

Report of Pastor

The report of the pastor in charge shall include the names of all persons involved in the changes in membership and other items as outlined in the 1988 Book of Discipline (¶ 233, 439). This report should cover as fully as possible the work of the pastor. Care should be taken not to duplicate the reports of the Council on Ministries, committees, organizations, and officers of the charge.

Duke Memorial United Methodist Church Duke Memorial United Methodist Charge
Durham District N. C. Annual Conference

For the period beginning November 1, 1994 and ending October 31, 1995

* I. BAPTISMS

- 1. Number of infants baptized since last report? 1
- 2. All others: children, youth and adults? 12

* II. MEMBERSHIP

- 3. a. Who have been received into preparatory membership since the last report? (Record as a supplement.)
- b. Who have been removed to full membership, to the constituency roll, and otherwise? (Record as a supplement.)
- 4. Who have been received into *full membership* since the last report? (Record as a supplement.)
 - a. On confession of faith or restored?
 - b. From other United Methodist churches?
 - c. From other denominations?
- 5. Who have been removed since the last report? (Record as a supplement.)
 - a. By action of the Charge Conference, withdrawal, or expulsion?
 - b. By transfer to other United Methodist churches?
 - c. By transfer to other denominations?
 - d. By death? 25

* III. MEMBERSHIP SUMMARY

6. a. Total preparatory members on roll last report.....	<u>152</u>	
b. Preparatory members added since last report.....	<u>13</u>	
c. Total preparatory members [add lines a and b].....		<u>165</u>
d. Deductions: (1) Received into full membership.....	<u>8</u>	
(2) Removed from roll otherwise.....	<u>2</u>	
e. Total deductions [add lines (1) and (2)].....		<u>10</u>
f. Total preparatory members now on roll [subtract line e from line c].....		<u>155</u>
7. a. Total full members last report.....		<u>915</u>
b. Additions: (1) On confession of faith or restored.....	<u>8</u>	
(2) From other United Methodist churches.....	<u>23</u>	
(3) From other denominations.....	<u>3</u>	
c. Total additions [add lines (1), (2), (3)].....		<u>34</u>
d. Gross total full members [add lines a and c].....		<u>949</u>
e. Deductions: (1) By action of the Charge Conference, withdrawal, or expulsion.....	<u>2</u>	
(2) By transfer to other United Methodist churches.....	<u>15</u>	
(3) By transfer to other denominations.....	<u>3</u>	
(4) By death.....	<u>2</u>	
f. Total deductions [add lines (1) through (4) inclusive].....	<u>19</u>	<u>41</u>
g. Total full members [subtract line f from line d].....		<u>908</u>

* IV. MEMBERSHIP AUDIT

- 8. Have the membership rolls been audited? (¶ 233) _____
- 9. a. Who have moved from your community since the last Charge Conference? (Record as a supplement.)
- b. What has been done to relate them to another church? (Record as a supplement.)

Pastor's Report
November 2, 1995
Mark W. Wethington

As I have entered into a fourth year of ministry at Duke Memorial I possess an excitement, appreciation and optimism about this setting of ministry which is even stronger than when I first arrived. I am thankful for a place of ministry in which many of my gifts can be offered and are also welcomed. I continue to feel as if this particular setting of ministry, being urban and in proximity to a United Methodist seminary, allows my gifts to be used in ways which fulfill my call to ordained ministry and which serve the larger church. I very much enjoy the extending of Christ's ministry through this congregation into the downtown community, through mission involvements in housing, hunger, education, etc, particularly as it relates to the work of Durham Congregations in Action. In addition, my occasional teaching at the Duke Divinity School and our congregation's participation in the Divinity School's field education program (with six interns this year) allows me the opportunity to assist in the preparation of others for ordained ministry. The opportunity to mentor others in preparation for ordained ministry is another special part of the ministry to which I have felt called.

I continue to understand the overall ministry of a congregation under the Wesleyan rubric of the rule of discipleship. That is to say, all that we do comes under the "rule" of piety or mercy. Piety is promoted within this congregation by being attentive each week to serious preparation for Sunday worship; over the past year we have begun to offer an early Sunday morning weekly Eucharist service, acknowledging that it is important to offer to our membership the opportunity for Holy Communion each week; in addition, we offer special services during the higher holy seasons of the Christian year. We have also continued to promote personal growth in the Christian disciplines through Covenant Discipleship groups and other spiritual formation groups. Added to these are two annual Disciple Bible Study groups, along with seasonal short-term Bible studies and other prayer and study group opportunities. The nurturing of members also takes place through individual pastoral care, as well as through our program of Stephen Ministry, a caring ministry provided by trained laity (begun this year under the leadership of Ann Stallings and Sue Clifton). In late January I and five lay people will be going to Scarritt-Bennett Center in Nashville, TN to attend the First Annual Class Leaders Training Event. In accordance with the Book of Discipline P. 269 we plan to appoint and consecrate at least five persons this coming Spring (1996) as Class Leaders, who will be equipped and given responsibility for assisting and guiding others in developing their Christian discipleship.

In the area of mercy we have members very actively involved in outreach ministries both locally and globally. A multitude of members are involved in Habitat for Humanity, in various hunger and housing ministries, visitation of nursing homes, with the West End Community, etc. Outreach ministries of this congregation also include the generous use of our facilities for a variety of community ministries such as the training for Aids Care Teams, housing ministries, Meals on Wheels, Society of St. Andrew, DCIA, Interfaith Hospitality Network, AA, the Coordinating Council for Senior Citizens, etc. In addition to these outreach ministries in which we share there are those which we fully direct, such as the Parents Morning Out program and the Weekday School. Beyond the local community, this congregation continues to sponsor three missionaries, is planning to assist in the resettlement of a Cuban refugee family and will be sending another team of members to Peru early next year in continued support of the covenant relationship with brother and sister

Methodists in that country.

Many of us who are involved in the day by day ministries of this congregation see the enormous potential for ministry which still awaits us. We are enjoying the new families who are finding their way to Duke Memorial. We have sought diligently to find places of ministry for these persons. We also recognize that it is generally a special kind of person who is willing to venture out of suburbia, drive past many other churches and come into this downtown area (an area which others look upon with some fear and anxiety). Our new members are often persons who are particularly attracted to this special setting of ministry. We always treasure the adding of new faces and the creative gifts which each have to offer. Furthermore, we cherish the continued addition of new faces through "inbreeding", as we have added more babies to our flock and look forward to at least one more a month during the next 8 months, as reported to us by parents-to-be.

Although we continue to have many deaths, in part because we have many elderly members, we recognize this cycle as a blessed part of our total ministry. While we mourn the death, we also take seriously the celebration of the resurrection of each of these saints and understand every worship service of death and resurrection to be a confident affirmation of the gift of eternal life. This year we have been especially pained by the sudden death of two young members, Libby Averett and Rick Kaspar; we have offered special care to the spouses and to the children (11 in number) who have suffered great loss. I stand amazed at the follow up care that continues to be provided for these families by many different church members. The love and compassion shared during these times has been an overwhelming affirmation of the healing grace of God.

I cannot say enough to express my deep appreciation to the Staff-Parish Relations Committee of this congregation for their sincere and generous support of me and my ministry and family. And I can only offer praise for all the staff who work so very closely together in an atmosphere of friendship and with the shared joy we all find in being part of Christ's ministry in this place. Everyone goes way beyond what should be expected, often uncovering and offering new talents and creative possibilities for our common ministry. Being in ministry with Bob Irvine and Ann Stallings and with Louis Robinson and Mary Anne Holmes continues to offer delight, and, my appreciation for them and their gifts for ministry increases all the time. The weekly challenge often lies in the coordinating of our various responsibilities for the up building of the whole. And here the addition of Jan Irvine as Program Director has been a splendid blessing; she has done much in these past months to help us bring it all together. And last, but by far not least, I cannot offer enough thanksgiving for the addition of Lisa Brown Cole as a colleague in ordained ministry. She is very gifted in many ways and she brings a joy and enthusiasm for ministry which is appreciated by all. I rejoice in her being here and in the presence of her husband, Billy, and their daughter, Mary Beth. I look forward to equality in ministry with her and to our continued partnership.

Beyond all of these expressions of gratitude I give thanks to God for the strength and vision for ministry which are daily gifts. I continue to pray that all that I do may be done for God's glory. May God continue to bless us and give us growth in the year ahead.

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PREPARATORY MEMBERSHIP, 1995

2-04-95	Jessica Ann Lancaster	Parents: Charles & Emily Lancaster
2-28-95	Kenneth Scott Ellington	Parents: Kenneth & Linda Ellington
4-1-95	Jeffrey Daniel Byers	Parents: Jeff & Janet Byers
4-16-95	Lauren Elizabeth Chandler	Parents: Julie and Richard Chandler
4-16-95	Lindsay Anne Chandler	Parents: Julie & Richard Chandler
4-16-95	Wallace Reece Chandler	Parents: Julie & Richard Chandler
4-16-95	Trevor Graeme Maunder	Parents: Stephen and Kay Maunder
4-16-95	Forest James Newark	Parents: John & Nancy Newark
4-16-95	Jameson Wade Newark	Parents: John & Nancy Newark
4-16-95	Savanah Faye Parrish	Parents: Wayne & Carolyn Parrish
4-16-95	Michael David Tillotson	Parents: David & Wendy Tillotson
9-24-95	Robert Murphy	Parents: Charles & Melinda Murphy
9-24-95	Kristen Murphy	Parents: Charles & Melinda Murphy
10-29-95	Victoria Luck	Parents: Mary Elisabeth & Curt Luck
10-29-95	Nicholas Luck	Parents: Mary Elisabeth & Curt Luck

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REMOVED FROM PREPARATORY MEMBERSHIP IN 1995

Feb. 6, 1995

Katie Bland

Family moved to Raleigh, N. C.

Feb. 6, 1995

Spencer Bland

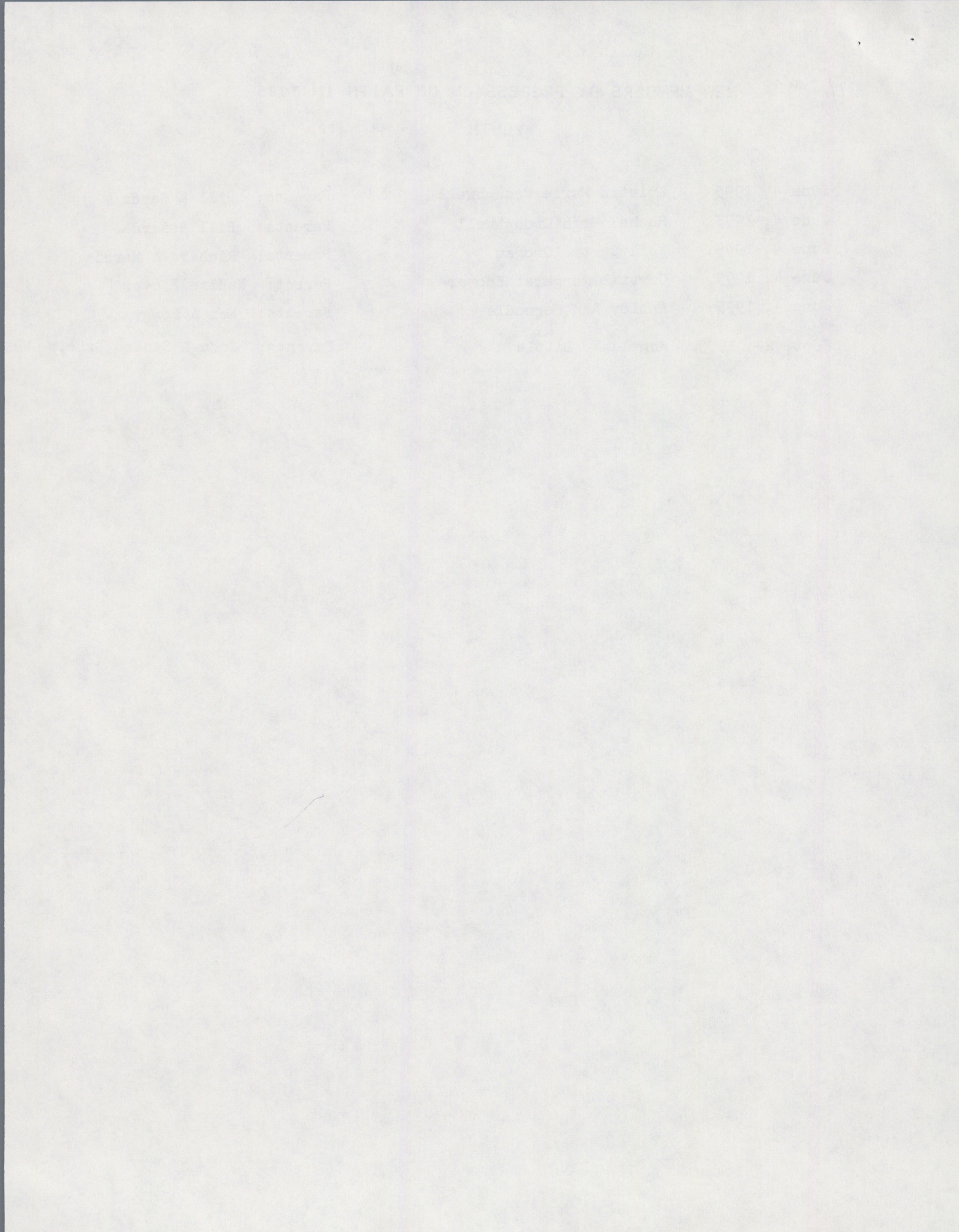
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NEW MEMBERS BY PROFESSION OF FAITH IN 1995

YOUTH

June 4, 1995	Kristin Marie Croughwell	Parents: Bill & Narda
June 4, 1995	Rachel Erin Croughwell	Parents: Bill & Narda
June 4, 1995	Neil Curtis Grogan	Parents: Richard & Marcia
June 4, 1995	Crystal Margaret Hoover	Parent: Nadine Hoover
June 4, 1995	Ashley Ann Kernodle	Parents: Ken & Peggy
Sept, 24, 1995	Angela F. ^{ad} Bittle	Parents: John & Sandra ^{ad} Bittle



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NEW MEMBERS BY PROFESSION OF FAITH IN 1995

ADULTS

May 21, 1995	Nancy E. Bobo
Jan. 27, 1995	Barbara DeBerry
October 29, 1995	Ishvani Hamilton
October 29, 1995	Sherri Blalock Sharp

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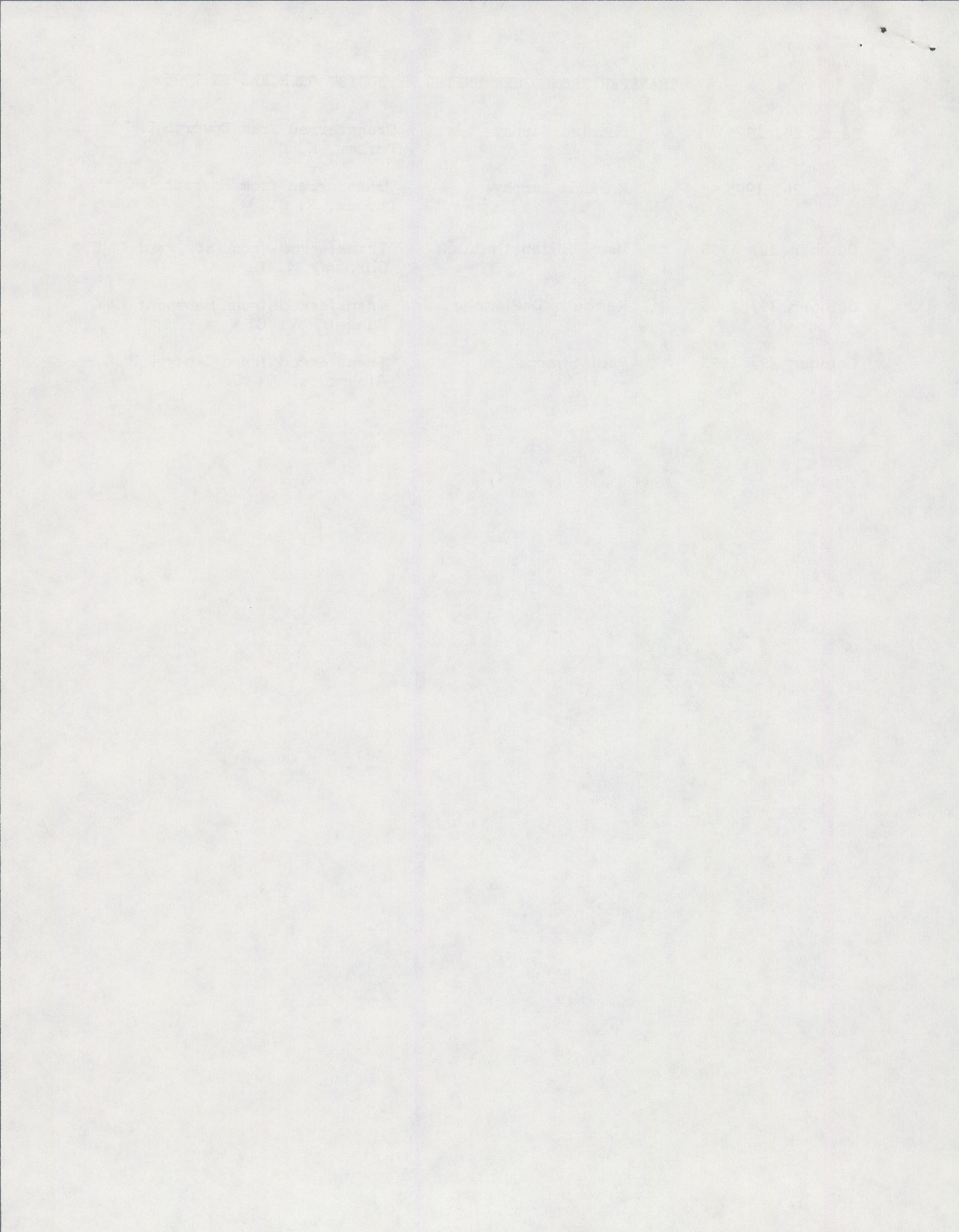
TRANSFER FROM OTHER UNITED METHODIST CHURCHES IN 1995

Begin here for 1995 Charge Conference

November 27, 1994	David Tillotson	Transferred from; City Road UMC Henderson, N. C.	Rec.
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January 29, 1995	Shawn Blackwelder	Transferred from: Summer Grove UMC Shreveport, La.	Rec.
January 29, 1995	Matt Crane	Transferred from: Oak Grove UMC Decatur, Ga.	Rec.
January 29, 1995	Heidi Crane	Transferred from: Oak Grove UMC Decatur, Ga.	Rec.
January 29, 1995	Angela Johnson	Transferred from First UMC Champagne, Il.	Rec.
January 29, 1995	Connie Hall	Transferred from St. Francis, UMC Cary, N. C.	Rec.
January 29, 1995	Mark Lindsey	Transferred from Apex UMC, Apex, N.C.	Rec.
January 29, 1995	Beth Smith	Transferred from Bethany UMC Durham, N. C.	Rec.
January 29, 1995	Tracey Whitehouse	Transferred from Briarcliff UMC Atlanta, Ga.	Rec.
January 29, 1995	Jamie Whitehouse	Transferred from Briarcliff UMC Atlanta, Ga.	Rec.
February 28, 1995	Kenneth Ellington	Transferred from Front St, UMC Burlington, N. C.	Rec.
March 26, 1995	Nancy L. Newark	Transferred from Ocean View UMC Youpon Beach, N. C.	Rec.
March 26, 1995	John A. Newark	Transferred from Ocean View UMC Youpon Beach, N. C.	Rec.
May 21, 1995	Genevieve Snyder	Transferred from Leaksville UMC - Eden, N.C.	
May 21, 1995	Florence M. Bobo	Transferred from Carrboro UMC - Carrboro	
Sept. 24, 1995	John Bittle	Transferred from Aldersgate UMC Durham, N. C.	
Sept. 24, 1995	Sandra Bittle	Transferred from Aldersgate UMC Durham, N. C.	
Sept. 24, 1995	Brian G. Rogers	Transferred from Heritage UMC Overland Park, Ks.	
Aug. 20, 1995	Billy Cole	Transferred from Lemon Springs UMC	

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TRANSFER FROM OTHER UNITED METHODIST CHURCHES IN 1995

Sept. 24, 1995	Charles Murphy	Transferred from Epworth UMC Durham, N. C.
Sept. 24, 1995	Melinda Murphy	Transferred from Epworth UMC Durham, N. C.
October 29, 1995	Mary Elizabeth Luck	Transferred from St. Paul UMC, Durham, N. C.
October 29, 1995	Kenneth DePlanche, Jr.	Transferred from Fairmont UMC, Raleigh, N. C.
October 29, 1995	Paul Sharp	Transferred from Central UMC, Albemarle, N. C.



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TRANSFERS FROM OTHER DENOMINATIONS IN 1995

Begin 1995 Charge Conference Here

November 27, 1994	Wendy Tillotson	Transferred from : First Cong. Christian Church Henderson, N. C. <i>Rae.</i>
February 28, 1995	Linda Ellington	Transferred from Blessed Sacrament Catholic, Burlington, N. C. <i>Rae.</i>
March 26, 1995	Thomas J. Baines	Transferred from Momeyer Baptist Church- Nashville, N. C.

BEGIN CC '95

November 14, 1994

William F. Strayhorn III *Rec.*

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January 1, 1995

Robert Lyon

Rec

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TRANSFERS TO OTHER UNITED METHODIST CHURCHES IN 1995

Feb. 6, 1995	Tom Bland	Transferred to Soapstone UMC Raleigh, N. C.	<i>Rec.</i>
Feb. 6, 1995	Adele Bland	Transferred to Soapstone UMC Raleigh, N. C.	<i>Rec.</i>
Feb. 15, 1995	Jane Day	Transferred to Aldersgate UMC Chapel Hill, N. C.	<i>Rec.</i>
June 25, 1995	C. E. McCary	Transferred to First UMC Elizabeth City, N. C.	
June 25, 1995	Ann McCary	Transferred to First UMC Elizabeth City, N. C.	
June 25, 1995	John A. McCary	Transferred to First UMC Elizabeth City, N. C.	
June 25, 1995	Luke E. McCary	Transferred to First UMC Elizabeth City, N. C.	
July 25, 1995	Arthur S. DeBerry	Transferred to University UMC Chapel Hill, N. C.	=
July 25, 1995	Marther D. DeBerry	Transferred to University UMC Chapel Hill, N. C.	
Aug. 8, 1995	Dora Hilliard Denault	Transferred to First UMC Siler City, N. C.	
Oct. 10-95	Kim Battaglia	Transferred to Helena UMC Helena, N. C.	
Oct. 10-95	Will Avera	Transferred to Pleasant Green UMC Durham, N. C.	
Oct. 10-95	Ingrid Avera	Transferred to Pleasant Green UMC Durham, N. C.	=
Oct. 17, 1995	June Stallings	Transferred to Southern Pines UMC Southern Pines, N. C.	
Oct. 17, 1995	Scott Alan Yarley	Transferred to White Plains UMC Cary, N. C.	

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TRANSFERS TO OTHER DENOMINATIONS IN 1995

Feb. 15, 1995	Duane Wallace	Transferred to Mt. Herman Baptist Church - Durham
Feb. 6, 1995	Laura Farned (Tan)	Transferred to Menlo Park Pres. Church - Menlo Park, Cal.
May 9, 1995	Suzanne Day Weeldreyer	Transferred to Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church- Richmond, Va.

1995 DEATHS

DUKE MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

12-14-94	Fannie Harris
1-16-95	Ollie Mae Burnette
1-29-95	J. Herbert Chappell
1-30-95	Elizabeth T. Jordan
3-06-95	Ed Coble
3-07-95	Olive Jenkins
3-10-95	Elizabeth Pendergraft
3-22-95	Edna Cooke
4-22-95	Carlyle Crenshaw
5-07-95	Lottie Lawrence
5-25-95	Catherine Whanger
6-13-95	Libby Averett
7-09-95	Vennie Weaver
7-17-95	Louise A. Laughridge
8-10-95	Ethel C. Eubanks
8-27-95	Horace Fowler
8-28-95	Richard Kaspar
9-11-95	Jeanne W. Robbins
10-21-95	Ruth Jones
2-12-94	A. W. Clayton, Jr.

