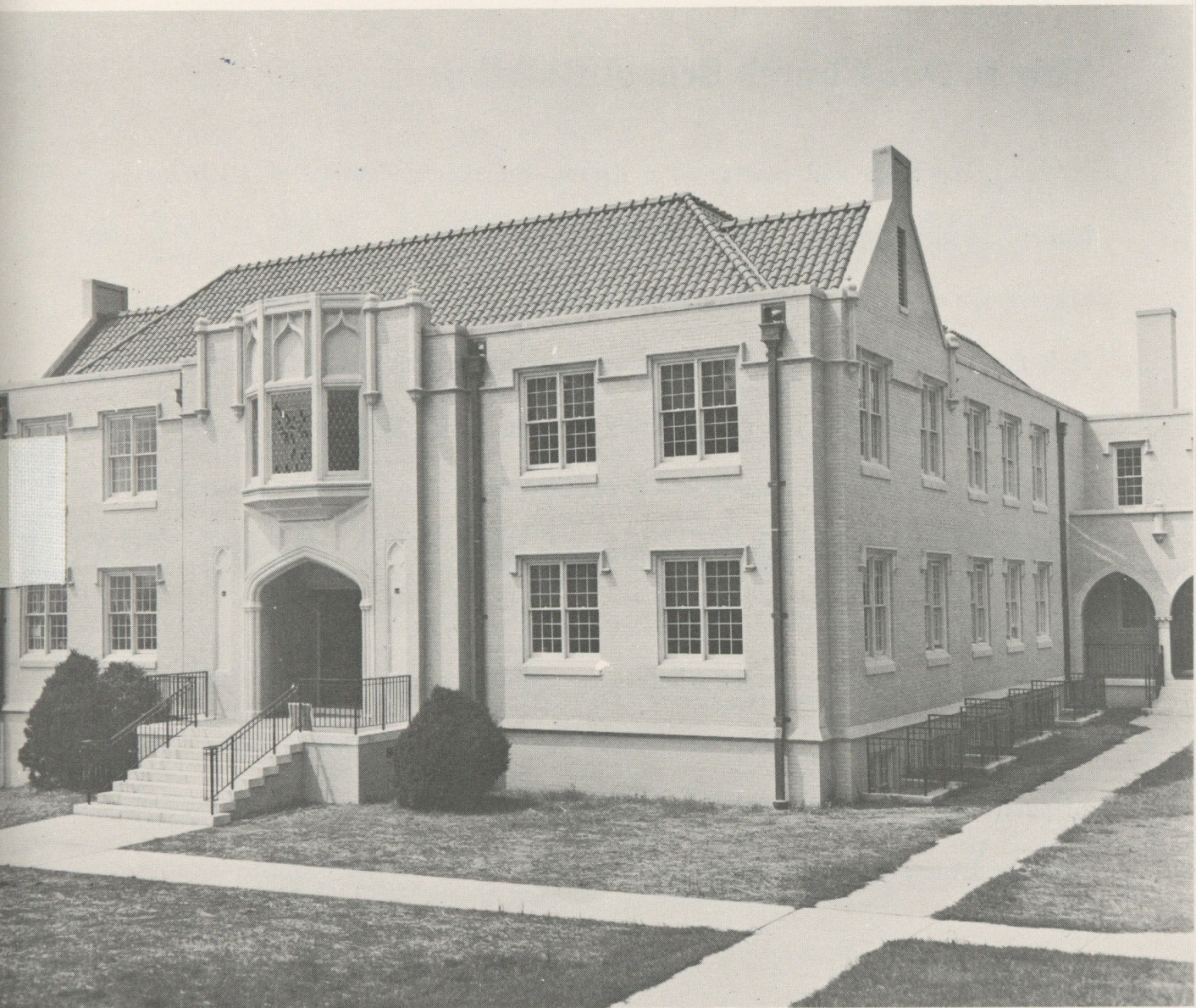


Duke Memorial Methodist Church

DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA



THE NEW CHURCH SCHOOL BUILDING

August 1964

This Is Our Church School Building

. . . the brick and mortar of a dream, the materialization of a distant hope kindled in the hearts of those who loved little children and trained their infant prayers, the design of devotion of the leaders of youth and the teachers of the mature. It is the fruit of the labors and prayers of persons, young and old, living and dead. They cannot be named but all are truly sharing in this glorious celebration. What each individual has done blends into a glorious whole, an achievement made possible by the joining of hands and hearts in a common labor of love.

May it be forever a place where little children are gathered to Him who took them up in His arms to bless them; a place where youth and age may find a fellowship of purest joy and richest grace; a place where minds mature and spirits are inspired. May its doors ever be open to the glory of God and the service of men.

CONSECRATION

and

FORMAL OPENING

of

THE NEW CHURCH SCHOOL BUILDING

of

THE DUKE MEMORIAL METHODIST CHURCH

DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

ROBERT W. BRADSHAW, *Minister*

W. WARREN BISHOP, *Associate Minister*

August 23-30, 1964

Historical Dates in Building Programs

- May, 1886 Bethany Sunday School organized
- October 10, 1886 Main Street Church Occupied
- 1889 Annex to original building erected
- 1906 Site for new building purchased
- October 22, 1907 Cornerstone for church building laid
- 1914 Duke Memorial Church Building dedicated
- 1931 Present educational annex completed and occupied
- Original Sunday School space renovated
- 1956 Air - conditioning program completed
- 1961 Survey committee reported need for additional facilities
- Congregation, on eve of 75th Anniversary, voted to proceed with plans to finance and erect an educational building and to make necessary renovations
- Building and Building Fund Committees named
- April 29 — Building Fund Crusade conducted with goal of \$450,000
May 15, 1962 over-subscribed
- November 4, 1962 Church Conference approved preliminary plans of Building Committee
- 1963 Plans completed and contracts let for new building
- July 14 — Ground - Breaking Service held
- October 13 — Service for Laying of Cornerstone
- 1964 Building Completed
- August 23 — Service of Consecration
- August 30 — New building occupied
- Open House

Schedule of Events

Sunday, August 23:

- 11:00 a.m. Consecration Service for New Church School Building
Bishop Paul N. Garber will preach and will lead in the Service of Consecration.

Monday to Saturday, August 24-29:

During the week church members will have the opportunity to help in moving chairs, supplies, and materials to the new building.

Sunday, August 30:

- 9:45 a.m. Promotion Day will be observed in the Church School. Children and Youth Classes will go to their old class rooms, and will then be conducted to their new rooms.
- 11:00 a.m. Worship Service
- 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Open House
Members of the church and friends are invited to visit the new building and enjoy a period of fellowship.

Sunday, September 6:

- 9:45 a.m. First Sunday of the New Church School Year
- 11:00 a.m. Worship Service

Sunday, September 13:

- 9:45 a.m. Rally Day in the Church School
- 11:00 a.m. Presentation of Bibles to Boys and Girls in the Third and Fourth Grades
Dedication Service for Church School Officers and Teachers
Dedication Service for Official Board
- 6:00 p.m. First Family Night in the New Fellowship Hall

Service of Consecration

Eleven O'clock

August 23, 1964

THE PRELUDE	"Chorale Prelude"	Willan
THE CALL TO WORSHIP	"The God Of Abraham Praise"	Old Hebrew Melody
THE HYMN 1	"Holy, Holy, Holy"	Dykes
THE APOSTLES' CREED		
THE PRAYER		Reverend O. L. Hathaway
THE LORD'S PRAYER		
THE CHORAL RESPONSE		
THE ORGAN INTERLUDE		
THE RESPONSIVE READING	"Family Religion"	Page 601
THE GLORIA PATRI		
THE SCRIPTURE READING	I Corinthians 3: 9-14	
THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM	"How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place"	from The Requiem
THE DOXOLOGY		
THE HYMN 381	"The Church's One Foundation"	Wesley
THE SERMON	"Our Methodist Landmarks"	Bishop Paul N. Garber
THE PROCESSION TO NEW BUILDING		
	(The Congregation will follow the Choir)	

The Consecration of the Church School Building

Act of Presentation by the Pastor:

We present unto you this building to be consecrated to the glory of Almighty God and to the purposes of worship, fellowship, study, and service.

Act of Consecration: (Let the congregation unite in the responses to the words of the Bishop.)

Bishop Garber: Dearly beloved, it is right and proper that buildings erected for such service in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ should be formally and devoutly set apart for their special uses. For such a consecration we are now assembled. And, as the consecration of this building is vain without the solemn consecration of those whose gifts and labors it represents, let us now give ourselves anew to the service of God: our souls, that they may be renewed after the image of indwelling of the Holy Spirit; and our labors and business, that they may be according to God's holy will, and that their fruit may tend to the glory of His name and the advancement of His Kingdom.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, we consecrate this building to the worship of God.

Response: *God is a Spirit and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth.*

We consecrate this building to the purpose of Christian education: to the work of the church school, to the study of the Scriptures, and to the development of Christian character.

Response: *Whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning. Blessed are they that hear the word of God, and keep it.*

We consecrate this building to the broadening of mental horizons and the deepening of knowledge, that young and old may be awakened and informed.

Response: *Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.*

We consecrate this building to Christian fellowship and to recreation of mind and body.

Response: *Thou wilt show me the path of life; in Thy presence is fullness of joy; at Thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore.*

We consecrate this building to those tasks and aims in which the Christian serves his place and time: to the cause of missions, of Christian citizenship, and the broad field of social relations.

Response: *The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of His Christ; and He shall reign for ever and ever.*

The Bishop and the People: We dedicate ourselves anew to that service of our fellow men wherein can best be performed our true service of God, in obedience to the spirit of the Master when he said: Thou shalt love the Lord Thy God with all thy heart, and thy neighbor as thyself.

Prayer of Consecration:

Let us pray.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, whose eyes are ever toward the righteous, and whose ears are ever open unto their cry; graciously accept, we pray Thee, this building which we now consecrate to Thee, to Thy service, and to Thy glory, that in it love and wisdom may unite to bring joy and strength to those who gather here; and we beseech Thee, receive us Thy servants who here dedicate ourselves anew to Thee and to those offices of fellowship and good will in which Thou art well pleased. Grant that those who come here may be cheered and quickened in mind and body, and that they may be stirred in spirit to serve Thee wisely and steadfastly; and the praise shall be Thine forever; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessed Lord, who has caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience, and comfort of Thy Holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which Thou hast given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

O God, by whom the meek are guided in judgment, and light riseth up in darkness for the godly, grant us, in all doubts and uncertainties, the grace to ask what Thou wouldst have us to do, that the spirit of wisdom may save us from all false choices, and that in Thy light we may see light, and in Thy straight path may not stumble; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE BENEDICTION

THE CHORAL RESPONSE

THE POSTLUDE

"Hymn of Praise"

Schreiner

The New Church School Building

Containing approximately 30,000 feet of floor space, the Church School Building is designed to complement the existing facilities. It is fireproof, constructed of steel, brick and concrete. The exterior is of pressed brick, trimmed with Indiana limestone, and features the main entrance and oriel window. The roof is of red tile.

Heating and air-conditioning, lighting, and plumbing equipment is the most modern available. The heating-air-conditioning system allows certain areas to be heated or cooled independently of other areas in the building. Ample toilet facilities of ceramic tile are provided on each floor, with special attention having been given to the pre-school classroom areas. Carpets are used where appropriate, with the remainder of the floors of resilient tile. Access to the Youth Building (present Education Building) is possible on each of the three floors. Stairs are located near the main entrance and at the joining of the two buildings.

Ground Floor

Facilities on the ground floor of the new building are:

THE HOMEBUILDERS CLASS ROOM is located at the front of the building and provides much needed space for this young adult class.

THE CRIB, NURSERY, AND TODDLER ROOMS are adjoining rooms providing space for the care of the youngest children of the Church's program. A kitchenette is provided for the use of those in charge.

THE TWO YEAR AND THREE YEAR NURSERY ROOMS have access from a receiving area and also from the corridor. Toilet facilities also connect the two carpeted rooms.

THE KINDERGARTEN AREA (two rooms) is located at the Memorial Street entrance. These large rooms will find great usage in the regular Church School program as well as in providing space for our Week Day School. There is easy access to the outside playground, and toilet facilities are included in each of the rooms.

Other facilities provided for in the ground floor include work space for the various leaders, ample storage rooms for supplies and equipment, a fireproof vault for storage of records and files, and the master mechanical equipment room from which all utilities are controlled.

The First Floor

Facilities on the first floor provide space for the social and fellowship activities of the church as well as for educational purposes.

THE CHURCH PARLOR is located near the front of the building and is of colonial design with a raised panel wainscot. One wall features a projecting chimney breast with fireplace and mantel. Access to the kitchen is through a short passageway.

THE BRADSHAW ROOM, across the corridor from the Parlor, is similarly decorated as to color and carpeting, and provides space for the various meetings of the church groups. This room and the parlor can be used jointly as need arises. The Anchor Class will use this as their class room.

A modern, up-to-date **KITCHEN** will provide food preparation and dish washing facilities for any of the functions of the Church. Counter tops are stainless steel, walls and floor are tiled. The ceiling is moisture resistant acoustical tile. A hood over

the cooking area contains ventilating fans. Storage space and an outside entrance are adjoining.

THE FELLOWSHIP HALL provides seating for serving meals for about 350 persons and for meetings approximately 500. Sound-proof folding doors may be opened for serving directly from the kitchen. A folding-portable stage and curtains for use in presentations are located at the east end of the room. Also located adjacent to the Fellowship Hall is a space for the arrangement and preparation of flowers and storage space for equipment. Access to the outside is from a balcony on the Memorial Street side.

THE KATIE JOHNSON CLASS ROOM is located at the front entrance to the building. Adequate coat storage space is available there and near the Fellowship Hall.

The Second Floor

Accommodations on this floor are designed to meet the needs of first grade through sixth grade children. The rooms are of varying size and shape so as to give the most flexibility to the use of these areas. Of particular interest is the variety of colors used in decorating, both in wall treatment and floor coverings.

The Youth Building

(Present Education Building)

Much of the area of the present education building which adjoins the new building has been renovated to modernize facilities in that building. The ground floor level has been renovated and redecorated and will house the Senior High youth. The second floor has had extensive changes made, and provides classroom and meeting area for the Junior High youth. A class room on this floor is also available for the Circuit Riders Class. The first floor of this building has been renovated to provide new offices for the Church staff, a library and conference room, and an additional classroom.

Future Plans

After completion of work on the present project of the Church School Building and the Youth Building, plans will be made for the renovation of the portions of the Sanctuary Building now housing Church school classes. It is anticipated that these areas will provide more adequate space for adult classes, the music program, and the scouting program of the church.

CHURCH SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS

(1886 - 1964)

Virginius Ballard
C. C. Taylor
Jerome Dowd
A. H. Merritt
H. N. Snow
F. S. Aldridge
R. L. Flowers
R. N. Lee

R. N. Wilson
W. P. Henry
Quinton Holton
A. M. Proctor
Holland Holton
Irving Allen
J. C. Lentz
W. E. Whitford

Ministers

WHO HAVE SERVED THIS CONGREGATION

1885—1964

Amos Gregson	1885-1887	H. M. North	1915-1918
N. M. Journey	1887-1888	M. Bradshaw	1918-1923
R. F. Bumpas	1888-1890	H. E. Myers	1923-1925
F. A. Bishop	1890-1894	J. M. Ormond	1925-1925
W. B. Doub	1894-1896	H. C. Smith	1925-1928
J. C. Kilgo	1896-1896	W. A. Stanbury	1928-1933
G. A. Oglesby	1896-1899	H. B. Porter	1933-1934
A. P. Tyer	1899-1900	H. C. Smith	1934-1942
W. L. Cuninggim	1900-1904	J. C. Glenn	1942-1946
T. A. Smoot	1904-1907	R. E. Brown	1946-1951
M. Bradshaw	1907-1911	E. B. Fisher	1951-1956
G. F. Smith	1911-1913	V. E. Queen	1956-1958
L. P. Howard	1913-1914	R. W. Bradshaw	1958-

By unanimous vote of the Official Board a bronze plaque with these names inscribed is to be placed in the vestibule of the Church School Building commemorating the service of these devoted Ministers.



Bradshaw Room

IN HONOR OF MICHAEL AND ROBERT W. BRADSHAW

In 1907 Reverend Michael Bradshaw and his family began a ministry of nine years with us: 1907-1911 and 1918-1923. He later was presiding elder of the Durham District.

From the first association the Bradshaws held the affectionate esteem of their people. Many of the present members joined the church under "Doctor Mike" and were companions of the parsonage children, one of whom was Robert.

Later Robert entered the ministry and when he and his family came to this church in July 1958, it was as though one of our own were returning to minister to us. During the six years that he has led us, a second Bradshaw family has become a part of us.

Though our numbers have increased and our physical plant has expanded under their ministry, it has been the spiritual growth of the church and its people that has been the major concern of both father and son during fifteen years of consecrated and fruitful service. Only God can measure the blessing they have brought in His Name to this church.