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Denton, N. C.

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DENTON, N. C.

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 ----- Bishop J. H. Straughn
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T. J. Ward, L. U. Johnson, Reserve

Annual Conference held in Grace Church, Greensboro, N. C., October
 18, 1939 at 10:00 o'clock a. m.

Uniting Conference met on Friday, October 20.

QUARTERLY CONFERENCE SCHEDULE (Tentative)

First, December 4, at Denton.

Second, March 4, at Canaan.

Third, June 3, at Canaan.

Fourth, September 9, at Denton.

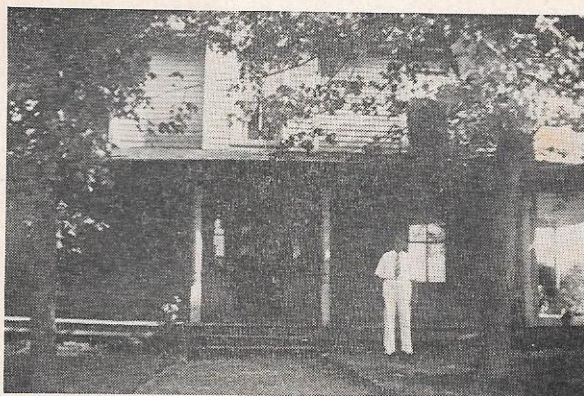
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REV. GEO. L. CURRY, A. B., S. T. B., MINISTER

Whatever a friend is to a friend, in sickness or in health, let me be to you. Write, call or phone.

"Let me live in a house by the side of the road, and be a friend to man."



Second Salisbury St. Near Central Church
Denton, N. C.

DENTON PARSONAGE
"The Prophet's Retreat"

Central Methodist Church

HISTORIC SKETCH

About the turn of the century when what is now the beautiful little city of Denton was nothing more than a cross road, a store, a post office and possibly a small flour mill, people began to look this way believing this to be a place of interest and possibility. This prophecy and hope has long been verified, for long since Denton has become a thriving little city with many advantages and a good place to live to prosper and to enjoy life. As the people began to come to Denton to engage in the various pursuits of life the school and the church were not neglected. An academic school had been established which fell into the hands of Mr. Allen Morris who was a staunch Methodist Protestant. The property had then been purchased by the North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church. From surrounding communities a number of Methodist Protestants had located in Denton and began to feel the need of a church of their own. It was the natural thing for them to use the school property for church purposes and it was in this building in the spring of 1902 under the supervision of Rev. J. G. W. Holloway who was then pastor of Davidson charge, that the Denton church was organized, there being nine charter members whose names follow: J. M. Daniel, W. J. Frank, Allen G. Morris, Mrs. Allen G. Morris, J. A. Stone, A. G. Surratt, Mrs. A. G. Surratt, W. F. Wall, Mrs. W. F. Wall. The records show that with this little beginning of nine persons 428 persons have joined the church and that the membership is now 243. The conference records show that during the year 1902 the total budget was \$40.30, a small beginning but it was a start toward larger things and a career of influence and usefulness.

For a number of years the struggling little band had to be content with the school building as a place of worship. But the time came when a beautiful brick building was erected on the corner of Salisbury and Bingham streets. This was opened for services sometime during the year 1913. On November 23, 1915 this new building was completely destroyed by fire, the cause of which has always been a mystery. For two years the school building was again used for all services. In the meantime new grounds were purchased on the corner of Bingham and Second Salisbury streets. This site is a beautiful elevation which has proven to be one of the most beautiful church locations in this locality. Through the untiring efforts of the loyal people the present solid brick edifice was erected. From its elevated location this beautiful church overlooks the city of Denton and invites the people of the town in turn to share its comforts and conveniences as an attractive place for worship. Here is to be found a beautiful, large auditorium and eight good sized, well arranged class rooms. The entire building is equipped with an air system which serves to convey the heat in the winter and the cool air in hot weather.

When the church was first organized it was placed on Davidson charge where it remained until 1907. At this time Denton church and Pleasant Grove church were set off as a charge known as Denton charge. While at different times a number of churches have been associated with Denton church, there has been a Denton charge since it was established in 1907. Denton and Canaan churches now constitute the charge.

✓ The Denton school has always been a very important factor in the community. It was first a private school, then a church school and now a state school. The church having been organized in the school building and for a number of years having carried on its work in the school building and having all the while been a close neighbor the two institutions have all the while worked hand in hand and shared the great work that has been so helpful to Denton and the surrounding country. This was especially so during the ten or more years Rev. Geo. L. Reynolds was a

resident of Denton and most of that time being both principal of the school and pastor of the church. It was through these two institutions, jointly working together, that he was able to do a most remarkable and outstanding piece of work. "This school helped to prepare a number of the ministers now doing efficient service in the North Carolina Conference."

In 1910 the idea was conceived in the mind of Rev. Geo. L. Reynolds that the Methodist Protestant people of North Carolina might establish and maintain a Children's home at Denton. The good ladies of the conference accepted the idea and at once established this home which after a few years was moved to High Point, N. C. and has been one of the greatest blessings of any work ever carried on by the people of the North Carolina Conference. This institution had its birth within a few hundred yards of the Denton Church and while the institution remained here it and the church were co-laborers in carrying this great work. And since the home has been relocated the Denton Church has continued its most hearty support.

The following ministers have served as pastors of Denton Church: J. G. W. Holloway, 1902, 3, 4; J. A. Ledbetter, 1905, 6; Geo. L. Reynolds, 1907, 8, 9; W. A. Ledford, 1910; D. A. Braswell, 1911, 12; T. H. Matthews, 1913; Geo. L. Reynolds, 1914, 15, 16; W. D. Reed, 1917; Geo. L. Reynolds, 1918; B. M. Williams, H. L. Isley, 1919; D. A. Highfil, 1920; Joel B. Trogdon, 1921, 2, 3, 4; O. C. Loy, 1925; J. Elwood Carroll and T. Glenn Madison (jointly) 1926; M. C. Henderson, 1927; E. A. Bingham, 1928, 29, 30; J. Robert Short, 1931, 2, 3; T. J. Bowman, 1924, 5, 6, 7; Geo. L. Curry, 1938, 9—.

The church was organized by Rev. J. G. W. Holloway. The first building was erected during the pastorate of Rev. D. A. Braswell. The new location was secured while Rev. W. D. Reed was pastor. The new church was built during the pastorate of Rev. Geo. L. Reynolds. The new church was dedicated in 1926 when Rev. J. Elwood Carroll and Rev. T. Glenn Madison were pastors jointly. During the pastorate of Rev. J. Robt. Short the church was renovated, painted inside and out, walks laid, yard improved and heating system installed. A new lot was purchased on which to build a hut in 1937 while Rev. T. J. Bowman was pastor.

The church was given the name "Central Methodist Church" January 1, 1939.

In the year 1920 the home of Rev. Geo. L. Reynolds was purchased for a parsonage.

Rev. H. Freo Surratt, a member of the North Carolina Conference and successful pastor is a product of the Denton Church. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Surratt are still members of this church.

JOHN W. CLARK, Pres. & Treas.

J. T. BUIE, Asst. Treas.

J. HARPER ERWIN, Vice-Pres. & Ch. Bd. Dir.

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*How amiable are thy tabernacles, O Lord of hosts.
I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord.*

CENTRAL METHODIST CHURCH
Cor. Bingham and Second Salisbury Streets
Denton, N. C.

"The Church of Happy Hearts"

Central Church Calendar

Church School -----	9:45 A. M.
Public Worship with Sermon, First and Third Sundays -----	11:00 A. M.
Public Worship with Sermon, First and Third Sundays -----	7:30 P. M.
Christian Endeavor, Sunday Evening -----	6:45 P. M.
Choir Practice Tuesday -----	7:30 P. M.
Mid-week Service Wednesday -----	7:30 P. M.

AUXILIARY OF WOMEN'S WORK:

General Meeting, Monday after Fourth Sunday -----	7:30 P. M.
Circle Number One, Monday after First Sunday -----	7:30 P. M.
Circle Number Two, Monday after Third Sunday -----	7:30 P. M.
Mission Band, Saturday before Third Sunday -----	2:30 P. M.
Sunshine Circle, Saturday before Fourth Sunday -----	2:30 P. M.
Church School Worker's Council, Monday after 2nd Sunday --	7:30 P. M.
Official Board Meeting Wednesday after First Sunday -----	8:15 P. M.
Christian Endeavor Business Meeting, Friday after Third Sunday -----	7:30 P. M.
Parsonage Inventory, Thursday night after Adjournment of Conference -----	7:30 P. M.
Pre-Easter Services -----	Week Before Easter
Easter Program -----	Easter Sunday
Children's Day Program -----	June 16
Vacation School -----	June
Rally Day -----	First Sunday in October
Christmas Program -----	Sunday night before Christmas
Thank Offering Services -----	September and February
Harvest Home Service -----	Near Thanksgiving

COMMUNION SERVICES

First Sunday in December -----	11:00 A. M.
First Sunday in March -----	11:00 A. M.
Third Sunday in June -----	11:00 A. M.
Third Sunday in September -----	11:00 A. M.
Summer Revival -----	August 21 to September 1

Central Church Officers

CLASS LEADERS

W. E. Hill, Class A Mrs. Baxter Morris, Class B
Mrs. J. J. Cook, Class C Marjorie Cranford, Class D
 Walter A. Johnson, Class E

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Local Budget ----- Coy L. Kearns
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Chorister ----- Paul D. Hamilton
Pianist ----- Marvin Sexton
Assistant Pianist ----- Mrs. Thomas Johnson
Press Reporter ----- Mrs. N. Val Johnson
Secretary of Good Literature ----- Mrs. W. A. Hedrick
Secretary for Children's Home ----- Mrs. J. J. Cook

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General Superintendent ----- N. Val Johnson
Associate Superintendent ----- Max Hill
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Second Assistant Superintendent ----- Mrs. D. M. Sexton
Third Assistant Superintendent ----- Wesley Morris
Cradle Roll Superintendent ----- Mrs. Roy Morris
Home Department Superintendent ----- Mrs. Roy Morris
Secretary ----- Marjorie Cranford
Assistant Secretary ----- Edna Morris
Treasurer ----- Marjorie Cranford
Assistant Treasurer ----- Edna Morris
Chorister ----- Paul D. Hamilton
Pianist ----- Golden Morris
Assistant Pianist ----- Josephine Hill

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Geo. L. Curry N. Val Johnson Max Hill
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One member to be elected by Board of Stewards
Two members to be elected by the young people

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Treasurer ----- Aulene Powell
Pianist ----- Josephine Hill
Assistant Pianist ----- Marvin Sexton

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President ----- Mrs. Geo. L. Curry
Vice President ----- Mrs. D. M. Sexton
Secretary ----- Mrs. John F. Mitchel
Treasurer ----- Mrs. Coy L. Kearns
Superintendent of Mission Band ----- Marjorie Cranford
Superintendent of Sunshine Circle ----- Marjorie Cranford
Chairman of Circle Number One ----- Mrs. Charles Hoover
Chairman of Circle Number Two ----- Mrs. Baxter L. Morris

Central Church Membership Roll

Name	Address and Register Number
Angel, Grover	Marshall, N. C. 328
Bailey, Callie	Denton, N. C. 146
Bailey, J. Thomas	Lexington, N. C. 252
Barber, Herman	Denton, N. C. 413
Bean, James R.	Albemarle, N. C. 26
Bean, Mrs. Jas. R.	Albemarle, N. C. 346
Bean, John B.	R. F. D. 1, Denton, N. C. 41
Bean, Mrs. Jno. B.	R. F. D. 1, Denton, N. C. 42
Bean, Efird	R. F. D. 1, Denton, N. C. 388
Bean, Venie	R. F. D. 1, Denton, N. C. 387
Beck, Dasie	Denton, N. C. 362
Beck, Oda	Denton, N. C. 335
Beck, Mrs. Oda	Denton, N. C. 412
Bingham, Mrs. Lou Morris	Denton, N. C. 34
Bingham, Robert	Denton, N. C. 217
Bingham, T. W.	Farmer, N. C. 270
Bingham, Mrs. T. W.	Farmer, N. C. 271
Bingham, Hal	Farmer, N. C. 272
Bisher, Luna	Denton, N. C. 360
Cameron, Jacqueline	Lexington, N. C. 361
Campbell, Mrs. Johnsie Bean	345
Cates, Mrs. H. A.	Raleigh, N. C. 72
Chandler, Lillie C.	Denton, N. C. 71
Coggins, Mrs. Taft	Thomasville, N. C. 218
Coggins, Mrs. Taft	Thomasville, N. C. 269
Cook, C. C.	Denton, N. C. 329
Cook, Mrs. C. C.	Denton, N. C. 282
Cook, Malba	Denton, N. C. 323
Cook, Mrs. J. J.	Denton, N. C. 394
Cook, Iris Maxine	Denton, N. C. 399
Cranford, Mrs. Alma Lee Sykes	Denton, N. C. 333
Cranford, Clayton	Denton, N. C. 414
Cranford, Colon C.	High Point, N. C. 196
Cranford, Mrs. Colon C.	High Point, N. C. 389
Cranford, Mrs. Hannah	Farmer, N. C. 275
Cranford, J. Daniel	Denton, N. C. 243
Cranford, Mrs. J. Daniel	Denton, N. C. 267
Cranford, Billy	U. S. Army 330
Cranford, Helen	Denton, N. C. 266
Cranford, Mrs. Trov	Denton, N. C. 367
Cranford, Joel Wade	Denton, N. C. 400
Cranford, Mack Hurley	Denton, N. C. 415
Cranford, Marjorie	Denton, N. C. 336
Cranford, Thomas	Thomasville, N. C. 209
Cranford, Worth	Thomasville, N. C. 214
Crouse, Mrs. Gurley	Greensboro, N. C. 128
Curry, Mrs. Geo. L.	Denton, N. C. 396
Curry, Johnsie Stowe	Denton, N. C. 398
Curry, Virginia Dixon	Denton, N. C. 397
Elliott, Charlie	Denton, N. C. 241
Elliott, Mrs. Charlie	Denton, N. C. 257
Elliott, Lillian	Denton, N. C. 302
Elliott, Samuel	Thomasville, N. C. 182
Everhart, Mrs. Lawrence	Winston-Salem, N. C. 363
Floyd, Mrs. Estella	R. F. D. 1, Denton, N. C. 393
Floyd, Annie Lee	R. F. D. 1, Denton, N. C. 324
Floyd, Frona Clyde	R. F. D. 1, Denton, N. C. 308
Floyd, Marshal W.	R. F. D. 1, Denton, N. C. 311
Floyd, Mrs. Marshal	R. F. D. 1, Denton, N. C. 416
Floyd, Ruth Louise	R. F. D. 1, Denton, N. C. 309
Floyd, J. Wilson	R. F. D. 1, Denton, N. C. 310
Floyd, Mrs. Wilson	R. F. D. 1, Denton, N. C. 417
Frank, J. W.	Denton, N. C. 2
Fuller, Edwin	Denton, N. C. 418
Frank, Catherine	Denton, N. C. 190

Name	Address and Register Number
Frank, Sallie Mae	Greensboro, N. C. 248
Gallimore, Mrs. O. L.	Denton, N. C. 395
Gallimore, Bernice Mary	Denton, N. C. 401
Griffis, Dr. J. W.	Denton, N. C. 409
Griffis, Mrs. J. W.	Denton, N. C. 359
Grubb, Mrs. Martha	Denton, N. C. 53
Haltom, Geo. C.	Star, N. C. 354
Haltom, Geo. C.	Star, N. C. 355
Hamilton, Paul	Denton, N. C. 278
Hamilton, Mrs. Paul	Denton, N. C. 279
Hamilton, Ellawese Timent	Denton, N. C. 402
Hardy, Rome	221 S. Vance St., Lexington, N. C. 244
Hardy, Mrs. Rome	221 S. Vance St., Lexington, N. C. 321
Harris, Mrs. Robert	High Rock, N. C. 317
Hawkins, Mrs. Byrd Cameron	Goldsboro, N. C. 188
Hedrick, Mrs. W. A.	Denton, N. C. 320
Hedrick, Mrs. Harvey	R. F. D. 1, Denton, N. C. 194
Hill, A. Lineberry	Denton, N. C. 276
Hill, Mrs. A. Lineberry	Denton, N. C. 277
Hill, Josephine	Denton, N. C. 306
Hill, Eugene	206
Hill, Mrs. Eugene	205
Hill, Mrs. Joe	Denton, N. C. 234
Hill, Max Wade	Denton, N. C. 292
Hill, John Edward	Denton, N. C. 227
Hill, Millie	211
Hill, Ray	R. F. D. 1, Denton, N. C. 105
Hill, Mrs. Ray	R. F. D. 1, Denton, N. C. 117
Hill, Roland T.	809 Elam Ave., Greensboro, N. C. 268
Hill, Mrs. Roland T.	809 Elam Ave., Greensboro, N. C. 247
Hill, W. Eddie	Denton, N. C. 109
Hill, Mrs. W. Eddie	Denton, N. C. 110
Hill, Mrs. Wilma Michael	South Mount, N. C. 375
Holt, Mrs. Bertie Bean	R. F. D. 1, Denton, N. C. 390
Holt, Michel Ray	R. F. D. 1, Denton, N. C. 403
Hoover, Carl A.	Denton, N. C. 21
Hoover, Mrs. Carl A.	Denton, N. C. 44
Huffman, Mrs. Bennie	Denton, N. C. 316
Johnson, H. Ed	S. Tryon St., Charlotte, N. C. 175
Johnson, Mrs. H. Ed	S. Tryon St., Charlotte, N. C. 119
Johnson, Lonnie	Denton, N. C. 281
Johnson, Mary Sue	Denton, N. C. 385
Johnson, Norman H.	Denton, N. C. 22
Johnson, Mrs. Norman H.	Denton, N. C. 23
Johnson, N. Val	Denton, N. C. 63
Johnson, Mrs. N. Val	Denton, N. C. 172
Johnson, Robert	Denton, N. C. 294
Johnson, Mrs. Perry	R. F. D. 1, Denton, N. C. 184
Johnson, Thomas	Asheboro, N. C. 191
Johnson, Mrs. Thomas	Asheboro, N. C. 373
Johnson, Walter A.	Denton, N. C. 259
Johnson, Mrs. Walter A.	Denton, N. C. 245
Johnson, Williard	Roanoke, Va. 181
Kearns, Coy L.	Denton, N. C. 312
Kearns, Mrs. Coy L.	Denton, N. C. 313
Kearns, Mrs. John	R. F. D. 1, Denton, N. C. 158
Kearns, Jno. P.	R. F. D. 1, Denton, N. C. 138
Kearns, Mrs. Jno. P.	R. F. D. 1, Denton, N. C. 169
Kearns, Mattie	61
King, Pearl Loffin	201
Lanier, J. U.	Denton, N. C. 287
Lanier, Albert	Greensboro, N. C. 180
Lanier, Arthur	Denton, N. C. 200
Lanier, Mrs. Arthur	Denton, N. C. 410
Lanier, Frank	Washington, D. C. 177
Lanier, Mrs. Max	Denton, N. C. 357
Lanier, Ruth Sallie	Thomasville, N. C. 249
Lanier, Wade	Denton, N. C. 198

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Lanier, Mrs. Wade	Denton, N. C. 167
Little, Mrs. James	Denton, N. C. 148
Loffin, C. Gowan	Denton, N. C. 280
Loffin, Mrs. C. Gowan	Denton, N. C. 261
Loffin, Hoyt	Denton, N. C. 342
Loffin, Mrs. Lella Cook	Denton, N. C. 419
Loftin, Alma Lee	370
Loftin, Clay	319
Loftin, Mrs. Glenn	Denton, N. C. 140
Loftin, Hoke	Denton, N. C. 199
Lomax, Grason	Denton, N. C. 366
Lomax, Mrs. Grason	Denton, N. C. 371
Lomax, J. H.	R. F. D. 1, Denton, N. C. 364
Lomax, Mrs. J. H.	R. F. D. 1, Denton, N. C. 365
Lomax, Jno. Haven, Jr.	R. F. D. 1, Denton, N. C. 420
Massey, Mrs. James	Bristol, Tenn. 293
Mitchel, Jno. F.	Denton, N. C. 372
Mitchel, Mrs. Jno. F.	Denton, N. C. 368
Mitchel, Bettie Rush	Denton, N. C. 381
Mitchel, Joseph	Denton, N. C. 380
Mitchel, Mary Frances	Denton, N. C. 404
Mitchel, Mrs. Mittie	Denton, N. C. 358
Morris, A. R.	Denton, N. C. 203
Morris, Mrs. A. R.	Denton, N. C. 204
Morris, Dorothy	Denton, N. C. 298
Morris, Golden	Denton, N. C. 297
Morris, Kermet	Denton, N. C. 341
Morris, Mrs. Ella Carroll	Denton, N. C. 421
Morris, Banks	Denton, N. C. 325
Morris, Kemp Carroll	Denton, N. C. 411
Morris, Baxter L.	Denton, N. C. 174
Morris, Mrs. Baxter L.	Denton, N. C. 47
Morris, Edna	Denton, N. C. 296
Morris, Doris	Denton, N. C. 379
Morris, Joseph	Denton, N. C. 378
Morris, Waydine	Denton, N. C. 339
Morris, Wayne	Denton, N. C. 295
Morris, C. Whitson	Denton, N. C. 58
Morris, Mrs. C. Whitson	Denton, N. C. 59
Morris, H. Gans	Denton, N. C. 225
Morris, Margaret Ruth	Denton, N. C. 337
Morris, Della	Denton, N. C. 57
Morris, Mrs. Garland	Denton, N. C. 314
Morris, Everett	Denton, N. C. 126
Morris, Mrs. Jno. Clark	Denton, N. C. 125
Morris, Lena	228
Morris, Roy M.	Denton, N. C. 246
Morris, Mrs. Roy M.	Denton, N. C. 408
Morris, Wesley P.	Denton, N. C. 224
Morris, Mrs. Wesley	Denton, N. C. 411
Nance, Evelyn Coleen	Denton, N. C. 405
Nance, Jack	Denton, N. C. 423
Nance, Troy Jean	Denton, N. C. 406
Nance, Mrs. L. O.	Denton, N. C. 334
Parks, P. M.	Hamlet, N. C. 76
Parks, Mrs. P. M.	Hamlet, N. C. 77
Parks, Alton	Panama City, Fla. 216
Peacock, Mrs. Woodrow	Lexington, N. C. 301
Penry, Novella	High Point, N. C. 315
Pool, Mrs. Glenn	Denton, N. C. 255
Pool, Lonnie	R. D. 1, Denton, N. C. 386
Pool, Mrs. Lonnie	R. D. 1, Denton, N. C. 230
Pool, Mrs. Martha Elliott	183
Powell, R. C.	Denton, N. C. 264
Powell, Mrs. R. C.	Denton, N. C. 265
Powell, Aulene	Denton, N. C. 369
Powell, Elna	Denton, N. C. 382
Robbins, Mrs. Charlie	Denton, N. C. 185

Name	Address and Register Number
Russell, Mrs. W. W. -----	Denton, N. C. 226
Sexton, Clinard -----	Asheboro, N. C. 220
Sexton, Edmond -----	Mocksville, N. C. 154
Sexton, Mrs. Edmond -----	Mocksville, N. C. 374
Sexton, Mrs. Nancy -----	Denton, N. C. 254
Sexton, D. M. -----	Denton, N. C. 258
Sexton, Mrs. D. M. -----	Denton, N. C. 46
Sexton, Ames -----	Denton, N. C. 299
Sexton, Jean -----	Denton, N. C. 384
Sexton, John -----	Denton, N. C. 383
Sexton, Neil -----	Denton, N. C. 426
Sexton, Myron Wade -----	Denton, N. C. 340
Sexton, Henry -----	R. F. D., Denton, N. C. 424
Sexton, Mrs. Henry -----	R. F. D., Denton, N. C. 425
Sexton, Marvin -----	Denton, N. C. 107
Sexton, Pauline -----	Denton, N. C. 300
Sexton, Mrs. Savannah -----	Denton, N. C. 80
Shaw, A. J. -----	R. F. D. 1, Denton, N. C. 253
Shaw, Mrs. A. J. -----	R. F. D. 1, Denton, N. C. 256
Shaw, Billy Ray -----	R. F. D. 1, Denton, N. C. 331
Shaw, Edward Lewis -----	U. S. Army 322
Shaw, Wilma May -----	R. F. D. 1, Denton, N. C. 332
Snider, James Roy -----	Denton, N. C. 427
Snider, Mrs. Walter -----	High Point, N. C. 303
Snider, Mrs. Leonard -----	Denton, N. C. 19
Snider, Dolon -----	Mocksville, N. C. 376
Snider, Harold -----	Denton, N. C. 377
Surratt, Cicero H. -----	Denton, N. C. 29
Surratt, Mrs. Cicero H. -----	Denton, N. C. 30
Surratt, Cone T. -----	Denton, N. C. 32
Surratt, Mrs. Cone T. -----	Denton, N. C. 347
Surratt, Othel -----	Denton, N. C. 326
Surratt, Noel Cone -----	Denton, N. C. 407
Surratt, Excell -----	Denton, N. C. 327
Stoker, Paul -----	186
Thompson, Gurney -----	R. F. D. 1, Denton, N. C. 391
Thompson, Mrs. Gurney -----	R. F. D. 1, Denton, N. C. 392
Varner, Mrs. Earl -----	Denton, N. C. 81
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Mount Ebal Methodist Church

HISTORIC SKETCH

Mount Ebal Methodist Church which is located three miles east of Denton, N. C., is a church which has made for itself a most unusual history. It has been a church of great influence and usefulness.

The location is beautiful and rather unique and in harmony with the Bible name of so much significance. It has considerable elevation with many great granite boulders protruding from the ground while over the ground are giant oaks typical of the primeval forests. The elevation upon which the church is located overlooks a fertile valley and on to another eminence which compares favorably with Gerizim of old.

Among the various activities of Mt. Ebal the camp meetings hold highest importance in the thought of the people who have known this great old church. At one time there was a great arbor and a large number of camp houses or tents. These tents were filled by families from far and near who came to live on the ground for a season every year. The arbor was to accommodate the great crowd of people who gathered to engage in the services of zealous worshipers of that day. A number of these services were conducted each day and many souls found the Lord under this old arbor. Pillars of stone were erected about over the grounds upon which were kept fires of huge pine knots. By this method light was furnished for the camp grounds. The arbor has disappeared and all the tents have been removed, but the stone fire stands are still remaining. And the church is well preserved. There is a tract of land of about four acres upon which is a beautiful cemetery which is well kept. The Denton pastor has supervision and care of the church but there are no longer regular services observed and the membership has been reduced to just a few of the good people who love the old church and are true and loyal.

The losing of the position Mt. Ebal once occupied is to be found in possibly two causes. In the first place Denton has come into position within a short time and a large number of the influential people who once lived in the vicinity of Mt. Ebal have become citizens of Denton and even a number of the people who remain in the old vicinity have moved their church membership to the Denton church. So, Mt. Ebal is not really dead. It has simply "gone to town." The other cause for the loss of the position this church enjoyed is in the fact that at one time there were five roads that converged at these historic grounds. When road systems were readjusted and in many instances the old horse and buggy roads were converted into automobile roads it so happened that the roads that led to Mt. Ebal were not those of good fortune to fall into the new system. And now there is only one little road leading in to the church over which a vehicle can travel.

Records are not available to give the exact date of the organization of this church. But in a well kept record of the quarterly Conference of the Davison charge of the Methodist Protestant Church some very interesting figures are found. On October 26, 1861 in the record of a quarterly conference held at Chapel Hill Church the name of William Sexton appears as one of the members of that quarterly conference. On the same page the name "Sexton's Meeting House" appears and it was to this point the quarterly conference was invited for the next session. Through the years after this the name of William Sexton appears as a member of this quarterly conference and the appointment, sometimes

"Sexton's Meeting House," sometimes "Sexton's School House" and sometimes just "Sexton's." The last time the appointment of "Sexton's" is found is in the records of the second quarterly conference of April 29, 1871. In the third quarterly conference held at High Rock, Aug. 5, 1871 the order was that the fourth quarterly conference be held at Mt. Ebal. From this time on "Sexton's" is not found but "Mt. Ebal" is found regularly. It is reasonable to conclude that the work of Mt. Ebal church had its beginning in a school house which is known to have been located on William Sexton's farm in the year 1861. And in 1871 the work became known as Mt. Ebal. It is reasonably certain that at this time the first church, a log structure was built. Rev. A. J. Laughlin was the pastor. In the year 1883 the old log structure was replaced by the present structure.

A group of members of the early days follow: Mr. and Mrs. William Sexton; Mr. and Mrs. William Morris; Mr. and Mrs. Richard Cranford; Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Sexton; Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Morris; Mr. and Mrs. William Gibson; Mr. and Mrs. James C. Morris; Mr. and Mrs. Lin Cranford; Mr. and Mrs. James Sexton; Mr. Lewis Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Wash Harris. These are probably a group of members when the first church was built and are thought of as the charter members, but can hardly be thought of as those who began the work in the old Sexton school house in 1861.

At the beginning of Mt. Ebal's activities it became a part of Davidson charge and remained in this relation until 1919 when it became associated with Denton, which association it still remains.

The following are the pastors who have served the church: J. W. Heath, 1861; Z. C. Lineberry, 1862; James C. Dean, 1863; Z. C. Lineberry, 1864; James C. Dean, 1865; H. W. Peebles, 1866; J. S. Dunn, 1867; F. S. Gladson, 1868; James C. Dean, 1869; A. J. Laughlin, 1870-'71; Henry Lewallen, 1872, '73, '74, '75; R. H. Wills, 1876, '77; J. S. Dunn, 1878; A. J. Laughlin, 1879; W. C. Hammer, 1880, '81; A. W. Lineberry, 1882, '83, '84, '85; W. A. Bunch, 1886, '87, '88, '89; A. W. Lineberry, 1890, '91; J. R. Savage, 1892, '93; C. A. Pickens, 1894; N. M. Modlin, 1895, '96; W. C. Kennett, 1897; W. O. Davis, 1889; T. F. McCulloch, 1899; I. I. York, 1900; E. A. Plyler, 1901; J. G. W. Holloway, 1902, '03, '04; J. A. Ledbetter, 1905, '06; Geo. L. Reynolds, 1907; J. H. Hulin, 1908, '09, '10, '11, '12, '13, '14, '15, '16, '17, '18; B. M. Williams, and H. L. Isley, 1919; D. A. Highfill, 1920; Joel Trogdon, 1921, '22, '23, '24; O. C. Loy, 1925; J. Elwood Carroll and T. Glenn Madison (jointly), 1926; M. C. Henderson, 1927; E. A. Bingham, 1928, '29, '30; J. Robt. Short, 1931, '32, '33; T. J. Bowman, 1934, '35, '36, '37; Geo. L. Curry, 1938, '39—.

Two Methodist ministers, Rev. J. D. Cranford and Rev. W. B. Thompson, now successful pastors, have gone out from families of this church.

The First Sunday in June is the regular appointed date for the Mt. Ebal home coming. On this day the Denton Church suspends services and moves back to Mt. Ebal. This is a great all-day gathering when large numbers of people from far and near come to greet each other and engage in inspirational programs as nearly as possible like those of the days of old.

At a recent home coming service the Mount Ebal Memorial Association was formed, having a president, a vice-president, a secretary and a treasurer. Also a board of trustees and the necessary committees to meet needs and requirements. Any friend of Mt. Ebal Church regardless of church affiliations is entitled to membership.



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"Unto Him be the glory in the church"—EPH. 3:21

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