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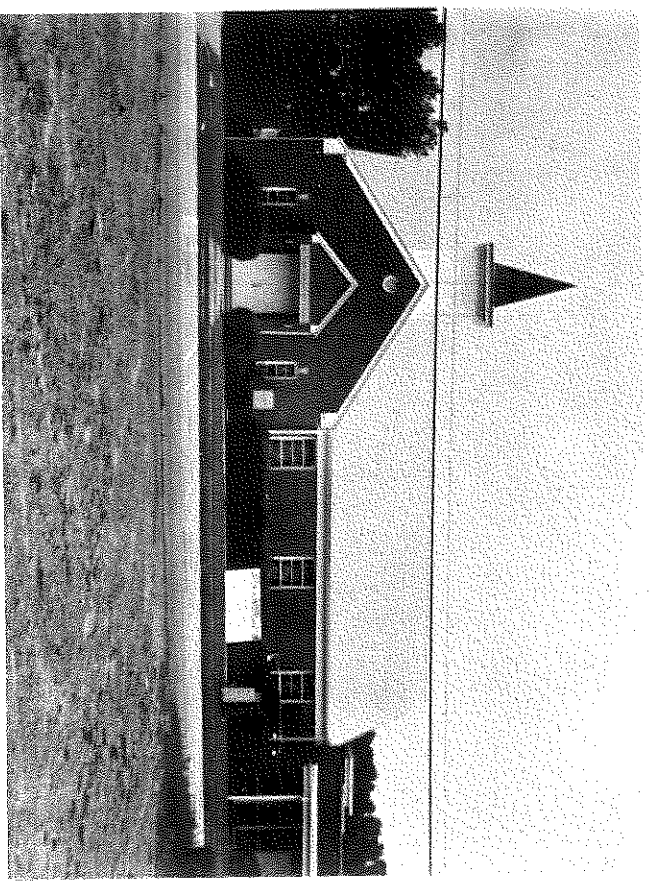
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Baptist Church

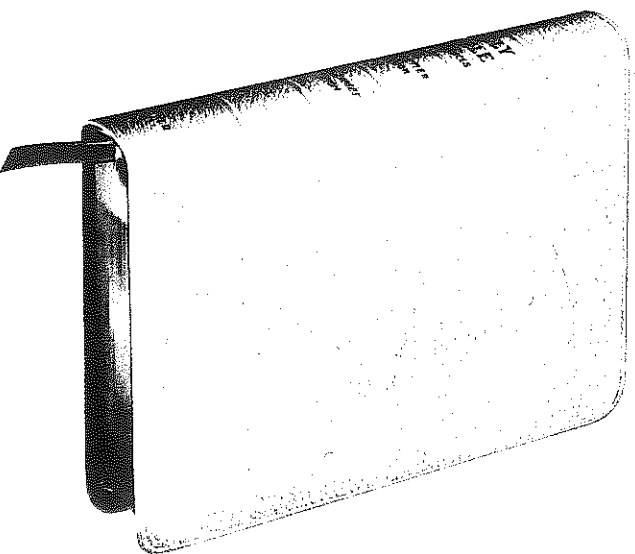
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History of Mountain View Baptist Church

Sincere THANKS to the many members and friends who have, in any way, contributed to the publication of this Book. If there are omissions of names and/or events that should have been included, we are indeed sorry. It is impossible to name all who helped, but to those who furnished information and pictures, assisted with typing and other works, it is all appreciated. And ... all praise to God for the combined efforts put forth herewith.



Redann Road

Stone Mountain, Georgia

**HISTORY OF MOUNTAIN VIEW
BAPTIST CHURCH**

CHARTER MEMBERS

In the Spring of 1908, the Lord planted a new Church on this spot. All of it's Charter Members came from the INDIAN CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH ... the Charter Members being listed below:



REV. & MRS. SMITH

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SHEPPARD:

- Jeff Sheppard
- Mammie Sheppard
- May Sheppard
- Dink Sheppard
- Hamp Taylor
- Minnie Taylor
- Dave Sheppard
- Tumie Sheppard
- Mattie Moore
- Daniel Moore
- Johnny Rawlins
- Maggie Taylor
- Josie Esco
- Jane Davis
- Jess Davis

- Ernest Crowe
- Vestha Crowe
- W. I. Bone
- Minnie Bone

ELLIS:

- Charlie Ellis
- Eugene Ellis
- Will Ellis
- Cora Ellis
- Ernest Ellis
- Mammie Ellis

OTHERS:

- John Lee
- Georgia Lee
- Leonard Hardeman
- Mrs. Hardeman
- Callie Hambrick
- Lidia Hambrick

CROWE:

- Elias Crowe
- Lucinda Crowe
- Love Vina Crowe

PASTORS, OFFICERS and EVENTS

FIRST OFFICERS

- W. I. Bone Clerk
- Elias M. Crowe Sunday School Superintendent
- May Sheppard and Song Leader
- Pianist

FIRST DEACONS

Elias M. Crowe
Jeff Sheppard
Daniel Moore

All being those who were Deacons in Indian Creek Baptist Church before coming to Mountain View Baptist Church.



JEFF SHEPPARD

PASTORS

1908

First Pastor — REV. JOHN SPIVEY

Rev. John Spivey began his work with the organization of the Church. The first meeting house was built in the Spring of 1908; and the second building, in 1909 — replacing the first building which was destroyed by storm.

First DEACONS ordained, by the Church, under Rev. John Spivey:

W. I. BONE
ARTHUR SHEPPARD
EMORY COBLE

1915

REV. JOHN HUDDLOW — Pastor

The Rev. John Hudlow came as Pastor in the year 1915 and served for three (3) years. During WORLD WAR I, Rev. Hudlow helped to hold up the people to God.

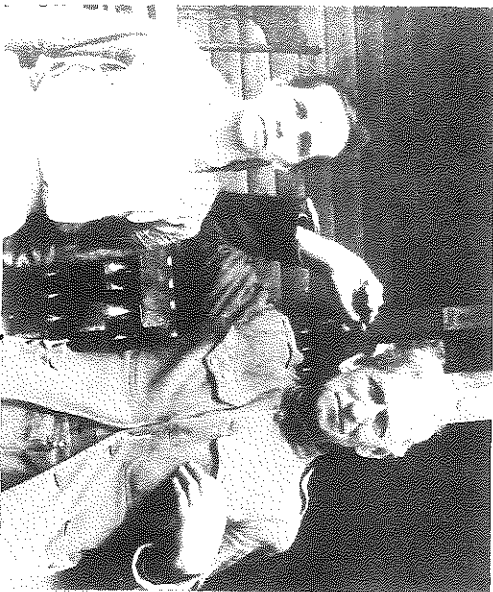
1918

REV. JOE J. STEPHENSON — Pastor

In 1918, the Rev. Joe J. Stephenson came as Pastor. He was a great doctrinal Preacher and one who grounded the people on the Bible.

DEACONS ordained:

ERNEST ELLIS
MARION NORRIS
CHARLIE ELLIS



ELIAS M. CROWE



a score of churches in DeKalb and Gwinnett Counties.

Rev. John B. "Preacher" Spivey

Rev. John Bennett Spivey was born on his father's farm, just south of Clarkston, in 1862 and died there 81 years later. He was called to preach in the Missionary Baptist Faith, served



FIRST PIANIST May Sheppard



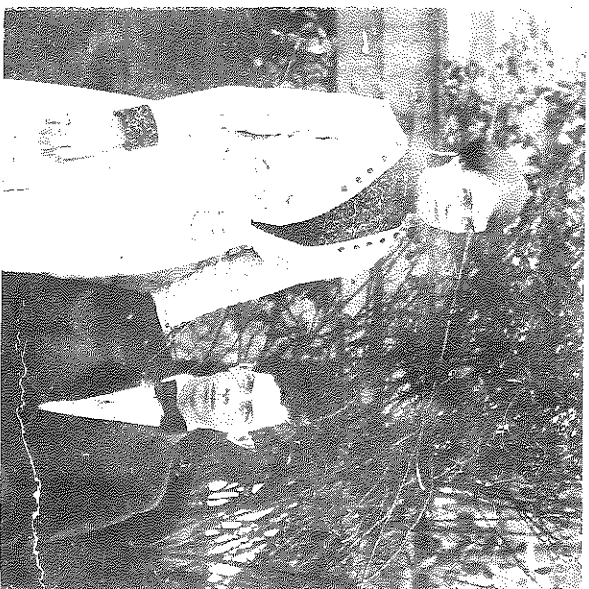
REV. T. L. SKELTON - 50th Anniversary



REV. J. J. STEVENSON



REV. JOHN HUDLOW



REV. & MRS. CLAUD ATHA

1924

REV. CLAUD ATHA — Pastor

When Rev. Claud Atha came as Pastor in 1924; MOUNTAIN VIEW CHURCH left the SOUTH RIVER ASSOCIATION of Churches and joined the STONE MOUNTAIN ASSOCIATION.

1929

REV. CLARENCE HARBIN — Pastor

Rev. Harbin came to the Church for a short pastorate.

1950

REV. THOMAS L. SKELTON — Pastor

Rev. Skelton began commuting from Decatur, Georgia in an A-Model Ford. REV. E. L. CROWE and REV. FRANK CLAY were ordained into the Ministry under Bro. Skelton's Christian Leadership. When Bro. Skelton resigned, meeting days were the Third Sundays, only. There was a Church Members of Two Hundred and Thirty-Two (232); and a Sunday School enrollment of Thirty Five (35). The Pastor's Salary was \$167.65, annually; \$37.51 in Mission Gifts; and \$2,000.00 was the property value.

DEACONS ordained:

ROBERT ELLIS
CLARENCE TURNER
MELVIN MCGIBBONEY
JIM WESTER, SR.

1957

REV. PAUL GRESHAM — Pastor

A BUILDING FUND and WMU were begun; electric lights were installed; when the WMU, the Sunday School and the Training Union were endorsed, in a Conference, on recommendation from the Deacons.

Church OFFICERS:

ETHEL JONES — Training Union Director
GENE BENEFIELD — Sunday School
Superintendent

DEACONS ordained:

GRADY PARTEE
A. D. TINGLE
CARSON HAYS
PERCY CARNES
GENE BENEFIELD
CALVIN WATSON
MARVIN MOORE

1942

REV. GUY OWENS — Pastor

The Building Fund collection was accelerated by applying all Third Sunday Offerings, after the Preacher's salary, to this item.

Church OFFICERS:

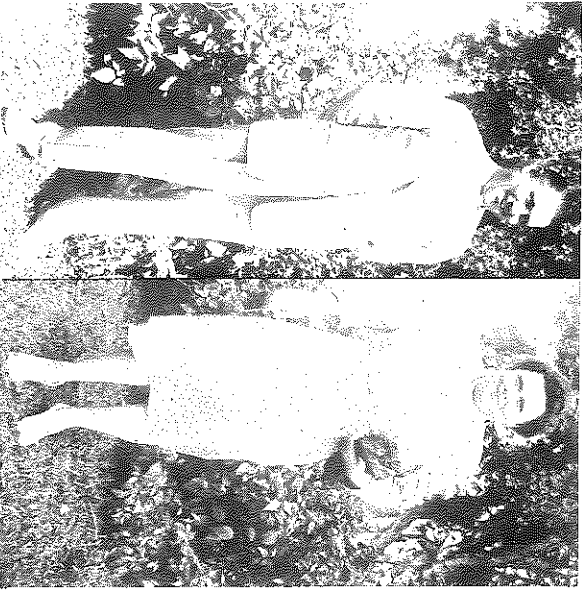
MR. and MRS. A. D. TINGLE — Clerk
MR. PARTEE — Chorister
MRS. PARTEE — Pianist

DEACONS ordained:

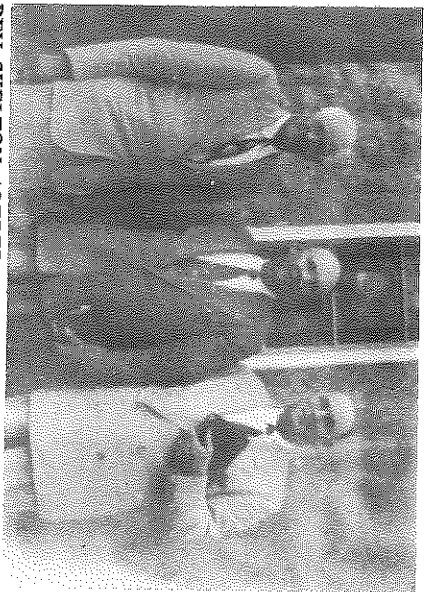
RALPH HOLLAND



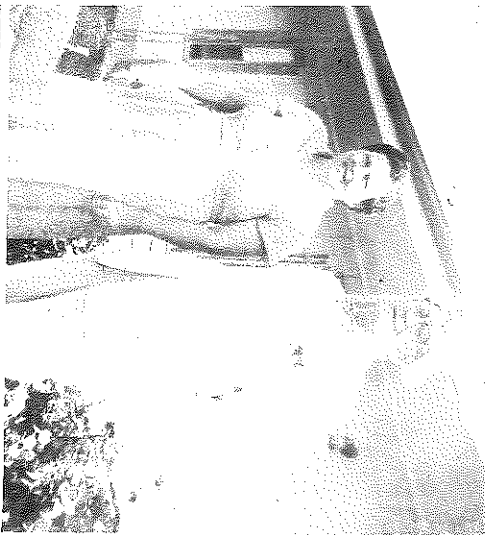
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REV. & MRS. GUY OWENS



REV. SKELTON, ALFRED, GLAZE



REV. & MRS. GRADY GLAZE



REV. & MRS. J. R. ALFRED

1943

REV. GRADY GLAZE — Pastor

Visitation and Personal Soul Winning were the emphasis of Rev. Glaze in a wonderful, but short, ministry.

MINISTERS Ordained:

CALVIN WATSON

1944

REV. J. R. ALFRED — Pastor

“Talk” about the build needs materialized into the present beautiful sanctuary. Bro. Alfred worked so very hard and tirelessly in the building of this auditorium. Wednesday Night, August 22, 1951, the first meeting, in the new building, was a Prayer Meeting; and, on Sunday, following, Home Coming Services were held in the new building.

Dot and Marion Harlee entered full-time Christian Service. Howard Crowe, Jr. and Bud Abbott answered the call to preach. The only son-in-law to-be of this Pastor was won to Christ and baptized by Bro. Alfred. Mrs. Alfred led the Church and the Association to new heights in Missionary endeavor.

MINISTERS licensed:

LOYAL CLAY

1953

REV. A. L. PHILLIPS — Pastor

The first Church Budget was adopted; and the first organ was purchased.

Church OFFICER:

HENRY WHITEHEAD — Music Director

DEACONS ordained:

EUGENE COBLE

ROBERT TANNER

LLOYD MORLEY

DAN EIDSON

MACK PARTAIN

GORDON McCLURE

GUY SNEED

ROY WILSON — Licensed to Preach

Ground-breaking for the first and present Education Building took place on the First Sunday in August, 1956. Dedication of this new building was held October 6, 1957. The building was filled the first day it was occupied and continues so, to date.

The Annual Report on September 30, 1956 showed a Church Membership of Four Hundred, Eighty-Eight (488). Sunday School Enrollment was Three Hundred, Fifty-Two (352). Total offerings reached \$21,749; and Church Property value climbed to \$100,000.

1958

REV. CLARENCE MARSH — Pastor

A lot was bought and plans completed for the Church's first pastorium. Sunday School attendance reached an all-time high of Two Hundred, Forty-Four (244) ... the highest in the history of the Church. Offerings rose to \$24,733; being, also, the highest since the Church began. Seventy Three (73) new Church Members were probably the largest for the previous year. The Forward Program of Finance was tried by the Church, for the first time; and the Wesley Mission, now a thriving Church, were jointly sponsored with Indian Creek Church, Philadelphia Baptist Church and Mountain View.

DEACONS Ordained:

A. M. CRUMBLEY

DOUGLAS IVESTER



REV. & MRS. PHILLIPS



REV. & MRS. C. C. BUCKALEW



GROUND BREAKING



GROUND BREAKING



REV. & MRS. IVAN JUHAN

1960

REV. C. C. BUCKALEW — Pastor

Ground-breaking for the pastorium, at 988 Allgood Road, was held in June. It was completed under the capable direction of Mr. Henry Whitehead, at a cost of approximately \$22,500. The Pastor, Rev. Buckalew, moved in and the dedication was held on a Sunday Afternoon, November 6, 1960.

Many blessings from the Lord came during the ministry of this Servant unto his people.

The God-blessed record, as of August, 1962, is a membership of over Six Hundred (600). Sunday School Enrollment is Five Hundred, Seventy Five (575), including Cradle Roll. Mission Offerings are reaching \$3,000, annually. Total offerings are approaching \$30,000 for this Church Year. Training Union is averaging well over One Hundred (100). A Planning and Survey Committee is completing a Master Plan; and will have recommendations to the Church, embracing a long-range building program to meet the needs of the growing community.

DEACONS ordained:

LAMAR WORTHY
ROY MARTIN

1966

REV. IVAN JUHAN — Pastor

The Lord used this Pastor to teach the Word unto His people. Many wonderful Truths were given unto His people; and many were added unto the Lord. One family of Seven (7) accepted the Lord and joined in fellowship to our Church.

DEACONS ordained:

DON ALRED

MINISTERS ordained:

EDWIN MacWILLIAMS

1968

REV. CECIL A. SMITH — Pastor

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FRANK DAVIS
WAYNE HAYNES
LEWIS LYNCH
CECIL SHEPHERD
LARRY STEPHENS



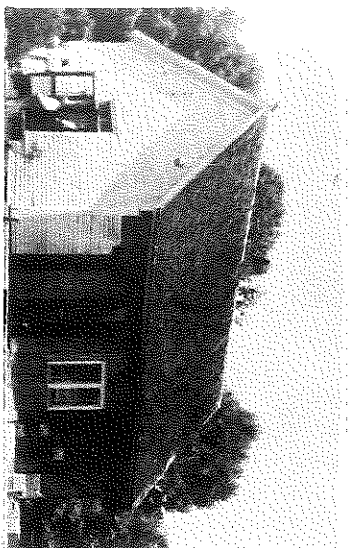
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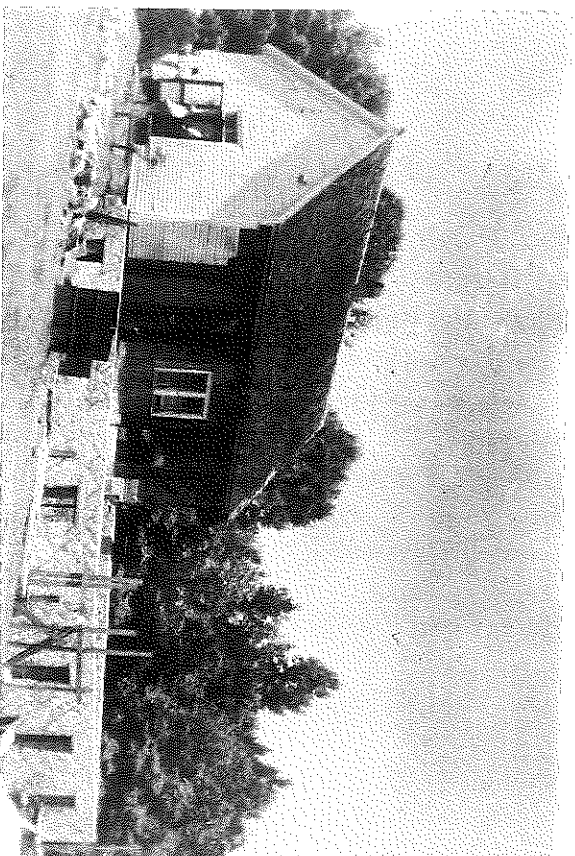
Bro. & Mrs. Charlie Sheppard (Tot & Blanche) Faithful members of Mt. View Church for many years. Bro. Sheppard passed away a little over 2 years ago. Mrs. Sheppard is the oldest active member of the Church. Two of the best people to visit the sick and troubled that I have ever known. (Written by the Pastor — Cecil A. Smith)



Mrs. Cora Ellis - only living charter member of Mt. View Baptist Church.



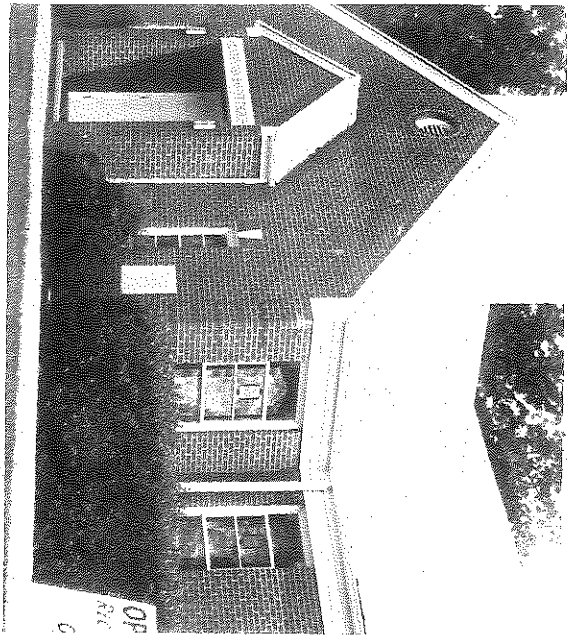
OLD MOUNTAIN VIEW BAPTIST CHURCH



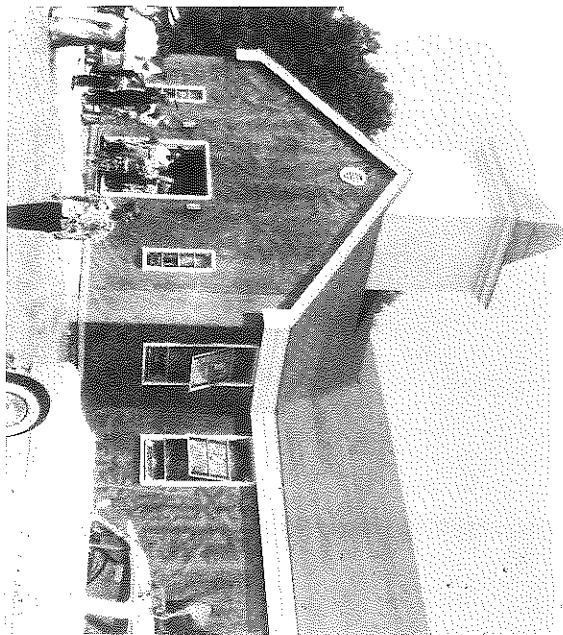
ADDITIONAL BUILDING

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 111 North Main Street
 Peach County, Georgia 30030

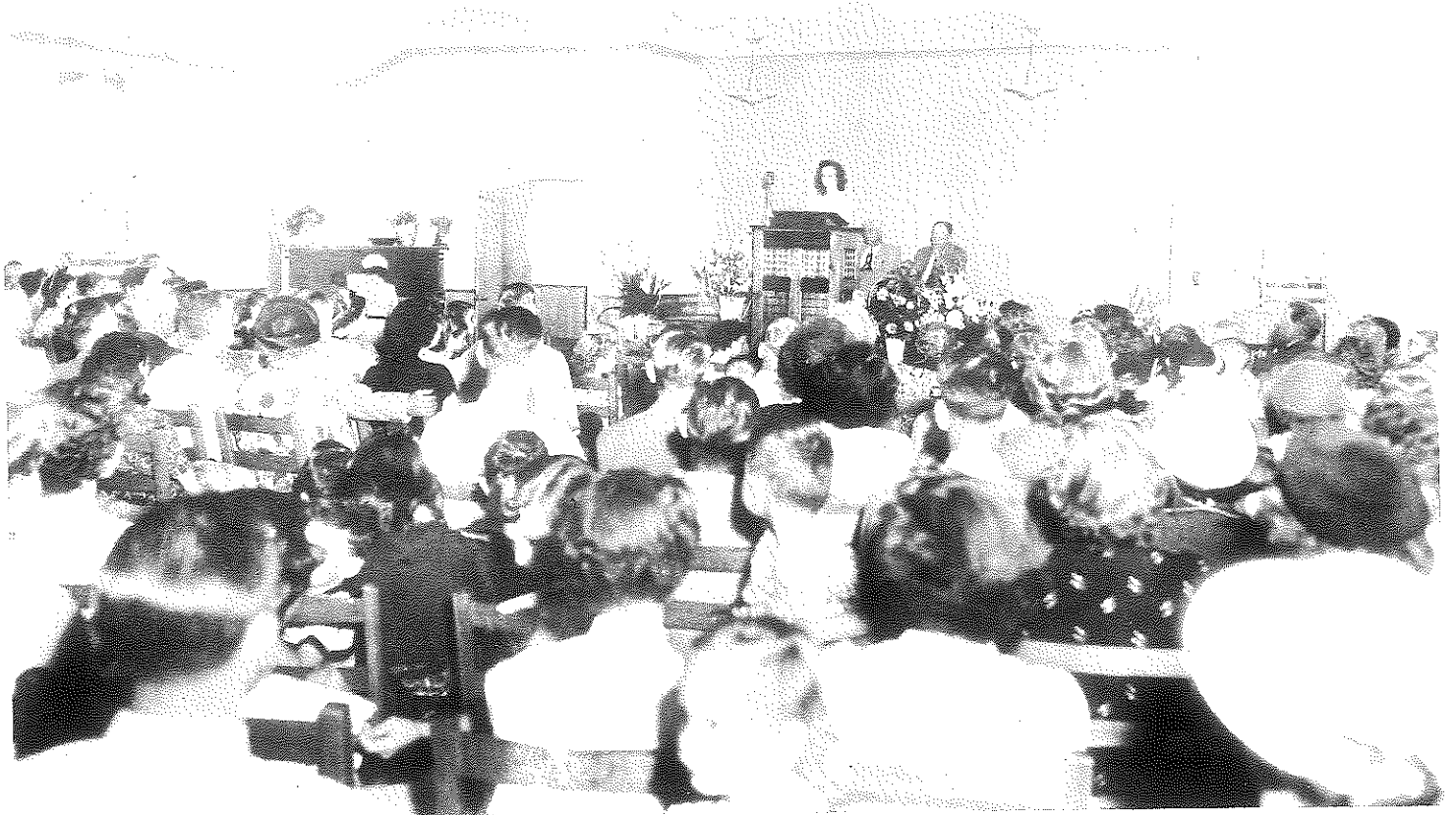
FRONT VIEW - 1973



FRONT VIEW - 1951



INSIDE VIEW



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FIRST DINNER ON GROUND - NEW CHURCH