, Herbert Pugh, Sylvan Routh, Bruce Pugh, Dwight Hall, Mrs. Marjorie Routh, Mack Lineberry, Mrs. Joe Pugh and Rev. M.W. Heckard, Jr.

Building declared a fire hazard.

At a meeting in May 1966, a report from the deputy fire marshall and the North Carolina Insurance Department was given by Chairman Thompson: "The present building is unsafe and a fire hazard." Each member of the committee was asked to voice his opinion and comment on the report. After much discussion, the group decided to work for something permanent--a new church building.

At this meeting, a finance committee was appointed: Mr. Bruce Pugh, Mr. Dwight Hall and Mr. Howard Kerns, who later

became the building fund treasurer. Also an architectural committee was formed. It included: Mr. Herbert Pugh, Mr. Mack Lineberry and Mr. L.K. Routh, Jr.

In November, Mr. Vernon E. Lewis, an architect from Burlington, was asked to start drawing plans. In February 1967, preliminary plans of a colonial-type building were presented to the committee who was pleased with the plans, but they thought more time was needed to raise money. The committee continued to meet. They got estimates of cost, got in touch with Dr. Wilson Nesbitt, Director of Duke Endowment, and they had the plans revised to cut cost. Time passed, but the building program was not forgotten. Many of the church members continued to talk and discuss their hopes to get involved in a building program.

Building plans rethought

There were those of the church who thought remodeling was the answer. They could not think of destroying the beautiful church building, which had become a landmark, with its steeple towering above the local surroundings. The hearts of many people were lifted toward God as the steeple came into view as they approached the crossroads at Gray's Chapel.

Then there were others who thought the best way to go was with a new building. Remodeling would be too expensive, especially with a building that did not meet the fire and building codes. After remodeling, it would still be an old building with not enough room for the educational facilities which was the greatest need of the church at this time.

Rev. Heckard requested that the plans be put on display for a month to be studied by the congregation of the church, the Conference Board and Dr. Nesbitt before the upcoming church conference. Dr. Nesbitt suggested, "Move slowly, thoughtfully and carefully, and consider location with thoughts of cemetery and fellowship hall in mind."

Church adds "United" to its name

Meanwhile, the Methodist Church added "United" to its name in May 1968 after the merger with the Evangelical United Brethren Church. Since that time, our

church has been known as Gray's Chapel United Methodist Church.

New pastor appointed

In the fall of 1968, the building committee met again, this time with a new pastor, Rev. Mitchell C. Murrow, who had been assigned to the Bethany-Gray's Chapel Charge in June, 1968. Building fund treasurer, Howard Kerns, reported \$18,346.68 in a savings and loan and \$800.00 in a Liberty bank. A bill from the architect for work already done was given to the committee.

At the Charge Conference that fall, three new members were elected to serve on the building committee replacing members who had resigned earlier. They were: Eugene Shives, Curtis Coble and Dove Coble, Jr. At this time, Gray's Chapel Church was still struggling to find ways and means to get the building program moving. Some people were contributing regularly to the building fund. Under the leadership of Eugene Shives, church suppers were prepared and served in the fellowship hall by the congregation of the church. Proceeds went to the building fund.

Methodist Men organized

A group of men met on August 3, 1969 to discuss organizing a Methodist Men's

Fellowship. Paul Cox was elected to serve as the first president. The Gray's-Chapel United Methodist Men received their charter on October 7, 1969. Rev. Mitchell Murrow was pastor at that time.

Charter Members were: Paul Cox, president, Curtis Coble, Glen Coley, Don Correll, Wilson Gray, Alfred D. Haithcox, Dwight Hall, Tommy Johnson, Fred Julian, Phillip Julian, Howard Kerns, E.L. Lambert, Donald Lineberry, Gary Lineberry, Hobart Lineberry, Odell Lineberry, Stuart Lineberry, William Lineberry, James A. Luther, Rev. Mitchell Murrow, Bruce Pugh, Floyd Pugh, Herbert Pugh, Junius Routh, Sylvan Routh, Tommy J. Routh, Eugene Shives, and Cliff Thomas.

The United Methodist Men meet on the first Sunday of each month at 7:30 a.m. for breakfast, followed by a business meeting. This group of men has contributed much to the upkeep of the church. In 1978, the number one project was the building of the William A. Lineberry Tennis Court.

The men collected old newspapers until 1979 when the Scouts took the project over. They give an academic scholarship to some deserving student each year. Many different men have served as president of this group down through the years. Tommy J. Routh is president at this time.



MISSION — A lay witness mission at the Grays Chapel United Methodist Church was participated in by the above people, left to right, Sylvan Routh, general chairman, Rev. Mitchell C. Murrow, pastor, James M. Robert-

son, assistant coordinator, and Torrence Aldred, coordinator. Members of the visiting teams came from eight North Carolina towns and one place in South Carolina.

Lay Witness Movement started

During the 1960's, a Georgia pastor, Rev. Ben Johnson, started what turned out to be a Lay Witness movement. This movement was beginning to take shape in the Western North Carolina Conference. Rev. Murrow began talking with the officials of the church and encouraged involvement in the movement. Soon our Lay Witness Mission, for both Gray's Chapel and Bethany, was scheduled for March 20-22, 1970 at Gray's Chapel. This mission, without a doubt, was the turning point in our church and our building program. There was a breakthrough of the Holy Spirit into the lives of many. It brought new life to our church and motivated unity, loyalty and dedication to the task that was ahead.

Building committee reorganized

The following month, April 1970, the Building committee met and reorganized. Several members had turned in their

resignations. Curtis Coble was nominated and elected chairman. Bruce Pugh was nominated and elected vice-chairman. Rev. Murrow agreed to get in touch with conference leaders concerning the best method of financing a church building program.

In May 1970, Rev. Murrow and the building committee met with Rev. Rollin P. Gibbs who, since 1957, had been Director of Building Projects in the Western North Carolina Conference. Rev. Gibbs outlined a building fund plan that was creative, Christ-centered and built on a spiritual foundation. The plan, when presented to the Administrative Board, was approved.

Our Venture in Faith Crusade

"Our Venture in Faith Crusade" was scheduled for December 26-30, 1970. The crusade goal was set at \$55,000.00 to be paid over a period of three years from January 1, 1971 to December 31, 1973.

A list of crusade officials, reproduced from an "Our Venture in Faith" pamphlet follows:

CRUSADE OFFICIALS

Director	Rev. Rollin P. Gibbs
Chairman	Sylvan Routh
Treasurer	Howard Kerns
Solicitations	Herbert Pugh
Literature	Emma Routh Louise Corder
Publicity	Mary Lineberry Glenn Coley
Clerical	Eloise Shives Kay Lineberry
Special Gifts	Bruce Pugh
Fellowship	Ann Lambert Phillip Julian
Statistical	Delette Lineberry Marjorie Routh
Spiritual Life	Carletta Pugh
Minister	Rev. Mitchell C. Murrow

The "Venture in Faith Crusade" was a big success. The goal was over subscribed by about \$10,000.00, and much enthusiasm could be found at Gray's Chapel in 1971. Many members were willing and ready to get involved in a building program. Gifts and pledges were being paid to the building fund. At this time there was \$50,000.00 in the bank, and contemporary plans were being discussed--still thinking in terms of building in stages--educational building first. A motion was made and passed: keep raising money but make no more plans until there was money available.

In January 1972, the building committee met with S.E. Trogdon, a local contractor. He made an inspection of the present building and reported the building in poor condition. "Remodeling," he said, "would be too expensive." Mr. Trogdon, who had built more churches in this area than any other builder, asked the building committee to go with him to see some of the churches that he had built. This, they agreed to do.

New pastor appointed

In June 1972, Rev. James P. Clodfelter, Jr. was appointed to the Bethany-Gray's Chapel Charge. The building committee met with their new pastor in August and shared with him their hopes, dreams and plans for a new church. After much discussion, Rev. Clodfelter stood before the committee and asked a question: "Are you ready to begin?" This startled the group, but they were ready and had been for some time. The committee sensed at this time that God had sent a man to Gray's Chapel that would lead and advise them in the building program. And a leader he turned out to be. He was a man of faith, courage and determination--a man who trusted God as he led the congregation of Gray's Chapel Church in the building program.

Immediately things began to happen. The building committee voted unanimously to go with S.E. Trogdon and Sons as contractor and Vernon E. Lewis as architect. Dr. Nesbitt, conference architect with the Duke Endowment, was contacted. Detailed plans would be presented to the congregation and conference committee. Dr. Nesbitt suggested the building be built to meet the needs of the congregation.

Gifts and pledges continued to come in.

Help from Duke Endowment and the District was promised. Five-thousand dollars could be expected from Duke when preliminary plans were approved by the building committee, congregation and District Committee. A grant of \$15,000.00-\$20,000.00 would be paid when debt was established and the congregation had made an effort to pay off the debt. Also, a grant of \$5,000.00 was expected from the District Mission Society.

In January 1973, preliminary plans of a contemporary-style building were presented to the building committee by the architect. Many things were discussed at this meeting including the disposal of the old building. A report by the treasurer, Howard Kerns, was given: gifts and pledges were being paid regularly, and some had already paid their pledges in full. The possibility of building both sanctuary and educational facilities was discussed.

Later that month, the building committee decided on a contemporary exterior building that included both sanctuary and educational facilities with a bell tower located a few feet from the sanctuary on the north side. Worth G. Pugh, chairman of the church trustees and Rev. Clodfelter checked with a financial institution and found that money could be borrowed at 7 1/2 % interest should it be necessary to borrow money.

The plans were approved by the District Committee and were posted in the church fellowship hall on March 4, 1973. Rev. Clodfelter and Curtis Coble, chairman of the building committee, were present to discuss and answer questions about the plans. On Sunday, March 11, 1973, the plans were presented to the congregation at a church conference. After the presentation, all church members were eligible to vote on the plans. Rev. Clodfelter expressed hope that the majority vote would reflect God's plan for Gray's Chapel Church.

The ballots were counted and the results were:

105	for building plans
8	against building plans
78	for tower
24	for steeple

On June 24, 1973, the groundbreaking service followed the morning worship service.



Ground breaking service, June 24, 1973. The plow belonged to John Thomas Hackett, father of Harlan Hackett.

**Ground Breaking Service Gray's Chapel United Methodist Church
June 24, 1973**

Opening Words	Minister
Prayer	Dr. Wilson Nesbitt
Scripture	Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13, 15b-16 Curtis Coble, Building Chairman
Prayer and Declaration	James Clodfelter, Minister
Response	(Minister and Congregation)
Minister:	That a Church may rise here where little children shall learn to love God and grow in grace and goodness, and in favor with God and man,
People:	WE BREAK THIS GROUND TODAY.
Minister:	That a Church may rise here where through the years youth shall come to worship, pause to pray, and rise to serve,
People:	WE BREAK THIS GROUND TODAY.
Minister:	That a Church may rise here where the weary and the heavy-laden shall find that inner peace which the world can neither give nor take away,
People:	WE BREAK THIS GROUND TODAY.
Minister:	That a Church may rise here where the Word of God shall be so read and

preached that it shall become the Living Word, and the Sacraments so administered that all life shall become a sacrament,

People: WE BREAK THIS GROUND TODAY.

Minister: That a Church may rise here where multitudes shall be refreshed in the spirit, relieved from pain, released from bondage, and redeemed from sin,

People: WE BREAK THIS GROUND TODAY.

Minister: That a Church may rise here where the grace of God may be manifest, making our human loves constant, our homes Christlike, and our families centers of Christian witness,

People: WE BREAK THIS GROUND TODAY.

Minister: That a Church may rise here where all who bow in sorrow shall rise in faith in Him in whom to believe is life eternal,

People: WE BREAK THIS GROUND TODAY.

Prayer

Minister: Almighty God, in communion with the saints in all the ages, and in remembering the heritage that has been given us, we offer thee our praise and thanksgiving.

People: O LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER.

Minister: Help us to accept the privilege and responsibility of this thy fellowship of faith; here may we keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace.

People: SO MAY WE FULFILL THE LAW OF LOVE.

Minister: Enable us, by thy grace, to dedicate ourselves this day to the solemn task which thou dost lay upon our hearts and consciences.

People: IN ALL THAT WE DO, BE THOU, O LORD, OUR STRENGTH AND HELP.

Minister: Reveal to us the beauty of thy perfect law and the joy of our living Lord, that with glad hearts we may show forth our thankfulness, and serve thee all our days.

People: BE THOU, O LORD, OUR GUIDE AND HELP FOR EVERMORE. AMEN

Hymn "Blessed Be the Tie that Binds" No. 306
THE BENEDICTION Minister

In July, 1973, the contract was signed by the builder, S.E. Trogdon and the Trustees of the church. The Trustees were: Worth G. Pugh, chairman; Jack Pugh, Wilson Gray, Eugene Shives, Herbert Pugh and Roy Davis.

Work began on the new building July 23, 1973. The front wing of the old church was torn off to make room for the foundation of the new building which was to be built in front of the old building and

nearer the road. The pews from this wing were sold at auction.

As the contractor and his crew began working, the building committee and church members began working harder to raise money. Rev. Clodfelter gave much support from the pulpit and otherwise. Members were asked to pledge for three more years; members who did not pledge were contacted again.



Picture of third church building before construction began on fourth church building.

Memorials

The architect suggested that furnishings for the new building could be bought as memorials. A Memorial Committee was soon appointed and a list of furnishings was given to the membership of the church. These furnishings were bought as Memorials, "In Honor," or "In Appreciation" of someone by members and friends of the church. The Memorial Committee was:

Mr. Cliff Thomas, chairman
Mrs. Edward A. Thompson
Mrs. E.L. Lambert
Mrs. Hobart Lineberry
Mr. Herbert Pugh
Rev. James P. Clodfelter, Jr.

SANCTUARY WINDOWS

(2 Windows)

Allen, Rodney, Teresa & Gary Kerns, Howard Kern's parents
By Howard W. & Berniece Kerns

Lester K. & Lucy C. Routh
By Lucille R. Troy, Sylvan R. Routh and L.K. Routh Jr.

Tracy Foust
By Michael R. & Richard L. Foust, Dorothy Foust Tingen

Peace Staley Hackett
By Jesse R. & Louise Hackett

Daniel A. & Emma Kivett, Jacob P. & Ida H. Lineberry, Hulda K. Martin, Lena K. Wall
By John J. & Nora K. Lineberry and The Daniel A. Kivett Family

The Alfred Wesley Nixon Family
By Leonard & Joetta Moore

Vallie Brower Pugh
By Her Family

George Dennie & Ida Smith Pugh
By Their Children and Grace G. Pugh

Ila McMasters Routh, Joseph K. Routh
By Lucille R. Troy, Sylvan R. Routh and L.K. Routh, Jr.

Reggie H. Underwood
By Beatrice Foust Underwood

WINDOWS BELOW CANOPY

Margaret Shives Peck
By Elaine Stiner, Dolly Trumpower Lee, Kenny & Eugene Shives

WINDOWS OVER NARTHEX DOORS

Edgar A. & Bertie R. Walker, Jacob P. & Ida H. Lineberry
By L. Mack & Kathleen W. Lineberry

WINDOWS BELOW CANOPY

Millard J. Shives
By Elaine Steiner, Dolly Trumpower, Lee, Kenny & Eugene Shives

WINDOWS ABOVE CANOPY

Jacob P. & Ida H. Lineberry, Arthur S. & Lurena S. Thompson
By Edward A. & Jo L. Thompson

LIBRARY WINDOW

Regina Gray Lyerly, Larry, Warren & Eddie Gray
By Wilson & Louise R. Gray

PEWS

Nancy B. Cotner
By Bertha C. Teague, Mary C. Hill, Jo Ann C. Hamlet, Raymond D., William A. & James W. Cotner

Harrison Davis
By Harlan & Johnsie Hackett

Gertrude P. Routh
By Fred & Margaret R. Julian

Bruce & Gladys G. Pugh
By Leo & Louise P. Corder, Dan, Greg & Rod Corder

E. Clyde Routh & Lillie T. Routh
By Walter L. & Dorothy R. Tingen

Cornie L. Routh
By Louise Gray, Berniece Kerns, Christine Haithcox, Kenneth, Richard & Clifford Routh

Capt. W.S. & Huldah Louise Lineberry
By Their Grandchildren

James W. Luther
By James A. & Dorothy L. Luther

(2 Pews)

J. Arlendo (Lenny) & Annie W. Pugh, Jacob P. & Ida H. Lineberry
By Hobart R. & Hilda P. Lineberry

Carson G. Walker, Ann J. Walker
By L. Mack & Kathleen W. Lineberry

Joe Tom & Vandelia N. Millikan
By Thomas W. & Lena M. May

The Quinton Nixon Family
By the Nixon Family Reunion Association

Joe Tom & Vandelia N. Millikan
By Rom & Ernestine W. Millikan

John H. & Rosina L. Allred
By June R. & Ida Mae H. Allred

Raymond R. Cotner
By Bertha C. Teague, Mary C. Hill, JoAnn C. Hamlet, Raymond D., William A. & James W. Cotner

Tyson & Emma P. Nixon
By Harvey & Christine N. Dunn

Georgia C. Davis
By Harlan & Johnsie D. Hackett

John T. & Emma D. Hackett
By Sons: Kelly, Jesse, George, Cleston, John, Troy & Harlan

Thomas B. Hunt
By Avis A., Thomas L. & Perry D. Hunt

Elmer & Ollie T. Julian
By Fred & Joe Julian

Isaac E. Routh
By Fred & Margaret R. Julian

Millard M. Kirkman
By Verla R. Kirkman & Children

Orlando M. & Luzena Routh
By Their Children: Cloyce, Ruby, Ida, Frances & Lela

Thomas Erastus Routh
By Louise Gray, Berniece Kerns, Christine Haithcox, Kenneth,
Richard & Clifford Routh

Clarence & Ollie S. Routh
By Their Children

Reggie H. Underwood
By Charlene U. Bean, Virginia U. Roesch & Roberta Underwood

(2 Pews)
Benjamin (Benny) H. & Eula R. Lineberry
By Joyce Smith, Eloise Shives, Ida Lee Brown, Stuart, James
Harold, Donald & Gary Lineberry

CHOIR CHAIRS
Roy Davis, Worth Pugh
By the Ladies and Mens Bible Class

Raymond R. Cotner
By Nancy B. Cotner

(3 chairs)
Malcolm M. & Rose Routh
By Mrs. Alton Cox, Mrs. Harry Cooper, Mrs. Baxter Routh &
Elmer Routh

James M. & Martha Jane Davis
By Roy & Nettie P. Davis

Rachel B. Chandler
By Donna R. Feezor

M. Shelton & Lou J. Lineberry
By Shirley L. Routh & Howard S. Lineberry

(2 Chairs)
Thomas (Tom) & Frances Nixon, Hezekiah & Almedia Moore
By Rebecca Moore

Augusta Lineberry Aldridge
By Joe & Dee Pugh

Ollie Trogdon Julian
By Joe & Dee Pugh

Clarence Pugh
By Grace & Ronnie Pugh

(2 Chairs)
William A. & Mae H. Plummer
By Pamela S. Morgan & Susan S. Clark
(7 Chairs)
Mary Pugh Bobbitt, Peggy Pugh, Ney Pugh, Rhiem Stuart Pugh
By the G.W. Pugh Family

(3 Chairs)
Thomas Erastus Routh
By Cornie L. Routh

J. Washington & Martha W. Brower
By Juanita B. Stevenson & Rachel B. Twiddy

Nello D. Williams, Nello Dwayne Williams
By J. Bernard & Christine Williams and Shirley W. Hanner

Nello D. Williams, M. Shelton & Lou J. Lineberry
By Edith L. Williams

CHANDELIERS
Tonya & Tammy Lineberry
By Ray H. Lineberry

Jack M. & Carletta R. Pugh
By Jack & Jacqueline P. Lewis, Lorraine & Amy Lewis

Ellen L. Cook & Ervin S. Lineberry
By Hobart R. & Hilda P. Lineberry

Gertrude P. Routh
By Jack M. & Carletta R. Pugh

Joe & Dee Pugh
By Their Children: Betsy, Bob, Sara & Janet

Maude Wall King
By Sylvan Routh Family

Mr. & Mrs. Frank Jones
By the Talmadge Jones Family

Timothy Ray Lineberry
By Ray H. Lineberry

NARTHEX CHANDELIER
Alese Lavern Lineberry
By Hobart R. & Hilda P. Lineberry

James A. Pugh
By Hazel Brown Pugh and Lee & Janet Martin

Isaac E. Routh
By Jack M. & Carletta R. Pugh

Oscar J. King, Sr., Margaret K. Merrill
By the Sylvan Routh Family

Delphia & Juanita I. Lineberry
By Richard & Wilma L. Stalker

SACRISTY ROOM CARPET
Myra P. Thomas
By Elaine T. Auman

BRIDE'S ROOM CARPET
Donald L. & Janna C. Correll
By Lynn & Jan Correll

SANCTUARY CARPET
Gertrude P. Routh
By Jimmie & Emma P. Routh

Isaa E. Routh
By Jimmie F. & Emma P. Routh

Robert & Maggie Gray Hackett, John Hackett
By Gertrude P. Routh & Carletta P. Julian

KINDERGARTEN CARPET
Tommy J. Routh, Jr.
By Tommy Jay & Sue L. Routh

CARPET MEN'S CLASSROOM

Issac E. Routh
By Family & Friends

2- DOOR J SANCTUARY INTO HALLWAY

Percy L. Cox
By Clarence W. & Ruth C. Lineberry

2- SIDE DOORS

Gertrude P. Routh
By Thomas W. & Lula Mae Routh

2- DOORS REAR OF SANCTUARY

Cicero H. & Cora R. Walker
By James V. & Edith W. Freeland

2- DOORS SANCTUARY INTO HALLWAY

William G. & Maude F. Lineberry, Leoline Routh Cox
By Clarence W. & Ruth C. Lineberry

FRONT DOORS- A

Joe Tom & Vandelia N. Millikan
By R. Clark & Dorothy Millikan

DOORS- F

Thomas & Belle Jones
By Bessie Blair, Gladys Johnson, Ruby Keesler, Nezzie Lumley
& W.K. Jones

DOORS- H STUDY

William G & Maude F. Lineberry
By Ira & Bessie Ward

SIDE DOORS

Isaac E. Routh
By Thomas W. & Lula Mae Routh

DOORS F- MEN'S CLASSROOM

Alvis M. & Virginia R. Underwood
By Beatrice F. Underwood

15 DOORS IN EDUCATIONAL BUILDING

Kenneth Gray, Kenneth Gray, Jr., Lethia Dorcas Hackett &
Infant Son
By Trustees of the Robert & Maggie Hackett Estate

DOOR- F LADIES CLASSROOM

Reuben & Ione P. Foust
By Beatrice F. Underwood

NARTHEX DOORS I

Charter Members of Gray's Chapel Church 1834, Mark Hardin,
John Wolf, Simeon Bain, Lemuel Lineberry, Joshua Routh,
Micager McMasters, Margaret Jones, Mary Wolf, Sybil
McMasters, Sally Lineberry, Laura Foust, Ibey York
By Members of the Joshua Routh Reunion Association

DRAPERIES FOR JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH CLASSROOMS

By United Methodist Youth Fellowship

DRAPERIES FOR ELEMENTARY III AND IV CLASSROOMS

By Odell & Mary Lineberry, Carlton & Routh Johnson

DRAPERIES FOR ELEMENTARY I & II CLASSROOMS

Thomas Hunt
By Thomas L. Hunt

COMMUNION TABLE

Robert F. & Mintie Ann L. Hackett, Rossie & Lucille Y. Coble,
Brothers and Sisters: Alta, Lizzie, Ray & Elsie Coble, Sarah C.
Richardson, Dena Ila, Thomas, John Henry, Solon, Lester &
Colon Hackett

By A. Bynum & Maza Coble

COMMUNION TABLE

Ada H. Ward, Bertha H. Willims, Anna H. Millikan, Epsie C.
Wright, W. Dove Coble, Sr. & Truman Coble
By A. Bynum & Maza Coble

COMMUNION RAIL

Delphia & Juanita (Edith) I. Lineberry
By William, DeLette, Terri, Tony, Fred & Brenda Lineberry

AMERICAN & CHURCH FLAGS

Thomas & Nancy Hackett
By Cleston O. Hackett

SANCTUARY BEAMS

Clifford N. Nixon
By Lula Nixon

PROCEEDS FROM SALE OF HISTORICAL QUILT

Two Thousand Bricks (inside)
By Members of United Methodist Women

BRICKS

H. Kermit Daniel
By E. Gilbert & Colene M. Burns

BRICKS

Mack Coble
By Maude Coble

BRICKS

Maude Foust Lineberry
By Relatives & Friends

BOOKCASE IN PASTOR'S STUDY

W. L. & Martitia J. Kirkman, H. Rue & Lunda H. Lineberry
By Elbert & Lake K. Lineberry

CHANCEL CROSS

RaeFord Jones
By The Talmadge Jones Family

CORNERSTONE

Gray's Chapel United Methodist Youth Fellowship-- 1974

FENCING AROUND AIR CONDITIONING UNITS FURNISHED AND INSTALLED

By Allen Bean

FONT

Charles Ray Hedrick, Mae Hedrick Plummer
By Leenette H. Wimbish, Lois H. Smith and James Ray Hedrick

FURNITURE FOR PASTOR'S STUDY

Given by Mr. & Mrs. Barney Gregson

KINDERGARTEN FURNISHINGS

By Harvey & Christine Dunn

KITCHENETTE FURNISHINGS

The Eli & Hulda Ward Family
By The Ward Family Reunion Association

LECTURN

Cliff J. Thomas
By Elaine T. Auman

LIBRARY FURNISHINGS

Bruce & Gladys G. Pugh
By Jimmie F. & Emma P. Routh

LIBRARY FUND- CHILDREN'S BOOKS

Lori Corinne Auman
By Cliff J. & Myra P. Thomas

LIGHT FIXTURES CLASSROOMS & HALLWAY

Jerry & Elaine T. Auman & Corbin, Ronnie & Kathryn T. Kidd
& Bryan

By Cliff J. & Myra P. Thomas

MEMORIAL & REGISTRY DESKS

Hobart R. & Hilda P. Lineberry
By Ellen L. Cook & Ervin S. Lineberry

NARTIEX COAT RACK

William A. Plummer

By Lois H. Smith, Leenette H. Wimbish and James Ray Hedrick

NARTIEX COAT RACK

James Wesley & Mary Louvina W. Pugh

By The G.W. Pugh Family

NURSERY FURNISHINGS

Jeremy Julian Lambert

By Roger & Wanda J. Lambert

NURSERY FURNISHINGS

Eric Dean & Erin Lee Lambert

By Roger & Wanda J. Lambert

OFFICE DESK

Benjamin (Benny) H. Lineberry

By Relatives & Friends

PARSONAGE SHRUBBERY

B. Carlton Leonard, James P. Clodfelter, Sr.

By Friends of Rev. & Mrs. James P. Clodfelter, Jr.

PREPARING & SOWING LAWN, SHRUBBERY & TREES

By Donald & Gary Lineberry, Ronald & Phillip Shives

PULPIT

James A. Pugh

By The James A. Pugh Family, The James E. & Nellie W. Brown Family and Friends

PULPIT SCREEN

Adeson Roscoe Hackett

By The John T. Hackett and Jacob P. Lineberry Families

REREDOS-CROSS BACKGROUND

Jacob P. & Ida H. Lineberry, Benjamin (Benny) H. & Eula R. Lineberry, Verdin Lineberry

By Hobart, Verla, L. Mack & John Lineberry, Jo Thompson

RESTORATION OF OLD PUMP ORGAN

Jack M & Carletta R. Pugh

By Charles & Elizabeth P. Moore

TOWER

George Wesley & Bessie P. Pugh

By The G. W. Pugh Family

WATER FOUNTAIN

John & Ellar McDaniel

By E. Gilbert & Colene M. Burns

In Honor, in Memory

In 1977, a light and frame was placed over the memorials in the hallway to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. Edward A. Thompson by Mack, Kathleen and Ray Lineberry, Odell and Delores Routh, A.W. and Mona McElhannon, Wayne and Brenda Patterson. The frame was made from wood of the old church building by Carlton Johnson.

Plans for an organ at Gray's Chapel materialized in July 1977, when a Rodgers organ was installed. On November 13, 1977, Sylvan Routh, chairman of the administrative board, presented the organ to be dedicated to the glory of Almighty God for service in Gray's Chapel Church and in loving memory of: Mrs. Lula Nixon and Mr. Jerry Wayne Hodgin and in honor of Mr. Grady Allred and members of the music committee--Mrs. Marjorie Routh, choir director; Mrs. Mary Lineberry, organist; and Mrs. Opal Cox, chairperson of worship. A concert by Gala Lewis, talented organist and demonstrator for Pearson Music Company, from which the organ was purchased, followed the dedication. The program was concluded with the congregation joining with Ms. Lewis in singing "Alleluia."

An AB-Dick copier and an offset printing machine were given to the church office in 1977 by Jo L. Thompson in memory

of her late husband, Edward A. Thompson.

A pulpit Bible was given to the church in 1978 by Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Thomas in honor of two grandchildren, Corbin and Corinne Auman.

New panes of glass were installed in the doors back of the pulpit in 1979 in memory of Mrs. Martitia Jones Kirkman and Mr. Tim Teague by R.P., Owen and Bertha Teague.

On Memorial Day, May 27, 1979, Sylvan Routh, chairman of the administrative board, presented a Baldwin piano on behalf of Tom and Elaine Hunt to be dedicated to the glory of Almighty God and in loving memory of Mr. T.B. Hunt.

An oil painting of the former church building was hung in the narthex of the church in memory of Mr. Hobart Lineberry in 1981 by his family and friends.

Memorial gifts and individual contributions in 1981 made it possible for the church to install a new sound system with six hearing aid stations placed on the second, fourth and sixth pews on both sides of the sanctuary.

A monetary gift was given to the church choir in 1982 in loving memory of Worth G. Pugh by his sons, Worth Brower and James Pugh.

An IBM typewriter was given to the church in memory of Verla Jane Lineberry in

1982 by her brothers Benny, Hobart, Mack and John Lineberry and sister, Mrs. Jo Thompson.

In 1983, David and Janet Abbot contributed 81 pew Bibles to the church in honor of a beloved pastor, Rev. Howard Allred.

In 1983, a brass Advent Wreath was given in loving memory of John Lineberry by Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Lineberry, Mrs. Bill

Kivett, Mr. and Mrs. Otis Lineberry and Mr. Edwin and Todd Lineberry.

Memorial gifts were used to purchase a new desk for the men's classroom in 1983, in memory of Mr. Fred Julian.

Handrails were placed at the front and side doors of the church in 1986 in memory of Mrs. Mary Sumner by the United Methodist Women.

Last Services Held in Old Church

The last funeral held in the old church building was that of Thomas M. Pugh who died November 5, 1973. there were other deaths in our church during this period, but due to the construction going on, the funerals were held in local funeral home chapels.

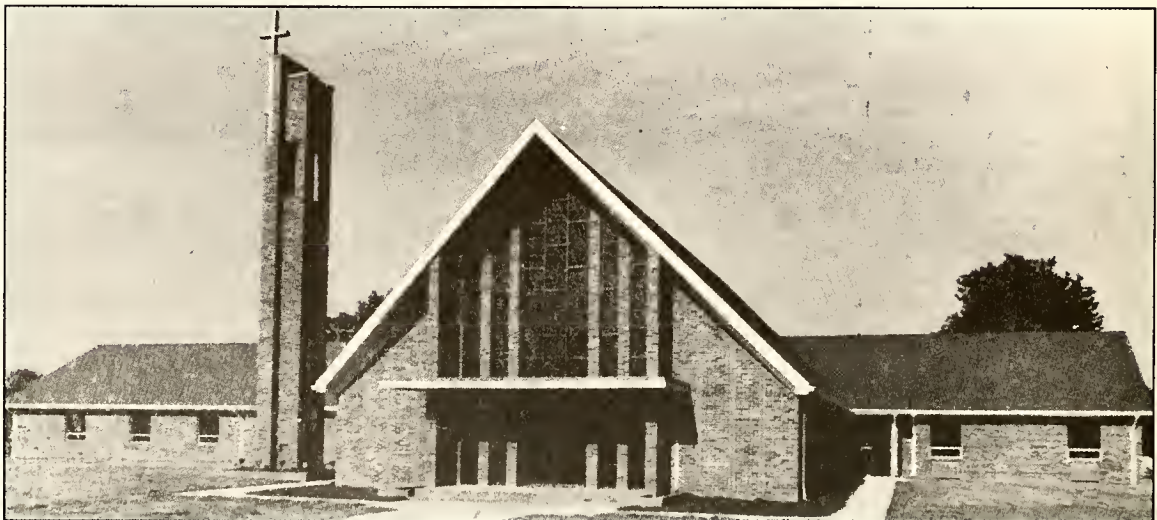
Church services continued to be held in the old church while the new building was being erected until April 21, 1974. At the conclusion of the last worship service in the old church, the congregation gathered around the altar to praise and thank God for the memories of the altar and church and to ask God to lead and guide as the members of Gray's Chapel Church moved to a new house of worship--the fourth to be built on the same lot.

The old building soon came down. Today, in many homes in the community, beautiful wooden objects, fashioned from wood salvaged from this sacred building can

be found. The pews from the old church were sold to the Full Gospel Bible Church of God in Franklinville. Later the church at Franklinville purchased new pews, and today the old pews from Gray's Chapel are in the New Life Pentecostal Holiness Church, Asheboro.

For the next few Sundays, worship services were held in the fellowship hall. The last financial crusade had been planned early in the year for the week of May 5-11, 1974. Rev. Clodfelter said, "We are now entering one of the most crucial weeks of our building program. Our goal is clear--raise \$55,000.00 in the next year. With God's help and your dedication, nothing is impossible."

The following Sunday, Rev. Clodfelter expressed gratitude to all who worked and participated in the final financial crusade. The goal was reached with gifts and pledges to be paid within the next year.



New church completed May 1974

First Service in the New Church

The first service in the new church was held Saturday evening, May 25, 1974 with the pastor, Rev. James P. Clodfelter, Jr. preaching the first sermon. He said, "I feel like I want to praise the Lord rather than preach. It really is a miracle. We couldn't have done it on our own. There was no way. This church is something God has given us." He continued by kneeling at the altar, followed by others of the congregation, to express thanks to God for what had been accomplished.

Rev. Clodfelter took his text from Job 42:1-2 (RSV), "Then Job answered the Lord. I know that thou canst do all things and that no purpose of thine can be thwarted." Rev. Clodfelter told the congregation, "What I have seen here at Gray's Chapel in the past two years has proven to me that God is able to do anything."

Music for the first service was provided by the church choir, under the direction of

Mrs. Marjorie Routh, and by a trio composed of Mrs. Martha McQueen, Mrs. Ann Lambert and Mrs. Berniece Kerns. Soloist for the occasion was Mrs. Martha McQueen. She sang "Bless This House."

Eugene Shives, chairman of the administrative board, and Glen Coley, chairman of evangelism, also participated in the service. In attendance at this first service were Mr. L.K. Routh, Sr. and Mrs. Nettie Pugh Davis. They had also been in attendance at the first service in the building that had just been torn down.

The following day, Sunday May 26, 1974, the annual Memorial Day service was held in the new sanctuary. Throngs of people from far and near began arriving early to place flowers on the graves of their loved ones and to find their places in the new sanctuary. There they heard Dr. Wilson Nesbitt, Director of Rural Church Affairs of Duke Endowment, deliver an inspiring message, "Hands Upon the Plow."



Pictured above is the building committee at the time the present building was completed--1974. Dwight Hall, Curtis Coble, chairman, Marjorie Routh, Gene Shives, Rev. James P. Clodfelter, Jr., Howard Kerns, treasurer, Carletta Pugh, secretary, Herb Pugh and Bruce Pugh, assistant chairman. (Not pictured, Hilda Lineberry)

We also remember others who served with the committee at the beginning and helped to lay the groundwork for the church where we worship God today. Those remembered are: Edward A. Thompson, who served as the first chairman, L.K. Routh, Jr., first assistant chairman, Sylvan Routh, Mack Lineberry, Dee Pugh, Rev. M.W. Heckard, Jr. and Rev. Mitchell C. Murrow.

A revival had been planned to start on Sunday night following this Memorial Service with the pastor, Rev. Clodfelter, doing the preaching. God's Spirit descended once again on the site of the old campground. There was preaching, praying, singing and praising the Lord.

Gray's Chapel members were happy serving the Lord in their new church. God had blessed in so many ways. New members had joined the fellowship. We were able to pay our pledges, and the attendance at church services increased. But sad times come to all. The first funeral held in the new sanctuary was that of Isaac E. Routh who died August 21, 1974.

Early in October 1974, both Gray's Chapel and Bethany began talking about going Station. Glen Coley, Bruce Pugh and Eugene Shives were appointed by the administrative board of Gray's Chapel to study this proposal. On January 12, 1975, a church conference was called by the district

superintendent, Dr. H. Eugene Peacock and the Bethany-Gray's Chapel Charge to discuss the possibility of dissolving the charge and establishing two station churches. The district approved, and the administrative board of both Bethany and Gray's Chapel voted to go Station in 1975.

Gray's Chapel purchases Bethany's half of the parsonage

In a meeting on January 19, 1975, Gray's Chapel agreed to buy Bethany's half of the parsonage and all furnishings for \$15,000.00.

Bethany began making plans to build a new parsonage near their church which was ready by June for their first full-time pastor, Rev. John M. Rufty. (In July 1978, the administrative board of the church voted to renovate the kitchen at the parsonage including new cabinets and appliances.)

On April 20, 1975, open house was held at Gray's Chapel United Methodist Church.

Copy of bulletin for April 20, 1975

AGENDA

Registration in Narthex - United Methodist Women

Greetings Rev. & Mrs. James P. Clodfelter, Jr.

Guided Tours - Members of the Building Committee

Refreshments in Fellowship Building for Everyone

The members of the building committee will be happy to answer any questions concerning our new church.

Teachers of each classroom will be stationed in their rooms to assist you.

We appreciate your visit with us. The people of Gray's Chapel Church invite you to worship with us at every opportunity. We are also glad to announce our church Dedication Service the 4th Sunday in May. Our church will be dedicated by Bishop Earl Hunt debt-free on that Sunday.

May God bless you for sharing this afternoon with us.

CHURCH OFFICERS

Pastor - Rev. James P. Clodfelter, Jr.
 Chairperson of Administrative Board - Eugene Shives
 Secretary of Administrative Board - Eloise Shives
 Church Lay Leader - Sylvan Routh
 Chairperson of Council on Ministries - Frank Carper
 Church Treasurer - Mrs. Edward Thompson
 Building Fund Treasurer - Howard Kerns
 Memorial Fund Treasurer - Cliff Thomas
 President United Methodist Men - William Lineberry
 President United Methodist Women - Mrs. Cliff Thomas
 President United Methodist Youth - Tony Lineberry
 Choir Director - Mrs. Sylvan Routh
 Pianist - Mrs. Odell Lineberry
 Chairperson of Trustees - Worth Pugh

BUILDING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Curtis Coble	William Lineberry
Howard Kerns	Eugene Shives
Mrs. Sylvan Routh	Herbert Pugh
Bruce Pugh	Mrs. Hobart Lineberry
Dwight Hall	Mrs. Jack Pugh

Final payment from Duke made

After almost a year of worshiping in the new church, on Sunday May 18, 1975 at 10:45 a.m., Rev. James P. Clodfelter, Jr. presented a check for \$18,000.00 to Howard Kerns, treasurer of the building committee. This was the final payment from the Duke Foundation. The church was debt-free within one year after the building was completed. This set a record in the Western North Carolina Conference. Howard Kerns was commended at the annual conference in June 1975 for the outstanding job he did in managing the financial part of the building program.

Ten years later, in 1985, when asked to comment on the success of the building program, Howard said, "*The people of Gray's Chapel Methodist Church showed their loyalty, faith and how dedicated they were during the building program of our new church. Some of our members even continued to pay their pledges to the building fund after the building fund debt was paid. This tells me something about our people and what they can do with God's help. I will always consider this a financial miracle thanks to God and His dedicated people at Gray's Chapel.*"

Memorial and Dedication Service

On May 25, 1975, at the annual Memorial Day service, Bishop Earl G. Hunt, Jr. and District Superintendent H. Eugene Peacock, led in a service of dedication for the new church edifice. The first worship service had been held exactly one year prior to the official dedication.

Order of Worship

The Prelude.. "Largo:".....	Handel
*"The Choral Call To Worship.....	Choir
*Hymn.. "All Hail The Power Of Jesus' Name".....	No. 73
*The Call To Worship By Minister and People.....	
Minister: This is the day which the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it.	
PEOPLE: BLESSED BE THE LORD: MAY HIS GLORY FILL THE WHOLE EARTH.	
The Invocation.....	Minister
ALMIGHTY AND EVERLASTING GOD, WHOM THE HEAVEN OF HEAVENS CANNOT CONTAIN, YET WHO ART WILLING TO HAVE A HOUSE FASHIONED BY MAN, WHEREIN THINE HONOR DWELLETH AND WHERE MEN MAY WORSHIP THEE: OF LOVE AND MERCY, WE BESEECH THEE, VOUCH SAFE THY PRESENCE HERE, THAT THIS BUILDING WHICH WE HAVE REARED TO THE GLORY OF THY NAME, AND DO NOW WHOLLY DEVOTE AND DEDICATE TO THEE, MAY BY THEE BE ACCEPTED AND HALLOWED, TO THE END THAT SOULS MAY BE GATHERED, NOURISHED IN THY LOVE, AND MADE FRUITFUL IN THY SERVICE, THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD. AMEN.	
The Collect.....(Here Let The People Unite With Minister In Prayer).	
O God, by whose providence we celebrate the dedication of this house of worship: Send down upon us we beseech thee, thy heavenly blessing; and because holiness becometh thy house forever, make us living temples, holy and acceptable unto thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.	
The Anthem.. "O For a Thousand Tongues To Sing".....	Wilson
Silent Prayer..(Reading of Memorial Names By Minister).....	
The Memorial Anthem.. "For All The Saints".....	William How
The Morning Prayer.....	Dr. H. Eugene Peacock
The Moments of Sharing.....	
The Offertory.. "Until Then".....	Hamblen
The Presentation of His Tithes and Our Offerings.....	
*The Doxology.....	
The Introduction of Speaker.....	Dr. H. Eugene Peacock
The Sermon.....	Bishop Earl G. Hunt, Jr.
The Dedication of our Building.....	
The Presentation of Building.....	Curtis Coble, Chairman Building Committee

Order of Worship

On behalf of the Trustees of Gray's Chapel United Methodist Church, I now burn the Deed of Trust and present this building to be dedicated to the Glory of God and the service of men.

Response.....Bishop Hunt

Beloved in the Lord, we rejoice that God has put into the hearts of his people to build this beautiful place of worship to the glory of his name. I now accept it on behalf of this congregation, that we may dedicate it, and so set it apart for the worship of Almighty God and the service of men. Let us, therefore, as we are assembled here, solemnly dedicate this building to its proper and sacred uses.

*The Congregation Standing.....

*The Litany of Dedication.....

Bishop: To the glory of God the Father, who has called us by his grace; to the honor of his Son who loved us and gave himself for us; to the praise of the Holy Spirit who illumines and sanctifies us;

CONGREGATION: WE DEDICATE THIS BUILDING

Bishop: For the hallowing of family life; for teaching and guiding the young; for the perfecting of the saints;

CONGREGATION: WE DEDICATE THIS HOUSE

Bishop: For the conversion of sinners; for the promotion of righteousness; for the extension of the Kingdom of God.

CONGREGATION: WE DEDICATE THIS HOUSE

Bishop: In the unity of the faith; in the bond of Christian brotherhood; in charity and goodwill to all;

CONGREGATION: WE DEDICATE THIS HOUSE

Bishop: In gratitude for the labors of those who love and serve this church: in loving remembrances of those who have finished their course; in the hope of a blessed immortality through Jesus Christ our Lord.

CONGREGATION: WE DEDICATE THIS BUILDING

BISHOP AND CONGREGATION: WE NOW, THE PEOPLE OF THIS CHURCH AND CONGREGATION, COMPASSED ABOUT WITH SO GREAT A CLOUD OF WITNESSES, GRATEFUL FOR OUR HERITAGE, SENSIBLE OF THE SACRIFICES OF OUR FATHERS IN THE FAITH, CONFESSING APART FROM US THEIR WORK CANNOT BE MADE PERFECT, DO DEDICATE OURSELVES ANEW TO THE WORSHIP AND SERVICE OF ALMIGHTY GOD THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD. AMEN.

*The Dedication Prayer.....Bishop Hunt

The Postlude.."Bless This House".....Brache

Processional to Cemetery.....

*Hymn at Cemetery.."I'll Sing You A Song Of That Beautiful Land".....Choir

THE BENEDICTION.....Dr. H. Eugene Peacock

Dedication Service



THE GRAY'S CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH CHOIR, at left, and the pastor, Rev. James P. Clodfelter, Bishop Earl G. Hunt, Jr., and District Superintendent H. Eugene Peacock, at right, are a part of this

Memorial Day scene at the church on Sunday, May 25. Prior to this service in the cemetery, the new church building was dedicated by Bishop Hunt, Dr. Peacock and the pastor.

Bishop Earl G. Hunt, Jr. and District Superintendent H. Eugene Peacock maintained a full schedule in Randolph County Sunday, May 25 as they made appearances at three United Methodist Churches, Gray's Chapel, Bethany and Stout's Chapel.

Their first stop was at the Gray's Chapel Church, Rt. 1, Franklinville, where Bishop Hunt led in a service of dedication for the new church edifice in which the first worship service was held exactly one year prior to its dedication. Dr. Peacock also appeared on the program.

It was also the annual memorial day observance which has been held at Gray's Chapel since the early nineties [1909].

When paving and landscaping of the grounds have been completed it is expected that expenditures for the building project will have reached \$290,000. Presenting the building for dedication was Curtis Coble, chairman of the building committee.

(This information was taken from an article that appeared in **The Courier-Tribune**, Asheboro, N.C., Friday, May 30, 1975. The article was written by Ralph L. Bulla)

Description of the New Church Facility

This \$290,000.00 new brick edifice of contemporary design consists of a sanctuary with a seating capacity of 300, a narthex, sacristy, bride's room, ten classrooms, church office, pastor's study, library, multi-purpose room, bathrooms, closets and storage areas. The building is heated electrically and is air-conditioned.

The sanctuary ceiling is supported by exposed beams. Straw-brown carpet covers the sanctuary floor while commercial carpet of the same shade is used elsewhere. Wood stripping is used with paneling at the back and front of the sanctuary. At the back of the pulpit is a lighted chancel cross. The pews, choir and pulpit furniture are of a warm, maple finish with gold upholstery. Marjorie K. Routh was chairperson of the furnishings committee.

The outside bell tower with illuminated cross at the top rises to a height of 54 feet. This tower also houses the old bell that has been used at Gray's Chapel since the 1800's. At the front of the sanctuary are multi-colored panels of stained glass. Stained glass windows are found in the sanctuary also.

Gray's Chapel becomes a Station Church

At the annual conference in June 1975, the Bethany-Gray's Chapel Charge, which had been a two-point charge since 1950, was dissolved and both churches became a station church. Rev. Ray C. Stephens was appointed by the conference to serve Gray's Chapel Church as the first full-time pastor in the 144-year history of the church. Rev. Stephens was welcomed by the congregation as there was a need for a full-time pastor. He served the church and community well for four years.

In July 1975, the administrative board approved a new bulletin with a picture of the new church on the front cover and the chancel area pictured on the back.

Cornerstone to be opened in the year 2075

On September 14, 1975 at the morning worship service, the choir, under the direction of Mrs. Marjorie Routh, sang "O Living Christ, Chief Cornerstone," and the pastor, Rev. Stephens, spoke on "The Bethel Experience" (Genesis 28:18-22). His scripture included Jacob's statement, "And this stone, which I have set in this pillow, shall be God's House." After the morning worship service, the congregation assembled near the bell tower for the laying of the cornerstone.

Placing the cornerstone in its proper position was handled by Curtis Coble, building committee chairman, and Rev. Ray Stephens. William Lineberry, a brick-laying member of the congregation, performed the sealing of the stone which is to be opened 100 years hence--September 14, 2075.

Several items were placed inside the cornerstone:

- membership list of the 1974 MYF
- a complete roll of the church
- Memorial and Dedication Day bulletin
- cornerstone laying brochure
- newspaper clippings of the different church events
- architectural plans for the new church
- youth counselors for 1974-75
- copy of the old church deed
- membership list of the administrative board
- members of the Council on Ministries, 1974-75.

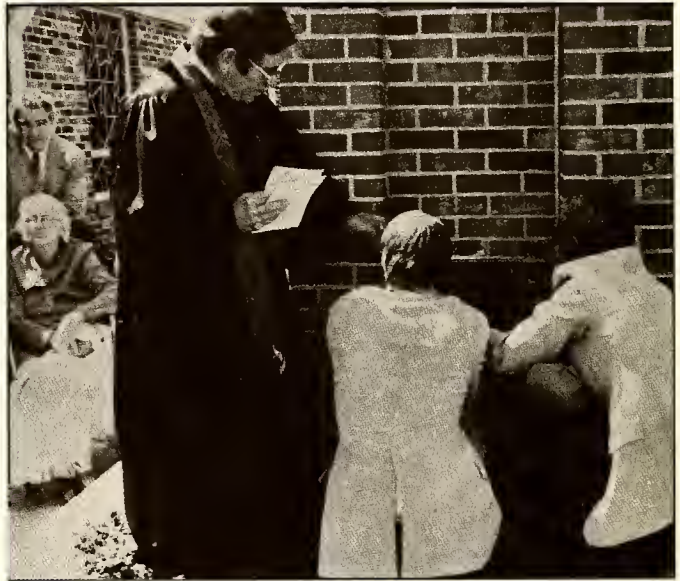
Cornerstone donated by UMYF

The cornerstone was donated by the 1974 members of the United Methodist Youth Fellowship. The counselors that year were Ida Lee and Charles Brown. Assistant counselors were Mary and Farrell Sumner.

Officers included the following:

President--LeAnn Lambert
Vice-president--Tony Lineberry
Secretary--Jan Correll
Treasurer--Terri Lineberry

Other members included John Wayne Campbell, Pam Caviness, Dove Coble, III, Tammy Coble, Greg Brown, Lisa Brown, Mike Butner, Danny Hall, Dean Hall, Denise Hall, David Julian, Teresa Kerns, Mark Lambert, Phil Langley, Chris McQueen, Brad Routh, Julie Routh, and Dan Corder.



William Lineberry, left, assisted by Curtis Coble, seals cornerstone. The Rev. Ray Stephens, pastor, looks on as work is completed.

Newsletter Published

In December 1975, Rev. Ray Stephens suggested that the church needed to publish a church newsletter. The administrative board approved, and the first issue was published in March 1976. The title of this publication was **The Arbor**, a name suggested by the church secretary, Mrs. James (Dot) Luther.

In an article that appeared in the first issue, Rev. Stephens said, "The purpose of this newsletter is to keep our people informed. We have a responsibility to the shut-ins of the church and community. Some have spent their lives in the work of

the church and made it possible that we have a church today. As they grow older, we must not lose sight of them."

The first issue was dedicated in honor and memory of the countless members who worshiped under the old arbor and to all the seniors and shut-ins whose leadership throughout the years has helped to preserve our Christian heritage. This newsletter, which has been edited by the church secretaries, Mrs. Dot Luther and Mrs. Peggy Dobbins, has been an inspiration to the church members as well as to many friends of the church.

SENIOR CITIZENS

On April 24, 1976, a group of senior citizens from the church met with Rev. Stephens in the fellowship hall at noon for a covered dish luncheon. The purpose of this meeting was to organize a senior citizens club. Guest speaker was Mr. Robert L. Nance of First United Methodist Church, Asheboro. The following officers were elected:

President: Mr. Bruce Pugh
Vice-President: Mr. Cliff Thomas
Sec/Treas.: Mrs. Hilda Lineberry

The last Saturday of the month was chosen for the meeting date. All seniors of the community were invited to join the group.

This club became very active, meeting each month at noon for a covered dish luncheon followed by an interesting program with good speakers, good singing and fellowship. Rev. Stephens supported the senior citizens with his presence and

leadership and entertained with his guitar.

In August, the meeting date was changed to the first Saturday of each month. At this time the U.M.Y.F. and their counselors began preparing and serving the noon meal.

Today the senior citizens meet at the church, get on the church bus and go on a trip. The noon meal is enjoyed at some restaurant along the way; then they go to some interesting or historical place or to a shopping center where they spend the afternoon. Occasionally a bus tour is planned and some of the seniors enjoy these tours to far-away places.

Other officers who have served or are now serving are:

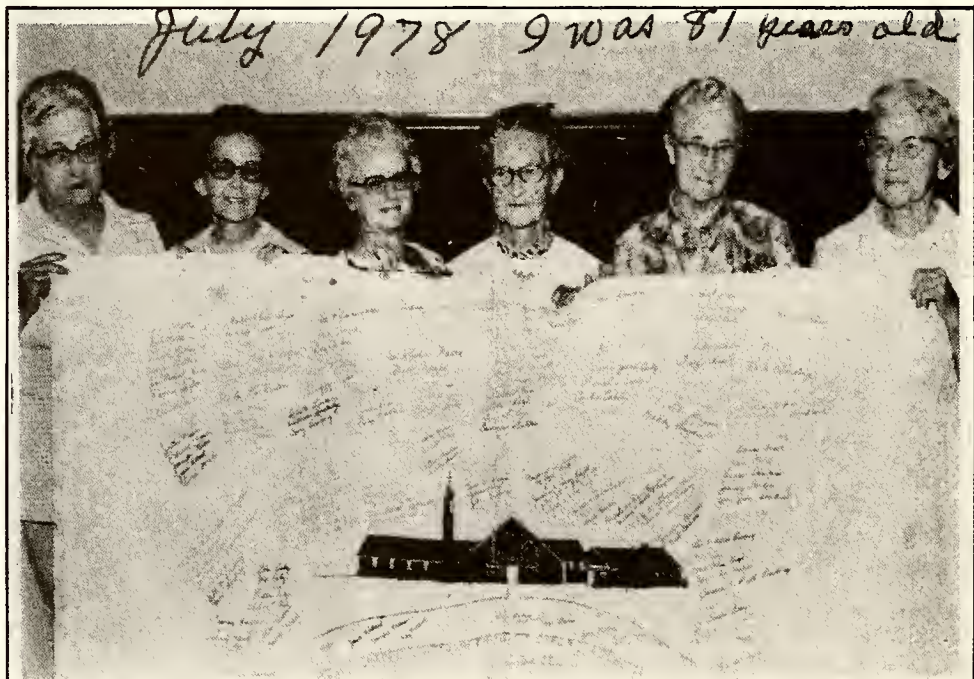
President: Mr. Junius Routh
Vice-President: Mr. Cliff Thomas, Mr. Charles Harrison
Secretary/Treasurer: Mrs. Cora Williams, Mrs. Daisy Routh



Senior citizen party, May 1971: Row 1: Mrs. Ada Ward, Mrs. Gertrude Routh, Mrs. Linda Coble, Mrs., Cornie Routh, Mrs. Martitia Kirkman, Mrs. Lola Pugh. Row 2: Mr. Lester Redding, Mrs. Ruby Jones, Mrs. Mamie York, Mrs. Maude Coble, Mrs. Maude King, Mrs. Addie Foust, Mrs. Eula Hall. Row 3 : Mr. Isaac Routh, Mr. Talmage Jones, Miss Verla Lineberry, Mr. Freddie Coble, Mr. Cecil Ward, Mr. D. H. Hall.



100th Birthday Celebration for Mrs. Dora Allred Elder (in wheelchair), June 1978. Joining the celebration were from left to right: Lola Jones Pugh - 89, Addie Foust - 87, Cornie Routh - 84, and Ruby Jones - 80. (Mrs. Elder lived to be 103 years old)



Homemade Quilt

THE METHODIST WOMEN of Gray's Chapel Church display the quilt they made, which contains 363 names of persons who donated money for blinds in the church's fellowship hall. Pictured above, left to right, are Edna Frye, Louise Gray, Mary

Sumner, Cornie Ruth, Addie Foust, and Ruby Jones. The quilt, which contains a picture of the church, will be auctioned at a church bazaar on September 16. (Staff Photo by Bryant Haskins)

Senior citizens frequently take trips together.



Senior Citizens at a 1986 Christmas party.

On July 4, 1976, under the leadership of Joetta Moore, Gray's Chapel Church joined the nation in celebrating the Bicentennial of the United States. An account of the celebration as appeared in *The Arbor* follows:

BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

Our bell peals at two -

Tommy J. Routh, Sunday School Superintendent, rang the Gray's Chapel Church bell for two minutes as we participated in the nationwide bell ringing led by President Ford aboard *The Forrestal* at 2:00 p.m., July 4th.

Tommy also began our bicentennial sabbath celebration by ringing the church bell for several minutes beginning at 8:00 a.m.

Sunday School began as usual at 9:45 a.m. with a very large crowd in attendance - the Men's Class having 100 percent attendance and being awarded the ole' time banner.

Worship services followed at 11:00 a.m. with posting of colors by Mark Haithcox and Tony Kirkman with the congregation participating in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Christian Flag and Pledge of Allegiance to The Flag. Old era seating arrangements were adhered to - with the men on the left - women on the right - children up front and an Amen Corner composed of Glen Coley, Frank Carper, Bill Lineberry, Dwight Hall, Tim Teague, Gene Shives, Worth Pugh, and Tommy J. Routh.

One member, Robert Johnson, arrived on horseback. A muzzle loading rifle and an Indian maiden were spotted among the congregation; many of whom were attired in bonnets, long dresses, breeches, overalls, and ruffled shirts.

The pastor, with water pitcher and glass in the pulpit, preached on "A Piece of the Rock," a sermon inspired by a rock brought back from the Bicentennial Celebration sponsored by the Western and Eastern North Carolina Conferences in Durham in April. Sylvan and Marjorie Routh attended this conference celebration and presented the pastor with the rock.

Only the ground, not our spirits were dampened by the drizzle which fell, and

lunch was spread by all the families in the fellowship hall.

After lunch, everyone reassembled in the sanctuary where Mary Jones reminded the congregation of our heritage with the following remarks:

"It's a good time to remember our heritage. In this Bicentennial year, we have all been looking back to the beginning of our nation. We thank God for our founding fathers and for the faith they had.

It's also a good time to remember our Methodist heritage. The first Methodist came to our New England shores while our nation was still young, and as the pioneers hacked their way South and West through the wilderness, soon a Methodist preacher would find his way to the new settlement. Let us thank God for the circuit rider and for his saddlebags which always contained a Bible and a hymn book.

We're glad that one day a Methodist came this way. And let us remember the people who saw the need and went to work and built a church at this place which is now known as Gray's Chapel.

Let us remember all the pastors who have served this church: those we have known, those we have read about, and those we have heard about. They have inspired and led us in our search for God.

Let us remember all our church and Sunday School leaders.

Let us remember the ones who cleaned the church and kept the grounds and the cemetery, the ones who rang the bell, to remind us to come worship. Then there were those who just came most every Sunday and greeted us with a smile and friendly handshake. They too, have shown us the way.

Last, but not least, let us remember our choir leaders and their choirs... the organist and pianist who have played and sung the great hymns of the church that have inspired and touched so many and brought us to the altar where we met our Saviour.

Today we are using our old organ, and let us remember the ones who had a part in restoring it. Now let us remember the people who played it, and if I leave anyone out, please remember them too.

Sally Curtis Swaim
Walter Routh

Wister Routh
 Charlie Allred
 G. W. Pugh
 Cordie Underwood Bonkemeyer
 Cicero Hamilton
 Flora Routh Allred
 Hilda P. Lineberry
 Beatrice F. Underwood
 Jo Lineberry Thompson
 Mamie Y. York
 Eula Hamilton Finch
 Margaret R. Julian
 Nellie B. Hackett
 Lessie U. Trogdon
 Treva L. Bouyer
 Ina Lee P. Greeson

After looking back and remembering our heritage, let us now look to the future, and if God so wills that this nation celebrate its 300th birthday, we pray there will still be a Gray's Chapel and that the people of Gray's Chapel will be able to look back and be thankful for something which we have done."

Included in the afternoon agenda were hymns by the congregation accompanied by Mary Lineberry, pianist. Also, "The

Declaration of Independence" was read by Sylvan Routh, and a quartet which included Worth Pugh, Berniece Kerns, Martha McQueen, and Rebecca Moore rendered several inspirational hymns for our enjoyment.

The old church organ, which had been placed in the sanctuary especially for this occasion, was very much enjoyed. Among those playing this old organ were Jo L. Thompson, who before we reassembled, played a few minutes upon the special request of Mrs. Isaac Routh. Margaret Julian and Hilda Lineberry also played during the afternoon with the ladies class, led by Louise Gray, singing hymns. Also, the congregation joined in singing hymns to the accompaniment of the old church organ.

Many pictures were made by Leo Corder, who was photographer for the day. We appreciate these pictures which will be placed in our scrap book and will become a part of the history of our church.

Our July 4, 1976 Bicentennial Celebration came to a close with home-made ice cream for all in the fellowship hall.



Men's Sunday School Class - July 4, 1976: Row 1: Wilson Gray, Herb Pugh and Cliff Thomas (holding attendance banner), L.K. Routh Sr., Mr. Peck (visitor) Row 2: R. D. Trogdon, Mack Lineberry, Worth Pugh, Maurice Trogdon, Alpha Lackey, Rom Millikan, Hobart Lineberry, Junius Routh, Fred Julian (with gun and Bible) Row 3: Gilbert Burns, Clarence Lineberry, Thurman Melvin, Harlan Hackett. Row 4: Leonard Moore, Bruce Pugh, Jesse Pugh, Bynum Coble, Jack Pugh.

Right: Hilda P. Lineberry at the organ.

Below: At the Bicentennial celebration on July 4, 1976, old era seating was observed with the ladies on the right and the men seated on the left.



Above: Ladies Sunday School Class. Row 1: Louise Gray, Cornie Routh, Gertrude P. Routh, Ernestine Millikan, Ruth Lineberry, Maza Coble Lena Lackey, Colene Burns. Row 2: Lake Lineberry, Mary Jones, Myrtle Melvin, Hilda Lineberry, Lola B. Pugh, Ruby Jones, Myra Thomas, Nancy Cotner, Carletta Pugh. Row 3: Margaret Julian, Rev. Ray Stephens, Hazel Stephens, Gladys Pugh.



Right: Louise Pugh Corder played the organ at the Bicentennial celebration at Gray's Chapel Church.

MISSION PROGRAM

When talking with older members, we find that Gray's Chapel Church has always been a compassionate and caring church, ready to reach out to those in need.

The mission program has worked in various ways and touched the lives of many people. Various groups of the church, such as the United Methodist Youth Fellowship, the United Methodist Women, the United Methodist Men, the pastors of the church and many individuals, have given of their time, talent and means to assist the needy and unfortunate of the community and world.

In 1976, Cindy Routh (Rich), a student at Brevard College, was chosen by the Brevard United Methodist Church to go with a missionary work team from the Western North Carolina Conference to Costa Rica. Cindy's home church, Gray's Chapel, shared the expenses with the Brevard Church. After returning, Cindy shared with the church some of the things that she learned about the living conditions in Costa Rica and something of the work that the missionary team did while they were there.

On October 30, 1977, under the leadership of Mrs. Emma P. Routh, chairperson of Evangelism, Gray's Chapel Church was presented a certificate from the General Board of Discipleship for completion of the Motivational Evangelism Visitation Program--the only church in the High Point District to receive a certificate.

In 1979, Emma P. Routh completed studies to become a certified lay speaker. Previously, Sylvan Routh had been certified a lay speaker in the Methodist Church. This is one of the highest honors that can be bestowed upon a member of the local church.

In recent years, our church has really become "mission-minded." Under the

leadership of our recent ministers, Rev. Ray Stephens, Rev. Dale Hilton, and Dr. Edwin Bailey, and the more recent chairpersons of missions, Betty Coble Hogan, Myrtle Melvin, Mary Sumner, Daisy Routh, and Joan Barker, our church has become more involved in both local and foreign missions. Assisting these chairpersons for many years have been Gene Shives, Junius Routh, Bynum Coble, Rom Millikan, Janice Hubbard, and many more of the church members.

Today the church sponsors church suppers (country style steak) and auctions to raise money for local people who have needs as well as for foreign missions. In addition, the church sponsors a Mexican child and a bed in Children's Grace Hospital in Haiti.

In 1980 the first Sunday of each month was designated as "Hunger Fund Sunday". At the morning worship service, the congregation is given the opportunity to bring their offering to the altar which goes to help feed the starving people of the world.

In January of 1983, the pastor of the church, Rev. Dale Hilton, and Mr. Jerry Auman went with a building team from the Western North Carolina Conference to Haiti. While there they worked on a vocational building where they taught building skills to the Haitian people - some of the poorest people on the earth today. They took their cameras and made pictures and slides, which they showed to the church and community members after their return. These pictures showed some of the conditions and needs of the Haitian people.

In 1988, as Mrs. Daisy Routh chairs the Mission Committee with her assistants, Mrs. Myrtle Melvin and Mrs. Joan Barker, the church is still reaching out with compassion to people, anywhere in the world, who desperately need help.

October 29, 1977

Friends To The Rescue

BY PAUL E. KOSTYU
Leader Staff Writer

GRAYS CHAPEL — It was no ordinary construction project that occurred recently in this small Randolph County community.

It was more an act of kindness and helpfulness.

Bertha Teague had had her share of bad luck. Her husband, who had a history of heart trouble, died in March. Her son was in the hospital for awhile and she was in and out of the hospital for treatments.

Then to top everything off the family's house burned to the ground, destroying all their belongings. The Sunday following the fire, Mrs. Teague collapsed in the choir room of Grays Chapel Methodist Church.

The people of the community got together and decided to help, according to the Rev. Ray Stephens.

They added to Mrs. Teague's small insurance money for the house by raising enough to purchase a package log house.

Using the foundation of the old home, members of the community put themselves

to work constructing a new home for the Teague family.

"It's the most exciting thing I've ever been involved in," the Rev. Stephens said.

"People used to do this all the time, but it's been lost in some areas," he said. "But around here people still rally around something like this. It's something lost that's coming back."

Odell Routh was one of the leaders of the effort to build the new house. The home, he said, was purchased from Smoky Mountain Log Homes in western North Carolina.

"When we told them what we were doing they gave it top priority," Routh said. "They had it ready for us a week after I called."

In addition to the home, the church, where Mrs. Teague is a member, raised money for furnishings. Some furnishings were donated, Stephens said.

After a series of hard luck events, the Teague family finally had a change for the better — but it was not so much a change of luck as it was their good fortune to have such friends at Grays Chapel.



Staff Photo By Paul Kostyu

Neighbors Build Home For Teague Family

MISSIONARY SUPPORT

Through the advance program of the United Methodist General Board of Global Ministries, Gray's Chapel Church has a covenant relationship with a missionary couple, Rev. David and Mrs. Betty Swaim. This couple is serving in Tokyo, Japan. The congregation of the church accepted a share of support when it agreed to contribute \$1,000 annually.

The covenant goes far beyond the financial support; it surrounds the missionaries with love and prayers and keeps abreast of the conditions in the

country where the missionaries are serving. In return, the missionaries share their field experiences with the church through letters and articles written for *Response* and *New World Outlook* magazines, which witness to the importance of mission and calls the church to a deeper participation in missions in the local community and the world.

The church is informed when the missionaries are to be on home assignment, and a visit to the church is arranged if possible. Gray's Chapel is looking forward to a visit from David and Betty Swaim in 1989.



Pictured above are three members of Gray's Chapel Church who were honored by the United Methodist Women at the morning worship service on March 8, 1987. Bynum Coble, Rom Millikan, and Junius Routh were given special mission recognition for their work in the church mission suppers. Gray's

Chapel has been having country style steak suppers, with the proceeds going to the mission program, for ten years. These men have been active workers since the beginning of the project. Dr. D. Edwin Bailey, pastor, and Jacqueline Lewis, president of U.M.W. are pictured in the background.

To Build Up the Church

In June of 1979, Rev. R. Dale Hilton was appointed by the Western North Carolina Conference to serve Gray's Chapel Church. His first sermon was entitled, "To Build Up the Church." He asked the congregation to join him in this wonderful undertaking that requires a covenant of mutual trust between pastor and congregation, both striving to abide in unity and love as the Lord is served with all faithfulness.

For the five years that Rev. Hilton pastored Gray's Chapel Church, he worked to build up the church. He encouraged the congregation to work with him as he reached out into the community to share the message of love and hope that Jesus Christ brings. He worked with and encouraged the inactive members to get back into the work of the church. And he reached out to the unchurched. He saw the potential of Gray's Chapel Church; he set goals and asked the members to work with him to achieve these goals.

Early in his ministry, Dale Hilton had a dream--a dream that every pew in the sanctuary would be filled on Sunday mornings at the 11:00 worship service. Although this dream was never realized

except on Memorial Day and Homecoming, the attendance did increase.

Under his leadership an intentional care program was begun. This ministry of love, care and compassion proved to be a blessing to those of the church and community who were in need of this ministry, and also a blessing to those of the church who dedicated themselves to this work. This has been an ongoing program. Today there is a lot of love and compassion shown as the church reaches out to those in need.

While at Gray's Chapel, Rev. Hilton toured two groups to the Holy Land. Among those going from Gray's Chapel besides Rev. and Mrs. (Margie) Hilton were Sylvan and Marjorie Routh, Delette Lineberry, Betty Coble, Mary Sumner, Emma P. Routh, Winnie Daniels, Eloise Shives, and Charles Harrison.

Many great things can be said of Dale Hilton's five years at Gray's Chapel. He encouraged Bible reading and taught both an evening and morning Bible class that proved to be a blessing to those who attended.

He was a dedicated humble servant of the Lord, and the church was inspired and strengthened to keep on with the mission of the church.

On September 27, 1981, Gray's Chapel Church celebrated its 150th Anniversary. A speech given by Lawrence Routh follows:

"I am highly honored to be invited to be here today. Although I have never been a member of this church, I have always had a feeling of coming back home when I come here. From the time I was a small child until we moved to Greensboro, when I was twenty years old, I was always here on the fourth Sunday in September. Also I attended many Memorial services, which were held in May of each year.

I have a vivid picture in my mind of the tremendous crowds that assembled here each year in those days. It was more like a county fair than anything I can think of. We came in a wagon pulled by two mules--my father and mother and my grandmother sitting up in the front of the wagon, we children sitting in the back on a bed of clean straw. My father always arrived early in

order to preempt his favorite parking place, which was under those oak trees a little ways down behind Mrs. Underwood's store. In those days there was not one long picnic or dinner-on-the-grounds table. Usually two or three families spread tablecloths on the ground and ate together. Some of the hundreds of boys and men who did not come with a family group were invited to eat with a family, while many others went hungry. For many years since I can remember, there were no automobiles here on that day. They came in wagons, buggies, carriages, on horseback, and on foot. These conveyances would be parked on the grounds along the roads in every direction for at least a half mile from the church.

The services were held in the arbor, which stood where the activities building

now stands. By the time they started, the seats would all be taken. Many would stand on the outside. As I recall, the services started at 11:00 and usually lasted until around 12:30. There would be three or four preachers in the pulpit, but generally only one preached. There would be several hymns led by Cicero Hamilton. Randolph Circuit, which this church was a part of, had only three ministers from 1908 to 1920. They were W.F. Ashburn, W.M. Pike, and W.C. Lasiter. The last mentioned served only one of those years. Singers from neighboring churches would be invited to join the choir. As I am not a musician, I cannot testify as to the quality of the music. However, there was plenty of volume. Professor Hamilton would call on them to sing out. While the services were in progress, groups of persons would be talking and laughing only a few yards from the arbor. As it was not enclosed it was hard for a small boy to keep his mind on what was going on inside when so many interesting things were going on outside. Also, he would not have been in there in the first place if his father had not made him sit by him, and saw that he did not slip out until the service was over.

Another reason that I feel a kinship to this place is that three generations of my forebearers lie buried back there in that cemetery. I must, in passing, pay a much deserved tribute to your cemetery committee. In my avocation as a genealogist, I have visited literally hundreds of cemeteries in this and neighboring states. I have never found a more beautifully kept one than yours. If you want to know something about the community spirit of a neighborhood, take a look at the way they care for their cemetery. This one speaks well for this community.

On this, the 150th anniversary of this church, let us try to take a backward look to see if we can get a glimpse of how it was here in 1831. We will not burden you with a lot of statistics of this church, but try to point out something of the reason for its existence in the first place, and how well it has carried out its task as an instrument of the Kingdom of God.

Why was this church organized in the first place? Were there any churches in this area? There was a Methodist Episcopal Church where Cool Springs Baptist Church now stands, and another called Salem near

Franklinville. There was a Baptist Church at Sandy Creek, where it still is today. There was a Quaker meeting house where New Salem Methodist Church stands today. There were two Lutheran Churches, Melancton and Richland where those buildings still stand today. Yet Cool Springs was the only one within four or five miles of here.

At the time that this church was organized and the first building built, the same roads that exist today were in use. They were called the Sandy Creek - Asheboro and the Fayetteville-Greensboro roads. However, they were far different from the present roads. They would not be considered good farm roads today. They did not have any kind of surfacing. During wet weather, water would stand in them and mud holes would be formed which sometimes were more than a foot deep. I can well remember the very first stretch of road in Randolph County with gravel or crushed stone on it. It is hard to imagine what it was like to come to a section of the road that had been surfaced, after travelling in the mud half hub deep.

A church was needed here in 1831, with the distances to other churches and the condition of the roads. But that was not the main reason that this church came into being. There was a new spirit of democracy in the land that ultimately put Andrew Jackson in the White House and ended the reign of the Virginia Aristocracy that had been in power for 50 years. The Methodist Episcopal Church consisted of Bishops, Presiding Elders, Itinerating ministers (or circuit riders), lay ministers, laymen, and laywomen. There was a General Conference that included all the whole church and an Annual Conference which covered a lesser area, generally a state. All the affairs concerning the welfare of the church above the local church level, including the locating of the ministers, were decided in the General or the Annual Conferences. Yet, neither the local ministers nor the laymen of the church had any voice or vote in these matters. With the new spirit of democracy that was abroad in the land, by 1824 a few of the ministers of the Methodist Episcopal Church were trying to bring about a reform in that church. When it became evident to them that they were not going to be able to have the changes made by

working within the conference, they removed themselves from the conference and met in M'Cain's Schoolhouse where they organized themselves into what they called "Union Society." They passed three resolutions: 1) To publish a periodical called "Mutual Rights of the Ministers and members of the Methodist Episcopal Church," 2) To organize Union Societies in all parts of the United States, 3) and to appoint a committee to draft a circular addressed to the ministers and members of the M.E. Church.

The Union Societies for the purpose of discussing the form of church government, sprang up all over Methodism. The first in North Carolina was at Sampson Meeting House in Halifax County, November. 6, 1824.

The second one was formed at Plank Chapel in Granville County in 1826. The third society in North Carolina was formed at Moriah Church on the Guilford Circuit, April 1829.

At the time of the beginning of the Union Societies, the leaders of the movement had no intention of establishing a new denomination, but were trying to bring about reform in the M.E. church. By the convening of the General Conference in 1828, the feeling between the factions had become so intense, those who belonged to the Union Societies were not permitted to take their seats at the conference. In 1830, the reform group met in Baltimore and officially established a denomination to be called "Methodist Protestant Church".

In this new church they established the reforms that they had advocated for the Methodist Episcopal Church. They eliminated the Bishop. The Central or General Conference had much less power. The Annual Conference was headed by a president. The laymen had equal representation to the clergy. The committee that determined to which churches the ministers were to be assigned, varied from time to time, but always contained an equal number of laymen on it. The president was elected by the conference.

By 1830, there were church buildings at present Moriah, Tabernacle, Shiloh, Liberty Grove, and other places. The M.E. Church was furnishing preachers for these places. Whether the church owned the buildings is not clear. In the early days of this area neighbors cooperated and built places of worship. Preachers of various persuasions

came by from time to time and held services in them. It is my opinion that the M.E. Church did not own any of the above mentioned buildings. When the M.P. Church, with its democratic rules of government became known, the leaders of these local churches saw the advantages of that form of government to them and switched their allegiance to the new church in which they had some voice as to what took place. They were then known as M.P. Churches.

As already stated, the new church was not named "Methodist Protestant" until the second conference in 1830, I believe that this church was the first one constituted after the M.P. Church came into existence. However, from the excerpts of the 1833 N.C. Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church, this church was not shown. Moriah and Tabernacle were shown.

Mr. J.W. Pugh, writing in 1898, says that Alson Gray organized this church in either 1831 or 1832, that the first building was erected in 1832. Capt. W.S. Lineberry, writing in 1921, said that it was generally believed that the church was organized by Rev. Alson Gray and named for him, but his father, Lemuel Lineberry, told him it was organized by Rev. Arrenton Gray, a brother of Alson and named for him. In all likelihood, Arrenton Gray became a lay minister as a young man and held a revival meeting in York Schoolhouse. As Capt. Lineberry said. "Also it is very likely that the group was organized into a class that later became this church, and that group was considered as the charter members of the church when it was taken into the Methodist Protestant Church." Arrenton was admitted in 1829. It is probably correct to say that Arrenton organized a class or prayer meeting that his brother Alson later admitted into the Methodist Protestant Church either in 1833 or 1834.

For those who may have an interest in genealogy, Alson and Arrenton Gray were the nephews of John and William McGee who were early American ministers, William in the Presbyterian and John in the Methodist. The McGee brothers were the sons of Col. John McGee who operated an ordinary mill and store on the Trading Path near present Julian, and his wife Martha who married William Bell, as her second husband. She later became a heroine during the Revolutionary War. She has a monument

to her memory at Guilford Battleground. Also, the bridge across Deep River on the Randleman bypass on U.S. 220 is named the Martha McGee Bell Bridge.

Rev. Alson Gray was born March 11, 1799 and died in 1880. Rev. Arrenton Gray was born 1811 and died 1846. He was married to Sarah Giles, the daughter of Reubin Giles, for whom Giles Chapel M.P. Church was named. He was buried at Giles Chapel Church. Rev. Alson Gray was buried at Fairfield Methodist Church.

Capt. Lineberry, referred to above, said that this place was "a perfect wilderness and turkey and deer loved to roam thereon."

He evidently was indulging in a bit of hyperbole. There were probably deer and wild turkeys in places, however, this was not a perfect wilderness. Many families had been living around here for more than 75 years at that time. According to the census records for that time, there were more than 100 families living within a radius of three miles of this spot. There were many more full-time farmers living in this area in 1831 than there are today. There was a cotton mill at Cedar Falls. One was built at Franklinville six years after this church was organized. So this was not exactly a wilderness.

This church was first a part of the Guilford Circuit of the M.P. Church. There were some 12 or 15 churches on it all the way from Greensboro to central Chatham County. Generally two or more ministers were assigned to one circuit. Then they often preached on Saturday as well as Sunday. Alson Gray was one of the ministers when this circuit was organized. He is said to have received \$40.00 for his year's work on the circuit. Some few years later Randolph Circuit was formed, and only churches in Randolph County were on it.

Rev. Brantly York, who was born a mile or so down Bush Creek from here, says in his autobiography that "In the fall of 1832, I was invited to Cool Springs Church and York Schoolhouse to preach. The appointment was for the schoolhouse on Saturday night and for the church on Sunday. There were several converts. The revival became extensive, reaching out to adjacent neighborhoods, and lasting for several months. Through the winter I continued to preach at Cool Springs. As a result many new members were added to

the rolls of different churches. Revival also broke out at Wood's Schoolhouse, where I preached on Sunday nights. From the fruits of this revival, a new society was formed called 'Randolph.' I attended a camp meeting at a place called Troy's Campground. At this camp meeting I preached several times. The meeting was quite successful. Not long afterwards a church was erected called 'Bethel.'" Dr. York was licensed to preach by the M.E. Church. However, he was an evangelist and a teacher of schools. It would seem that the M.P. Church cashed in on much of his evangelistic work.

The Methodist Episcopal and the Presbyterian Churches began to conduct camp meetings simultaneously in the western areas of this state and in Kentucky and Tennessee. In those areas the population was so scattered that the distances from where many attending lived and the place of the meeting was so great that they could not travel back and forth from home. So they took food and bedding and spent the nights on or near the meeting place. With the beginning of the camp meetings, a great revival began that lasted for several decades.

The first such meeting in Randolph County was held at Bell's Meeting House (Old Union) near Randleman in the year of 1802.

Mr. A.P. Trogdon stated that the camp meetings were begun here while Rev. W.W. Amick was the pastor of this church. The exact date is not known. However, it was after 1874, as Rev. Amick was not admitted to the conference until that year. By that time the great revival that began in the early part of the century, had run its course. Also, the need for camping facilities had passed. The population was much greater, the churches much more numerous. The members could attend the meetings and stay at home. There was another reason for camp meetings: the members of the church realized that when they came together and camped on the grounds, they left the cares of the home behind and were able to concentrate on spiritual things, revival was more apt to occur. This was probably why this church decided to hold camp meetings.

The arbor was built and some eight or ten families built huts out of rough boards which they called tents, for some unknown reason. Sheds were built onto the back as cookrooms or kitchens. They were built in a row and stood south of the arbor. The fourth

Sunday of September was set as the date for the beginning of the meeting. This time was decided on as it was after the corn had been "laid by" but before the time to start gathering it and breaking ground for wheat sowing. So, for over 100 years this date has been the day on which the revival meetings began. My father was born in 1875. He missed attending only one of these meetings in his life. That day, around 1930, it rained hard all day. My grandmother said she took him the year he was born and every other one until he was old enough to attend on his own. He lived to age 82.

In 1844, the Methodist Episcopal Church split over the slavery issue. The church in the North continued to use the name as before. The church in the South adapted the name Methodist Episcopal Church South. The slavery issue was settled by the Civil War, but the two branches of the M.E. Church continued on their separate ways. As the Methodist Protestant Church was the first of the three branches of Methodism to leave the mother church, she was the first to attempt to bring the three back together. The Episcopal branches had made some reforms that the M.P. branch had advocated so many years before. By 1908, the M.P. branch was trying to bring about a union of the three branches, but their messenger to the M.E. Conference reported back to his M.P. Conference that the union looked far away. In May 1936, T.H. Lewis, D.d., L.L.D. of the M.P. Church made an eloquent address to the General Conference of the M.E. Church in Kansas City, appealing to them to seriously consider the union of

the branches of Methodism. Soon negotiations were under way. Each division made some compromises, which resulted in the union of the three branches in 1939, making it the largest Protestant church in America.

With the union of the Methodist Churches, this church became a unit of the Randolph Circuit of the Thomasville District of the Western North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Church. Later Gray's Chapel and Bethany Churches formed a two-point charge called Gray's Chapel-Bethany (The High Point District of the W.M.C. conference was formed in 1939). In 1975, this church became a station or charge itself with a full-time minister.

Just as the period of the great revivals had passed, the camp meetings had served their usefulness and were passing out of fashion when they began here. Camping was discontinued around 1895. But the period of great crowds was just beginning. The number attending the services here on the fourth Sunday in September continued to increase until the early part of the '20's, when it began a decline to the present situation.

The day of the great revival, with its attendant, emotional upheaval and stress on personal piety has passed, Gray's Chapel Church in its beautiful new sanctuary, faces the future with confidence that in God's great design, a place of usefulness is awaiting it. It looks forward 150 years into the future and sees a body of Christians carrying out the great commands of its Master."

A 'Down to Earth' Pastor

After the annual conference in June 1984, Dr. D. Edwin Bailey moved into the parsonage at Gray's Chapel. Dr. Bailey, for some time, had been Director of the Center for Growth, Change, and Development, while serving Randell United Methodist Church as a part-time pastor. He was also a clinical member of both the American Association of Marriage and Family Therapy, and International Transactional Analysis Association. In the past he had been pastor of some of the larger churches in the Western North Carolina Conference and had been District Superintendent of both the Winston-Salem/Northeast and the Winston-Salem/Forsyth Districts.

Although Dr. Bailey had climbed the ladder of success in the Western North Carolina Conference, he proved to be a "down to earth pastor" for this country church. His sermons have proclaimed great truths from the Word of God.

He was happy to be the pastor of a country church, thankful for a yard and a garden spot in which to work where he grew

a variety of vegetables that he shared with his friends and neighbors. His love of flowers made the parsonage yard more beautiful with beds of tulips, geraniums, scarlet sage, and marigolds, and his Christmas decorations added to the Christmas spirit of the community.

On July 12, 1987, Dr D. Edwin Bailey and Kathryn Thomas Kidd, who grew up in the Gray's Chapel community, were united in marriage following the morning worship service. Dr. C. Harley Dickson Jr. performed the marriage ceremony.

Dr. Bailey chose to retire following the annual conference in June 1988, after spending 43 years in the ministry of the Methodist Church. His ministry has encompassed the Western North Carolina Conference, beginning on the Liberty Circuit in 1945 and ending at Gray's Chapel in 1988.

Following his retirement, he and Kathryn will make their home in Pleasant Garden where he plans to work in their yard and garden when he is not busy with his therapy sessions.



Dr. D. Edwin Bailey and his bride, Kathryn Thomas Kidd, leave the church following their marriage, July 12, 1987.

Church Continues to Flourish As Methodism Celebrates 200th Anniversary

The High Point District celebrated this 200 years of "Proclaiming Grace and Freedom" on September 30, 1984 at Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church, High Point. Bishop Belvel Jones, III brought the message. Dr. Bailey was on the program and offered the evening prayer.

Gray's Chapel Voices Ring Out

In 1985 Dr. Richard Brewer, music director of Pfeiffer College, came to direct the church choir for awhile. Recent directors have been Phillis Piano, Sharon Byrd and Debby Morris. Recent pianists have been Angela Byrd and Janet Johnson with Mary Lineberry at the organ.

Down through the years countless members of the church have given of their time and talent to the ministry of music. The choir directors remembered are: Cicero Hamilton, Ossie Brower, G.W. Pugh, Eula Hall, Martha Wall, Berniece Kerns,

Marjorie Routh, Janet Johnson, Dedra Routh.

Many organists and pianists are remembered: Mamie York, Beatrice Underwood, Hilda Lineberry, Jo Thompson, Margaret Julian, Ina Lee Greeson, Opal Cox, Louise Corder, Mary Lineberry, Janet Johnson, Barbara Nelson, Dawn Coley, and Debbie Coley.

Annual Revival in September

The annual revival, which usually lasts for three or four nights, still follows Homecoming on the fourth Sunday of September. Great preachers still preach, usually a different one each night. In 1985, Bishop Bevel Jones, III preached at one service. But times have changed, and instead of large crowds, there are a lot of empty pews.

In 1987, the overgrown, weather damaged shrubbery was removed and replaced by new shrubs at the front and sides of the church.



Confirmation Class, 1985: Row 1: Nan Johnson, Janie Ward, Robyn Routh, Anna Coble. Row 2: R.P. Teague, Bobby Snyder, Jr., Kevin Lineberry and Dr. D. Edwin Bailey.

Much work has been done at the fellowship hall in the last few years. A roof has been put on the building, new equipment

has been installed in the kitchen, and the building has been air-conditioned.



Sign erected in 1986 at the crossroads at Gray's Chapel by Emma P. Routh.

Below: Banner made by Allen and Elaine Kerns, 1984.



Left: Altar at Gray's Chapel Church, Easter Sunday, 1985.



Budgets Since Becoming a Station Church

1976.....	\$30,912.00
1977.....	\$37,895.00
1978.....	\$39,464.00
1979.....	\$41,025.00
1980.....	\$44,530.00
1981.....	\$54,148.00
1982.....	\$58,778.00
1983.....	\$63,890.00
1984.....	\$68,576.00
1985.....	\$67,187.00
1986.....	\$77,031.60
1987.....	\$76,965.60
1988.....	\$81,825.16

Treasurers of the Church (in recent years)

Mrs. Nettie Pugh Davis

Mr. D.H. Hall

Mr. Bruce Pugh

Mrs. Jo Lineberry Thompson

Mrs. Eloise Lineberry Shives (assisted by
Ruth Johnson, Kaye Lineberry, and Joyce Smith)

Church School

Church school has been an important part of Gray's Chapel Church. From the early records we find that the school was called Sabbath School and the scholars all met in one class. They sang, prayed and studied some chapter of the Bible. The class was discontinued through the winter months and reorganized in the spring with a new set of officers. They elected a superintendent, assistant superintendent, secretary, and sometimes a librarian. Later the school was divided into different classes and they began taking an offering. The pennies and nickles received were used to buy literature for the classes.

Back then the Sunday School was the main activity for the children and the youth. At one time, a day was set aside each summer for Children's Day. The teachers and students did much preparation for this day. The children memorized Bible verses, poems, and songs. It was a great day for the children and their parents.

The following is an excerpt from an old class book:

"Saturday, August 20, 1916

There was a nice Sunday School celebration here at Gray's Chapel. About 40 pieces were spoken. Address by Isham Cox. Very good singing."

In 1980, the Methodist Church celebrated 200 years of Sunday School, and Gray's Chapel had a special program prepared by Emma P. Routh, Janet P. Johnson, and Trudy Trogdon.

Down through the years many members of the church have given of their time and talent to the work of the church school. We list those we remember:

Teachers of children's classes (kindergarten - elementary, all age groups)

Mamie York
Kathlene Lineberry
Nettie Davis
Edith Williams
Hazel Kirkman

Dare Campbell
Janice Hubbard
Ann Weeks
Wanda Boone
Joan Barker

Swannie Lineberry
Avis Hunt
Ernestine Millikan
Glen Coley (long term)
Carlton Johnson (long term)

Rebecca Moore
Janet Wimbish
Louise Gray
Joye Coley
Sue Routh

Junior and Senior High:

G. W. Pugh
Ila Routh
Carletta Pugh
Sylvan Routh
Herb Pugh
Dwight Hall
Gwyn Pugh Sutton
Barbara Dermer
Cindy Routh Rich
Charles Harrison
Nancy Snyder
Janet Johnson

Mamie York
Eula Hall
Mary Jones
Howard Lineberry
Fred Julian
Jackie Lewis
Mary Sumner
Rose Elledge
Sue Farlow
Marilyn Routh
Berniece Kerns

Young Adult Class:

Sylvan Routh
Emma P. Routh (long term)

Janet Johnson
Charles Harrison

Ladies Class:

Mrs. Ida Pugh
Mrs. Doris Latham
Mrs. Hilda Lineberry
Mrs. Elise Trogdon
Mrs. Gladys Pugh (long term)

Mrs. Tom Nixon
Mrs. Myra Thomas
Mrs. Carletta Pugh
Mrs. Joetta Moore

Men's Class:

Denny Pugh
Bruce Pugh
Herb Pugh

G. W. Pugh
Cliff Thomas
Charles Harrison

Church School Superintendents:

Denny Pugh
Tom Nixon
Jack Pugh
Gladys Pugh
Dwight Hall
Sylvan Routh
Tommy J. Routh
Howard Kerns
Anie Pugh

G. W. Pugh
D. H. Hall
Bruce Pugh
Fred Julian
Herb Pugh
Bertha Teague
Berniece Kerns
Alfred D. Haithcox
R.P. Foust

The first Bible School was started by Mrs. Ida May Curry, the wife of the pastor, Rev. George L. Curry (1946-1948). Other Bible School directors remembered are:

Mrs. Edith Bowman	Berniece Kerns
Jackie Lewis	Janice Hubbard
Christine Haithcox	Joye Coley
Barbara Dermer	Emma Routh
Wanda J. Lambert	Sue Farlow

The Methodist Youth Fellowship was also organized while Rev. Curry was pastor at Gray's Chapel, 1946-1948. Berniece Routh Kerns was the first president. Many of the youth since then have served as president, secretary, or treasurer. Many parents and others have served as counselors. Those remembered are:

Mrs. D.H. Hall
 Golda Pugh
 Martha D. Wall
 Ann D. Weeks
 Mary and Farrell Sumner
 Joan Barker
 Charles and Ida Lee Brown
 Allen Kerns
 Floyd and Barbara Dermer
 Bertha Teague
 Junius and Daisy Routh
 Louise Corder
 Robert and Nancy Snyder
 Janice Hubbard
 Tommy J. and Sue Routh
 Marilyn Routh

This youth group has been active except for short periods of time since its beginning. With the help of the counselors, they have cooked and served meals to different groups in the fellowship hall. They sponsor hotdog suppers and have other fund raising projects. All this makes it possible for the U.M.Y.F. members to go to summer camp, retreats, and also take their annual beach trip. Some of the young people have visited the United Nations in New York.

This group also helps with the church mission suppers. They visit the shut-ins at Christmas, sing carols, and at other times bring cheer with fruit baskets.

In recent years there have been college students working with the youth through the

summer; Jenny Holliday in 1980 and Dianne Jones in 1985.

Student ministers have also been assigned to Gray's Chapel to work with the youth and other areas of the church. They are: Joe Collins - 1981, Heidi Cambell - 1982, George Yates - 1983, Katheryn Tart - 1986, Sarah West - 1987, and Annette Gerber - 1988.

At one time the church had a junior choir that practiced weekly and performed at the Sunday morning worship service. Rev. Mitchell Murrow was pastor when this was started, 1968-1972.

Directors were:

Marjorie Routh
 Martha Wall
 Marlana Clodfelter
 Trudy Trogdon
 Jean Moyers
 Rebecca Moore
 Joye Elledge

Pianists were:

Louise Corder
 Opal Cox
 Mary Lineberry

In 1976, Rev. Ray Stephens gave a series of sermonettes for the children. This series, "Bird Life in Wington" lasted for 30 weeks. This started a new ministry for the children. The attendance increased greatly. Following this series of sermonettes, Rev. and Mrs. Stephens entertained the children with a party. Since that time members of the church have volunteered to work in this ministry from time to time.

Those we remember are:

Sylvan Routh	Emma Routh
Louise Corder	Sue Farlow
Marilyn Routh	Katheryn Bailey
Janice Hubbard	Ann Weeks
Berniece Kerns	Dr. D. Edwin Bailey
	Rev. Frank Jarvis

Youth Workers

Jenny Holliday

Dianne Jones

Student Ministers:

Joe Collins
 George Yates
 Sarah West

Heidi Campbell
 Katheryn Tart
 Annette Gerber

Children's Church

Something new was started at Gray's Chapel in 1987. Due to the fact that there were not enough teachers available to teach the classes in the children's department of the Church School, and the attendance was declining, Children's Church was started. This included pre-school children through juniors. At this time it is scheduled for the first Sunday of each month from 10:00 to 12:00 noon in the fellowship hall. This was planned and organized by Emma P. Routh, chairperson of education, and Ann

D. Weeks, who volunteered to be an enthusiastic director.

The purpose of Children's Church is to familiarize the children with the Bible. Ann hopes to teach the children about Jesus and His love, to memorize Bible verses, and to learn songs about Jesus. Crafts will also be a part of the program.

Helping Emma Routh and Ann with Children's Church are Janie Sumner, Sue Farlow, Martha Wall, Terry Shives, Debby Shives, and Elaine Kerns.

Church Library

When we moved into our present church in 1974, it contained a library with a table, chairs and many vacant shelves. A small collection of books was moved from classrooms of the old church. Today many of these shelves have been stocked with books. Many have been bought as memorials by members and friends of the church. The United Methodist Women have also purchased many good books and added to this collection.

Gray's Chapel Church continues today what was started in the 1800's when a small group of people saw a need for reading good books, and they contributed to a fund that started a Sunday School library.

Rebecca Moore was the first librarian of our present library. Later Mrs. Gladys Pugh, a former school librarian, used her expertise and donated many hours of her time working in this library. She is always ready and willing to assist anyone wanting to borrow or donate a book.

Church School Today

Church school today is still an important part of Gray's Chapel Church although the attendance has declined from what it was a few years ago. There is a concern, and many of our people are working to build up the church school.

We thank God and commend the three oldest classes of our church:

The Men's Class which is taught by Herbert Pugh and has been for many years. He is assisted by Cliff Thomas and Charles Harrison.

The Ladies Class taught by Gladys Pugh, (she has been teaching this class since the 1930's) Elise Trogdon and Joetta Moore. Many members of these two classes have attended Sunday School since childhood and are eager to be in their class at 10:00 each Sabbath Day.

The other class we commend is the Young Adult Class which has been taught by Emma Routh for many, many years, assisted by Sylvan Routh, Janet Johnson and Louise Corder.

Memories

The Lackey's think back

Alpha and Lena Underwood Lackey like to talk of olden times, and they shared some of their memories of Gray's Chapel. Alpha remembers when he would sit on his front porch early on the fourth Sunday of May and the fourth Sunday of September and watch the traffic--wagons, buggies, horseback riders and people on foot--all headed for Gray's Chapel Church.

Lena said, "The people came for many reasons: they came for fellowship, to renew old acquaintances, to meet new people and to see and be seen. Everyone did not come to worship."

Alpha and Lena have fond memories of a former pastor, Rev. Gurney B. Ferree. In 1946, when the Randolph-Gray's Chapel Charge sold the parsonage, which was located in Julian, Rev. and Mrs. Ferree moved into the Cates' house a short distance up the road from the church. The Lackey's remember going to the preacher's corn shucking. Rev. Ferree was a pastor of four churches and still had time to grow a crop of corn.

Alpha remembers a time when the church was behind with the preacher's salary. The preacher told the congregation that he needed his money to pay college expenses for his son, and if the money did not come, the church would be looking for another preacher.

(Note: Alpha Lackey departed this life on April 6, 1988)

(Editor's note: Back then the church had a different method of raising money to pay the pastor's salary from the method we have today. Each church member was assessed a certain amount (according to his or her ability to pay). These assessments went to pay the pastor's salary. Each steward was given a list of church members with their assessment and it was the steward's job to collect this money. If they were not able to collect the amount that was due, it was brought up in the church and those that could would give more. Mamie York said she was sure the preachers always received their pay.

Later, the church adopted a unified budget with all money going into one

account. Since then the preachers have received their pay on time.)

Edna Routh Frye remembers a miracle

Edna Routh Frye remembers a revival service one September when she was a child. She can't remember who the pastor was at the time, nor can she recall the name of the visiting minister.

That year the Gray's Chapel Community was experiencing a drought; wells and springs were going dry. One night at the revival, the visiting minister asked the Christian people to join him at the altar to pray for rain. Many earnest and humble prayers were lifted up that night, and God heard and answered those prayers. As the revival service continued, the rumble of thunder could be heard from a distance; storm clouds began to roll up from the southwest and rain came - rain like the Gray's Chapel Community had not seen for a long time. The meeting was an emotional time with much praise and thanksgiving. Branches and creeks overflowed their banks and some of the worshipers had to spend the night with neighbors, as they could not get across the swollen streams to their homes.

Edna says this experience has stayed with her throughout her life. It has instilled in her a faith in God that has never wavered. She believes God hears and answers prayers.

Singing in church--an uplifting experience

Mary Jones remembers when the congregation did a lot of singing at the worship service, which was an uplifting experience. Mr. J.P. (Jep) Lineberry, a descendant of charter members, Lemuel and Sarah Lineberry, and one of the pillars of the church in his day, would speak out from his pew, "Sing my song." Immediately, the organist would respond, and the choir and congregation joined in singing, "I Shall Not be Moved." Today, we find many descendants of Mr. J.P. and Mrs. (Ida Hackett) Lineberry active in the church, including a daughter, Jo L. Thompson and many grandchildren.

In not so distant years, when the congregation was asked to select a favorite song, Gene Shives would often suggest, "Number 17," and again the congregation would join with the choir and sing "How

Great Thou Art". This song soon became a favorite of the church.

Memories of Mrs. Annie Pugh (mother of Hilda P. Lineberry) still linger as she would rise from her pew at revival time when the choir would begin singing the great revival hymns. She would be out among the congregation urging the people to come to the altar and make a commitment to serve the Lord Jesus Christ. Many of us today remember her influence as we made our way to the altar to find forgiveness. Mrs. Pugh's greatest joy was "Bringing in the Sheaves."

Ann Davis Weeks practically grew up in church

Ann Davis Weeks remembers growing up in the church. Her parents, Roy and Nettie Pugh Davis always took their children to church and sat on the third pew on the left side of the old church. She remembers the prayers of her father and how her mother would set up the prayer room at revival time in the little Sunday School room behind the pulpit.

She remembers that her mother taught a class of small children and was church treasurer. Her father was one of the leaders of the church and always went to all the church meetings. She also remembers her uncle, Worth G. Pugh who sang in the church choir and with a quartet. And she will never forget his favorite song, "I Fell on My Knees and Cried Holy." She is thankful that her parents taught her to respect God's House.

Mrs. Eula Finch, an early organist

Mrs. Eula Hamilton Finch, age 93, now a resident at Altergale Apartments in Greensboro, says she can remember playing the organ at Gray's Chapel when she was thirteen years old. She also remembers the large crowds and the many cars that were at Gray's Chapel in the early 1920's. She remembered three preaching services going on at the same time to accommodate the large crowds. There was preaching under the arbor, preaching in the church and preaching on Mr. and Mrs. A.M. Underwood's front porch.

Ina Lee Greeson remembers afternoon meetings

Ina Lee P. Greeson says the memory that stands out the most in her mind is the hot Sunday afternoons when Sunday School and

preaching were held in the afternoons.

Carletta Pugh remembers the church being on a four-point charge.

Carletta Routh Pugh remembers when the church was on a four point charge, the pastor would preach at two churches each Sunday morning,. He would be at one of the churches at 9:45 a.m. and then go to another and preach at the 11:00 service. The next Sunday he would preach at the other two churches at the same hours. Some pastors would hold services on Sunday afternoons and occasionally on Sunday nights.

Sunday School was held every Sunday at each church. When the worship service was held at the early hour, Sunday School followed the preaching service.

There was a time when the pastor would come on Saturday to the community of the church where he would be preaching at the early hour the next day and would spend the night with some church family.

Carletta Routh Pugh remembers her parents, Isaac and Gertrude Pugh Routh inviting the preacher to spend nights in their home. Her mother, Gertrude Routh, who is now a patient at Brian Center in Asheboro, would prepare supper and breakfast for her family and the preacher. A few hours later, Mrs. and Mrs. Isaac Routh and their five children would usually be present at the Sunday morning worship service. Carletta also remembers that some church family would always take the preacher home with them for Sunday dinner after the 11:00 service.

Edith Williams remembers...

Edith Lineberry Williams has been a part of Gray's Chapel Church all her life. She remembers singing in the church choir at a very early age. When Edith was eleven years old, the choir director, Mr. Cicero Hamilton, put her to singing alto instead of soprano; and she has been singing alto in the church choir for more than 60 years.

Edith remembers teaching a class of very young children; if there were babies present, she would take them to her class. She loved the children, and they loved her.

Mrs. Mamie York remembers church funerals

Mrs. Mamie York, age 91 and a resident of Wesleyan Apartments in High Point, shares

her memories of funerals of long ago. She says when there was a death, the family would have to ask neighbors to dig the grave. They could choose their plot which was free. She remembers later that Mack Coble and Ott Holder became grave diggers. She walked to the church many times to play the organ for funerals. Sometimes only a few people attended. The choir was made up of older people with Ossie Brower directing.

Mrs. Ester Moody reminisces

Mrs. Ester Walker Moody remembers her childhood days in the Gray's Chapel Community where she attended church and became a member. As Mrs. Moody was reminiscing on her 95th birthday, on May 31, 1985, she spoke of many things including Gray's Chapel Church, the arbor where camp meetings were held, the horses and buggies, and her Grandmother Walker shouting so hard that her hat would fall from her head. *(Mrs. Moody has since departed this life)*

Junius Routh recalls

Junius Routh remembers when he and his brother, Thomas, were boys. They could not wait until the rest of the family got ready to go to special services at church. They would get ready and walk and get there early.

Lola Jones Pugh has nearly a century of memories

Lola Jones Pugh, age 99, who now resides at Piedmont Christian Home in High Point, remembers attending church at Gray's Chapel when she was a child. She remembers helping Lovie Walker and Janie McDaniel sweep the church.

She remembers Filmore Pugh who brought pine knots to the church to be used to furnish light at night meetings. Also, when there was to be an all-day meeting, Filmore Pugh, who later became her father-in-law, would start a fire on the church ground using brimstone matches then let the fire die down to a bed of coals. At the noon hour, these coals were used to light the pipes of the smokers. At this time, Lola said a lot of women, including her Grandmother Jones, smoked a long stem clay pipe.

Some Tributes

Mrs. Martitia J. Kirkman was remembered on her 92nd birthday at the morning worship service on September 18, 1977. The choir sang two of her favorite songs, "A Charge to Keep I Have" and "The Old Rugged Cross."

Mrs. Kirkman, who was confined to her home, had been a member of Gray's Chapel Church for 80 years. The service was recorded, and a tape was taken to her home by the pastor, Rev. Ray Stephens. A framed picture of the old church was given to her by the membership of the church.

January 1977, Mrs. Myra Thomas, retiring president of the United Methodist Women, was recognized by Joetta Moore on behalf of the entire group for her untiring service to the United Methodist Women, the church and community.

In May 1977, five members of the choir were honored at a reception in the church fellowship hall to commemorate a total of 275 years of participation with the church choir. Honored were: Hilda P. Lineberry, Verla Lineberry, Worth Pugh, Joe Pugh, and Edith Williams. Marjorie K. Routh was choir leader at this time.

On Sunday morning, November 6, 1977, the U.M.Y.F. of the church honored Mrs. Mary Sumner, the youth counselor, with roses. These roses were a token of love and appreciation from the youth for her long and faithful service with the group.

Special Thanks...

To Odell and Tony Lineberry for building the well house in 1974.

To Tommy Singleton for donating a set of tools in 1979 to be used in making repairs on the church property.

Two Pastors Remembered

Rev. George Luther Curry

George Luther Curry was born on March 23, 1874, in Yadkin County, North Carolina. He graduated from Western Maryland College in 1905 and from the Westminster Theological Seminary in 1907.

In 1908, he married Georgia Anna Stowe. Before her death on May 14, 1924, they had six children. Two years after Georgia's death, Rev. Curry married Ida May Perryman, who was a true and good mother to her stepchildren.

Rev. Curry joined the North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church and received his first appointment to Edenton in 1906. Other appointments included: Weaverville, Burlington, Graham, Seattle, Washington, Baltimore, Madison, Charlotte, Greensboro, Denton and finally, Gray's Chapel in Randolph County, where he retired at the end of his appointment in 1948.

During his 42 years as a minister, he was engaged in ten church building campaigns and wrote church histories. George Curry did not fear growing old, but he did regret that, "Time was growing short." He had so much work to do for the Lord and so little time to do it.

In High Point, where he lived after his retirement, he found friends who loved him, work that still needed to be done and young preachers to encourage, and he "gave himself to the task."

On July 7, 1951, George Luther Curry passed from this life and was buried at Bethesda Church Cemetery in Davidson County, N.C.

(Compiled by Gay S. Hardin for Gray's Chapel History)

Rev. Martin William Heckard, Jr.

Martin William Heckard, Jr., son of a Methodist minister, was born June 7, 1916 in Therman, N.C. He attended Sue Bennett College, London, Kentucky; Wofford College, Spartanburg, S.C. and graduated from High Point College after serving in World War II.

While serving in the war, he was recognized for outstanding service beyond the call of duty. He received two Purple Hearts, a Silver Star and the Legion of Merit Award from the French government.

In 1941, he married Addie Lee York, and two children blessed their home--Ida Pearl and Martin, III.

Rev. M.W. Heckard, Jr. caught a vision--a vision of Christ and His gospel of salvation. He found his task, the ministry of the church, and in this work he found his highest joy. Bill loved his family, his work and his world. His godly life touched many and will continue to be a source of inspiration.

He departed this life on March 23, 1975. A memorial service of worship was held at the Boonville Church, where he was the pastor, on March 25, 1975, by Rev. Dr. Ernest A. Fitzgerald and Rev. Dr. Robert H. Stamey. The committal service was at White's Chapel Church Cemetery in Randolph County. *(This obituary from the 1975 Western North Carolina Conference Journal was submitted by Mrs. Addie Lee Heckard for Gray's Chapel Church history.)*

Membership Roll--1988

Allred, Mae
Auman, Arthur Jerry
Auman, Elaine Thomas
Auman, Corbin
Andrews, Shirley Williams
Bailey, Kathryn Thomas Kidd
Barker, Joan Routh
Barker, Lisa
Barker, Angela Gayle
Beane, Charlene Underwood
Bonkemeyer, Eva Richardson
Boone, James
Boone, Wanda
Brower, Frances
Brown, Charles
Brown, Ida Lee Lineberry
Brown, Gregory
Brown, Karen Haithcox
Blackard, Jeanne
Campbell, Layne
Campbell, Dare
Campbell, Kimberly
Cheek, J. D.
Cheek, Helen
Cardwell, Randy Lee
Cardwell, Carolyn Braxton
Coble, Bynum
Coble, Maza Hackett
Coble, Anna Jane
Coble, Eugene
Coble, W. Dove, Sr.
Coble, W. Dove, Jr.
Coble, Edith Eddinger
Coble, Vicki Leigh
Coley, Glenn E.
Coley, Joye Lineberry
Coley, Dawn
Coley, Debbie
Cook, Ronald L.
Corder, Leo Daniel, Sr.
Corder, Louise Pugh
Corder, Leo Daniel, Jr. (Dan)
Corder, Gregory
Corder, Patricia Ingram
Corder, Rod
Corder, Michelle Snyder
Correll, Janieve Coble
Correll, Janna Dawn
Cranford, Larry William
Cranford, Nan Johnson
Cotner, Nancy Beard
Cox, Paul
Cox, Opal Coble
Cox, Anthony Worth (Tony)
Craven, James A. (Jimmy)
Craven, Sarah Pugh
Dawes, Dana
Dawes, Sharyn
Dawes, Adrian
Davis, Charles
Davis, Elsworth
Davis, Elsie Hackett
Davis, Irene Hackett
Davis, John
Davis, Roger
Davis, Sylvan
Davis, Sharon Richardson
Davis, Terry
Davis, Lee
Davis, Woodrow
Deviney, Virginia Routh
Dermer, Barbara
Dermer, Susan
Dermer, Bobby
Dunn, Christine Nixon
Dunn, Connie Leigh
Dobbins, Gray
Dobbins, Peggy
Elledge, Rex Sherwin
Elledge, Rose Janella
Ferree, Sarah Redmon
Farlow, David
Farlow, Sue
Frye, Edna Routh
Forbes, Betsy Trogdon
Garrison, Josephine Lackey
Garrison, Deryl
Gray, Louise Routh
Gray, Larry
Gray, Eddie
Gray, Warren
Gwyn, Denise Hall
Garcia, Carlos
Garcia, Rebecca
Hackett, Beulah
Hackett, Cleston
Hackett, George
Hackett, Harlan
Hackett, Johnsie Davis
Hackett, Kelly
Hackett, Russell
Hale, Diane Routh
Harrison, Charles
Harrison, Doris
Haithcox, Alfred D.
Haithcox, Christine Routh
Haithcox, Jeffery
Haithcox, Mark
Haithcox, Randy
Hall, Chester
Hall, Ruth
Hall, Donald A.
Hall, John Anthony
Hall, Ronald D.
Hall, Dwight
Hall, Joe Ann Ward
Hall, Daniel (Dan)
Hall, Tammy Coble
Hampton, Gerald
Hampton, Mary Elizabeth
Hamlet, Joe
Hamlet, JoAnn Cotner
Hartman, Deidra Luther
Heilig, Brenda Routh
Hogan, Betty Coble
Hunt, Ann
Hunt, Ricky Lee
Hunt, David Andrew
Hunt, Tommy
Hunt, Ellene Smitherman
Hurley, Eugene
Hurley, Frances
Hubbard, Janice Carter
Ingle, Linda Cottrell
Ingold, Sherry Barker
Jenkins, Julie Routh
Johnson, Carlton
Johnson, Routh Pugh
Johnson, Carla
Johnson, Tommy
Johnson, Janet Pugh
Johnson, Heather
Johnson, Robert
Johnson, Peggy Helenbaugh
Johnson, April
Johnson, Joe
Jones, Bertha J.
Jones, F. Allen
Jones, Mary O.
Julian, Margaret Routh
Julian, David
Julian, Hope
Julian, Joyce Almond
Julian, Phillip W.
Kerns, Howard
Kerns, Berniece Routh
Kerns, Allen
Kerns, Gary
Kidd, Lorrie Lewis
Kimes, Worth
Kivett, Mary Lou Coble
Lackey, Lena Underwood
Lambert, Roger
Lambert, Wanda Julian
Lambert, Eric Dean

Langley, LeAnn Lambert
 Latham, Jimmy
 Latham, Louis
 Laughlin, Allen
 Laughlin, Floyd
 Laughlin, Robert
 Lewis, Jack
 Lewis, Jacqueline Pugh
 Lewis, Amy Susanne
 Ledford, Otis
 Ledford, Isabelle
 Lineberry, Acie
 Lineberry, Clarence
 Lineberry, Ruth Cox
 Lineberry, Donald
 Lineberry, Pamela McDowell
 Lineberry, Karen
 Lineberry, Elbert
 Lineberry, Lake Kirkman
 Lineberry, Ervin Scott
 Lineberry, Fred Worth
 Lineberry, Gary
 Lineberry, Kay Coble
 Lineberry, Jeffery Todd
 Lineberry, Kevin Dale
 Lineberry, Elnora Kivett
 Lineberry, Hilda Pugh
 Lineberry, Kathleen Walker
 Lineberry, Mary Ellen
 Lineberry, Odell
 Lineberry, Mary Routh
 Lineberry, Tammy
 Lineberry, Ray
 Lineberry, Stuart
 Lineberry, Elizabeth Grubbs
 Lowman, Wayne
 Luther, James A.
 Luther, Dorothy L.
 Luther, James David
 Lucas, Michael
 Lyerly, Regena Gray
 McDaniel, Maxine Hackett
 McClaslin, Martha
 McMasters, Lonnie
 McMasters, Tony
 McMasters, Brenda T.
 McPherson, Sandra Garrison
 McQueen, Chris Roy
 Martin, John Bryant
 Martin, Johnny
 Martin, Maxine Walker
 Martin, Robin Lynn
 Mears, Martha Laughlin
 Melvin, Thurman
 Melvin, Myrtle Lineberry
 Melvin, Clifford
 Melvin, Rebecca Coon
 Moffitt, Paul
 Merrill, Cynthia Ann
 Mock, Emma Jean Pugh
 Moore, Leonard
 Moore, Joetta Nixon
 Moore, Rebecca
 Nelson, David (Bobby)
 Nelson, Barbara Turner
 Navy, Paula Cox
 Nichols, Eva
 Nichols, Perry
 Owens, Dawn Hanner
 Overton, Marvin
 Overton, Faye
 Parris, Paul
 Parris, Christine Lackey
 Pates, Joyce
 Pinnix, Penny Barker
 Patterson, Brenda Lineberry
 Price, Linda Routh
 Pugh, G. Bruce
 Pugh, Gladys Guthrie
 Pugh, Denny
 Pugh, Erie Hardin
 Pugh, Diane
 Pugh, Herbert
 Pugh, Lola Bunting
 Pugh, Jack M.
 Pugh, Carletta Routh
 Pugh, James
 Pugh, Joseph (Joe)
 Pugh, Lola Jones
 Pugh, Worth B.
 Pugh, Golda
 Ragsdale, Candace
 Ragsdale, Randell
 Redding, Charles
 Redding, Marjorie
 Redmon, Betty
 Riley, John
 Riley, Vicki
 Riley, Kimberly
 Riley, Scott
 Reedy, Michael Scott
 Reedy, Shawn Patricia
 Roesch, Virginia Underwood
 Rich, Keith
 Rich, Cindy Routh
 Routh, Dr. William D.
 Routh, Donald
 Routh, Gertrude Pugh
 Routh, Cornie Lineberry
 Routh, Jimmy
 Routh, Emma Bruce Pugh
 Routh, James Edward (Jed)
 Routh, Junius
 Routh, Daisy Moore
 Routh, Jill
 Routh, John
 Routh, L.K., Jr.
 Routh, Delette Lineberry
 Routh, Lucy
 Routh, Michael
 Routh, Sylvan
 Routh, Marjorie King
 Routh, Thomas W., Sr.
 Routh, Lula Mae Tingen
 Routh, Thomas, Jr. (Tommy)
 Routh, Tommy
 Routh, Tommy Jay
 Routh, Sue Lineberry
 Routh, Sandy
 Routh, Carrie
 Routh Robin Daniel
 Routh, Winford
 Robb, James N.
 Robb, Charlotte
 Rucinski, Lynn Correll
 Shives, Chester E.
 Shives, Eloise Lineberry
 Shives, Phillip E.
 Spivey, Teresa Parris
 Smith, Grant
 Smith, Joyce Lineberry
 Snyder, Robert, Sr.
 Snyder, Nancy Daniels
 Snyder, Robert, Jr. (Bobby)
 Sumner, Farrell
 Sumner, Janie Millikan
 Sumner, Shawn
 Singleton, Thomas
 Singleton, Katheryn Coffin
 Staley, Donna Lineberry
 Stafford, Randy
 Stafford, Thelma J.
 Steed, Kim McQueen
 Sutton, Gwen Pugh
 Teague, Bertha Cotner
 Teague, Owen
 Teague, Raymon Patterson
 Teague, Terry Lineberry
 Thomas, Cliff
 Thomas, Myra Perry
 Thomas, Vivienne
 Toomes, Angela Campbell
 Thorpe, John M., Jr.
 Thompson, Josie Lineberry
 Tingen, Dorothy Foust
 Trogdon, Hilda
 Trogdon, Dalton, Sr.
 Trogdon, Trudy

Trogdon, Dalton, Jr.
Trogdon, Elise
Trogdon, Maurice
Underwood, Beatrice Foust
Underwood, Roberta
Varner, Carol Cheek
Walker, Claven
Walker, Joy Martin
Ward, Alvin
Ward, Catherine Routh
Ward, Janie Suzanne
Wall, Martha McQueen
Waugh, William
Waugh, Helen
Welborn, Steve
Welborn, Charlotte Sumner
Weeks, Charlie
Weeks, Ann Davis
Weeks, William (Tim)
Williams, Donna Routh
Williams, Edith Lineberry
Williams, Jesse Bernard
Williams, Lucille Redmon
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Wood, Lona B.
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Gray's Chapel Members Serve Their Country

Throughout the long history of Gray's Chapel Church, we discovered many members of the church and community served in the armed forces during the various wars in which the United States was involved.

Veterans of the American Revolutionary War

In 1968, William Mendenhall of Signal Hill, California, a descendant of the Allreds of Randolph County, North Carolina, did some research on the Allred family. He found that William Allred, Sr. and his son, John Allred, were soldiers in the Revolutionary War. From the records, he found they were probably buried at the Gray's Chapel Cemetery.

He presented his findings to the Department of the Army which authorized the markers to be manufactured. The stones were brought to the cemetery at Gray's Chapel. Although the graves were never located, they were temporarily erected and still stand in the cemetery in memory of:

John Allred - - Pvt. Cav. Militia-- 1764- 1850-- Row 9, Old cemetery
William Allred, Sr.-- Pvt. N.C./Va. Militia-- 1732- 1836-- Row 9, Old cemetery

Confederate Veterans

"Dock" Allred
Sam Allred
Murphy Burriss-Row 7, Old cemetery
Milton H. Cox-Row 5, Old cemetery
Madison Foust-Killed in Battle of Gettysburg. Not buried at Gray's Chapel
Newton Jasper Foust-Row 8(a), Old cemetery
Wesley Foust-Did not get back from war
Dallas Frazier-Row 8(a), Old cemetery
James R. Frazier-Row 11, Old cemetery
Jasper Frazier
Newton Frazier
Sigh Frazier
Lewis Fruitt
Alexander Gray-Row 10, Old cemetery
Frank Hayes
Lias Hayes
Tom Hayes
Riley Hicks
Steve Ivey

Alfred Jones
John Jones-Row 7, Old cemetery
Tobias C. Julian
John Kirkman
Madison Kirkman
Tom Kirkman
Dennison Lineberry
Harris Lineberry
William Lineberry-Row 5, Old cemetery
Capt. Winfield Scott Lineberry-Row 1, Old cemetery
J. Dorris McDaniel-Row 9, Old cemetery
W. Horace McDaniel-Row 10, Old cemetery
Pool Bill McMasters
Wilson McMasster
Hiram Nelson-Row 4, Old cemetery
Larkin Nelson-Row 3, Old cemetery
Samuel Nelson-Row 5(b), Old cemetery
Quinten Nixon-Row 3, Old cemetery
Major Laban Odell-Row 8, Old cemetery
Frank Pugh (Samuel Franklin Pugh)-Row 5, Old cemetery
J. Wesley Pugh-Row 4, Old cemetery
Solomon Redding
Alson Routh-Row 5(a), Old cemetery
George Routh
Joshua Routh-- three Joshua Rouths buried in cemetery
Isaac Routh
W. Manley Routh-Row 3, Old cemetery
William Routh
J.S. Trogdon-Row 4, Old cemetery
Alfred Ward
Mines Ward
Zeno Ward-Row 4, Old cemetery
David Wright

World War I Veterans

Henry Allred
Roy Allred-- not buried at Gray's Chapel
Charles E. Glasgow-Row 7, Old cemetery
Colon Hackett
Jacob Harvell-Row 11, Old cemetery
Oscar J. King-Row 4, Old cemetery
Cyrus Lineberry-Row 11, Old cemetery
Hobart Lineberry-Row 4(a), Old cemetery
Luther Nelson-Row 3, New cemetery
Thomas Nixon-Row 5(b) Old cemetery
Cecil Pugh-Row 12, Old cemetery
Jesse Pugh-Row 5, Old cemetery
Thomas Pugh-Row 5, Old cemetery
Colon Redding-Row 5, Old cemetery

World War I Veterans (continued)

Herbert Redding-Row 1, New cemetery
Lester Routh- Row 8(a), Old cemetery
Wister Routh--Not buried at Gray's Chapel
Cicero Trogdon--Not buried at Gray's Chapel
John Trogdon-Row 5, Old cemetery
Wesley Trogdon--Not buried at Gray's Chapel
Ralph York--Not buried at Gray's Chapel
Wade York--Not buried at Gray's Chapel

World War II Veterans

Claburn Joseph Allred-Row 6, New cemetery
Dr. D. Edwin Bailey
William M. Cates-Row 2, Old cemetery
Millard Clark Coble, III-Row 10, New cemetery
Jesse Leo Cox-Row 3, New cemetery
Lee Davis--Not buried at Gray's Chapel
Paul K. Deviney-Row 3, New cemetery
D.P. Foster, Jr.-Not buried at Gray's Chapel
Paul Foust
Tracy Foust-Row 1, New cemetery
Woodrow Wilson Gray-Row 8, New cemetery
John Hackett-Row 1, Old cemetery
Lester W. Hackett--Buried near Gibsonville
Robert S. Hackett--Buried near Gibsonville
Charles Harrison
Chester Hall
Dwight H. Hall
Rev. M.W. Heckard, Jr.
Pvt. Guy W. Jarrett-Row 11(a), Old cemetery
Harold Jones
Worth Kime
James A. Luther
Acie Lineberry
Ervin Lineberry
Glenn Lineberry
Keith Lineberry-Not buried at Gray's Chapel
Solon K. Lineberry-Row 11, Old cemetery
David William Martin-Row 3, New cemetery
Dewey Martin
John Martin
Jack R. Nixon-Row 5(b), Old cemetery
Robert Wesley (Jim) Nixon-Row 12, New cemetery

Paul Parris
G. Bruce Pugh
Herbert Pugh
Howard Cecil Pugh-Row 4, New cemetery
Howard F. Pugh--Not buried at Gray's Chapel
Richard Pugh--Not buried at Gray's Chapel
Charles Redding
Edward Redding--Not buried at Gray's Chapel
Fred Joe Redding
Harold Redding
Herbert Redding, Jr.--Not buried at Gray's Chapel
Richard Caleb Redding--Not buried at Gray's Chapel
Clifford Routh
Edwin Routh
Junius Routh
Thomas Routh
Sylvan Routh
Archie Smith
Lacy E. Trogdon-Row 12, Old cemetery
Lt. Rachel Brower Twiddy
Andrew Carnegie Walker-Row 9, New cemetery
Jimmy Walker
Terence Walker-Row 7, New cemetery
Howard Williams

Veterans of the Korean and Vietnam Wars

Paul Cox
W.D. Coble, Jr.
Leo Corder
Donald Correll
Stanley Cottrell
Floyd D. Dermer-Row 10, New cemetery
James Foster--Not buried at Gray's Chapel
Larry Gray
Donald Hall
Ronald Hall
Allen Jones
Howard Kerns
John Martin Lambert
James Lineberry
Odell Millikan-Row 8, New cemetery
James N. Robb, Sr.
Cloyce Routh
Michael Routh
Stephen Routh
Thomas W. Routh, Jr.
Chester E. Shives
Bernard Williams
Worth York

Serving in the U.S. Forces at this time (1988)

Brian Kidd, Bobby Waugh, Tim Weeks

History of Gray's Chapel Cemetery

Soon after the church was established, there was a need for a cemetery. Martha Caroline, the three-year old daughter of charter members, Lemuel and Sarah Lineberry, died on June 20, 1835 and became the first person buried in the Gray's Chapel Cemetery. As the years rolled by, new members were added to the church roll, and one by one, new graves appeared in the cemetery.

According to history that has been handed down, Gray's Chapel people have always taken pride in keeping their cemetery clean. In 1898, a substantial iron fence was placed around the cemetery.



New section prepared for use

By 1917, most of the cemetery spaces had been taken, and a new section north of the fence was prepared for cemetery use. The first person buried outside the iron fence was Ellen Coble who died August 26, 1917. She was the daughter of Millard and Kate Coble.

The iron fence soon came down, and sections were sold at auction. Bynum Coble and Clarence Lineberry remember that Will Kirkman bought most of the fence. As time went on, the cemetery continued to grow on all sides as well as on the north end.

The following is taken from a writing by Mr. G.W. Pugh which appeared in **The History of Gray's Chapel Church-- 1831-1942:**

"Gray's Chapel Cemetery is one of the best kept and most beautiful of its size in this section, there being around one thousand graves in it. The church used to set certain days to meet and clean off the cemetery. Men and women would come from miles around to help, some with forks, some with scythes and others with hoes and mattocks. Sometimes the bumble bees and yellowjackets would almost run them out. Occasionally they would find a snake and often a quail's nest.

Some forty years ago, Rev. W.F. Ashburn, Mr. E. Cicero Hamilton and W.M. Cates instituted and held a memorial service

on the fourth Sunday of May, and it met with such success that it is still held on the same date each year. This has been one of the best causes of helping keep the cemetery clean.

Some years ago a cemetery committee was appointed to look after the cemetery, keep the plots for different families and keep it clean. This committee is elected annually by the church.

The first committee was: R.H. Underwood, treasurer; J.W. Walker, M.L. Coble, Clifford Nixon and Hobart Lineberry.

R.H. Underwood lives near the church and is on the job twelve months in the year. J.H. Walker, the oldest member, having served as grave digger and worker in the cemetery, deserves more credit for the upkeep than any other person now living in the community. Special collections and donations are taken separately from regular church collections for the upkeep of the cemetery."

For years the entire offering received at Memorial Service and Homecoming went into the Cemetery Fund. Today the congregation has a choice to give either to the Cemetery Trust Fund or to the church budget.

In an article written to a newspaper in 1939, Rev. H. L. Isley, pastor of Gray's Chapel Church, wrote, *"In the neat graveyard back of the church may be seen such familiar*

names as Jones, Yow, Pugh, Underwood, Frazier, Kimes, Foust, Nelson, Lineberry, Allred, Lackey, Redding, Cox, Parsons and Nixon.

One interesting gravestone is that of John Wolfe, borned 1790, departed this life in 1861. A huge willow tree has grown up at this grave, and the stone lies cradled among the roots. On the other side is the grave of John's wife, Mary, who lived from 1790 until 1865."

(Editor's note. This willow tree has long since been removed from this cemetery, and the tombstones of charter members, John and Mary Wolfe, stand tall in their memory.)

Rev. Isley also said in 1939, "Another grave of interest is that of Alexander Gray, who lived from 1794 until 1878. He was active in the Civil War. There is also the grave of Major Laban Odell, born 1836 and fell in defense of the South in the Battle of Chancellorsville, Virginia in 1863."



Grave of Ella Hill Wood (1929). Grave pulled into a mound

Cemetery Fund established

R.H. Underwood was chairman of the cemetery committee for many years. He and the other committee members worked hard to get others interested in raising money for a cemetery fund which would make it possible to hire workers to clean the cemetery. Incidentally, the first person hired to work in the cemetery was paid with money borrowed from the chairman's mother, Mrs. Virginia A. Underwood.

As the cemetery fund grew, it became possible to hire men to keep the cemetery clean. Some of the early workers were: John Walker, Mack Coble, Alpha Lackey and Ott Holder. Down through the years, many other men from the church and community were hired from time to time to work in the cemetery.

As late as the 1940's, the cemetery was being "scalped" twice each year. In May and September all vegetation was removed. As the soil eroded, sand was hauled to fill in and to make it possible to pull each grave up into a mound. At this time in history, no one stepped on a grave; we always walked around.

Plans Made to Sow Cemetery in Grass

Clarence Lineberry, who has served on the cemetery committee for a long time, has donated and hauled many loads of dirt and sand which were used to maintain the cemetery. Early in the 1950's, the cemetery committee began making plans to sow the cemetery in grass. Families were contacted,

and much of the coping was taken up and the graves were made level. The soil was prepared, the seed was sown and the cemetery soon became green. R.H. Underwood was chairman of the committee at this time. Since then, the cemetery has been kept mowed as needed.

More land needed for cemetery

In 1955, additional land was purchased for cemetery use. This land, east of the cemetery, was graded and sowed in grass and was called The New Cemetery. Bynum Coble and J.D. Cheek did much work in this new cemetery. The plots were laid off and numbered, and a map was made showing the location of each plot. which makes it much easier for the chairman and secretary to keep the records. Bynum Coble also donated his time for years while mowing this section. At this time, the committee started making a charge for plots; thus free plots became a thing of the past. The first person buried in The New Cemetery was Peace Staley Hackett who died January 2, 1957.

Markers purchased for unmarked graves

In 1962, the cemetery committee began purchasing markers to be placed at unmarked graves in the old section of the cemetery. With help from Mr. and Mrs. Reggie Underwood, who knew more about the cemetery than any other persons living, it was possible to have names cut on some of these stones. This project has been continued, and today one finds a nice granite marker at each known, unmarked grave. Working hard on this project were: R.H. Underwood, C.N. Nixon and L.K. Routh, Sr.

Cemetery trust fund desired

As the cemetery fund continued to build up, Chairman R.H. Underwood and the committee began working toward their goal--a cemetery trust which would insure that the cemetery would be kept and maintained in the years to come. Others also shared in this dream. Mr. Grady Allred, a member of the church who grew up in the Gray's Chapel community and later moved to Winston-Salem, gave generous contributions to the cemetery fund and also to the church in memory of his mother, Mrs. Cynthia Ward Allred. After Mr. Allred's death in 1983, his widow, Mrs. Vivian Allred, continues to support the cemetery and church.

Reggie Underwood did not live to see his goal materialize; he departed this life on September 24, 1969, and was laid to rest in the cemetery that had become a part of his life. Clifford Nixon was elected chairman

and remained chairman for a little more than a year when he too, was laid to rest in the cemetery after his death in November 1970.

At this time, Bruce Pugh became chairman of the committee, and they continued to keep and maintain the cemetery as they worked toward their goal. Bruce Pugh was commended for his work, study and research on cemetery trust plans.

On September 26, 1971, the Gray's Chapel United Methodist Church and the duly elected trustees of the church cemetery committee: Bruce Pugh, Roberta Underwood, W.D. Coble, Sr., Clarence Lineberry, Bynum Coble and T.B. Hunt, who desired to establish a trust for perpetual care and maintenance of its cemetery, authorized the creation of the Gray's Chapel United Methodist Church Cemetery Trust. The attorney assisting with this excellent plan was Steve Glass of Asheboro.

Hospitality ministry established

In 1973, three ladies of the church saw the need for opening the fellowship hall during funerals and interments in the cemetery. These ladies, Mrs. Myra Thomas, Mrs. Nettie Davis and Mrs. Eula Hall were faithful to have the fellowship hall open and light refreshments available each time there was a need. Many of the church members have since served on this "Hospitality Committee" which is appointed each year by the nominating committee. This has been an important ministry of our church which has touched the lives of many people.

Other cemetery needs supplied

A utility building in which to store cemetery supplies was built in 1977 by William Lineberry. Then in 1979, the cemetery trustees ordered monuments in memory of the twelve charter members of the church. These tablets were placed on the graves of the eleven members buried in the cemetery: Laura Foust, Isabell York, Mark Hardin, John Wolfe, Mary Wolfe, Lemuel Lineberry, Sarah Lineberry, Sibel McMasters, Migaiah McMasters, Joshua Routh and Margaret Jones. The other tablet was placed in the cemetery in memory of Simeon Bane who was buried elsewhere. The inscription on these tablets is, "This tablet placed here by Cemetery Trust 1979."

Work done in Old Cemetery

Also in 1979, a contract was signed for straightening and aligning the gravestones in the old section of the cemetery. Working on this project were Bruce Pugh, Harlan Hackett, Jack Hancock and Andrew Walker.

In 1980, Richard McDowell was hired to clean and sandblast all marble monuments in the old cemetery, and many of the old stones were restored to their original beauty. Mr. Grady Allred paid all the costs of this project.

In 1982, 10.71 acres of land were bought from Bill Boyd. This was part of the Beane property which was located south of the cemetery.

Harlan Hackett became chairman of the cemetery committee in 1982 and is doing an excellent job as caretaker of the cemetery. Roberta Underwood is commended for the many years she has served as recordkeeper and custodian of the Cemetery Trust Fund.

We also recognize Donald Lineberry, one of the newer members of the cemetery committee, for the many loads of topsoil that he has donated and hauled to be used in the cemetery. This helps to keep the green grass growing.

In 1985, Mrs. Beatrice Foust Underwood, at the age of 87, updated an earlier listing of the old section of the cemetery. This earlier listing (1866-1939) was compiled by the late Mrs. Zula Routh Pugh and the late Mrs. Lou Julian Lineberry.

Assisting Mrs. Underwood with the new listing were Roberta Underwood and Mary Jones.

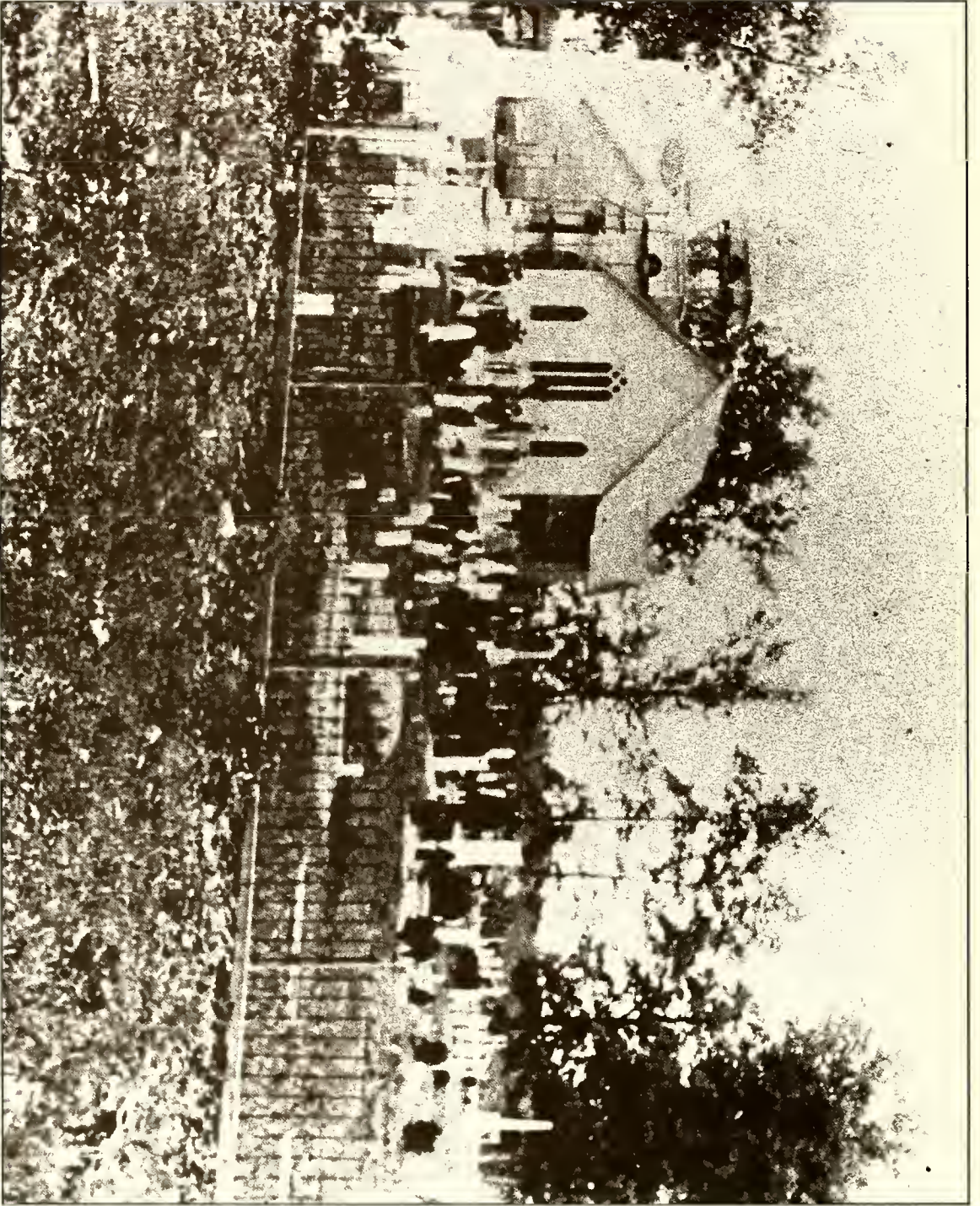
Today members of the Cemetery Trust Committee are: Harlan Hackett, chairman; Roberta Underwood, secretary/treasurer; Bruce Pugh, Bynum Coble, Clarence Lineberry, Donald Lineberry and Mary Jones.

A complete listing of the cemetery as it appears on the monuments follows:



Gray's Chapel Cemetery--1988





Cemetery about 1910

Cemetery Roll

By the late Mrs. Zula Routh Pugh and the late Mrs. Lou Julian Lineberry (1866-1939)
Mrs. Beatrice F. Underwood and Mary Jones (1940-July 15, 1988).

Each row begins at the Southern end of Cemetery--Old Cemetery.

Name	Born	Died
Row 1		
Barbara Ann Routh	December 25, 1951	December 25, 1951
Mattie Brower	October 26, 1871	January 31, 1962
Ossie P. Brower	July 20, 1872	October 27, 1952
Pvt. John C. Hackett	November 25, 1922	February 4, 1944
Elwood Paris Trogdon	January 13, 1861	January 25, 1953
Carsen F. Trogdon	October 17, 1890	June 17, 1891
Emma Ferree Trogdon	November 2, 1863	February 16, 1947
Acie Odell Lineberry	1925	July 4, 1988
Doris Wright Lineberry	1930	July 4, 1988
Clara Mae Pugh	February 17, 1930	May 17, 1930
Carolyn Rae Harris	December 15, 1944	December 15, 1944
Charles B. Pugh, Sr.	July 5, 1892	August 8, 1979
Annie L. Pugh	March 13, 1898	July 24, 1957
Martisha Bass Holder	November 27, 1865	May 18, 1931
Emmons Holder	June 14, 1853	February 22, 1935
Harvey E. Holder	September 16, 1891	September 11, 1957
Autis Holder	September 16, 1895	January 5, 1976
A. Carl Cox	October 15, 1880	September 13, 1927
Ada Miller Cox	January 5, 1883	February 20, 1959
John M. Cox	August 3, 1855	October 7, 1925
Martha M. Cox	December 6, 1859	November 16, 1930
Reggie H. Underwood	April 9, 1895	September 24, 1969
Lacy Paul Underwood	August 29, 1926	December 12, 1926
Preston C. Humble	May 7, 1859	March 26, 1939
Donia B. Humble	February 9, 1861	December 23, 1925
Huldah Louisa Lineberry	September 28, 1849	October 18, 1925
Capt. Winfield Scott Lineberry	April 2, 1847	June 20, 1926
Joseph Scott Lineberry	April 23, 1892	April 17, 1975
Thomas K. Pugh	October 16, 1848	March 30, 1927
Martha S. Pugh	September 11, 1849	October 13, 1929
Row 2		
Rosalie M. Lineberry	January 27, 1902	July 19, 1934
Mary Winters Lineberry	July 17, 1883	April 7, 1946
Addison E. Fields	September 26, 1874	April 15, 1878
Infant of Scott and Adaline Lineberry	June 1882	
Cora E. Lineberry	May 6, 1880	January 10, 1899
Rufus Patterson	no date	
Martitia Hart	no date	
John Hart	no date	
Infant of Cora C. Lineberry	no date	
Cora Cagle Lineberry	no date	
Scott Lineberry	January 1856	March 7, 1918
Adeline McMasters Lineberry	October 27, 1855	January 18, 1930
Abram Ward	1851	1940
Magie Ward	1858	1948
James Emery Frazier	October 20, 1915	May 4, 1983

Name	Born	Died
George M. Pugh	September 29, 1877	April 13, 1960
Zula Routh Pugh	September 7, 1866	November 9, 1939
Mary Gray	no date	
Monroe D. Gray	February 26, 1857	January 26, 1937
J. Alexander Gray	December 19, 1863	February 3, 1933
Sophia Gray	April 12, 1832	May 15, 1901
William Mitchell Cates	November 25, 1907	January 10, 1980
Cicero Harris Walker	December 4, 1872	September 25, 1948
Cora M. Routh Walker	January 30, 1874	May 12, 1964
Walter Elmer Walker	August 25, 1899	September 23, 1901
Alfred K. Pugh	January 27, 1878	September 10, 1946
Dora Y. Pugh	January 3, 1876	July 2, 1960
Infant daughter of A.K. Pugh	July 24, 1912	July 27, 1912
Reuben P. Foust	December 22, 1872	January 1, 1946
Ione E. Foust	March 19, 1878	February 16, 1946
Paul Newton Foust	September 7, 1912	June 1, 1918
M. Elizabeth Foust	December 3, 1915	May 26, 1918
Clarence F. Foust	December 14, 1906	December 24, 1906
Dora C. Foust	January 10, 1901	January 10, 1901
Roy P. Foust	January 20, 1902	March 25, 1950
Louisa Jane McDaniel	April 28, 1836	October 5, 1909
Nancy Emma McDaniel	February 18, 1865	July 23, 1940
Elizabeth Jarrell	February 8, 1860	August 21, 1921
William D. McDaniel	March 1, 1854	August 26, 1924
Lou Lackey McDaniel	1862	1941
Girnie L. McDaniel	February 12, 1891	December 25, 1926
Grace H. Gray	1874	1926
Benjamin F. Gray	1871	1942
Vester Trogdon	February 17, 1899	October 3, 1967
Minnie Trogdon	March 28, 1906	December 7, 1987
Goldia Gray Trogdon	January 24, 1927	February 7, 1927
Joseph Franklin Hackett	November 1854	November 1854
Sara Ann Hackett	April 1862	September 1934
Sara Vada Hackett	November 24, 1886	September 5, 1944
Infant Daughter of Mr. & Mrs. W. H. Hackett	December 19, 1938	December 19, 1938
Charlie Allred	1883	1935
Ollie R. Allred	1888	1977
James W. Kirkman	October 12, 1860	January 31, 1938
Emma Jones Kirkman	February 6, 1862	December 23, 1935
F. Worth Kirkman	1904	1965
Pearl M. Kirkman	1906	1936
Robert Williams	October 27, 1913	February 11, 1973
Row 3		
Mary Pugh	no date	
Brenda Pugh	no date	
Joseph Pugh	no date	
Betty Pugh	no date	
Inez Pugh	no date	
Infant (Unknown)		
Infant of Nathaniel Allred	no date	
Jesse Reynolds	no date	
Sallie Reynolds	no date	
Larkin Nelson	no date	
Mary Goins Nelson	no date	

Name	Born	Died
J.M. Nelson	no date	
Mary Nelson	no date	
Rufus Nelson	November 6, 1881	May 24, 1892
Child (Unknown)		
Child (Unknown)		
Ellen Wilkerson	April 8, 1898	
James Wilkerson	no date	
Luther Wilkerson	no date	
Hallie Allred	no date	
Child (Unknown)		
Child (Unknown)		
Enoch P. Nelson	December 28, 1832	December 22, 1910
Elizabeth Julian Nelson	January 18, 1843	April 15, 1925
Isaac F. Julian	March 22, 1847	October 14, 1876
Mary Julian	January 5, 1822	November 26, 1917
Rene Beeson	no date	
L.W. Bud Julian	October 3, 1852	September 16, 1938
Dora Kinley Pierce	October 14, 1872	February 27, 1950
Infant Daughter of N.B., & Mary Curtis	March 7, 1871	March 7, 1871
Infant Son of N.B. & Mary Curtis	September 6, 1878	September 6, 1878
Thomas M. Curtis	September 25, 1882	July 13, 1887
Mary A. Curtis	November 4, 1845	March 29, 1903
N.B. Curtis	May 4, 1845	March 20, 1907
A. Wesley Curtis	1868	1933
Annie Turner Curtis	1869	1932
John W. Frazier	December 27, 1900	April 11, 1959
Henry J. Frazier	July 30, 1867	January 27, 1949
Martha H. Frazier	March 7, 1874	December 7, 1938
Adolphus W. Parsons	February 12, 1866	September 24, 1943
Leanna Parsons	August 20, 1868	July 6, 1905
Mary Pearl Parsons	January 13, 1902	December 21, 1905
W. M. Routh	January 14, 1843	August 18, 1914
Martha J. Routh	June 17, 1846	April 6, 1901
W. M. Cates	January 19, 1872	November 25, 1911
Ednora Cates	September 14, 1872	November 12, 1935
Lacy B. Cates	June 19, 1910	June 23, 1910
Letta Glattis Cates	May 27, 1903	November 11, 1904
Roy Harris Pugh	April 22, 1899	
Rheim W. Pugh	1867	1933
Lou M. Pugh	1866	1953
Ray H. Pugh	October 22, 1903	April 26, 1975
Gladys Louise Pugh	May 16, 1906	July 4, 1986
Sadie Lillian Nixon	October 7, 1920	May 14, 1921
Infant Sons of Zeb and Alice Nixon	1908	
Infant of Kenny Nixon	no date	
Infant of Kenny Nixon	no date	
John L. Nixon	July 6, 1868	April 8, 1900
Elizabeth J. Nixon	February 29, 1840	August 7, 1912
Quinton Nixon	June 15, 1831	March 21, 1914
Thomas Nixon	February 7, 1866	March 3, 1942
James F. Pugh	April 28, 1921	April 28, 1921
John M. Pugh	1888	1960

Name	Born	Died
Ada Allred Pugh	no date	
Mrs. J.T. Hayes	October 19, 1857	November 16, 1944
John Thomas Hayes	May 19, 1869	March 23, 1955
Martha J. McDaniel Hayes	August 30, 1874	August 13, 1930
Alfred W. Nixon	February 12, 1858	May 31, 1922
Jeanette Miller Nixon	March 5, 1866	November 12., 1945
Percy Nixon	August 20, 1893	January 3, 1932
Cecil L. Pugh	December 22, 1896	June 19, 1954
Nellie Mc. Pugh	November 21, 1901	April 26, 1970
Willard Pugh	January 22, 1930	January 22, 1930
Infant of C.L. & Nellie Pugh	January 28, 1934	January 28, 1934
Triplets of C.L. & Nellie Pugh	September 28, 1942	September 28, 1942
Isaac E. Routh	February 19, 1888	August 21, 1974
Carson G. Walker	August 6, 1901	May 3, 1935
Edgar A. Walker	1881	1966
Bertie R. Walker	1882	1960
John Allred	August 29, 1880	February 27, 1937
Rosina L. Allred	November 6, 1881	September 12, 1951
Mrs. Ida H. Allred	December 14, 1912	March 31, 1988
Row 4		
Larry Marcus Pugh	June 16, 1954	June 19, 1954
Thelma Leigh Nixon	February 22, 1937	November 20, 1964
Ida Garrett Nixon	February 19, 1896	December 30, 1968
Ressie C. Nixon	November 6, 1900	November 9, 1953
Oscar J. King	April 6, 1894	August 10, 1958
Margaret Ardena King Merrill	February 12, 1926	May 20, 1952
Oscar E. Routh	March 6, 1882	September 14, 1946
Cora L. Routh	October 19, 1882	April 30, 1960
Hattie Allred	March 27, 1888	August 25, 1897
Infant of George Allred	no date	
Infant of George Allred	no date	
Infant of George Allred	no date	
Ralph Thomas Johnstone	December 19, 1943	December 19, 1943
Peter Richardson	August 23, 1811	November 7, 1886
Mosley M. Richardson	August 28, 1822	December 30, 1882
William F. Richardson	May 6, 1850	August 31, 1871
Hattie Howell	October 9, 1872	January 15, 1955
John M. Howell	August 2, 1872	July 2, 1941
Alice Lamor Julian	March 17, 1870	June 7, 1871
Eli Ward	April 28, 1816	February 7, 1904
Hulda Ward		September 16, 1880
Zeno Ward	April 18, 1840	June 17, 1877
William Troy Ward	May 8, 1849	December 19, 1925
A.T. Ward	March 15, 1865	October 27, 1881
Ella G. Ward	December 19, 1868	January 4, 1885
Infant Son of E.P. and E.E. Nelson	July 1, 1888	July 1, 1888
Lola Estelle Nelson		January 18, 1871
W. D. Curtis	no date	
Infant Son of Joshua & Hannah Routh	no date	
John T. Allred	1831	1880
Hannah S. York Allred	1834	1890
Dennis H. Allred	1858	1934
Thomas E. Lackey	1860	1934

Name	Born	Died
Infant Son of F.M. Trogdon	no date	
John S. Trogdon	September 8, 1826	April 12, 1893
Mary Trogdon	no date	
M.F. Pugh	March 12, 1851	March 26, 1928
Litha Jane Pugh	September 19, 1853	November 13, 1935
Charlie Virgil Pugh	July 1902	September 1902
George Denny Pugh	1874	1936
Ida Irene Smith Pugh	1878	1959
Ada N. Evans	January 9, 1869	April 5, 1949
Jeremiah Evans	February 6, 1867	March 2, 1910
W.S. Nelson	no date	
Alvis M. Underwood	1869	1943
Virginia A. Underwood	1867	1937
Clara Underwood	May 23, 1892	July 16, 1892
Lacy B. Underwood	May 2, 1903	December 4, 1904
James Edward Coble	January 6, 1901	February 20, 1902
Peter Coble	February 13, 1871	July 18, 1906
Jerry Dean Redding	March 14, 1953	May 11, 1953
J.W. Pugh	October 26, 1841	February 15, 1908
Mary Louvina Pugh	December 28, 1831	March 11, 1908
Hiram Nelson	no date	
Mary Nelson	no date	
Nancy Allred	no date	
David Harris Foust	May 10, 1854	December 19, 1932
Rebecca C. Foust	February 10, 1845	September 10, 1914
Verdin R. Lineberry	September 18, 1906	September 6, 1920
Jacob P. Lineberry	August 12, 1872	January 15, 1952
Ida Estelle Hackett Lineberry	October 6, 1873	October 12, 1958
Robert K. Lineberry	1861	1941
Lucina C. Lineberry	1868	1943
Rheim Stuart Pugh	August 18, 1913	January 4, 1923
Peggy Pugh	1929	1948
George Wesley Pugh	January 6, 1875	February 13, 1962
Bessie Prevost Pugh	February 8, 1885	June 27, 1953
John C. Nixon	July 29, 1863	February 3, 1924
Joanna Brown Nixon	November 22, 1869	July 13, 1951
Clifford Nixon	March 20, 1895	November 21, 1970
Lula Kinley Nixon	July 17, 1897	January 31, 1976
Addison Sumner Pugh	June 26, 1907	December 4, 1929
Charles A. Pugh	1872	1951
Arminta H. Pugh	1881	1964
John T. Routh	December 19, 1864	July 29, 1936
Sarah E. Routh	November 16, 1854	August 26, 1940
J. Monroe Smith	1895	1935
Allie Foster	1849	1937
Cora E. Redding	March 10, 1874	March 4, 1938
J. Wesley Routh	July 1, 1879	May 2, 1955
Ada E. Routh	February 22, 1881	June 30, 1952
Mary Gwyn Williams	1867	1955
Thomas H. Williams	1872	1943
Row 4(a)		
Lillian McZine Hamilton	January 19, 1907	May 16, 1907
Zorada E. Hamilton	April 17, 1871	October 2, 1913
Eli C. Hamilton	October 27, 1869	March 18, 1948
Wesley V. Hackett	January 24, 1901	May 15, 1902

Name	Born	Died
John Thomas Hackett	September 21, 1876	May 19, 1954
Emma Dunn Hackett	July 7, 1881	January 24, 1952
Edward A. Thomas	1878	1947
Mary F. Thomas	1882	1927
Ethel C. Thomas	1904	1904
Elmer Redding	November 22, 1906	December 27, 1906
Lovie Pugh	February 1850	April 10, 1930
Hugh Pugh	July 1848	August 15, 1903
Merritt W. Pugh	November 29, 1875	December 25, 1901
Hattie Pugh	1893	1910
Minnie Pugh	January 20, 1891	June 9, 1965
David Nixon	1874	1936
Cornelia F. Wood Nixon	1875	1919
Artie Virginia Nixon	May 5, 1909	November 21, 1948
Truitt C. Nixon	September 1902	June 1961
Nathan S. Lineberry	December 3, 1854	February 20, 1933
Martha Ward Lineberry	June 17, 1854	November 21, 1924
Virgil R. Lineberry	1888	1963
Rushia V. Lineberry	1907	1933
Alfred Lineberry	1885	1935
Betty Lineberry	1883	1954
Ralph Milton Pugh	January 14, 1925	February 13, 1926
Martha Jane Jones Pugh	June 6, 1895	April 30, 1943
Thomas Milton Pugh	September 5, 1890	November 5, 1973
Wister W. Kime	December 5, 1883	March 1, 1926
L. Leeanna Kime	April 8, 1886	October 15, 1973
Hobart R. Lineberry	1896	1979
Alese Lavern Lineberry	December 10, 1923	March 29, 1935
Naomi Bouyer Whitaker	1866	1937
Marion L. Bouyer	June 29, 1900	November 1, 1977
Treva L. Bouyer	November 30, 1903	April 20, 1979
Oscar H. Kirkman	July 7, 1886	January 16, 1938
Row 5		
Arthur H. Neugent	October 10, 1885	September 14, 1950
Alma N. Neugent	September 1, 1897	December 4, 1948
Louisa Beeson	no date	
Broughton York	1889	1960
Emma P. York	1884	1953
Vanie Lineberry	no date	
Emberson Lineberry	no date	
Samuel Lineberry	May 7, 1789	1874
Jane Lineberry	June 8, 1791	1883
Infant of William Lineberry	no date	
Infant of William Lineberry	no date	
Infant of William Lineberry	no date	
Infant of William Lineberry	no date	
Infant of William Lineberry	no date	
Infant of William Lineberry	no date	
William Alpheus Lineberry	January 3, 1834	December 21, 1903
Frances Rebecca P. Lineberry	July 4, 1842	July 28, 1930
Robert R. Lineberry	March 17, 1883	April 27, 1920
Joanna Cox	January 20, 1851	October 14, 1870
Oliver P. Cox	February 4, 1819	February 28, 1899
Barbara M. Cox	January 14, 1819	September 27, 1902
Maude Lucretia Kirkman	no date	

Name	Born	Died
Maude E. Jones	March 21, 1880	August 23, 1902
Eliza York	no date	
Martha York	May 18, 1844	May 11, 1873
Isabell York (Charter Member)	May 28, 1798	March 10, 1872
Nathan York	no date	
Charity Robins Curtis	no date	
Hessie Robins	no date	
Johnny Robins	no date	
Mrs. Johnny Robins	no date	
William M. Robins	November 21, 1849	July 24, 1869
Unknown (L.F.)		
Jonathan Allred	1812	June 1, 1872
Nancy Allred	1818	November 21, 1884
Pearley A. Redding	no date	
Infant of G.M. & L. M. Redding		November 27, 1896
G. M. Redding	April 11, 1861	June 11, 1921
Lyda M. Redding	April 17, 1861	January 13, 1904
Dora J. Pugh	November 28, 1881	September 18, 1888
Sarah E. Pugh	February 1, 1884	November 3, 1888
John L. Trogdon	November 24, 1896	February 19, 1961
Martha R. Lineberry	June 14, 1877	October 8, 1895
John Redding	September 18, 1835	February 8, 1917
Kezia A. Redding	June 6, 1836	July 18, 1913
Cicero H. Redding	July 26, 1866	October 31, 1909
Cara P. Redding	February 5, 1872	May 8, 1914
Mamie E. Redding	May 22, 1898	September 15, 1916
Colon Redding	January 6, 1896	August 2, 1970
Effie Smith	July 30, 1907	November 27, 1907
Clarence Smith	March 6, 1901	September 30, 1901
Ruth Ann Cox	July 28, 1943	December 31, 1943
Lester Cox	1879	1920
Florence K. Cox	1880	1960
Milton H. Cox	October 29, 1839	February 8, 1904
Margaret M. Cox		February 27, 1914
Charles Kirkman	April 24, 1912	July 18, 1912
Wesley Kirkman	May 28, 1906	May 9, 1907
Junius M. Kirkman	1884	1921
Lula Allred Kirkman	April 30, 1887	June 24, 1972
Samuel Franklin Pugh	August 19, 1843	April 25, 1925
Martha E. Pugh	March 9, 1843	September 15, 1921
W.A. Smith	August 21, 1854	December 4, 1901
Letha Underwood Smith	May 24, 1855	April 27, 1905
Wade L. Kirkman	January 12, 1895	April 14, 1983
Howard Wade Kirkman	December 31, 1919	January 4, 1920
Verla Jane Lineberry	May 12, 1899	December 23, 1979
Benjamin H. Lineberry	September 3, 1894	January 2, 1975
Eula M. Routh Lineberry	September 18, 1900	September 27, 1967
Infant of B.H. & E.M. Lineberry	June 8, 1922	June 8, 1922
Thomas M. Pugh	March 31, 1895	June 18, 1964
William R. Pugh	February 16, 1888	July 3, 1945
James W. Pugh	December 23, 1859	December 31, 1923
Mary Jane Pugh	December 16, 1858	August 1, 1936
Cynthia Ward Allred	June 27, 1861	December 5, 1935
Charles W. Allred	1889	1928
Flaura R. Allred Allen	1891	1978

Name	Born	Died
Willie Louise Parks	October 4, 1925	
James M. Nelson	October 30, 1855	May 8, 1929
Sallie E. Nelson	January 1, 1869	May 17, 1939
Monroe E. Underwood	October 22, 1891	February 15, 1929
Ida Underwood Heger	March 7, 1897	September 2, 1983
John R. Heger	September 28, 1897	December 29, 1964
Claudius Underwood	1874	1929
Victoria Underwood	1875	1929
J.A. Pugh	1867	1958
Annie Pugh	1874	1938
Lucian A. Pugh	October 30, 1899	October 26, 1977
Elsie R. Pugh	January 24, 1903	July 7, 1968
Lindsay Davis Luther	June 11, 1896	February 21, 1973
Olive Routh Luther	December 11, 1895	August 4, 1981
Row 5 (a)		
Mary V. Underwood Pugh	November 22, 1863	April 25, 1940
Robert C. Pugh	June 17, 1893	June 3, 1894
Samuel M. Pugh	June 10, 1846	March 7, 1912
John Pugh	1823	September 9, 1873
Tildy Pugh	1831	September 4, 1876
J. L. York	July 20, 1844	February 20, 1910
Mary E. Jones York	September 27, 1845	May 13, 1919
Sallie York	April 12, 1803	February 4, 1884
Jabez York	March 20, 1800	April 17, 1879
Willie A. Pugh	April 9, 1860	April 8, 1870
Isaac J. Pugh	February 14, 1877	February 27, 1877
Kessiah A. Pugh	May 26, 1885	May 28, 1885
Nancy Adaline Swift Julian	April 29, 1856	September 4, 1931
Flower Swift	November 25, 1825	March 19, 1905
Jane Williams Swift	December 24, 1833	January 5, 1929
Ellen Elizabeth Swift		September 12, 1881
William Nixon		November 8, 1865
Charley L. Nixon	September 30, 1888	July 24, 1892
Janie Nixon	February 28, 1891	March 24, 1893
Gilbert Jones	June 7, 1804	June 1, 1872
Mary Jones	March 2, 1814	April 17, 1872
Lydia A. Jones	March 24, 1849	December 17, 1862
Thomas P. Jones		September 20, 1865
Aaron C. Jones	May 23, 1824	October 11, 1878
Infant of A.F. & M.C. Jones	August 13, 1879	
Hattie E. Jones	April 8, 1877	December 27, 1884
Lucian F. Jones	August 1, 1886	August 12, 1903
Delilah Jones	no date	
Unknown		
Ada Alvira Allen	October 29, 1868	May 29, 1885
Joseph Alson Routh	October 31, 1838	January 7, 1910
Pethia Jane Routh	February 24, 1846	July 15, 1920
C.C. Kime	December 15, 1861	June 7, 1927
Mary J. Pugh Kime	October 1, 1862	August 4, 1904
Anna E. Kime	November 18, 1888	June 19, 1897
Jettie A. Allred	July 5, 1864	July 9, 1929
James C. Allred	March 28, 1862	April 23, 1917
Graden A. Allred	1903	1975
Edna Ozell Curtis		November 27, 1908
Effie Jones	October 3, 1872	November 23, 1900

Name	Born	Died
Richard H. Shaw	June 9, 1848	December 10, 1926
Priscilla Trogdon Turner Shaw	June 6, 1850	July 27, 1927
Allie Gertrude Shaw	June 11, 1883	March 29, 1901
Samuel M. Underwood	August 7, 1864	January 4, 1924
Janie Underwood	September 18, 1884	December 20, 1938
J. Bascom Pugh	October 14, 1870	May 22, 1954
Hanna Turner Pugh	October 19, 1870	November 22, 1951
Lucinda Underwood Routh	November 26, 1819	October 23, 1906
Henry Underwood	August 11, 1832	October 29, 1905
Sarah Underwood	July 14, 1828	October 23, 1904
Alton Routh	no date	
M. Shelton Lineberry	September 4, 1879	April 25, 1954
Lou Julian Lineberry	July 6, 1883	February 3, 1963
Ruth Ellen Allred	June 15, 1920	August 27, 1920
Thomas Allred	November 7, 1872	August 31, 1936
Callie Allred	November 28, 1882	January 25, 1966
Orlando Pearce Routh	September 2, 1853	May 17, 1921
Mintie Katherine Routh	March 16, 1853	June 18, 1937
Louise Davis	January 14, 1924	January 14, 1924
Irene Davis	August 10, 1925	August 10, 1925
James Roy Davis	November 9, 1901	June 11, 1986
Nettie Lee Pugh Davis	January 5, 1904	August 8, 1982
Cecil F. Ward	November 11, 1894	February 17, 1985
Ada H. Ward	November 9, 1896	November 21, 1976
Joe Tom Millikan	August 1, 1878	December 11, 1928
Mary V. Nixon Millikan	June 23, 1877	March 8, 1971
Joseph Alfred Millikan	1907	1943
William A. Plummer	August 11, 1905	October 31, 1970
Ray Hedrick	July 31, 1896	February 24, 1931
Mae Hedrick Plummer	June 20, 1905	August 7, 1956
Kenneth J. Infant of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Routh	1936	1936
Herbert M. Pugh	December 11, 1928	January 24, 1947
Lucille Pugh	August 22, 1936	October 5, 1936
Infant of J.F. and Eria Pugh	January 29, 1942	January 29, 1942
Jesse F. Pugh	March 30, 1895	January 21, 1984
T. Erastus Routh	May 12, 1886	November 1, 1956
Row 5(b)		
Jack R. Nixon	October 5, 1925	October 5, 1984
Thomas F. Nixon	August 31, 1895	February 9, 1946
Frances L. Nixon	November 11, 1900	January 5, 1971
Erastus E. Cagle	1881	1944
Sarah E. Cagle	1881	1969
John Pugh	no date	
Cytha Pugh	July 5, 1829	March 16, 1919
Unknown		
Unknown		
Unknown		
James Pugh		January 9, 1890
Mary Pugh	January 27, 1832	1877
William Pugh	September 12, 1819	December 9, 1861
Enoch Pugh	1784	1862
Pethiah Deviney Pugh	1782	1862
Nancy Pugh McDaniel	1825	1865
Mary Pugh	no date	

Name	Born	Died
James M. Pugh	August 6, 1865	February 26, 1881
John D. Pugh	February 28, 1872	August 17, 1893
Simpson Swift	no date	
Andrew Redding	August 5, 1847	January 21, 1908
Mary Nixon	May 8, 1831	August 2, 1908
Cornelia F. Nixon	September 4, 1859	December 6, 1880
Nancy J. Nixon	March 16, 1858	September 1876
Ida Luona Swift	July 15, 1871	October 31, 1878
Cicero Swift		November 6, 1878
Celiam Allred McDaniel and child in same grave	no date	
Unknown		
Bertha Louisa McMasters		June 15, 1871
Mary E. Routh	December 29, 1858	November 5, 1882
Loduscha C. Routh	December 5, 1860	September 24, 1865
William M. Nelson	June 16, 1793	March 4, 1885
Catherine Nelson	1791	April 16, 1861
Signory Nelson		February 18, 1866
Rebecca Nelson	no date	
Samuel Nelson	January 1828	April 10, 1882
A.S. Pugh	November 25, 1853	February 18, 1918
Sarah C. Pugh	September 2, 1852	March 27, 1891
Kiziah L. Pugh	June 20, 1880	March 6, 1882
Sarah I. Pugh		October 19, 1886
Fannie J. Coble	August 19, 1875	June 7, 1899
D.O. Coble	September 6, 1839	January 2, 1923
Martitia Coble	January 1, 1841	March 26, 1885
Zachariah Routh	June 27, 1812	October 28, 1884
Agness Routh	January 3, 1820	June 22, 1891
Marvin Lester Routh	January 29, 1888	July 2, 1889
E.L. Routh	1858	1902
M. Lee Routh	1861	1931
Cicero Routh	January 4, 1892	June 22, 1984
Lanie Bertie Brower	no date	
Horace Lineberry	1823	1906
Sallie Lineberry	1833	1900
Letha Darcus Hackett	July 21, 1917	July 28, 1917
Infant son of R.H. and Maggie Hackett	February 20, 1920	
Row 6		
Ten Unknown Graves		
Jesse Pugh	November 6, 1812	January 29, 1901
Keziah Pugh	March 26, 1822	April 10, 1907
Sarah Pugh	no date	
Jesse A. Pugh	June 7, 1851	June 20, 1858
Elwood Pugh	no date	
Winfield Scott Hardin	July 19, 1855	December 21, 1888
William R. Hardin	November 15, 1814	July 9, 1864
Louvina Hardin	August 8, 1816	July 11, 1861
A.M. Hardin	July 2, 1850	October 12, 1862
Joanna Hardin	February 16, 1853	
Hanner L. Swift		October 22, 1871
Mary Julian Swift	August 12, 1858	February 18, 1860
George W. Swift	October 9, 1873	October 24, 1878
Samuel B. Hardin	July 2, 1821	August 1864

Name	Born	Died
Thomas Wesley Hardin	no date	
Nancy T. Curtis	July 19, 1827	October 19, 1863
S.E. Curtis	April 23, 1856	March 27, 1863
Hiram Curtis	January 26, 1804	April 26, 1864
Margaret Curtis	May 1, 1806	April 29, 1862
Simpson Curtis	March 2, 1829	August 6, 1853
Mollie Staley	1769	January 29, 1858
Josephine Barker		February 15, 1863
Margaret Barker		March 22, 1863
John B. Barker		March 24, 1863
Isabella Frances Curtis	November 17, 1839	November 12, 1903
Lucinda Curtis	February 8, 1842	February 18, 1914
Unknown		
Unknown		
Unknown		
Watson Smith	no date	
Boyd Smith	no date	
Sophia E. Smith	March 1852	November 1895
Samuel F. Smith	September 1853	September 1923
Clara L. Allred	June 21, 1919	August 2, 1922
Frances Cornelia Allred	June 29, 1882	September 17, 1884
Hubert Harrison Allred	December 13, 1911	December 5, 1913
Adge Cagle		1888
Jesse Allred	November 18, 1888	November 18, 1888
Mary Cagle	May 12, 1844	July 3, 1905
George Cagle	July 28, 1841	August 15, 1919
H.B.L. (only)	no date	
Jannie R. Elliott	1872	1907
A. Eligah Elliott	1861	1927
William C. Routh	April 4, 1885	March 16, 1910
Rebecca H. Routh	December 28, 1835	September 12, 1900
Charles Elliott	no date	
June Bascom Pugh	May 28, 1904	September 27, 1920
Infant sons of J.B. and Hannie Pugh (in same grave)		1908
Keith T. Pugh	July 29, 1900	December 12, 1934
L.C. Lineberry	February 23, 1835	November 2, 1915
Catherine Winters Lineberry	May 2, 1903	March 21, 1905
William L. Lineberry	August 29, 1871	March 31, 1930
Isaac J. Pugh	January 16, 1847	January 10, 1915
Mary Pugh	no date	
Winsey Holder Underwood	no date	
Emma Pugh	December 20, 1875	March 8, 1918
Virgil Pugh	1915	1924
George Lee Pugh	April 15, 1877	June 2, 1940
P.A. Routh	December 19, 1856	October 14, 1930
Minnie Routh	May 19, 1863	August 8, 1925
Ivan Reid Kirkman	February 21, 1923	February 23, 1924
William L. Kirkman	1887	1940
Mrs. Martitia Kirkman	1885	1978
Alpha Henry Lackey	May 12, 1905	April 6, 1988
Ervin R. Harvell	1918	1970
Epsie P. Harvell	1913	1975
Maxine Pugh	March 27, 1923	June 8, 1924
Flossie D. Pugh	April 22, 1888	April 25, 1934

Name	Born	Died
John T. Pugh	May 5, 1884	November 30, 1961
Ernest E. Routh	1884	1926
Annie E. Routh	1886	1970
Bessie L. Redding	February 24, 1892	July 24, 1966
Malcom M. Routh	February 15, 1880	September 27, 1948
Rose Lamb Routh	March 30, 1888	January 4, 1973
John Milton Aldridge	October 26, 1868	January 17, 1938
Augusta L. Aldridge	May 12, 1873	August 23, 1953
Joe Roy Aldridge	October 4, 1900	June 19, 1902
Robert Glenn Aldridge	November 10, 1904	December 19, 1904
Infant Son of F.D. and Margie Davis	November 12, 1936	November 12, 1936
Row 7		
John Jacob Lineberry	June 29, 1904	November 4, 1983
Daniel M. Kivett	April 4, 1882	July 5, 1965
Emma Allred Kivett	October 26, 1882	November 9, 1974
Lena Kivett Wall	1905	1944
G. Luther Julian	1883	1944
Felix L. York	October 19, 1864	April 12, 1937
Martha J. Swift York	August 20, 1860	February 12, 1948
Six Graves--children of James Wilkerson	no dates	
Alice Wilkerson	no date	
Louis Wilkerson	no date	
Ellen Wilkerson	no date	
Nancy Jones Swift	March 6, 1799	February 13, 1886
Alfred Swift	August 12, 1798	July 14, 1864
Franklin Swift	no date	
George W. Swift	August 17, 1853	September 1853
Child of Abram Hardin	no date	
Child of Abram Hardin	no date	
Unknown		
Unknown		
Mark Hardin (Charter Member)	November 8, 1788	May 30, 1863
Sarah Hardin	March 28, 1798	July 4, 1861
Enoch Pugh	April 10, 1851	July 19, 1921
Mary Jane Pugh	August 31, 1858	November 25, 1920
John A. Hardin		September 1876
Sibyl Hardin	March 3, 1830	April 2, 1908
Unknown		
Unknown		
John Wolf (Charter Member)	August 27, 1790	March 6, 1861
Mary Wolf (Charter Member)	October 29, 1790	October 13, 1865
Sarah Curtis	May 5, 1786	June 26, 1870
Z.W. Curtis	October 23, 1823	March 22, 1880
Sarah Jane Lackey	August 25, 1844	March 29, 1917
John F. Hackett	January 16, 1863	January 6, 1882
Vincent R. Hackett	July 9, 1821	December 2, 1903
Elizabeth E. Hackett	December 12, 1819	September 3, 1896
William W. Routh	May 14, 1879	July 28, 1911
Unknown		
Unknown		
Unknown		
Pannie Pore	1877	1954
Matilda Hardin	1827	1883

Name	Born	Died
Winsey Hardin Foster	1844	1926
Alfred M. Foster	December 13, 1879	June 17, 1881
Levi Foster	December 4, 1841	June 23, 1911
Unknown		
Mary M. Hackett		July 8, 1889
Unknown		
Unknown		
Spencer Jones	no date	
Dora Jennette Jones	no date	
Harriett Ingold Jones	April 3, 1863	April 30, 1898
William Harris Jones	September 10, 1863	November 25, 1939
Nannie Kate Jones	September 27, 1892	August 22, 1911
Letha Allred Jones	August 4, 1860	April 10, 1950
Julius G. Allred	1876	1963
John Jones	May 20, 1828	August 14, 1906
Martha P. Jones	May 22, 1827	November 15, 1913
B.P. Allred	June 26, 1849	July 23, 1931
Sarah F. Allred	July 4, 1854	February 3, 1926
Emsley Allred	March 12, 1812	February 28, 1910
Emily Allred	June 15, 1821	September 8, 1904
George S. Allred	July 1, 1853	November 29, 1902
Amanda J. Allred	August 11, 1856	July 10, 1903
Heartha Elder	1877	1922
Dora Allred Elder	June 7, 1878	November 19, 1981
Alfred Thomas Allred	1878	1961
James C. Routh	no date	
Druice Routh	no date	
Samuel T. (Sam) Underwood	1854	1928
Mary E. Underwood	October 3, 1846	July 30, 1922
Elizabeth B. Underwood	1892	1939
Joseph (Bud) Underwood	1881	1961
Nathaniel C. Allred	November 4, 1844	December 17, 1928
Isabelle Lineberry Allred	September 20, 1847	March 17, 1927
Arthur N. Allred	1885	1965
Virginia C. Allred	1888	1963
Adam M. Williams	1863	1924
S. Cammie Williams	1871	1961
Lula W. Glasgow	November 10, 1895	June 16, 1969
Charlie E. Glasgow	April 1, 1896	July 20, 1980
Edward Burriss	no date	
Murphy Burriss	March 16, 1837	January 27, 1930
G.H. Richardson	October 26, 1859	November 9, 1929
M.A. Richardson	December 20, 1864	January 22, 1935
William E. Lineberry	March 1, 1882	June 9, 1935
Annie E. Lineberry	July 4, 1887	April 5, 1971
Raeford Jones	January 1, 1920	September 7, 1938
A. Talmage Jones	June 6, 1894	December 14, 1977
Ruby Allred Jones	July 12, 1897	January 30, 1987
Pauline Routh	May 4, 1936	November 20, 1938
Ervin Clyde Routh	October 6, 1889	October 5, 1975
Lillie Trogdon Routh	November 27, 1894	April 19, 1978
Jesse Odell Routh	1929	1985
Row 8		
Cicero Laban Trogdon	February 26, 1857	December 22, 1939
Isaac M. Trogdon		December 21, 1875

Name	Born	Died
James Odell	October 7, 1798	December 12, 1886
Anna Odell	January 20, 1797	December 1, 1877
Major Laban Odell	November 8, 1836	May 3, 1863
Solomon F. Trogdon	July 17, 1828	September 19, 1860
Darcas Arretta Odell Trogdon Swaim	1828	1922
Margaret Julian	1858	1860
Alfred W. Julian		1952
William G. Julian	June 13, 1817	April 13, 1874
Marion B. Julian	March 28, 1951	
Mary Jane Julian	February 21, 1855	
William M. Julian	April 22, 1857	
Mary Jane Allred	no date	
Unknown		
Unknown		
Rena Lineberry	no date	
A.M. Hardin	December 10, 1810	June 21, 1877
Sarah A. Hardin	May 2, 1833	November 6, 1852
Louisa J. Hardin	October 18, 1834	September 18, 1852
Hannah Hardin	December 10, 1811	March 31, 1842
Six Unknown Graves		
*Martha Caroline Lineberry	June 17, 1832	June 20, 1835
Ada Lineberry	March 12, 1855	
Alfred D. Lineberry	December 31, 1829	October 24, 1874
Sarah Lineberry (Charter Member)	June 29, 1807	October 29, 1882
Lemuel Lineberry (Charter Member)	October 26, 1806	April 6, 1883
Hattie E. Hackett	July 6, 1879	July 24, 1881
Thomas W. Hackett	September 3, 1848	August 20, 1884
Nancy E. Hackett	June 17, 1847	April 8, 1929
John Allred	no date	
Adeson Roscoe Hackett	December 19, 1870	May 18, 1937
Child of Lindo Fields	no date	
J. Thomas Jones	March 3, 1870	January 11, 1939
Lucy Belle Jones	February 19, 1874	February 4, 1939
Gurney T. Routh	December 27, 1859	June ?
Oschola Pugh	September 30, 1897	June 30, 1899
Mary E. Pugh	October 25, 1884	October 28, 1884
Margaret E., Walker	September 9, 1878	February 10, 1939
Samuel F. Walker	November 9, 1873	October 20, 1892
A.B. Walker	February 16, 1849	August 18, 1920
Lovie A. Walker	April 29, 1846	August 7, 1921
John A. Kinley	July 22, 1855	August 30, 1916
Nancy M. Millikan	January 11, 1881	February 5, 1958
Hattie E. Wright	May 10, 1889	September 20, 1897
Lesley Elmer Pugh	April 15, 1900	
W.H. Pugh	April 14, 1872	August 3, 1955
Sarah Jane Pugh	March 17, 1876	August 1, 1930
Mary Amanda Jones	February 14, 1868	May 1, 1913
Infant Daughter of Cora J. & Thomas M. Williams	no date	

* Was the third child of Lemuel and Sarah (Sallie) Lineberry. She was born June 17, 1832 and died June 20, 1835, and was the first person buried in the Gray's Chapel Cemetery. She was the sister of Capt. Winfield Scott Lineberry.

Name	Born	Died
Mollie Jenkins	June 3, 1886	July 30, 1921
Philip A. Jenkins	1886	1959
Nellie Jane Jenkins	January 16, 1926	
Child of J.K. Nixon	no date	
Grace M. Nixon	July 2, 1895	August 1, 1926
Kenny Nixon	no date	
Mary Deviney Nixon	June 5, 1872	January 15, 1954
James W. Foust	July 31, 1912	November 21, 1929
Addie D. Foust	June 8, 1891	May 19, 1987
Jasper L. Foust	June 6, 1884	October 6, 1961
Billy Ray Craven	July 3, 1935	July 4, 1935
Billy Joe Craven	August 7, 1936	August 7, 1936
Franklin C. Hollady	1859	1944
Ednora Kirkman Hollady	1873	1940
Roy Lee Routh	1938	1941
Row 8 (a)		
William A. Lineberry	August 10, 1935	June 9, 1978
Delphia G. Lineberry	April 27, 1911	March 11, 1972
Juanita Ivey Lineberry	January 18, 1915	November 22, 1965
William G. Lineberry	January 20, 1876	April 29, 1953
Maude E. Lineberry	September 9, 1886	February 21, 1973
Riece L. Lineberry	February 6, 1928	July 6, 1946
Charles F. Allred	November 27, 1866	August 31, 1935
Mary M. Allred	July 15, 1833	March 17, 1909
Odell Allred	March 20, 1875	June 2, 1890
John R. Allred	October 19, 1825	September 24, 1898
Unknown		
Infant of Allman and Tabitha Ellison	April 26, 1861	
Seven unknown graves		
Margaret E. Pugh	no date	
Unknown		
Unknown		
Esther E. Pugh	March 6, 1852	September 29, 1855
Samuel Pugh, Jr.	no date	
Samuel Pugh	no date	
Mariah L. Pugh	November 23, 1835	November 15, 1905
Three Unknown graves		
Margaret Jones (Charter Member)	no date	
William Parris McMasters	September 13, 1851	June 16, 1855
Sibel McMasters (Charter Member)	no date	
P.A. Lineberry		October 5, 1840
Four Unknown graves		
Infant Son of P.A. & M.M. Routh		August 14, 1891
Wesley V. Lineberry		January 19, 1891
Lesley Routh	September 16, 1890	June 4, 1891
Ossie Routh	January 26, 1893	June 26, 1893
Rossie Routh	January 26, 1893	July 24, 1893
Albert Routh	May 19, 1900	September 21, 1900
Ira Routh	May 1, 1902	May 14, 1902
Robert K. Lineberry	no date	
Vina C. Lineberry	December 21, 1886	April 5, 1906

Name	Born	Died
Allred Infant	no date	
James Eudo Allred		January 2, 1886
John Moody Allred		June 6, 1887
D.A. Allred	January 1, 1856	December 23, 1898
Mary Jane Wilkerson	September 1880	November 1961
John Wilkerson	1848	1923
Margaret B. Wilkerson	January 11, 1817	May 2, 1897
Martha C. Wilkerson	October 4, 1884	January 30, 1885
Unknown		
Walter Otto Lackey	May 22, 1884	March 6, 1890
Mary Lackey Allred	no date	
William Lackey	no date	
N.J. Foust	March 14, 1841	January 11, 1895
Delinda Foust	March 22, 1846	July 28, 1928
Della Foust	no date	
Ada L. Foust	no date	
Dallas Frazier	November 14, 1844	March 3, 1922
Martha J. Frazier	October 8, 1847	October 30, 1906
George L. Frazier	February 7, 1880	August 1, 1906
Georgia Frazier	August 4, 1906	August 4, 1906
Robert H. Hackett	February 9, 1883	February 22, 1958
Kenneth Gray	June 2, 1890	August 30, 1912
Maggie Pugh Gray Hackett	October 27, 1890	September 15, 1973
Kenneth Calvin Gray	February 25, 1913	February 25, 1913
William M. Bishop	1858	1904
Roxie D. Bishop	1862	1942
Artemus J. Bishop	1889	1942
Herbert Coley	no date	
Charley Coley	no date	
George Coley	no date	
Child of Dewey Pugh	no date	
Unknown		
Joe Kyle Routh	1927	1943
Lester K. Routh, Sr.	April 9, 1895	February 21, 1983
Ila McMasters Routh	February 24, 1893	February 11, 1963
Row 9		
Carson F. Trogdon	no date	
John Lewis Ward	1903	1965
Kathleen Pugh Ward	1903	1941
Unknown		
Cora A. Pugh		December 4, 1875
Robert K. Pugh	September 8, 1886	June 13, 1887
Unknown		
John Allred	1764	1850
William Allred, Sr.	1732	1836
William Allred, Esq.	August 8, 1765	January 24, 1849
Patience Allred	September 15, 1772	February 20, 1856
S. Elliott	no date	
Three Unknown graves		
Second Wife of Joshua Routh	no date	
Joshua Routh (Charter Member)	about 1786	about 1872
Betsy Turner Routh	no date	
Thomas E. Routh		October 22, 1886
John M. Routh		August 16, 1849
Cicero F. Routh		November 11, 1864

Name	Born	Died
Eli G. Routh		July 22, 1846
Mary E. Routh		October 12, 1866
Migaiah McMasters (Charter Member)	August 25, 1808	June 9, 1857
Simeon Bane (Charter Member)	no date	
Oliver L. McMasters	April 25, 1840	December 1, 1863
Unknown		
Jesse A. Routh	February 1886	
Dennis H. Routh	October 8, 1858	
Infant of Alfred and M.A. Routh	August 18, 1843	
Infant of Alfred and M.A. Routh	October 9, 1847	
Infant of Alfred and M.A. Routh	October 18, 1839	
Alfred Routh	April 30, 1816	May 22, 1897
Mary A. Routh	December 11, 1820	July 16, 1894
Agness Routh	April 11, 1882	April 15, 1888
Infant of Joshua Routh	no date	
Mary Routh	?	
Sallie Julian Routh	October 4, 1844	January 25, 1930
Joshua Marion Routh	March 16, 1840	June 12, 1898
Clarence C. Routh	May 11, 1883	June 26, 1951
Nealie Wrightsell McDaniel	1868	1896
Effie McDaniel	1887	1909
Fred Lester McDaniel	1890	1909
Luna McDaniel	1893	1911
Sarah McDaniel	April 27, 1862	January 2, 1887
Murphy Allred	January 11, 1860	October 15, 1928
Sinda Foust Allred	April 9, 1857	December 10, 1931
Four Children of Murphy Allred		
Sarah C. Routh		July 23, 1890
John D. McDaniel	1828	1911
Sallie McDaniel	1843	1910
Calvin A. McDaniel	February 13, 1879	July 28, 1893
Joseph Clerkman Swaim	January 20, 1860	December 28, 1926
Cora Bell Swaim	June 12, 1876	May 1, 1912
Warren B. York	1870	1895
M.Margaret York	1874	1949
G. Madison Jones	1850	1938
Caroline Jones	1843	1936
Callie H. Jones	1872	1927
Isaac Routh	December 29, 1836	January 28, 1915
Barbara Routh	September 20, 1838	December 16, 1914
Elmer E. Routh	October 10, 1899	December 7, 1900
Carr M. Routh	January 7, 1901	March 5, 1901
Gladdus Routh	December 23, 1904	January 23, 1905
Austin Woodell Routh	March 25, 1924	February 10, 1925
Infant of Bud Bischer	no date	
Infant of Monroe Smith	no date	
Ellen Coble	August 16, 1917	August 26, 1917
Katie Campbell Coble	December 9, 1885	May 9, 1964
Millard C. Coble	December 12, 1888	March 19, 1968
John R. Coble	October 3, 1862	November 10, 1925
Sarah E. Coble	April 29, 1868	June 19, 1947
Ralph Coble	1934	1935
Mack L. Coble	1894	1962
Maude Cox Coble	1893	1985

Name	Born	Died
Martitia Hardin Jones	February 16, 1857	May 16, 1926
C.F. Jones	August 13, 1859	October 3, 1943
Ray Maxton McMasters	July 12, 1924	August 14, 1942
Fletcher McMasters	April 27, 1903	March 19, 1947
Ila L. Routh McMasters	May 25, 1897	May 11, 1976
Regent Underwood	June 11, 1912	January 7, 1930
Infant of T.R. & L. B. Trogdon	March 3, 1931	March 3, 1931
Charles H. Trogdon	October 2, 1901	November 9, 1971
Frances Marion Trogdon	December 12, 1863	June 29, 1936
Mary Owen L. Trogdon	October 27, 1870	September 29, 1950
John Wesley Pugh	March 29, 1879	February 22, 1958
Beatrice Kirkman Pugh	February 23, 1878	November 14, 1940
Deward Marion Trogdon	January 10, 1905	August 6, 1969
Margaret Vernon L. Trogdon	June 26, 1908	July 6, 1954
Row 9 (a)		
Unknown		
Lanie Routh	no date	
Augusta Routh	January 10, 1850	October 28, 1906
Elizabeth Routh		August 12, 1908
Rufine E. Ward	May 11, 1863	May 27, 1890
Netta Myrtle Ward	June 21, 1889	May 21, 1890
Joshua M. Routh	January 22, 1861	August 26, 1917
Isaac L. Routh	August 4, 1845	August 17, 1907
P. Addie Routh	December 11, 1858	October 5, 1925
W.Z. Routh	February 5, 1852	December 11, 1919
Emma Routh Collins	May 22, 1884	February 11, 1906
Orlando M. Routh	October 31, 1892	March 6, 1967
Louzena C. Routh	April 9, 1890	August 25, 1973
Clemmon Routh	August 12, 1907	November 24, 1908
Willie Hayes	no date	
Mary Hayes Allred	no date	
Lemma Hayes	no date	
Lester Deviney	January 13, 1899	August 22, 1900
Samuel Deviney	November 2, 1872	October 29, 1960
Dora Routh Deviney	September 9, 1876	May 6, 1957
William M. Jones	December 25, 1915	December 25, 1915
Samuel T. Jones	May 27, 1891	March 19, 1968
Martitia Coble Jones	August 11, 1890	April 5, 1971
Edna M. Hardin	January 12, 1926	March 23, 1926
Colon E. Hardin	January 11, 1902	November 12, 1985
Oscar R. Pugh	June 21, 1895	February 10, 1949
Hattie Lee Pugh	1891	1977
Oraleen F. Pugh	September 3, 1928	June 9, 1929
Infant Sons of E.H. & Lena Overman	no date	
Clatie Walker	March 17, 1930	
Almond Junior Walker	March 18, 1927	January 14, 1953
Philip J. Walker	September 12, 1949	November 7, 1968
John Almond Walker	May 9, 1902	April 16, 1982
Anner Coley Walker	May 13, 1908	May 4, 1981
Herman Foster	no date	
Delbert P. Foster	August 15, 1892	October 19, 1969
Maude Mills Foster	March 27, 1891	July 31, 1978
Thomas E. Blair	1906	1935
William J. Blair	1863	1936

Name	Born	Died
Estelle Pugh Blair	October 29, 1869	February 23, 1949
William W. Blair	November 6, 1902	November 8, 1972
J.R. Kirkman	September 12, 1941	September 15, 1941
Lester E. Redding	June 20, 1894	November 12, 1980
Beulah Routh Redding	December 15, 1897	January 26, 1966
Annie G. Redding	June 3, 1902	February 16, 1981
Row 10		
James Paul Pugh, Sr.	March 14, 1908	October 24, 1975
Allie Bescher Pugh	August 2, 1915	November 1, 1980
Infant Daughter of J. Paul & A.M. Pugh	1939	1939
J. Gale Pugh	July 29, 1900	April 3, 1937
Infant of T.F. Pugh	no date	
Mary Pugh	no date	
Unknown		
Unknown		
Unknown		
Dr. John Gray	April 17, 1826	May 23, 1883
Alexander Gray	October 1, 1794	December 12, 1878
Mary Gray	December 10, 1787	March 10, 1884
Ora A. Williams	October 15, 1887	December 24, 1887
J.W. Williams	July 15, 1883	February 7, 1884
Infant Son of D.W. & M.C. Williams	1882	1882
Ellis L. Holt		February 19, 1861
Ella A. Holt		December 11, 1859
John M. Holt	May 1, 1853	September 28, 1854
Mary Jane Holt	May 31, 1854	May 31, 1854
Mary Ann Holt	December 15, 1829	November 11, 1850
David Holt	November 17, 1795	January 20, 1869
Barbara W. Holt	December 28, 1799	March 22, 1892
Ten Unknown graves		
Dennis R. Swain	1899	1952
Julia A. McDaniel	July 6, 1841	November 10, 1914
William H. McDaniel	January 27, 1838	February 27, 1913
Thomas Walter Ellison	January 3, 1881	May 11, 1882
Charley Smith	March 12, 1823	December 23, 1878
C. Walter McDaniel	1871	1878
Solomon Holt	December 16, 1820	January 11, 1891
Mary C. Holt	March 7, 1835	February 14, 1920
Fred L. Pugh	March 10, 1903	September 11, 1969
Carrie Richardson Pugh	October 30, 1900	January 13, 1988
Luther Fields	May 27, 1897	February 4, 1970
Lena R. Fields	December 9, 1903	August 28, 1968
Peter S. Richardson	April 30, 1865	August 4, 1941
Martetia McMasters Richardson	June 2, 1863	November 7, 1911
Labitha McMasters	June 2, 1831	March 5, 1908
William R. McMasters	February 28, 1832	January 15, 1906
Alfred D. McMasters	1889	1891
Louis P. McMasters	1854	1944
Sarah Pugh McMasters	1857	1907
Infant Daughter of R.F. & M.A. Hackett	December 8, 1915	December 8, 1915
Danie Ila Hackett	December 10, 1902	July 1, 1916
George Felix Pugh	September 29, 1850	February 22, 1921

Name	Born	Died
Eliza Pugh	March 25, 1848	December 25, 1916
Christine Smith	January 22, 1912	November 6, 1912
Herman H. Smith	January 23, 1902	December 25, 1921
Boyd Smith	April 1, 1901	December 5, 1928
Lela Walker	July 12, 1897	November 1, 1906
James M. Jones	May 2, 1853	June 4, 1933
Nancy Margaret Jones	December 13, 1853	November 6, 1915
Edgar Lee Pugh	April 8, 1876	March 24, 1965
J. Addison Ivey	November 13, 1877	July 11, 1952
Louisia Ivy	March 10, 1844	May 3, 1926
Henry Ivy	December 18, 1852	June 30, 1928
Thomas R. Ivey	November 24, 1875	June 25, 1964
Zora Kivett Ivey	October 22, 1886	October 5, 1949
William R. Brower	July 21, 1895	November 28, 1972
Virgie W. Brower	December 27, 1899	August 31, 1976
Emma W. Walker	1873	1931
John Walker	1869	1948
Rosa H. Brown	April 21, 1867	December 5, 1948
William Julian Wood	April 19, 1875	March 15, 1958
Ella S. Hill Wood	July 7, 1874	February 13, 1929
Ora Wood Johnstone	August 16, 1896	October 16, 1986
Michael M. Sherwood	1903	1949
Alma Wood Sherwood	1904	1976
Bruce Spivey	February 22, 1922	November 23, 1929
Unknown		
Unknown		
Tiffany R. Nixon	March 10, 1934	July 16, 1934
Maggie G. Nixon	October 21, 1931	November 12, 1931
Fred C. Smith	May 22, 1916	December 21, 1934
Luther E. Smith	September 2, 1876	April 2, 1959
Sarah J. Curtis Smith	January 17, 1874	December 14, 1943
Fred Porter Smith	August 23, 1937	August 23, 1937
Row 11		
Joan Boone	no date	
Parks E. Pugh	July 6, 1881	July 22, 1947
Effie L. Pugh	June 2, 1881	May 13, 1977
John C. Yates	1900	1966
Lollie S. Yates	1897	1986
J. Freeland Smith	October 13, 1869	October 6, 1931
Julia Armstrong Smith	February 14, 1863	October 19, 1951
Martha C. Williams	August 9, 1856	June 1916
Unknown (J.A.G.)	no date	
Unknown (A.G.)	no date	
Unknown (A.G.)	no date	
Emity C. Webster	September 1878	October 1879
Oliver Foust	no date	
David Foust	April 15, 1813	November 12, 1858
Laura Foust (Charter Member)	September 29, 1814	April 1, 1900
Irene Foust	September 6, 1842	January 29, 1925
Thirteen Unknown graves		
Sis Underwood Beeson	October 9, 1861	July 9, 1903
Unknown		
Robert Beeson	April 8, 1856	March 6, 1914
Annie B. Frazier Allred	January 13, 1892	May 26, 1986
James R. Frazier	February 17, 1837	February 8, 1917

Name	Born	Died
Asenith Frazier	no date	
Louviney Frazier	June 25, 1874	November 1, 1880
Unknown		
Unknown		
Annie Osborne	June 18, 1813	January 1, 1892
Katie May Dunn	March 1, 1914	August 5, 1917
Infant Daughter of Samuel & Octava Dunn	1893	1893
Ernest Levi Dunn	March 9, 1886	May 1, 1907
Samuel Dunn	March 22, 1839	September 22, 1909
Octava A. Dunn	November 30, 1854	September 26, 1911
Robert F. Hackett	October 25, 1867	December 6, 1943
Mintie Ann Hackett	December 29, 1867	October 25, 1948
John Paul Kennedy	April 19, 1908	April 22, 1908
Infant Kennedy	no date	
Unknown		
Elsie O. Coble	March 29, 1906	August 18, 1941
Unknown		
Unknown		
Edith E. Hardin	May 2, 1917	October 26, 1935
Unknown		
Unknown		
Samuel W. Foust	no date	
James M. Davis	May 6, 1859	February 9, 1942
Martha J. Davis	May 4, 1875	September 14, 1935
Paul Davis	January 5, 1911	January 5, 1911
Unknown (B.S.)		
Russell Lineberry	June 28, 1884	May 5, 1905
Cyrus W. Lineberry--Interred in Bony, France	April 20, 1889	October 5, 1918
George Lineberry	March 26, 1851	April 10, 1924
Martitia Lineberry	May 5, 1858	January 15, 1925
Ethel Lineberry Pugh	May 7, 1896	July 16, 1985
Mildred Arthur Pugh	June 16, 1888	April 1, 1974
Solon K. Lineberry--Interred in Honolulu	February 27, 1914	May 9, 1945
Infant Son of Clyde & B.L. Smith	May 3, 1926	May 3, 1926
Infant Son of Lucille H. Ray	May 25, 1960	May 25, 1960
Jacob D. Harvell	September 14, 1933	March 11, 1934
Infant Daughter of J.D. & Alice Harvell	May 26, 1928	May 26, 1928
Jacob D. Harvell	September 14, 1895	August 19, 1965
Alice L. Harvell	April 5, 1894	February 22, 1970
H. Kermit McDaniel	April 25, 1906	September 12, 1929
John A. McDaniel	July 3, 1881	September 13, 1940
Ella H. McDaniel	June 29, 1879	August 29, 1946
Unknown		
Robert Kenneth Routh	November 28, 1913	January 2, 1978
Addie Sams Routh	March 18, 1911	July 13, 1984
Hattie A. Sams Cox	June 23, 1914	April 5, 1935
Mary E. L. Cox	February 16, 1936	March 1, 1936
Emma Wood Cox	March 3, 1910	December 12, 1987
James Leo McDowell	February 1, 1924	October 10, 1936
Lee Franklin McDowell	August 27, 1892	February 8, 1974

Name	Born	Died
Grace Smith McDowell	July 9, 1898	July 14, 1986
Daniel C. Glasgow	November 10, 1871	December 31, 1936
Edna J. Hodson Glasgow	April 5, 1870	March 10, 1936
Emery Causey Glasgow	August 19, 1907	October 28, 1964
Row 11 (a)		
William Lester Richardson	July 20, 1894	July 19, 1988
Della Richardson	October 7, 1911	August 17, 1954
Virginia Lee Routh	no date	
Elizabeth Routh Kurlander	May 4, 1916	March 17, 1981
Pvt. Guy W. Garrett	January 23, 1921	February 7, 1945
A.G. (Yank) Garrett	1888	1967
Nettie H. Garrett	1895	1984
Eighteen Unknown graves		
Edward R. Ellison	no date	
Unknown		
Infant Son of W.T. & M. York	April 12, 1871	April 12, 1871
Mary & Scott Robbins (same grave)	no date	
Three other children of Elliott Robbins		
Row 12		
Cecil G. Pugh	May 20, 1919	August 25, 1944
Ottis Glen Pugh	1898	1979
Clara Barker Pugh	1898	December 16, 1987
Mary Esther Trogdon King	April 4, 1895	December 14, 1972
Lacy E. Trogdon	1893	April 22, 1939
Fred L. Nixon	June 1904	July 1974
Ronald E. Nixon	March 1898	February 1970
May Evans	April 7, 1886	February 14, 1957
Walter Evans	September 28, 1892	April 7, 1939
Infant Daughter of R.C & Ida Nixon	October 30, 1937	October 30, 1937
Leb T. Hardin	November 11, 1859	March 7, 1931
George H. Hardin	February 29, 1876	January 2, 1952
Pansy A. Hardin	December 24, 1879	September 30, 1946
Robert Samuel Hardin	February 4, 1904	September 19, 1983
Leo Sluder Garrett	August 11, 1917	June 4, 1942
Rebecca Ione Collins	June 23, 1944	February 10, 1945
Infant Sons of J.R. & M.M. Foust	no date	
Unknown		
Ibbey Beeson	no date	
Lucy Beeson	no date	
Curtis Beeson	no date	
Gaston Beeson	no date	
Robert Beeson	no date	
Five Unknown Graves		
Infant Daughter of O.C. and Ruby Thomas	May 12, 1941	May 12, 1941
Otus C. Thomas	December 28, 1911	August 5, 1980
Geneva Thomas	January 11, 1913	January 29, 1913
Infant Daughter of Mr. & Mrs. J.A. Thomas	February 4, 1908	February 4, 1908
Elsie Mozell Thomas	March 17, 1911	August 13, 1925
William L. Thomas	June 6, 1921	April 1, 1928

Name	Born	Died
John Anderson Thomas	September 27, 1889	November 19, 1957
Rosa Dunn Thomas	March 26, 1889	November 5, 1956
Simon C. Thomas	March 4, 1854	May 23, 1907
Cornelia Cooper Thomas	July 13, 1857	June 10, 1941
Arlie Colon Thomas	May 12, 1892	October 31, 1892
Rossie O. Coble	November 19, 1877	November 12, 1917
Lou York Coble	February 12, 1875	June 24, 1948
Lizzie Marie Coble	August 10, 1914	May 10, 1928
Ray R. Coble	July 26, 1904	May 26, 1973
Polly Hardin	no date	
Lonzy Hardin	no date	
James Hardin	no date	
C. Edgar Pugh	no date	
Mittie C. Pugh	September 16, 1886	April 17, 1913
Sarah R. Mills	January 18, 1880	October 31, 1964
Unknown		
John Seymore Mills	September 10, 1887	January 2, 1964
Evie Mills Boelter	May 30, 1904	August 10, 1945
William A. Mills	June 24, 1858	March 9, 1909
Annetta A. Mills	April 12, 1863	June 30, 1915
Freda Belle Elliott Curtis	May 22, 1892	March 11, 1930
Mary C. Jones	July 11, 1843	January 2, 1929
Aaron F. Jones	January 12, 1838	April 9, 1931
Infant McDaniel	no date	
James R. Williams	1921	1933
James David Williams	May 9, 1894	April 14, 1967
Roxie W. Williams	June 20, 1903	December 9, 1976
Thomas W. Davis	May 27, 1860	April 25, 1944
Mary A. McPherson Davis	November 27, 1870	July 15, 1930
William M. McDaniel	September 29, 1871	July 22, 1936
Amanda L. McDaniel	November 2, 1872	April 8, 1931
Carletta McDaniel Capps (no marker)		
Leroy R. Chriscoe	March 10, 1888	May 23, 1934
Adeline Mae Chriscoe	May 17, 1855	December 4, 1937
Ernest S. Allred	May 8, 1884	March 8, 1944
Daisy P. Allred	November 3, 1885	September 28, 1972
Gerald Bruce Beane	May 6, 1955	July 23, 1955
Row 12 (a)		
Paul D. Vuncannon (no marker)	1917	1985
Flora Mae Vuncannon (no marker)	1908	1977
Dennis Vuncannon	no date	
Allie Vuncannon	no date	
James H. Allred	1912	1944
Roger Leon Lambert	February 3, 1940	March 17, 1940
Martin Luther Lambert	1885	1967
Lonnie Rose	June 6, 1892	January 30, 1974
Dora Smith Rose	February 16, 1892	December 29, 1937
Marcelia Hardin	no date	March 24, 1936
Infant of Delbert Barker	no date	
Infant of Jacob Bowman	no date	
Etta Lee Pugh	April 18, 1901	June 26, 1947
A.R. Pugh	no date	
Mrs. Cora H. Pugh (no marker)	1893	1971

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Harold R. Cross	1920	1972
Lillie R. Cross Moore	1818	May 30, 1986
Billy D. Childress	January 5, 1958	January 13, 1958
John Lee Cross	January 27, 1889	October 16, 1970
Annie Swain Cross	May 15, 1896	December 7, 1955
W. Roy Pugh	January 24, 1897	November 17, 1955
Foyle M. Cox	1907	1953
Pauline G. Cox	1912	1962
Inez Pugh Woodell	1909	1948
Jesse J. Pugh	May 6, 1875	October 18, 1957
Mary J. Pugh	October 7, 1878	May 5, 1947
Daniel Lee Harvell	December 12, 1944	February 22, 1945
Eva K. Cox	June 2, 1890	October 15, 1974
Charles B. Cox	October 27, 1883	March 19, 1967
Francis Percy Cox	1916	1943
Jerry Hayes Mickey	no date	
Henry V. Vaughn	no date	
Erie Vaughn	no date	
Infant of Edgar Pugh	no date	
Unknown		
Ola Infant	no date	
Rufus Yow	May 5, 1861	February 14, 1938
Mary E. Robbins Yow	June 19, 1865	September 29, 1948
Lura A. Turner	1876	1957
John M. Turner	1876	1942

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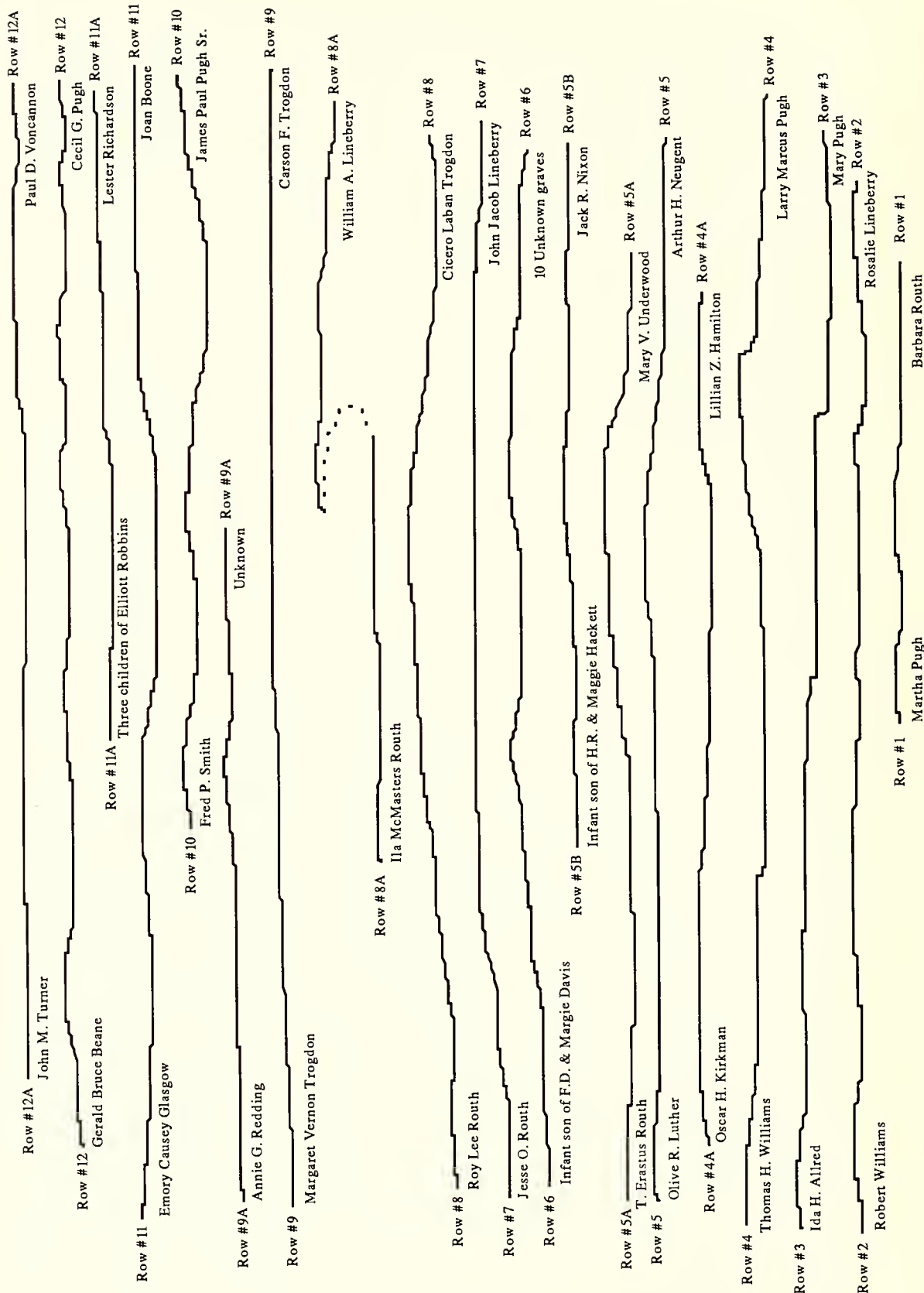
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Row 1		
Tracy L. Foust	August 19, 1917	July 23, 1964
W. Brower York	February 12, 1895	March 27, 1984
Timothy Ray Lineberry	December 29, 1962	December 29, 1962
Lucian M. Lineberry	October 12, 1902	November 8, 1980
Ernestine F. Redding	August 9, 1896	August 29, 1979
Herbert M. Redding	June 25, 1894	August 23, 1966
Mrs. Avis Anderson Hunt Hancock	August 3, 1915	August 20, 1983
Thomas Beverly Hunt	March 8, 1908	September 12, 1972
Fred Wyatt Julian	December 20, 1915	May 25, 1983
Jeremy J. Lambert	October 18, 1971	October 20, 1971
Ethel T. Yow	July 24, 1899	July 31, 1972
Lester R. Yow	May 12, 1897	June 7, 1965
Baby Davis--Infant Son of Roger and Ruby Davis	May 1, 1983	May 1, 1983
Row 2		
Steven Mitchell Jenkins	April 14, 1961	September 19, 1968
Curtis Franklin Coble	January 20, 1935	March 14, 1982
Alta H. Coble	March 24, 1900	November 23, 1969
W. Henry Hackett	1891	1968
Tommy Jay Routh, Jr.	February 3, 1966	February 4, 1966
Dora P. Jones	June 5, 1880	October 24, 1964
Charles C. Jones	March 23, 1910	October 10, 1969
Verdie H. Nixon	June 19, 1908	June 8, 1958
Larry Wayne Nixon	May 30, 1944	July 2, 1960
Elmer Claborne Nixon	January 25, 1907	November 12, 1976
Frances E. Hutchins	August 14, 1932	August 29, 1961
Eva Deviney Kivett	June 30, 1897	April 18, 1962
Harold Thomas Jones	November 20, 1925	March 3, 1987
Donna Jones Watson	June 1, 1951	June 9, 1978
Ruby Routh Laughlin	September 27, 1914	March 9, 1988
Thomas J. Freeman	July 26, 1950	September 23, 1984
Lisa J. Freeman	January 4, 1969	March 23, 1983
Hazel Parks Freeman	July 7, 1929	April 12, 1978
Donald Ray Freeman	January 26, 1956	August 25, 1969
David Mitchell Pugh	March 12, 1927	September 5, 1973
Millie Pugh Lusby (no marker)	January 27, 1917	January 7, 1973
Minnie L. Pugh	March 22, 1886	October 30, 1972
Row 3		
Luther Nelson	January 13, 1893	December 8, 1968
Hulda K. Martin	1916	1969
David W. Martin	1918	1979
Otis C. Craven	1910	1975
W.L. "Jack" Underwood	May 14, 1908	March 6, 1972
Peace Staley Hackett	February 23, 1895	January 2, 1957
Jesse Roscoe Hackett	October 7, 1904	August 24, 1986
Opal W. Gray	October 7, 1928	October 10, 1982

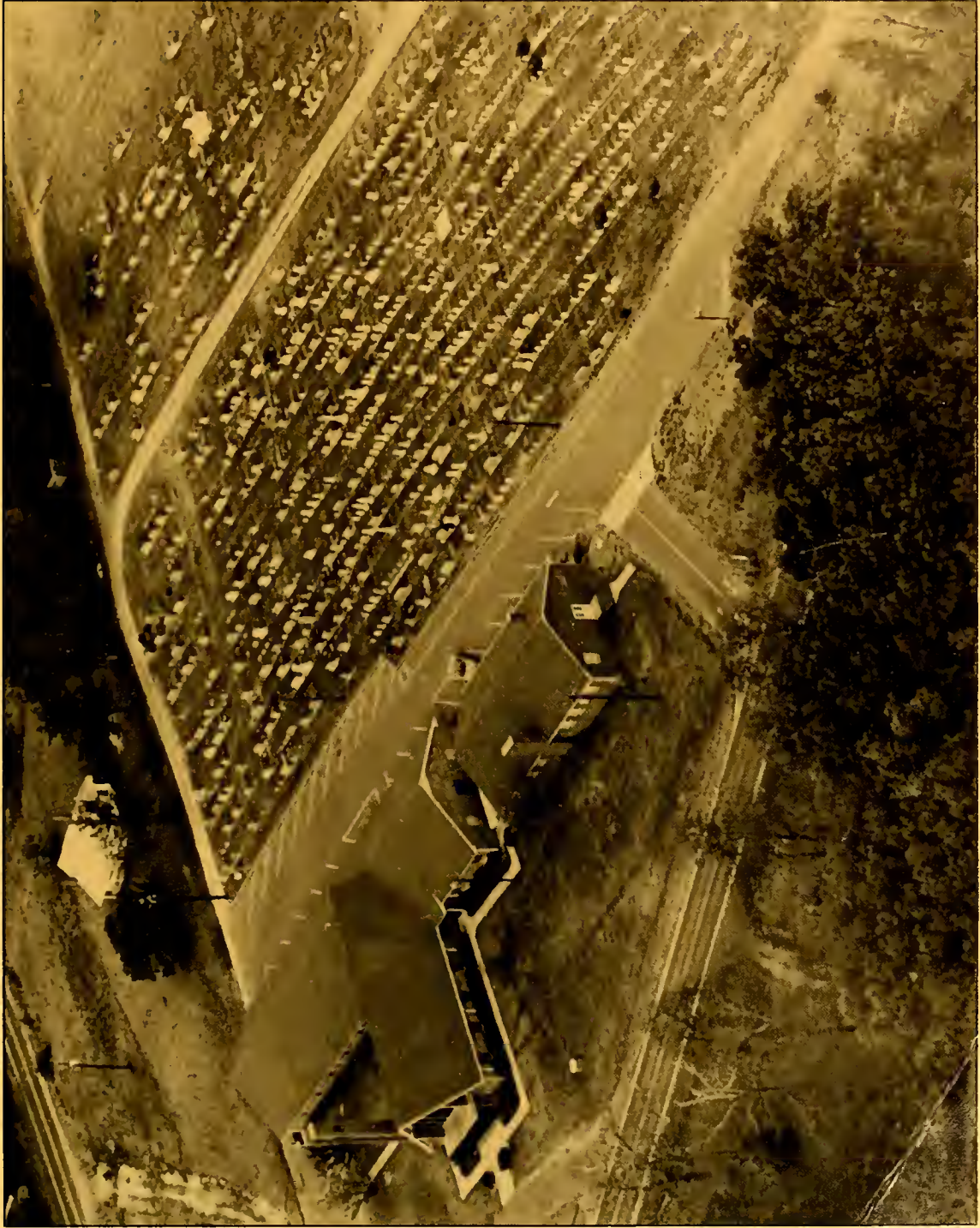
Name	Born	Died
Infant Son & Daughter of Ben G. & Opal W. Gray--Jesse Lee Gray, Julianna Gray	August 11, 1966	August 12, 1966
Paul K. Deviney	February 28, 1913	July 16, 1981
Cina L. Routh	March 26, 1886	May 14, 1970
Roy E. Routh	September 15, 1894	December 29, 1980
Curtis Lee Nixon	November 18, 1958	November 25, 1958
Emma P. Nixon	May 8, 1886	April 13, 1967
A. Tyson Nixon	June 18, 1881	December 26, 1960
Edgar Tyson Nixon	October 18, 1911	March 25, 1982
Mary Millikan Nixon	May 26, 1915	April 25, 1986
Ruby York Lineberry	September 5, 1911	September 29, 1983
Jesse Leo Cox	November 16, 1926	September 6, 1978
Robert Bruce Hughes	August 30, 1903	January 7, 1968
George William Hughes	July 15, 1905	September 17, 1966
Celia Ione Foust Jones	(no marker)	
Otus T. Jones	(no marker)	
Orin G. Perkins	February 29, 1889	November 16, 1961
Row 4		
James David Wise	December 20, 1953	January 3, 1958
Dorothy Lee Davis	April 10, 1906	July 22, 1973
Henry M. Davis	November 3, 1901	September 23, 1978
Howard T. Brower	December 22, 1908	June 16, 1982
Vanna P. Brower	July 27, 1905	February 8, 1975
June Carl Brower	January 13, 1899	October 10, 1976
Pauline M. Pugh	1916	1968
Worth G. Pugh	1907	1982
Vallie Brower Pugh	1908	1959
Howard Cecil Pugh	February 3, 1916	February 10, 1980
Dempsey Lee Pugh	April 26, 1936	November 2, 1964
Barbara Ann Pugh	December 5, 1962	February 8, 1970
Wesley B. Finch	October 7, 1918	May 28, 1976
Abney Thomas Currin	January 28, 1915	April 23, 1984
John Lewis Currin	May 16, 1904	May 5, 1970
Bobby Wayne McNeill	May 25, 1966	November 30, 1982
Oscar Evans	May 10, 1894	August 31, 1981
Row 5		
Linda W. Coble	January 12, 1900	January 8, 1976
Feddie H. Coble	April 8, 1899	November 27, 1980
Katheryn Caldwell Routh	January 30, 1898	December 14, 1960
Guy Gerald Routh	October 23, 1893	November 17, 1962
Nello D. Williams	March 9, 1961	March 12, 1961
Nello D. Williams	September 6, 1912	August 19, 1961
Mabel L. Coble	September 25, 1905	November 11, 1966
Rezzie C. Coble	July 27, 1902	September 1, 1972
Robert Hall Sewell	July 12, 1909	October 7, 1982
Ronald James Smith	March 14, 1983	April 3, 1983
Row 6		
Claburn Joseph Allred	1914	1977
Mary Hollady Montgomery	February 4, 1906	September 21, 1976
Wade Hamilton Montgomery, Jr.	October 1, 1904	May 9, 1978
James A. Pugh	April 29, 1906	February 1, 1974
Mary E. Pugh	September 5, 1904	November 25, 1969
Ney H. Pugh	June 15, 1903	August 13, 1962
Edward A. Thompson	September 28, 1900	March 15, 1976

Name	Born	Died
Fred J. Allred	1914	1984
Inez Pugh Kirkman	October 8, 1882	January 5, 1975
H. Fernando Kirkman	November 28, 1873	January 1, 1964
Ruth Walker Hancock	December 16, 1913	November 22, 1977
Walter E. Routh	November 24, 1914	February 24, 1985
Row 7		
Sally Pugh Hodgin	February 5, 1920	April 16, 1985
Jerry Wayne Hodgin	April 5, 1956	June 7, 1975
Terence M. Walker	August 26, 1913	December 10, 1983
Annie Elizabeth Jarrell Walker	August 20, 1914	April 3, 1970
Alice Faye Kirkman	April 16, 1939	May 19, 1975
Verla Routh Kirkman	October 23, 1897	May 8, 1984
Millard M. Kirkman	November 3, 1895	March 13, 1966
Ottie Stevens Routh	May 31, 1902	June 30, 1968
Clarence W. Routh	November 5, 1893	October 7, 1974
Gladys S. Routh	February 4, 1929	April 5, 1964
Charles Winford Kidd	August 17, 1913	September 25, 1972
Kenneth Edwards	April 18, 1982	April 18, 1982
Dorothy Marie Trogdon	September 24, 1914	October 27, 1978
Archie W. Trogdon	November 28, 1913	December 13, 1979
Row 8		
Joseph Daniel Routh	January 6, 1985	January 6, 1985
Owen Henry Teague	August 4, 1911	March 14, 1978
Helen d'Romtra Teague	September 12, 1905	June 17, 1954
Roy Odell Millikan	November 15, 1940	March 23, 1985
Virginia Dee Aldridge Pugh	February 3, 1903	May 5, 1981
Woodrow Wilson Gray	July 31, 1919	January 3, 1978
Row 9		
Carolyn Heckle Brown	June 22, 1936	December 16, 1977
Alma Klintworth Walker	May 19, 1915	May 10, 1988
Andrew Carnegie Walker	December 7, 1906	August 7, 1986
Albert Irvine Thorp	April 2, 1918	January 10, 1980
Row 10		
Alfred Kenny Lineberry	1904	1987
Floyd Dale Dermer	March 17, 1938	December 1, 1985
Geneva W. Roberts	November 6, 1918	January 20, 1987
Virginia D. Walker	October 27, 1912	March 13, 1976
Ted Homer Walker	July 7, 1903	August 20, 1976
Millard Clark Coble, III	September 24, 1943	July 8, 1975
Mollie Mollett Jones	January 15, 1932	December 7, 1980
Row 11		
Row 12		
William Eddie Lineberry	December 10, 1942	March 7, 1986
Nellie V. Brower Hackett	February 13, 1905	July 4, 1985
Mary Louise Sumner	January 7, 1930	July 5, 1985
Robert Wesley Nixon	June 22, 1924	November 6, 1986
L.S. Coble	1921	1985

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Old Section (not drawn to scale)
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