

BRIEF HISTORY OF LAWRENCEVILLE ROAD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Dr. Delma Hagood, District Superintendent of the Decatur-Oxford District in 1961, worked with the Executive Committee of the District Board of Missions and Church Extension to find a suitable location for a new Methodist Church in the Rehoboth Community. On December 28, 1961, through the \$10 Club, \$18,000.00 was made available on the purchase of the present site at a total cost of \$33,750.00. The local congregation paid \$6,000 and the Board of Missions paid \$9,000. The property consisted of 6.7 acres, a ranch type dwelling and an unfinished adjacent building. Partitions were removed from one section of the house to form a chapel and the remaining five rooms served as a parsonage.

On January 18, 1962, the Reverend Leland Bagwell was appointed as Pastor, and came only on weekends, until his graduation from West Georgia in June. On January 28, 1962, members of the Tucker, Briarcliff and Clarkston Methodist Churches joined Rev. Bagwell and his family in a survey of the area. On February 4, 1962, the first worship service was held with fifteen people attending.

On March 18, 1962, Dr. Hagood presided over the Constituting Conference and the Church was officially chartered with twenty-five members. The Church was named Lawrenceville Road at the first Quarterly Conference on April 29, 1962, and a budget of \$2,400 was accepted.

In June the Pastor moved, with his wife Alice and children David, Don and Julia, into the parsonage. In September 1962, Rev. Bagwell entered Candler School of Theology.

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By the fall of 1962 the membership had grown to 41. Sunday School classes were organized for all ages and the church boasted of two choirs -- one for adults and one for children. In the Spring of 1963 more rooms were needed by the growing Sunday School. The little chicken house on the property was converted for use at a cost of \$1,100, plus a great deal of labor from the congregation.

In April 1964, the North Georgia Conference Board of Missions, with Dr. Claud Haynes serving as Executive Secretary, retired the remaining indebtedness of \$8,491 on the property.

On March 16, 1965, a Building Committee was elected by the fourth Quarterly Conference. The committee was to make plans for a permanent building. Cunningham and Forehand were selected as architects and on March 3, 1966, they presented final drawings to the congregation of the proposed overall plan of buildings.

A loan from Tucker Federal Savings & Loan in the amount of \$45,000 was approved and an additional gift from the Conference Board of Missions of \$11,000 was placed in the bank to be used for construction costs. Ground breaking services were held on May 29, 1966, with Dr. Frank Moorhead, Atlanta-Emory District Superintendent, presiding. Construction began in August 1966. The opening services in the new building were held on February 26, 1967.

In 1968, a parsonage was purchased on Hebron Hills Drive for \$30,000, and the parsonage family moved in during June 1968.

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In the Spring of 1968, construction began on the educational building. The building was completed and consecrated services were held on February 23, 1969. The cost was \$89,000.

The ministers that have served Lawrenceville Road are:

Leland Bagwell	1962-1967
Robert Gillespie	1967-1973
James Mitchell	1973-1976
Jimmy Sneed	1976-1979
Harry Alderman	1979-1980
Tom Atkins	1980-present

The number of members on roll on December 31, 1981, was 458.

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Lawrenceville Road Methodist

Lawrenceville Road United Methodist Church, the first United Methodist church in the metropolitan area to interpret church services for the deaf, has at the 11 a.m. worship services interpretation for the deaf by Dot Shaw. This ministry is growing and the church hopes to offer a Sunday School class for deaf adults in the near future.

The church is located at 3142 Lawrenceville Highway, Tucker. The church buildings are also all accessible to the handicapped. For more information call 939-3717 voice or 458-1568 TTY.

January 18, 1984

MUSIC FOR MISSIONS ...A NEW TRADITION !

SUNDAY , June 7 , 1998 - 7:00 P.M.

**In The Sanctuary - Lawrenceville Road United Methodist Church In Tucker
3142 LAWRENCEVILLE HIGHWAY IN TUCKER
TUCKER, GA. 30084
770-939-3717**

Dr. Laura Gordy, Piano, and Peggy Benkeser, Marimba, will team for the fifth exciting program of the 1998 season of "Music For Missions....a new tradition".

The varied program of compositions for piano and marimba captures the excitement of the lyricism and drama of the piano and the tonal rhythmic exhilaration of the marimba. The audience will be mesmerized by the magic of the combination of the two keyboard instruments driven by masterful artists as they awaken and stir every emotion through their artistry.

Although there is NO admission charge, visitors are encouraged to donate any amount to a love offering which will be shared among the performing groups and the missions which the church supports through these concerts. If you are not able to attend and wish to send a tax deductible donation, please mail your check marked "Music for Missions" to the church at the above address. . Many thanks from the children in these four mission programs who need our help.

Missions which are supported by these concerts are:

**THE CHILDREN'S DENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM,
RANCHO EL PARAISO, OLANCHO VALLEY, HONDURAS;**

INITIATIVE FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING - DEKALB;

THE APPALACHIA SERVICE PROJECT;

THE TUCKER N.E.T. FOOD PANTRY.



FIRST SUNDAY NIGHT PROGRAMS - February 1 -Emory Brass Ensemble; March 1 - Decatur Civic Chorus; April 5 - Messengers Quartet; May 3 - Georgia State University Singers; June 7 - Dr. Laura Gordy, Piano; Peggy Benkeser, Marimba; July - NO CONCERT - Holiday; August 2 - Sartain Kinfolks Chorus and Brass; September 6 - Georgia Shakespeare Festival; October 1 - The Atlanta Chamber Players ; November 1 - Tuskegee University Choir December 6 - Elise Witt, recording artist, guitarist, singer, composer.

THE MISSION CHILDREN thank you and so do the United Methodist Men of LRUMC.

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LRUMC History

A Word From The Pastor...

Lawrenceville Road United Methodist Church is a 240 member congregation which provides significant opportunities for worship, bible study, fellowships service to others. We invite you to become a part of this warm, caring community of faith and to join us on a journey of discipleship with Jesus Christ as we ourselves to doing God's will in this particular time and place.

Peace,
Reverend Dr. John Huggins

A Brief History of Lawrenceville Road United Methodist Church

Lawrenceville Road United Methodist Church was chartered on March 18, 1962 with twenty-one members. The property at that time included 6.7 acres, a ranch style bungalow and an unfinished adjacent "chicken house". Reverend Leland Bagwell was appointed as pastor and came only on weekends until his graduation from West Georgia in June. During the early days the house was used as a Sanctuary, Sunday School, and a parsonage. In the Spring of 1963 the chicken house was converted to a Sunday School Building. On March 16, 1965, plans began on the Fellowship Hall and ground breaking services were held on May 29 1966. The opening services were held on February 26, 1967. In 1968, a parsonage was purchased on Hebron Hills Drive. In the Spring of 1968, construction began on the Educational Building. Consecration Services were held on February 23 1969. In 1980, planning began for the new Sanctuary. Ground breaking services were held on November 14, 1982. Consecration services were held on September 18, 1983. (1983)

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- Jimmy Sneed, 1976 - 1979
- Harry Alderman, 1979 - 1980
- Tom Atkins, 1980 - 1986
- Tom Lanford, 1986 - 1987
- Gene Drinkard, 1987 - 1989
- Zach Farr, 1989 - 1992
- Michael Harwell, 1992 - 1996
- Ferris H. Hardin, 1996 - 2003
- Dr. John Huggins, 2003 - Present

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