

## Ousley Methodist Women Plan Country Fair, Auction, Barbecue

A country fair, sponsored by the United Methodist Women of Ousley United Methodist Church, will be held from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. on Saturday, September 28, in the Christian Life Center of the church, 3261 Panola Road, Lithonia.

The event will feature a bake shop, country store, flea market, and over 20 booths. A special drawing for a handmade quilt, made by Mable Satterfield, and a nativity wreath, made by Pam Aiken, will be held at 6:30 p.m.

Auctions will be held at 1 p.m., 3 p.m., and 5 p.m., with Angela Sheppard as auctioneer. Auction items have been donated by local merchants and Ousley Church members.

Church groups will operate various booths. The Christian Friends class will run a concession stand and serve baked potatoes. The Pioneer-Open Door Class will sell "funnel" cakes, and the Pilot Class will sell fruit crepes. The Harmony class will also have a booth.

Other exhibitors include several who will display miscellaneous crafts. They are Carolyn Gilmore and Betty Dixon, Sara McKee and Wynette Keller, Eleanor Mathews, Carole Glover, Phyllis Autry, Jack and Sally Bearden, Doris DeBardeleben, Rene's Crafts, Virginia Chilton, Mary Smith, Sue Stewart, and Susan Doyle (LeSans Creations.)

Others are Mariam Gruwell with goard head dolls; Jim Crutchfield (Crutch's Crafts), Don Wil-

stained glass; and Joey Solomon, flea market.

The United Methodist Men, with Dan Glommen as president, will serve barbecue during the day.

PATTY DONDERO is president of the United Methodist Women, and Zel Hester is Country Fair chairperson.

Committee heads are Carole Gardiner, craft vendors; Betty Milam, set-up; Ann Ridgway and Gaelyn Chadwick, auction; Patty Dondero, Country Store; Gaelyn Chadwick, entertainment; Emelene Tolley, drawing; Killian Smith, publicity; Sara Stiller, treasurer; Ann Ridgway and Alice Smith, Martha Circle; June Clay and Blanche Wood, Sarah Circle; Betty Milam, Elizabeth Circle; Patty Dondero, Ruth Circle; Margaret Curtis, Esther Circle; Angela Sheppard, auctioneer; and Pat Solomon, decorations.

Entertainment will be provided on stage at noon, 2 p.m., and 4 p.m. Performers will include professional singer Jan Chadwick, an aerobics dance by instructor Penny O'Brien and members of Spa Lady, and a karate demonstration by students at Kim Karate.

### GARDNERS, CANNERS WANTED FOR FESTIVAL

Attention Gardeners and Home Canners! Mark your calendars for October 2-6. That's DeKalb's Candler Celebration Harvest Festival, an old fashioned country fair. Cash prizes for best entries in fresh vegetables and fruits plus

# Ouseley Church Plans Thanksgiving Eve Service; 'Hanging Of The Greens'

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Ouseley United Methodist Church is having a Thanksgiving Eve Worship service on Wednesday, Nov. 23, at 7 p.m.

The minister is the Rev. Tom Brittain, the father of its associate pastor's wife and future preacher, Jan Donahue. There will be special music and a special Thanksgiving message.

The next morning on Thanksgiving Day at 8 a.m. a breakfast of eggs, sausage, grits and biscuits will be served. There is no charge, only a donation if you wish. The United Methodist Men's Club does this every year.

Ouseley is one mile south of I-20 East on Panola Road just outside the perimeter.

Sunday, Nov. 27, is the day for the annual Hanging of the Greens at Ouseley.

Everyone is welcome to come and make wreaths — Advent wreaths, strands of garland and other decorations — to hang throughout the church for the Christmas season.

In addition to this, Ouseley is going to have a gift tree in the sanctuary. This tree is for mission projects throughout the city and country. The first Sunday, Nov. 27,

is the Mittens and Gloves Day. Everyone is asked to bring a new pair of mittens and gloves to fit each member of your family. Make sure they are new ones. They will be hung on the tree before and after the 8:30 a.m., 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. services and will be delivered to the St. Luke Shelter and the Trinity United Methodist for distribution.

This will be going on through the entire season so watch for articles about the new things you can do each Sunday through Ouseley United Methodist Church to help the needy.

Call 981-0180, the church office for more information.

In addition to this, the Ouseley Youth Group directed by Cecil Donahue is doing a special service at the 6:30 p.m. service with youth handling everything from music to preaching. Charles Gardiner will be the speaker.

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## Ousley Methodist Sets Schedule For Lenten Services

Lenten services at Ousley United Methodist Church, 3261 Panola Rd., Lithonia, will begin with an Ash Wednesday communion service Wednesday, Feb. 8, and conclude with two worship services on Easter.

The Ash Wednesday communion service will be held Wednesday, following a dinner hosted by the United Methodist Men. Approximate time is 8 p.m., with a Meditation Guide and communion service.

A Lenten Giving Calendar was handed out Sunday, Feb. 5, with rice bags. It lists special acts of giving and worship designated for each day during the Lenten period. A Bible Study is also being planned by the ministers, the Rev. Bob Gillespie and the Rev. Cecil Donahue.

The Palm Sunday Service will be March 19, with special music by the children's choir and a processional by the children carrying palm branches. Palms will also decorate the sanctuary. Special door decorations and bulletin boards featuring the Easter theme will be on display during Lent.

The Maundy Thursday service on March 23 will feature a Passover-styled meal in the Christian Life Center and will conclude with communion at the tables. Then those attending will move to the sanctuary for a Tenebrae service, which will use lay readers and soloists. A candle and cross arrangement will show a clear shadow of the cross cast on the wall. Members will leave in silence after the last candle is extinguished.

The Children's Council will host an Easter Egg Hunt at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 25, for children in the church and community.

The Easter Sunday Services will be at 8:30 and 11 a.m., with a processional and recessional by the choir. The youth and adult choirs will sing, and Easter lilies will decorate the sanctuary.

## Ousley Methodist <sup>103</sup> Plans Advent Season

The Advent Season at Ousley United Methodist Church in Lithonia began with a Hanging of the Greens ceremony Sunday night, Nov. 26. Doors were decorated, and advent wreaths and other decorations were made in the Christian Life Center and Fellowship Center.

Other Advent plans, as organized by Sue Ann Maclin, associate minister, will include the Chancel Choir Christmas special at 6:30 p.m. on Dec. 10, and a children and youth performance of "Christmas Around the World" at the 11 a.m. worship service on Dec. 17.

Two Christmas Eve candlelight services will be held, at 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. on Dec. 24, with a communion service at 9 p.m.

A devotional booklet is being prepared, and a "giving tree" to aid in mission work will be decorated each Sunday with items of clothing for the needy.

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# Neal O'Brien Receives Haney Award At Ousley

The Ernest Haney Sportsmanship Award was presented to Neal O'Brien in ceremonies Wednesday in the Christian Life Center of Ousley United Methodist Church in Lithonia.

O'Brien, a player in the Fellowship Softball League for three years, was selected by his teammates and members of other Ousley softball teams as depicting qualities of sportsmanship, leadership, friendliness, and enthusiasm.

The award was established in memory of Ernest Haney, a softball enthusiast and long-time member of Ousley United Methodist Church, who died in the spring of 1986.

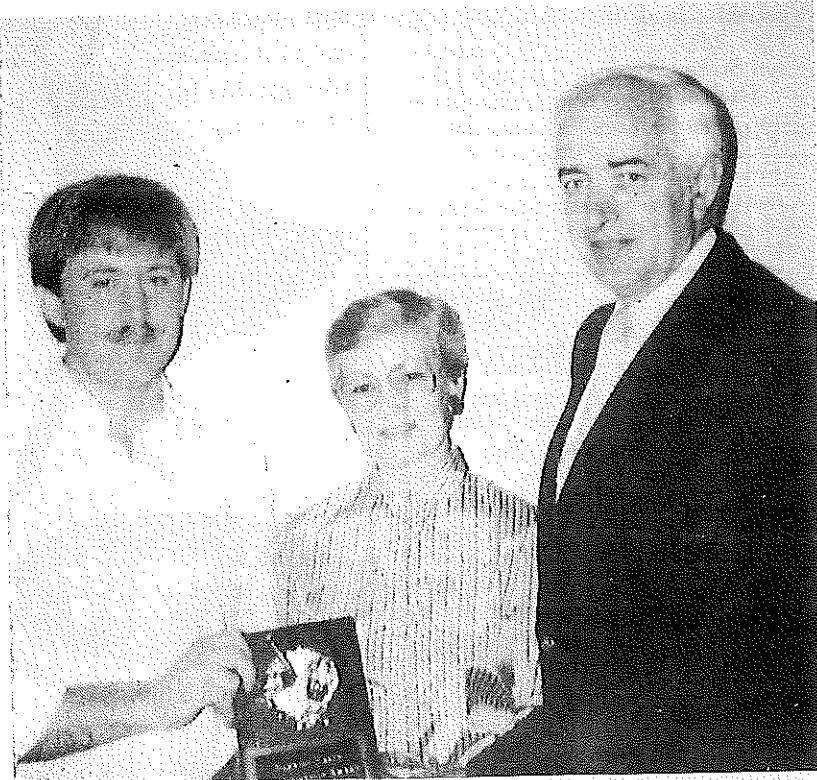
Softball League Coordinator Tom Smith announced the winner, and the Mrs. Ernest Haney

presented the plaque to O'Brien. Previous winners were Walt Smith, 1988; Patricia Ingram and Bobby Barfield, 1987; and Jenny Barksdale and Fred Watson, 1986.

O'Brien is a native of DeKalb County and graduated from Avondale High School in Decatur. He is employed by the Georgia Department of Transportation and is a student at Southern Tech in Marietta.

He is a member of the Cornerstone Sunday School Class, the Administrative Board, and serves as an usher.

Special plaques were presented to four softball coaches for their many years of coaching during the 1980s. They are Jesse Perry, Walt Smith, Bobby Barfield, and Jeff Barfield.



Neal O'Brien, left, receives the Ernest Haney Sportsmanship Award from Mrs. Haney in ceremonies at Ousley United Methodist Church. The award is given to a church softball player who depicts qualities of leadership, enthusiasm and sportsmanship. With them is the Rev. Robert C. Gillespie, minister of the church. 12/6/89

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## **Ousley Church Plans Study Series**

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A three-part mission study entitled "Journey Toward Wholeness - Justice, Peace, and Health in an Interdependent World" will be presented from 6-8 p.m. on March 4, 11, and 18 at Ousley United Methodist Church in Lithonia.

Cherry Clements, president of the Atlanta-Decatur-Oxford district of the United Methodist Women, will be the speaker. She is an active member of North Decatur United Methodist Church and the Druid Hills community where she and her husband Hal live.

The March 4 and 11 sessions

will give the Biblical background about health. The March 18 session will involve the entire group in preparing a healthy meal and discussing world hunger and what can be done about it locally and politically. Those attending will be asked to bring soap, grits, and cans for recycling.

The mission study is sponsored by the United Methodist Women, with Winnie Whiteman coordinating the activities. A nursery will be provided each night, and refreshments will be served.

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## Ousley Plans Advent Season Programming

Special events and programs for Advent in Ousley United Methodist Church, 3261 Panola Rd., Lithonia, will include "hanging of the greens," musical services, a Bible study, breakfast, church-wide caroling, and a Christmas Eve candlelight service.

Members and guests will meet in the Christian Life Center from 4-7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 1, for supper and making wreaths, decorating cookies, and making ornaments. The buildings will be decorated that night, and there will be singing, a youth dramatization, and a closing communion.

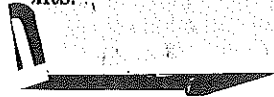
At 7 p.m. on Dec. 8 the Chancel Choir will present a service of lessons and carols. At 7 p.m. on Dec. 15 the Adventurers (children's group) will have a Christmas party, followed by a church-wide caroling.

At 8 a.m. on Dec. 22 breakfast will be served to the congregation and guests, and a special program will be held for all Sunday School classes. The Christmas Eve Candlelight Service will be held at 8 p.m. Dec. 24.

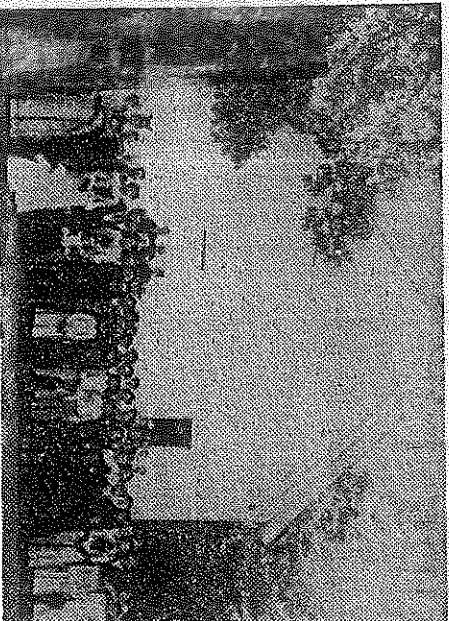
Advent wreaths will be lighted by family units during the 11 a.m. worship services during December. A special Bible study entitled "Prepare for God's New Advent" will be led by Jack and Megan Moore each Sunday, Nov. 24 - Dec. 15.

A Mission Tree in the sanctuary will be decorated with "angels" which list name, age, size, and sex of needy children. Members will buy gifts for needy children and hang them on the tree. Cash donations will go to ChildKind.

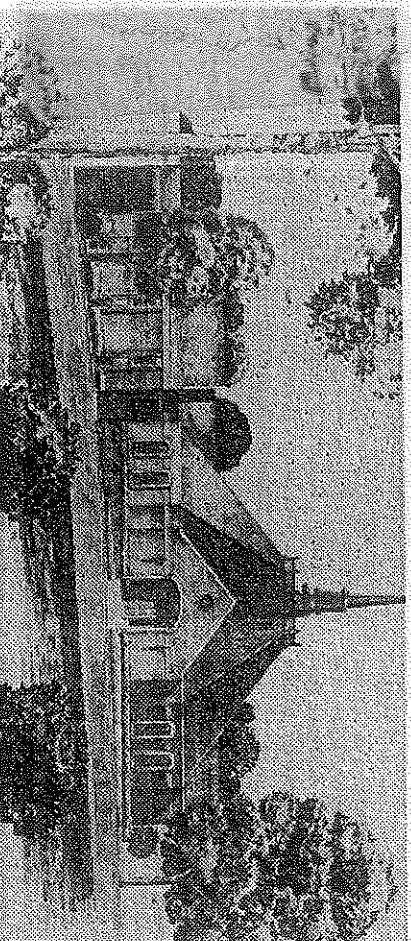
The public is invited to all events.



## RELIGION



Ousley United Methodist Church was named Brierwood in the 1850s when this photo (left) of its congregation was taken in south DeKalb County. Construction of the \$550,000 sanctuary (below) is scheduled for completion by the end of the year. The church was begun in 1858.



# Pre-Civil War Church Begins New Expansion

BY SARAH CASH

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A \$550,000 expansion program has begun for the pre-Civil War Ousley United Methodist Church in south DeKalb County.

The church will hold a groundbreaking ceremony at 4 p.m. Feb. 21 at 3261 Panola Road.

Bishop Joel McDavid of Atlanta and District Supt. Randall Williamson of the Atlanta-Decatur-Oxford district, will be present.

Rev. James Mooneyhan is the senior minister at Ousley, assisted by Rev. Rick Price and Rev. David Hancock.

A reception will follow in the activities building. For the past six years the building has doubled as a worship center, which after new construction, will be converted to a gymnasium and social center.

In 1976 Ousley moved from Candler Road to Panola Road, where two portable buildings were attached for Sunday School classes.

The church was begun in 1858 by Newdaygate B. Ousley when he was filling his first appointment to the DeKalb circuit.

The first meeting of the new church was held in a brush arbor on Candler Road on the hill in the approximate spot occupied by the Georgia Power Co. building. According to the church history, it was first called "Brierwood."

During the Civil War when the area was occupied by federal troops, church membership dropped off. The church named was changed to Ousley Chapel in honor of its founder.

It continued as part of a circuit until 1944, when it became a church on its own. A new sanctuary at the Candler Road address was dedicated in Decem-

ber of 1961. Its bell tower is 80 feet high, a landmark in the area.

As Ousley's members moved farther into the country, the church did also. In May, 1976 the present Panola Road building was completed.

The new building's design is semi-modern in an octagonal shape with a steeple in the center. Its exterior will be brick to match the activities building.

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The music and drama ministries of Chamblee First United Methodist Church will present "The Voice of America" at 7 p.m. Feb. 21.

The choric drama was written by Elizabeth Welch. It is directed by Mrs. Janet Cautlen and Mrs. Yatesy Harvey.

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Congregation Shearith Israel's sixth annual People Power Weekend will be held Feb. 20-21, when the newly completed Education and Youth Center will be dedicated.

The Congregation, 1180 University Drive, will hold Saturday morning services with over 50 lay people participating, ages 4 to 96, including Shearith Israel's Chorus Club.

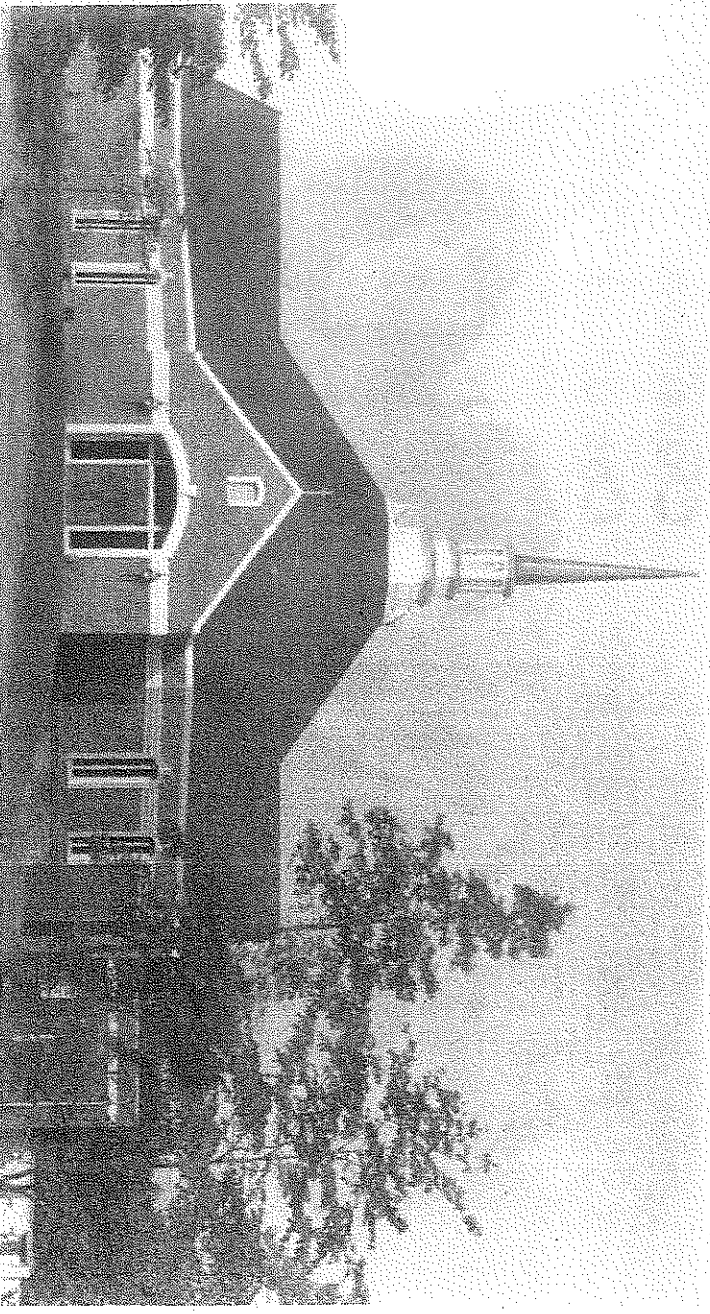
Addressing the congregation will be Joseph I. Roberts Jr., pastor of Ebenezer Baptist Church at the morning service.

A tribute will be paid to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Zimmerman, one of the founding families for the Congregation.

Study, services and Shalosh Seudos will be held on Saturday evening and that evening candlelight Havallah services will be conducted.

Planned Feb. 21 are the Tallis 'n Teffilin morning worship and a reunion of all Tallis 'n Teffilin alumni is scheduled for prayer, breakfast and fellowship.





OUSLEY METHODIST CHURCH'S NEW SANCTUARY ON PANOLA ROAD

# Ousley United Methodist Church Will Consecrate New Sanctuary

Ousley United Methodist Church members and friends will consecrate a new \$750,000 sanctuary November 6 and 7.

The sanctuary has been the goal of Ousley members since the congregation moved from Candler Road to the present location at 3261 Panola Road more than six years ago. During that time, members have worshipped in an "activities building," which also has served as a gymnasium and social gathering place.

During the summer, members conducted a campaign to furnish the building, and raised more than \$60,000 in three months for pews, choir chairs, chancel furniture, a sound system and carpeting.

The two-day consecration activities will include an open house on Saturday from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. and Sunday from 3-6 p.m.

The first worship service in the new building will be the 11 a.m. service on November 7, led by the Rev. James Mooneyhan, senior minister, and the Rev. Rick Price, assistant minister.

During the open houses, guests may tour the new sanctuary and will be treated to refreshments in the Activities Building. The public is invited.

The new building will include a bit of Ousley's history in the south DeKalb area. The church dates back to

pre-Civil War days. Displayed on the left side of the entrance, the main door is a stained glass window which was originally installed in Ousley's old chapel on Candler Road in 1952. The window depicts Christ praying at Gethsemane.

The church also will include a new pipe organ which will be installed in December.

The octagonal-shaped brick building has a flavor of contemporary, as well as traditional architecture. The cathedral ceiling extends as high as 38 feet and is held up by beams weighing as much as two tons each.

Extending from the center of the roof is a 41-foot steeple. The interior of the building is of brick and pine, has burgundy carpeting and gothic-style light fixtures.

The sanctuary will seat approximately 600 people. The pews extend around six of the eight sides, while the choir and chancel area occupies the other two sides. The focal point of the chancel area is a large wooden cross.

Besides the worship area, the new building has a choir room and a multi-purpose room. The basement will be finished at a later date to include 10-12 Sunday school rooms and a reception hall.

In addition to raising the money to construct the building and pay for the furnishings, Ousley members also

helped out in other areas, such as digging a drainage ditch to avoid flooding, helping with landscaping, painting and cleaning up.

Jim McCollum is chairman of the building committee, and Nancy King is in charge of the committee planning the move to the sanctuary.

The church is located one-half mile south of I-20 on Panola Road.

# Ousley Methodist Church Names Ball Field for Coach Tom Smith

When Ousley United Methodist Church had a change in ministerial leadership in 1990, the outgoing minister — the Rev. Bob Gillespie — advised the new pastor the Rev. Richard Fickett “to leave alone Tom Smith, the fellow who runs the softball league. He does a good job.”

It's advice Mr. Puckett has had no trouble following because he found out quickly “the softball program runs as smoothly as anything in the church.”

For 11 years Mr. Smith has coordinated the Ousley Fellowship Softball League and prior to that coached a team for five years. On Oct. 18, church members joined with players, umpires and coaches to honor Mr. Smith and announce the softball field adjacent to the church is being named for him. A sign on the backstop reads “The Tom Smith Field.”

A plaque was also presented to Mr. Smith and another hangs in the church's Christian Life Center amid the accumulated trophies won by Ousley softball teams. Speakers at the ceremony paid

tribute to Mr. Smith's dedication, commitment, and countless hours of service.

“No one knows the number of hours he spends,” said Ousley member Bobby Barfield. “He's here from 8:30 a.m. until 6 p.m. every Saturday. He's the one driving force that keeps the league going.”

But before the teams can play on Saturday in the spring and fall, Mr. Smith has dragged and lined the field on Friday, treated hundreds of fire ant hills, and seen that the grass has been mowed. Sometimes he's even mowed it himself.

Beyond that, he recruits teams and coaches, makes out the playing schedule, handles publicity, arranges for umpires and a scorekeeper (a job he often does himself), and presents trophies. Since Ousley has two softball leagues — in the spring and fall — almost six months a year is taken up with softball.

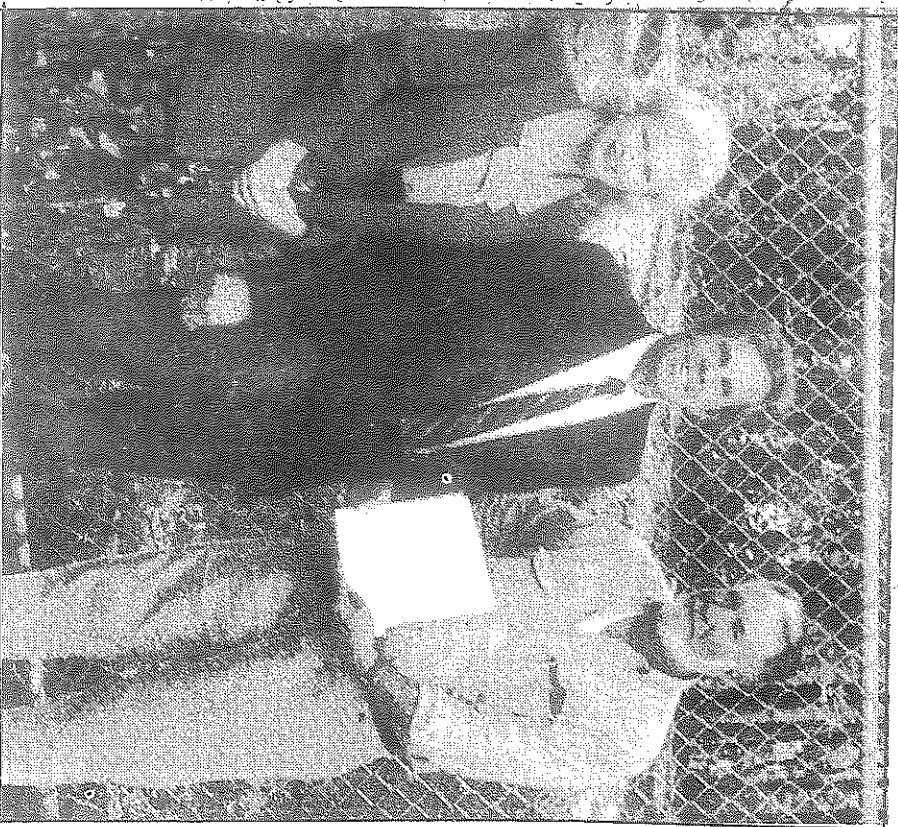
The spring softball league involves 24 teams and the fall league 16, representing various denomi-

nations. Both the spring and fall leagues have a coed division as well as a men's division.

Those who participate in the league note the Ousley program is an example of both good Christian fellowship and sportsmanship, largely because of Mr. Smith's leadership.

“There are all types of callings,” said Ousley player and coach Walt Smith. “Tom's calling reflects a love of softball, God's outdoors and the fellowship of men and women.”

Associate pastor the Rev. Bill McKoy praised Mr. Smith as a “full churchman” who has held many other positions of leadership at Ousley in addition to running the softball league.



Tom Smith, center, was honored Oct. 18 for his many years of service to the Ousley United Methodist Church's softball program. He has coordinated the league of 11 years and prior to that coached for five. Joining in the festivities in his honor were his wife Killian, and Harold Johnson, chair of the church's Board of Trustees.

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## HISTORY OF OUSLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Ousley United Methodist Church was founded in 1858 by Newdaygate B. Ousley while he was serving in an appointment to the DeKalb Circuit. Although Reverend Ousley served many years as a Methodist Circuit Rider, he did not remain long in this area. He moved in 1859 to South Georgia where he joined his two brothers who had bought some farmland eleven miles west of Valdosta, Georgia. A village grew up around them which was called Ousley. He was instrumental in starting and furthering many camp meetings and church groups. He died in 1884 and is buried in Poulan, Georgia.

The first meeting of Ousley was held in a brush arbor at the intersection of what is now Candler Road and Northview Avenue. Services were held in the arbor, weather permitting, and in the homes of members during the winter months. The church was first called Briarwood.

During the Civil War, the area around Briarwood was occupied by Federal troops. A few faithful members held the mission together during this time and it was then that the name was changed to Ousley to honor its founder.

In 1880, fifteen acres on Candler Road at Whites Mill Road were purchased from the Crowley family for five dollars an acre. A small frame building was erected on this site. Ousley Chapel members worshipped in this building, as part of a circuit, with worship services held once a month. In 1924, George T. Webb left \$1000 (one thousand dollars) in his will to be used to build a church. In 1928, a brick building was completed. The members of the Building Committee divided up the indebtedness, paid off the loan, and dedicated the building.

The first parsonage was built in 1937. Plans were laid, the date was set, the women prepared lunch and served it to the free laborers, and at the end of the day the parsonage was ready for occupancy.

Twelve Methodist Ministers served Ousley as a part of their circuit between 1928 and 1944. Ousley had preaching two Sundays a month, Wesley Chapel one Sunday a month, and Belmont one Sunday a month.

The Ladies Aid was started in 1934 to pay the preacher's salary. The W.S.C.S. was organized on September 5, 1940.

The Epworth League ( now the U.M.Y.F. ) was organized July 5, 1942.

Four part time ministers served Ousley from 1944 to 1949. These men also served as pastors for Wesley Chapel U.M.C. at the same time.

The Official Board, now called the Administrative Board, was organized in 1944 and the Men's Club in 1950.

The Reverend Bill Ruff became the first full time minister assigned to Ousley. This was in 1949. During the seven years that he served Ousley, the Church grew rapidly. The Chapel was enlarged, a new wing was built, and an educational unit was built. It was during this time that a meeting was held to discuss changing the name of the church. While the meeting was in progress a man walked in and introduced himself as the 80 year old son of Newday gate Ousley. He presented them with a portrait of his father. As far as anyone knows, changing the name of the church has never again been considered.

By 1960 the church had outgrown its facilities. In 1961 a \$250,000 sanctuary which would seat 750 people, an office complex, and a fellowship hall were completed. The word Chapel was dropped from the name and was used to designate the old Chapel, still used for weddings, small meetings, and such. The church continued to grow. Over 600 children were enrolled in Sunday School and church membership reached 1500. On Easter Sunday, in 1966 over 1600 people worshipped during the two morning services.

By the end of the sixties more educational facilities were desperately needed. A large section of land was taken up by a cemetery and there was no room to expand.

The area around the church was changing by the early seventies. Much of the residential property had become commercial. Many of the members had moved out of the area. However, these were productive years for the church. The first summer program for children was setup. A food pantry, clothes closet, tape ministry for shut-ins, a tutoring program for neighborhood children, and the Youth Hot Line ( a telephone service that functioned as a crisis center for metro Atlanta youth ) were some of the programs of the church.

By 1973, still more members had moved away and although the facilities were paid for, there was some difficulty in raising money to support the programs of the church.

Many options were considered, including merging with another church. The decision was made by the membership to relocate the church. In 1974, nine acres were purchased on Panola Road. This land was used for picnics, sports activities and occasional outdoor services. Day camp was held there during the summer. An all-purpose building was completed in May, 1976. On May 9, 1976, the congregation began worship on Candler Road, moved in a motorcade to Panola Road and finished the worship service in the new building.

For six years, the members worshipped in the gym of an all-purpose building. A lot of time was spent putting up and taking down chairs. During these years a leisure ministries program, which included softball, volleyball, basketball and aerobics, was started. A senior citizens program and a singles ministries were also started.

A ground-breaking ceremony for a new sanctuary was held February 21, 1982 and the first worship service in the new building was held on November 7, 1982. The all-purpose building name was changed to the Christian Life Center.

In the early eighties, much emphasis was placed on determining the direction the church should take. A purpose was defined and goals set. Special emphasis was placed on a strong children's program which included a children's summer day-camp, Camp Ousley. The annual craft fair became a highlight of the community. The youth department grew and expanded. The church elected its first woman Chairperson of the Administrative Board (Patti Rioux).

On December 28, 1986 the basement of the sanctuary was completed with Sunday School rooms, Fellowship Hall and kitchen.

Winnie Whiteman, who had served for over thirty years as church secretary, retired at the end of 1987.

The kneelers on the altar rail were dedicated on September 11, 1988 after almost five years of work.

In its 130 year history Ousley has been blessed with strong leadership in both its ministers and its lay people. The following ministers have served at Ousley.

1928 - Roy McTier	1946 - T.L. Rutland
1931 - Ed Stratham <i>3 yrs</i>	1947 - C. Bowen Burt <i>6 yrs</i>
1935 - A.R. Burhman <i>4 yrs</i>	1949 - Bill Ruff <i>2 yrs</i>
1934 - F.E. Moorhead <i>1 yr</i>	1956 - Harry Wood <i>7 yrs</i>
1935 - R.F. Crawley <i>1 yr</i>	1959 - Harold L. Cochran <i>3 yrs</i>
1936 - J. Clinton Ward <i>1 yr</i>	1960 - Ernest P. Kendall <i>1 yr</i>
1937 - W.R. Smith <i>1 yr</i>	1962 - George C. King <i>2 yr</i>
1938 - Paul L. Clem <i>1 yr</i>	1964 - James J. Sneed <i>2 yr</i>
1939 - George M. Curry <i>1 yr</i>	1970 - George O. Greene <i>6 yrs</i>
1940 - Joseph W. King <i>1 yr</i>	1976 - Hoyt D. Purcell <i>6 yrs</i>
1941 - Wilmer B. Robbins <i>1 yr</i>	1977 - James B. Mooneyhan <i>1 yr</i>
1943 - John M. Sikes <i>2 yrs</i>	1984 - Charles W. Barnes <i>7 yrs</i>
1944 - Eldon Simmons <i>1 yr</i>	1987 - Robert C. Gillespie <i>2 1/2 yrs</i>
1946 - Ernest F. Martin <i>2 yrs</i>	1990 - Richard A. Puckett <i>3 1/2 yrs</i>
<i>6 yrs</i>	1995 - David G. Bowen

Associates appointed by the conference

1971 - Sidney Whiteman

1972 - E.G. Hutchens

1987 - Cecil Donahue

In addition to these great leaders we have had many fine young men and women to serve as assistant ministers, D.O.E.'s, youth directors, children's directors and program assistants.

## IMPORTANT DATES IN OUSLEY'S HISTORY

- 1858 - Ousley founded by Newdaygate B. Ousley  
(First called Briarwood)
- 1861 - 1865 Area around church occupied by Federal Troops  
(Name changed to Ousley Chapel to honor founder)
- 1880 - Fifteen acres purchased on Candler Road  
(Small frame building erected on this site)
- 1924 - George T. Webb left \$1000 in his will to build a church
- 1928 - First brick church completed
- 1934 - Ladies Aid started to help pay preacher's salary
- 1937 - First parsonage built
- 1940 - W.S.C.S. started
- 1942 - Epworth League started
- 1944 - First Administrative Board organized - (Called Official Board)
- 1949 - First full-time minister assigned - Bill Ruff
- 1950 - 1951 - Men's Club organized
- 1961 - New Sanctuary on Candler Road completed
- 1974 - Panola Road property purchased
- 1976 - Christian Life Center completed
- 1962 - Sanctuary completed
- 1986 - Basement completed
- 1988 - Kneelers for altar rail completed

Some pioneer families at Ousley were named:

Crowley - Johnson - Webb - Toney - Clay - Carpenter - Scott  
Morgan - Barfield - Gladden - Jackson - Llotd - Doby  
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(Richard A. Puckett's name added to list of ministers - 1990)

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To ) Consideration  
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Conveys land lot 152 of the fifteenth (15th) District of Henry, now DeKalb County, Georgia, containing two hundred two and one-half (202½) acres.

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W. H. Webb, Administrator of ) Instrument Admr's Deed  
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To ) Dated April 23, 1875.  
J.B. Tanner. ) Recorded March 31, 1875.  
 ) Book S-248.  
 ) Execution (See Note)

Conveys west undivided half of land lot 152 in the fifteenth (15th) District of DeKalb County, Georgia, bounded on the north by S. P. Morgan, south by H. H. Burges, east by part of land hereby conveyed and west by L. J. Jackson, containing 95 acres, (less four acres deeded to Owsley Chapel Church) be the same, more or less.

NOTE:- This deed has a venue of DeKalb County, but was executed before a Notary Public of Fulton County.

This deed recites that it is made by said administrator - - "by virtue of an order granted the Honorable the Court of Ordinary of said County when sitting for Ordinary purposes, (previous notice of said application having been given agreeably to the statute in such cases made and provided) at September Term of said Court, 1872, to the said W.H. Webb, administrator, to sell the real estate of said Benjamin Crowley, deceased



... which real estate was the west undivided lot 152 in the 15th District of said County.

And after the tract of land was duly and publicly advertised in conformity to law, the same was put up and exposed to sale to the highest bidder at the door of the court house of said County, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in November, 1872, by said W. H. Webb, administrator, as aforesaid when the said land was knocked off to the said J. B. Tanner at the price of \$981.60, he being the highest and best bidder.

NOTE: For appointment of W. H. Webb as administrator of estate of Benjamin Crowley, June Term 1871, see Minutes B, pages 132, 142 DeKalb Court of Ordinary. For order to said administrator to sell 418 acres of land of estate of Benjamin Crowley in the 15th District of DeKalb County, Nos. 152 and 154 and 13 acres of lot No. 153, at Sept. Term 1872, see Minutes C, page 254.

(#3)

J. B. Tanner,  
to  
Nancy Walton Crockett  
and her children

Instrument W. D.  
Consideration \$10.00 and  
love and affection  
Dated November 7, 1874.  
Recorded March 21, 1875.  
Book S-246.  
Execution O. K.

Conveys all that tract or parcel of land lying and being in the 15th District of originally Henry, now DeKalb County Ga., known in the plan of said district by the No. 152, the part hereby conveyed of the said lot of land being all of the west part except that portion conveyed to the Owsley Methodist Church, containing 91 acres, more or less.

NOTE: Grantee was daughter of J. B. Tanner.

(#4)

D. T. Crockett,  
Mrs. Mary C. Fisher,  
Mrs. Pearl C. Treadwell,  
to  
Mrs. Nancy Walton Crockett.

Instrument G C D  
Consideration \$10.00  
Dated February 1, 1905.  
Recorded March 25, 1905.  
Book 35-B34.  
Execution O. K.

Conveys all that tract or parcel of land lying and being in the fifteenth (15th) District of originally Henry, now DeKalb County, Georgia, part of land lot 152 being the west half of said land lot, except that portion conveyed to the Owsley

Methodist Church and containing 91 acres, more or less, same being the land conveyed to the said Mrs. Nancy Walton Crockett and her children by Joseph Branch Tanner (the father of said Mrs. Crockett) as per deed dated November 7, 1874, and recorded March 31, 1875, in Book 5, page 246, DeKalb County records.

(#5)

Miss Clyde Crockett,  
to  
Mrs. Nancy Walton Crockett  
Instrument Q Q D  
Consideration \$10.00  
Dated February 1, 1905.  
Recorded March 25, 1905.  
Book 55-535.  
Execution (See note)

Conveys same as No. 4.

NOTE: This deed has a venue of DeKalb County, Georgia, but was acknowledged before a Notary Public of Florida, State at Large, in Volusia County, Florida.

(#6)

J. C. Crockett,  
to  
Mrs. Nancy Walton Crockett.  
Instrument Q C D  
Consideration \$10.00  
Dated February 21, 1905.  
Recorded March 25, 1905.  
Book 55-535.  
Execution O.K.

Conveys same as No. 4.

NOTE: Examiner has had exhibited to him original affidavit, of which following is a copy:

GEORGIA, FULTON COUNTY.

Personally appeared before the undersigned, Mrs. Nancy Walton Crockett, who being duly sworn, deposes that Mrs. Maud O. Kiser, Mrs. Pearl O. Treadwell, D. T. Crockett, Miss Clyde Crockett and J. C. Crockett are all her children now living and that they are all of age.

(Signed) Mrs. Nancy Walton Crockett

Sworn to and subscribed before me  
this 11th day of April, 1905.

Chas. E. Thompson  
Notary Public,  
Fulton County, Georgia.

The foregoing shows title in Mrs. N. W. Crockett  
of western portion of caption.

D.H.B.  
Ovalley

Churches - Methodist -  
Ovalley United Methodist  
Church

newspapers  
articles -  
dated  
2-18-82  
DeKalb  
Opton  
\*Church is located  
Yamilee on  
of I-20 road.  
parallel

\*Ovalley Methodist Church was named  
Brimwood in 1880's. The church was  
begun in 1858. The first meeting of  
the new church was held in a brick  
order on Candler Road on the hill in  
the approximate spot occupied by the  
St. Peter Co. During the Civil War when  
the area was occupied by Federal troops  
church membership dropped off. The church  
named was changed to Ovalley Chapel in  
honor of its founder. It continued as part of a  
circuit until 1914, when it became a church on its own.