

St Andrew's United Methodist Church

50th ANNIVERSARY



Remembering our Past

In the fall of 1958, the congregation, which later became St. Andrew's United Methodist Church, began meeting in various homes in the community and at Mouzon Methodist Church. The Rev. A. Glenn Lackey, Executive Secretary of the Charlotte District Mission Society, was the organizing minister.



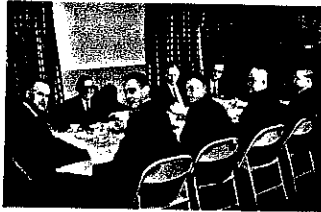
The site for the church, 5½ acres on Emerywood Drive, was purchased in December 1957 by the Charlotte District Mission Society when there was hardly a house in sight in the Montclaire-Starmount sections. The first unit of the educational building was constructed and the property, valued at approximately \$55,000, was given to the congregation. The first service held in the new building was a Sunrise Service on Easter Sunday, April 12, 1959 with 63 present. By the end of May, there were 45 members on roll.

In June 1959, Rev. William W. Butler was appointed as the first full-time minister. A parsonage was purchased at 5736 Farmbrook Drive for approximately \$20,000 and furnished for the minister and his family.

The membership grew and the charter membership was closed with 67 on roll. The following members compose the Charter Membership of St. Andrew's Church. Those members still belonging to St. Andrew's are marked with an asterisk:

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis M. (Olivia) Allen
 Mr. and Mrs. Harold J. (Ida May) Bell
 Mr. and Mrs. J. C. (Pat) Bird
 Mr. and Mrs. G. Jackson (Anne) Burney
 Mrs. Shirley J. Butler
 Mr. and Mrs. James S. (Joan) Carter
 Mr. and Mrs. William P. (Iva) Childers
 Mr. and Mrs. Thomas H. (Louise) Elliott
 Betty Jean Elliott and Nancy Carol Elliott
 *Mr. and Mrs. William T. (Geraldyn) Ferrell
 Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. (Frances) Fincher
 Lynda Carol Fincher
 Mr. and Mrs. George A. (Dorothy) Floyd, Jr.
 Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. (Florence) Fortenberry
 Mr. and Mrs. J. Bertram (Amy) Howarth
 Joan Beth Howarth
 Mr. and Mrs. Fred L. (Pat) Jones
 Mr. and Mrs. W. James (Kathryn) Jones
 Mr. and Mrs. Lee (Ann) Kolbe

Mr. and Mrs. Dan E. (Betty) Lane
 Mr. and Mrs. Jack F. (Ruby) Langley
 Mr. and Mrs. Mack (Annette) Lassiter
 Mr. and Mrs. John G. (Margaret) Lewis
 *Mr. and Mrs. Reece F. (Gloria) McRorie
 Mrs. Myrna Meacham
 Dr. and Mrs. Barry G. (Lois) Miller
 Mr. and Mrs. Edward L. (Milly) Overstreet, Jr.
 Mr. and Mrs. J. Thomas (Joan) Price, Jr.
 Mr. and Mrs. Guy L. (Mary) Robbins
 *Mr. and Mrs. James B. (Nell) Smith
 Mr. and Mrs. Raymond E. (Felcie) Wells
 Raymond E. Wells, Jr. and Richard A. Wells
 Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth (Mary Lou) Wilkins
 Mr. John Williamson
 Mrs. Jewel Williamson
 Mr. and Mrs. Steve S. (Freida) Younger
 Jennie Lynn Younger



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1960 There were 172 members, and the budget was \$4,319. A Vacation Church School was held, and The Woman's Society of Christian Service and Methodist Men's group were organized. A Weekday Kindergarten was established with Louise Fee as Director. Additional construction created a total of 13 classrooms and the kitchen was equipped.



1964-1965 Building plans were presented. The Commission on Missions proposed the idea of building a church in India at the same time we were building at St. Andrew's. After receiving approval, groundbreaking was held on Palm Sunday, 1965. \$3,000 was presented to Rev. Edwin Hackney, a Methodist missionary in India. The youth presented their first "Live Nativity" prior to Christmas.



1962 There were 353 church members. Air conditioning units were installed in the sanctuary and two classrooms. The choir purchased robes. By the end of the year, there was an active Methodist Youth Fellowship and a Scouting program for boys and girls.



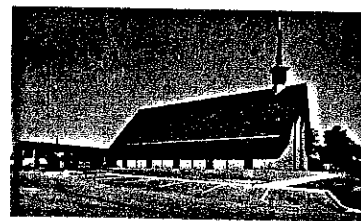
1967 Rev. George P. Robinson was assigned to St. Andrew's, and the church continued to prosper under his leadership. Visitation of newcomers and prospective members was conducted regularly. Choirs for the children continued. Structured bible studies began, and a church-wide School of Missions was held. Square dancing was begun for fun and fellowship.

1960

1964

1968

1961 Rev. Butler decided to return to school. Rev. Robert J. Rails was appointed as minister. The congregation had grown to 238 members. A "Fun Fair" was held to raise funds to purchase equipment for the Kindergarten and Sunday School. Julia Jackson was hired as first full-time Choir Director. Publication of the "Chatter" began. The Woman's Society sponsored its first Church Bazaar. Children's Choirs and Hanging of the Greens began.



The consecration of the new facilities was held on Easter Sunday. This building program included the 500-seat sanctuary, right wing of 10 classrooms, administrative offices, narthex and covered walkway. During the six year pastorate of Rev. Rails, 126 babies were baptized and 684 members received into the church. The budget was \$58,105.

1966



1968



An attendance record was broken on Easter with 677 at worship. Flo Johnson was hired as Director of Christian Education. A pictorial directory was published, paraments were secured for the sanctuary and the church library was dedicated.



1963

St. Andrew's had become a self-supporting church. New members were assigned Fellowship Friends to acquaint them with the church. Dot Kille was hired as Church Secretary. Membership on Easter Sunday was 442. Among the members were persons with such notable names as Gary Cooper, James Dean and Dick Van Dyke.



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1969-1970

The first Lay Witness Mission was held, and a prayer group was started. The "Swinging Saints" Square Dance Club was organized.

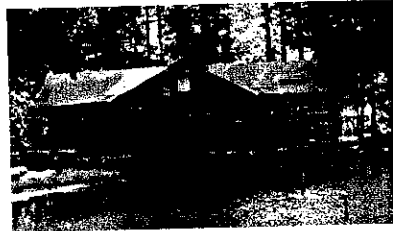


August 1970 produced a record breaking Vacation Church School attendance of 228 children.



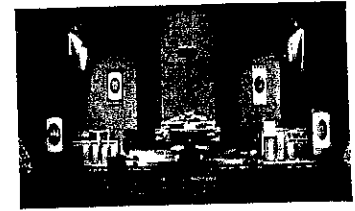
1974

Rev. Brunson C. Wallace was appointed as minister. An usher training program was begun. The music program flourished and handbells were purchased. Membership consisted of 350 resident families, approximately 900 were on the rolls. The budget was \$86,113. The policy of locating out of town members continued.



1978

Wonderful Wednesdays and family retreats at Camp Tekoa were inaugurated. A public address system was installed. Beautiful banners were made for display in the sanctuary and fellowship hall.



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1981

1971

Rev. Kenneth M. Johnson was assigned as minister. Expansion of the parsonage was completed.



1972-1973

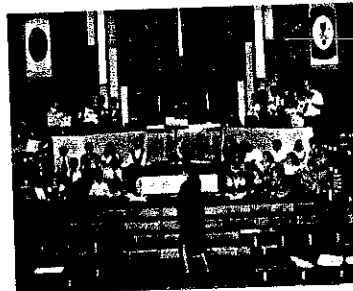
Rev. Johnson undertook the task of locating non-resident members who had been on the rolls for many years and had not moved their membership. This resulted in removing names by the Charge Conference. Dr. G. Clifton Ervin was appointed as associate minister. Jane Lyon was hired as part-time Financial Secretary/Office Assistant.



1976

Rev. Wallace retired and Rev. J. Patrick Heafner was assigned as pastor. The Harvesters (for retired persons) was started under the leadership of the United Methodist Women. Inactive out of town members continued to be urged to affiliate with a church in their hometown.

A handbell choir was organized. Quarterly Red Cross Blood Drives were implemented.



1981

January - Due to a change in Conference staff positions, several moves of ministers were made with Rev. Heafner going to a new appointment and Rev. Robert E. Boggan, Jr. being assigned to St. Andrew's.



April 26 - When the mortgage on the sanctuary and new educational wing was "paid in full", Dedication Day was held and the note was burned. A new organ was purchased and installed prior to the dedication service. As the rolls were revised over the years, membership stood at 750. The budget was \$151,000. The kitchen and fellowship hall were enlarged, and the parking lot was paved and beautified with plantings.



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1982-1983

A Prayer Chain was organized. The Lay Academy was started to train members to lead, teach and live for Christ. Members volunteered with Loaves and Fishes.

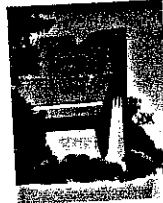
A Liturgical Dance Group was formed. The St. Andrew's Players presented their first production, "You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown". Members participated for the first time in the CROP WALK against hunger.



1989

An Attendance Crusade was begun to get all members involved in a Sunday School Class and attending morning

worship. New hymnals were purchased with all being contributed by members. Support of a Charlotte missionary family in Zimbabwe, Africa was initiated. Hurricane Hugo hit Charlotte in September and blew down the fiberglass steeple. It also toppled three pecan trees, crushing the preschool playground equipment.



1991

The Preschool celebrated its 30th Anniversary. Victory Sunday was celebrated on June 9 when the 3-year

commitments were made to the "Lift High the Cross" building campaign. The Church Conference approved a tithe of the building fund money for a mission project. Ground was broken in November for the construction of the Commons Room with office space and rest-rooms and the addition to the narthex. Renovations were to be made to the old educational wing and the chancel area of the sanctuary.



1986-1987

A Choir Festival Weekend was held in April 1986 with 120 participants from 8 churches. The St. Andrew's

Chancel Choir had over 50 members! Church Suppers began being served on Wednesday nights. The youth sent their first building team to serve on an Appaichia Service Project (ASP). Support for UMAR (United Methodist Agency for the Retarded) was begun.

1982



1984-1985

"200 Years of Methodism in America" was celebrated. The budget was \$214,828. Members began participating in mission building teams to other countries. In June 1985, Rev. Charles A. Adams was appointed as minister. Participation in Habitat for Humanity began.

1986



1988

Choir Festival III brought 180 voices together from 11 churches. A Liturgical Dance Workshop was held at the same time with 30 dancers participating. St. Andrew's celebrated its 30th Anniversary on April 24. Dot Kille was presented a Certificate of Recognition for her many years of dedication and service. Membership was 880. The operating budget was \$280,000. Rev. Henry J. Justice was assigned as pastor in June. The original 30-year-old wooden steeple burned when workmen accidentally sparked a fire. A fiberglass replacement was installed.



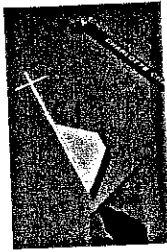
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The Mission Minded Sunday School Classes were celebrated. The budget challenged St. Andrew's with an increase of 12%. Memorial stained glass windows in the sanctuary were dedicated. Construction renovation plans were approved.





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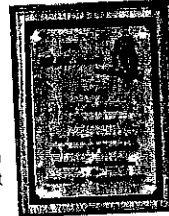
1992-1993

A Stephen Ministry caregiving program was begun. A special service was held on Tuesday morning, July 21, 1992, for members to literally witness the "lifting high the cross" on the sanctuary tower. The Commons Room and narthex expansion were completed. Children's Church was a "big hit". Annual Spiritual Enrichment Services were held during Rev. Justice's pastorate with several United Methodist Bishops as speakers. Membership at the end of 1993 was 924.



1995

The UMW presented the first Julie Thomas Scholarship to a deserving high school senior. Elementary children enjoyed a Performing Arts Week. The Preschool received the "WISE" award for being "Wonderfully in Search of Excellence". Children's Sabbath was presented by the United Methodist Women.



1997

The Youth Choir presented "Live the Difference" - a Christian musical drama. Along with other churches, a Habitat for Humanity was built, and \$8,200 was contributed toward the effort. A Lay Witness Mission was held. First time visitors began being "mugged"!!



1999-2000

A new Contemporary Service was launched at 8:45 a.m. every Sunday. The UMM sponsored the construction of the church's Web Site. Rev. Tony Smith became associate pastor. Boy Scout Troop 83 celebrated 40 years of scouting at St. Andrew's. The Music and Arts Dept. presented "My Utmost for His Highest" with an encore performance at Calvary Church. Norma Dowless was hired as Director of Volunteer Ministries. In addition to apportionments, \$23,000 was given to various mission agencies.

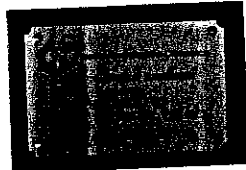


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1994

A Brass Festival was held. New 3-year pledges were made to the "Move We On Together" campaign to continue paying for the construction. Ten percent of the "Lift High the Cross" funds went to mission projects. Rev. Robert L. Moore was appointed to St. Andrew's in June. The Chancel Choir traveled to Colonial Williamsburg to perform at Bruton Parish Church. A Tape Ministry was begun for shut-ins.



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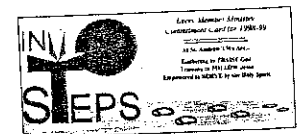
1996

Rev. Moore retired in June, and Dr. Gary C. Royals was appointed as pastor. The 20th year of Camp Tekoa Weekend was celebrated. "Disciple One" Bible Study was offered. Members participated in all areas of the Billy Graham Crusade. The annual Mary Lou Owens service award was inaugurated by the UMW.

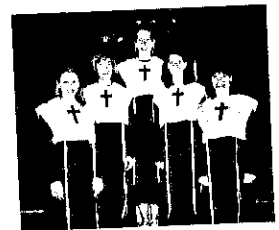


The mortgage was retired. Rev. Tony Smith was added to the staff as youth pastor. St. Andrew's celebrated its 40th Anniversary. The church was awarded the "Church of Excellence" at Annual Conference. "In His Steps" volunteer ministry was inaugurated. The church parsonage was sold. Membership hovered around 900. The budget was \$437,000.

1998



2001



2001

A capital campaign was launched to determine the financial support for the building plans. Almost \$1,000,000 was pledged toward the drive. A Family Life Center was included in the plans. Kim Pridgeon and Randy Stokes became part-time Directors of Youth Ministries. A new liturgical dance group was formed for adults. The Chancel Choir recorded a CD.

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2002 Youth Ministry presented "Angels Among Us", a musical drama written by Libby Patton, a youth member. Songs were written or selected by the Senior Class. The Music & Arts Dept. presented "Experiencing God; The Musical" with an encore performance at Calvary Church with six other churches. Ground breaking for the new Family Life Center was held in August. The budget was \$649,000.



2004

The first Women's Retreat was held. The center courtyard was converted to a columbarium and prayer garden with Dedication being held on May 23rd. "The Crossing" -an intersection of God and Life - began meeting once a month. A Kindred Spirits Ministry was started with the commissioning of 12 care givers. The first "Community Fair Day" was held. In cooperation with Urban Ministries, Room in the Inn opened for one night every other week to provide beds and meals for the homeless for the months of December - March.



2006

Room in the Inn was expanded to every week for 4 months during the winter. The ASP teams were filled by adults. A special mural was designed and painted at the entrance to the children's wing. Beautiful new banners were made for display throughout the church. Senior Adults enjoyed several day trips. A complete membership audit was performed.



2007

The church was transformed through "12 Ways to Meet God". The Swinging Saints have square danced at St. Andrew's for 38 years. Upward Cheerleading was added to the Upward Basketball program. A new UMW circle was started. The debt on the FLC was reduced by \$318,832 due to the Bold Moves campaign. In cooperation with the Salvation Army, a special Room in the Inn for homeless single women was held for a full week.



2002

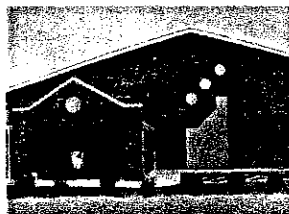
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2003

The "Father of Methodism", John Wesley, was performed in a dramatic monologue as part of the 300th Anniversary Celebration. For 16 years the youth and their leaders have been the "hands and feet of Christ" in their participation with ASP. The congregation embarked upon 40 Days of Purpose by studying "The Purpose Driven Life" by Rick Warren. A Consecration Service and "Grand Opening" was held on Sept. 7th for the new Family Life Center, kitchen and classrooms. Tommy Hasty was hired as full-time Director of Youth Ministries.



2005



Jeff Jackson became part-time assistant to the pastor. The Upward Basketball program was begun. UMW held an Attic Sale. Dr. Jack Knoespel was appointed as pastor in June. The Senior High Youth traveled to Pennsylvania to repair houses for the less fortunate with the Pittsburgh Project. The Middle High Youth went to Hendersonville, NC to work on a building project with Service Works. Safe Sanctuary training was given to all persons working with children, youth and at risk individuals.

2007

"Kid's Mission Days" was initiated. 12 members participated in a mission trip to Recife, Brazil. The Doug Jones Memorial Open Golf Tournament has raised over \$43,000 in the past 8 years for the American Cancer Society.

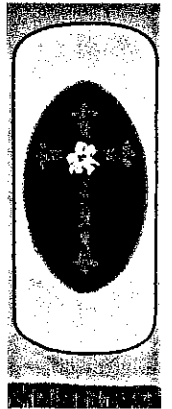
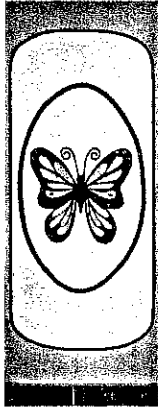
2008

Over 600 attended the two Easter Sunday Services. 90 children participated in Upward Basketball and Cheerleading with 80% coming from outside the church. On a "Kid's Mission Day" the children collected food items for Loaves and Fishes, and challenged the church to collect 10 times that amount in a month. The children delivered 1494 pounds of food to the pantry. St. Andrew's Ringers and Heartsong Ensemble performed many outreach ministries at retirement and nursing homes. The Endowment Fund was established. New paraments and altar cloths were made for the sanctuary. The budget goal was \$726,204 and the membership was 871.



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BANNERS AND PARAMENTS

