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McKendree United Methodist Church

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McKendree United Methodist Church

Sitting on a hill on McKendree Church Road is an old-fashioned, little white church that seems to beckon me each time I ride past it. This Church is McKendree United Methodist Church. The Church is full of history, dating back into the 18th century.

McKendree United Methodist Church is located at the intersection of Noble Mill Pond Road (SR1224) and McKendree Church Road (SR1222) in Edgecombe County. This location is three miles south-west of Tarboro, as noted in the Conference Historical Directory.

McKendree Church, so named after Bishop McKendree, was established in 1871 (see figure 1 and 2). The land on which the church is built was given by Dr. Nobles, a pioneer of McKendree Church. David Britt, also a pioneer, "gave considerable material for the construction (W S C S Methodist Church Cookbook)."

According to an article taken from a cookbook, the families of the 1800's that were the first members of McKendree Church included the Nobles, Britts, Killebrews and Gorhams. Mr. James Perry Jenkins and his wife, Mrs. Virginia Bulluck Jenkins, grandparents of Mr. Bennett Jenkins, were also first members of McKendree Church, according to Ms. Joyce Jenkins, wife of Bennett Jenkins.

The church and the church cemetery is enclosed by an antique iron fence. According to Mr. T. L. Cherry, the

oldest living member of McKendree Church, the iron fence was installed by his uncle, Mr. T. Frank Cherry and Mr. Will Killebrew. Unfortunately, in the Fall of 1992, six sections of the antique fence were stolen.

In the earlier 1930's, McKendree Church was very active. As Mr. Bennett Jenkins reminisced about the earlier days at McKendree Church, he recalled:

My daddy (Mr. S.R. Jenkins) sat on this pew (pointing to the second pew). If the preacher got long winded, my daddy would take out his pocket watch, wind it up and display it to the preacher, if he went past 12:00. One preacher, Mr. Standford, he was a pot-bellied man, asked my daddy to do him a favor. My daddy say, I will if I can. Mr. Standford asked him not to pull his watch out on him again. In reply, my daddy said, well don't preach past 12:00 again.

In 1948, during the 11:00 a.m. service, Ms. Joyce Jenkins played the piano for the church in the absence of the piano player. Mrs. Jenkins was very good at playing the piano and, as she stated, "it was one of the most embarrassing moments in my life."

Service was held at the church every first Sunday night and every third Sunday morning. It was a known fact that on every third Sunday, the preacher was fed by Ms. Sallie Cobb Jenkins, mother of Mr. Bennett Jenkins.

Mr. Bennett Jenkins stated that his mother would get up

at 4:00 a.m. and bottle milk, cook breakfast and then cook her Sunday dinner before going to church. Then, during the church service, she would "drop off and nap." She was noted as being a "remarkable lady" by her daughter-in-law, Ms. Joyce Jenkins. Ms. Sallie Cobb Jenkins died at the age of 93 and is buried in the church cemetery.

Mr. T.L. Cherry, the oldest living member of the church recalled earlier years at the church:

I joined the church in the 1960's with my mother and daddy. My Uncle, T. Frank Cherry was superintendent in the 1930's. I took over the Sunday school in 1965 and served until 1986. I was Administrative Board Leader for 18 - 20 years. Clater Killebrew is presently Administrative Board Chairperson.

My wife, Julia Cherry cut the grass at the church for sixteen years. She also planted those daffodils in the image of a cross, just below the wooden cross on the church ground. On Sunday's, Julia would load the truck with vegetables and carry them down to the church. If anybody wanted any, they could get what they wanted. Julia kept flowers in the church too. Me and Julia celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary at the church. Yes sir, Julia was my best friend. Upon her death, I stopped cutting grass at the church. Every third

Sunday morning, the men have breakfast in the kitchen at the church.

Ms. Julia Cherry died July 14, 1986. The candles burning in the windows of the church were placed there by her daughter, Julia, in remembrance of her.

Ms. Joyce Jenkins noted that enrollment at the church was very low about twenty years ago. Suddenly, everybody came back during the time the Cherry's started cutting the grass.

The dinning room displays a certificate stating that the church has been entered on The National Register of Historic Places by the U.S. Department of the Interior, June 19, 1980.

Another certificate in the dinning room states that in 1955, the church was chartered. Methodist men participating unit of men's work of the Methodist Church included Clater Killebrew, Randolph Whitley, Frank Tucker, Robert Jones, Dan Boone, J.E. Joyner, W.H. Shirley, Cofield Robbins, Vance A. Lewis, Ray Davis and Charles M. Killebrew. The certificate was signed January 28, 1955.

Before renovations, McKendree Church was a one-room wooden floor church. Sunday school rooms were formed by an extension of rods with curtains to separate each class. Because of low attendance, oftentimes Sunday school was not held. In 1953, Sunday school rooms were added to the church. According to Julia Cherry, daughter of Mr. T.L. Cherry, five rooms were originally built. They included 3 - 9x12 Sunday school rooms, 1 room for the nursery and 1 room

used to count the money. In the remodeling stages of the church, all petitions in the Sunday school rooms were torn down to make a dinning room. Today, the dinning room is called the Dora Grimes Killebrew Fellowship Hall.

Heat in the church was provided by a wood stove. As Mr. Bennett Jenkins recalls, "when the stove got fired up, people on the front row got up and moved." In the history of the church's existence, there has only been three sources of heat. The first being a wood stove with a chimney. Secondly, during renovations, gas heaters, one in each corner of the church, replaced the wood stove. Approximately in 1982, the members of the church installed their final type of heat, central heating and air. Since the existence of the church, they have only had two pianos in the church.

Until 1978, the steps leading into the church were wooden steps. They are now brick. Added to the front of the church was a vestibule (see figure 3). In 1980, the use of the out-house was replaced by indoor toilets. The out-house remained on the church grounds and a part of their history until March, 1993. It is now being utilized by Mr. Lawrence Bradley on Noble Mill Pond Road. Mr. Bradley gave a donation to the church for the out-house (Julia Cherry).

August, 1984, the inside of the church underwent changes. The pulpit furniture has been the same in the church for 55-60 years, per Mr. Bennett Jenkins. The structure of the pulpit itself was changed (see figures 4 and 5). The huge picture of Jesus Christ, hanging on the wall in

the pulpit, was replaced by a wooden cross (see figure 4). The picture now hangs on the wall in the nursery. The archaic bulbs, suspended from the ceilings by an electrical line, were replaced by (4) four flood lights, aimed toward the pulpit.

Within the body of the church, many people contributed to the church , for various reasons. Listed are contributions, memorials, and work performed by members:

- Wooden cross in church yard erected by Flowers by Cliff and Phillip Brown.
- Church lanterns given in memory of Sallie C. Jenkins by Bennett and Joyce Jenkins.
- Brass candle holders given in memory of S. R. Jenkins by Sallie C. Jenkins in 1957.
- Antique pump organ and light fixture by Phillip Brown (see Appendix A).
- Lamp post dedicated September 15, 1991 in memory of Henry and Mollie Shirley by Robert and Joyce Daughtry, Marie S. Moore, Bill and Christine Shirley.
- Paraments on the alter and pulpit dedicated to the Glory of God in Christian Worship by McKendree Methodist Youth Fellowship.
- Bluebird houses in memory of Julia Cherry by Eleanor Brown.
- Handicap parking signs placed on the grounds by Clater Killebrew.
- Dinning hall curtains tailored by Julia Cherry.

At present, the pastor is Jay Winston. Pastors are rotated about every four years. Pinetops, McKendree and Temprance Hall share the same pastor. Students from Duke University preach at McKendree when the pastor serves at his other churches. The doors of the church are opened every Sunday for service.

The church congregation is about 50 members, averaging about 20-25 members each Sunday. Communion is held the first Sunday nights. Every third Sunday in September is Homecoming at the church. During Homecoming, tables are spread out on the church grounds to feed outside. After dinner, the congregation is entertained by a singing group or some type of activity.

McKendree Church was also featured in a movie, "Summer Heat." McKendree Church is a very old church, filled with history.

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APPENDIX A:

Receipt of organ and light fixture

McKendree United Methodist Church
Route 3 Tarboro, NC 27886

August 17, 1984



TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

The McKendree United Methodist Church has received an antique pump organ valued at \$600. from Phillip W. Brown. The organ was in excellent condition when received and is kept in the sanctuary of the church.

The McKendree United Methodist Church has received a light fixture valued at \$50. from Phillip W. Brown. The light fixture is hung in the area adjacent to the restrooms in the church.



Judy Cherry Treasurer

APPENDIX B:

Letter to the Editor "The Daily Southerner."

The Editor
"The Daily Southerner"
504 West Wilson Street
Tarboro, North Carolina 27886

Dear Sir:

A thief broke into McKendree Church in Edgecombe County recently and stole an electric fan.

McKendree is an old church. Its history includes that of the early members whose lives reach back into the preceding century. McKendree is not a wealthy church as one can see immediately, but what is there bears witness to the labors, sacrifices, efforts and the results of the members - mostly plain men and women of the soil, to provide a place to meet and worship God. This old church has been the setting of many baptisms, weddings and funerals over the years and many joyful gatherings of the congregations have occurred and there will be many more too.

But because of what it was, McKendree, until this year, never needed protection from thieves and vandals. And, it would seem now that a locked door should be enough to say "stop" to an intruder.

There are few creature comforts at McKendree; it is a place of worship. The summer heat on a Sunday morning is oppressive. Some relief was afforded when an electric fan was installed to stir the air during church services. A thief broke into the

locked church and took the fan away. We will probably never know who did it or what became of the fan. We can hope that on that day when the culprit has to answer to his Maker the question, "Have you kept My Commandments?", he will truthfully say, "No, Lord, I stole a fan from your Church at McKendree," for if he should answer otherwise, he will break another Commandment also.

Yours truly,

APPENDIX C:

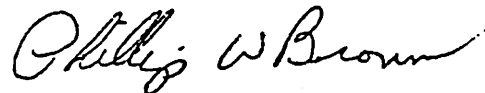
Letter to the Editor, "The Evening Telegram".

The Evening & Sunday Telegram
150 Howard Street
Rocky Mount, N. C. 27801

To the Editor:

Thieves, possibly guided by Satan's imps, have struck a church in Edgecombe County for the second time this year. During the Christmas holidays one or more of those who perform such low deeds stealthily visited McKendree Church and removed and carried away the water pump from the well in the church yard. This pump was provided, as is most church property, for the benefit of a place of worship and at some sacrifice to the providers. Last summer an electric fan was stolen from inside the church. Without a pump there is no water which could be of some use to fight a possible fire until the fire truck arrives which could make a difference in the loss sustained. We can only hope that the culprit will have second thoughts and return the pump to its proper location before the lawmen track him down.

Yours truly,



Phillip W. Brown
RFD 3, Box 125
Tarboro, N. C. 27886

January 7, 1983

APPENDIX D:
News Article

The small historial McKendree United Methodist Church located in Edgecombe County between Tarboro and Rocky Mount was overflowing Sunday night, December 5, 1982, as 19 boys from the Lake Waccamaw Choir gave a heartwarning service in Christmas songs.

Following the song service McKendree Church members and friends had prepared a barbecue chicken and covered dish meal for the boys which everyone enjoyed.

APPENDIX E:

Public service announcement

P U B L I C S E R V I C E A N N O U N C E M E N T

McKendree Methodist Church will hold an auction sale (farm equipment, trucks, cars, furniture and miscellaneous items) on Saturday, December 11, 1982, at 10:30 a.m. There will be arts, crafts, and yard sale spots available for a small charge. Lunch will be served.

If interested in renting yard sale space call 442-3364, 823-0801 or 823-0726.

LOCATION: From Rocky Mount go Highway 43 South to West Edgecombe Church; take SR 1224 to McKendree Church and follow arrows.

APPENDIX F:

Doll Show at Church

Every Kind Displayed

May 1 1983

Doll Show Helps Church's Coffers



Southerner photo by Calloway

While children attending the doll show could not touch many of the dolls, one was available for them to play with.

Big dolls. Small dolls. Antique dolls. New dolls. Handmade dolls. Collectors dolls.

Dolls of every kind were on display at a doll show Saturday at McKendree Church.

The show was a fund-raising event for the church, said organizer Judy Cherry of Rocky Mount.

"We made about \$600," she said. Cherry got the idea to raise money for the church by having the doll show when she went to one at Maccriline Country Club in Pinetops.

Her enthusiasm in the hobby grew when Estelle Jenkins gave her an 80-year-old homemade rag doll. Although its face is faded, the doll is shaped very much like a baby and has delicate features and carefully sculpted fingers.

"My relatives tease me about this doll," Cherry said. "They say nobody loves her but me."

She also makes dolls.

"I've made some large rag dolls and a bassinet, and also some porcelain dolls," Cherry said.

But her favorite dolls are "the kind that children can play with and love." For the doll show she dressed a large doll and put it in a crib, just for children to pick up and hold.

"The children really did enjoy it," she said. There were so many things there they could not touch.

Cherry wants to get into making sculptured dolls.

"I just enjoy making dolls and I like to sew," she said.



Southerner photo by Calloway

Judy Cherry points out delicate features of an antique doll more than 80 years old at a doll show held at McKendree Church.

APPENDIX G:

Church Recognition

CHURCH RECOGNITION

Awards were given for those churches with the greatest percentage of growth in membership; the most professions of faith, and those with the best ratio of professions of faith in each of the Districts.

Net membership growth in the Conference was 1120 in 1983. 385 churches showed gains, 337 losses and 125 remained even. One research group insists there are 1,531,500 unchurched persons within our Conference. The New Bern and Raleigh Districts had the leading membership gains. Top churches honored were Wadesville, Sanford District, for best ratio between new members received by Profession of Faith; White Plains, Raleigh District, for receiving the highest number of members on Profession of Faith; and McKendree, Rocky Mount District, for the highest percentage gain in membership.

APPENDIX H:

McKendree Church History

MCKENDREE CHURCH HISTORY

The annual conference in 1870 was held in the church at Tarboro by Bishop McKendree, the son of Bishop McKendree who was an associate of Bishop Asbury. His visits to Edgecombe County were more or less frequent. In 1871 a revival of unusual interest took place near Tarboro. From the results a church was built about seven miles from Tarboro. The name McKendree was given it in honor of Bishop McKendree. This church was principally indebted to Dr. Nobles and David Britt for its origin under the direction of Reverend C. C. Dodson. Dr. Nobles was a comparatively early settler in the county, having arrived in about 1849. He was the son of Warren Tillett Nobles. His father died in Warren County, where Dr. Nobles was born. His early education was obtained at Louisburg and was completed at Cincinnati, Ohio. He became a physician and was associated with the late Dr. Charles Garret. He moved to Tarboro about 1852. Dr. Nobles became interested in politics and ran for the House of Representatives, but was defeated. Later he became a Populist and then returned to the Democratic party in 1903.

Prior to the movement to build McKendree Church Dr. Nobles, a strong Methodist, had his membership with that of his wife, at Temperance Hall, one of the oldest churches in the county. Temperance Hall Church replaced an old store which was used for a place of meeting for several years. Dr. Nobles wanted a church nearer his home and gave the land for McKendree Church. Mr. Britt also gave considerable material for the construction. The church was perhaps made up of the best type of Edgecombe citizens, all being prosperous farmers. In addition to the Nobles and the Britts, the Jenkins and the Gorhams were all early members of the church. The family of Killebrews were also early members and the family is represented there today. Joshua Killebrew the pioneer of the family, was a one time representative of Edgecombe County in the Legislature. He was a tailor by profession and came from England. His son, Washington Killebrew, was the grandson of Mack Killebrew. Another son of Joshua Killebrew was G. W. Killebrew, the father of C. B. Killebrew born March 8, 1818, and died October 26, 1889. C. B. Killebrew was also a member of this church.

On completion of McKendree Church it was placed in the Elm City Circuit with J. C. Humble as pastor. It has given a

HISTORY (Continued)

few young men to the ministry, the first being J. C. Humble, who was licensed there. Around 1900 the church was taken out of the Elm City district and bore the name of McKendree Circuit in honor of Bishop McKendree. It changed to the Pinetops Charge in 1946 with Pinetops, Conetoe, Temperance Hall, and McKendree as sister churches in the charge.

Some of the former pastors have been:

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| J. Herbert Miller | M. R. Gardner |
| B. F. Boone | J. C. Werbee |
| S. S. Ellington | E. E. Whitley |
| J. T. Stanford | Dan Boone |
| W. D. Yarborough | Vance Lewis |
| G. S. Eubanks | |

In 1953 under the direction of E. E. Whitley there was a great revival of the church and Sunday School with 15 new members in the church and an enrollment of around 75 members in Sunday School.

The church was completely decorated inside and out as the result of this revival. Also stemming from this revival four new Sunday School rooms were added to the church. The church members and people of the community were the contributors to the finance and construction of the rooms. Dan Boone and Vance Lewis were the pastors during the construction of the rooms.

In 1956 the charge was divided with Temperance Hall and McKendree as one charge. It is now known as the Temperance Hall Charge.

At present the pastor is Tommy Smith and the church is still very active in Church, Sunday School, M. Y. F., and Woman's Society of Christian Service.

The present membership of the church is around 40 members and around 65 enrolled in Sunday School.

A Church In The Wildwood

BY LELA CHESSON
Telegram Family Editor

"Tell the people there's still a church in the wildwood." That's how Catherine Robbins describes her place of worship, McKendree Methodist Church.

Located in Edgecombe County near Nobles Mill Pond, the church, over 100 years old, is a picturesque structure on a wooded knoll with an interesting iron-gated cemetery. There's a crabapple tree in the back near the outdoor toilet with a bunch of bees buzzing near one top front corner.

"Those bees were coming here when I started coming here over forty years ago," explained Rebecca Robbins, Catherine's mother. "We get stung plenty of times," she added. "Many a time someone has to get up and come out the doors."

Mrs. Robbins is the official piano player. "I play because there's nobody else to play," she said modestly. She took piano "by mail" before she was married—that's the only training she's had. If she is unable to attend, Catherine plays "What A Friend We Have In Jesus."

"If they see me at the piano," said Catherine, "they just all turn to 124. They know that's the one I can play."

And one favorite thing about the church in the wildwood is the fact that the eight or nine families who attend can request their favorites.

"Mrs. Vallie Bradley likes 'My Faith Looks Up To Thee,' Bennett Bradley likes 'Onward Christian Soldiers,' and Mrs. Dora Killebrew likes 'Have Thine Own Way, Lord,'" said Mrs. Robbins. "And I play 'Love Lifted Me,' a lot; that's a good one. They're all good ones."

Mrs. Robbins is a Presbyterian and retains her membership at Morton Presbyterian Church where she is a charter member. But she has been attending McKendree since she moved into the community. Mr. and Mrs. Russell O'Neal, a retired couple from Pennsylvania, are also Presbyterians who attend McKendree.

Baptists who attend are Mr. and Mrs. Doug Braswell and Mrs. Vallie Bradley. "If it weren't for the Presbyterians and the Baptists, I don't know how we could keep our Methodist Church going," Catherine commented. "They joke with us about having to help the Methodists so much."

The Sunday School Attendance record on the wall

McKendree Church was established in 1871 after a revival of unusual interest in Tarboro. Named for the bishop who conducted the Tarboro revival, McKendree Church was supported by the Nobles, Britts, Jenkins, Gorham, and Killebrew families of the area. The family of Killebrews is still represented in the church today.

Prior to the movement to build McKendree, the Dr. A. B. Nobles Family, "strong Methodists," were members of the Temperance Hall Church. But they desired a church closer to their home and donated the land for McKendree.

On completion, Catherine explained, the church was placed in the Elm City Circuit with J. C. Humble as pastor. Around 1900 the church was taken out of the Elm City District and bore the name of McKendree Circuit. In 1946 it became part of the Pinetops Charge with Pinetops, Conetoe, and Temperance Hall as sister churches. Former pastors include C. C. Dodson, J. Herbert Miller, B. F. Boone, S. S. Ellington, J. T. Stanford, Dan Boone, Vance Lewis, and H. Charles Davis.

In 1953, the members and people of the community re-decorated the church under the direction of E. E. Whitley. Four Sunday School rooms were added at that time.

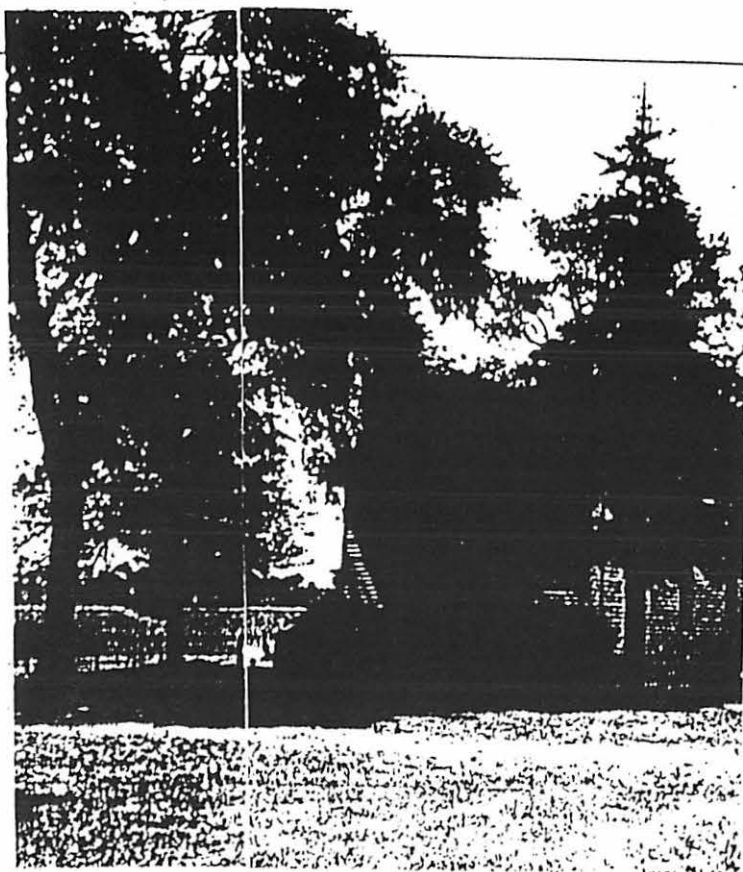
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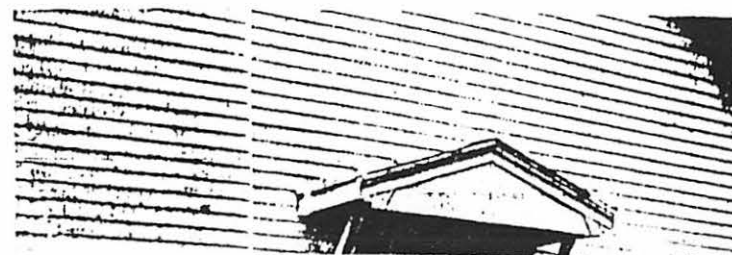
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"Come to our church sometime," Mrs. Robbins added. "We don't get visitors very often so don't mind that everybody will stretch their necks when someone they don't know comes in. But come see us. Come to the church in the wildwood."



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The Sunday School Attendance record on the wall noted 13 in attendance last Sunday with 16 the week before. Total enrollment? 20.

Mrs. Ann Murray and Mrs. Raymond Land teach the Sunday classes. Tom Cherry serves as Superintendent assisted by Bennett Bradley.

"There're only about 18 or 20 members in the whole church," Catherine said. "So if we don't come, we're really missed. We keep up with each other. We know where everybody is and where everybody goes. And if somebody's dog dies, we know that, too."

It hasn't been easy to keep the church alive, she explains. There's little to meet the expenses and the exterior of the church now needs painting. Tom Cherry, C. P. Killebrew, and Henry Shirley keep the lawn mowed; Julia Cherry brings cut flowers from her own garden; and the women of the church take turns cleaning the church each month. "Later" and Millie Killebrew usually bring soft drinks if there's to be a picnic.

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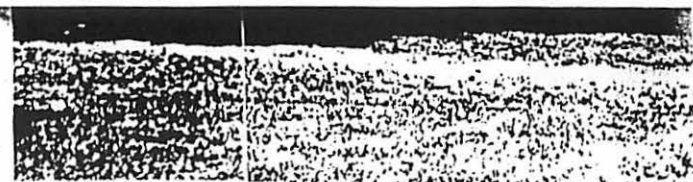
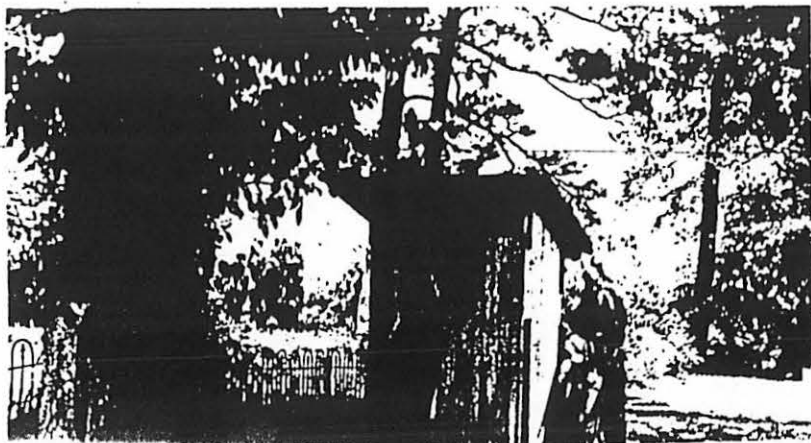
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Family Living

Rocky Mount, N.C. Telegram

Sun., July 4, 1976-9



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Mrs. Doug Braswell, a friend of the church, put for the women of the church to wear today. Catherine women at the steps.

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| SUNDAY SCHOOL | |
| ATTENDANCE TODAY | 13 |
| ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY | 16 |

Photos By Telegram Photographer Ch



Julia Cherry, left, and Helen O'Neal wait their turns at the McKendree out house. At the left is one of the cemetery markers.

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| OFFERING TODAY | \$7.76 |
| OFFERING LAST SUNDAY | 10 |
| ENROLLMENT | 20 |

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Dora Killebrew, left, and Vallie Bradley don't mind that McKendree is not air-conditioned. They just keep their hand fans going.

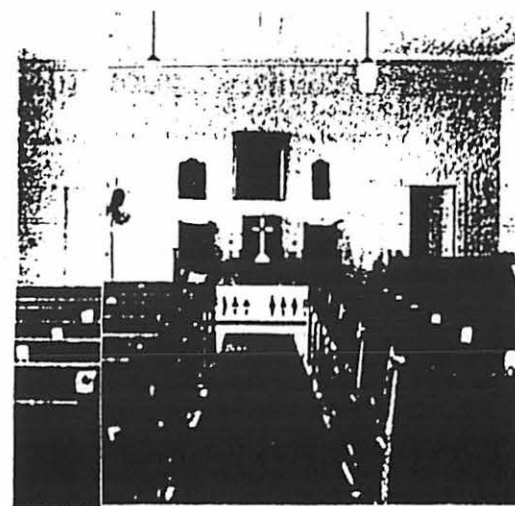


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The interior of the church is well-kept by the women of the church.



McKendree
United Methodist Church

Est. 1871

McKENDREE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
September 15, 1991
Homecoming Sunday

ENTRANCE AND PRAISE

Welcome and Announcements

*Greeting and Call to Worship

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Response: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray...

*Opening Prayer

*Hymn of Praise 121

"The Church in the Wildwood"

(Cokesbury Hymnal)

PRAYERS AND OFFERINGS

Dedication of Lamppost and

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Offering

*The Doxology

*The Prayer of Dedication

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

*Affirmation of Faith 738

"The Apostles' Creed"

*Gloria Patri

Psalter Reading 579

"How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place"

First Lesson,

Romans 8:31-39

*Hymn 151

"Faith of Our Fathers"

Gospel Lesson,

Mark 8:27-38

Pastor: The Word of God for the people of God.

Response: Thanks be to God.

Sermon,

"The Ole-Time Religion"

+Invitation to Christian Discipleship

*Hymn 540

"God Be With You Till We Meet Again"

SENDING FORTH

*Dismissal with Blessing

*Depart to Serve God and Others

*congregation will please stand

+This is a time when you are invited to come forward and kneel
at the altar for personal prayers of dedication or to pray
for someone whom you feel needs God's direction in their lives.

Jay Winston, Pastor

Greg Neal, Duke Assistant

Pat Brown, pianist

Every Christian a Minister (a Witness) of the Gospel)

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If you would like to know more about our church and our Methodist heritage and denomination, please contact the pastor. Home phone is 446-1445; office number is 827-4176.

The lamppost is dedicated today in memory of Henry and Mollie Shirley by...Robert and Joyce Daughtry, Marie S. Moore, Bill and Christine Shirley.

The paraments on the altar and pulpit are dedicated to the Glory of God in Christian Worship by the McKendree Methodist Youth Fellowship.

Remembering in prayer: H.M. Poe, Mabel Hilton, C.P. Killebrew,
If you wish to add any names, please contact the pastor.

ACTIVITIES OF THE CHURCH

Administrative Council meets the first Wednesday of every month at 7:30 p.m.

Methodist Youth Fellowship meets the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

Community Men's Breakfast is held on the third Sunday of each month at 8:00 a.m.

Edgecombe Parish Pastor-Parish Relations Committee will meet tonight at 7:00 at Temperance Hall.

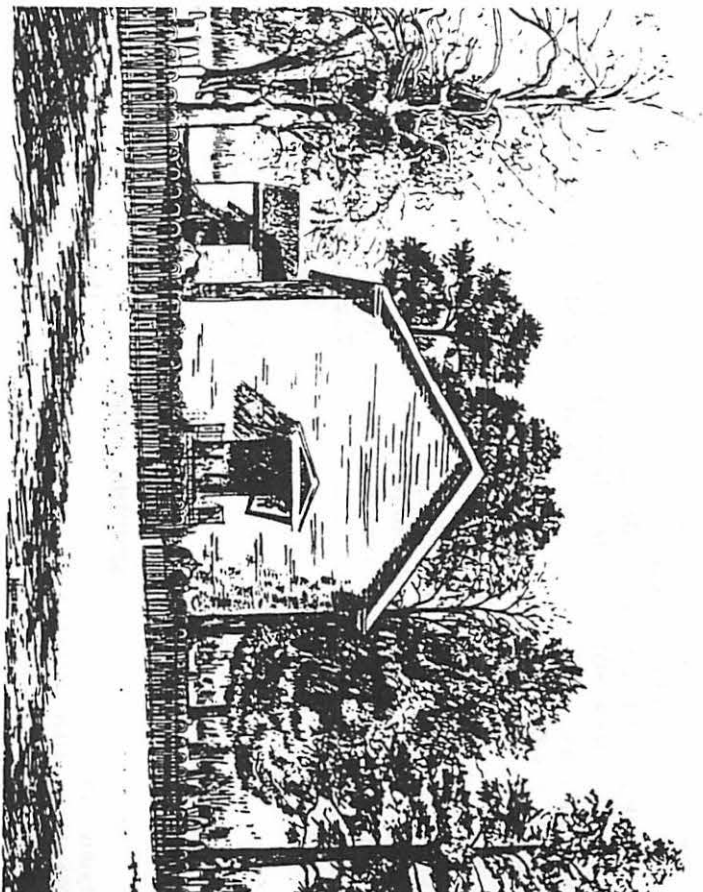
CHURCH FAMILY SUPPER will be THIS SATURDAY at 6:30.

Invite a friend. Bring a dish to pass...come and eat and fellowship.

RECEPTION for Greg Neal and new student NEXT SUNDAY at Temperance Hall. Time: 3 until 4:00.

FINANCE COMMITTEE will meet Oct. 2 at 7:00. Members: Arlene Bunch, Phillip Brown, Dorothy Jones, Clater Killebrew, Millie Killebrew, Lawrence Bradley (chair.)

WELCOME HOME TO MCKENDREE



McJendree

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McKENDREE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

April 18, 1993
Second Sunday of Easter

ENTRANCE AND PRAISE

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

Leader: Springtime changes are bursting forth around us.

PEOPLE: THE EARTH AWAKENS FROM WINTER WITH A DISPLAY OF
WONDROUS COLOR.

Leader: The cycle of living and dying continues.

PEOPLE: AS IT HAS FOR AGES PAST AND WILL FOR AGES TO COME.

Leader: Lent has passed and the celebration of Easter
Sunday is over.

PEOPLE: BUT THE MESSAGE OF NEW LIFE, NEW AWAKENINGS, AND
NEW POSSIBILITIES REMAINS WITH US. GLORY TO GOD!

*Hymn of Praise 16

"Stand Up and Bless the Lord"

*Opening Prayer

PRAYERS AND OFFERINGS

Psalter Reading 557

"Preserve Me, O God"

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Offering of Our Gifts and Ourselves

*The Doxology and The Prayer of Dedication

*Affirmation of Faith 738

"The Apostles' Creed"

*Gloria Patri

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

*Hymn 45

"This Is My Father's World"

Scripture Lesson,
Sermon,

SENDING FORTH

*Hymn 17

"How Great Thou Art"

*Dismissal with Blessing

*Depart to Serve God and Others

*congregation will please stand

We welcome back Marvin Webb who will lead us in worship.

WELCOME VISITORS! We welcome all who have come to worship with us today. If you would like to know more about our church and our Methodist heritage and denomination, please contact the pastor (Jay Winston). Home phone is 827-2482; office phone is 827-4176.

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Jay Winston, Pastor

Lynnette Skinner, Pianist

Every Christian a minister (a Witness) of the Gospel

Remembering in prayer: H.M. Poe, Mabel Hilton. To add any names, please contact Jay.

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ANNOUNCING...in order to encourage more fellowship on Sunday mornings...**FELLOWSHIP & REFRESHMENTS...**starting at 10:45 until 11:00. You are invited to come to the kitchen for coffee, juice, cookies, laughter, encouragement...**FELLOWSHIP!**
If you missed it today...come next Sunday!

If you can help with a worship nursery, please see Shelley Killebrew...even if you can only help once in a while.



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*This is only a tiny message,
But it's written just for you
Who found time in your busy life,
To give us a moment or two,
We hope that you can feel
As we, light-hearted and gay,
And share with us the magic,
Of this enchanting day.*

Tom and Julia Cherry

McKENDREE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

September 20, 1992

Homecoming Sunday

ENTRANCE AND PRAISE

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

Pastor: Save us, O God, from living in the past and from resting on the work of those who have gone before us. Let us find a new beginning and a new vision, that we may know our task in this place and in this world today.

PEOPLE: O GOD, GIVE US VISION.

Pastor: Enable us to accept the responsibility of our freedom, the burden of our privilege, and so conduct ourselves as to set an example for those who will follow after.

PEOPLE: O GOD, GIVE US COURAGE.

Pastor: Spare us from the pride that separates and excludes. Defend us from the ignorance that feeds injustice and from the indifference that causes hearts to break.

PEOPLE: O GOD, GIVE US UNDERSTANDING.

Pastor: Being untitled in this church, sharing in the great mission that you have set before us, let us find in your church a prod to our imagination, a shock to our apathy, and a source of power in doing your will.

PEOPLE: O GOD, GIVE US STRENGTH.

Pastor: O God, who has given us minds to know you and hearts to love you: send your Spirit upon us, make us one, and free us to serve you.

ALL: AMEN.

*Hymn of Praise 121 (Cokesbury) "The Church In The Wildwood"

*Opening Prayer

PRAYERS AND OFFERINGS

Responsive Reading 297 (Cokesbury) "A Call to Worship"

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Offering of Our Gifts and Ourselves

*The Doxology and The Prayer of Dedication

*Affirmation of Faith 738 "The Apostles' Creed"

*Gloria Patri

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Scripture Lesson

1 Corinthians 13

*Hymn 87 (Cokesbury)

"Blest Be the Tie"

Sermon,

Rev. Wade Goldston

SENDING FORTH

*Hymn 277 (Cokesbury)

"God Be With You"

*Dismissal with Blessing

*Depart to Serve God and Others

*congregation will please stand

Jay Winston, Pastor Tim Meadows, Duke Intern
Lynnette Skinner, Pianist

Today we welcome as our Homecoming preacher, Wade Goldston.

Flowers are given In Honor of Mabel Cherry Hilton.

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Remembering in prayer: H.M. Poe, Mabel Hilton, Aubrey Winston, If you would like to add any names, please contact Jay.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL has begun!

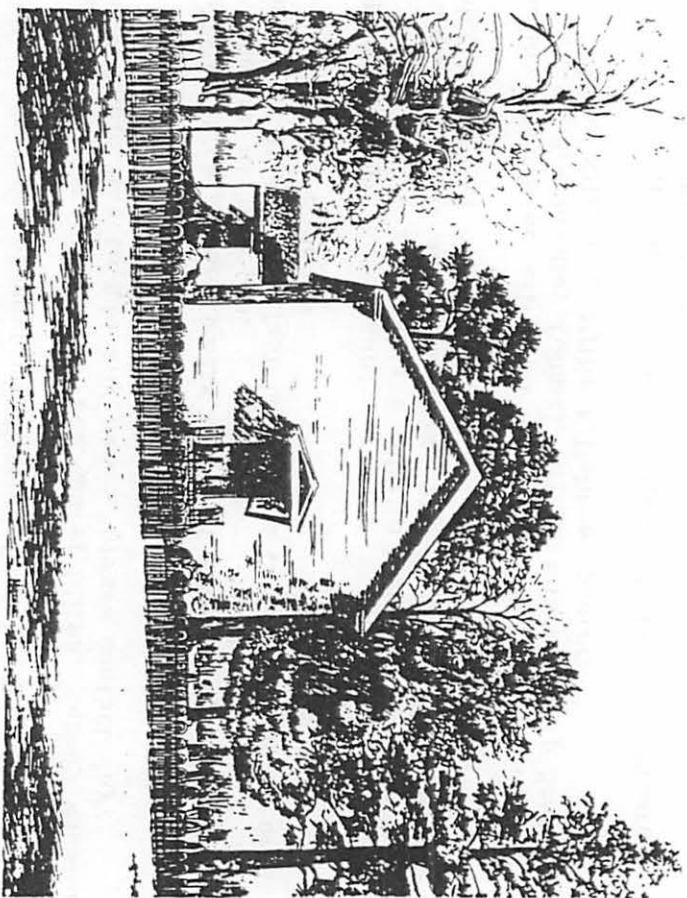
Tell others about this wonderful news!
Sunday School is at 10:00. There are 3 classes...Younger Kid's; Older Kid's; and Adult.

Finance Committee will meet Sept. 23rd at 7:30. Members are: Lawrence Bradley (Chair), Arlene Bunch, Philip Brown, Clater Killebrew, Millie Killebrew, pastor.

If anyone would like to join the Handbell Choir at Pinetops please contact Jay.

Next Administrative Council will meet Oct. 7th at 7:30.

WELCOME HOME to all our former members and friends.



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New Hymnals

IN HONOR OF

Tom & Julia Cherry by Clater & Millie Killebrew
Don & Jenny Harvey by Tim & Nancy Harvey
Mark Harrell by Mr. & Mrs. James F. Harrell
James Harrell by Mr. & Mrs. James F. Harrell
Clater & Millie Killebrew by Judy Cherry
T. L. Cherry by Judy Cherry
Frank Brown
W. H. Ross

IN MEMORY OF

Dora G. Killebrew by Charles M. Killebrew
Horton G. Quincy
by Mrs. Blanche Sterling
by Bruce & Margaret Q. Phillips
by Clater & Millie Killebrew
by Allen & Cindy Killebrew
by C. P. Killebrew, Jr.
by Agnes & Garland Walker
by Kenneth & Brenda Killebrew
Gene Harvey by Don & Jenny Harvey
Mr. & Mrs. Charlie Dupree by Don & Jenny Harvey
E. L. Everett by Tim & Nancy Harvey
Julia D. Cherry
(2) by Susan C. Anderson
(2) by Tim & Betty Ann Dew
by McKendree MYF
Frank & Lucy Cherry by Judy Cherry

DO YOU WANT YOUR CHURCH TO GROW ?

DO YOU WANT YOUR NEIGHBORS TO ACCEPT SALVATION ?

DO YOU BELIEVE THAT GOD WANTS YOU TO SHARE
YOUR FAITH ?

WILL YOU COME STUDY WITH US ?

Relational Evangelism

"Relational Evangelism" is a simple, tested approach to bringing people to new life in Christ and into the church community. It does not involve door-to-door or hard-sell tactics. It is a way to offer Christ to those close to you--friends, neighbors, family, those with whom you already have "relations."

Are you ready to grow? Are you ready to give?
Join us for these two evening sessions this week.

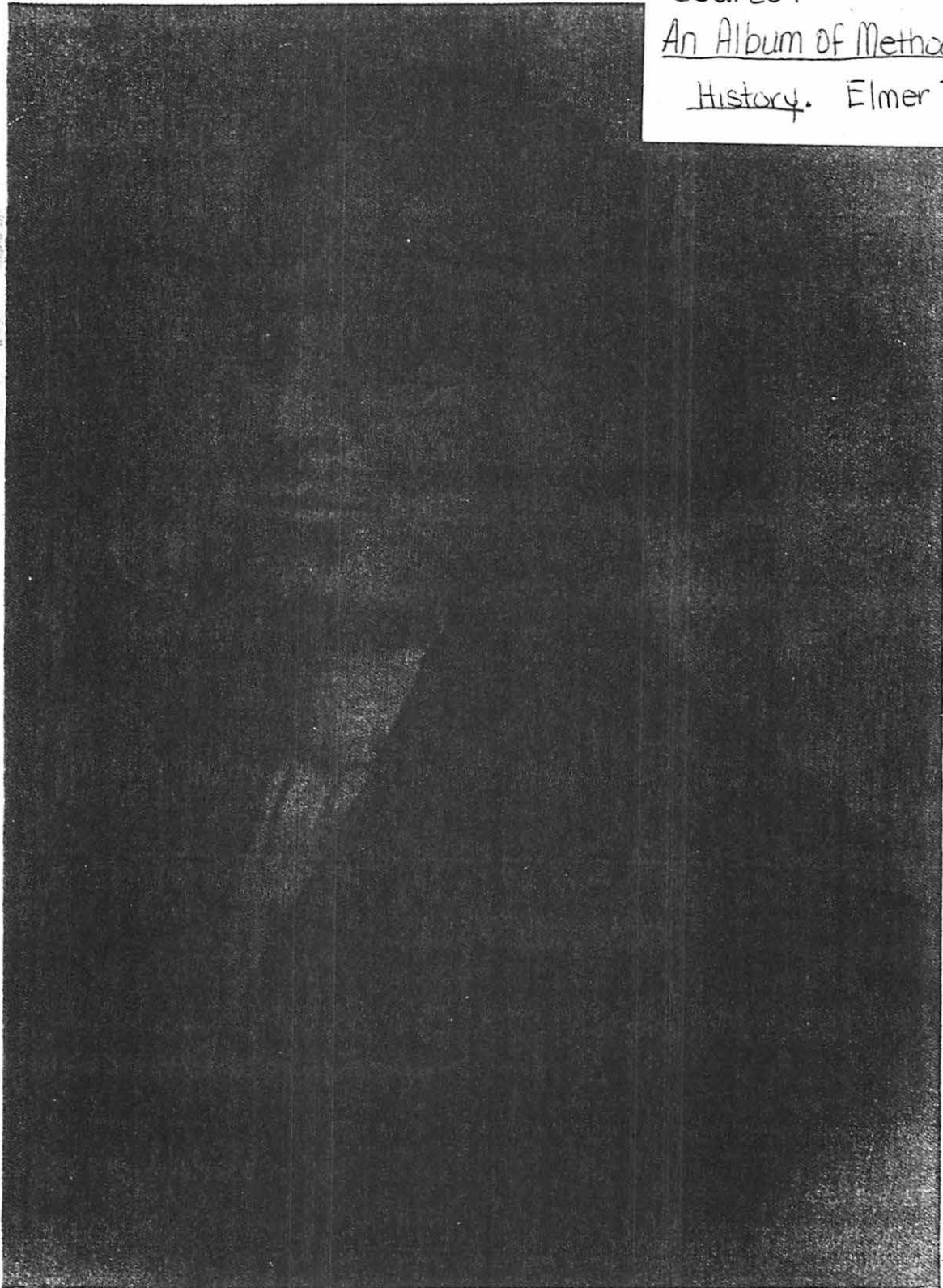
TIME: 7.30 -- 9.00 pm

DATE: Wednesday and Thursday, Oct. 29 & 30

PLACE: Temperance Hall UMC

LEADER: Charles Bryant
North Carolina Conference Staff

Source:
An Album of Methodist
History. Elmer T. Clark.



Bishop William McKendree (1757-1835). Greatest of the early bishops after Asbury, McKendree was elected by the General Conference of 1808. He was the fourth bishop and the first native-born American in the office.

William McKendree

A VIRGINIAN and a soldier of the Revolution, McKendree was the real successor of Francis Asbury, with whom he traveled, both as a preacher and, more extensively, as a bishop. His outstanding service was rendered west of the Appalachian Mountains, and he was known as the Father of Western Methodism. His election to the episcopacy was attributed to a sermon which he preached at the General Conference of 1808. He is buried at Nashville, Tennessee.



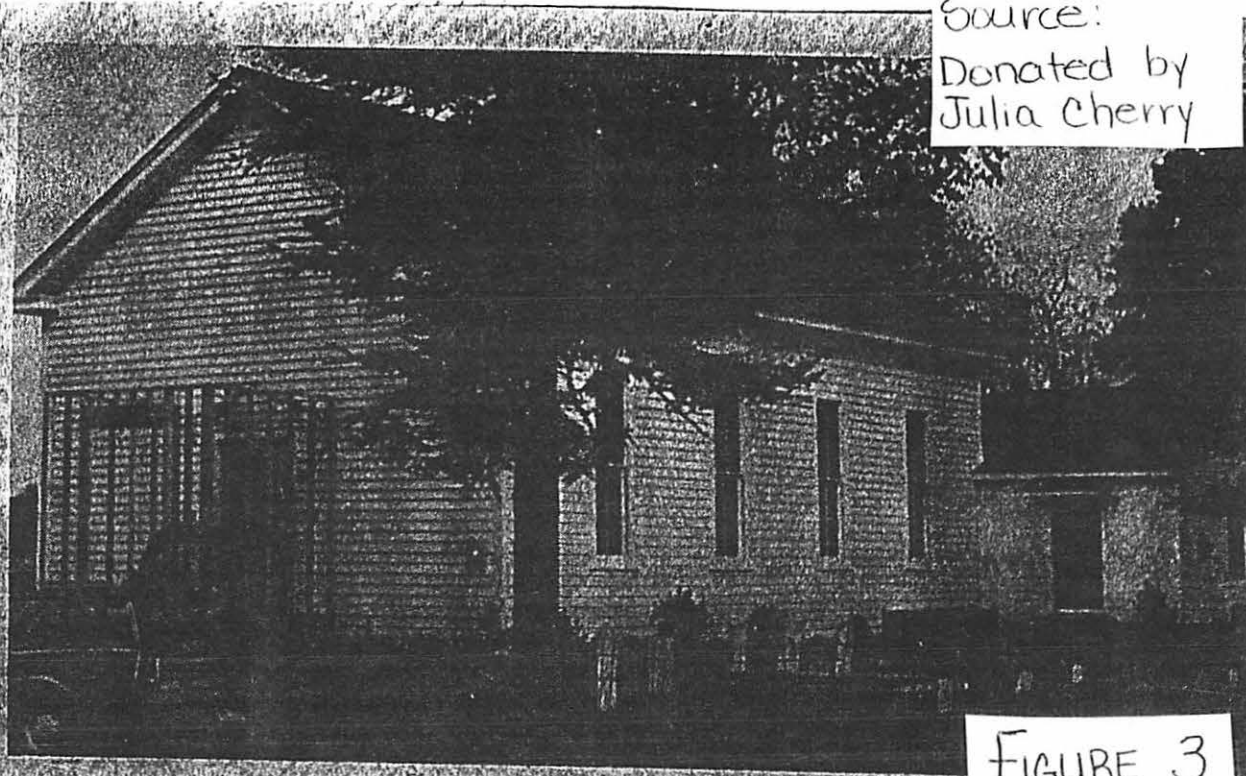
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Bishop McKendree entering an Indian village

Church Renovation

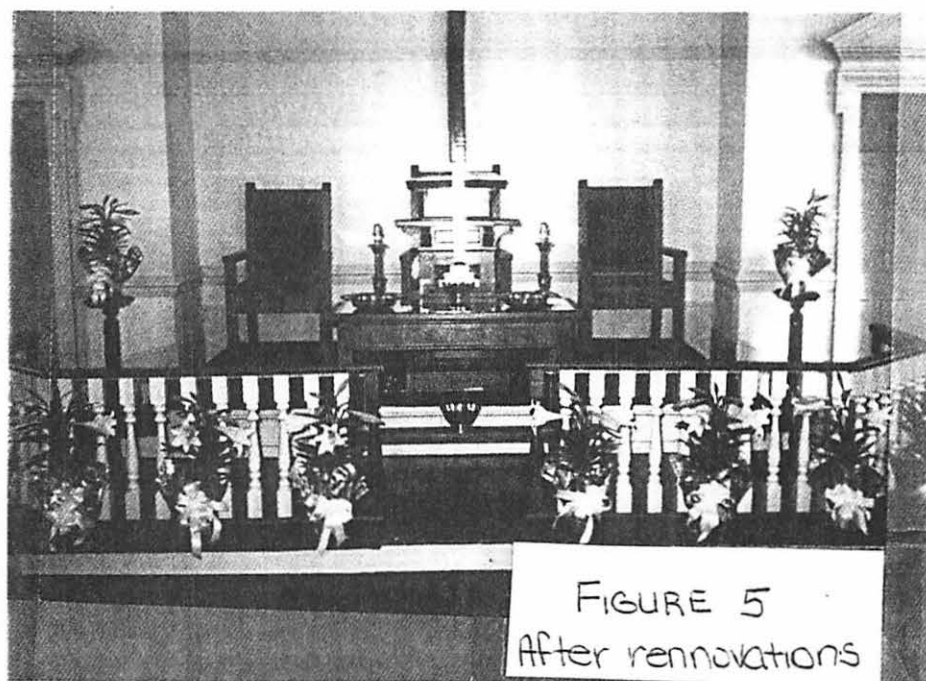
McKendree United Methodist Church, at 114 one of the oldest churches in the county, is undergoing extensive renovation, including the addition of a vestibule. It is the first renovation of the church, which has 44 members, since 1953. Four Sunday school rooms were added.

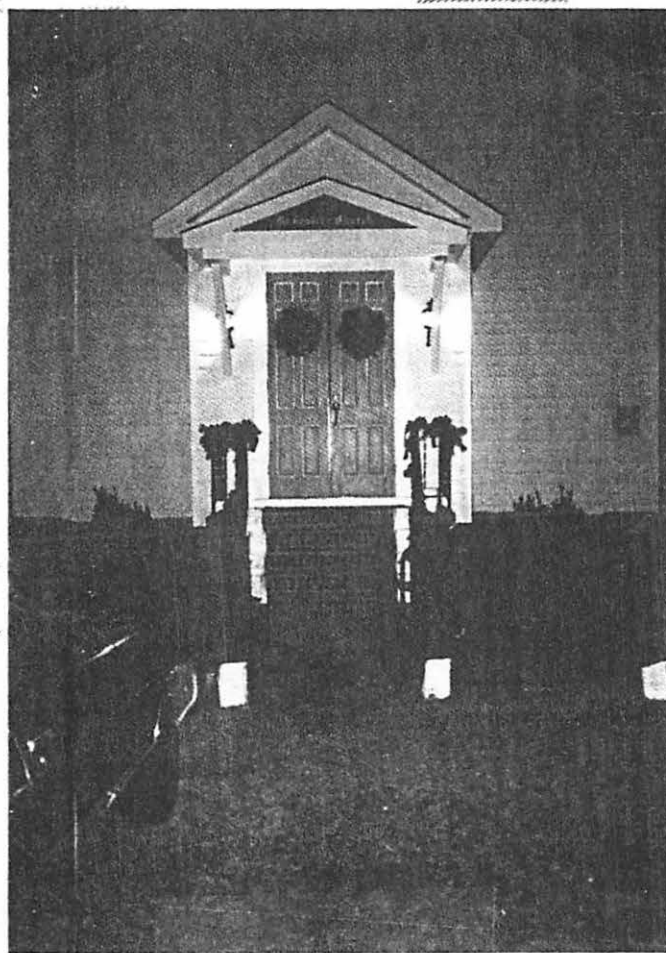
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