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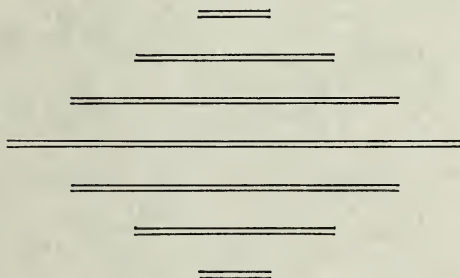


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LEAKSVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA

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P R E F A C E

Out of monuments, names, words, proverbs, traditions, private records, and evidences, fragments of stories, passages of books, and the like, we do save and recover somewhat from the deluge of time.—Bacon.

Fortunate are the people of any period who have preserved for them in written or other permanent form some of the important facts relating to their origin and development. Such data provide a source of knowledge and satisfaction that can promote a more intelligent and understanding approach to contemporary problems and future planning.

This story of the Leaksville Methodist Church has been compiled and written with the idea of recording some of the most significant events from the rich past of the church and to give a brief look into the activities of some of the people who gave generously of their time and talents in the building of a great church. We owe a debt of gratitude to the devoted people of the present and past who have given unselfishly in the building of a church organization and the creation of a Christian climate in this community.

Many people have contributed data and ideas for use in preparing the material for this book. Sincere appreciation is expressed to all of them. Without their help and cooperation this history could not have been recorded in this form.

Among the many people who gave valuable assistance were Mrs. R. P. Ray, Mrs. Jones W. Norman, Sr., Mrs. F. M. Flinn, Mrs. J. Hampton Price, Mrs. G. C. Gammon, Mrs. John Barksdale, Mrs. S. P. Ray, Mrs. Pearl Van Noppen (Madison), Dr. E. P. Billups, C. C. Campbell, Lawrence Wilson, Richard Robertson, and Joe Benton Field (Roanoke, Virginia).

Valuable information was also found in The Leaksville News, issue of November 4, 1937. In this copy was recorded the address of the late Judge Henry P. Lane when the centennial observance of the church was held. Other interesting articles relating to the church history were given in this issue.

THE EDITOR

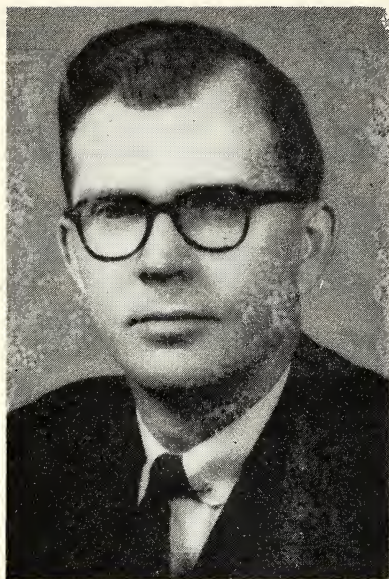
HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHTS

- 1700—First hunters and trappers from the eastern shores of North Carolina and Virginia began penetrating this area.
- 1728—Colonel William Byrd, Virginia planter, author, and surveyor of the North Carolina-Virginia boundary line, ran southern line of his estate through the area that was later to become the site of the Town of Leaksville. He referred to the Valley of the Dan as the "Garden of Eden."
- 1750—First white settlers began arriving in the Land of Eden.
- 1796—Lowe's Methodist Church, east of Reidsville, organized. Became the "Mother of Methodism in Rockingham County."
- 1797—Town of Leaksville laid out.
- 1818—Leaksville became a boom town and leading metropolis in Rockingham County.
- 1820—Famous Brick Academy founded. Churches of all denominations used this building for holding religious services.
- 1837—Leaksville Methodist Church organized. Member of the Virginia Conference, Danville District, Rockingham Circuit. Moses Brock was the presiding elder, David B. Nicholdson was the first preacher in charge.
- 1841—The Reverend Benton Field, a pioneer Methodist preacher, came to Leaksville. He became a mighty influence for good in the church and community.
- 1845—Church became a part of the North Carolina Conference, Methodist Episcopal Church, South.
- 1847—Church transferred to the Wentworth Circuit.
- 1849—Church became a part of the Madison Circuit.
- 1851—Church placed in the Wilmington District.
- 1852—Church became a part of the Greensboro District.
- 1858—First church building started. Church again placed in the Wentworth Circuit.
- 1859—Church building completed and used by the Methodists and the Masonic Order. Bell, made in England, installed in this building and used in two later church buildings, including the new church.
- 1861—Church again placed in the Madison Circuit.

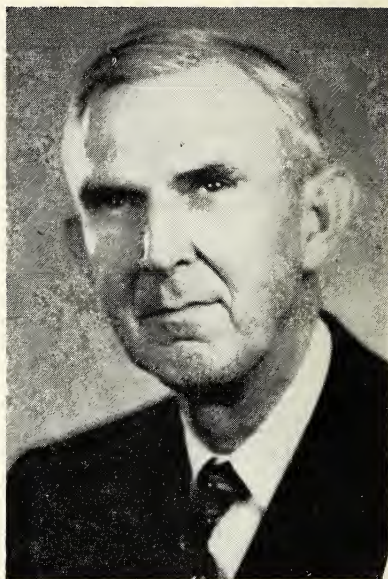
- 1866—The Reverend Daniel E. Field organized the first Sunday School in the Leaksville Methodist Church. He became its first superintendent.
- 1870—First organ (reed) installed, with Mrs. D. E. Field as organist.
- 1874—Town of Leaksville incorporated.
- 1887—First missionary society of the Leaksville Methodist Church organized. Mrs. D. E. Field was the first president.
- 1890—Church became a part of the Western North Carolina Conference, Methodist Episcopal Church, South. Now the Leaksville Circuit.
- 1891—Church placed in the Winston-Salem District, Madison Circuit.
- 1901—Leaksville, with the new church at Spray, placed under the same pastorate.
- 1903—Leaksville Methodist Church rebuilt and made a station.
- 1904—Second church building dedicated by Bishop Alpheus Wilson, of Baltimore.
- 1911—The Reverend D. E. Field resigned as Sunday School superintendent. Succeeded by Frank M. Flinn. Church placed in the Mt. Airy District.
- 1914—Mrs. Frank M. Flinn organized the first Girl Scout troop in this area.
- 1917—The Reverend G. C. Brinkman organized Troop No. 8, Boy Scouts of America. This was the first Boy Scout troop in the community.
- 1925—Four circles of the Woman's Missionary Society formed.
- 1928—First pipe organ installed. Miss Bessie Clark (Mrs. S. P. Ray) was the organist.
- 1937—Centennial observance held. Judge Henry P. Lane made the principal address. New educational building, started in 1936, completed. Church became a part of the Greensboro District.
- 1940—The Woman's Missionary Society changed name to Woman's Society of Christian Service. Church now in Western North Carolina Conference, The Methodist Church.
- 1941—Frank M. Flinn resigned as superintendent of the Sunday School.

- 1953—On July 14, 1953, the Quarterly Conference passed a resolution authorizing a committee to raise funds and proceed with a building program.
- 1954—Final plans made and contract let for erection of new sanctuary and educational building. Parsonage razed. Groundbreaking services held. Cornerstone laid by Bishop Costen J. Harrell on Sunday, December 5, 1954.
- 1955—New building completed. First service held in new sanctuary on Sunday, November 20, 1955. The formal opening of the church building was held on Sunday, November 27, 1955, with Bishop Costen J. Harrell conducting the service.
- 1956—The Reverend A. M. Faulkner was assigned as pastor in October, 1956. Campaign intensified to raise balance of fund for new organ, to get funds for erecting a new wing to the educational building, and to pay off the balance of the general building fund indebtedness.
- 1957—With a spirit of genuine revival, the church entered 1957 with plans for spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ to others in the community and to people throughout the world.

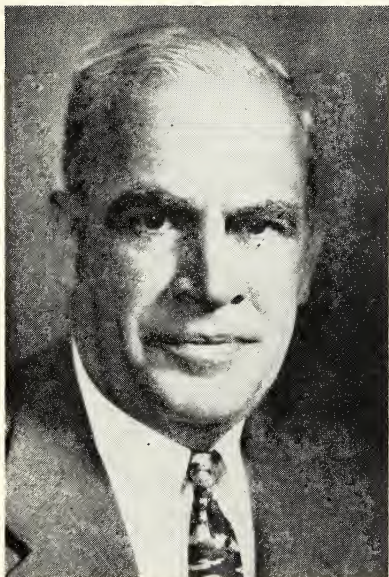
Distinguished Leaders



Rev. A. Mitchell Faulkner
Assigned to Leaksville
Methodist Church in
October 1956



Dr. Edgar Parke Billups
1951-1956
Inspired church to great
undertakings



Governor Luther H. Hodges
Distinguished member of
Leaksville Methodist Church
Great Christian Statesman

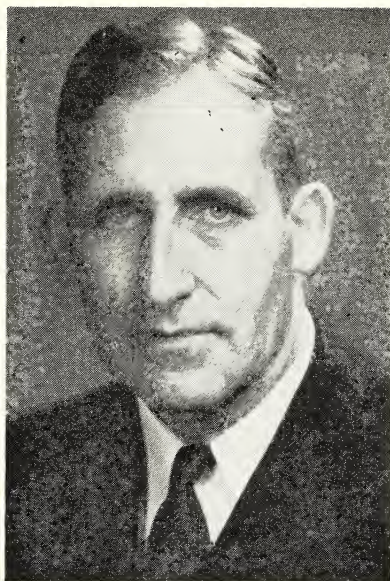


Bishop Costen J. Harrell
Laid the Cornerstone of
new church building
Outstanding Christian Leader

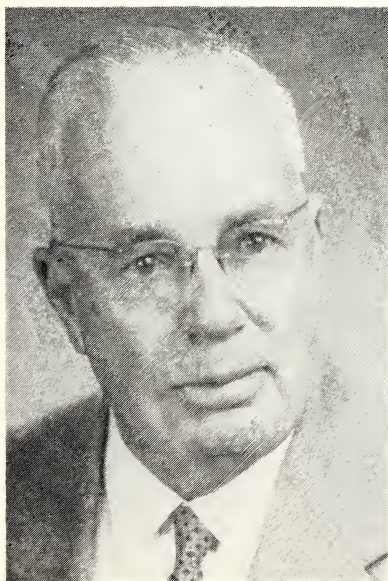
Distinguished Leaders



Dr. Eugene C. Few
District Superintendent
1956 and 1957



Rev. Herman F. Duncan
District Superintendent
1951 to 1955

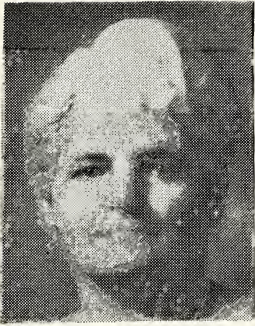


G. C. Gammon
First Chairman of the
Church Building Committee



J. Hampton Price
Second Chairman of the
Church Building Committee

Long Service Church Members



Mrs. R. P. Ray
Joined 1887



J. Frank King
Joined 1895



Mrs. W. W. Hampton
Joined 1895



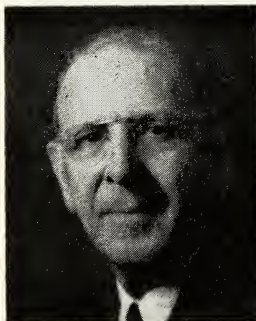
W. W. Hampton
Joined 1902



Mrs. W. W. Martin
Joined 1902



Mrs. John Barksdale
Joined 1902



J. W. Hopper
Joined 1902



Mrs. J. W. Norman, Sr.
Joined 1902



A. T. Hopper
Joined 1902

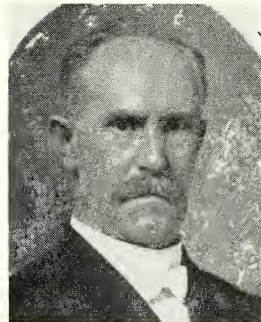
Former Pastors Since 1902



***A. L. Stanford**
1902-1905



***J. H. Barnhart**
1906-1908



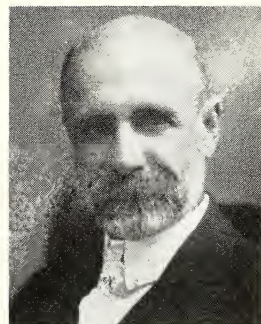
***A. T. Bell**
1909-1910



***F. L. Townsend**
1911-1912



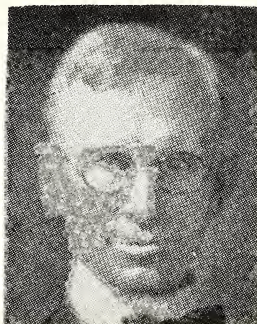
***A. L. Aycock**
1913-1916



***G. C. Brinkman**
1917-1918



***G. A. Stamper**
1919-1922



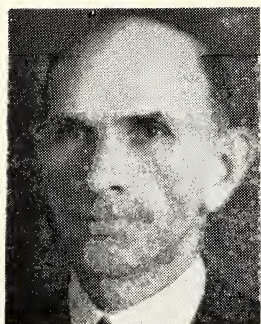
***W. L. Sherrill**
1923-1924



E. O. Cole
1925

*Deceased

Former Pastors Since 1902



N. C. Williams
1926-1927



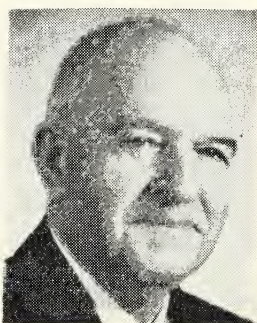
***M. B. Woosley**
1928-1930



***R. G. Tuttle, Sr.**
1931-1934



***W. O. Goode**
1935-1937



A. C. Swofford
1938-1941



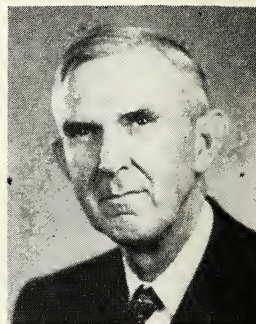
J. E. Carroll
1942-1946



A. C. Gibbs
1947-1948



W. L. Lanier
1949-1950



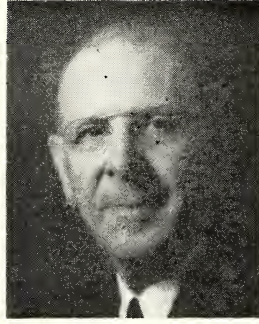
***E. P. Billups**
1951-1956

*Deceased

Church Builders



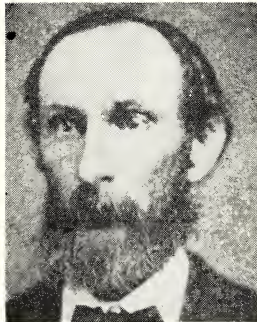
James M. Hopper
Builder of the
Parsonage and the
Sunday School Annex



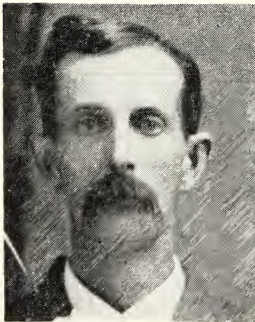
James W. Hopper
Architect of the
Sunday School
Building, 1937



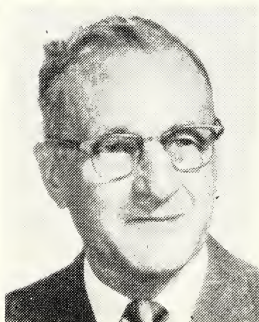
James Hopper, III
Laid out the
Foundation for the
Sunday School
Annex, 1937



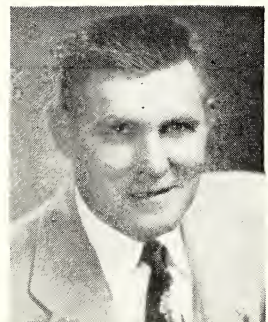
Richard M. Hopper
One of the Builders
of the First Church,
1858-59
An Original Trustee



Charlie F. Field
Contractor for the
Second Church
Building 1902-1903



R. M. Ka'nes
Duke University
Architect, Designed
the New Church
Building



John Smith, Jr.
Contractor for the
New Church Building
Completed in 1955

Part I—Prelude to Progress

Where the Leaksville Methodist Church stands now was, less than two and one-half centuries ago, a part of the virgin forests covering the highlands and valleys along the rolling foothills of the beautiful Blue Ridge mountains of North Carolina and Virginia.

When John Wesley, the founder of the Methodist Church, was born in Epworth, England, in the year 1703, the first hunters and trappers from the eastern shores of North Carolina and Virginia had begun to filter into this area.

Prior to the turn of that century, the hunting call and the war whoop of the Saura Indians, under the leadership of their chief, Dannaho, for whom the Dan River was named, had sounded and re-echoed through the forests and canebrakes of this lovely land.

The first white men coming to this part of the country found many kinds of large and small game, including the bear, deer, panther, wolf, wildcat, fox and beaver. It has been said that a few buffalo were to be found in this area at that time. The rivers and small streams abounded in fish.

The rivers that later were called the Roanoke, Dan, Smith and Mayo, provided the best routes of travel into this inland section of the country. Boats were used then and for many more years as the chief means of transportation to near and distant places.

There is a section of Rockingham County, North Carolina, extending from Stokes County almost to Danville, Virginia, known as "The Valley of the Dan". When the commissions appointed by North Carolina and Virginia to run the dividing line between the two states reached Stokes County, Colonel William Byrd, who led the Virginia group, selected twenty-odd thousand acres of land in this valley as pay for his services. It is said that Colonel Byrd later acquired 179,000 acres in this area and called it "The Garden of Eden".

It is interesting to note in this connection that the southernmost boundary line of the original "Land of Eden" survey by Colonel Byrd runs diagonally across three city blocks north of and adjacent to the one on which the Leaksville Methodist Church is located. The corner of this survey, made in 1728, approximately three city blocks northwest from the church, on Hamilton Street, is designated by a marker near the home of A. D. Ivie, Jr.

Not long after the Byrd survey, permanent white settlers began to arrive in "The Land of Eden". The first people came, according to writers, from the Albemarle region of North

Carolina and Eastern Virginia—the tidewater section. It is believed that most of these were of the Cavalier type as contrasted with the Puritan stock who came later from Pennsylvania, Maryland and Virginia.

Little is known of the religious activities of the early settlers in this section. It can be said with some degree of certainty, however, that these people brought with them their Old World beliefs and convictions.



Judge H. P. Lane

The late Judge Henry P. Lane, a member of the Leaksville Methodist Church and a noted jurist, historian and orator, said in one of his addresses in this community, "As early as 1750 settlers had come into this section of the Valley of the Dan. This beautiful and fertile valley had attracted a fine body of immigrants. From Eastern Virginia they came—English and Scotch and Huguenots, with their fine sense of culture and social graces. Many of the so-called-Irish came down from Pennsylvania and up from the Cape Fear section."

"When they settled," Judge Lane said, "they wanted a teacher, a school and a preacher. Some of them had wealth, bought large tracts of land, and lived like barons. These did not often become Methodists. They were Church of England adherents or Presbyterians."

It is known that many of the people who settled in the area that later became the Town of Leaksville were devoted church people. Although they had no church buildings, they assembled together in homes, in school buildings, and even under brush arbors, to carry on worship services. It is understood that members of various denominations regularly met together for these services.

From the time the first permanent settlers began coming to this section until the first Methodist church was organized here, some great developments were taking place elsewhere in the world. These events were to affect the religious lives of many people in the United States and in this community.

John Wesley and his brother, Charles, while students at Oxford University, organized the "Holy Club". Members of this group became known as Methodists. A little later, in 1735, John Wesley made a trip to America, primarily as a missionary to the Indians of Georgia. He was not too pleased with the results of his work in America. He returned to England and at the Aldersgate meeting felt his heart strangely

warmed and began preaching with greater zeal than ever before.

George Whitefield, another charter member of the Methodist Holy Club, began spreading the gospel. Charles Wesley preached and wrote great hymns for the church. Robert Strawbridge, converted in Ireland by John Wesley, came to Maryland about 1760. George Whitefield came to America soon after John Wesley returned from Georgia. The first Methodist building in the world to be called a church was St. George's, opened in Philadelphia in 1769.

In 1771 Francis Asbury answered Wesley's call for volunteers to serve in America. Asbury had been preceded by Richard Boardman and Joseph Pilmoor. In 1772 Thomas Rankin came to America to help the Methodists. Others came and on December 24, 1784, at Lovely Lane, Baltimore, American Methodism was organized. From those days until the present, Methodism has been on the march in the United States and throughout the world.

Joseph Pilmoor, the missionary, came to North Carolina from Virginia and, at a spot on Currituck Sound, September 28, 1772, preached the first Methodist sermon ever preached within the bounds of North Carolina.

The Reverend William Meredith came to Wilmington in 1797, the year the Town of Leaksville was laid out, and is regarded as the first Methodist minister in that area. His coming into the lower Cape Fear region affected favorably the Methodist movement in North Carolina.

"And", declared Judge Lane, "Methodism has been spreading like wild fire from that time on in North Carolina. Bishop Francis Asbury, 'the Prophet of the Long Road', had passed this way, and from 1784 until his death in 1816 had kindled the fires of Methodism from Maine to the Savannah River in Georgia. Conferences were organized, ministers were ordained, churches were dedicated, and such revivals of religion were held as the world had never seen."

The earliest churches in Rockingham County were Speedwell, a Presbyterian church, and Old Center, a Primitive Baptist church, located four miles west of Leaksville. Speedwell was built before the Revolutionary War, and Old Center was formed on September 17, 1776.

Lowe's Methodist Church, a few miles east of Reidsville, organized in 1796, is known as the "Mother of Methodism in Rockingham County". Mt. Carmel, organized about 1805, came next. Bethlehem, near Leaksville, organized in 1835, was the third Methodist church in the county. Next in order were Salem, near Reidsville, Bethesda and Wentworth.

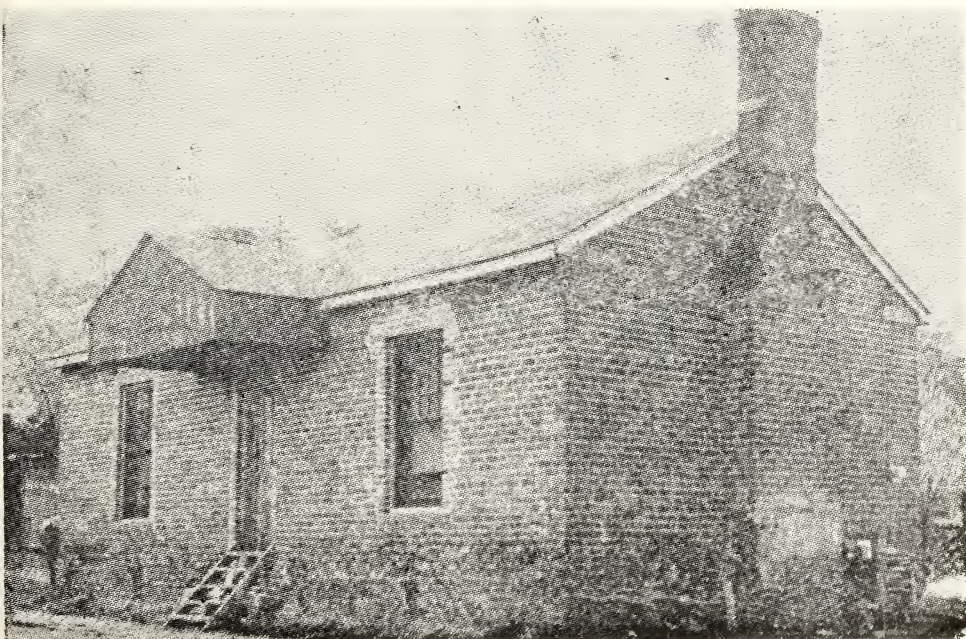
During this movement in the county, Methodist ministers often came to Leaksville and preached. Methodist people in Leaksville frequently visited the other churches in the county, but no church organization existed among the Leaksville adherents until the year 1837.

Part II—A Century of Accomplishment

Quite naturally the Methodist believers in Leaksville who had been attending the services of other denominations and of other Methodist churches in the county decided that they should have a church organization of their own. In 1837, when Martin Van Buren was President of the United States and E. B. Dudley was Governor of North Carolina, a Methodist Church was organized in Leaksville.

Leaksville was then, as it had been since the boom days of 1818, the leading metropolis of Rockingham County. It was the head of navigation on Dan River. It was the trading center to the great back country spreading across the Blue Ridge Mountains into Virginia. It became the chief town between Hillsboro and old Salem.

In 1837 John Motley Morehead began the development of water power on Smith River and the erection of one of the first textile mills in North Carolina. John Barnett had already built a large grist mill in Spray during the year 1813.



OLD BRICK ACADEMY

Leaksville also became an educational center for that period. It had a famous school, the Brick Academy built in 1820, conducted by Nathaniel Henry, a son of the famous Patrick Henry. The building in which he taught still stands in remodeled form between Henry and Patrick Streets. This school was for males and was continued by Patrick Henry, III, until 1847.

An academy for girls was conducted in the community. It was located two blocks from the present location of the Leaksville Methodist Church, on Hamilton Street.

These school buildings were always open to any denomination for holding religious services. That situation probably accounted for the fact that Leaksville had no church buildings of any kind until 1841.

It is said that prior to this time an effort was made to build a union church for the use of all denominations. Tradition has it that an old unfinished church building, long abandoned and never used, was still standing on South Hamilton Street in 1839.

Near the end of Hamilton Street extension was a famous camp meeting ground. With a brush arbor overhead, log slabs used for seats, a rude altar erected, and torches and candles used for lighting purposes, congregations would come together to worship and to hear the great preaching of that time. It is said that the forests around Leaksville rang with the songs and shoutings of the redeemed.

During that period the churches of other denominations in the community were making progress. In 1839 a Baptist congregation was organized here. In the early "forties" they erected a church building on the corner of Jay and Hamilton Streets. In 1889 their present church building was erected.

The Episcopal Church was organized in Leaksville in 1842. In 1844 the present church building was erected. Prior to that time the Episcopalians had worshipped in the Henry Academy building.

The Presbyterian Church was organized here about 1842. They, too, used the Old Brick Academy building for their services. Later they used the Baptist and Methodist churches until 1882, when a church building for that denomination was constructed at the corner of Monroe and Church Streets. In 1942 the Leaksville and Spray Presbyterian churches merged and in 1948 the congregation moved into their new church building on the corner of Bridge and Spring Streets.

The Primitive Baptists never built a church in Leaksville,

but were very active through the years and used other church and school buildings for their services.

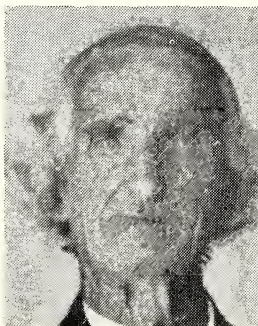
In this atmosphere of fine Christian cooperation and goodwill between the several religious denominations of the community, the Leaksville Methodist Church began its life as an organized body in the year 1837. It was a part of the Virginia Conference, the Danville District, and had as its preacher in charge the Reverend David B. Nicholdson. The church was on the Rockingham Circuit, with Moses Brock as the presiding elder. It became a part of the North Carolina Conference in 1845.

The Leaksville Methodist Church remained in the Danville District until 1851, when it was placed for one year in the Wilmington District. After that date it was in the Greensboro District until 1891, when it was placed in the Winston District. From 1911 through 1936 it was in the Mt. Airy District. From 1937 until the present date it has been in the Greensboro District.

During the first one hundred years as an organized body the Leaksville Methodist Church had 52 different preachers. During the same period it had 30 ministers as presiding elders.

About 1841 there came to Leaksville a pioneer Methodist preacher who was to exert a tremendous influence on the church and community. He was the Reverend Benton Field, born in Randolph County in 1797. He was a son of Jeremiah and Eleanor Craven Field. Jeremiah Field was a leader of the Regulators of Orange County in their exploits that led to the Battle of Alamance.

The Reverend Benton Field was assigned to the Yadkin Circuit in February, 1830, and in 1831 he was on the Caswell Circuit. In 1832, when the conference met in Norfolk, Virginia, the Reverend Mr. Field was not able to accept another appointment on account of ill health. In 1833 he resigned from the Virginia conference and became a local preacher.



Rev. Benton Field



Mrs. Lucy Lane Field

Having married, as his second wife, Martha Guerrant, a daughter of Thomas Porter Guerrant, a Rockingham County

Methodist pioneer and church builder, the Reverend Mr. Field came to Leaksville to live. After the death of his second wife, he married Lucy Hopper Lane, a widow, a sister of Richard M. Hopper, and mother of Joe H. Lane.

Although he was not the Methodist preacher in charge, he became a leader of the Methodist forces here and preached often in the Old Brick Academy. The church took on new life under his leadership. He kept a famous tavern, was a builder and operator of mills, a land surveyor, and a useful magistrate. He had five sons and a daughter.

Reverend Benton Field was a Methodist minister for 43 years and died in Leaksville in 1872. Lucy Lane Field spent her last years in the house of her son, Joe H. Lane, and died there.

In 1858 the Methodist congregation decided it needed a church building in which to hold its services. During the building program no one was assessed for funds, but men and women of the church joined together in a wonderful spirit of cooperation to secure the necessary funds and labor. The church building was completed in a year.

The church was erected on Jay Street, where a parsonage was later built and where the new church sanctuary stands at the present time. The building was a well constructed one of two full stories. It was a wooden structure, painted white, almost square in form, and had an attractive steeple. There were three windows on each side of the lower floor and others



CHURCH BUILT IN 1858-59

on the top story. To the rear of the church, on the east side, was a back door leading into the church. On the west side was another door leading to the stairway of the second floor.

In the steeple tower was a bell, made in England in 1859. The same bell was used in the second church building and is still in use in the new church.

Two wide doors at the street end of the church opened on carpet-covered aisles leading down each side of the sanctuary. A row of short pews extended along each wall, with longer pews down the middle of the sanctuary. A huge wood-burning stove stood near the wall on the east side of the room.

The pulpit and rostrum at the end of the sanctuary were of beautiful walnut wood. In front of the pulpit was a straight chancel railing, also of walnut, with round knobs on the end posts. To the right of the rostrum, as one entered the church, was the organ and the choir space.

The plastered walls extended from the wainscoting to the overhead ceiling. A two-foot border, with a simple design, extended around the walls just below the ceiling. Overhead fixtures hung from the ceiling and bore kerosene lamps. Other lamps were placed along the walls. On both the right and left of the pulpit another fixture held two lamps. Lamp stands on each side of the organ keyboard held beautiful tall lamps.

The sanctuary had no gallery, but to the left of the pulpit, enclosed by low panels, was ample space for seating the color-



Wedding Scene in the Old Church, June 1902

ed people. It seems that many of the Negro slaves of that day were members of the white churches and were permitted to worship in them.

This church building was completed in 1859. Bishop Keener preached the dedication sermon.

It is interesting to note that at all services during this period and later, the ladies were seated on one side of the stnctuary and the men on the other. The railing down the center was the dividing line. Two large plastered columns from floor to ceiling supported the second floor.

It should be remembered, too, that many of the people who attended church services in those days came on foot, some of them from rather long distances. A few people, both men and women, came on horseback and rode to the horseblock to dismount. There were a few wagons in use, but buggies were almost unknown. Some of the wealthier people came in carriages. All, of course, traveled over unimproved dirt streets and roads.

The second story of the church building was used by the local Masonic Lodge. The bell in the steeple tower was used by both groups to announce their meetings. The following excerpt is quoted from a sketch of Leaksville Lodge No. 136, A.F.&A.M., written by John F. Kemp, a Methodist and a Mason:

"In 1858 the Methodists and the Masons bought of Rev. Benton Field a lot on Jay Street and built a church. The first story was owned by the Church and the second by the Masons. They had an agreement that neither would conflict with the other's regular meetings, and the toll of the old bell, as it tapped twelve on the Saturday evening before the full moon, announced to the town that the Masons would meet that night."

Another quotation from the same paper reads: "Tradition tells us that for a number of years the Lodge held its meetings in an old school building on Henry Street, erected in the first of the last century, and demolished just after the Civil War. From what was salvaged a one-story building was put up which was used for school purposes for a number of years, and is now owned and occupied by a colored family. Tradition also tells us that a son of Patrick Henry was one of its first teachers, and his nephew, Patrick Henry, also taught in this building in the early forties, organized a company of militia and went to the Mexican War as its captain."

The deed for the lot on which the church was built bears the date 1860, and was made to trustees representing the Church and the Masonic Order. The lot was conveyed by

the Reverend Benton Field. The church trustees were Grief B. Wade, Daniel E. Field, William Monroe, Robert Moir, Richard M. Hopper, Benton J. Field, Daniel M. Osborne, Franklin Harris and Pryor Reynolds. For the Masonic Lodge the trustees were Thomas W. Field, Daniel E. Field, Robert A. Robertson, Jones W. Burton and John Strong.

From the time the first church building was completed until the turn of that century, Leaksville Methodist Church, under able leadership, was moving steadily forward. During this period a Sunday School was organized, a woman's organization was formed, the program of music was being improved, active groups for the young people were developed, and all phases of the church program were being expanded.

The church emerged into the twentieth century with a forward look that was to carry the program to new heights of accomplishment. A new church was formed in Spray in 1901 and for two years the Leaksville and Spray churches were under the same pastorate.

The official roll of quarterly conference members for the years 1901 and 1902 for the Leaksville and Spray churches, Winston District, gave the Reverend D. Atkins as the presiding elder, and the Reverend A. L. Stanford as the pastor in charge. The Reverend D. E. Field was shown as a local preacher and T. W. Field as district and recording steward.



Rev. A. L. Stanford

The record listed the following named men on the board of stewards: T. W. Field, R. P. Ray, C. F. Field, J. M. Hopper, J. W. Henson, Z. T. Hamilton, W. D. Phillips, F. M. Whitesell and W. D. Sherwood.

Trustees for the Leaksville church were D. E. Field, J. H. Lane, J. B. King, C. F. Field and Robert Ivie. The Spray church trustees were W. D. Phillips, Z. T. Hamilton, W. D. Sherwood, J. W. Henson, T. W. Field, J. H. Lane, C. F. Field, J. F. Lane and J. M. Hopper.

The Sunday School superintendents for the two churches were Z. T. Hamilton, Spray, and D. E. Field, Leaksville.

The minutes of the first quarterly conference held on December 18, 1901, showed one Epworth League with 35 members and two Sunday Schools with 235 members. The salary of the preacher in charge was \$500.00. Other financial items listed were \$55.00 for the presiding elder; for bishops, \$9.00; for conference claimants, \$28.00; for foreign missions, \$63.00;



THE PARSONAGE

Built in 1902 — Torn down in 1954



THE SECOND CHURCH BUILDING

The building on the corner, between and including the two towers, completed in 1903. The educational building, to the left, added in 1937.

for domestic missions, \$34.00; for church extension, \$16.00; for education, \$25.00, and for printing minutes, \$2.00.

The officers of the Epworth League were C. F. Field, president; Mrs. T. W. Field, first vice-president; Miss Pansy Hampton, second vice-president; J. H. Lane, third vice-president; W. W. Hampton, secretary; and S. M. Harris, treasurer.

From a directory published by the church for the year 1902 it is noted that a Juvenile Society was active. Officers were J. Frank King, president; Nannie Harris, vice-president; Joe B. Field, secretary; and Willie Carter, treasurer.

Joe Benton Field, son of Charles Fletcher Field and grandson of the Reverend Benton Field, who was secretary of the Juvenile Society, now lives at Roanoke, Virginia. In a letter dated January 15, 1957, he said, "My church life began in the old frame, two-story, white building which stood on the lot next to and, I believe, south of the present location (second church built on the corner of Henry and Jay Street), and I have some vivid memories of the old church."

Officers of the Epworth League in 1902 were C. F. Field, president; Mrs. C. F. Field, first vice-president; Miss Pansy Hampton, second vice-president; J. H. Lane, third vice-president; W. W. Hampton, secretary, and S. M. Harris, treasurer. It was stated that the Epworth League held a devotional meeting every Sunday at 3 P.M., and a literary meeting on Friday before the fourth Sunday at 7:30 P.M.

At the 1902 annual conference the Reverend A. L. Stanford was assigned as pastor to the Leaksville Methodist Church. During that year the old church building, completed in 1859, was torn down and work was started on a new church building, adjacent to the old site, on a lot at the corner of Henry and Jay Streets. A two-story parsonage was built on the Jay Street site of the original church building, midway between Henry and Patrick Streets. Charlie F. Field was the contractor for the church building; J. M. Hopper for the parsonage.

In building the new parsonage much of the material from the razed church building was used.

The minutes of the first quarterly conference held on December 13, 1902, showed that Allan D. Ivie (Sr.) was elected secretary and T. W. Field, recording steward.

The pastor's report listed eight members received into church membership. They were John Early Field, Florence G. Field, Bethel Field, Daniel B. Field, Mrs. Adelis Reid, J. R. Wilson, Alice McCollum and Algie McCollum.

The minutes of the second quarterly conference held on March 2, 1903, carried a report from the pastor that 82 members had been received into the church. Their names were listed in the minutes.

The minutes of the fourth quarterly conference, dated August 31, 1903, included this statement: "Trustees of Leaksville church were authorized to sell seats in the old church and apply proceeds on new church." This is the only reference in the quarterly conference minutes from December 8, 1901, to September 14, 1904, relating in any way to the building of the second church.

The new church building was completed in 1903. During that year Leaksville Methodist Church was made a station. In 1904 the church building was dedicated by Bishop Alpheus Wilson, of Baltimore.

This building served its purpose well until 1937. During that year a three story educational building, started the year before, was completed. It was connected to the church building on the Henry Street side.

The Sunday School building annex was designed by James W. Hopper, architect and member of the church. Under the pastorate of Dr. W. O. Goode, the contract was let on September 22, 1936, to the J. M. Hopper Construction Company.

Another improvement included in this same project was the enlargement of the main church sanctuary, and the remodeling of the men's classroom at the rear of the auditorium. This room was later used as a small chapel. A new heating system was installed at that time to adequately take care of both the church and the new Sunday School building.

The close of the first one hundred years as an organized church was fittingly observed with a special service held at the church on Sunday, October 17, 1937.

At this centennial service Judge Henry P. Lane, staunch layman of the church, distinguished Superior Court judge, eloquent orator, and writer of historical articles, delivered the main address.

Judge Lane gave an enlightening history of Methodism in the community and also emphasized the splendid part that other Christian denominations had played in the religious development of this section. He paid high tribute to the early settlers of this area and to the God-fearing preachers and laymen who, through times of stress and disappointment, loyally devoted their lives to the cause of the Christian church.

In his talk Judge Lane divided the history of the Leaksville Methodist Church for the century just ending into four

periods: 1837-1858, The Brush Arbor and Academy Period; 1858-1902, The First Church Period; 1902-1937, The New Church Period; 1937—The Enlarged New Church Period.

He called attention to many members of the church who had made outstanding contributions to the community and to Methodism. He recalled that James M. Hopper had been a Sunday School member for 71 years, a member of the church for 64 years, and a Sunday School teacher for 60 years. He had been a steward for 58 years. He also stated that J. M. Hopper's father, Richard, had been an original trustee, helping to erect the first church building, and that he, as contractor, erected the second church building; that his son, James W. Hopper, was the architect for the new addition, and that his grandson, James Hopper, III, laid out the foundation for the new structure.

He called the name of Pryor Millner as the oldest church member in point of years, and that just the day before the oldest member of the church, Mrs. Virginia Saunders, mother of Mrs. John Barksdale, had been laid to rest. He said that John F. Kemp had attended Sunday School longer than anyone else. He also remembered "Aunt" Betsy Kelly as one of the great "shouters" of the church. "She was a plain saint and mother of Israel," he declared.

He paused near the close of his address and said, "Here before me in this audience sits my dear old friend, James (Hamilton) Thomas, ninety-two years of age, a valiant soldier of the Southern Confederacy and a staunch soldier of the Cross. No truer Methodist ever lived among us. His father (James Thomas) often attended church here." James Hamilton Thomas, grandfather of James Oscar Thomas, was a member of the Bethlehem Methodist Church, and died in 1940, having been the last surviving Confederate veteran in Rockingham County.



Mrs. Virginia Saunders

The centennial speaker read the names of the former pastors and many of the other leaders of the church. He paid tribute to the Reverend Benton Field, Daniel E. Field and other members of that distinguished family who contributed so greatly to the early growth and development of the church and community.

During the first century of the Leaksville Methodist Church a great deal of progress was made. Some of the outstanding preachers of that period served the church and led it to great heights of spiritual accomplishment. The church

achieved a prominent place in the community and exerted a tremendous influence for good in the lives of many people.

From 1837 to 1937 two churches were built, a Sunday School building was added, and many of the major activities of the church were developed and expanded. A Sunday School was organized, the Woman's Missionary Society formed, a program of church music was brought into being, and certain phases of youth activities were begun.



REV. and MRS. DANIEL E. FIELD and GRANDDAUGHTER

They made great contributions to the church
over a period of many years.

A Sunday School, the first in the history of the local church, was organized in 1866. The Reverend Daniel Early Field was the first superintendent and served in that capacity until 1911, a period of 45 years.

Frank M. Flinn, successful business man and civic leader, succeeded to the superintendency and served until 1941, giving 30 years of unbroken service to this assignment.

Mrs. John E. Williams had an outstanding record as a Sunday School teacher and in the women's work of the church. She taught a class of young people for over 50 years.



SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS TAUGHT BY MRS. JOHN ED WILLIAMS

Bottom row, (left to right), Miss Maybud Martin (Mrs. W. W. Martin) and Miss Nanine Harris (Mrs. James Boyd);

Second row, (left to right), Miss Lula Moss Martin (Mrs. G. C. Gammon), Mrs. John Ed. Williams, teacher, and Miss Lottie Saunders (Mrs. James W. Hopper);

Third row, (left to right), Miss Esther Norman (the late Mrs. Mat Hampton) Miss Katie Millner (Mrs. J. Frank King) and Miss Ruth Saunders (the late Mrs. Ramey Turner);

Top row, (left to right), Miss Myra Field (Mrs. Frank Johnson)

During that period the Sunday School of the church grew in numbers and in interest. From time to time a new class was added and by the year 1937 a new educational building had to be added to take care of the growing activity.

In the meantime, the women of the church had begun to take on new activities.

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Leaksville Methodist Church was organized in 1887 in the home of Mrs. Joe H. (Sallie Hill Guerrant) Lane, on Henry Street. This old home was located just across Henry Street from the church on the site now occupied by the Tri-City General Hospital. Mrs. Lane was a grandmother of Mrs. J. Hampton Price.

Mrs. Lucy Cunningham, from Greensboro, organized the missionary society. Mrs. D. E. (Pattie Lane) Field, was made the first president and held the office until 1908—a period of twenty-one years. The charter members, besides the president, were Mrs. B. J. (Betty Lane) Field, Mrs. J. B. (Mary Henrietta Critz) King and Mrs. John Early (Florence) Field.

In 1908 Mrs. T. W. (Maggie Livingston) Field was made president and served in a most faithful way until 1918, at which time Mrs. R. P. (Berta King) Ray took the office and served until 1923. She was succeeded by Mrs. George (Mattie Hall) Clark, who held the office for one year.

Other women serving as president during this period were as follows: 1924, Mrs. E. E. (Floy) Richardson; 1925-1926, Mrs. Lucile Reid; 1927-1928-1929, Mrs. J. G. Farrell; 1930-1931-1932, Mrs. John Ed. Williams; 1933, Mrs. C. H. Boyd; 1934-1935, Mrs. G. C. (Lula Moss Martin) Gammon; 1936-1937-1938, Mrs. John Ed. Williams.

In 1936 Mrs. R. P. Ray, in commenting on the past history of the Woman's Missionary Society, said, "It has been the right arm of the Leaksville M. E. Church. Great improvement has been wrought in every way. The work is more intelligently done, more members are active, and the real young women of today are more capable, if not as pious, as were our grandparents."

Mrs. Ray has called attention to the fact that the granddaughters of two of the charter members have been active during recent years in the Leaksville Methodist Church. Mrs. J. Hampton Price, whose grandmother was Mrs. J. H. Lane, and Mrs. C. P. Wilson, whose grandmother was Mrs. J. B. King.



Mrs. R. P. Ray

She has been a living example of fine Christian service.

"Mrs. F. M. Flinn", said Mrs. Ray, in reviewing that early period, "deserves notable mention in that she has been our most capable treasurer for the past 24 years. Many pieces of the Lord's money have passed through her hands and out into the world as a testimonial of our hope to help carry the Word to all people."

"The great and good deeds done by this group of women is beyond our human conception. God will judge and repay, and in his tender compassion, I am sure, he will reward abundantly."

In 1931 the name of the organization was changed to the Pattie Field Missionary Society. This was a tribute to her lifelong service to the church and community.

In 1925, while Rev. E. O. Cole was pastor, the four circles of the Society were organized.

Soon after the year 1870 a reed organ was installed. Some of the older members of the church were violently opposed to bringing any kind of musical instrument into the church, and for a time they refused to attend services. However, their prejudices soon gave way to a spirit of appreciation.

Leaksville was a town of talent and culture and much of the musical talent of the church was gathered into a splendid organization. The members of the Field family were naturally musical and had fine voices. They contributed much to the early music of the church.

When the first organ was placed in the church, Mrs. D. E. (Pattie Lane) Field became the first organist. She had been educated at the Edgeworth Seminary, Greensboro. She, and later Miss Cora Stephens, gave their services as organists until 1893.

Mrs. T. W. (Maggie Livingston) Field was organist from 1893 until 1919. She was assisted by Misses Eleanor Price and Katie Millner and Mrs. R. P. Ray. From 1919 until 1928 Mrs. R. P. (Berta King) Ray took over this duty. She had as her assistants Misses Madeline Ould, Johnsie Fagge and Bessie Clark.

Mrs. R. P. Ray remembers that in 1894 she was the first paid organist in Leaksville, playing one Sunday a month for the Episcopal Church, morning and evening, for one dollar.



MRS. F. M. FLINN

Has given many years of fine service to the church. Founder of Girl Scout Troop.

From 1928 to the present time Mrs. S. P. (Bessie Clark) Ray has been the church organist. During the summer of 1928 she studied organ music at Salem college. Wanna Mary Huggins also took lessons and became assistant organist.

In 1928 a two-manual pipe organ was installed. This Moller organ, built in 1908, was purchased from Hazelburst, Mississippi, for the sum of \$1500.00. Those who paid a substantial part of the total cost were E. B. King, B. F. Mebane, C. P. Wall, J. F. King, Mrs. Nannie King Ould and Mrs. R. P. Ray.

During that period a great deal of attention was given to the vocal music of the church. Through the years there had been a well organized choir and many members had given of their talents as soloists and in other ways. Congregational singing always played a major part in all worship services.

For many years the young people of the church have taken an active part in church services, in the Sunday School and in musical activities. They have also had organizations of their own through which to participate in the church program.



MRS. S. PHILIP RAY
 Many years of
 splendid service
 as organist



Sunday School Class taught by Rev. F. L. Townsend, about 1912

Front row, left to right: Elizabeth Martin, Ruth Townsend, Ruth Moore, Louise Wall, Della Wall, Ruth Farrell, Mack Martin.

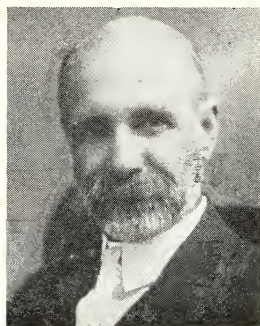
Back Row, left to right: Lucy Kemp, Mary Sue Farrell, Frances Hampton, Sara Katherine Hampton, Rev. F. L. Townsend, Mary Townsend, William K. Nerman, Blanche Norman.

Leaksville Methodist Church pioneered in this community in sponsoring two very important youth movements. On November 28, 1914, Mrs. F. M. (Mary Deshazo) Flinn organized the first Girl Scout troop in this area. This was only about two and one-half years after Juliette Low organized the first Girl Scout troop in America.

The charter members of the troop included members of Mrs. Flinn's Sunday School class at the Leaksville Methodist church and other young girls of the community.

Mrs. Flinn remembers that the following young ladies, among others, were members: Bessie Clark, Evelyn Ivie, Ruth Robertson, Margaret Marshall, Sallie Hester Lane, Katherine Austin, Louise Wall, Ruth Moore, Mary Sue Farrell, Ruth Farrell, Eva Hopper, Elizabeth Martin, Lucile Reid, Henriette Reid, Katherine Ward, Hazel Richardson, Jennie Eggleston, Florence Flannagan, Mildred Osborne, Alma Perry, Maria Bunou, Maria Wells, and Pearl Moore.

In 1917 the Reverend G. C. Brinkman formed the first Boy Scout troop in the community. It was troop No. 8 and this organization made a great name for itself during World War I when it won national recognition for its outstanding work in a Liberty Loan Campaign.



Rev. G. C. Brinkman
Founder of Boy
Scout Troop No. 8

PART III—A NEW CENTURY DAWNS

With the completion of better physical facilities in 1937, under the pastorate of Dr. W. O. Goode, and the observance of the one hundredth anniversary of the church as an organized body, Leaksville Methodist Church faced its second century with faith in God and a deep sense of responsibility for the future.

Under the consecrated leadership of the Reverend A. C. Swofford, pastor from 1938 through 1941, the church launched into a period of great growth and development in all phases of its program.

The Reverend J. Elwood Carroll, a Rockingham County native, was pastor for five years. Under his ministry, during and immediately after World II, wonderful progress was made. It was during these years that a movement was started to raise money for the building of a new church.



***W. O. GOODE**
1935-1937



A. C. SWOFFORD
1938-1941



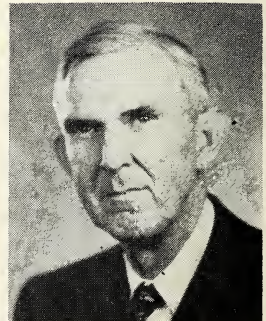
J. E. CARROLL
1942-1946



A. C. GIBBS
1947-1948



W. L. LANIER
1949-1950



***E. P. BILLUPS**
1951-1956

***Deceased**

During 1947 and 1948 the Reverend A. C. Gibbs, a former presiding elder of the Mt. Airy District, was pastor of the church. The Reverend Walter Lee Lanier followed him and served during 1949 and 1950. The church was moving forward during these years under the leadership of two consecrated ministers.

In October, 1950, Dr. Edgar Parke Billups came to the Leaksville Methodist Church as its pastor. The Reverend H. F. Duncan was district superintendent, having succeeded Dr. W. A. Lambeth. Dr. Billups proceeded quietly but effectively to build up all phases of the church program. There was a steady growth of attendance and membership under his fine Christian leadership.

Under the pastorates of the Reverends Swofford, Carroll, Gibbs and Lanier, a building fund had been growing slowly, but, as time passed, the desire for a new church was becoming a burning passion with many members of the church.

In 1953, under the pastorate of Dr. Billups, the building fund had reached a total of approximately \$25,000.00. On July 14, 1953, the quarterly conference passed a resolution authorizing a committee to raise funds and proceed with the building program. An intensive fund raising campaign was launched.

The original building committee, appointed during the pastorate of the Reverend J. Elwood Carroll, was composed of G. C. Gammon, chairman; J. Hampton Price, C. C. Campbell, J. Frank King, Phil Wall, Ben H. Holmes, R. Moody Davis and C. W. Roberts.

After the July 14, 1953, meeting the following members were added: Miss Orene Fagge, Mrs. E. O. Chandler, H. N. Anderson, D. M. Bouldin, Hugh T. Bundy, J. O. Thomas, Zell D. Ford and James W. Hopper. J. Hampton Price was made chairman of the new committee. A number of subcommittees were appointed to handle various phases of the building program.

At a meeting of the Building Committee held on July 15, 1954, with J. O. Thomas acting as chairman in the absence of Chairman J. Hampton Price, the following resolution presented by C. W. Roberts and seconded by D. M. Bouldin, was passed:

“WHEREAS, on Tuesday, June 22, 1954, the Building Committee of the Leaksville Methodist Church, in a meeting duly called, met and carefully studied the bids from the contractors on the building of a church sanctuary and educational building, together with alternate bids on each unit

separately, and said committee by a vote of twelve to two decided to recommend to a church conference that the church proceed with a church sanctuary only at an approximate cost of \$140,000.00 instead of building both units, the complete building, at an approximate cost of \$190,000.00; and

“WHEREAS, on Sunday, June 27, 1954, a church conference, duly called, voted to build both units, the church sanctuary and the educational building;

“BE IT RESOLVED, by the Building Committee, in a duly called session on Thursday, July 15, 1954, that the Committee accepts the mandate from the church conference and hereby agrees to proceed with the letting of contracts and the building of both the church sanctuary and the educational building; and

“BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the members of the Building Committee, individually and collectively, hereby solemnly and prayerfully pledge and dedicate themselves, with the help of God, to wholeheartedly and enthusiastically give of their best efforts and their most liberal tithes and offerings to the end that the Leaksville Methodist Church may erect a building to be used to the glory of God and the upbuilding of a Christian community. The Committee wishes to express its sincere appreciation to the church membership for its patience and help in the past and urges everyone to join with the members of the Committee as we go forward in unity and faith to the completion of this important project in the Kingdom of God.”

The final plans, prepared by H. N. Haines, Duke University architect, specified a sanctuary and educational building of colonial design, with the exterior entrance and tower showing a modernistic trend. The exterior walls were to be of oversize colonial brick, the roof to be slate over steel and concrete. The front of the sanctuary was to be of Indiana limestone. The spire of the tower would be 110 feet to the top of the cross.

During the early part of 1954 the parsonage building had been razed to make room for the new sanctuary. On July 20, 1954, the general contract for the building was let to John Smith & Son. The contract price for the building was approximately \$183,000.00, plus the architect's fee and other expenses. Phillip Wall was made chairman of a special committee to supervise actual construction.



**Church Service Prior to Ground Breaking
Sunday, August 22, 1954**

Left to right: Rev. Roland Moncure, Rev. Herman F. Duncan, Rev. G. N. Dulin, Rev. Harry D. Wood, Dr. E. P. Billups.

Choir, left to right: Mrs. Lawrence Wilson, Director, Mrs. S. P. Ray, Organist, Mrs. Raymond Endicott, Mrs. A. D. Ivie, Jr., Mrs. Beulah Haizlip, Mrs. Julia Anne Warren, Mrs. Joan R. Powell, Miss Becky Freeman, Mrs. Charles Martin, Wayne P. Thomas, Miss Jean Shinn, Raymond Rhodes, A. J. Matthews, W. T. Amos, R. Moody Davis, Bobby Edwards, J. Frank King.



**Ground Breaking Ceremony
Sunday, August 22, 1954**

Breaking ground: J. Hampton Price, chairman, Building Committee, Standing, to his left, Dr. E. P. Billups.

At left, three men in front: J. Frank King, Rev. Herman F. Duncan, G. C. Gammon.

Ground breaking exercises were held on Sunday afternoon, August 22, 1954. The Reverend Herman F. Duncan, District Superintendent, made the address. Other ministers, besides Dr. Billups, taking part in the exercises were Rev. Roland Moncure, pastor of the Leaksville Episcopal Church of Epiphany; the Reverend G. N. Dulin, pastor of the Spray Methodist Church; and the Reverend Harry D. Wood, pastor of the Leaksville Baptist Church.



**Cornerstone Laid by Bishop Costen J. Harrell
Sunday, December 5, 1954**

On December 5, 1954, the cornerstone of the new church was laid by Bishop Costen J. Harrell. Governor Luther H. Hodges was present. During the latter part of 1955 the new building was completed. The first service was held in the sanctuary on Sunday, November 20, 1955, with Dr. E. P. Billups in the pulpit.

The formal opening of the church was held on Sunday, November 27, 1955, with Bishop Costen J. Harrell conducting the service. Assisting in the service were Dr. Billups, Dr. Eugene C. Few, District Superintendent, Reverend A. C. Swoford, and Dr. W. O. Goode.

The new church building is an attractive edifice. The interior walls of the sanctuary are of plaster and painted chapel gray in conformity with the traditional colonial design. The

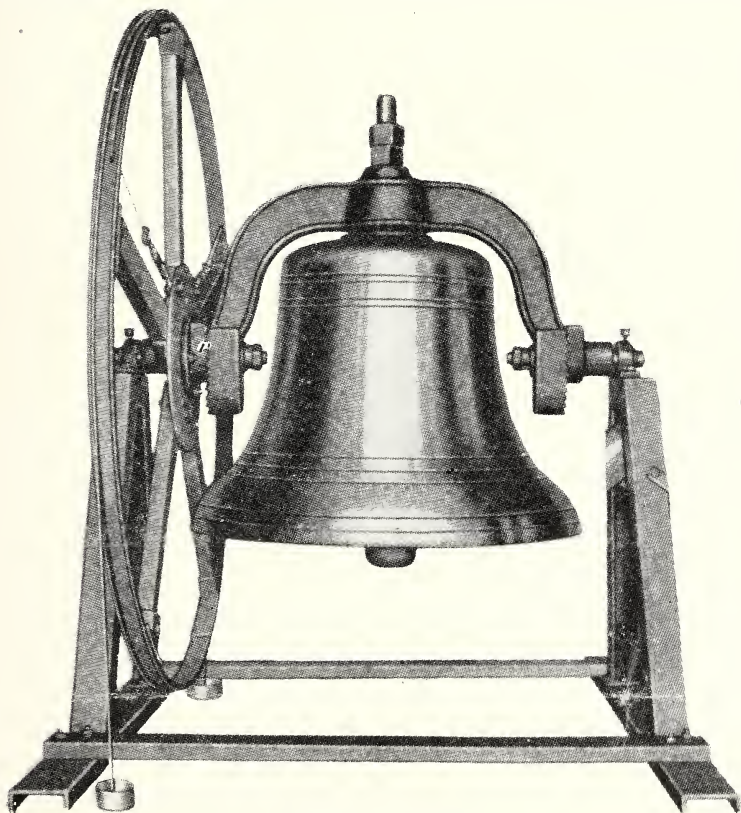
chancel furnishings are white, trimmed in walnut. The wainscoting is paneled and white. The chandeliers are decorative, hanging from ceiling medallions. The carpeting is opal to harmonize with the natural finish of the center of the ceiling.

The windows of the sanctuary are seedy marine cathedral glass in variegated pastel shades.

The chancel window, donated by Mrs. J. Hampton Price in memory of Sallie Guerrant Lane and Della Wall Lane, is of stained glass, made by the Franz Mayar Company of Bavaria. It symbolizes the twenty-third Psalm.

The chapel, located under the tower at the entrance to the educational building, is a replica of the main sanctuary.

Other rooms in the educational building, besides the regular classrooms, are a choir room, a pastor's study, and a ladies' lounge, called the Mary Billups Room in memory of Mrs. Edgar Parke Billups, who passed away on March 8, 1955.



THE OLD BELL
Made in England in 1859
Still Calling the Faithful to Service

The bell, mounted in the tower of the new church building, is the same one used first in the original church, completed in 1859, and later in the second church, completed in 1903. Formerly it was manually rung. In its present position in the new church it is operated by electricity, this change having been made by John T. MacIsaac and several other friends of the church.

This old bell has a tone of beautiful quality. It is thought by some people that this bell was originally donated to the church by one of the Cone brothers, of Greensboro.

Since the beginning of this new century of progress, the Sunday school had been steadily moving ahead. Frank M. Flinn, superintendent of the church school since 1911, resigned in 1941. He was succeeded by C. P. Wilson, who served several years. R. Moody Davis served for a number of years



Frank M. Flinn
Thirty Years of
Continuous Service
as Sunday School
Superintendent. A
Great Civic and
Church Leader

until Lawrence Wilson assumed the superintendency several years ago. J. B. Reynolds has been assistant superintendent and James E. Bondurant has served as secretary-treasurer.

Early in the year 1957 the Sunday School was showing the greatest growth since it was organized in 1866—ninety-one years ago. Many new classes had been formed, the Sunday School was well departmentalized, the teaching staff was at a new high peak of consecration and efficiency, and the attendance was increasing rapidly.

From a small beginning as a Missionary Society in 1887, the women of the church have expanded their work through the years until today it is one of the most dynamic and effective activities of the church.

In 1940 the Woman's Missionary Society was changed throughout the Methodist Church to the Woman's Society of Christian Service. During the year 1955-56 the officers were

Mrs. E. B. Clute, president (succeeded Mrs. C. P. Wilson, resigned); Mrs. W. W. Hopper, secretary; and Mrs. E. B. King, treasurer. Mrs. Karl Bishopric was elected president for the year 1956-57. There are four circles of the general society.



The following women, who have been active in the Society during different periods, have been awarded Life Member Pins: Mrs. J. H. Lane, Mrs. R. P.

Mrs. Karl Bishopric
Worthy successor to a consecrated Christian mother, the late Mrs. J. G. Farrell. Active in many fields of work.

Mrs. J. G. Farrell
Long and Faithful Service in the Women's Work of the Church—
Missionary and Ladies Aid Societies

Ray, Mrs. J. E. Williams, Mrs. F. M. Flinn, Mrs. T. H. Fulcher, Mrs. J. G. Farrell, Mrs. A. C. Gibbs, Mrs. Elwood Carroll, Mrs. Karl Bishopric, Mrs. G. F. Roberts, Mrs. W. W. Hampton, Mrs. J. A. Campbell, Mrs. G. C. Gammon and Mrs. G. H. Clark.

Several years ago a need was seen for a special organization to serve the business and professional women of the church. The Wesleyan Service Guild was organized and has continued as a most active group. Mrs. W. B. Weaver was the president during 1955-56. Mrs. Broadus Vernon was elected president for the year 1956-57.

The men of the church, in addition to their participation in the general phases of church work, in 1952 saw the need for a more specialized activity and reorganized a group that had been started several years ago, but discontinued. The men formed a group, with a national affiliation, known as the Methodist Men. This club meets monthly for a dinner meeting and a talk or discussion. From 50 to 60 men attend these meetings. This group also sponsors an annual summer picnic for the church. In 1955-56 Archie Futrell, the president, resigned and C. C. Campbell acted as the president of this organization. Nathan Anderson was elected president for 1956-1957.

The Leaksville Methodist Church has always believed in music as an important part of each worship service and of the whole church program. Since 1937 this phase of church activity has been emphasized and constantly improved by

a faithful group of people who have contributed of their time and talents to the church.

Mrs. S. P. Ray has continued since 1928 as the organist. Mrs. R. A. Butler has made a valuable contribution as violinist. Mrs. Lawrence Wilson has served most efficiently as the director of music.

In the choir have been the following women: Mrs. R. M. Davis, Mrs. R. O. Endicott, Mrs. P. T. Haizlip, Mrs. A. D. Ivie, Mrs. Charles Martin, Mrs. Harry Martin, Mrs. Morris Turner, Miss Virginia Gunn, Miss Blanche Norman, Miss Jean Ford, Mrs. Blair Burke, Mrs. Johnsie Boring, Mrs. R. A. Butler, Mrs. L. W. Fowler, and Miss Rebecca Freeman.

These men have been active in the choir: W. T. Amos, R. A. Butler, Raymond Rhodes, Lawrence Wilson, Wayne Thomas, Forrest Ray, R. M. Davis, Bobby Edwards, S. L. Gunn, J. Frank King, A. J. Matthews, E. C. Tiller and H. E. Williams.

As the years have passed the young people of the church have continued to be active in all the youth phases of Christian work. The original societies for young people have merged in recent years into the Methodist Youth Fellowship, a part of the great church-wide organization.

In the local church, weekly meetings are held, usually on Sunday evenings. The meetings start with a devotional period and end with a social hour. From time to time the group takes on a special project to help the church.

For several years Mr. and Mrs. J. Berkley Reynolds have served as adult advisors to this fine group. Their daughter, Lucy Jane, was president in 1955-56. Titus Allen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Barna Allen, was chosen to serve as president during 1956-57.

It has been said many times by the pastor and other leaders in the church that no finer group of young people can be found anywhere than those who are affiliated with the activities of the Leaksville Methodist Church.

Another phase of youth work is the Boy and Girl Scout activity. Boy Scout Troop No. 8, formed in 1917, is still a most active group as it has been all through the years. From its ranks have come a large number of Eagle Scouts. Many other boys have been touched by its program. This troop is under the joint sponsorship of the church and the local Lions Club.

The younger boys of the church and community belong to Cub Pack No. 8. This is a very active group. Sunday, February 10, 1957, was fittingly observed as Boy Scout Sun-

day. Boy Scouts and Explorer Scouts of Troop No. 8, and Cub Scouts of Pack No. 8, together with their leaders, sat in a reserved section of the sanctuary during the morning worship service. The pastor paid tribute to the Scout movement and to the leaders who give unselfishly of their time and interest.

The leaders, as listed in the church bulletin, are as follows: Cub Scouts: Den 1, Mrs. R. E. Wall, Jr. and Mrs. J. W. Jester, Den Mothers; Den 3, Mrs. Lawrence Wilson, Mrs. Jesse Porter, Mrs. Henry Mitchell, Den Mothers; Den 4, Mrs. Hugh Bundy, Mrs. Derrëck Archer, Den Mothers; Lawrence Wilson is Cub Master of Pack 8. Boy Scouts: Henry L. Mitchell, Scoutmaster, Lindley Butler, Assistant. Explorers: David Aiken, Leader.

There is also an active Girl Scout troop.

In 1952 a loyal member of the church was elected to the office of Lieutenant-Governor of North Carolina. In 1953 he assumed that office. A short time later, on November 9, 1954, following the death of Governor William B. Umstead, Luther H. Hodges became the Governor of North Carolina. In 1956 he was reelected for a term of four additional years, the term beginning in February, 1957. Since becoming Governor he has continued to attend many services of the church. He has been made an honorary member of the board of stewards.

One of the outstanding accomplishments of the beginning period of the second century of the church was the erection of a new church and educational building, completed and occupied in 1955. The total cost of the building and equipment, at the beginning of the 1956-57 conference year, was approximately \$230,000.00, with an outstanding indebtedness of about \$40,000.00.

In October, 1956, Rev. A. Mitchell Faulkner was assigned as pastor to the Leaksville Methodist Church, succeeding Dr. E. P. Billups, who had just been retired by the annual conference. He preached his first sermon in the Leaksville Church on Sunday morning, October 7. That afternoon he assisted Dr. E. C. Few, District Superintendent, in conducting the funeral of Dr. Billups, who passed away on October 6. The former pastor had been in declining health for over a year.

As the Reverend A. M. Faulkner took over the leadership of the congregation, plans were already under way for selecting and purchasing a pipe organ for the new sanctuary. As of the end of the calendar year 1956 over \$6,000.00 in cash had been raised for this purpose and plans were being



The New Sanctuary and Educational Building Completed in 1955

made to place an order for a new organ. W. T. Amos was chairman of the special organ committee. The new instrument, when installed, will be known as the Edgar Parke Billups Memorial Organ.

On March 11, 1957, an order was placed for a Moller organ. The total contract price of the organ was \$24,350.00, plus about \$1,000.00 for some necessary changes to the location. The instrument is being built at the Moller plant in Hagerstown, Maryland, and will be installed in the church some time during 1958.

The conference year of 1956-57 covered an eight-month period, ending with May, 1957. This change was made by the annual conference and future church years will begin June first and cover twelve-month periods.

The calendar year 1957 opened with the church membership making financial pledges, covering a two-year period, to complete the payment on a new organ, to cover the cost of an additional wing to the educational building, and to liquidate the indebtedness against the building already completed and occupied. Splendid progress was being made on this project.

The new year found a great spiritual awakening in the church. As church members and friends had labored together to build a new house of worship they had generated a spirit of brotherly love and cooperation that made them more sensitive to the greater obligations and responsibilities of the church of Christ. The feeling seemed to be prevalent through the church that the greatest task of all was still ahead—that of building the kingdom of God in the community.

The Leaksville Methodist Church was moving forward. The congregations were larger, the prayer services were well attended, the Sunday School was growing steadily, and all other phases of the church program were making progress.

The people were happy that they had a beautiful new church, but their greatest happiness was in the knowledge of a glorious future for their church. They knew that the second century could bring even greater progress and accomplishment than the first.

Church Officers



H. T. Bundy
Vice-Chairman,
Official Board
1955-56



Jones W. Norman
Chairman, Official
Board
1955-56—1956-57



R. A. Butler
Vice-Chairman,
Official Board
1956-57



Mrs. Lucy Kemp Sapp
Treasurer



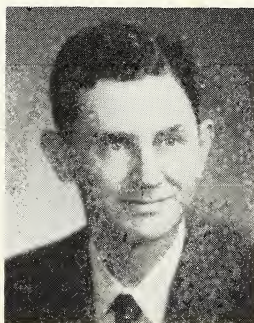
J. Frank King
Chairman, Board of
Trustees



Ben H. Holmes
Chairman, Commission
on Finance



Mrs. Lawrence Wilson
Choir Leader

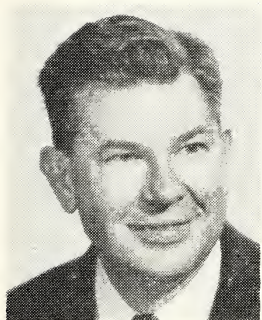


W. T. Amos
Chairman, Organ
Fund Committee



Mrs. S. P. Ray
Organist

Church Officers



E. B. Clute
Chairman, Church
Building Fund



Miss Blanche Norman
Director, Greensboro
District Children's
Work since 1950



J. S. Robertson
Head Usher and
Member Board
of Trustees



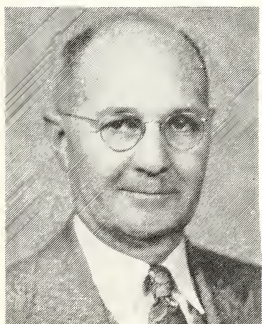
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Society of Christian
Service, 1955-56



Miss Lucy J. Reynolds
President, Youth
Fellowship, 1955-56



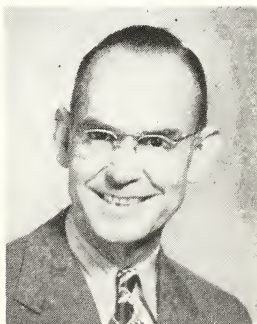
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President, Wesleyan
Service Guild, 1955-56



C. C. Campbell
President, Methodist
Men, 1955-56

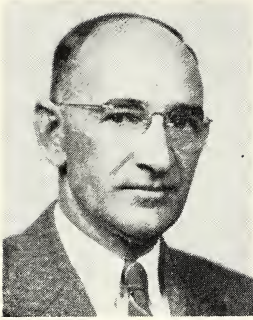


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Chairman, Commission
on Education, 1955-56

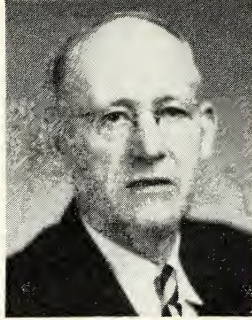


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President, Methodist
Men, 1956-57

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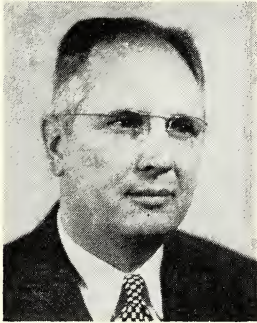
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Superintendent
1941-1945



R. Moody Davis
Church School
Superintendent
1946-1950



Lawrence Wilson
Church School
Superintendent
1951 to Present



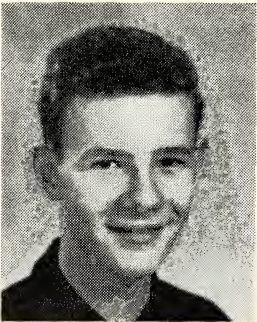
J. B. Reynolds
Assistant Supt.
Church School



J. E. Bondurant
Church School
Secretary-Treasurer



J. K. Thomas
Chairman, Commission
on Education, 1956-57



Titus Allen
President, Methodist
Youth Fellowship,
1956-57



Mrs. Broadus Vernon
President, Wesleyan
Service Guild, 1956-57



Mrs. Karl Bishopric
President, Woman's
Society of Christian
Service, 1956-57

LEAKSVILLE METHODIST CHURCH

Official Directory

1955-56

Area Bishop
Costen J. Harrell, D.D.
Charlotte, N. C.

District Superintendent
Eugene C. Few, D.D.
Greensboro, N. C.

Pastor

Edgar Parke Billups, D.D.

Director of Music	Mrs. Lawrence Wilson
Organist	Mrs. S. Philip Ray
Church Treasurer	Mrs. Lucy K. Sapp
Building Fund Treasurer	E. L. Clute
Organ Fun Treasurer	William T. Amos

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Zell D. Ford	Raymond Rhodes	J. O. Thomas

Honorary Steward

Governor Luther H. Hodges

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Church School Officers and Teachers

General Superintendent	Lawrence Wilson
Assistant Superintendent	J. B. Reynolds
Superintendent of Membership and Cultivation	R. Moody Davis
Secretary-Treasurer	James E. Bondurant
Superintendent of Children's Division.....	Mrs. Lawrence Wilson
Superintendent of Youth Division	Mrs. G. A. Ferguson
Superintendent of Adult Division	Mrs. G. W. Armfield

Teachers

Mrs. H. N. Anderson	Mrs. E. B. King
Allan Bobbitt	Mrs. Harry Martin
Mrs. H. T. Bundy	Miss Blanche Norman
Mrs. C. C. Campbell	Mrs. Walter Weaver
C. E. Cashatt	Mrs. Maurice Osborne
R. O. Endicott	J. Hampton Price
Mrs. G. A. Ferguson	Mrs. J. B. Reynolds
Mrs. Dallas Gwynn	Mrs. J. W. Romine
Mrs. Howard Howe	J. Kenneth Thomas
Mrs. Joe Haynes	Mrs. J. Kenneth Thomas
Mrs. Perry Harris	Mrs. Broadus Vernon

Woman's Society of Christian Service

President	Mrs. C. P. Wilson*
Vice-President	Mrs. E. L. Clute
Secretary	Mrs. W. W. Hopper
Treasurer	Mrs. E. B. King

*Mrs. Wilson moved to Fieldale, Virginia. Resigned.
Mrs. Clute became President.

Wesleyan Service Guild

President	Mrs. W. B. Weaver
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Methodist Men

Acting President	C. C. Campbell
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Youth Fellowship

President	Lucy Jane Reynolds
Adult Advisors	Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Reynolds

Intermediate Fellowship

President	Buddy Higgs
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Chairman, Commission on Missions	Mrs. Karl Bishopric
Chairman, Commission on Membership and Evangelism	H. N. Anderson

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Greensboro, N. C.

Pastor

Reverend A. Mitchell Faulkner

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Joe Ray	Frank Ford	W. T. Amos
T. P. Shinn	M. E. Swindell	J. Kenneth Thomas
Robert Wall	Mrs. E. O. Chandler	W. D. Goldston, Jr.
J. O. Thomas	Lester O. Fulcher	S. L. Gunn

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Secretary-Treasurer	James E. Bondurant
Superintendent of Kindergarten and Nursery	Mrs. J. F. Kemp
Superintendent of Primary Department	Miss Blanche Norman
Superintendent of Junior Department.....	Mrs. A. M. Faulkner
Superintendent of Children's Division.....	Mrs. Lawrence Wilson
Superintendent of Adult Division	Mrs. G. W. Armfield
Secretary of the Children's Division	Mrs. J. E. Bondurant
Adult Home Visitor	Mrs. G. C. Gammon
Nursery Home Visitors	Mrs. R. J. Martin Mrs. Blair Burke

Teachers

Mrs. R. A. Harden	Mrs. J. B. Reynolds
Mrs. E. S. Barksdale	Mrs. E. B. King
Mrs. Sam R. Thomas	Mrs. G. A. Ferguson
Mrs. Perry Harris	R. Moody Davis
Mrs. R. P. Lanier	Wayne Taylor
Mrs. Richard Robertson	Norman Young
Mrs. Lawrence Clark	J. Kenneth Thomas
Mrs. H. T. Bundy	C. E. Cashatt
Mrs. M. A. Law	Mrs. C. C. Campbell
Miss Blanche Norman	Mrs. Beulah Haizlip
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Chairman, Commission on Membership and
Evangelism H. N. Anderson

PASTORS AND OTHER LEADERS 1837-1957

The following table, arranged in chronological order, covers the period from 1837 to 1957, and gives the annual conferences, districts and circuits to which the Leaksville Methodist Church was assigned, as well as the names of the ministers who served as presiding elders and preachers in charge:

LEAKSVILLE METHODIST CHURCH, Leaksville, N. C.

VIRGINIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SOUTH

Year	District	Presiding Elder	Circuit	Preacher in Charge
1837	Danville	Moses Brock	Rockingham	David B. Nicholdson
1838	Danville	Peter Doub	Rockingham	William Anderson
1839	Danville	Peter Doub	Rockingham	G. Brown
1840	Danville	Peter Doub	Rockingham	William G. Turner
1840	Danville	Samuel S. Bryant	Rockingham	William W. Albea
1841	Danville	Samuel S. Bryant	Rockingham	W. W. Albea, John Rich
1842	Danville	Samuel S. Bryant	Rockingham	John Rich
1843	Danville	Samuel S. Bryant	Rockingham	James D. Lumsden
1844	Danville	James Jameson	Rockingham	William Close

NORTH CAROLINA ANNUAL CONFERENCE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SOUTH

Year	District	Presiding Elder	Circuit	Preacher In Charge
1845	Danville	James Jameson	Rockingham	P. W. Archer
1846	Danville	William Carter	Rockingham	T. S. Cassady
1847	Danville	William Carter	Wentworth	Jeremiah Johnson
1848	Danville	William Carter	Wentworth	William Anderson
1849	Danville	S. D. Bumpass	Madison	Jeremiah Johnson
1850	Danville	Wm. Barringer	Madison	William Anderson
1851	Wilmington	Wm. Barringer	Madison	Jeremiah Johnson
1852	Greensboro	Wm. Barringer	Madison	William Anderson
1853	Greensboro	Wm. Barringer	Madison	William Anderson
1854	Greensboro	Wm. Barringer	Madison	W. L. Pegues
1855	Greensboro	N. D. H. Wilson	Madison	W. L. Pegues
1856	Greensboro	N. D. H. Wilson	Madison	E. E. Freeman
1857	Greensboro	N. D. H. Wilson	Madison	Ira T. Wyche
1858	Greensboro	N. D. H. Wilson	Madison	Lemon Shell
1859	Greensboro	N. D. H. Wilson	Madison	Lemon Shell
1860	Greensboro	Numa F. Reid	Wentworth	Peter Doub
1861	Greensboro	Numa F. Reid	Wentworth	Peter Doub
1862	Greensboro	Numa F. Reid	Madison	Geo. G. Heptenstall
1863	Greensboro	Numa F. Reid	Madison	Alfred Norman
1864	Greensboro	Peter Doub	Madison	Alfred Norman
1865	Greensboro	Peter Doub	Madison	David R. Bruton
1866	Greensboro	Numa F. Reid	Madison	C. M. Pepper
1867	Greensboro	Numa F. Reid	Madison	C. M. Pepper
1868	Greensboro	Numa F. Reid	Madison	Franklin H. Wood
1869	Greensboro	Numa F. Reid	Madison	James E. Mann
1870	Greensboro	W. H. Bobbit	Madison	C. C. Dodson
1871	Greensboro	W. H. Bobbit	Madison	Joseph C. Thomas
1872	Greensboro	Numa F. Reid	Madison	S. D. Peeler
1873	Greensboro	N. H. D. Wilson	Madison	S. D. Peeler
1874	Greensboro	N. H. D. Wilson	Madison	F. D. Reid
1875	Greensboro	N. H. D. Wilson	Madison	F. L. Reid
1876	Greensboro	M. L. Wood	Madison	F. L. Reid
1877	Greensboro	M. L. Wood	Madison	L. E. Stacy
1878	Greensboro	M. L. Wood	Madison	L. E. Stacy
1879	Greensboro	W. H. Bobbit	Madison	L. E. Stacy
1880	Greensboro	W. H. Bobbit	Madison	L. E. Stacy
1881	Greensboro	W. H. Bobbit	Madison	T. L. Hoyle
1882	Greensboro	W. H. Bobbit	Madison	J. W. Lewis
1883	Greensboro	R. O. Burton	Madison	J. W. Lewis
1884	Greensboro	J. A. Cunnaggum	Madison	T. S. Campbell
1885	Greensboro	J. A. Cunnaggum	Madison	T. S. Campbell
1886	Greensboro	J. A. Cunnaggum	Madison	T. S. Campbell
1887	Greensboro	J. A. Cunnaggum	Madison	R. P. Troy
1888	Greensboro	S. D. Adams	Madison	R. P. Troy
1889	Greensboro		Madison	R. P. Troy

**WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA ANNUAL CONFERENCE
METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SOUTH**

Year	District	Presiding Elder	Circuit	Preacher in Charge
1890	Greensboro	P. J. Carraway	Leaksville	J. C. Thomas
1891	Winston	P. J. Carraway	Madison	H. F. Wiley
1892	Winston	P. J. Carraway	Madison	H. F. Wiley
1893	Winston	P. J. Carraway	Madison	C. F. Sherrell
1894	Winston	F. H. Wood	Madison	C. F. Sherrell
1895	Winston	F. H. Wood	Madison	C. F. Sherrell
1896	Winston	F. H. Wood	Madison	C. F. Sherrell
1897	Winston	F. H. Wood	Madison	Z. Paris
1898	Winston	P. J. Carraway	Madison	Z. Paris
1899	Winston	P. J. Carraway	Madison	Z. Paris
1900	Winston	P. J. Carraway	Madison	Z. Paris
1901	Winston	Daniel Adkins	Lks.-Spray	J. A. Bowles
1902	Winston	Daniel Adkins	Lks.-Spray	J. A. Bowles
1903	Winston	Daniel Adkins	Lks. Station	A. L. Stanford
1904	Winston	Daniel Adkins		A. L. Stanford
1905	Winston	J. R. Scroggs		A. L. Stanford
1906	Winston	J. R. Scroggs		A. L. Stanford
1907	Winston	J. R. Scroggs		J. H. Barnhart
1908	Winston	T. F. Marr		J. H. Barnhart
1909	Winston	T. F. Marr		J. H. Barnhart
1910	Winston	T. F. Marr		A. T. Bell
1911	Mt. Airy	R. M. Taylor		A. T. Bell
1912	Mt. Airy	R. M. Taylor		F. L. Townsend
1913	Mt. Airy	R. M. Taylor		F. L. Townsend
1914	Mt. Airy	R. M. Hoyle		A. L. Aycock
1915	Mt. Airy	H. C. Sprinkle, Sr.		A. L. Aycock
1916	Mt. Airy	H. C. Sprinkle, Sr.		A. L. Aycock
1917	Mt. Airy	H. C. Sprinkle, Sr.		A. L. Aycock
1918	Mt. Airy	H. C. Sprinkle, Sr.		G. C. Brinkman
1919	Mt. Airy	W. F. Womble		G. C. Brinkman
1920	Mt. Airy	W. F. Womble		G. A. Stamper
1921	Mt. Airy	W. F. Womble		G. A. Stamper
1922	Mt. Airy	J. H. West		G. A. Stamper
1923	Mt. Airy	J. H. West		G. A. Stamper
1924	Mt. Airy	J. H. West		W. L. Sherrill
1925	Mt. Airy	J. H. West		W. L. Sherrill
1926	Mt. Airy	E. W. Fox		E. O. Cole
1927	Mt. Airy	E. W. Fox		N. C. Williams
1928	Mt. Airy	E. W. Fox		N. C. Williams
1929	Mt. Airy	E. W. Fox		Mark B. Woosley
1930	Mt. Airy	W. E. Poovey		Mark B. Woosley
1931	Mt. Airy	W. E. Poovey		Mark B. Woosley
1932	Mt. Airy	W. E. Poovey		R. G. Tuttle, Sr.
1933	Mt. Airy	W. E. Poovey		R. G. Tuttle, Sr.
1934	Mt. Airy	A. C. Gibbs		R. G. Tuttle, Sr.
1935	Mt. Airy	A. C. Gibbs		R. G. Tuttle, Sr.
1936	Mt. Airy	A. C. Gibbs		W. O. Goode
1937	Greensboro	W. W. Peele		W. O. Goode
1938	Greensboro	W. W. Peele (A. W. Plyler)		W. O. Goode
1939	Greensboro	L. B. Hayes		A. C. Swofford
				A. C. Swofford

**WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA ANNUAL CONFERENCE
THE METHODIST CHURCH**

YEAR	District	Presiding Elder	Preacher in Charge
1940	Greensboro	L. B. Hayes	A. C. Swofford
1941	Greensboro	L. B. Hayes	A. C. Swofford
1942	Greensboro	L. B. Hayes	J. Elwood Carroll
1943	Greensboro	L. B. Hayes	J. Elwood Carroll
1944	Greensboro	L. B. Hayes	J. Elwood Carroll
1945	Greensboro	W. A. Lambeth	J. Elwood Carroll
1946	Greensboro	W. A. Lambeth	J. Elwood Carroll
1947	Greensboro	W. A. Lambeth	A. C. Gibbs
1948	Greensboro	W. A. Lambeth	A. C. Gibbs
1949	Greensboro	W. A. Lambeth	Walter Lee Lanier
1950	Greensboro	H. F. Duncan	Walter Lee Lanier
1951	Greensboro	H. F. Duncan	Edgar Parke Billups
1952	Greensboro	H. F. Duncan	Edgar Parke Billups
1953	Greensboro	H. F. Duncan	Edgar Parke Billups
1954	Greensboro	H. F. Duncan	Edgar Parke Billups
1955	Greensboro	H. F. Duncan	Edgar Parke Billups
1956	Greensboro	Eugene C. Few	Edgar Parke Billups
1956-57	Greensboro	Eugene C. Few	A. M. Faulkner

Leaksville Methodist Church

Membership Roll, June 1957

Aiken, David A.
 Aiken, Mrs. Lillian P.
 Alcorn, Miss Mabel
 Allen, Barna
 Allen, Mrs. Nell H.
 Allen, Titus
 Amos, W. T.
 Anderson, H. N.
 Anderson, Mrs. Elnora H.
 Anderson, Elinor Hugh
 Anderson, Corella
 Armfield, Mrs. Grace C.
 Armfield, G. W., III
 Attaway, John B.
 Attaway, Mrs. John B.
 Austin, Tommy Carl
 Austin, Jerry Cleveland
 Austin, Katherine Sheila

Barksdale, Mrs. Ann
 Barksdale, Mrs. Ann Dillard
 Barksdale, Edward S.
 Barksdale, Mrs. Martha S.
 Barksdale, L. M.
 Barksdale, Mrs. Elizabeth W.
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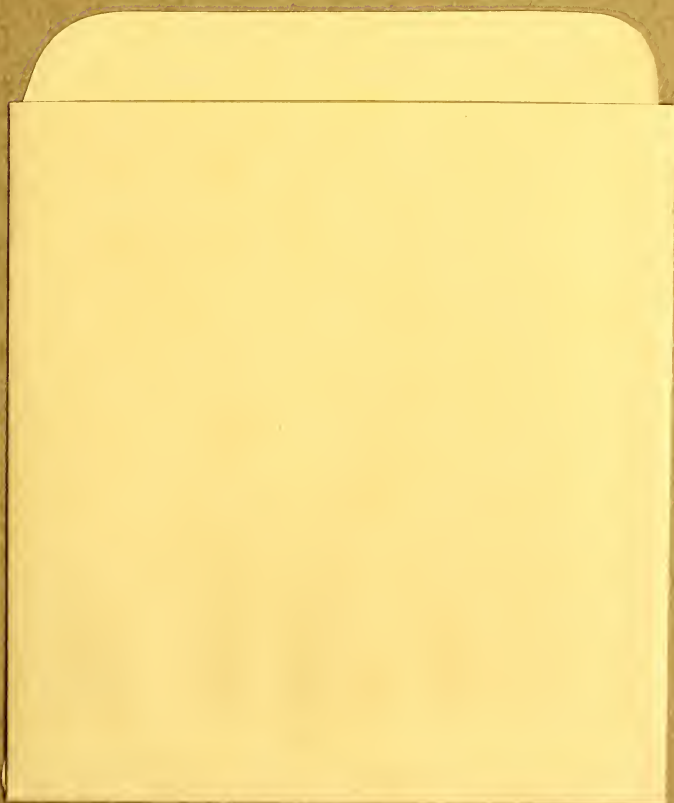
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