

Emory through the years

*Celebrating 30 years
in the Sanctuary*

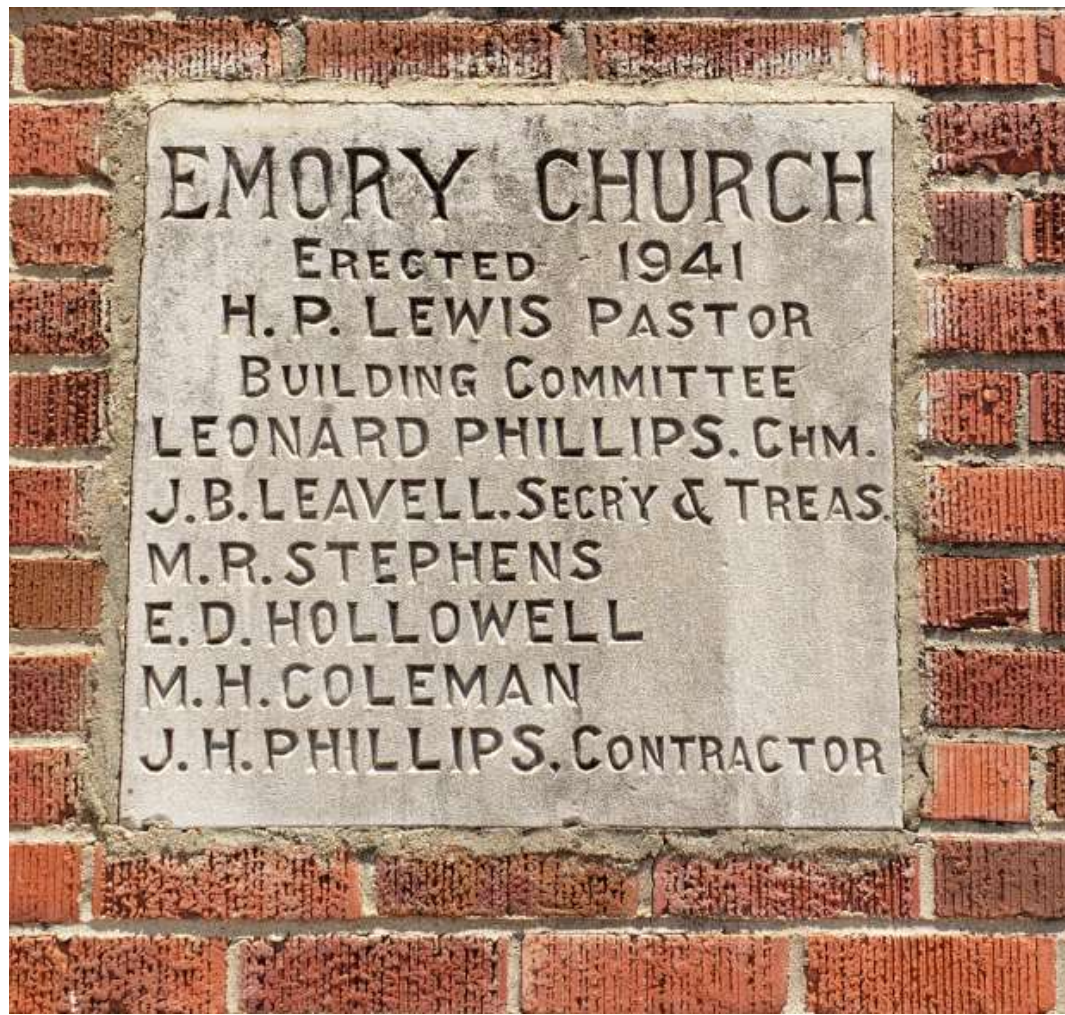
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The beginning



Emory 1950s



Emory Church Cornerstone

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Emory becomes Independent



RESOLUTIONS OF Emory Independent Methodist Church
 AN UNINCORPORATED ASSOCIATION, TO INCORPORATE, DESIGNATING
 THE INCORPORATORS, THE NAME OF THE PROPOSED CORPORATION AND
 AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF THE FUNDS OF THE Church
 NECESSARY SO TO DO.

BE IT RESOLVED by the members of Emory Independent
Methodist Church an unincorporated association
 of individuals, that it is to the best interests of this Church
 that it be forthwith incorporated as a nonprofit
 corporation under the laws of the State of Mississippi applicable
 thereto and that James Thompson, Frank Woods
and Roy Spence

are elected, appointed, designated and authorized to act as incor-
 porators in applying for a charter of this Church
 to be named Emory Independent Methodist Church
 that they are fully empowered to do and perform any and all other
 acts necessary to secure said charter and authorize the expenditure
 of such funds of the Church as may be necessary so
 to do.

CERTIFICATE

I, Miss Ruth Thompson do hereby certify
 that I am the duly elected, qualified and acting Secretary of the
 above named unincorporated association of individuals, and that
 the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution duly and
 properly adopted at a meeting thereof held on the 18th day
 of June, 1972, at Emory Independent Methodist Church
 at which a majority of the members were present, and said meeting
 was duly and properly called and held.

Witness my signature, this the 18th day of June
1972.

In: Miss Ruth Thompson
 SECRETARY

On June 28, 1972 we officially became
Emory Independent Methodist Church



**The last night of revival after each night being standing room only.
Pop made this statement from the pulpit:**

“Brother Leon, you need more room for your people to worship and I would like to be the first to donate to the building of a larger sanctuary”.

One comment , one gesture, and the people of Emory ran with it.

**Rev. Frank Burton & Bubba Burton – June 2023
1990 Revival**



The Start of the Building Fund Thermometer (Patsy Adams)
Valerie Cox Christening 1990

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The Expansion Begins



Rev. Charles Burton Rev. Frank Burton Rev. Leon Burton
Groundbreaking for the new sanctuary



Groundbreaking

June 26, 2023

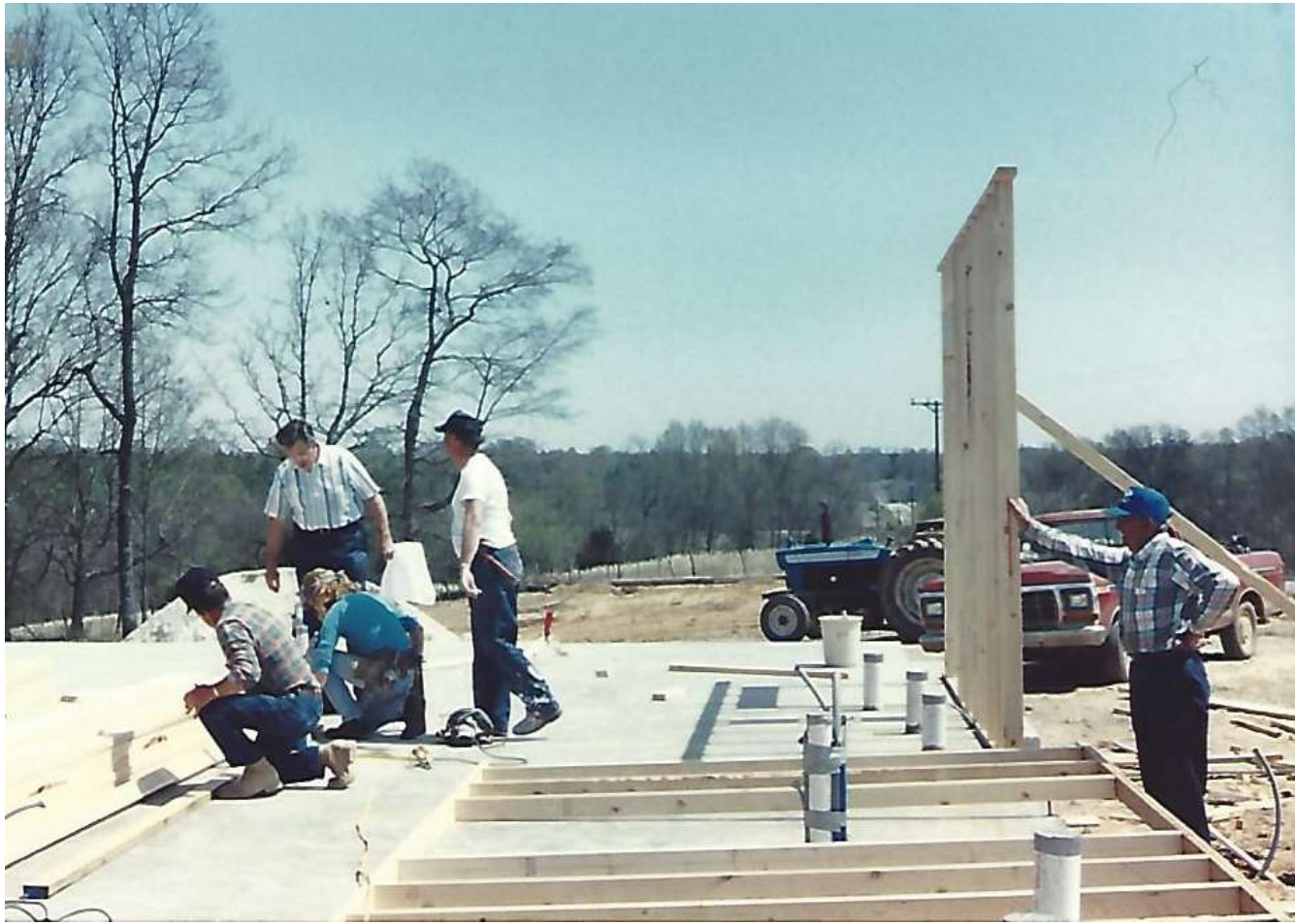


Ground breaking











Construction Overseer



Working on the sanctuary roof



Millard Gadd & Leon Burton



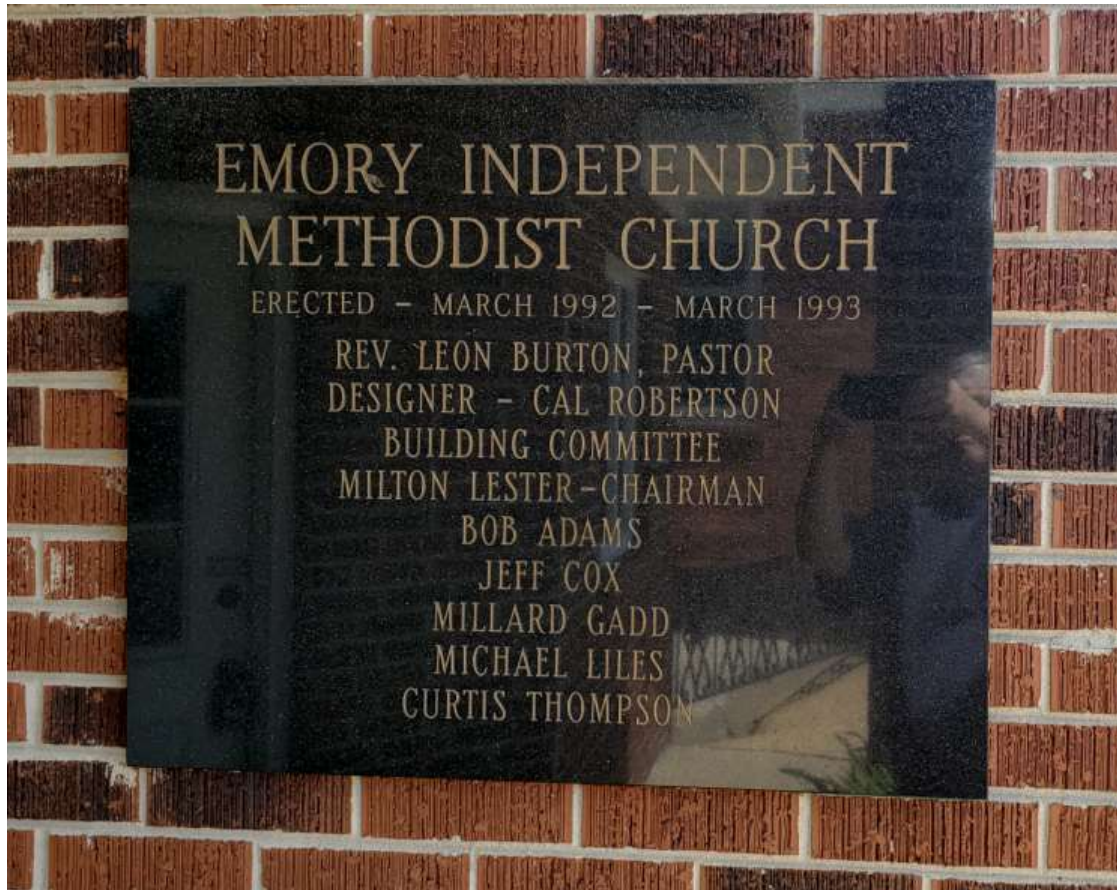








Last minute touchups



EMORY INDEPENDENT
METHODIST CHURCH

ERECTED - MARCH 1992 - MARCH 1993

REV. LEON BURTON, PASTOR
DESIGNER - CAL ROBERTSON

BUILDING COMMITTEE

MILTON LESTER - CHAIRMAN

BOB ADAMS

JEFF COX

MILLARD GADD

MICHAEL LILES

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Members of the Emory Independent Methodist Church
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Great Minister and Great People to a Great Big Church,

When we made the original loan to the church for \$100,000.00,
I had every reason to believe it would be paid as agreed.

The permanent loan was set up to run a period of ten years,
but look what happened, you paid this loan in full in 987 days,
which amounts to \$24,120.78 saved in interest. It's unbelievable!

I am proud of your congregation and proud our bank was in a
position to make this happen.

The Lord will bless you for your efforts and I know some
gave and worked until it hurt. The Lord loves a cheerful giver.

Regards,

Dudley R. Moore, Jr.
Chairman and CEO

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enclosures:
paid note
paid Deed of Trust

January 1996
Paid in Full



It's Officially ours – time to start the next project



Emory mid 1990s



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The changes begin

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2021 Stairway Leak





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The Sanctuary



Before



Found the leak about 4:15pm
Christmas Eve.

A small break in the water line
to the baptistry.

Water was shooting over the
piano and about 8 rows.

Christmas Eve Service started
at 6:00pm as planned, just in
the FLC.



Basement on Christmas Eve

Water is draining from the sanctuary through ceiling.

Water was about 1-2" deep.

Ran out through outside wall.



Christmas Eve Service in the FLC

June 26, 2023





A few days later



We had services in the FLC from December 24 – May 7.



May 14, 2023
Mother's Day



May 2023

