

Buchanan United Methodist Church History, December, 2000

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Foreword

We at Buchanan United Methodist Church are grateful for the valuable history written by Mrs. Della Roberts Newton and Mrs. Addie Hutcheson McCalman in 1951. Mrs. Newton was the daughter of two of the founders, Mr. and Mrs. Roberts. Her brother, George W. Roberts, assisted. Mrs. McCalman was the daughter of the most outstanding early choir director and daughter-in-law of one of the most prominent early leaders. She was also organist and pianist for almost sixty years. Without Mrs. Newton and Mrs. McCalman's work almost nothing would be known about the church's beginnings.

There was an update to the history in the late 1970's by Rachel Griffith, which was edited and typed by Rene' and Jody Mabry.

There have been at least two losses of records, maybe more. When the first church burned in the fall of 1888, evidently all records were burned. Then in 1967 when the official board instructed the treasurer to destroy records (meaning treasurer's records) prior to one year before, someone evidently took it to mean all records as they have not been found. There are conference records from 1956 to the present. This current writing is our attempt to update the history of Buchanan United Methodist Church.

In the Beginning.....

The Buchanan Methodist Episcopal Church South was organized in 1879 in the first courthouse in Haralson County. There were four prospective members present: Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Roberts and Mr. and Mrs. Connell. Rev. Billy Simpkins was the founding pastor, but nothing has been learned about him. He was most likely a local preacher. The oldest roll located (1895) does not list any of these four as members; nor are there any Connell descendents of that name given. All of Mr. and Mrs. Roberts' children were members, as were many of their grandchildren. It is not known if Mr. and Mrs. Roberts left their memberships in their original churches, neglecting to move them or if they were inadvertently omitted. Their grandson, Charles B. Newton, the last on the roll, was prominent in church affairs until his death in 1967. In 1963 the Methodist Church and the Evangelical United Brethren denominations merged to form the United Methodist Church. Thus, our local church name became Buchanan United Methodist Church.

The church was started by four original members in 1879, but it must have had a fairly good following because in 1881 the column "Buchanan Dots" in the Cedartown Advertiser stated a successful revival had closed at the Methodist church the Sunday night before.

In 1884, a Union Sunday School was started with G. M. Roberts, one of the church founders, as superintendent. Then in 1895 with the organization of the Methodist Sunday School, he was again the first superintendent. This is the last mention of Mr. Roberts in any way. Later, other prominent members who served in this capacity were C.W. Ault, J.J. Beall, and W.A. McCalman. The latter served until his death in 1918. He was followed by his son H.S. McCalman who was in office over thirty years. The late C. B. Newton and the late R.A. Edwards also made their contributions in this capacity.

The addition of the educational annex in the mid-1950's gave impetus to the Sunday School growth for some time. And in 1969 the Official Board decided to supply all Sunday School members with the Upper Room.

Church Membership

In its earlier days, church membership was never more than 125 members at one time. Of those, many were inactive, making the active enrollment forty or less. At one time or another since 1895, almost 500 people have called Buchanan Methodist Church their home. More recently the membership has grown, so that in the year 2000 there are 170 members.

Although smaller than some churches, the Buchanan church membership has always carried more than its share of civic responsibility. Rev. Randy Newkirk (1974-77) saw the need of an up-to-date volunteer fire department. Largely through his efforts the fire department was reorganized and the best fire fighting equipment secured. Rev. Charles Wallom (1977-79) came to Buchanan fully certified as a recreational director just at the time the city was purchasing the City Park. His knowledge and hard work helped secure this property for the enjoyment of all ages. At present, the future of the city park, now called the Evelyn Wade recreational facility is uncertain, due to financial difficulties.

Women's Organizations

The Women's Home Missionary Society was organized in May of 1906 (source of information was a scrap of paper found by Mrs. Floy Strickland giving the minutes of the September meeting for that year). Mrs. L.H. Green, the pastor's wife, and Mrs. E.S. Griffith were the originators of the organization. Mrs. Griffith continued active in church work until her death in 1935. At one time there were two groups. The name of the organization has changed with the times, known currently as United Methodist Women. There are two Circles of women who meet regularly: The Afternoon Circle, and The Night Circle. With so many women working professionally outside their homes since WWII, the number of participating women has naturally diminished over the years. However, the women who participate are a significant driving force of the church. At this writing in 2000, Sara Ann Griffith (Mrs. Mac Griffith) is the President, and group projects have included: refurbishing the church's infant nursery; collecting food, clothing and toys for two families for Christmas; preparing baked goods for the Hospice fundraiser in Carrollton, GA; assisting in preparing a meal for Jacksonville State University Band when they visited Haralson County High School in the fall for a band festival; assisting a family whose house burned; and spearheading a yard sale as part of the Buchanan Fall Festival in which over \$1,000.00 was raised by the church – (long time member, Ward Mabry portrayed a Methodist Circuit Rider in the Festival parade). The UMW follows the format of Mission studies recommended by the national organization of United Methodist Women.

Before the present parsonage was built, various projects were held to raise money for the parsonage fund. Additional fundraisers were held to assure that the parsonage was properly furnished with linens, kitchen utensils, curtains, etc. This same interest in the parsonage continues among the women who help see to the upkeep of the house and its contents. In 1974 and again in 1977 the women completely restored every piece of parsonage furniture.

In 1958 the women of the church decided to take turns furnishing flowers for Sunday worship. In more recent years, with the awareness of allergies, silk flower bouquets are provided by the women, with an occasional fresh bouquet for special events. Church members are given the opportunity to purchase memorial poinsettias at Christmas and lilies at Easter, for decorating the sanctuary. The Chrismon Tree became an annual Christmas tradition beginning in 1975.

In 1974, the women realized the need for cushioned pews and were determined to finish the project before Homecoming that year. Louise Mabry and Edna White Wyatt spearheaded the

project. Enough money was raised to complete the pew cushion project, as well as to complete the furnishing of the church kitchen.

For years the group sponsored Vacation Bible School. At one point, due to changing times and working mothers, VBS was discontinued. However, in recent years, VBS has been reactivated under the sponsorship of the Children's Council with assistance from United Methodist Women. In 2000, approximately 23 children attended, many from the larger community.

The women's group(s) of the church have always been counted on to assist anyone in need. This support is not just for members, but for anyone in distress, bereavement, or disaster in the larger community.

Men's Group

Affectionately known as the BUMMS (Buchanan United Methodist Men), the men take an active roll in the life of the church. They work tirelessly to keep the facilities and appliances in good working order, to maintain the lawns and parking lots, and to help vision needs for the future of the church. On Sunday mornings they gather for Sunday School, and they serve as ushers during worship. In mid-November, 2000, a prayer breakfast was held at the parsonage with twelve men in attendance. Stan Arbatowicz, Billy Skaggs, and Charles Jarrell were elected as officers. The Lay Leader of the church is Jason Jarrell. Men of all ages serve in various leadership positions and they provide a steadfast source of support for the programs and ministries of the church.

Music Department

As previously mentioned, T.A. Hutcheson was choir director for the first church and Mrs. W.T. Newton was the first organist. From limited information we know the church first had pump organs, and later three pianos and two electric organs. The current organ was purchased in August, 1998.

Pianists/Organists over the years have included Mrs. H. S. McCalman, Mrs. Burwell Stanley, Mrs. Bob Reid, Mrs. Ellen Wyatt Holstein, Mrs. Randy Newkirk, Mrs. Estell Edwards, and Mrs. Belita Griffith. The Church Accompanist (piano) is currently Dora Gable (Mrs. Ken Gable) of Bremen, a retired schoolteacher. The organist is Janice Willis Boatwright (Mrs. James), who grew up in the church and continues to reside with her family in Buchanan.

Music Directors have included C. B. Newton, R. A. Edwards, Howard Hancock, Harold McWhorter, Jane Register, Rene Mabry, Dena Baker, and Kersha Griffith Cartwright. The current choir sings with joy and gusto, offering special music each Sunday and two special musical presentations each year at Christmas and Easter.

Mission: In the late 1980's several area churches agreed to pool resources and sponsor a ministry of outreach providing food and clothing for those in need in Haralson County. Starting in a building near the parking lot of First Baptist in Bremen, GA, the Haralson County Ministries (HCM) eventually purchased a storefront on Tallapoosa Street in Bremen. The HCM services more than 100 families per year with a committed group of volunteers from sponsoring churches. Some emergency monies are also available for local residents as well as for stranded travelers. The cooperative effort of so many churches of various denominations to support HCM, is one of the most significant ecumenical efforts in the county.

Cooperation with the Other Denominations

Buchanan Methodists and Baptists have worked together for the common good of the community. Before the first Methodist church was built, Buchanan Baptist offered the Methodists the use of their building. Each congregation probably met only one Sunday per month. Then when the Methodist church burned in 1888 the Baptists again offered the use of their church building.

Reciprocating a most generous loan, the Methodists invited the Baptists to use their facility when the Baptists deemed their church a fire hazard, until their present church was built. At that time each church met twice a month.

More turbulent times followed in the early 1980's when a considerable number of Baptist members moved their membership to Buchanan United Methodist. Though difficult for many families who were divided by the split, the addition of many new members was a great gift to the Buchanan United Methodist Church. The United Methodist Pastor during this time of change was Rev. Rick Cornwell who welcomed the newcomers, and is credited with making their transition easier.

Furthering the gap between the two churches has been the appointment of women pastors to Buchanan United Methodist Church. In 1996, the Rev. Kendra Grimes was the first woman pastor to serve in Buchanan, and by the initiative of the pastor of First Baptist in Buchanan, the Community Thanksgiving Service was discontinued. In 2000, the Southern Baptist Convention took an official stand against the ordination of women pastors, and First Baptist of Buchanan is a member of that organization.

A joint Thanksgiving Service was sponsored by Buchanan United Methodist Church in 2000, and participants were Jackson Chapel Baptist Church and the Buchanan Church of God. Joint singing between choirs between Jackson Chapel Baptist, and African-American congregation and Buchanan United Methodist Church continue to foster the ecumenical spirit in Buchanan.

Programs

- A monthly newsletter promotes the church programs, providing continuity for an very active and busy community.
- Of significance is the Haralson County Scouting program which meets at the church. Many boys and girls are involved in scouting, with significant parental support.
- Various Bible studies have been held over the years including the Mayberry Series, based on the TV's Andy Griffin Show, and more recently the first year of Disciple Bible Study.
- A young adult Sunday School Class has been re-started.
- UMYF (United Methodist Youth Fellowship) is a small group of teenagers who are steadfast and supportive of the life of the church. The church provides opportunities for them to learn leadership and develop in their faith. Jason Jarrell meets with this group regularly.
- Kid's Club for children in kindergarten to 5th grade, is offered on Sunday evenings twice a month for fellowship and fun. This group sings at nursing homes, sponsors holiday programs, and serves the church and community under the leadership of Ann Arbatowicz and Lorie Tilden.

Church Properties

The Church Buildings: There have been three houses of worship. The first church was built across from the southwest corner of the Courthouse Square. It burned in 1888 being in use only a few years. Either all the records burned with it or they were later misplaced or destroyed. Not even a membership roll has been found prior to 1895.

The second church was built on Cedartown Street (now U.S. 27) and Church Street (now Williams Street). The Rev. L.D. Coggins was the pastor at that time. He must have been a hardworking, enthusiastic man, as the local news referred to him and W.S. Ault, a church leader, as being "constant overseers of the construction." The only reference to its being finished is found in a local paper that the 1890 community Christmas Tree was to be "set up" in the Methodist Church. This was a small sanctuary painted red and white. When it was determined a new church should be built in 1908, W.C. Moore arranged to exchange lots with the church. That gave the church the two lots where it is presently located. One had belonged to the Baptist church, the other was known as the jailhouse lot.

Raising funds for the project was started on May 15, 1908. A list of the contributors was found when the McCalman home was vacated. It should be noted that many members of the Baptist church are on this list of contributors. The fund balance, according to their addition, was \$1805.00 designated for the sanctuary and narthex only. The old church was sold from the property to A.M. Griffith for \$57.50. He moved it to his property and for many years used it for a barn. On November 15, 1908 a written estimate addressed to W.C. Moore stated the pews would be built and installed for \$375.00.

Educational Annex -- In the late 1940's Rob Ault Edwards realizing the need for an educational annex, spent his tithe to have the basement dug. W. R. Rowell of Atlanta drew the plans without charge. The annex was being added in 1951 at the time of the first writing of our church history. The annex was dedicated in 1958.

The sanctuary -- was entirely remodeled in 1969 at the cost of \$18,000.00. The chancel rail was extended three feet and curved; the church sanctuary was carpeted throughout; the pews were refinished; and the beautiful lighting fixtures were acquired from Belgium with the help of an anonymous friend. Ward Mabry modernized the wiring of the sanctuary lighting controls and wired a light behind the cross which was built by Burwell Stanley, Sr. The present altar, pulpit and chairs were acquired from the estate of G.W. Roberts through Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Newton.

In 1987 the sanctuary roof was re-shingled and the entire sanctuary repainted inside and outside that same year. The Sanctuary was repainted inside and outside again in 2000. Very soon clear Plexiglas covers will be installed on the exterior of the building to protect the stained glass windows and to provide insulation. Various church members have given the money to cover the windows.

The steeple was added atop the church bell tower on February 25, 1986 by the initiative and generous contribution of Mrs. Ollie Mosley along with various other memorial gifts. At Homecoming in the fall the steeple was dedicated.

The Hope Building: Located at 154 Van Wert Street, the H.O.P.E. (House of Praise and Education) was acquired by Buchanan UMC on May 2, 1997. Located directly behind the church building, the H.O.P.E. building was built in 1959 and was used until recently as the county health

department. The church acquired the property through a series of trades with Haralson County. The building is used primarily for Sunday School classes and for the community scouting program. In the summer of 2000, the church office was moved from the BUMC annex to the H.O.P.E. Building. The H.O.P.E. was the focus of a great deal of work in 2000. A covered walkway was added to connect the two church buildings, as well as the addition of new cooling and heating systems. A new gray, metal roof, (no longer flat, but pitched) was added in October, 2000. The Hardy and Merryl McCalman Foundation, under the Directorship of Ms. Mary McCalman Covington, recently granted the congregation \$2000.00 to be used toward refurbishing the H.O.P.E. Building. The acronym "H.O.P.E." was adopted by the church at the suggestion of Ms. Patty Hutcheson, Sunday School Superintendent.

Planning for the future: In 1999, the McCalman Foundation granted the church \$3000. toward the eventual purchase of the Buchanan City Hall. This money is in an escrow fund to be used when the Buchanan City Hall refurbishes a larger building on the north side of the railroad tracks, across from the current post office on Route 120 north.

Parsonages: J. M. Fowler, who served as pastor, 1901-1903, was the first minister to live in the first Buchanan Methodist parsonage. According to the deeds, the parsonage was located on the north side of Griffith Street between Van Wert and Cedartown Street (now U.S. 27). By checking the city map, it is found that if this street were extended it would run between the present parsonage at 210 Van Wert Street and the home of Curtis Richards. It is doubtful this was as open street. In 1918 the parsonage was in such a state of neglect that the lower floor of a big two-story house called "the dormitory" on College Street, which belonged to three prominent church- men, was used for a parsonage. At least two ministers lived in "the dormitory" before it mysteriously burned down. From 1924-1927, being a half charge church, the minister lived in Villa Rica, the other half of the charge. In 1927 the old parsonage had been remodeled, and the minister lived in Buchanan. After some time and minimal repairs the parsonage was again in disrepair and not worth remodeling. It was agreed that a new parsonage was a necessity. Finally, in 1958, R.B. Griffith had offered a lot on Head Avenue for a new parsonage; however, there was much disagreement about its being located elsewhere. Finally, it was decided to tear down the old parsonage and build the new one on the same spot facing the same street. The mortgage was burned in 1963.

The inside of the present parsonage, particularly the furnishings, have been restored several times. In 1974 all of the furniture was refurbished. In 1977 it was necessary to completely restore or replace everything including furniture, bathroom fixtures, and kitchen fixtures. In 1995, a screened porch was added to the back of the house facing U.S. 27.

In recent years, there has been concern that the two bedroom parsonage is not adequate for a family with two or more children. An estimate was obtained for the addition of a third bedroom, but the cost was prohibitive. The Baptist Church whose parking lot adjoins the Methodist property has indicated an interest in obtaining the United Methodist parsonage property by swapping their pastorium on Carrollton Street for our parsonage on Van Wert. Conversations and visits to both buildings have continued over the last six months, but no agreement has yet been proposed. First Baptist wants the Methodist property, and we want their larger house. The future will tell.

Corner Parking Lot: In the mid-1990's an old Sinclair filling station on the corner of routes 120 and Business 27 was sold to Buchanan United Methodist Church for approximately \$35,000.00. The underground gas tanks were dug up and hauled away. Broken concrete and the old building itself were also removed. The corner was turned into a church parking lot and is also used for

parking at City Hall. A sign board with space for changeable messages was placed on the corner at the intersection and has provided good advertisement for the life and events of Buchanan United Methodist Church.

Over A Century of Service

More than 120 years later, one cannot know what inspired those four original founders to start this church. Yet through it, dedicated men and women have served God and their neighbors, gaining their peace and satisfaction for a job well done in God's name. As God has let it stand, God must have a purpose for it. In that the church remained so long a "student church," pastored by many Emory theological students, we have been given a chance to nourish the early ministry of many student pastors, and there are other ministries to prepare for, especially as the Atlanta suburbs grow in our direction.

During hard times and in good times, this same dedication which has endured for over 100 years will continue to be blessed by God and will provide a United Methodist witness in Buchanan.

Pastors Who Have Served
Buchanan United Methodist Church

*Emory Student

Billy Simpson (Organized) 1879

J.G. Worley	1879-1880
No record	1880-1882
F.P. Langford	1882-1883
No record	1883-1886
J. Reese/H.M. Smith	1886-1887
No record	1887-1888
L.D. Coggins	1888-1890
E.T. Hendrick	1890-1891
J.C. Edmonds/J.M. Crowe	1891-1892
S.A. Harris	1892-1893
W.G. Crawley	1893-1894
J.W. Barley	1894-1895
B.F. Searcy/J.T. Robbins	1895-1896
J.D. Turner	1896-1898
C.P. Marchman	1898-1900
C.M. Verdell	1900-1901
J.M. Fowler	1901-1904
J.E. Rorie	1904-1905
B.H. Greene	1905-1906
L.H. Greene	1906-1907
J.W. King	1907-1910
F.D. Cantrell	1910-1912
W.S. Gaines	1912-1913
C.A. Norton	1913-1915
J.W. Veatch	1915-1918
E.P. Eubanks	1918-1919
D.S. Patterson	1919-1920
G.P. Braswell	1920-1923
O.P. McDerment	1923-1924
G.W. Hamilton	1924-1926
T.H. Maxwell	1926-1927
E.P. Driskell	1927-1928
Carl Stanley	1928-1930
H.D. Pace	1930-1931
J.W. Chidsey	1931-1934
T.H. Williams	1934-1935
J.L. Black	1935-1938
L.G. Hendricks	1938-1939
M.B. Sams	1939-1941
Charles R. Williams*	1941-1945

J.V. Jones	1945-1948
Hollis Brigham*	1948-1950
George E. Chambers*	1950-1951
Garnet Wilder*	1951-1953
Lewis Shurburt*	1953-1954
Larry Bauman*	1954-1955
F.C. Hicks	1955-1956
James D. Slay*	1956-1959
Charles Boling*	1959-1962
John Morris	1962-1963
Hoyt Jenkins*	1963-1966
Charlton Storey*	1966-1967
Henderson Rasberry*	1967-1971
Ross Tipps*	1971-1974
Randy Newkirk*	1974-1977
Charles Wallom*	1977-1979
Rick Cornwell*	1979-1982
Ralph E. Rivers	1982-1983
Raymond H. Lowe	June-Dec.. 1983
Larry H. Woodall	Jan. 1984-1987
Terry Fleming	1987-1990
Michael Martin	1990-1991
William Warnock	1991-1993
Robert Powers	1993-1996
Kendra Grimes	1996-1998
Tavye Morgan	1998-2000
Mary Lou Gilbert	2000-

Sidelines

- * In the days before funeral homes, it was the custom for the church bell to be tolled from the time the body was taken from the home until it reached the church. Both the Methodist and Baptist bells ringing at unusual hour was a fire signal.
- * Rev. C. M. Verdell was known as the "buttermilk and sugar man." The weekends when he was to preach in Bremen, on Saturday he would walk to Bremen, visit among the members, preach, and on Monday morning walk back to Buchanan. He attributed his ability to walk so far and so fast to his drinking buttermilk with sugar in it.
- * Rev. G. P. Braswell was an outdoorsman who loved hunting and fishing.
- * A Hungarian man, Jake Estvanko, came to church here for years. He did not understand Prohibition and continue to make his own wine. When he was brought before the judge, his only comment was "Every Sunday I hitch up my mule and go up to Mr. Biddy McCammas [Billy McCalman's] Sunday School." The judge said, "But you are accused of making wine." Again, he said, "Every Sunday I hitch up my mule and go up to Mr. Biddy McCammas Sunday School." After six or seven times of the same response, the judge gave up and said, "All right, you hitch up your mule and go up to Mr. Biddy McCammas Sunday School!"
- * Rev. Henderson Rasberry in his conference report said, "When the members finally make up their minds, they stick by their conviction."
- * Rev. W.G. Crawley told his congregation, "Heaven is my home, but I'm not homesick."
- * Several weeks after planting, Rev. Hoyt Jenkins asked Ward Mabry when the watermelons should come up that Ward had so precisely instructed him how to plant. Ward had told him to plant his seeds before sun-up May 1. After a little questioning, it was noted that Hoyt had misunderstood and planted each seed 21 inches deep instead of hills 21 inches apart. Hoyt had spent several hours in the middle of the night digging holes deep enough to plant his seeds.
- * Rev. Walter Chidsey, returning here to preach Homecoming said, "After the Courthouse clock strikes 12:00, nobody hears one word I say."
- * Elizabeth Stanley, pianist for many years, failed to begin the doxology at the proper time. Janice Willis Boatwright being nearby whispered, "Praise God, Elizabeth." And Elizabeth loudly responded with "Praise God, what!"
- * Many have fond memories of Mr. Charlie Newton as he led the singing keeping time by jingling the change in his pocket and patting his foot.
- * Mr. & Mrs. Charles Newton and Mr. and Mrs. Ward Mabry were attending conference at Lake Junaluska where parking was a problem since so many were reserved for Bishop or Doctor so and so. Ward painted a sign at the Recreation Department and installed it in one of the spaces. Mr. Newton being an avid bream fisherman, the sign stated "Reserved—Dr. C. Bream Newton." The space remained open for the entire time; Mr. Newton kept the sign until his death.
- * Not knowing the church silver had been stolen, Wilson Willis bought a set of silver from a man obviously trying to sell his stolen merchandise. Mr. Willis bought it in hopes of finding the real owner, only to find it was the church's silver.
- * Many of our preachers have learned the signal for ending up their sermons when Mrs. Newton began to powder her nose.
- * Who can forget the vast boom in our youth program when Henderson Rasberry was here as pastor?!

*Rev. Hoyt Jenkins was right when he looked over his Sunday evening congregation to see Bobby Deal and Ward Mabry were missing—knowing quite well they were fishing in Whit Wyatt's lake where he had shown them a bream bed the day before.

*Many remember with fondness the annual "Singing Christmas Tree."

*We have been honored many times by great personalities coming to our church: Ray Moore (with WAGA-TV at the time) came and spoke; Ben Fortson, Secretary of State came and spoke; and Harold McWhorter, now a successful recording artist, began as our music director and still comes back often. Our best known personality was an active member of our church: Whit Wyatt's baseball career has included being pitcher for the Brooklyn Dodgers, manager for the Atlanta Crackers, and pitching coach for the Milwaukee/Atlanta Braves.

*Can you remember a Sunday when at least one Calhoun has not been in Sunday School?
Not likely.

*It's been said that Ric Mabry is actually married to Henderson Rasberry. Due to Ric's nervousness during the wedding, he said the vows to Henderson and never even looked at Martha the entire ceremony.

*When Hilda McCalman was married in our church, the formal evening wedding found the men wearing tails. After the reception, the couple left, leaving one of Hilda's suitcases behind. Anyone knowing her father's (Stanley McCalman) small stature can imagine him running down the driveway carrying the suitcase with his tails flapping only several inches from the ground.

A Few Gifts and Memorials

- Communion-ware given by G.R. Roberts
- Cover for communion-ware given by Betty Carroll's class
- Pulpit and altar furniture given by the estate of G.W. Roberts by Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Newton
- Altar set given in memory of Mr. & Mrs. J.W. White by their daughters, Mrs. Frank Nash and Mrs. J.W. (Edna) Wyatt
- Pastors study furnished in memory of Mr. I. N. Daniell
- Nursery furnished in memory of a great grandchild of Mr. & Mrs. T.H. Backus
- A parlor is presently being furnished in memory of Mrs. G. B. Richards by her daughter Mrs. Dennis Hodge.
- Many monetary donations from former members, the last and largest being \$5,000.00 from the Charles B. Newton Estate.
- Communion linens recently given by an anonymous donor.
- The family of Arnold Barton gave a number of cokesbury Hymnals to finish the number given by the Women's Group.
- A pottered chalice and Communion paten were given by Mrs. Connie Kealey in memory of the late George Kealey.