

*The History of*  
**Lithia Springs United Methodist Church**



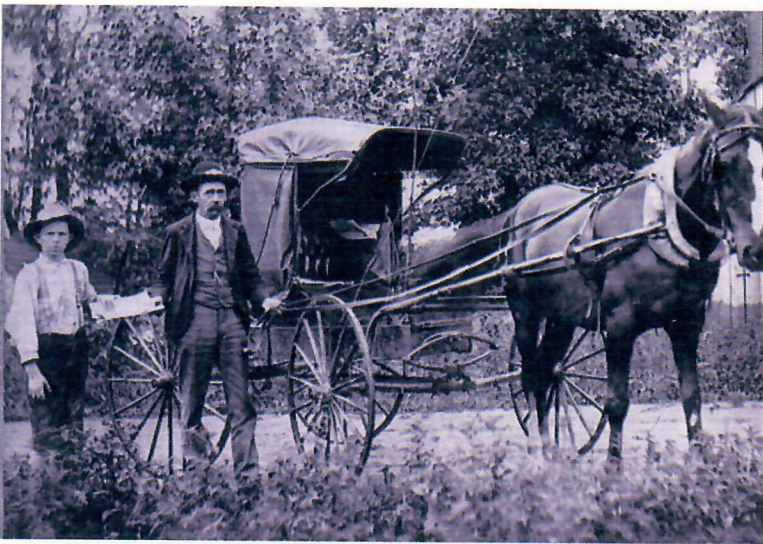
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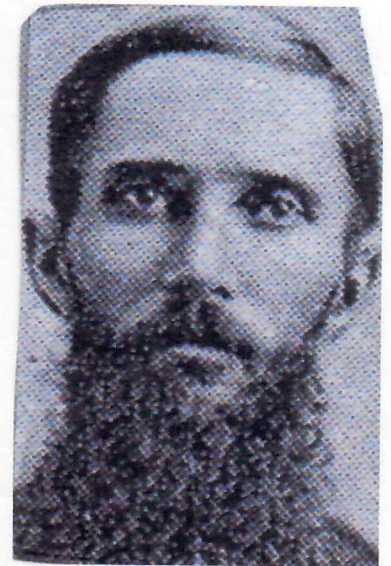
State of Georgia,  
Douglas County } This indenture, made and  
fourth day of November Eighteen hundred &  
Eighty five, between James A. Watson and  
Joseph S. James of the County &  
State of said, of the first part and John  
B. Duncan, James A. Watson, Miles G. Mozley,  
Columbus Blair and Charles B. Love  
Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church  
South at Salt Springs Church, of the County  
& State of said, of the second part  
Witnessed  
That the parties of the first part for and in  
consideration of the sum of five  
Dollars, in hand paid, at and before the seal

**Thus, on November 24, 1885, John B. Duncan, James A. Watson, Miles G. Mozley, Columbus Blair and Charles B. Love, Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South laid the foundation for a House of Worship for untold Generations.**



*First Member William Howard Causey*

William Howard Causey was the first rural mail carrier for Austell, Georgia. The name of the young lad is unknown. 1903 photograph.



*Rev. Nonymous McBreyer  
Pastor in 1885*

## *Our First Sanctuary 1885 - 1886*

We can only speculate on how our first Sanctuary looked due to the absence of a photograph and a skimpy description of it – a one-room structure. Some believe the second Sanctuary was a replication of the first Sanctuary, which was destroyed by a powerful cyclone. Others suggest the first structure probably was more humble in appearance – much like the first Trinity M.E. Church, South Sanctuary built in 1884 and the fourth Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church, which was constructed a few years later. They rationalize that wealthy Atlanta mercantile businessmen who were friends of James Watson, one of our church property trustees, were sympathetic when told of our flock's plight. In turn, they gave generously, thereby making it possible to build a better replacement Sanctuary. In 1886, our first Sanctuary had a dual purpose. It also served as a schoolhouse for the community. Dr. John Bowden and Lottie Quillian were the first teachers. Lottie was the daughter of Rev. J. B. C. Quillian, a Methodist Minister, and Elizabeth Jane Causey, daughter of Israel Causey. Lottie died in 1961 at age 95.



### **FIRST MEMBER SOPHIA CAUSEY AND HER HUSBAND JOSEPH HOWARD STRICKLAND**

Sophia L. Causey, sister of first member William H. Causey and granddaughter of Israel Causey, married Joseph Howard Strickland. Her mother, Priscilla Mozley Causey, was the sister of Miles G. Mozley who was a founder and first trustee of our church. Joseph Howard Strickland and Sophia were the parents of John Mack Strickland and grandparents of Lottie Entrekin.

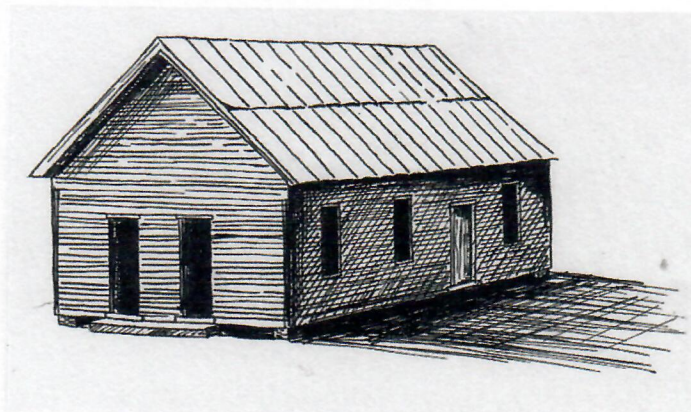


### **FIRST MEMBERS WILLIAM HOWARD CAUSEY AND MARIETTA (ETTA) JAMES**

William H. Causey, son of first member William M. Causey and grandson of Israel Causey, married Etta James, daughter of Stephen James and Martha (Patsey) Shipley. William Howard Causey carried the first mail route in Austell, Georgia.



**SCHOOL TEACHER – LOTTIE QUILLIAN**



**ARTIST CONCEPTION OF FIRST CHURCH OF 1885**

# *First Members*

*Membership roll of the Salt Springs Methodist Episcopal Church, South*

*Rev. C. P. Marchman, Pastor*

## 1886 Original Members

J. J. Sneed, LD, Conf. Sec.  
M. G. Mozley  
J. B. Duncan, Trustee  
W. A. Howell, Trustee  
C. B. Love, Trustee  
James A. Watson, Trustee  
Columbus Blair, Trustee  
C. C. Garrett, Trustee  
James S. Boyd, Trustee  
M. J. Turner, Trustee  
R. E. L. Duncan, Trustee  
W. Hardy, Trustee  
William Rickerson  
John Causey  
H. T. Mozley  
Isaac Morgan  
Emanuel Rickerson  
Wiley Mitchell  
O. A. Sneed  
G. W. Pittman  
A. H. Sneed  
G. W. Strickland  
W. W. Strickland  
W. N. Connally  
Sherrard Causey  
Alfred Causey  
William Causey  
Mrs. Annie Garrett  
Mrs. Sarah Mozley  
Mrs. Martha E. Duncan  
Mrs. Vester Holbrooks  
Mrs. Elizabeth Causey  
Mrs. Nancy Tucker  
Mrs. Emma Duncan  
Mrs. Harriett Hardy  
Mrs. Anna Watson  
Mrs. C. A. Boyd  
Mrs. M. A. Sneed  
Mrs. Melissa Hendrick  
Mrs. Sena Hays  
Mrs. Clara E. Howell  
Mrs. Emma Pittman  
Mrs. Evelina Causey  
Mrs. Ellen Mozley  
Mrs. Mary Parker  
Mrs. Dora Strickland  
Mrs. Sallie Hewie  
Mrs. Anna Blair  
Mrs. Mary E. Burton  
Mrs. Jennie Glore  
Mrs. Josephine Clay  
Mrs. Odessa Adair  
Mrs. Sophia Stubbs

Mrs. Mary Strickland  
Mrs. Etta Causey  
Mrs. Martha Moulding  
Mrs. Alice Dowda  
Mrs. Dora White  
Miss Priscilla Duncan  
Miss Florence Duncan  
Miss Doro Rickerson  
Miss Amenda Tucker  
Miss Cynthia Holbrooks  
Miss Sallie Hagan  
Miss M. A. Sneed  
Miss Annie B. Sneed  
Miss Zippie White  
Miss Alice Tucker  
Miss Lizzie Mitchell  
Miss Mattie Causey

## Joined in 1888

Mrs. C. B. Love  
Mrs. S. B. Stubbs  
Mrs. Lula Glore  
Mrs. W. W. Strickland  
Mrs. W. H. Connally  
Mrs. Delia Bowen  
Mrs. Sophia Strickland  
Miss Dovie Wright  
Miss Callie Garrett  
W. H. Causey  
John H. Causey

## Joined in 1889

R. Z. Powell  
Mrs. F. M. Gazaway  
Mrs. Catherine Hagan  
B. F. Douglas  
Willie G. Mozley  
Mrs. G. O. Mozley  
Matildo Mozley  
Linda Mozley  
Hattie (Pink) Mozley  
William L. Strong  
Mrs. Mattie Strong

## *Pastors Along the Way*

11/1883—11/1884	Rev. Elisha T. Hendrick
11/1884—11/1885	Rev. Nonymous McBryer
11/1885—11/1886	Rev. William R. Foote
11/1886—12/1887	Rev. George Bonner
12/1887—12/1888	Rev. Charles P. Marchman
12/1888—11/1890	Rev. Howard L. Crumley
11/1890—11/1892	Rev. Arthur S. Harris
11/1892—11/1893	Rev. Henry Lafayette Edmonson
11/1893—11/1895	Rev. Andrew Dayton Echols
11/1895—11/1898	Rev. Samuel Augustus Harris
11/1898—11/1899	Rev. Elbert W. Ballenger
11/1899—11/1900	Rev. John A. Thurman
11/1900—11/1901	Rev. John Tillman Eakes
11/1901—11/1902	Rev. William Wiley Gaines
11/1902—11/1903	Rev. Francis Gardner Golden
11/1903—11/1905	Rev. Thomas H. Gibson
11/1905—11/1907	Rev. Jackson Lee Allgood
11/1907—11/1908	Rev. Oliver Cromwell Simmons
11/1908—11/1910	Rev. Charles Fletcher Hughes
11/1910—11/1913	Rev. William Harris Speer
11/1913—11/1915	Rev. John Bunyan Gresham
11/1915—11/1918	Rev. James E. Russell
11/1918—11/1919	Rev. Lawrence Wilson Neff
11/1919—11/1922	Rev. Willard Wadsworth Cash
11/1922—11/1926	Rev. James Willis Stephens
11/1926—11/1928	Rev. Frank S. Hudson
11/1928—11/1930	Rev. Lewis F. Van Landingham
11/1930—11/1933	Rev. S. A. F. Wagner
11/1933—11/1935	Rev. Alfred T. Hind
11/1935—11/1936	Rev. Adolphus P. Watkins
11/1936—11/1940	Rev. Richard F. Crawley
11/1940—11/1941	Rev. Lester James Coe
11/1941—11/1943	Rev. Martin R. Chambers
11/1943—11/1948	Rev. Daniel F. Brewster
11/1948—06/1949	Rev. J. Harry Cameron
06/1949—06/1952	Rev. Willard Donald Gray
06/1952—06/1970	Rev.. Lloyd W. Jackson
06/1970—06/1974	Rev. Larry B. Caywood
06/1974—06/1978	Rev. General Horace Couch
06/1978—06/1980	Rev. Noel Swanson
06/1980—06/1884	Rev.. E. Parks Davis
06/1984—06/1987	Rev. R. Neal Windom
06/1987—01/1997	Rev. James A. Moore
01/1997—01/2000	Rev. Robert G. Beckwith
01/2000---present	Rev. Charles Wayne Green



## *Remembering Our Past*

Ours is a heritage of which we are justly proud. Here worshipped pioneer settlers of our surrounding communities. Here Methodist circuit riders preached the gospel of Jesus Christ. Here our past and present flocks have kept the faith since the early 1880's.

On December 12, 1882, the Georgia Legislature incorporated a town named Salt Springs. Prior to the founding of our church, Methodist brought revivals to a place called Salt Springs campground. These revivals were days of missionary zeal and were aimed at backsliders and saving the lost.

During the 1870's and early 1880's many colorful, well-seasoned evangelist preached at Salt Springs campground. Among these were Rev. Sam Jones who came from Cartersville, Georgia and the extremely popular Rev. S. P. Richardson. It is said that large crowds reaching upwards to 3,500 attended these revivals. Among those attending were the Mozley brothers who later founded the church now known as Lithia Springs United Methodist Church.

In the early 1880's, there were very few churches in the environs of east Douglas and south Cobb Counties, the first of which was a non-denominational church founded by Israel Causey. Historians called the church Community Church. Others called it Shady Grove Church or Causey Chapel. Israel Causey's old home place, built about 1845, exists today at 5909 Maxham Road, behind a group of tall cedar trees.

Among the first members of Salt Springs Methodist Episcopal Church, South were some of Israel Causey's children, grandchildren and others kin to him.

The roots of Lithia Springs United Methodist Church are deeply entwined with two other Methodist churches in the area. When the death of Israel Causey resulted in the splintering of the Community Church's large membership, separated Methodist factions established Salt Springs Methodist Episcopal Church, South (now Lithia Springs United Methodist Church), Mt. Olive Church (now First United Methodist Church in

Austell, Georgia) and Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church, South (now Trinity United Methodist Church in Austell, Georgia). These three churches share the character and strengths of common roots among which is a glorious religious heritage.

On November 24, 1885, James A. Watson and Joseph S. James conveyed a plot of land, measuring 100 by 200 ft, for a sum of \$5.00, to the Salt Springs Methodist Episcopal Church, South. It is recorded in deed book "D", page 342 in the Douglas County Courthouse. Listed as property trustees of the church were: James A. Watson, a wealthy Atlanta businessman who moved to Douglas County; John B. Duncan, a dealer in fertilizer; Miles G. Mozley, a farmer; Columbus Blair, a farmer; and Charles B. Love, who operated a general store.

Among the founders and first members of Salt Springs Methodist Episcopal Church, South were three Mozley brothers. They were: Miles Garth Mozley, Glenn Owen Mozley and Isaiah Irvin Mozley. Mary Elizabeth Mozley, sister of the three brothers, was the wife of John Barwell Duncan, a church property trustee. Glenn Mozley's daughter, Nancy Ann, was married to Columbus Blair, another trustee of the church.

In those days, Methodist churches were described by the number of services conducted each month on regular appointment. Salt Springs Church was a quarter station which conducted one service per month. To have a more active church life, it was common practice to hold dual membership at another place of worship.

Glenn Mozley donated land on which the First United Methodist Church in Austell, Georgia stands. Miles Mozley was a founding member of Mt. Vernon Methodist Church, which no longer exists.

In 1885, the first Salt Springs Methodist Episcopal Church, South Sanctuary was constructed. It was a simple, one room structure. During 1886, the building had a dual purpose. It also served as a schoolhouse for the community.

A tragedy happened in 1887. A cyclone demolished the church and very important records were lost. Fortunately, the church was blessed with an enthusiastic congregation and they made immediate plans to rebuild.

A second Sanctuary was then erected on the lot. Typical of the time when it was constructed, it had a potbellied stove. Someone had to arrive early on cold Sundays to light the stove used to keep the Church warm. Kerosene lamps were used for lighting until electricity was introduced in the community.

A new roster of the seventy members was compiled because the first register and other records were destroyed by the storm. These seventy members were a determined lot. They were not deterred by circumstances. They came bumping along rutted roads which, depending the weather, were either mud holes or dust heaps. They arrived with their families packed on mule pulled wagons and horse drawn buggies.

The first members resided in the existing communities of Irvine (now Austell) Sweet Water Town (situated where Maxham Road meets Old Alabama Road) and Salt Springs (now Lithia Springs). The circuit riders sometimes had to travel many miles. By 1892, Salt Springs became Lithia Springs but the Georgia General Assembly didn't make the change official immediately. They acted on the changed name several years after the turn of the century.

Five different parsonages have served the needs of our church since its founding, two of which were owned by the Austell charge of which our church was a quarter station.

In 1893, Rev. Henry Lafayette Edmonson occupied the Austell charge's parsonage at 2688 Sweetwater Street in Austell, Georgia. The house exists today. In 1909, Rev. Charles Fletcher Hughes lived in the second parsonage owned by the Austell Charge. Today, the site serves as a parking lot for the First United Methodist Church in Austell, Georgia.

In 1937-1938, the first parsonage for the Lithia Springs charge was constructed. It was located to the right and rear of the Sanctuary. It was first occupied by Rev. Richard F. Crawley.

Twenty years later, in 1958, a new brick parsonage was built on the corner of Gordon and Temple Streets. It was first occupied by Rev. Lloyd W. Jackson. Our last parsonage was built in 1974 at 3381 Blue Sky Way at a cost of \$48,150.00. Rev. G. Horace Couch was the first pastor to live there and Rev. Charles W. Green the last occupier before the parsonage was sold.

Ours is a growing congregation and in the fall of 1977 a plan for a new Sanctuary evolved. On January 21, 1979, a crowd exceeding four hundred attended the first service of our third Sanctuary.

When the second Sanctuary was dismantled a few useful items were salvaged. The large, beautiful cross on the wall behind the choir seating was made from timbers from the second Sanctuary. Located in our memorial chapel are the original pews, altar rail and communion table. Although these items have small intrinsic worth they are rich in sentimental value.

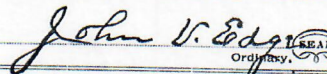
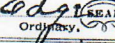
Long gone are the backless, wooden slab seats used by the community's school that was held in our church in 1886. The gourd dipper and pail of water for thirsty students and worshippers vanished long ago, too. Gone forever are the Methodist Circuit Riders. Faded into the distant past are the days when a pot-bellied stove heated the Sanctuary on cold Sundays. Even the toll of a bell to call people to Church is no longer in vogue. What we have left is a rich heritage and high hopes for an even greater future.

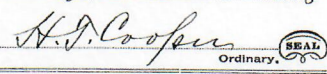
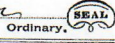
*Written By:*  
*Joel J. Gay*  
May 2005



## Nuptials of First Members

In 1884, Columbus Blair and Nancy Ann Winn, widow of George A. Winn, exchanged vows. Rev. Elisha T. Hendricks, then Pastor of Salt Springs Mission whose members later found our Church, wed them. Nancy Ann was the daughter of Isaiah I. Mozley, a Church leader at the Mission. In 1888, Rev. J. J. Sneed, a local deacon at our Church, solemnized the union of George W. Strickland and Julia Callaway. It was the second marriage for George whose first wife, Cornelia Quillian, died in 1885. Cornelia's sister, Lottie, taught school in our first Sanctuary in 1886.

<b>MARRIAGE LICENSE.</b>	
State of Georgia, County of Douglas.	
TO ANY JUDGE, JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, OR MINISTER OF THE GOSPEL:	
YOU ARE HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO JOIN	
<u>C. Blair</u>	and <u>N. A. Winn</u>
in the Holy State of Matrimony, according to the Constitution and Laws of this State, and for so doing this shall be your license. And you are hereby required to return this license to me, with your Certificate hereon of the fact and date of the marriage.	
Given under my hand and seal, this <u>3<sup>rd</sup></u> day of <u>March</u> 188 <u>4</u>	
 John V. Edge  Ordinary	
<b>CERTIFICATE.</b>	
GEORGIA, DOUGLAS COUNTY:	
I Certify that <u>C. Blair</u> and <u>N. A. Winn</u> were joined in Matrimony by me, this <u>5<sup>th</sup></u> day of <u>March</u> Eighteen Hundred and <u>84</u>	
RECORDED: <u>John V. Edge</u> Ordinary. <u>Rev. E. T. Hendricks</u>	

<b>MARRIAGE LICENSE.</b>	
State of Georgia, County of Douglas.	
TO ANY JUDGE, JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, OR MINISTER OF THE GOSPEL:	
YOU ARE HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO JOIN	
<u>G. W. Strickland</u>	and <u>Miss Julia Callaway</u>
in the Holy State of Matrimony, according to the Constitution and Laws of this State, and for so doing this shall be your license. And you are hereby required to return this license to me, with your Certificate hereon of the fact and date of the marriage.	
Given under my hand and seal, this <u>4<sup>th</sup></u> day of <u>October</u> 188 <u>8</u>	
 H. J. Cooper  Ordinary	
<b>CERTIFICATE.</b>	
GEORGIA, DOUGLAS COUNTY:	
I Certify that <u>G. W. Strickland</u> and <u>Miss Julia Callaway</u> were joined in Matrimony by me, this <u>15<sup>th</sup></u> day of <u>October</u> Eighteen Hundred and <u>88</u>	
RECORDED: <u>H. J. Cooper</u> Ordinary. <u>Rev. J. J. Sneed</u>	

## *Looking Back with Fond Memories*



### **SECOND SANCTUARY 1887 – 1978**

Typical of the age in which it was constructed, the second Sanctuary had two front entrance doors. Owing to folkways and customs, the ladies entered on the left and men on the right. The men resumed their position near homemade cuspidors, which adorned each pew. Tobacco users utilized these useful gadgets very vigorously. This may account for the separation of adults by gender. Later the double entranceways were sealed and a single, middle door was cut. This occurred several decades before the structure was demolished in 1978. In those days the membership roll was compiled in this manner: males first, married females next and unmarried females last.



# 1903 Sunday School Record Book

## Lithia Springs Sunday school.

Register No.	NAME.	May				
		1.	8.	15.	22.	29.
	Mrs. Maxwell.				X	0
1	Clyde Watson.				0	X
2	Emory Watson.				0	X
3	Charley H. Hughey.				X	X
4	Roy Smith.				0	0
5	Lucius Haws.				0	X
6	John Causey.				0	0
7	Hy Blair.				0	X
8	Birdy Causey.				0	X
9	Ruth Smith.				0	0
10	Lottie Garrett.				X	X
11	Ruby Carroll.				0	0
12	Frances Maxwell.				X	0
13	Louise Smith.				0	0

## Lithia Springs Sunday school.

Register No.	NAME.	May				
		1	8	15	22	29
	Mrs. Watson.				0	X
1	Quillian Garrett.				0	0
2	Jimm Starnes.				0	0
3	Stephens Garrett.				0	0
4	Roy Starnes.				0	0
5	Luther Harbin.				X	X
6	John Harbin.				0	0
7	Irene Watson.				0	X
8	Jones Watson.				0	X
9	Ruth Blair.				X	X
10	Lillian Blair.				X	0
11	Ruth Chapman.				X	X
12	Lela D. Strickland.				0	X
13	Ella Chapman.					0
14	Willie Walton.				X	X

# Register of Baptisms.

<i>No.</i>	<i>NAME.</i>	<i>Date.</i>	<i>Minister.</i>
	<i>Frances Maxwell</i>	<i>1900</i>	<i>J. T. Caffee</i>
	<i>Anna Wim</i>	<i>1902</i>	<i>W. W. Gaines</i>
	<i>William G. Maxwell</i>	<i>1912</i>	<i>W. H. Speer.</i>



Frances Maxwell  
Circa 1902

In 1903, there were 36 members on the Sunday school roll of our church. The last survivor of those 36 members was Frances Maxwell, daughter of William G. Maxwell and Annie Nora Joiner who joined our church in 1898. Frances married Robert H. Walker in the 1920's and followed him when Coca Cola transferred him out of state. Robert died in 1950 and Frances returned to Lithia Springs where she died in 1997. In 1892, Frances Maxwell's father, William Guy Maxwell, was the Railroad Station Agent in Lithia Springs and later became Mayor of Lithia Springs. Her maternal grandfather, John Causey Joiner, was the son of Wells Joiner and Celia Ann Causey, daughter of Israel Causey. Her maternal grandmother, Sarah Elizabeth Mozley, was the daughter of Miles G. Mozley who co-founded our church.

## *Lyndon P. Johnson and His Music*

For Lyndon P. Johnson, there was more to a worship service than a good sermon, prayer and singing by the congregation. For him, it was imperative to have organ music and a choir. Kathryn Fordham and many others remember fondly Lyndon's performance on the organ and the manner in which he conducted the choir. For sure, he was a master in showmanship and the quality of his music was superb. He stood out. Lyndon always stood out in everything he did. The townspeople of Bowman, Georgia where he grew up said they had never seen Lyndon walk home on his feet when his mother rang the dinner bell to call her flock home to eat. They said he walked on his hands or turned cartwheels all the way. He stood out all his life and people loved him. Lyndon knew more about organs than how to play them well. He was an organ builder, repairman and salesman employed by the Austin Organ Company

Lyndon started attending our Church in 1947. Soon thereafter a Reed organ was purchased from a Masonic lodge and brought it to our Church. At a later date, Lyndon improved the organ by installing a motor to pump air into the bellows.

In 1956, an Austin Pipe Organ was purchased from the Gainesville (GA) Methodist Church. Lyndon dismantled the organ there and he and his son Edward re-installed it at our Church. It took them several months to complete the task because they were working part-time. The organ had exposed pipes and was divided into three sections: petal, swell and great. It remained in service until the present sanctuary was built.

William D. Manley installed our present organ, a J. B. Skinner Organ, during the construction of our current Sanctuary in 1978.



**Lyndon P. Johnson**



**The Austin Pipe Organ**

## 1950 Sunday School Class Record

	July				
	2	9	16	23	30
Chambliss, M. Eleanor ✓					
Coffee, Virginia ✓					
Cooper, Ethelyn					
Fordham, Kathryn ✓			\$5.00		25
Foreman, Betty ✓	25	25	25	25	25
Hamil, Frances	25	25	25	25	25
Hansard, Bessie		25	25	25	25
Pitts, Edna		25			
Pitts, Elsie		25		25	25
Rainwater, Evelyn		25			25
Rainwater, Inez					
Ramsay, Gertrude	25	25	25	25	25
Richardson, Kitty	25	25	25	25	25
Sappenfield, M. Jr ✓					
Spivey, Jean ✓					
Strickland, Lottie	25	25	25	25	25
Whitaker, Louise ✓					
Mozley, Martha					
Cowan, Clyde					



### *Fowler Pitts Wedding*

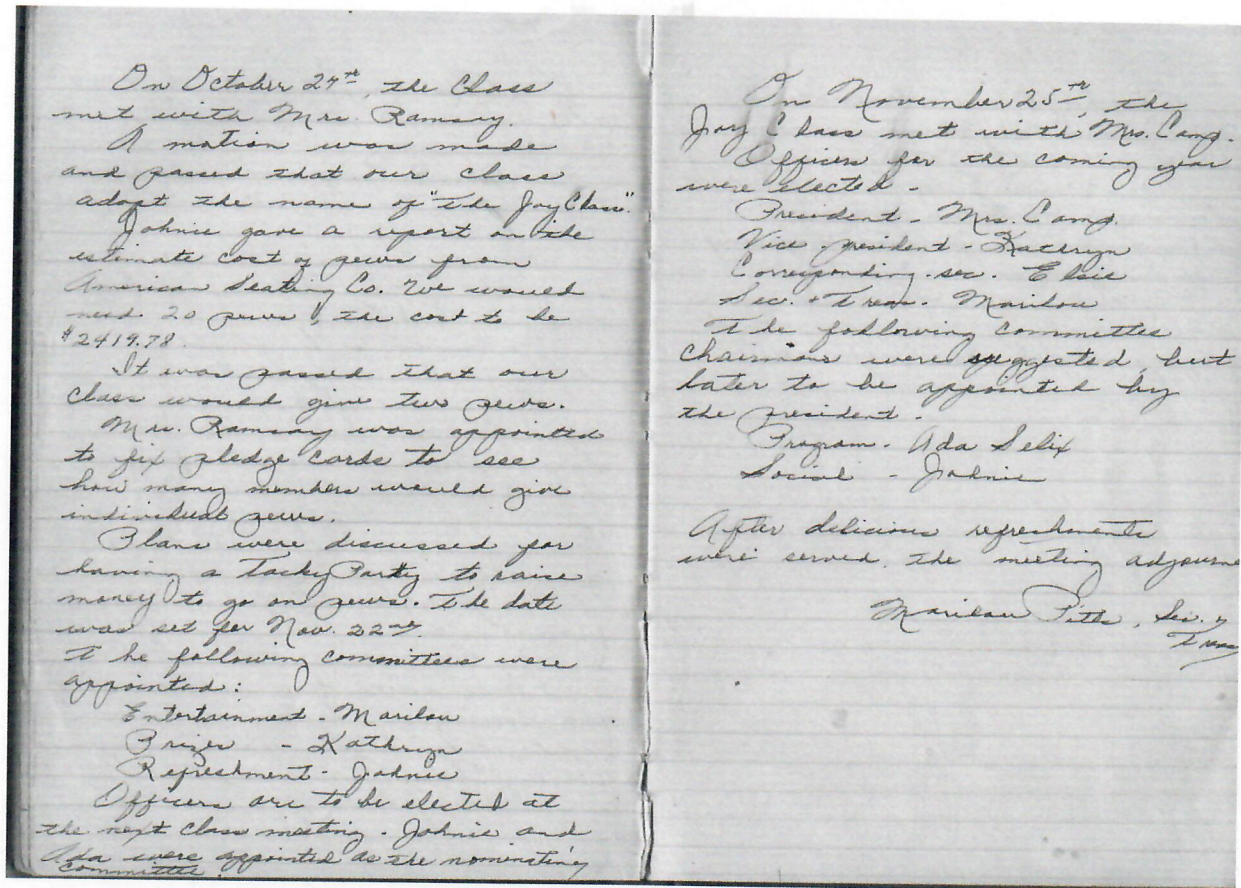
James Fowler and Edna Pitts were wed February 11, 1951 in our Church.



### *Meals on Wheels*

Dee Carter, left, delivers a nutritious meal to Wayne Sprouse. 2005 photograph.

## Naming of the Joy Class, October 27, 1947



### Yesteryear Reminder

Enconced in the yard near a tree that shades part of the main parking lot is the original church bell. The Circa-1885 bell was in service almost a century. During those years it was rung to call the neighborhood to worship. Preserved by the Joy Class of 1979.

\*The naming of the Joy Class was not to honor a beloved member named Joy. Instead, it stands for the abbreviation of this moral code:

*Jesus First  
Others Next  
Yourself Last*

\*Thanks to Elsie Pitts for sharing this little known fact with us.



*James Family Reunion*

Fortunately the James Family picked a good staging area for this photograph of their reunion. Even though the date of the event is not known this photograph has historical significance for our church. That's because it shows an interesting feature--the original configuration of the two separate front doors to our second sanctuary. Perhaps this is the only photograph that exists today that does so. Two front doors were typical of the construction pattern of yesteryear when women entered the door on the left and men entered the right door. Another oddity of the past was the way they compiled the membership role. Males were listed first; married females next and unmarried females last in the church registers.



*Baptized unto the Lord*

L-R: Mandy Nicholas, Brianna Nicholas, Rev Charlie Green and Jason Nicholas. On October 17, 2004.



*Sunday Morning Greeters*

L\_R: Robert Williamson and Billy Glover greet worshippers. Photograph 2004.



*Church Family Photograph taken in June, 1952*



KNOWN NAMES: *Starting with Front Row, Left to Right*

*Wanda Gann, Donna Rainwater, John Foreman, Pat Gann, Bryan Gann, Rob Richardson, Martha Lynn Pilgrim, Hannah Gray, Rev. W. Don Gray, Mrs. Gray, Jerry Chastain, Nancy Morgan, Mary Ann Morgan, Mary Richardson, Clara Rainwater, Barbara Marquez, Evelyn Bennett, Jim Brown, James Copeland, Clestele Pilgrim, Mrs. Morgan, Mrs. W.H. Pitts, Sr., Mack Winn, Annette Winn, Warner James, Gene Cowan, Mary Tumlin, Clyde Cowan, Lois Johnson, Jim Brown, Ruby Strickland, James Copeland, Mrs. Jim Brown, Grace Cooper, Evelyn Rainwater, Mr. Reams, Johnny Johnson, Cameron Cooper, George Rainwather, Mr. Yancy, Johnny Mack Strickland, Betty Foreman, Suzanne Foreman Williams, Mr. Farr, Preston Pilgram, Mr. J.M. Tumlin, Roy Zimmer, Mrs. Savilla Hickey, Sarah Jane Foreman, Ethelyn Cooper, Edith James, Rhoda Strickland, Bill Strickland.*

*A Gem from the 1960's*  
*Reverend Lloyd W. Jackson, Pastor*

THE CHURCH  
WITH  
A WARM HEART  
A MISSION INTEREST  
A BIBLE CENTERED PROGRAM

## *Church Weddings*



*Entrekin Wedding – 1954*

Lottie Strickland and L.G. Entrekin were wed in our church on September 12, 1954. The wedding party L-R: Ethelyn Cooper, maid of honor; Ed Demby; L.G. Entrekin; Rev. Lloyd W. Jackson; Lottie Strickland; Fred J. Blair; Bill Strickland; and Nelson Coffee.



*Cowan Wedding*

On September 7, 1958, Glenda Boyd and Gene Cowan were joined in holy matrimony in our church. L-R: Rev. Lloyd Jackson, Glenda Boyd and Gene Cowan.



*Cowan Wedding*

Groom Gene Cowan and Best Man Jim Fowler  
Gene Cowan was an active member of our church for 31 years prior to his untimely death in 1982.

## Flashbacks



*1962 Ground Breaking*

Ground Breaking for construction of the church school annex took place on June 3, 1962.



*Oldest and Youngest Members 06-03-62*

Mrs. Martha Harper and Tim Foreman at the groundbreaking for the church school annex



*Children's Center*

Ground breaking for a 5,000 square foot children's center took place in July 1992. Left to Right: Builder, Ernie Geyer; Architect Bill Camp, Building Committee Chairman Jim Fowler, Vice Chairman Doug Belcher, Administrative Board Chair Mollie Kate Ward, Thomas Long, Rev. Jim Moore, Glenda Cowan, Dwayne Vick, Whilamena Harris, Tim Foreman and Max Prescott.



*Two Grand Ladies- 1943*

Kathryn Harper, left, (now Mrs. Hugh Fordham) and her mother, Martha Harper are shown. Together they account for 93 years of membership in our Church-1912-2005.



***Strickland Family-Circa 1910***

Standing L-R: Carrie Lee (Mrs. W. B. Howell), Jamie William, Odia Eunice (Mrs. Minor Clark Gore), Issac Lonzo, Joseph Emmett, Hugh Thomas and John Mack Strickland. Seated L-R: Joseph Howard and wife Sophia Causey Strickland. Kneeling in Front: Claude Columbus Strickland.



***John and Sarah Joiner***

In 1913, John Causey Joiner and his wife Sarah Elizabeth transferred from St. John's Methodist Church in Atlanta to our Church. Earlier, in 1898, their daughter Annie and her husband, William Guy Maxwell, SR., joined our Church. John Joiner was the grandson of Israel Causey. Sarah was the daughter of Miles G. Mozley, co-founder of our Church.



***Methodist Women-Circa 1960***

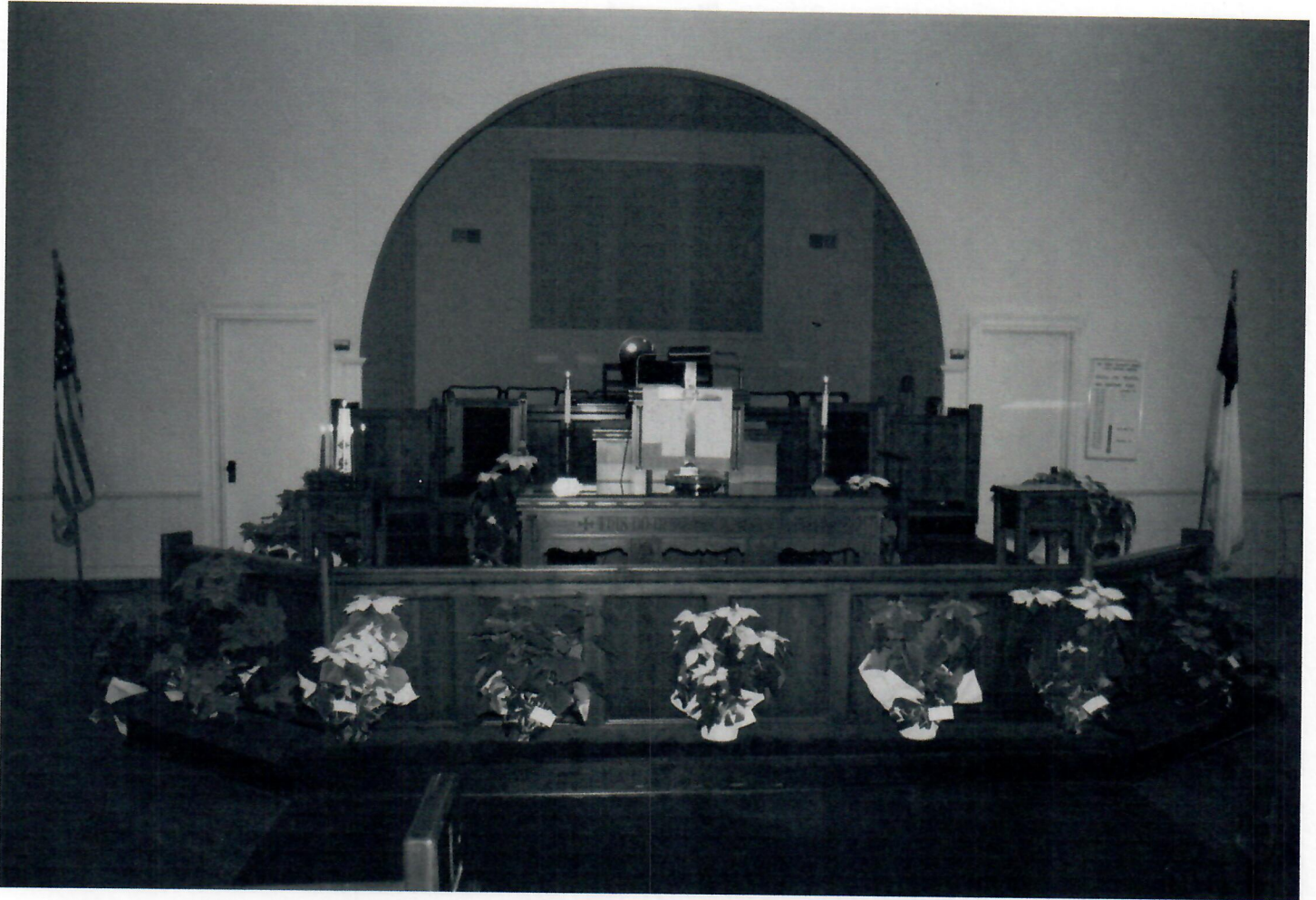
Front row L-R: Susie Jackson, Tinie Stansell, Ethelyn Cooper, Glenda Cowan, Betty Foreman and Ruby Johnson. Back Row L-R: Dot Lawson, Barbara Marquez, Sylvia Vick, Molly Kate Ward, Mary Diden and Maxine Gibson.



***Ruby Strickland Honored-1979***

Betty Foreman, left, presents a gift of appreciation to Ruby Strickland for her many years of service to our Church.

## *Memories Can Not Be Erased*



The above photograph and the memorial chapel containing the original chancel furniture and old pews are gentle reminders of a glorious past. When Robert Williamson took this photograph he preserved cherished memories for himself and others. If these old pews, altar rail and communion table could talk, they would probably boast about the number of souls saved during their watch starting in 1886. *Might they offer an opinion on the best sermon they ever heard or the best choir?* There would be so much to tell. Think for a moment about the scientific, economical, sociological and political change since 1886. The name of our church changed four times. The changes: Salt Springs Methodist Episcopal Church, South to Lithia Springs Methodist Episcopal Church, South to Lithia Springs Methodist Church and now Lithia Springs United Methodist Church.

### *A Gem from Rev. L. W. Neff*

Rev. L.W. Neff, Pastor in 1918, was a serious and competent poet. Below is a limerick he wrote.

#### *"Inside Information"*

*Johnnie found some tobacco and chewed it,  
Forthwith he was sorry he dooed it  
The world began rocking  
In a manner so shockng  
He fervently wished he'd es-chewed it.*



### **THIRD SANCTUARY 1979 – TO PRESENT**

A church is more than bricks and mortar, or even looks and social activity. There is so much more to tell. This beautiful Sanctuary reflects the hard work, patience and support from every member of our great congregation. Thanks to capable leadership by the Building Committee and the sacrifices of many, we have a wonderful place to praise and serve the Lord.



### **A VIEW OF SPLENDOR**

The focal point of the altar is a majestic 18-foot cross, which is situated on the wall behind the choir loft. The cross was crafted from timber removed from the second Sanctuary when it was razed. The cross can be highlighted with spot lights and lighting behind the beautiful cross. Used together, they render a heavenly glow when illuminated. This serene atmosphere is further enhanced by exposed beams rising overhead like fingers of two giant hands reaching towards the heavens in praise of the Lord. The sheer beauty of the Sanctuary lends itself to peaceful and thoughtful worship services.

## *Past Parsonages*



***Austell Charge Parsonage***

In 1893, Rev. H.L. Edmonson occupied this parsonage which was the first parsonage owned by the Austell Charge. Rev. J.L. Allgood was our last pastor to live here. (Rev. O.C. Simmons commuted from his home in East Point, Georgia.) This house stands today on Sweetwater Street in Austell, Georgia. However, due to remodeling, it looks differently now.



***Austell Charge Parsonage***

In 1909, Rev. C.F. Hughes occupied the second parsonage owned by the Austell Charge. (This photo was taken before it was remodeled.) Rev. A.T. Hinds was our last Pastor to live in this parsonage. Around 1967, the structure was demolished. Today, the site is the parking area for the First United Methodist Church in Austell, Georgia.

### ***House Relocated***

In 1958, our first parsonage was sold to Hugh and Kathryn Fordham. They moved it to a new site on Ben Hill Road in Lithia Springs, Georgia. The total construction cost for our first parsonage was \$1,000.00 in material and labor. The lot already belonged to our church.



***Our First Parsonage***

In 1937-1938, our first Parsonage was constructed. Rev. R.F. Crawley occupied it first. It was located to the rear and right side of the sanctuary. (Photo after relocation)



***Our Second Parsonage***

Rev. L.W. Jackson was the first occupier of our new parsonage. In 1958, it was built on the corner of Temple and Gordon Streets in Lithia Springs, Georgia.



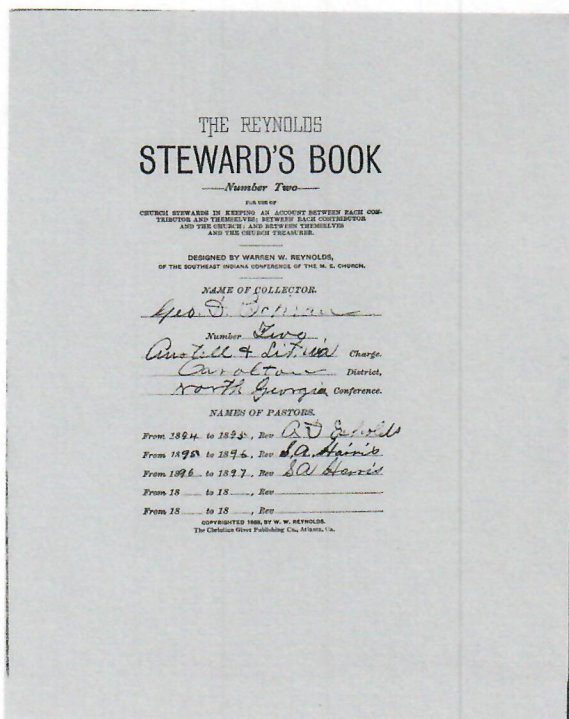
***Our Third Parsonage***

It was purchased in 1974 and is located on Blue Sky Way in Lithia Springs, Georgia. The first pastor to occupy it was Rev. G.H. Couch and Rev. C.W. Green was our last Pastor to live here.



*Children's Sermon*

L-R: Luke Marquez, Heather Gay, Stephanie Gay, Jennifer Dean, Julie Dean and Jason Dean in Rev. Charles Green's lap. 2004 Photograph.





# Register of

No.	Name	When Received.	How Received
1	J. J. Amund S. S. C. Co.	Given	
2	W. G. Mosley	✓	
3	J. B. Duncan Trustee	1740	By certificate
4	W. A. Thomall	✓	
5	L. B. Lorr	✓	
6	Jas. A. Watson	✓	
7	W. Blair	✓	
8	Mrs. Ann Garrett	✓	
9	Joe S. Boyd	✓	None
10	W. J. Turner	✓	
11	W. J. Duncan	✓	None
12	W. Heady	✓	
13	William Richardson	✓	
14	John Cassey	✓	
15	W. I. Mosley	✓	
16	Sam Morgan	✓	
17	Samuel Richardson	✓	
18	Wm. Mitchell	✓	
19	W. A. Sneed	✓	dead
20	H. H. Pittman	✓	
21	A. H. Sneed	✓	
22	W. H. Stickland	✓	
23	W. H. Stickland	✓	
24	W. H. Connally	✓	
25	Mrs. Annie Garrett	✓	
26	" Sarah Mosley	✓	
27	" Martha E. Dubcaw	✓	
28	" Wm. H. Holbrook	✓	
29	" Elizabeth Cassey	✓	
30	" Nancy Tucker	✓	

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No.	NAME	When Received.	How Received.
21	Walter Howell	8/12/93	Ap
22	Albert "	"	"
23	Arthur Humphries	"	"
24	Webster "	"	"
25	+ <del>James E. Stone</del>	"	"
26	Hugh Mozley	"	"
27	Jeff Wallace	"	"
28	Chapel Pittman	7/26/93	"
29	Leake "	"	"
40	Niles H. Loyd	"	"
41	Louise Nixon	"	"
42	Milton Davis	"	"
43	<del>A. W. Stone</del>	8/12/93	"
44	D. J. Starnes	"	"
45	+ Robert Hearn	"	"
46	J. D. Strickland	"	"
47	Mrs Anne Garrett	"	"
48	" Sarah Mozley	"	"
49	+ " Vester Holbrook	"	"
50	" Elizabeth Causey	"	"
51	" Nancy Tucker	"	"
52	" Harriet Hardy	"	"
53	" Anna Watson	"	"
54	" Melissa Hendricks	"	"
55	" Clara J. Howell	"	"
56	Louisa Hays	"	"
57	+ " Emma Pittman	"	"
58	" Evelina Causey	"	"
59	" Ella Mozley	"	"
60	" Dora Strickland	"	"

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No.	NAME.	When Received.	How Received.
✓ 90	Watts A. J.	Apr 1911	By Cert.
✓ 91	Washington Mrs. Eliza	July 1911	" "
✓ 92	Douglas John T.	Aug 16-1911	Restored
✓ 93	Douglas Mrs. Pelonia	" 16/1911	"
✓ 94	Washington George	" 16/1911	"
✓ 95	Washington Mrs. Etta	" 16/1911	"
96	Bingham W. F.	" 16/1911	"
✓ 97	Bingham Elley Jane	" 16/1911	"
✓ 98	Mrs. John Aldine	"	"
99	Morgan John T.	May 12/12	By Cert. ✓
100	Morgan Mrs. Josie	" 12/12	" " ✓
101	Morgan Charlie	" 12/12	" " ✓
102	Morgan Lottie Huey	" 12/12	" " ✓
102	Morgan Harrett J.	Aug 15/12	Prof. Faith ✓
103	Morgan Marcus	" 15/12	" " ✓
104	Morgan Eddie	" 15/12	" " ✓
105	Harper Nesbit		Cert. ✓
106	Harper Mrs. Martha	Nov 10/12	" ✓
107	Stansell Willie B.	Mar 9/13	Prof. Faith ✓
108	Joiner J. G.	Mar 9/13	Cert. ✓
109	Joiner Mrs. J. G.	Mar 9/13	Cert. ✓
110	Pharr J. P.	May 10/14	" ✓
111	" Mrs "	May 10/14	" ✓
112	Olin Fincher	Aug - 14	Prof. Faith ✓
113	T. V. "	" - 14	" " ✓
114	Miss Thelma Hallis	" - 14	" " ✓
115	Mrs. Eva Landrum	" - 14	" " ✓
116	William Jordan	" - 14	" " ✓
117	Virgian Hawkins	" - 14	" " ✓

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No	NAME.	When Received.	How Received
118	John Willie Morgan	Aug - 1914	Trof Faith
119	Jessie Morgan	" - "	" "
120	Mr Marcus Turner	" "	Certificates ✓
121	" Sarah Fincher	" "	" "
122	W. E. Parris	June 13/1914	" "
123	Aura Wynn		Prof faith
124	Ellen Wynn		" "
125	Munroe Hawkins		" "
126	Mary Jenkins		" "
127	Hugh J White		Cert ✓
128	Claudif Carson		" ✓
129	Mrs Sophie Strickland	phon	Cert 1916 ✓
130	J. H. Strickland		Cert 1916 ✓
131	Mrs Emma Rice		" 1916 ✓
132	H. H. Richardson	Sep 5th. 1917	Cert 1917 ✓
133	J. W. Hollis		
134	Mrs Kate Hollis		
135	Mrs Lueq Morgan		Cert 9/14/19
136	William Harper		Prof 9/14/19
137	Geroldine Harper		" "
138	Virginia Harper		" "
139	Robert Morgan		" "
140	Bertha May		" "
141	William David Robinson		" "
142	John Luke Kerby		" " ✓
143	John Sophie Strickland	Rhon.	Transfer from out member ✓
144	Sam Kimbrel		cer
145	Mrs Sam	" "	cer

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No.	NAME.	When Received.	How Received.
121	✓ Mrs Mack Wimm (Annet Seger)	2/13/27	Cert.
122	✓ Bernice Sappingfield	1925	Prof Faith
123	✓ Mrs T.J. Barron	"	Chit
124	✓ Fay Farmer	"	Prof Faith
125	✓ John Gore	"	"
126	✓ Mary Gore	"	"
127	✓ J.E. Langley	"	"
128	✓ Mrs J.E. Langley	"	"
129	✓ Geneva Langley	"	"
130	✓ Taylor Langley	"	"
131	✓ Lizzie "	"	"
132	✓ Martha Wozby	"	"
133	✓ Roy Strickland	"	"
- 134	✓ C.E. Buchanan	4/22/1927	Certificate
- 135	✓ Mrs C.E. Buchanan	" "	" "
- 136	✓ Mrs Jewell C. Buchanan	" "	" "
- 137	✓ Miss Mary Elizabeth Buchanan	" "	" "
- 138	✓ Mrs W.J. Mc Eloy	June 1927	" "
- 139	✓ Joseph Morris Alfred	July "	" "
- 140	✓ Jesse Gordon Post	" "	" "
✓ 141	✓ Mrs Mattie Brown	July 1927	" "
✓ 142	✓ Mrs Ruth Smith Jopustan	" "	" "
✓ 143	✓ Mrs Lila Wheat	" "	Vows "
✓ 144	✓ Mrs Ethel C. Bootwicks	" "	Vows
✓ 145	✓ Elsie Louise Smith	July 1927	Baptism Prof Faith
✓ 146	✓ Dorothy Clyde Smith	" 1927	" Prof Faith
✓ 147	✓ Mary Pitto	July 1927	" "
✓	✓ Mrs Mary Lou Smith	Aug 1928	Vows
✓	✓ Suedie Beauden Johnson	" 1928	Prof Faith
✓	✓ Emma Dalton Barron	" 1928	" "

## *Memoirs*



### **James E. Foreman**

James Foreman was a fixture in our Church from 1949 until his passing away in 2002. His talent as a leader and his helpfulness to others endeared him to many. He was deeply involved in Scouting and many activities in our church.



### **Marilou Pitts**

Marilou Pitts joined our church in 1927. She was secretary-treasurer of the Joy Class when the class was officially named in 1947. She was active in church affairs for 75 years prior to her death in 2002. She retired from teaching the 4<sup>th</sup> grade class at Austell Elementary School.



### **Edna Fowler**

For Edna Fowler, there was far more to church membership than attending services—there was “full participation” in the affairs of her church. For years she did volunteer secretarial work for our church. Her stewardship spanned more than 71 years—from 1927 until her death in 1998.



**Paul, Clyde and Gene Cowan**

The Cowan's were devout Methodists and they imbued their children with a sense of stewardship. Paul and Clyde joined our Church in 1946 and remained active until their death- Paul in 1991 and Clyde in 1973. Gene joined in 1951, at age 15, and remained active until his untimely death in 1982. Photo circa 1952.



**Nesbit Harper**

Nesbit joined our Church in 1912. He was civic minded and worked hard for our community. In 1914, he served on the school board. He was a Douglas county commissioner when he died in 1938.



**Johnnie and Roy Pitts**

Johnnie and Roy were pillars in our Church for several decades. Having joined our Church in 1921, Johnnie celebrated her 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a member prior to her confinement to home in 1996. She passed away in 1998. Roy was a tireless worker on behalf of our Church. He passed away in 1987.



**Martha Harper**

In 1912, Martha Harper joined our Church. During the depression years it was a scuffle to keep the Church afloat. Martha and the women of the Church would not give up. They refused to accept the letter "T" in can't. Martha was our oldest member when she died in 1966.



**Annette Segars Winn**

The name Annette Winn is legend in our county. In 1963, an elementary school was renamed in her honor. She passed away in 1996 after 70 years of service to our community and many years of devotion to our church.



**Ruby Pharr Strickland**

In 1979, our church honored Ruby for 77 years as a Methodist. One of the interesting anecdotes she shared with us relate to the hardscrabble years of the Great Depression. On Saturdays the women of the church made and sold homemade ice cream at the intersection of Bankhead Hwy and Sweetwater Road. The money they raised went towards paying the pastor and for essential repairs on the church



**Mary Tumlin**

Mary Tumlin (Mrs. J.M.) joined our church in 1943. The children cherished her because she baked delicious snickerdoodle cookies for them. She was a key member of the golden age club in our church.



**Lyndon P. Johnson**

Lyndon was a very popular member. He served as organist and choir director for 21 years prior to his death in 1967. His showmanship was tops. He used both feet on the pedals, his hands on the manuals and at the same time he used his head to direct the choir. As a result his popularity soared.



## *Missions in Action*

Ours is a creature comfort society but in this hemisphere there are countries where some of the population now live in remote villages and remain dirt-poor. The conditions under which they toil and live are miserable. They have no modern day conveniences such as electricity, running water and paved roads. The only jobs available to them are farming. Since they are too poor to own a tractor and no dealers are around to sell them, the people are forced into a primitive form of farming for their existence.

Such a place is Nataome Valle, Honduras where volunteers of Missions in Actions, a humanitarian effort supported by a few United Methodist Churches in North Georgia, are trying to help the people help themselves. By adding hope to help, Mission in Action reaches out in the best tradition of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Teams of individual churchmen travel to a small village in Honduras near the Nicaragua border to help. In the past, they built a sewing center for women who use treadle operated sewing machines. In the beginning, the project brought the needed materials, such as cloth and thread, and gave it to the women to use. In turn, the women made garments, which were sold in a small town, located two hours away via a bumpy ride down barely travelable roads on a rattle trap pick up truck. Another project initiated by Missions in Action involved the pouring of concrete slab floors to replace dirt floors in the homes. Prior to this action, the families had to endure the parasites in the soil. On another occasion, seed was bought for the poor farmers after a hurricane ravaged their crops, leaving them without the seed for the next crops.

A team from our church, traveling at their own expense, went to Honduras in June, 2004. In some way, their journey was similar to the Biblically famous Jericho Road stories – the road to service. For sure, their good deeds fits the spirit of John Wesley's rule.

### **John Wesley's Rule**

*Do all the good you can,  
By all the means you can,  
In all the ways you can,  
In all the places you can,  
At all the times you can,  
To all the people you can,  
As long as ever you can.*



## *River of Life*

River of Life, our annual missionary event for youth has inspired the notion of reaching out to others in our community. Each July several hundred youth volunteers under the aegis of our church learn a lot about social responsibility when they participate in the River of Life. They get a taste of altruism by doing volunteer work for the poor. It is a lesson steeped in the Gospel of Jesus Christ and not found in the classroom or a textbook. Helping others makes you feel good and often in ways that are hard to explain. Teams of young workers handle assigned tasks under adult supervision. Armed with roofing tiles, hammers and nails, they re-roof houses for the elderly living on a fixed income. Others with lots of enthusiasm paint a house for a stroke victim. Volunteers install gutters and downspouts, replace deteriorated woodwork and build wheel chair ramps – all free to the recipients. Along the way, these decent, devoted and hard working young missionaries for a noble cause, make new friends, develop skills, appreciate the value of teamwork and learn more about God's love for us all.



## Scouting

Long ago, the United Methodist Church recognized the unique contribution that the Scouting program can make to the spiritual and character development of young boys. Starting in 1964, our church has sponsored Scout Troup No. 62. This partnership has endured because Scouting under girds the church. The common bond that brings the church and Boy Scouts of America together is our mutual dedication to character development.

Scouting is the framework in which impressionable boys are brought into contact with adults who are good role models. Through Scouting there is a value transition from one generation to another. United Methodist Churches serve more BSA youth with the Scouting program than any other organization worldwide. Over 20 percent of our United Methodist Churches sponsor at least one Scout unit (pack, troop or crew). It is important for Churches to sponsor Scout units because Churches are the last remaining neighborhood centers.

Today, we find Scouting is as relevant as it was in 1910 when the Boy Scouts of America was founded. This is true because all of the Scout pledges, all of the Scout commitments are as good today as they were then. The twelve points in the Scout law parallel the Christian values we cherish. The Scout slogan: "Do a good turn daily" is a very noble and Christian like instruction.

Young people have great energy. Unless they are given the opportunity to channel that energy creatively it tends to find expression in antisocial ways. When that happens, society has problems. Scouting can make a difference between a social misfit and a good citizen. Proper guidance helps boys find more constructive lives.



**Troop 62---1997**

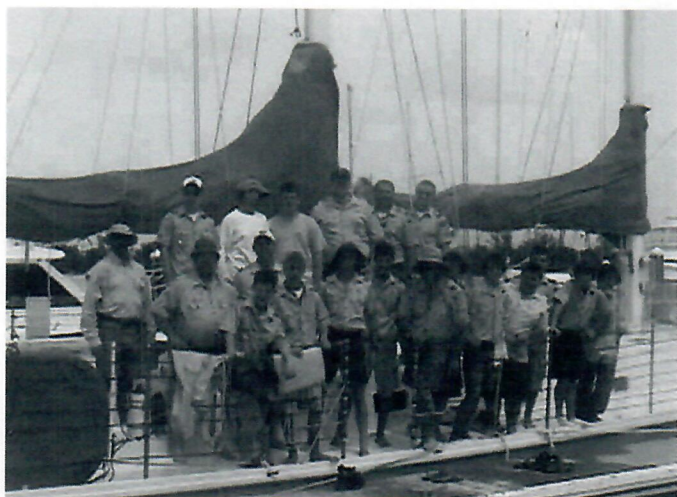
Front row L-R: David Morrison, Adam Camp, Micheal Moroz and Steve McLendon.  
Back Row L-R: Royce Tilson, James Schneider, Bill Camp (Scout Master), Mitch Lytle, Matt Stone, Marcus Cameron, David Camp (assist. Scout Master), Josh Weaver and Steve Schneider.



**Adult Leadership--2004**

The vision and dedication of the creative leadership is the glue that holds Troop 62 together year after year. L-R: Gary Layton, David Camp, Bill Camp, Bill Akins and Melvin Lytle.

## *Troop 62 Activities*



*Sea Voyage – 2004*

Thirteen Scouts and five adult leaders of Troop 62 boarded a 65-foot schooner in Key West, Florida for four days at sea. During the voyage, the Scouts learned how to operate the vessel, including steering, hoisting of sails and lowering the anchor. In addition, they took turns cooking meals for the crew.

### *Eagle Scouts of Troop 62*

1	Mark Belcher	1988
2	Brad Queen	1988
3	Gene Mastin	1988
4	Paul Miller	1989
5	Billy Kay	1989
6	Elmer Horn	1990
7	William Campbell	1991
8	Clint Miller	1992
9	John Jeffers	1992
10	Caine McCoy	1993
11	Jason Waters	1994
12	Kevin Jeffers	1994
13	Jeff Waters	1996
14	Jonathan Snow	1996
15	Chris Snow	1998
16	Lewis Starr	1998
17	Jason Ergle	1998
18	Nathan Todd	1998
19	Dugg Camp	2000
20	Robbie Snow	2000
21	Adam Camp	2004
22	Andrew Davitz	2004
23	Alex Layton	2004
24	Michael Moroz	2004
25	Steve McLendon	2004
26	Daniel Powell	2004



*Eagle Court of Honor – 2004*

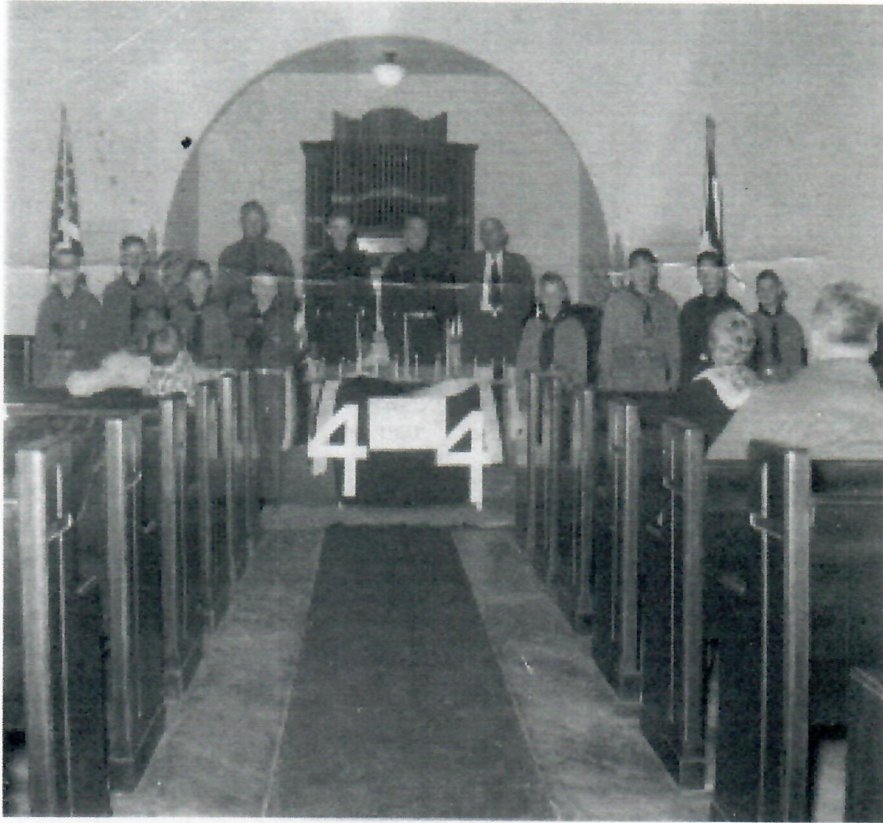
Six Scouts from Troop 62 became Eagle Scouts in 2004. The Eagle Court of Honor was held in the Sanctuary and afterwards the congregation joined them for their celebration in the Fellowship Hall. Eagles Left-Right: Adam Camp, David Powell, Michael Moroz, Alex Layton, Andrew Davitz and Steve McLendon.



### *Congratulations Given*

Douglas County's State Representative Bill Hembree congratulated Scout Master Bill Camp following the Eagle Court of Honor. Under Camp's leadership (19 years), twenty-six Scouts have obtained Eagle. During the impressive program, Rep. Hembree presented each Eagle with a Georgia Legislature Resolution praising them and a Special Congratulatory Letter from Governor Sonny Perdue.

## Gone but not forgotten



### *Old organ and pews*

If these old pews, altar rail and communion table could talk, might they boast about the number of souls saved during their watch starting in 1887? Photo date unknown.

**Men's Bible Class**  
**Lithia Springs Methodist Church**  
 Organized October 6, 1946

*Charter Members*

Bill Braden	W. C. Moxley
Jim Brown	Roy W. Pitts
Booney Cooper	W. H. Pitts, Jr.
Hugh Fordham	J. D. Pope
Harlan Groover	John Ramsey
Q. R. Groover	Curtis Sappenfield
Ernest Harper	Clyde Shaddix
Hume Henderson	John Spivey
Warner James	Billy Strickland
Douglass Johnson	J. M. Strickland, Sr.
James Johnson	Bernard Treece
E. P. Johnson	J. M. Cumlin
J. E. Langley	Willard Cumlin
Taylor Langley	Boyce Yancey

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