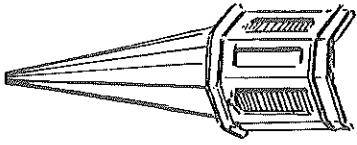


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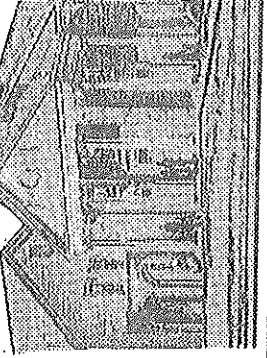
HIGHLIGHTS OF OUR PAST - HOPES FOR OUR FUTURE

Epworth has been moved from one location to another and has suffered many reverses, but from the Fall of 1890 when a dedicated few met to organize the church, Epworth has not only survived, but prospered.

The first pastor, The Rev. J. S. Colley, was sent to Epworth by the North Georgia Conference in December, 1891, and served for one year. Since that date many devoted pastors have served this historic church with the loyal and prayerful support of the membership.

After a disastrous fire in 1897, another building was erected on the same lot at South Mayson Avenue and LaFrance Street. The church continued to grow and in 1925 our present location was selected. On November 4, 1928, the first service was held in the new educational plant, and on March 4, 1945, under the ministry of The Rev. W. H. Gardner, this plant was dedicated. Another historical event was October 4, 1951, when ground was broken for our present sanctuary. Eleven months later the building was completed and the first service was held on September 7, 1952. The Rev. Charles W. Fruit was the pastor. Our sanctuary was dedicated on May 17, 1959 under the ministry of The Rev. Dwight Nysewander.

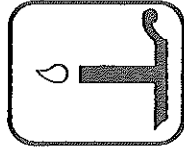
Today is a great day in our lives! We pause to thank God for having brought Epworth to this 85th milestone. And now under the loyal ministry of our present pastor, The Rev. Claude Singleton, we set our faces toward the future. It is our hope that we may give ourselves wholeheartedly to the cause of building Christian character into the lives of our people and establishing the Kingdom of God in our community. This is our hope and prayer for the future.



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CIRCLE THIS DATE!
SATURDAY
NOVEMBER 8!
"COUNTRY FAIR."
"Country & Dinner"



Let your light
so shine that they may
see your good works.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ...
E. W. VanHouten, Oct. 24; Mrs. W. C. Franz,
Oct. 25; David Gill, Oct. 26.

ANNIVERSARY GREETINGS
Mr. & Mrs. Tommy Quigley, Oct. 21
Mr. & Mrs. Paul Campbell, Oct. 22 (43rd)
Mr. & Mrs. J. W. Brown, Oct. 25

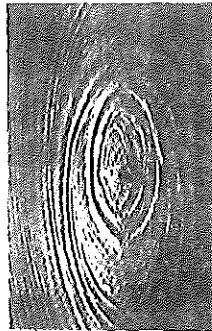
OUR FAITHFULNESS LAST SUNDAY
CHURCH SCHOOL 101
MORNING WORSHIP 103
EVENING WORSHIP 36
OFFERING:
Regular \$1,596.50
World Communion 41.00
Other 17.50
TOTAL \$1,655.00



NURSERY CARE

Our thanks to the following who will serve in our nursery during the service today: Mrs. Rosa Lee Wood, Mrs. Willa Mae Wyer (from Branan Towers); Kathy Fountain, Kathy McLendon and Vicki Brown.

GIVE



you can
make
a difference

WORSHIP

In the Lord's House
On the Lord's Day

**FOR SPIRITUAL STRENGTH
AND PERSONAL PEACE**

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THE WORSHIP OF GOD TEN FORTY-FIVE O'CLOCK
 Sunday, October 19, 1975 Eighth Sunday in Kingdomtide

1890 - 85th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION - 1975

- THE ORGAN PRELUDE: "Prelude in F Major" Bach
 Mrs. Marsha Simmons, Organist
- THE CALL TO WORSHIP: "To Thee Alone Be Glory" Bach
 The Chancel Choir
- *THE HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 552: "God Of Our Fathers" National Hymn
 Trumpeter, Mark Moore
- THE INVOCATION - THE LORD'S PRAYER
 (In Unison) The Rev. Roger Stone, Sr.
- *THE RESPONSIVE READING: "Let Us Rejoice and Be Glad" No. 592
- *THE GLORIA PATRI
 THE ANTHEM: "Zion Stands with Hills Surrounded" Hastings
 The Chancel Choir, directed by Paul Betha
- * * *
- THE SCRIPTURE LESSON: Joshua 4:1-9 The Rev. Harry Wood, Sr.
- *THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: "The Apostles' Creed" No. 738
- THE PASTORAL PRAYER
 INTRODUCTIONS AND WELCOME Robert G. Mayo
- AN HISTORICAL OVERVIEW OF EPWORTH Rex Edmondson
- PARISH NOTICES
- THE PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS
 The Offertory: "Great God of Wonders" Newton
 The Chancel Choir
- *The Doxology
- *THE HYMN OF PREPARATION NO. 1:
 "O, For A Thousand Tongues to Sing" Mason
- THE MESSAGE: "LAND THAT I LOVE" Dr. Waights G. Henry, Jr.
 President, LaGrange College
- *THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND DISCIPLESHIP
 The Rev. J. Hamby Barton, Sr.
- *THE HYMN OF DEDICATION NO. 151: "Faith Of Our Fathers" Walton
- *THE BENEDICTION - CHORAL AMEN
- THE ORGAN POSTLUDE: "All Hail The Power" Boetsma

SEATING AND GREETING YOU TODAY
 Gene Turner Marrin Boggs Pope Roark
 Howard Morris Don Roberts Tom Tucker
 Jacquenia Mayo, Claire Kimbal
 Thelma Jackson

- NURSERY FOR PRE-SCHOOL CHILDREN AT ALL SERVICES -

OUR VISITORS ARE WELCOME!

An Epworth Welcome is something wonderful to experience. That is what the Epworth membership extends to all the former ministers and their wives, former members and friends as they return to celebrate the 85th Anniversary on this Homecoming occasion. We thank God for eighty-five years of His blessings, and rededicate ourselves to His service in the present and in the future. Surviving ministers who have served Epworth are the Rev. Zach Hayes, Jr., Rev. Hamby Barton, Rev. W. H. Gardner, Rev. Dwight Nyswander, Rev. Roger Stone, Sr., Rev. Harry Wood, Sr., Rev. William F. Byrd and Charles Shaw. Sons of Epworth who have gone into the ministry are Rev. Carl Dodds, Rev. Jack Reaves, Rev. Robert Bridges, Rev. Clay Turner, Jr. and Rev. Walter Turner. We are happy that some of these are with us today. We also extend a warm welcome to Mrs. S. D. Cherry and Mrs. Winnie Fuit.

SOME INSTRUCTIONS FOR TODAY

There will be a brief period following the benediction when everyone is encouraged to visit, greet their friends, and see pictures and historic items which tell the Epworth story. These will be found in various places. When the Fellowship Hall, everyone is invited to go there where lunch will be served. We will remain in the Fellowship Hall after lunch for a period of singing, sharing and general fellowship. Ladies rest rooms will be found off the Fellowship Hall downstairs, and on the main floor and downstairs level of the Educational Building. The Men's room will be found in the basement of the Educational Building.

PLEASE SIGN OUR GUEST BOOK

A special Guest Book for this occasion has been placed in the foyer and we would like a record of everyone present today. Please sign before you leave.

UMW ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The following ladies represented Epworth at the United Methodist Women Annual Conference on October 11 at the First United Methodist Church in Griffin: Julia Clark, Elizabeth Moseman, Clifford Singleton, Mary Lester, Hazel Hardin, Myrtle Fowler, Wendy Burke and Bonnie Burgamy.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

- SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19
 9:40 a.m. - Church School
 10:45 a.m. - Morning Worship. 85th Anniversary Homecoming Service. Dr. Waights G. Henry, Jr., preaching.
 12:30 p.m. - Dinner in Fellowship Hall. Sharing period, singing, etc. following.
 4:45 p.m. - RSV Rehearsal
 6:00 p.m. - Youth Searching and Learning
 6:30 p.m. - Youth Snack Supper
 -NO EVENING WORSHIP
- MONDAY, OCTOBER 20
 7:30 p.m. - Boy Scouts
- TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21
 6:30 p.m. - Children's Choir
 6:30 p.m. - UMW General Meeting. Covered dish supper, Fellowship Hall.
- WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22
 7:30 p.m. - Chancel Choir
- THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23
 7:30 p.m. - Training Session for Every Member Canvass workers.

THE MINISTRY OF FLOWERS

Flowers are a visible expression of love. Their beauty lives on in memory. The flowers today are given by Edith and Horace Coulllette to the Glory of God in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Ruff, Eugene Ruff and The Rev. and Mrs. J. T. Coulllette. (The Ruffs contributed many years of dedicated service to this church and community).

CALLING ALL WOMEN!

The United Methodist Women General Meeting will be Tuesday, October 21, at 6:30 p.m., beginning with a covered dish dinner. Following the business session, the program will be presented by Group 2, Edal White, leader. All ladies are invited to join them!

OUR CIRCLE OF CONCERN

(Please remember in prayer and with cards):
 Mrs. Eugene (Jennie) Mitchell has been transferred to Muscogee Manor Nursing Home, 7150 Manor Road, Columbus, Ga. 31971.
 Sara Perrin is recuperating at home from injuries received in an automobile accident last week. She was hospitalized at DeKalb General.

NO SERVICE THIS EVENING

VISITORS ARE WELCOME - MEMBERS ARE EXPECTED

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SCHEDULE OF CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday School	9:40 A. M.
Morning Worship	10:55 A. M.
Youth Fellowship	7:00 P. M.
Evening Worship	8:00 P. M.

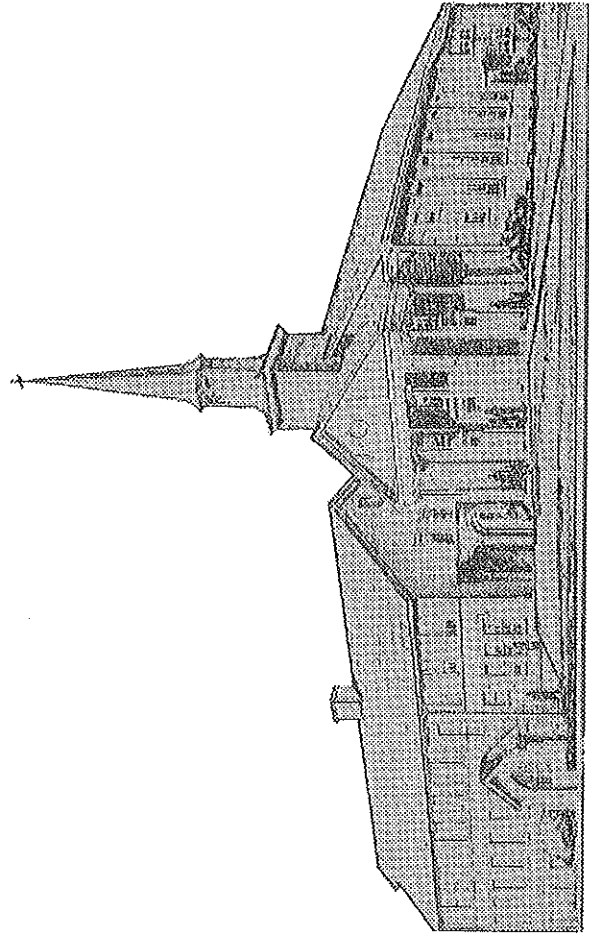
SCHEDULE OF STATED MEETINGS

Boy Scouts	Each Tuesday	7:00 P. M.
Choir Rehearsal	Each Tuesday	7:30 P. M.
Board of Stewards	1st Wednesday	6:30 P. M.
Workers Class	1st Friday	8:00 P. M.
W. S. C. S.	2nd Tuesday	10:30 A. M.
Utopian Class	2nd Wednesday	8:00 P. M.
Young Adult Class	2nd Wednesday	8:00 P. M.
Board of Christian Education—Quarterly	2nd Wednesday	7:30 P. M.
Cub Scouts	3rd Monday	7:30 P. M.
W. S. G.	3rd Thursday	6:30 P. M.

COURTESIES AND CUSTOMS AT EPWORTH

Respect and follow the ushers.
Spirit of quiet and reverence as you take your seat.
Join in responsive readings, prayers and hymns, including amens.
Period of fellowship and getting acquainted following service.
Visitors and guests sign register at door of sanctuary.

The pastor of this church desires to give the most helpful service possible to all who attend the church or call upon him for counsel or assistance. He is available at all times, please feel free to call on him.



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CHARLES W. FRUIT, Pastor
555 Page Avenue, Atlanta, Ga. CR. 4861

"We speak to God before the service, and speak to each other after the service."

Frances operating

IN MEMORY OF B. FRANK PIM

ON EASTER

He is not dead
Just out of reach
For human hands to grasp!
He wove his web
And wrote his song
In colors that will last.

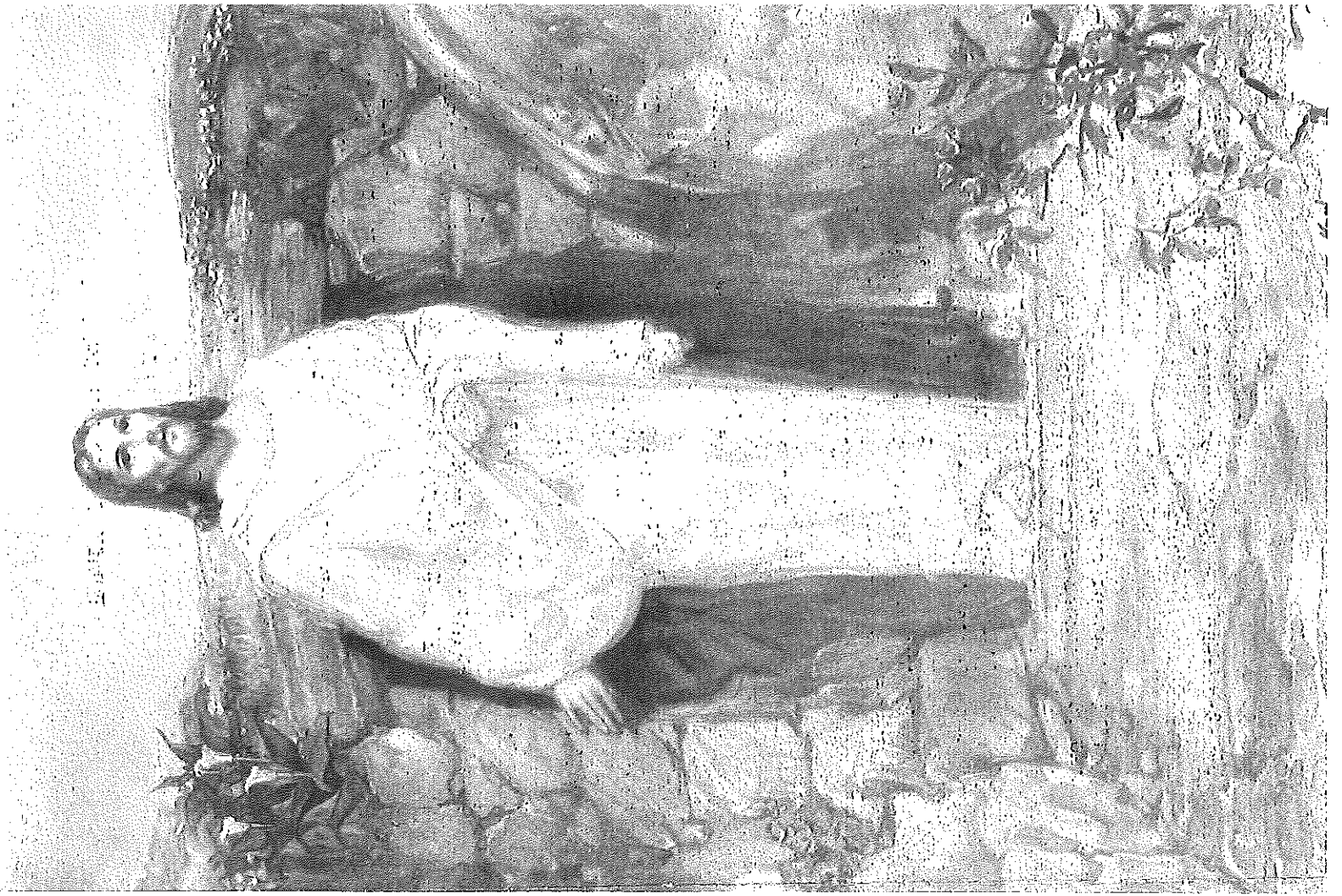
His life on earth
Was all too short,
And aching hearts he's left.
But while he lived -- --
It's said of him -- --
"He gave the world himself."

He took the task,
By thought and deed,
To show the way to others:
He lived his life
So we could know
In God all men are brothers.

He is not dead,
He's just gone home;
And on this Easter Day
We know that we
Have walked with God
Because he passed this way.

--Claire G. Manners

(Rev. Pim was a former pastor at Epworth and passed away Wednesday, March 14, 1951)



EPWORTH METHODIST CHURCH

MARCH 25, 1951

MORNING WORSHIP - ELEVEN O'CLOCK

PRELUDE
 CALL TO WORSHIP Handel
 PROCESSIONAL
 APOSTLES CREED 154
 PASTORAL PRAYER
 SPECIALS
 "Alleluia" Palestrina
 "O Sacred Head Now Wounded" Bach 589
 RESPONSIVE READING Easter Day - 2nd. Reading
 GLORIA PATRI
 OFFERTORY
 DOXOLOGY
 ANTHEM
 SCRIPTURE
 SERMON Pastor 170
 HYMN
 BENEDICTION
 CHORAL RESPONSE
 POSTLUDE
 "Our Lord Indeed Is Risen" Wilson
 "Christ Is Risen" Wilson
 "HE IS NOT HERE"
 "Crown Him With Many Crowns"
 "Easter Joy"

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MEMORIAL FLOWERS

One of the lilies today is in memory of Mesdames D. M. Horne and T. H. Cowsert presented by Mr. T. H. Cowsert and Mrs. W. T. Tucker
 Another is in memory of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Foote presented by their children and grandchildren.

NEW MEMBERS

We are happy to welcome into the membership of our church the following children who were received last Sunday:
 Phillip Hathcock Ann Davis
 Buck Tidwell Jim Bowen
 Little Miss Julia Catherine Clark was administered the rites of Infant Baptism.

EVENING WORSHIP

7:30 O'CLOCK

"The End Of A Perfect Day" Bond
 PRELUDE
 SONG SERVICE
 EVENING PRAYER
 OFFERTORY
 HYMN
 SCRIPTURE
 SERMON
 HYMN
 BENEDICTION
 POSTLUDE
 "Souvenir" Schumann
 "RESULTS OF THE RESURRECTION" Pastor

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TIME CHANGE OF EVENING SERVICE

Beginning next Sunday, the first Sunday in April, the evening service will start at 8:00 instead of 7:30. The Fellowship meetings will start at 7:00 instead of 6:30.

SPECIAL EASTER PROGRAM

The Youth Fellowship and the Adult Fellowship will present a program entitled "Life Without End", this evening at 6:30 in the Recreation room. The main feature of this program will be a pantomime play based on the parable of the Ten Virgins, the five wise and the five foolish. Everyone is cordially invited to hear this fine program.

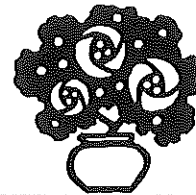
THOUGHT FOR EASTER

O happy world to-day if we could know
 The message of that morning long ago.
 There is no dark despair that cannot be
 Evicted from the heart's Gethsemane;
 For faith is always more than unbelief,
 And vibrant courage triumphs over grief.
 ---Mary E. McCullough

Epworth Methodist Church

MOTHER'S DAY

Sunday, May 12th, 1940



MOTHER'S DAY is a day of remembering—a day when young and old bow as little children to offer their heart's gratitude to the Father in Heaven for the one who has been the giver of life to them.

Because we love her so—
This day we dedicate.
Accept, O Mother Love,
Our thought inadequate!

And to our Mothers, whose names are inscribed within, we lovingly dedicate this prayer . . .

Lord Jesus, thou hast known
A mother's love and tender care,
And thou wilt hear while for my own mother most dear,
I make this Sabbath prayer.
Protect her life, I pray,
Who gave the gift of life to me;
And may she know from day to day,
The deepening glow of joy
That comes from thee.
I cannot pay my debt
For all the love that she has given;
But thou, love's Lord, will not forget her due reward . . .
Bless her in earth and heaven.

—HENRY VAN DYKE.

MRS. W. A. HESTER by daughter, Mrs. Donald Adams
MRS. J. J. HILL by, A Friend
MRS. F. T. HOGUE by son, Fred Hogue
MRS. HENRY HOKE by daughter Annie Laura Hoke
MRS. MAGGIE HOLBROOK by daughter, Mrs. Erline Holbrook
MRS. ROY E. HOUSE Sr. by son, Roy E. House, Jr.
MRS. LUCILLE ISBELL by daughter, Jean Isbell
MRS. L. P. JOHNSON by sons, Edward and James Johnson
MRS. ELLA LEE JONES by daughter and son, Maude and Henry Jones
MRS. W. L. KIMSEY Sr. by daughters, Mildred and Joyce
MRS. W. L. KIMSEY by daughters, Mildred and Joyce
MRS. R. O. LANGLEY SR. by daughter, Elizabeth House
MRS. OLIVIA LEGETTE by daughter, Mrs. Roy Beauford
MRS. J. W. LIGGETT by daughter, Mrs. W. R. Van Winkle
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MRS. J. B. LLOYD by daughter, Mrs. J. C. Ball
MRS. S. A. LLOYD by daughter, Merle Lloyd
MRS. L. P. LOCKHART by son, Ralph Lockhart
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MRS. EDWIN LYNN by daughter, Mrs. Nina Riehle
MRS. W. D. MABIN by daughter, Mrs. William H. Cooper
MRS. OLA MARTIN by daughter, Mrs. W. A. Barksdale
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MRS. MATTIE MAYO by son, Robert G. Mayo
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MRS. C. F. McDONALD by daughter, Mrs. J. A. Cox
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MRS. G. A. POTTER by children, Margaret and Gardner Potter
MRS. W. T. POTTS by daughter, Mrs. W. T. McClain
MRS. GRACE PRICKEETT by the, Prickett Children
MRS. G. T. PURSLEY by daughter, Mrs. J. H. Barton
MRS. VICTORIA REESE by daughter, Mrs. J. W. Ross
MRS. J. B. RICHARDSON by son, J. B. Richardson Jr.
MRS. PAULINE ROBERTS by son, Jack Roberts
MRS. E. S. ROBERTSON by dau., son, Mrs T. W. Fowler, P. Robertson
MRS. H. G. ROBINSON by son, Hardy Robinson
MRS. J. W. ROSS by son, Robert Ross
MRS. FANNIE EAKES ROGERS by son, Charles E. Rogers
MRS. H. W. ROKENBRODT by daughter, Mrs. E. V. Harris
MRS. M. D. RUFF by daughter, Edith and son, Eugene Ruff
MRS. C. A. RYDER by daughter, Mrs. Charles Knox
MRS. W. E. SEAGRAVES by daughter, Mrs. Troy Hardin
MRS. R. H. SILL by daughter, Bettye Sill
MRS. R. L. SILLS by daughters, Jo Silles and Mrs. Ora Johnston
MRS. J. C. SMITH by son, J. H. Smith
MRS. F. H. SPRATLING by daughter, Frances and son, Quillian
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MRS. LILLIEN WARD by daughter, Mrs. S. D. Mullins
MRS. J. H. WHITAKER by Utopian Class
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MRS. E. B. WILLIAMS by daughter, Mrs. R. H. Derthick

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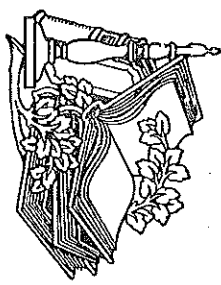
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ATLANTA

Invitation Day Service



*O come, let us worship and bow down:
 Let us kneel before the Lord our Maker.
 For He is our God;
 And we are the people of His pasture,
 And the sheep of His hand.*

—Psalm 95:6, 7.



ARTHUR J. MOORE, Bishop
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53rd Page Avenue, Atlanta, Ga.
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INVASION DAY SERVICE

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP: "The hour cometh and now is when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. God is a spirit and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth". (John 4:23-24)

HYMN "God is My Strong Salvation" No. 324

TO BE READ IN UNISON:

Jesus, still lead on, Till our rest be won,
And, although the way be cheerless,
We will follow, calm and fearless;
Guide us by Thy hand To our fatherland.

If the way be drear, If the foe be near,
Let not faithless fears o'ertake us,
Let not hope and faith forsake us;
For, through many a foe, To our home we go.

Jesus, still lead on, Till our rest be won;
Heavenly leader, still direct us,
Still support, console, protect us,
Till we safely stand in our fatherland. "

LET US PRAY:

LEADER: Our Father God, in whose spiritual image we are created, whose children we are, hear us, we beseech Thee, in this hour of world darkness. Thy children are committing on a terrifying scale the sin of Cain against his brother Abel. Thy Spirit again walks among us testifying that the blood of the brothers of men cries out from the ground, and men still refuse to be their brothers' keepers.

Not because we are guilty, but because we are penitent, and because of the remnant of righteous men and women among us who would earnestly build a lasting, Christian peace, we pray for Thy guidance and for victory in the invasion. Speed the end of carnage and destruction. Let the Prince of Peace have His way in the hearts of men everywhere. Amen.

OFFERING FOR EUROPE'S HUNGRY, HOMELESS, HELPLESS POPULATIONS.

HYMN "Be Still My Soul" No. 73

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Peter 5: 6-14

Psalm 91

Isaiah 43

John 5: 16-21

GUIDED PRAYER AND PRAYER OF DEPENDENCE TO BE READ IN UNISON:

My times are in thy hand;
My God, I wish them there;
My life, my friends, my soul, I leave
Entirely to Thy care.

My times are in Thy hand;
Whatever they may be,
Pleasing or painful, dark or bright,
As best way seem to Thee.

My times are in Thy hand:
Thy should I doubt or fear?
My Father's hand will never cause
His child a needless tear.

My times are in Thy hand:
I'll always trust in Thee;
And, after death, at Thy right hand
I shall forever be.

HYMN "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind" 342



REV. B. FRANK PIM

REV. B. F. PIM DIES; PASTOR OF PARK ST. CHURCH IN ATLANTA

The Rev. B. Frank Pim, minister of the Park Street Methodist Church, Atlanta, died unexpectedly Wednesday, March 14, at his Atlanta residence, 1404 Beecher street, S. W.

A native Atlantan, the Rev. Mr. Pim was chairman of the Atlanta Christian Council Committee which provides chaplains at the Army induction center in The Atlanta Constitution building. He served as chaplain every Tuesday.

He attended Boys High, Davidson College and the Emory University School of Theology. A member of the North Georgia Conference of the Methodist Church for 37 years, he served eight pastorates in Georgia before coming to the Atlanta area. He was minister of the Haygood Memorial, Epworth and Grank Park Methodist Churches before going to the Park Street Church.

The Rev. Mr. Pim was a member of the W. D. Luckie Masonic Lodge, the Yaarab Temple, the West End Business Men's Club, the West End Civic Club and the West End Kiwanis Club. A chaplain in World War I, he was currently serving as chaplain of Atlanta Training Dispatchers.

Funeral services were held at the Park Street Methodist Church. Bishop Arthur J. Moore and Dr. Lester Rumble officiated and burial was in the Oak Hill Cemetery in Cartersville.

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TWENTY-SEVENTH ANNIVERSARY EPWORTH M. E. CHURCH

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 1919, 8:30 P. M.

Address: "Thanksgiving" - - - - - Professor W. A. Smart
Welcome Home to Service Men - - - - - Rev. O. A. Marrs
Response - - - - - Rev. J. A. Gray
Music By Orchestra

THE PUBLIC CORDIALLY INVITED

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Frances Spratling

EPWORTH HIT 3 TIMES

Lightning Fails To Deter Church

By BILLIE CHENEY LOVELL

Atlanta Journal Church Editor

Lightning struck the Epworth Methodist Church three times in the same spot, but this didn't discourage the congregation. The Epworth Church celebrates its 75th birthday on Nov. 14.

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Epworth, known as one of the most missionary minded churches in the North Georgia Methodist Conference, had its beginning in the fall of 1890 when a small group met at the home of the late Judge and Mrs. C. W. Smith of Whiteford Avenue to organize the new church.

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THE 22 CHARTER members applied for a membership and a pastor at the North Georgia Conference in November 1891 and held their first services in Mayson Academy at the corner of North Mayson and McLendon avenues.

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Early in 1892 the first church building was constructed at the corner of South Mayson and La-France street.

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Since there was not another church building in the area, Methodists, Baptists, Presbyterians and Episcopalians met and worshipped at Epworth.

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Lightning struck the church and fire totally destroyed it in 1897 but a new church was constructed on the same spot.

But lightning struck another time, and still another. The church caught fire both times but the people in the community managed to save the buildings.

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SO EPWORTH not only managed to survive but to grow and in 1820 they bought a new site at the corner of McLendon and Mell avenues. Here an educational building was erected and the first services held there in 1928.

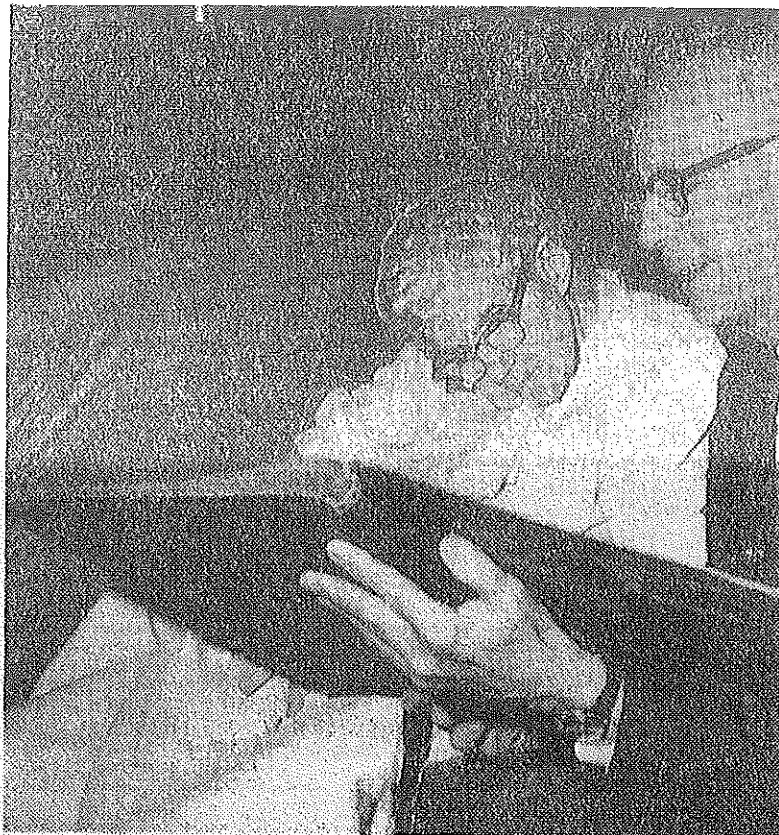
The present sanctuary was built and officially opened in 1952.

Mrs. M. D. Ruff, 84, the oldest living member chronologically, became a member of Epworth in 1906.

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Rev. Harry L. Wood, present pastor, who has served in the North Georgia Conference for 32 years, is serving his fourth year as pastor of Epworth.

At the homecoming services on Nov. 14, Rev. W. H. Gardner,



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REV. HARRY WOOD AND MRS. M. D. RUFF LOOK INTO THE BOOKS OF THE CHURCH. Mrs. Ruff Became Member

with imagination and the history of this class is no exception.

The organization of the Workers Class is of historic significance in relation to the history of Epworth Methodist Church. Mr. J. H. Beckham, a resident of the community, became vitally interested in a group of boys he had observed for some time. In his conversation with them he learned that they were not active in Sunday School and this disturbed him. Even though their families were active church members, these boys had not found Sunday School enticing. Mr. Beckham explained that he was not a member of Epworth, but would join this church and teach a Sunday School class if they would come. In somewhat of a spirit of challenge and expectancy these boys finally met Mr. Beckham for the Sunday School class. This occurred in 1921 during the ministry of Rev. Oscar Smith.

When these boys and Mr. Beckham came together for the class there was no suitable place for them to meet even though the group was small. According to the best information the charter members were five: Rex Edmondson, Ralph Lockhart, Terrace Hagan, Ed Davidson, and Eugene Ruff. This group sought and gained permission to build a room on the church grounds. This was in the day Epworth was across the railroad on the corner of Mason Avenue and LaFrance. Rex and Ralph delight in telling how they played "hookey" from school to work on the room. This group met in their new room often to read together the Bible, study, and discuss problems. In cold weather it would be around a small "pot-bellied" stove. Rev. Smith gave this group the much needed encouragement, for he was one who loved young people.

After a short while girls were invited to join the class. Ralph says he does not remember whether this came about because the girls were so envious of this class with its own meeting place or whether the boys realized what an asset girls would be. At any rate the class grew. Mr. J. H. Beckham was the first teacher of this class which named itself "The Workers Class". Ed Davidson was the first president. It was during his presidency that the motto - "Work Together, Pray Together, and Play Together" - was adopted.

This group had worked together to build a room and grow in membership. They had prayed together for strength and guidance. Like all well-rounded youth they played together too. They organized a baseball team and a basketball squad. These teams made outstanding records in the city-wide leagues. Thus this small church and this class became well known for its athletic prowess and outstanding athletes. In the field of athletic endeavors this spirit of play continued through the years, for many years later Eddie Tryon organized a Bowling Team. For play there were activities other than athletics - parties, picnics, and hayrides.

In its early years Epworth was not without outstanding ministers. Rev. R. Z. Tyler was among these, beloved by all members of his church and community. His interest in the youth of the community gave incentive for growth of the Workers Class. Rev. Tyler met with this class whenever the opportunity presented itself - both for worship and play.

a small room located where the Men's Bible Class now meets. At this time this was a very small room and as the class grew it was necessary to plan expansion. The class began excavation of this basement room to enlarge it, but this was a slow and strenuous task. As the class grew it moved out into the assembly room. The J. B. Allen Bible Class completed the excavation of the room begun by the Workers Class, made necessary improvements, and occupied it as their class room.

At this time another outstanding minister, Rev. B. Frank Pim, had come to Epworth. Ed Davidson had assumed the duties as teacher of the class. The class had graduated from so many informal picnics and social affairs and planned once each year a rather elaborate banquet. Mr. Pim delighted in acting as Master of Ceremonies. Miss Jo Glenn came to Epworth as secretary to Rev. Pim and soon began teaching the Workers Class.

Changes came. When Miss Glenn left, many Workers drifted for want of a strong teacher. If there is a weak link in the chain of the history of this class, it is here. In the minds of many there is confusion and doubt as to the events that closely followed. Some of the faithful reorganized and became known as the Pep-Worthian Class. This class with many new members was active for a while. Another class named the Jo Glenn Class, in honor of the former Church Secretary and teacher, was organized. So for a period there was no active Workers Class.

Soon, however, the Workers Class was reorganized. In 1952 when the church building was completed the Workers Class moved into the Fellowship Hall. All was not new, for from the old church on LaFrance and Mason they had inherited the pulpit stand and pulpit bench.

Since this class now had adequate space, they began an active membership campaign. Contests were initiated. Rivalry between the sides was keen. The contest served its purpose in gaining new members as well as adding interest. Many friendships were formed at this time.

To keep this now active class well informed some Key members published a most interesting paper - "The Bee Hive". The paper kept the members informed as to events, announcements, activities, and was not lacking in humor.

The class has lived up to its motto: "Work Together, Pray Together, and Play Together". No group could have worked together more ardently with such purposeful goals. No group could have rendered such worthwhile services. Ties between the members of this class have been strong. Members have been most sensitive to the needs of fellow members. Whenever there is a need whether it be sorrow, or illness, or a need for help "workers" are always standing by. The spirit that goes with service is invaluable. The Workers Class has likewise been faithful in its support of the church and contributions to the church.

Under the heading of service comes the scholarship fund given to a deserving student. Most of the recipients have been students in the School of Theology at

him. Others who received scholarship assistance:

Sarah Grace Wilkerson (now Mrs. Bud Moore) - Student at LaGrange
Jim Starnes
Bill Larrison
Jimmy Orman
Mark Rutland
Arthur McNeal
Robert Dye
John Jordan
Carol Crosby

For many years The Workers in the fall sponsored a Fall Carnival to raise money for the scholarship fund. This activity not only served its purpose to raise money but fostered good fellowship. There was always a delicious meal to be had for the price, wares were sold, and most interesting hobbies exhibited.

Christmas is a highlight, too, in the Workers Class, for there is always the Workers Class Party or Banquet. It is an occasion that really sets the Christmas spirit. Members, former members, and friends make a point never to miss these festivities.

One could really say that a great highlight of the class is Labor Day Camp. This camp activity began many years ago and the first camp was held at the Y.W.C.A. Camp at Athens, Ga. The next campsite was Roosevelt State Park. Then the class found for this annual affair the ideal location - Crawfordville. This is the time of year for fun, frolic and good fellowship.

Those who have served the class as teachers have faced a challenge, but a challenge most rewarding. The following are ones known who have had the privilege of serving in this capacity:

J. H. Beckham	Clayton Turner
Ed Davidson	C. T. McGregor
Jo Glenn (Mrs. Van Landingham)	Clyde Crawford
Mrs. Katherine Gardner	Frances Spratling
Steve Mullins	
Alan Carter	
George Mannus	
Joe Ricket	
Johnny Floyd	
Bob Stockton	
Mayhew Jones	
Professor Paul Bryan	

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1947-1948	Ralph Clark
1948-1949	Jack Reeves
1949-1950	Quillian Spratling
1950-1951	Ed Cummins
1951-1952	J. E. Saucier
1952-1953	C. T. McGregor
1953-1954	Marvin Boggs
1954-1955	I. J. Ethridge
1955-1956	Clayton Turner
1956-1957	Ruth Cummins
1957-1958	John Ellis
1958-1959	Gene Turner
1959-1960	Clayton Turner
1960-1961	Felicia Elrod
1961-1962	Claude Callaway
1962-1963	Ruth Tidwell
1963-1964	Ruth Tidwell
1964-1965	Mason Brackett
1965-1966	Paul Eberhart
1966-1967	Charlie Spruill
1967-1968	Jaquenita Mayo
1968-1969	Clyde Crawford
1969-1970	Susie Ellis
1970-1971	Gene Turner
1971-1972	Mary Frances Cooper

Fifty years have passed since the organization of the Workers Class. May the next fifty see even more service rendered with the same good spirit. Regardless of whatever part of this history may be fiction, may the factual elements inspire us for the future.

Frances Spratling
 Completed January 19, 1972

EPWORTH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Proposed Budget for 1976

	<u>BUDGET</u> <u>1975</u>	<u>PROPOSED</u> <u>1976</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Pastor - Salary	\$9,200.00	\$10,500.00	
- Car Allowance	2,320.00	2,320.00	
- Utilities	660.00	680.00	\$13,500.00
Student Associate	2,000.00	0	0
Youth Ministry	1,800.00	1,800.00	1,800.00
Secretary - Salary	4,400.00	4,400.00	
- Car Allowance	330.00	330.00	4,700.00
Additional Secretarial Help	200.00	200.00	200.00
<u>MUSIC MINISTRY:</u>			
Minister of Music	1,500.00	1,500.00	
Organist	1,800.00	1,800.00	
Supply Organist	100.00	100.00	
Music Supplies	150.00	100.00	3,500.00
<u>CONFERENCE ASKINGS:</u>			
	<u>Apport'd.</u>	<u>Apport'd</u>	
Conf. Minis. Supp.	\$2,000.00	1,822.00	2,135.00
Conf. Claimants	2,217.00	2,217.00	2,262.00
Adminis. Budget	706.00	590.00	1,000.00
World Service	3,000.00	2,046.00	2,430.00
Capital Funding	600.00	100.00	995.00
Higher Education	600.00	600.00	1,376.00
Black College Fd.	50.00	-	403.00
Minis. Education	200.00	-	672.00
Int. Co-op Fund	71.00	-	67.00
Dist. Prom. Fund	300.00	200.00	300.00
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			300.00
MISSIONARY SUPPORT (Huletts)	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
<u>LOCAL EXPENSES:</u>			
Youth Expense	250.00	250.00	
Flowers	400.00	350.00	
Church Nursery	50.00	50.00	
Social Security	1,200.00	1,200.00	
Office Expense (Pr., Post., Suppl.)	3,500.00	3,500.00	
Office Equipment	300.00	300.00	
Cusdodian	4,160.00	4,160.00	
Janitorial Supplies	350.00	350.00	
Church Maintenance	750.00	500.00	
Parsonage Maintenance	500.00	500.00	
Work Areas: Evang. _____)			
Worship _____ Miss. _____)			
S' shp. _____ Soc. C. _____)	500.00	500.00	
Utilities	4,000.00	4,000.00	
Insurance & Taxes	1,125.00	1,200.00	
Note on Parsonage	948.00	525.00	
Note on Parking Lot	1,865.00	1,865.00	19,250.00
Miscellaneous Fund	1,017.00	791.00	791.00
<u>GRAND TOTALS:</u>	<u>\$54,000.00</u>	<u>\$55,000.00</u>	<u>\$55,000.00</u>

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YE OLDE FOLK CONCERT

The Dream of Fair Women,
AND OTHER ATTRACTIONS, GIVEN BY THE LADIES OF
EPWORTH CHURCH,
At Mayson's Academy, - - July 29th, 8 P. M.

OLDE STYLE REFRESHMENTS SERVED FREE
COME AND HELP A WORTHY CAUSE

PROGRAMME

1. Chorus—Auld Lang Syne
2. Duetto—Tell me where do Fairies dwell,
Miss Gerding, Mr. George Dowman
3. Recitation—The Old and The New,
Miss Elise Gerding, Miss Belle Morris
4. Semi-Chorus—Chase the Butterflies
5. Solo—To Thy Temple I Repair Miss Sophie Wright
6. Tableau—Consider The Lilies

PART 2nd

1. Tableau—Galatea
2. Quartette—Come Where My Love Lies Dreaming,
Messrs Wright, G. Dowman, P. Brooks & A. Wright
3. Solo—John Anderson My Joe Miss Julia Gerding
4. Quartette—Woodbird Misses Daisy and Sophie Wright
Ralph Wright and A. Wright
5. Dream of Fair Women Tennyson
6. Chorus—Home, Sweet Home
7. Police Court—Burlesque

George Dowman
 Miss Sophie Wright
 A. (Arminius Wright)
 Ralph Wright
 Charter Members of Epworth Church

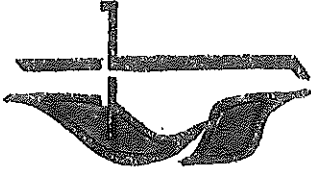
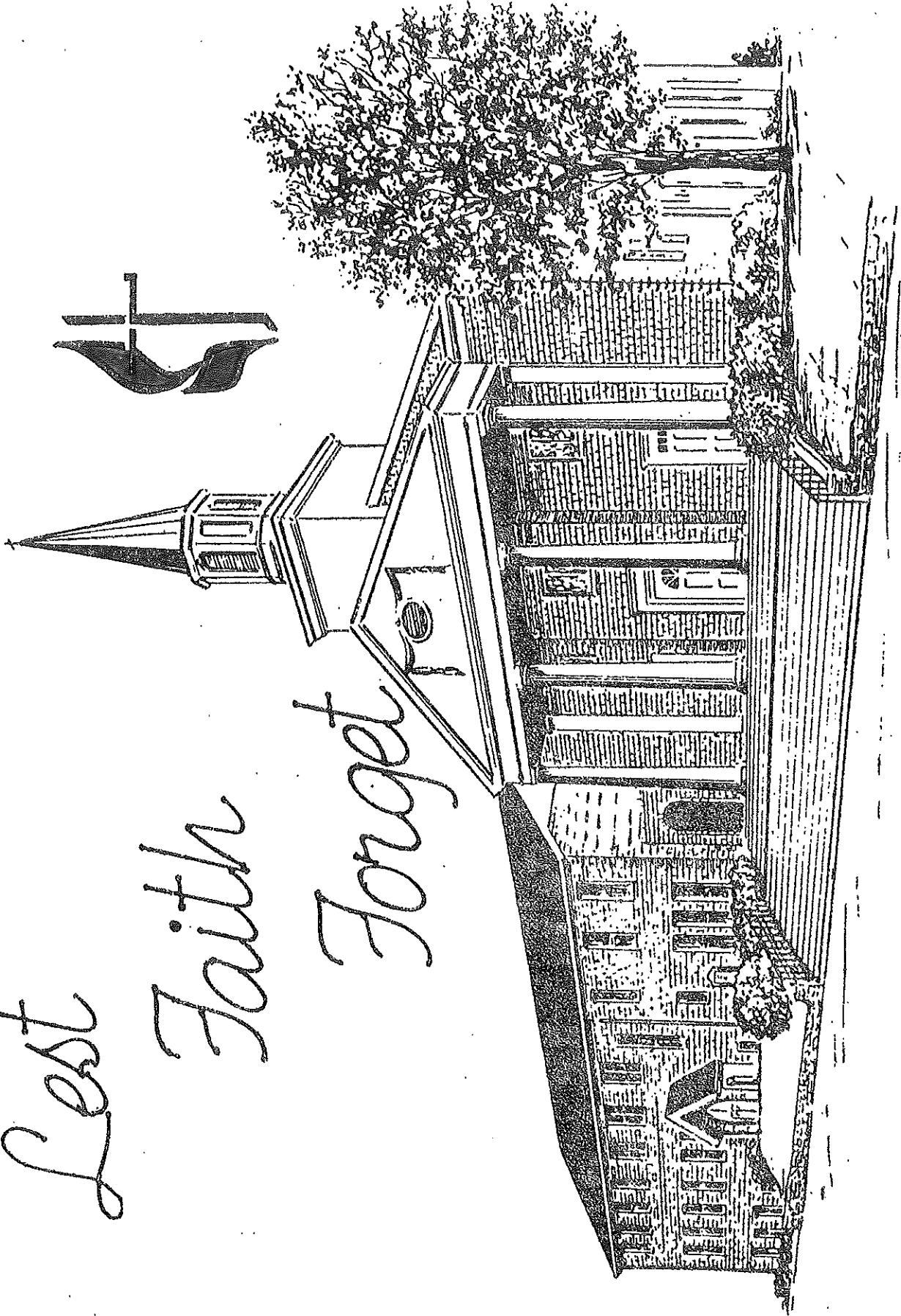
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EPWORTH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Fifteen Sixty-One McLendon Avenue, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia 30307

HISTORY OF EPWORTH METHODIST CHURCH

1890 - 1953

1953 - 1983

In the fall of 1890 a few members of the old Edgewood Church, located one block west of Moreland Avenue, south of the Georgia Railroad at Hutchin's Crossing, decided to organize a church nearer their community. The old church was too great a distance for small children and elderly people to attend Sunday School and Church regularly. Too, it was a great deal of trouble to hitch their horses to carriages to drive "way over to Inman Park" on Sunday.

Accordingly, these members met at the home of the late Judge and Mrs. C. W. Smith on Whitefoord Avenue and organized the new church. The name "Epworth" was suggested by Mrs. C. W. Smith and thus Epworth Church was founded.

There were twenty-two charter members: Judge and Mrs. C. W. Smith, Doctor and Mrs. H. M. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Foote, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dowman, Henry Dowman, George Dowman, Albert Dowman, Miss Jessie Carrol (Mrs. W. K. Dennis), Mrs. A. E. Bessent, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Mayson, Mrs. W. T. Buchanan, Ralph Wright, Miss Daisy Wright, Miss Sophie Wright, Arminius Wright, and Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Mell. The following gentlemen composed the first Board of Stewards: Judge C. W. Smith, Mr. Charles E. Dowman, Mr. J. G. Foote, Mr. J. R. Mell, and Dr. H. M. Smith. At the North Georgia Annual Conference in November of 1891 they applied for membership and a pastor for the small church. The Conference met at Cartersville with Bishop J. S. Key presiding.

The first services were held in the Mayson Academy on the corner of North Mayson and McLendon Avenues. The first pastor, the Reverend J. W. Colley was assigned to Epworth by the Annual Conference in December, 1891. He served one year and was followed by Doctor Joel T. Daves who served two years.

Early in 1892 Mrs. A. E. Bessent donated a lot on the corner of South Mayson Avenue and La France Street and there the first church was built and valued by the Conference at \$1,667. Although the lot was only 100' by 125', and the church not imposing, Doctor J. W. Heidt, the first presiding elder, said Epworth was "the shining light in the Conference." Before the church was completed services were held in the basement. Here Dr. Daves and Miss Sophie Wright were married.

The Reverend T. R. McCarty followed Dr. Daves. The next pastor was the Reverend S. B. Ledbetter who served Epworth for three years. Brother Ledbetter was greatly beloved by all denominations for now Baptists, Presbyterians, and Episcopalians worshipped at Epworth since there was no other church in the community.

In 1897 the church was struck by lightning and totally destroyed by fire. Immediately the members and friends of the church under the leadership of the Reverend S. B. Ledbetter rallied and decided to build again on the same lot. Some members wanted to move a few blocks over to the north where a new community was being built but a house-to-house canvas showed a desire to rebuild on the same site. There a much larger and better sanctuary was built where the Reverend J. A. Timmerman and the Reverend Fletcher Walton served one year each. On December 28, 1902, during the pastorate of the

Reverend W. T. Hamby this sanctuary was dedicated by Bishop Warren A. Candler. The new church was struck by lightning twice and caught fire several times but it managed not only to survive but to grow.

Since the first church services were held in Mayson's Academy, the first Sunday School was organized there, too. Judge C. W. Smith was the first superintendent. About 50 members constituted the entire Sunday School.

In the spring of 1892 the Epworth Woman's Missionary Society was organized by Mrs. Morrison, district secretary at that time, in the home of Mrs. Dr. McCosh on the corner of La France and Lowery Streets. Mrs. A. F. Gerding was the first president, and Mrs. McCosh was the first delegate to an annual meeting which met that year in Elberton, Georgia.

In the early days of the Missionary Society there were two divisions - Home Missions and Foreign Missions - and the societies met separately. The dues for each division were ten cents a month.

One of the first projects of the Society was the support of a Bible Woman in China - a project which was continued to 1953.

Mrs. J. H. Whitaker is to be remembered for her outstanding contribution to the service of the Woman's Society (as it was then known). She served as president of this organization for eight consecutive years (1920-1928) giving without restraint of her time and effort to all phases of the work. The women of the society as a token of appreciation for her services and loyalty contributed one hundred dollars to have her name enrolled in the Book of Remembrance in the Hall of Memory in the Belle Harris Memorial Building in Nashville, Tennessee. This building is a memorial to Belle Harris Bennett, the founder of the school where missionaries are trained.

Mrs. Whitaker was also a teacher of the Woman's Bible Class and later the Utopian Class. She was a true and learned scholar of the Bible. After her death her Bible was given to the Utopian Class in 1955.

The Sunday School was fortunate in having another outstanding teacher and Bible scholar—Mr. E. Lynn who taught the Men's Bible Class and later the Susannah Wesley Bible Class.

Prior to the formal organization of the Wesleyan Service Guild many business and professional women were active in the Woman's Missionary Society. This was true from 1930-1934 when Mrs. Mae Thomas served as circle chairman for such a group and arranged for her circle to meet at night to allow business women an opportunity to participate in this organization. This circle had the distinction of having as honorary members some of the most outstanding men of the church then: Rev. J. B. Allen, the beloved superannuated minister; Rev. Bob Edmondson; Mr. E. Lynn; Rev. W. T. Hamby; and Mr. J. E. Potts. Under the leadership of Mrs. Thomas this circle, unique in its make-up, contributed much not only to the society but also to the church during the days of greatest need.

In 1940, in order to give business and professional women the opportunity to participate in the Woman's Society, the Wesleyan Service Guild was organized. Miss Elizabeth Moseman was the first president. The Guild was a very active unit of the Society.

In the first quarter of the Twentieth Century Epworth grew under the ministry of some of the finest men in the Conference. The Reverends George W. Yarbrough, A. M. Pierce, C. M. Lipham, J. W. Chalker, J. H. Mashburn, L. W. Rivers, A. H. S. Bugg, Firley Baum, J. A. Gray, O. A. Marrs, Oscar Smith, and J. W. Veatch answered the call of service.

During the ministry of Reverend Oscar Smith the Southern Methodist Church united with the Northern Methodist Church. No longer were there Northern and Southern Methodist Conferences.

Mr. J. H. Beckham founded the Workers Class (1921) during the ministry of Reverend Oscar Smith. He gathered a small but active group as the nucleus for the class. Among the charter members were: Ed Davidson, Ralph Lockhart, Eugene Ruff, Rex Edmondson, and Terrace Hagan. Ed Davidson served as first president and later teacher. This class grew from a small beginning to a large and active class. (There is a separate history of this class.) The class was recognized for its leadership and financial aid. The outstanding project was financial aid given to ministerial students.

Another very active class at this time was the Booster Class with J. R. Bradley as teacher. This class published a paper monthly - "The Epworth Booster."

Colonel Paul Lindsay was an outstanding teacher in the Adult Department. He served in many capacities and was adviser in the purchase of a lot on McLendon for building the new church.

Epworth gained in membership rapidly and by 1925 the congregation realized the inadequacy of its building and decided that a new church should be built. During the pastorate of the Reverend R. Z. Tyler, a building program was instituted. The untiring efforts, first of the Reverend E. L. Langford and later of the Reverend R. A. Edmondson, led to the purchase of a lot on the corner of McLendon Avenue and Callan Circle. Objections were raised to having a church here, and this lot was sold and one in the 1500 block of McLendon Avenue bought. Here the present Educational Plant was erected under the leadership of Brother Edmondson. The old church on La France and Mayson was sold and razed in 1928. The altar, the pews, and the organ were brought into the new Educational Building in October of that year. This building was used as the sanctuary until 1952.

Mrs. Mae Thomas, as circle chairman and member of the Board of Stewards, devised a unique plan to help finance the building of the Educational Plant. There was no convenient place in the community to get a lunch and Mrs. Thomas realized workmen would want lunches and refreshments. A temporary stand was put up on the building lot and the women of the church prepared and served lunches. The ladies cooked beans, cornbread muffins, pies and made freezers of ice cream. On the short order side there were hot dogs and ookes. Much hard work went into this undertaking, but the lunches accommodated the workmen and the receipts from the stand helped meet the payroll each week. At every stewards meeting Mrs. Thomas made favorable reports on this project.

The first service in this then new Educational Building was held November 4, 1928. This was a great day for Epworth. Bishop Warren Candler preached the opening sermon and then members and friends gathered for "dinner on the grounds."

Shortly after completion of the new building came the years of depression and Epworth faced "hard times" in meeting notes on this structure. Seeing the church through these trying times were: Reverend W. T. Hamby, Reverend B. F. Pim, Reverend S. D. Cherry, Doctor Wallace Rogers, Reverend Zach Hayes and Reverend J. Hamby Barton. Each of these pastors joined in the struggle to "pay off" the debt.

It was during the ministry of Reverend S. D. Cherry that the darkest days came. A small group of men stood by him. These men literally "combed" the community for contributions: Mr. W. A. Barksdale, Mr. G. A. Potter, and Mr. F. H. Spratling. When money was not adequate to meet the finances Mr. Spratling would say: "We will just have to shake the bushes harder." The first real success toward this end was made during the five-year ministry of the Reverend S. D. Cherry. The second mortgage was burned in 1937 and the first mortgage reduced to a point where it was no longer a great burden.

In 1937, too, a parsonage at 535 Page Avenue, N. E., was purchased. The first parsonage, bought in 1893, was located at 346 Glendale Avenue, N. E. Later this was sold and 525 Mayson Avenue, N. E., was purchased. About the time the Educational Plant was built, this parsonage was sold to the Conference for a Superannuate Minister's Home. The ministers who occupied this home contributed much to the spiritual life of Epworth.

The Reverend and Mrs. J. B. Allen were the first to occupy this Superannuate Minister's home. No sooner were they settled than they endeared themselves in the hearts of all. Brother Allen became teacher of the Men's Bible Class and this class became known as the J. B. Allen Bible Class as a token of respect to one who served the Master so faithfully.

Eight years later (years of great sacrifices and heroic contributions of time, effort, and money) the first mortgage was burned. The following ministers helped bring Epworth to this milestone in her history. The Reverend Walter Robison, Reverend Waights Henry, and Reverend W. H. Gardner.

On March 4, 1945, during the ministry of Reverend W. H. Gardner, Bishop Arthur Moore preached the morning sermon and dedicated the Church School Building of Epworth Methodist Church. But Epworth had not arrived. The Quarterly Conference immediately authorized the setting up of a committee to receive contributions toward a sanctuary.

During the ministry of the Reverend W. H. Gardner and the late Reverend Irby Henderson the building fund grew rapidly toward the "two-thirds of the total" goal set by the building committee to be reached before the ground breaking for the new sanctuary.

In June 1951, the Reverend Charles W. Fruit began his ministry at Epworth. On October 14 of that same year, members and friends, both old and new, gathered at Epworth for a basket-dinner and the ground breaking ceremony for the long awaited sanctuary.

During the eleven months building period funds were increased in many unusual ways. A Christmas tree loaded with gifts of money, and a Lenten Self-Denial offering at Easter swelled the treasury.

At last it was built - God's Sanctuary! On Sunday morning, September 7, 1952, the pastor, the Reverend Charles W. Fruit, preached the sermon which marked the official opening of the House of Worship. Following a picnic dinner, an informal afternoon service was given over to former pastors and friends and the acknowledgment of the various gifts to the church. Evening worship brought to a close a day of great rejoicing.

"And now it stands all beautiful and new," the crowning achievement of years of sacrifice.

On May 17, 1959, under the ministry of the Reverend Dwight Nysewander, the Sanctuary was dedicated.

In 1952-53 the Educational Building was remodeled. Since this building was no longer used for a sanctuary, the old pews were removed. The auditorium was partitioned to provide adequate class rooms for Sunday School. When the remodeling was completed, the Educational Building was ready to fully serve its intended purpose.

The original podium and minister's bench, which had been brought from the old church and used in the temporary sanctuary, were moved to the new sanctuary and placed in Fellowship Hall. Recently the Workers Class had these restored, refinished, and identified with appropriate plaques.

Through the years as Epworth has served so has she been served. Many have contributed loyalty and devotion but in this community no other person was so loved by so many for her goodness, her unselfishness, and her devotion to high ideals as Miss Mary Lin. Since 1894 Miss Mary gave "the sunshine of her spirit and the steadfastness of her faith" to the Primary Department, the Woman's Society of Christian Service, and other activities of the church. Thus, Sunday, June 8, 1952, was set aside as Mary Lin Appreciation Day - a notable event in the history of Epworth. Since "Miss Mary" had served the Atlanta School System fifty years, first at old Edgewood School on Iverson Street and then Mary Lin School (named in her honor), she had touched the lives of most of this community.

Another who served Epworth and this community so faithfully through the years was Mrs. Ellen Grant, a native of Sweden. She will be remembered for her faithfulness in attendance at all services and for her expressions of her convictions. In any service if she approved and agreed she nodded her head in approval - if she disagreed, in the negative. Mrs. Grant was one of the founders of the Goodwill Industries here. She went from door-to-door leaving Goodwill bags and explaining this struggling new enterprise. She was also identified with the Wesley House work at the Fulton Bag and Cotton Mill Center where she taught sewing to a class of girls. She was Epworth's representative for the Golden Cross. For her years of faithful service the Pep-Worthian Class honored her on her seventy-seventh birthday - July 21, 1953.

In the field of service Epworth has sent out these young ministers--the Reverend Carl Dodds, the Reverend Robert Bridges, the Reverend Guy Sharpe and the Reverend Jack C. Reaves. Too, for many years Epworth has been the "training ground" for young ministerial students from the Candler School of Theology and in turn has enjoyed their services. Walter Turner and Clay Turner who grew up in Epworth Church are now full-time ministers.

Epworth has grown as she has served. The following comparisons are vital evidence of this growth:

	<u>Church</u>	
	1891 - 92	1952 - 53
Members	49	1001
Minister's Salary	\$ 500	\$ 5,000
Value of Church	\$1,667	\$183,000
Total from all sources	\$2,667.75	-----
(Includes Church, Sunday School, and Woman's Missionary Society.)		
	Church Expenditures (Budget, Building Fund) \$43,000.	

	<u>Sunday School</u>	
Members	62	631
Officers and Teachers	10	40
Collection	\$59.27	\$1,507.24

	<u>Woman's Society and Guild</u>	
Members	12 (estimated)	186
Collections	\$33.45	\$3,324.47

Today, 1953, Epworth, with sixty-three years of progress behind her, faces forward to another goal - the clearing of the indebtedness on the Sanctuary and its dedication to the service of God's Kingdom on Earth.

Sources:

1. Yearbooks and Minutes of the North Georgia Conference 1890 to 1952
2. Mrs. W. T. Buchanan - Charter Member
3. Miss Mary Lin - Member since 1894
4. Notes of the late Mrs. J. G. Foote - Charter Member

Historians:
 Frances Spratling
 Edith Ruff

Additions to this original history were made by Frances Spratling in 1983. When the original history was submitted to Dr. A. M. Pierce, Secretary of the North Georgia Historical Society, 1953, he requested that it be expanded and outstanding personalities be added. This has been attempted. Then years 1953 - 1983 completed.

1953 - 1983

Mrs. M. D. Ruff, who became a member in 1906, was made a member of the Official Board in 1924. She represented the church as delegate to the Annual Conference for many years and always championed the cause of Epworth's pastors.

Under the guidance of the Reverend Dwight Nysewander the sanctuary was dedicated on May 17, 1959. Shortly thereafter a parsonage at 455 Claire Drive was acquired. The church school building was repaired and renovated.

The Reverend Roger Stone (1959) brought to Epworth a deep feeling of spirituality. He will be remembered for his many visits to his flock. As a pastor he knew his church and community for its needs.

With the church debt cleared our ministers felt that the church should contribute to the spread of Christianity for our own spiritual growth, so Epworth began its support of the missionaries, the Reverend and Mrs. James C. Stanford, missionaries to Peru.

In the ministry of the Reverend Harry L. Wood (1962) came the 75th milestone - November 14, 1965. A former pastor, the Reverend W. H. Gardner, delivered the sermon for the occasion.

It was during the ministry of the Reverend William F. Byrd (1967) that the church officially became known as Epworth United Methodist Church. Mr. Wood, our former pastor, had explained to us the unification of the Methodist Church and the United Brethren. Organizational plans were laid at the conference in Dallas, Texas. The Woman's Society and the Guild likewise signed charters for the new organization.

The church purchased the house on Mell Avenue back of the church - the house to be demolished and the lot to be paved for parking facilities.

Epworth has grown as she has served. The following comparison will be of interest.

1891-92	{ 49 Members { \$500 Pastor's Salary
1952-53	{ 1001 Members { \$5,000 Pastor's Salary
1967-68	{ 729 Members { \$7,200 Pastor's Salary

At this point we have glimpsed the highlights of the history of Epworth through 77 years.

Music always played an important part at Epworth. When Epworth was across the railroad Mrs. Blanche Strickland played the organ and directed the choir. Mrs. Carl J. Dodds later became organist, followed by Mrs. E. W. Mason who served faithfully for over twenty-five years. At the present time Epworth is fortunate to have Mrs. Nina Bailey as organist. Bill Gober and Tony Adams shared their talents as outstanding choir directors. At the present Epworth enjoys and appreciates the services of Rick Turner and the beautiful renditions of the choir.

In 1960 a church parlor was furnished with the help of Mrs. Felicia Elrod and Mrs. Ellinor Price heading it up for the church and the Woman's Society. Later for the church, chimes were given in memory of Ellinor Price by her husband, Gordon F. Price.

The Reverend Charles Shaw came to Epworth in 1971 and served three years. During his ministry Walter Turner, a member and ministerial student, together with Margaret Gray, organized the Revised Standard Version encouraging testimony of all.

In 1975 the Reverend Claude Singleton came to Epworth. He spent much time visiting and learning his parishioners. Epworth grew spiritually. By this time the Council on Ministries was organized and functioning.

The Reverend Al Larson came to Epworth in 1977 and served until 1983. Mr. Larson, feeling that Epworth was a community church, saw that the church became involved in community affairs. He reorganized the Scout Troup formerly sponsored by Mr. T. Willis Fowler. He sponsored special services with the neighboring churches—Lake Claire Baptist and the Candler Park Baptist Church.

The year 1983 saw Dr. Shelton Eubanks join Epworth as the new minister. Epworth welcomes Dr. Eubanks and his family and under his leadership looks forward to the service of God's Kingdom on earth.

Epworth now (1983), ninety-three years old, has a rich history - all phases of which cannot be touched on. Many outstanding members have been mentioned, but it is impossible to mention all the faithful. Epworth, however, cannot overlook her oldest member, Mrs. J. H. Roseman, who on the 20th day of September 1983 became 101 years old. Although not able to attend regularly now, this faithful one still serves her church well.

Epworth has been blessed with truly great pastors and with secretaries who were great helpmates. Miss Jo Glenn (now Mrs. Van Landingham) came to Epworth during the Reverend Pim's ministry and served as secretary and an outstanding leader and teacher. Mrs. Claire Kimball came during the ministry of the Reverend William Gardner and served 16 years, not only as secretary but in the Woman's Society as well. She then chose well her successor, Mrs. Thelma Jackson, who today serves Epworth far beyond the call of duty.

To typify the spirit of Epworth the Sharing and Caring Group was organized. It goes beyond the preparation for and holding a bazaar. It endeavors to remember the sick and "shut-ins". Monies raised from the bazaar are used for needs of the church. This successful project has been headed by Maude Jones, Susie Ellis, Mary Frances Cooper and Hazel Manus.

Historian: Frances Spratling (1983)

Sources: History of Epworth United Methodist Church 1953-1975 by

1 - { Rex Edmondson
Mrs. Claire Kimball
Mrs. Robert G. Mayo

2 - Bulletins of Church

WE THANK YOU!

Cordial appreciation of the first and second issue of the Booster has been received on all sides, the editors have been greatly gratified by the response which has greeted the Booster and we are inspired to greater efforts in the direction of making this one of the most interesting and informative papers in Atlanta. The Booster Class is composed of only girls, none under 12 years, none over 16 years. If your girl belongs to this Class, you can well afford to feel proud of her, as she is pursuing the teachings of Jesus Christ, forgetting self, and striving to be of service to others. Any individual, or any group will always find my Booster ready and willing to render any service.

This paper is due to their efforts. We are striving to make every page of each issue of the Booster interesting and valuable to our readers.

BOUQUETS

Editors Booster:

I can not resist the temptation to tell you what I think of the Booster. Not that my opinion makes any difference but I am rarely voicing the sentiments of many, for heard several express themselves since your first issue, and as I believe in throwing bouquets while you are living, I am going pass them on. I have traveled a great deal. I have always secured church papers when it was possible, and your paper ranks with the best in the country, and away above average.

Yours sincerely,

A FRIEND.

An angel paused in his upward flight

AND WE DON'T MEAN MAYBE

Can the Workers Entertain?

We say they can; we certainly had a fine time. It is a real pleasure to mix and mingle with this fine crowd of young people; they certainly are live wires. Everything that was planned was intended to make the Boosters enjoy themselves more. They composed and sang this song, and just to show you how pretty it is, and why we appreciated it so, just strike the tune of Tipperary and sing:

It's a good thing to be a Booster
It's the best thing I know
It's a good thing to follow Jesus
As Heavenward we go
It's good-bye sin and sorrow
Good-bye doubt and fear
It's a grand good thing
To be a Booster
And that's why we're here.

TEACHERS' COUNCIL ORGANIZED

On August 24 the Teachers' Council was organized. What is it? It is a Council consisting of all teachers, officers and all others interested in Sunday School work, the superintendent being head of it and Miss Christine Thompson, secretary.

The Purpose? To bring teachers and officers together once a month to discuss and plan the work of the Sunday School, to secure co-operation, to receive help and inspiration from one another. In other words it is to better our Sunday School by the combined efforts of all.

What did we do? (1) Miss Willie Mae Martin was appointed temporary teacher of Mr. Dean's former class of boys. We are on the lookout for a good permanent teacher for this class. (2) A committee of three, Miss Minnie Womack, Miss Dora Womack and Mr. J. J. Foote were appointed to look into the matter of the order of the literature. It seems the classes are arranged so

tween the whole and parents, and different music.

When will the next meeting be? At the end of the month for the special purpose of arranging for promotion day.

Miss Minnie Womack, Miss Ethel Holbrook and Miss Mary Lin will arrange a program for the next meeting. Listen for the announcement of the meeting and all come. It will be worth your while.

Written for the Woman's Missionary Society and sung by them.

Tune: My Jesus I love thee.

Go work for the Master
He's calling for you
The fields are all white
But the laborers are few
Then stand ye not idle
But heed his voice
Go work in his vineyard
Make that now your choice.

2.

The heathen is calling
From over the class,
From a dark land more you increase
To this land other boys and girls.
Come over a buddy to join the Men's
Then hear our Mother to join the
And send class.

To them when we will have that today.

The Master is calling

Go work while 'tis
The dark night is falling

Go gleam while you may
Till the Lord of the Harvest

Shall call you to come

And share in his joy

Of the glad Harvest Home.

—Mrs. Whitaker.

AN ANNOUNCEMENT

Beginning with the first Sunday in September, the Workers Class is going to be up the work of training teachers and

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ton, Lucile Tabun, Louise Brewer, Mattie
Echols.

Every girl a Booster, that's why she be-
longs to the class.

YE TOWN GOSSIP

By J. R. B.

Apologies to K. C. B.

Mr. J. H. Beckham

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The Workers Class, The

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THE WORKERS CLASS

GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

With the sweets always comes the bitter.
Our former Superintendent, Mr. J. O. Wood-
ward, made himself so efficient in the busi-
ness world that he was given a promotion
and his new position called him to Colum-
bia, S. C.

It was not a very pleasant task to give
up such good friends and many a tear was
shed when it came time to say good-bye.

The Sunday School felt a keen loss in
giving up Mr. Woodward as Superintendent,
and Mrs. Woodward is certainly missed in
the Choir. Misses Helen and Elizabeth took
quite an active part in the Primary Depart-
ment. Little John and Juanita always did
their bit by attending Sunday School.

It is impossible to keep a family like this
from being active in Sunday School and
Church work, so our loss will only mean
some other church's gain.

Epworth Sunday School and Church
wishes the Woodward family God's richest
blessings.

WHY STEWARDS?

Wouldn't it be fine if every member of
the church was a Steward, but as that is
impossible, one person to every fifty mem-
bers is appointed as a Steward. It is his
duty to assist the Pastor to visit the mem-
bership, and look after the financial end of
the church.

There is a great deal of expense con-
nected with the church and the Stewards
are forced to come face to face with this
issue. The pastor has to be paid each
month, and there is the janitor's salary,
coal, light, insurance and numerous other
items, and to meet these expenses, it is
necessary for every member to pay his or
her assessment, if you fail to pay yours,
just that much of our obligations will have
to go unpaid.

The trouble with some of us we have
gotten into the habit of paying our church
dues like we do our taxes, we wait until the
last of the year, but just think how much
easier it would be on you, as well as the
Steward if you paid your assessment weekly
or monthly.

It is only a short time now until Confer-
ence. Now let's don't wait until the last
moment to clear the books. Check up today,
see how you stand. The cards at the door
will show you exactly what amount you
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EPWORTH CHURCH THEN AND NOW.

By Mrs. J. G. Foote.

In the fall of 1890 a few members of the "Old Edgewood Church" located one block west of Moreland Ave. south of the Georgia Railroad at Hutchin's Crossing, decided to organize a church in this community, as it was too far for small children and old people to attend Sunday School and church regularly. For very few owned horse-drawn carriages and none had horseless carriages as autos were then called.

So a time was appointed to discuss organizing a church. The place of meeting was at the home of the late Judge C. W. Smith, on Whiteford Ave. There the church was organized with twenty-two members. The late Dr. J. W. Heidt was its first Presiding Elder.

The first board of stewards was composed of the following five men: Judge C. W. Smith, Mr. Charles E. Dowman, Mr. J. G. Foote, Mr. R. W. H. S. Suge (deceased), and Mr. H. S. Suge (deceased). At the conference in November they applied for a pastor, and secured the school house on corner of N. Mayson and McLendon streets, to hold services in. Rev. J. W. Colley was our first pastor. He served one year and then Dr. J. T. Daves came and stayed two years. Meantime a lot had been purchased at corner of S. Mayson Ave. and LaFrance street and a church building erected thereon. In the basement services were held for a time before the building was completed and here our pastor, Dr. Daves and Miss Sophie Wright were married by Dr. Heidt.

And so our pastor took from us more than he brought (though I guess it was all (w)right.) Next we had Rev. T. R. McCarty, a transfer from Alabama conference.

greatly beloved by all denominations for Baptists, Presbyterians, and Episcopalians worshipped mostly with us, as there was no other church in this vicinity. Just after Bro. Ledbetter left us the church was struck by lightning and burned to the ground, being almost a total loss, the piano and a few books were saved.

Immediately the members and friends rallied and decided to build again. Some wanted to move the location further towards the northern part of Edgewood, but on a house to house canvass, it was decided to rebuild on the same site and there a much larger and handsomer structure was erected, which stands today, although having been struck twice by lightning and several times caught fire, but still stands out like the rock of Gibraltar. Several features in the architectural plans have been copied by other churches and especially is a good and wise plan of having the congregation so seated that they do not have to get "cricks" in their necks by turning around to see who is coming in, as the corner in faces the people and thereby saves their necks.

Well, Epworth has continued to grow and now has a membership of some five hundred. We have always been fortunate in securing the best pastors and scarcely a pastor has ever left us but to be given higher and better appointments. We have had such pastors as Dr. A. M. Pierce, Dr. Fletcher Walton, Dr. W. T. Hamby, Rev. C. M. Lipham, Rev. H. S. Suge (deceased), and others of honorable mention. Besides the numerous young would-be pastors, from our beloved near by Emory University (to practice on us, and soon take their lead among the regular pastors of the conference and we should be pretty capable critics by this time.

Our present pastor, Rev. J. W. Yeatch, is now "practicing on us" into the second year and we are willing for him to keep it up until he goes into the Presiding Eldership and then into the Bishopric. You can never tell you know, "so note it be."

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It's up to you, just when we will have that good time, so get busy today.

ATTENTION, MEN!

Do you really know what you are missing by not attending the Men's Bible Class?

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4. Be selfish and ask, "What do I get out of this?"
5. Never accept office. It is easier to refuse than to do things.
6. Visit other churches at least half our time.
7. Let the pastor do all the work. And some?
8. Never use front seats, sit away from attempt to sing.
9. Hold back your cues as long as possible or never pay at all.
10. Don't encourage the preacher. Tell thanks to outsiders.
11. If strangers come in, don't find them. Don't give them a book. Don't dare them to come back.
12. Don't bother about getting new members. "Let George do it." Never speak service to anyone.
13. When you see that everything is going harmoniously, do something to endanger strife.
14. When others roll up their sleeves and work willingly, howl about the organization being run by a clique.—Exchange.

THE DAILY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
 (W. Carlton Wilson)

The summer session of the Daily Vacation Bible School at the Fulton Bag and Cotton Mill came to a close Friday, August 17th. The average attendance was good throughout the five weeks term, and the work accomplished is gratifying to those identified with the school.

The Vacation Bible School is a special feature of the Wesley House every year. Its purpose is to gather in the many children of the community who are idle during vacation between the ages six and fourteen, and give them Bible instruction, also giving them lessons in manual training. The girls general craft work, the boys carpentering, etc. Various forms of recreation are enjoyed by the children. Attendance in the school is purely voluntary on the part of the children, so every care is taken to make the courses interesting and attractive, as well as helpful.

The lady in charge of the school is Miss Frances Howard, deaconess at the Wesley House. Several teachers have assisted her. Miss Lois Maddux, graduate of Scarrett Bible Institute, now attending Peabody College at Nashville, Miss Catherine Hopkins of St. Pauls Church, Atlanta, and Mr. W. C. Wilson, Emory University. Others, representing the local church have assisted from time to time.

The Vacation Bible School is made possible every year largely through the efforts of Mrs. H. W. Grant of Edworth, who represents the Woman's Missionary Societies of Atlanta, and who acts as superintendent of the school. Mrs. Grant has been identified with the Wesley House work, in the Fulton Bag & Cotton Mill community for a number of years. She has endeared herself to scores of mothers, because of the interest which she has had in their children. Much and lasting good has been done by this earnest and devoted woman. Mrs. Grant is a live wire, always at work, furnishing light and warmth where it is most needed. She works while most of us talk.

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 Secretary, Margaret Binder.
 Treasurer, Bertha Binder.

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We are hoping to have a picnic soon or some sort of entertainment for our class. Our class pins have arrived and we think they are real pretty.

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MAUDE MASON

She takes time for serving others, while rushing along,
And lightens the load with the lilt of a song;
She plays the songs and hymns which bring joy to the day,
Her music is the sunshine that brightens our way.

To the Master of all great music, to the God of all great harmonies and lovely sounds, Maude Mason has dedicated her life. Music is her medium of glorifying God. These words symbolize the spirit of reverence and humility manifested in one who has so graciously given her talent and time to serving her Master.

Shortly after moving into this community, she and Mr. Mason united with Epworth Methodist Church. This was in 1925 when Epworth was across the railroad on Mason and LaFrance. She was faithful in all the organizations of the church; particularly Sunday School and the Missionary Society. Here it was she began her ministry of music. However, her services were not limited to music for as early as 1932 she served as recording secretary of the Missionary Society. She worked faithfully with the women of the church in raising funds for the new educational building on Melendon Avenue. She gave support and encouragement to Mr. Mason and to her church by attending many of the stewards' meetings with him. She has served the Women's Bible Class not only as pianist but also as president.

Here is a Christian worker who will pass on to posterity the rich inheritance of her church, for here at Epworth the fourth generation is

active in God's work.

Her ministry of music has been varied. She has played for Sunday School, the formal eleven o'clock church services, the Sunday night services, revival services, the Missionary Society, and the Guild. With her music she has added joy to the wedding ceremony and brought comfort to the bereaved. She has given much time in preparation for special Christmas programs and Easter music. Duty to her is "a charge to keep and a God to glorify."

She is following the words of Isaiah: "Make sweet melody, sing many songs, that thou mayest be remembered."

*Edith Smith
June 1965*

REX EDMONDSON

"Train up a child in the way he should grow and when he is old, he will not depart from it." This truth from the book of Proverbs is exemplified in the life of our honoree this morning. The son of consecrated Christian parents, Rex Edmondson was never in doubt as to "the way he should grow." Like most of us, however, he was confronted with many ways to go, but the guidance of dedicated parents made the choice clear and definite, if not always easy.

The Edmondson family moved to this community when Rex was three years old--just the age for Miss Mary Lin and Miss Kate Reagin to take over--and they did. Thus, the church joined hands with the home to build a Christian character. It is small wonder, then, that we, at Epworth, point with special pride to Rex Edmondson, for he has "grown up" in our church.

Rex dedicated his life to God and Christian service when he joined the church at the age of eight, and through the years his loyalty and devotion has grown as has his Christian experience.

Before he was twenty, Rex became assistant superintendent of Sunday School, working under Albert Cook, the superintendent. That same year, 1924, the Workers' Class was organized with Rex as a charter member and the first class president. This class sponsored a Church library and Rex was the keeper of the books. Besides these duties, he found time to play basketball and baseball on the Workers' Class teams.

In 1924 and '25 the Epworth League at Epworth was very active in both Christian endeavors and sports. The church paper, Greater Epworth, had this to say about Rex's work in the League: "Our Fourth Department Superintendent, Mr. Rex Edmondson, has certainly brought before the League the real aim and purpose of his department through the fine monthly Missionary Programs he has given. He has gone still further and has now organized a mission study class which is to begin the first Tuesday in November. Let's all back Rex up in this fine undertaking." Rex's interest in the League never wavered, carrying over into MYF work.

In the world of sports, the League's baseball team, on which Rex was a player, held the National League Championship in 1925.

That year (1925), too, Rex began serving Epworth as a member of the Junior Board of Stewards. A few years later he became a senior steward and has served continuously, since, both as member and as chairman. The chairmanship he held during the difficult years of 1952-53 when the new sanctuary had just become a reality.

In 1926, Rex married the lovely Audrey Oviette who was as devoted to a church of another denomination as Rex was to Epworth. The early training of devoutly Christian parents in both homes made it possible for this division in doctrinal faith to mean simply that two denominations felt the impact of their loyalties, their talents, and their services. And theirs is a home which does honor to those homes from which they came.

By the time we moved, in 1928, into the Education Building, which Rex helped build through all the projects he faithfully supported, he had begun teaching in the Junior Department. He left the Juniors to become Sunday School Superintendent. Between jobs, he continued his affiliation with the Workers' Class, serving it in nearly every official capacity. During those years, too, he was elected to the Board of Trustees. He was also an endorser of the First Mortgage on the Church School Building and a laborer through years of struggle to clear the indebtedness of the building.

Next to God and his church Rex loved his country and, as a member of the National Guard, in 1941, answered the call to active duty in World War II. He served throughout the four war years. You may be sure, however, that, whenever the opportunity presented itself, Rex was in his accustomed place at Epworth. During the absentee years he remained on the Board of Stewards as an honorary steward.

His duty to his country satisfied, Rex returned to active service in the church and church school. He joined the J. B. Allen Bible Class where he has served as officer and as teacher. During the next few years, he alternated his time--giving a number of years to teaching in first the Junior and then the Intermediate Departments. At the end of each teaching stint, he went back to the Bible Class, but he was never allowed to stay long for some new duty always called him away. For the past several years he has taught the Pepworthian Class where he is teaching at present.

Church offices, too, have demanded much of his time. In addition to continuous steward membership, he has served as Church Treasurer. Just this month he is relinquishing that job, after three years of service, only to return to the Finance Commission where he has worked untiringly in other years.

Your good works, Rex, say louder than words that you love "the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might", as you were diligently taught. You have never learned to say "No" to any call of God's church. For nearly forty years you have given unselfishly of yourself, of your talents, and of your time. Surely, the riches of the Kingdom are yours.

But to show our appreciation of your loyalty and devotion to God's work in the church, the church school, and all related areas, we pay this special tribute to you; and, we do homage to the home where a consecrated father and a godly mother saw fit to "Train up a child in the way he should grow."

Edith Smith
June 1955

ALMA RUFF

Mrs. M. B. Ruff

Faithfully faithful in every trust,
Honestly honest in every deed,
Righteously righteous and justly just;
This is the whole of this good woman's creed.

Faithfulness to her Master, faithfulness to her church and her pastor, faithfulness to her family and her friends characterize the life of our honoree. Psalm 101:6 Mine eyes shall be upon the faithful of the land, that they may dwell with me. As one of the faithful of His Kingdom the eyes of the Master have been upon Alma Ruff.

Alma Ruff came to Atlanta March 1908. Moving into the community on Wednesday she delayed no longer than the following Sunday to place her membership in Epworth Methodist Church where Charles M. Lipham was serving as pastor. Soon after joining the church she exhibited her faithfulness to her pastor, for when a disagreement arose between Brother Lipham and some of the members she championed the cause of her pastor and has been championing Epworth's preachers ever since. Every pastor who has served Epworth has felt the staunch support and has enjoyed the hospitality of the Christian home of this true member.

She became a member of the Woman's Bible class and was faithful in attendance until 1911, at which time because of the need of Sunday School teachers she took a class of sixteen year old girls. Here her influence was felt, for today many young women of this community and scattered elsewhere speak of the time when they were in Mrs. Ruff's Sunday School class.

Because her children were quite small when she moved into the community and because baby sitters were unheard of in those days, she did not immediately become active in the Missionary Society. Once an active member, however, she served in nearly every official capacity except the presidency which she refused because she felt unequal to the task. For many years she was chairman of the parsonage

committee and spent many an hour making small sums to buy big things for the parsonage, both the old one on Mayson and the present one. She headed a circle for years and always under her leadership her circle was outstanding for projects undertaken. An experienced seamstress she gave unselfishly of her time and talent to sew for the Methodist Children's Home and the Emory Auxiliary. When the circles were named in honor of devoted members of the society, one was named the Alma Ruff Circle and rightly so.

In the late teens and early twenties both the Missionary Society and the church helped balance their budgets with ice cream festivals, cake sales, rummage sales, and pan cake suppers. The cakes she baked over a period of forty-five years for the church and Missionary Society placed in a line would probably circle half the United States. This says nothing of the home-made ice cream and cookies she made. She excelled in selling fish fry tickets, and once when Jake Hall was Sheriff of DeKalb County sold him enough tickets to feed fish to all those then in jail. She had her circle sponsor plays put on by the young people and sold advertising to pay for the programs. In mid-winter she made a house-to-house canvass to get magazine subscriptions, since the W.S.C.S. got a percentage. During the dark days of the depression and the difficult days of struggle at Epworth, her faith held fast.

When the Education Building was under construction the Missionary Society operated a lunch stand for the workers. Due to illness in the home, she was unable to attend the stand, but she cooked beans by the pots full, made corn muffins by the dozens, and froze ice cream by the gallons, plus making a goodly number of cakes and pies.

In 1924 when ladies were first placed on the Official Board, she became a steward and has been one every year since. She has served as chairman and as a member of the pastoral relations committee many times, always "standing up" for her pastor through all kinds of weather. For many years she has served as lay delegate to both annual and district conferences.

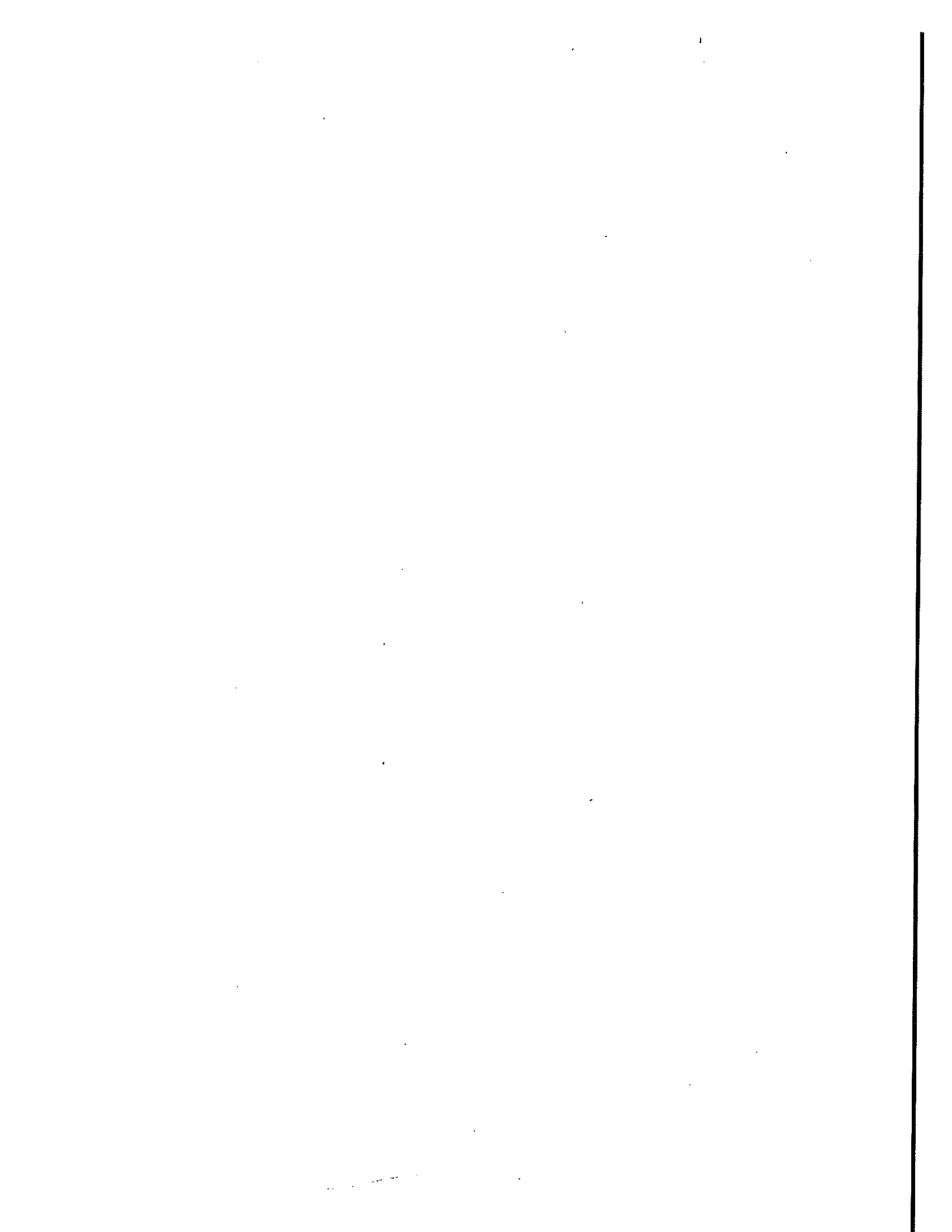
When she gave up her Sunday School class she again joined the Women's Bible class now known as the Susannah Wesley Class. She has been a member and attended

constantly except when illness in the home temporarily halted her attendance.

Edith Ruff, her daughter, in speaking of herself says that she doesn't remember when she didn't go to Sunday School and stay for church, even in the days when her feet stuck straight out from the pews and she couldn't see over the benches to find the preacher. Consistently since 1908 come rain or shine Mrs. Ruff was in her regular place. The family had a regular pew in old Epworth, changed pews once in the Educational Building, and have a regular pew in the new sanctuary. What an inspiration to the pastor that this pew is always occupied!

Today we honor Alma Ruff for her many years of faithful service in the vineyard of her Master. We of Epworth wish to say "thank you" and express our appreciation for your faithfulness in attendance at all church organizations; for faithfulness in services rendered; for faithfulness in giving of self, time and means, and for faithfulness and steadfastness in growing in His work. It is to such as you the Master speaks: "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."

James A. [unclear]



Frances Spratling

Service of Celebration

CHARTER MEETING

THE ORGANIZATION OF THE

*Women's Society of Christian Service
and Wesleyan Service Guild*

**The United Methodist Church
October 1968**

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MUSICAL PRELUDE

INVITATION TO MEMBERSHIP
and Statement of Purpose of the Meeting

CALL TO WORSHIP

Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life.
Whoever comes to me shall never be hungry,
and whoever believes in me shall never be thirsty."
[John 6:35, N.E.B.]

Leader: The generosity and providence of God are known to those of us who assemble here. The analogy of the bread has a special meaning for us. When we look at bread, we are reminded of the bounty of God's gifts. Just as the seed was scattered before the grain could grow, even so, faith—the seed of the church, planted in years gone by—has produced the fruits we know today. In gratitude for our heritage, let us sing praise to God.

HYMN: "Now Thank We All Our God" 11* 49 7*****

SILENT PRAYER with choral or spoken Amen

OUR HERITAGE

Presentation of the Histories of the Parent Groups

PRAYER, in unison

DEAR FATHER, we bow in gratitude for all those who have gone before, whose lives and influence have led us to this place. We ask Thy blessing upon us in the joy of this high hour as we join in thanksgiving, bowing [kneeling] humbly before Thee, and asking for Thy guidance. Amen.

1891

1906

Fifteenth Anniversary
of
Epworth M. E. Church
Thursday Evening
November Twenty-ninth

Nineteen Hundred and Six
Seven to Ten o'Clock

You Are Cordially
Invited

Banquet

La France Street, & there the first church was built. In 1895 the church was struck by lightning & totally destroyed by fire. They rebuilt on the same site. The new church was struck by lightning twice & caught fire several times but it managed not only to survive but to grow. A lot in the 1500 block of Mc Sendon Ave. was bought for a new church in 1925. The first service in this then new Educational Building was held Nov. 4, 1928.

History of
Epworth United
Methodist Church
1890-1953
1953-1983

In fall of 1890, a few members of the old Edgewood Church decided to organize a church nearer their community. The name "Epworth" was suggested by Mrs. C. W. Smith & thus Epworth Church was founded. The first services were held in the Mayson Academy on the corner of North Mayson & Mc Sendon Avenue. Early in 1892 Mrs. A. E. Bessent donated a lot on the corner of South Mayson Ave. &