"A church building casts its influence upon a community for years, sometimes for generations. It is a great blessing to any community to possess such a structure. It is to do one of the most certain of public goods to have a hand in the erection of a beautiful church."

—Von Ogden Vogt.

“When we build, let us think we build forever. Let it not be for present delight nor present use alone. Let it be such work as our descendants will thank us for, and let us think, as we lay on stone, that a time will come when those stones will be held sacred because our hands have touched them, and that men will say as they look upon our labor, ‘See! This our Fathers did for us’.”

—John Ruskin.
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FOREWORD

Jesus said, "The Kingdom of Heaven is like to a grain of mustard seed which a man took and hid in his field, which indeed is the least of all seeds, but when it is grown, it is the greatest of herbs, and becometh a tree." From small beginnings God's work proceeds. From an organization of nineteen persons meeting in a private home twenty-eight years ago there has grown one of the great churches of American Methodism.

Just as it has taken many people to make the church, it has required many people to produce this book. To those on whom he has leaned most heavily the author wishes here to acknowledge his great indebtedness.

Mrs. C. J. Cofer, a founder and the first Church Secretary, kept careful minutes of the early proceedings. The late Mrs. R. E. Andoe, a founder, wrote historical sketches of the first years. Mrs. G. H. Wood, a charter member, has, for more than two decades, collected worship bulletins, programs, newspaper clippings, and other items of historical interest. Mr. James L. Respess, Sr., a founder, from the beginning has kept an accurate account of all money raised for building purposes. Officers of all organizations have, on the whole, preserved good records.

The Historical Committee helped in recalling notable events, in securing important data, in correcting the manuscript, and in offering valuable suggestions concerning many details of the book.

The following members of the staff assisted in collecting essential information: W. Thomas Smith, Frank Gulley, Jr., Miss Hazel Wade, Miss Jean Buchanan, Miss Jean Burns, Miss Bette Burks, Mrs. R. E. Stewart, Mrs. Bruce M. Hughes.

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To all who have helped, during the last twenty-eight years, to make this church's history, and to all who have assisted, during recent months, to record and to publish this church's history the author gives his heartfelt thanks. God bless them all.

In spite of the fact that great care has been taken to write a correct account of the church's development, it is practically certain that important events have been left out, that many names have been omitted, and that other errors have been made. Let the reader be assured that such mistakes have been due entirely to some regrettable oversight. It is strongly urged that any omission or error be reported in writing to the pastor or to the Chairman of the Historical Committee in order that in future revisions of this book proper corrections may be made.

With a sincere prayer that this church's splendid record may inspire all present and future members to achieve greater things for Christ, this book is released.

Peachtree Road Methodist Church
Atlanta, Georgia
February 23, 1953

Nat G. Long
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Prayers for a Methodist Church

The person chiefly to be credited with starting Peachtree Road Methodist Church was the Reverend E. H. Wood, a retired Methodist minister. For many years he prayed for a church of his faith in the Buckhead section. He constantly talked to fellow Methodists and sought to awaken in them a like desire. He inspired small groups to pray for a Methodist Church. One such group was led by Mrs. M. D. Jamerson in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. Clyde Roberts.

Religious Survey of the Buckhead Community

In January, 1925, the Reverend J. C. Adams, Extension Secretary of the Sunday School Board of the North Georgia Conference, along with Mr. C. J. Cofer, a resident of the Buckhead section, and nineteen theological students from Emory University made a religious survey of an area of one mile’s radius around the business center of Buckhead. Hundreds of Methodists were found. It was evident that thousands of people would soon be moving into this territory. The canvass of the community confirmed the belief of the Reverend Mr. Wood and of others that a Methodist Church should here be established.

Presiding Elder Is Consulted

Soon after the survey, consultations were held by the Reverend Mr. Adams, Mr. Cofer, and the Reverend Mr. Wood with Dr. W. L. Pierce, Presiding Elder of the Atlanta
District, concerning the possibility of organizing a Methodist Church at Buckhead. Dr. Pierce encouraged the project and indicated the steps to be taken toward the desired end.

**The Church Is Organized**

On April 28, 1925, Dr. Pierce and the Reverend Mr. Wood called together in the home of Dr. and Mrs. M. T. Salter, 3221 Peachtree Road, N. E., Atlanta, Georgia, a group of interested Methodists for the purpose of establishing a Methodist Church. Under the leadership of these two ministers, the Church was there organized and given the name of "The Peachtree Road Methodist Church." The Reverend Mr. Wood was appointed the first pastor.

**Founders of the Church**

It was indicated at the organization meeting that nineteen persons would put their membership in the new church: Mrs. E. H. Wood, Guy H. Wood, Miss Ruth Wood, Miss Mary Wood, Mrs. M. T. Salter, Dr. and Mrs. F. D. Salter, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Andoe, Mrs. L. H. Seymour, Miss Caroline Seymour, Mrs. Eva Miller, Mrs. J. C. Henderson, Mrs. Elizabeth Walker, Mr. and Mrs. James L. Respess, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Cofer, Miss Josephine Cofer. These nineteen have ever since been known as Founders of Peachtree Road Methodist Church. One of them, Mrs. C. J. Cofer, was named Church Secretary.

**Other Preliminary Meetings**

On May 5, 11, 25, 29, and 31, 1925, five other church meetings were held at the home of Dr. and Mrs. M. T. Salter. It is likely that at some of these preliminary meetings in May other interested Methodists than the nineteen founders were in attendance.

On May 5, 1925, it was decided that the church should
Mrs. E. H. Wood, Mayon Ave.
Mrs. H. H. Wood
Miss Mary Wood
Miss Ruth Wood
Mrs. M. T. Satter, 7th Ave.
Mrs. F. B. Satter
Mrs. F. D. Satter
Mr. R. E. Andee, W. Shadow Lane Ave.
Mr. R. E. Andee
Mrs. L. H. Seymour, Highland Dr.
Miss Caroline Seymour
Mrs. E. V. Miller, Peachtree Rd.
Mrs. J. C. Henderson
Mr. Jno. L. Respress, Piedmont Rd.
Mrs. Jno. L. Respress
Mrs. Elizabeth Walker, Peachtree Rd.
Mr. Chas. J. Cofler, Decoy Rd.
Mrs. Chas. J. Cofler
Miss Josephine Cofler
purchase a lot on Peachtree Road near the Buckhead business center. The present corner of Peachtree Road and Sardis Way, 3122 Peachtree Road, N. E., is the approximate location of the lot. The church, having no money, gave its note for $15,000 to certain individuals. Payments were to be made on the note semi-annually.

It was also decided that a temporary wooden chapel should be erected. G. W. Cooley was put in charge of buying lumber and building the chapel.

First Baptisms

On May 5, 1925, in the home of Dr. and Mrs. M. T. Salter, the Reverend E. H. Wood administered Christian baptism to two infants, Cordelia Ann Salter, and Ann Cora Cornwell, granddaughters of Dr. and Mrs. Salter.

First Building

By the first week in June, 1925, the chapel was partially completed; it had a roof and a floor, but no walls. It was a very rough tabernacle.

First Services of Public Worship

On Sunday, June 7, 1925, at eleven o'clock, the first public worship service was held with Bishop U. V. W. Darlington preaching. Throughout that week on successive evenings, the following ministers preached: J. W. Quillian of Druid Hills; S. P. Wiggins, Conference Missionary Secretary; W. H. Boring, Local Preacher; S. R. Belk of Grace Methodist Church; Costen J. Harrell of First Methodist Church; T. R. Kendall, Sr., retired Methodist Minister. On Sunday, June 14, 1925, Bishop Warren A. Candler preached, and for the church received an offering of $1,182 in cash and subscriptions.
THE HOME OF DR. AND MRS. M. T. SALTER, WHERE THE CHURCH WAS ORGANIZED.

First Board of Stewards
The first Board of Stewards consisted of the following: Frank O’Neal, Chairman; R. E. Andoe, Treasurer; C. J. Cofer, G. W. Cooley, Sr., James L. Respess, Sr.

First Board of Trustees
The first Board of Trustees consisted of the following: G. W. Cooley, Sr., Chairman; E. B. Adams, Ex-Governor Hugh Dorsey, Dr. M. T. Salter and James L. Respess, Sr.

The Sunday School
The Reverend E. H. Wood served temporarily as acting Sunday School Superintendent. Mrs. C. J. Cofer
organized the Sunday School, classified the pupils, and ordered literature. The first session of the Sunday School was held on June 7, 1925, with forty-five men, women, and children present. The offering was seven dollars. On October 7, 1925, Mr. R. L. Ruble was named Superintendent. He served until 1927. Mrs. M. D. Jamerson was named Assistant Superintendent.

The First Church School Secretary

From 1925 to 1927 Fay C. Boland was the first regular Church School Secretary. He was succeeded in 1928 by C. J. Cofer who has held the position until the time of the writing of this history, 1953.

The Epworth League

In November, 1925, Mrs. W. Clyde Roberts organized the first Epworth League and served as its President until 1927. Miss Elizabeth Riley was the President from 1927 until 1928. Frank Barrett served as President from 1928 to 1930 when, by General Conference order, the Epworth League work was merged with the Church School Program. Among the first young people in the Epworth League were J. B. Duke, Benson Barrett, Josephine Cofer, and Carol Wimberly.

The Woman's Missionary Society

On June 24, 1925, Mrs. Virlyn Moore, Secretary of the Atlanta District Woman's Missionary Society, organized the Peachtree Road Methodist Woman's Missionary Society in the home of Mrs. R. E. Andoe, 3218 West Shadowlawn Avenue, N. E. Seventeen women were present. Mrs. M. D. Jamerson was elected the first President.
The Church Music

From April, 1925, to September, 1925, Mrs. C. J. Cofer played the piano at all services. In October, 1925, Miss Leona Wood and Mrs. C. H. Wetmore were named pianists. On December 1, 1925, Miss Leona Wood was appointed Choir Director.

The First Wedding

There was no wedding in the Church for the first five years. It was after the wooden auditorium had been added in front of the original tabernacle that the wedding ritual was first said at Peachtree Road. On May 8, 1930, the Reverend T. H. Shackleford performed the marriage ceremony of Miss Jo Beth Apperson and Mr. Walter M. Garrard.
The Charter Members

Nineteen founders organized the Church on April 28, 1925. On June 7, 1925, when the first service of public worship was held, twenty others joined the newly organized church: Mrs. C. H. Wetmore, Mrs. George Lunsford, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Beall, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. O'Neal, Mr. and Mrs. P. O. Welborn, Mrs. A. L. McMullin, Mrs. Maud Orr Tiller, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Barber, Mrs. Dorothy Landrum, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Cooley, Sr., Raymond Cooley, Miss Jessie Mae Cooley, Miss Elizabeth Cooley, G. W. Cooley, Jr., and Mr. Herbert Salter.

Between June 7, 1925, and the end of the conference year, December 1, 1925, forty-nine other members joined the Church: Mr. and Mrs. Harry H. Payne, Harry H. Payne, Jr., Mrs. W. H. Roane, Dr. and Mrs. M. D. Jamerson, Miss Katherine Jamerson, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Foster, Mr. and Mrs. John F. Moor, Mr. J. N. Seymour, Mr. George Lunsford, Mr. J. C. Henderson, Mr. Jesse E. Wood, Miss Leona Wood, Mrs. W. W. Duke, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Thompson, Mrs. C. R. Moss, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Adams, Miss Caroline Adams, Mr. E. B. Adams, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Black, Dr. Roy Y. Moss, Miss Maude V. Mays (Mrs. J. R. Andrews), Mr. and Mrs. W. Clyde Roberts, Clarence Roberts, Joe Milton Roberts, Marion Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Barrett, Frank Barrett, Mary Louise Barrett, Benson Barrett, Mary Nan Johnston, Lucy W. Lofton, Miriam Moor, Mrs. C. C. Johnston, Mrs. R. F. Ashurst, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Lofton, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Ruble, John L. Ruble, and Mr. C. E. Lovett.

Eighty-eight members were received during the brief pastorate of the Reverend E. H. Wood, from April 28 to December 1, 1925. The eighty-eight persons are considered the charter members.
The Young Church Falls Into Difficulty

Within a little more than a year after its beginning, the young church fell into grave difficulty. The church had been encouraged to believe that from the North Georgia Conference funds would come to help toward the purchase of the lot. Very little outside assistance came. In July, 1926, the church did not have the money to meet the payment that was due. A law suit was instituted to foreclose the mortgage. The church was in distress.

Emory University came to the church’s rescue, paying off all its indebtedness and working out an arrangement whereby reasonable payments could be made monthly. Over a period of several years, the church had great difficulty in meeting its obligations. Often payments could not be made on time, but Emory University cooperated with the church, and finally the debt was paid on April 20, 1941.

On several occasions the members of the church had their hopes lifted high only to be dashed to the ground again. In the early years there was some talk that Wesley Memorial Methodist Church might be sold to the Southern Bell Telephone Company for $150,000 and if such should be done, Peachtree Road might be given $50,000. This did not happen.

In 1932, in 1933, and in 1941 meetings were held by representatives of Peachtree Road Methodist Church and representatives of First Methodist Church concerning the possibility of a merger of the two churches and the construction of an adequate building. Conversations between the two groups became serious in 1941. A committee composed of representatives from both churches went so far as to select a lot on the opposite side of the street from the present location of Peachtree Road Methodist Church.

There was some disagreement as to what the new church should be named. Some said that it should be called “The First Methodist Church.” Others said it should be
designated "The First Peachtree Methodist Church." Some of the older members of First Methodist Church vigorously opposed the move. Some of the members of Peachtree Road Methodist Church were lukewarm. The whole project fell through.

By 1941 the Church had gained strength. The hope of receiving any considerable help from the outside was entirely abandoned. The people rallied, they prayed, they worked, they determined to go forward alone!
CHAPTER II
GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT
OF ORGANIZATIONS

The Board of Stewards

Chairmen of the Board of Stewards for the years indicated have been:

F. A. O'Neal, 1925-1927
James L. Respess, Sr., 1928-1932
Jesse M. Wood, 1933-1934
Chas. G. Boland, 1935
W. L. Ballenger, 1936
Guy H. Wood, 1937-1938
W. B. Miller, 1939-1940
W. R. Bentley, 1941

Troy Chastain, 1942-1943
R. A. Calvert, 1944-1945
A. G. Maxwell, 1946-1948
C. R. Justi, 1949-1950
L. P. Jervey, 1951
E. O. Kellum, 1952
Banks O. Godfrey, Sr., 1953

The Official Board

On May 28, 1952, the Board of Stewards became the Official Board under the new plan for the Local Church adopted by the General Conference in San Francisco, April 22 through May 7, 1952. Banks O. Godfrey, Sr., was elected to serve for the conference year, July 1, 1952, to June 30, 1953, as Chairman of the Official Board.

Members of the Board of Stewards and the Official Board

The following persons have at various times from 1925 until 1953 served as Stewards of the Peachtree Road Methodist Church:


Troy G. Nabers, A. Walton Nall, George R. Neal.


J. A. Quillian.


John C. Tappan, Marvin Tappan, J. I. Tate, Nathan T. Teague, Fred Thomas, J. W. Thomas, W. L. Thomason, H. M.

Joe Valdes, C. B. Verdery.


C. J. Yates.

Honorary Stewards

In 1948 Dr. W. L. Ballenger, T. B. Ewing, and G. W. Rowbotham were elected as honorary stewards.

Trustees

From the beginning of the Church in 1925 until 1953 only two men have held office as Chairman of the Board of Trustees:

G. W. Cooley, 1925-1933
James L. Respess, Sr., 1934-1953

Members of the Board of Trustees

At various times from the beginning, the following have served as Trustees:

E. B. Adams
W. L. Ballenger, Sr.
C. G. Boland
R. A. Calvert
Mrs. A. L. Carter
W. L. Chambers
G. W. Cooley, Sr.
Hugh M. Dorsey
C. O. Johnson
C. E. Lovett
Mrs. Ed Miller

W. B. Miller
George C. Mizell
Paul Mote
J. D. Norris
James L. Respess, Sr.
C. H. Robeson
R. L. Ruble
G. H. Wetmore
G. H. Wood
M. T. Salter
Mrs. G. H. Wood
The Methodist Men’s Club

On November 17, 1952, at the call of the pastor, Nat G. Long, two hundred and fifty men of the Church met in the Great Hall for a banquet. This group organized the Methodist Men’s Club. The following officers were elected:

- C. M. Kennedy, Jr., President.
- Thomas Wood, Vice-President at Large.
- Alva G. Maxwell, Vice-President representing the Men’s Class.
- G. H. Doyle, Vice-President representing the Adult Bible Class.
- John Morris, Vice-President representing the Wesley Fellowship Class.
- John Morgan, Vice-President representing the Friendship Class.
- Hogarth Sandeford, Vice-President representing the Young Adult Class.
- V. O. Rankin, Jr., Secretary.
- Hugh Marshall, Assistant Secretary.
- Frank Jones, Treasurer.
- Marvin Woollen, Assistant Treasurer.

The Sunday School

Superintendents of the Sunday School

- E. H. Wood, 1925.

Superintendents of the Church School

In 1930 the General Conference of the Methodist Church changed the name of the Sunday School to the Church School.

- J. E. White, 1931-1933.
- C. G. Boland, 1934-1943.
- C. H. Robeson, 1944-1948.

Assistants to the General Superintendent

At various times since 1948 the following have served as assistants to the General Superintendent: H. M. Thomp-
Division Superintendents

At various times since 1933 the following have served as Children's Division Superintendents: Mrs. James L. Respess, Sr., Mrs. C. H. Wetmore, Mrs. C. H. Robeson, Mrs. C. A. Rauschenberg, Mrs. O. H. Sale, Mrs. Julian Clark, Mrs. O. C. Dobbs, and Mrs. Henry Wagnon.

From 1934 until 1952 James F. Cox was the Superintendent of the Adult Division. He was succeeded by Thomas Wood on July 1, 1952.

Since 1933, the following have served as Superintendents of the Youth Division in this order: W. L. Ballenger, Sr., C. H. Robeson, Mrs. John T. Patton, Mrs. James F. Cox, and Mrs. Elton Brown, Mrs. John T. Patton again became the Youth Department Superintendent on July 1, 1952.

Adult Classes

The Church School as of January 1953 had seven adult classes with a total of more than nine hundred members.

The Young Adult Class

The Young Adult Class was organized in October, 1948, by Mr. and Mrs. A. Levy Rogers and Miss Denny Wells Spencer. The first meeting was attended by eight persons. The membership in 1953 was twenty-five. Mrs. O. H. Wesley, Dr. Geo. C. Seward and Mrs. G. Ray Mitchell have been the teachers. The following have served as the presidents:

Bob Barrett
Denny Wells Spencer
Jim Walker

Bolling Branham
Hogarth Sandeford
The Friendship Class

The Friendship Class, for men and women, grew out of a group known as “The Post Kollege Klass.” It was organized in November, 1942, with seven members. One person has served as the teacher, Miss Daisy Davies. Mrs. W. C. Roberts and D. M. Byrd, Jr., have served as assistant teachers. The presidents have been:

- Mrs. H. A. Sigman
- Mrs. J. A. Flewellyn, Jr.
- Mrs. B. B. Beason
- George Bailey
- Park Gerdine
- Mrs. Richard Head
- Caraker Paschall
- Hugh Marshall
- Walter Sheffield
- Charles Cooper

The enrollment of the class on January 1, 1953, was two hundred and fifty.

Wesley Fellowship Class

The Wesley Fellowship Class, for men and women, was organized in October, 1936, with eleven members. The teachers have been: J. E. White, James F. Cox, G. Ray Mitchell, John Dunaway, H. M. Thompson, Mrs. Charles Robeson, and Judge T. Grady Head. Presidents of the class have been: T. D. Fletcher, Ben Hutchinson, John Tappan, Olney Rankin, Walton Nall, Bob Hallenberg, Jerry Wing, Banks Godfrey, Lewis Barnes, Harry Maugans, Ray Edmondson, E. S. Walkley, H. M. Thompson, Norman Kohn, G. Ray Mitchell, Irwin Wootton, Harold McDonald, Henry Mays, John Morris, M. B. Hobbs, and E. K. Jamison. There was a membership of three hundred as of January, 1953.

Ethel Ballenger Class

The Ethel Ballenger Class, for women, grew out of a class known as the Win-One Bible Class. It was organized in 1945 and named for the beloved teacher of the Win-One Bible Class. Teachers of the class have been: Mrs. W. L.
Ballenger, Sr., and Mrs. Fred Thomas. Assistant teachers have been: Mrs. W. A. Burns, Mrs. W. C. Roberts, Mrs. H. M. Thompson, Mrs. T. J. Burke and Mrs. C. G. Boland. Presidents of the class have been: Mrs. A. J. Ayers, Mrs. A. G. Trundle, Mrs. H. H. McPherson, Mrs. W. A. Burns, Mrs. A. W. Mays, Mrs. C. R. Justi, and Mrs. C. M. Kennedy, Jr. This class has a membership of fifty-five.

The Men’s Bible Class

The Men’s Bible Class was organized in 1944. Teachers have been J. B. Ragsdale, Judge Eugene Gunby, W. Thomas Smith, Judge T. Grady Head, and Chas. Robeson. Presidents have been: C. M. Kennedy, Jr., Arthur McDonald, Henry Wagnon, Ed Callaham, Tom Wood, George McWhirter, and Nathan Teague. Membership of this class is one hundred and thirty.

The Gleaners Class

The Gleaners Class, for women, was organized in September, 1948, with seven members. The first and only teacher is Mrs. Alva G. Maxwell. Assistant teachers have been: Mrs. Arthur Davis and Mrs. Harry DeLung. Membership of this class is one hundred and seven.

Presidents of Gleaners Class: Mrs. Hugh Crossett, Mrs. John A. Darsey, Mrs. Freeman Strickland, Mrs. J. B. Gillespie, and Mrs. William J. Davis.

Adult Bible Class

The Adult Bible Class was founded in 1942 by the merger of two classes: the Men’s Bible Class and the Ladies’ Class. Teachers have been: Mrs. John Wood, Mrs. E. W. Brogdon, C. M. Stovall, Judge Clarence Bell, Henry Henderson, Mrs. O. H. Wesley, Judge Jesse Wood, and Judge T. Grady Head. Presidents have been: W. C. Thompson, Mrs. G. H. Wood, L. P. Cobb, G. H. Doyle, Mrs. T. R.
Sanders, Mrs. Clarence Bell, J. E. McJenkin and Wallace Cowan. The membership of the class is thirty-eight.

*The Church School Enrollment*

On January 1, 1953, there was an enrollment as follows:

- **Children's Division** .......... 875
- **Youth Division** ................. 500
- **Adult Division** .................. 925
- **Total** .......................... 2300

**WORKERS IN THE CHURCH SCHOOL FROM 1925 TO 1953**

(The following is an incomplete list of the persons who have, at various times from 1925 until 1953, been workers in the Church School. Due to faulty records names of many workers have doubtless been left out. Readers of this history are requested to report omissions to the pastor and to the Chairman of the Committee on History in order that corrections may be made in a future revision of this book.)

**CHILDREN'S DIVISION WORKERS**

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Scout Activities

On December 7, 1942, Boy Scout Troop No. 59 was organized. The following have served as Chairmen of the Scout Committee:

C. M. Stovall, 1942-1945
L. P. Cobb, 1946
C. M. Stovall, 1947
Andrew J. Roberts, 1948
W. K. Meadow, 1949

The following have served as Scout Masters:

Frank McCormack, Jr., 1942-1944
J. O. Hightower, 1945
W. L. Ballenger, Jr., 1946
Henry B. Mays, Jr., 1947

In December, 1952, the following received “The God and Country Award”:

Robert A. Calvert, Jr.
James Powell Hunter, Jr.

Their work was directed by the Reverend W. Thomas Smith.
The following in Troop 59 have attained the rank of Eagle Scout:

The following in Troop 59 are members of the Order of the Arrow:
Jack Freeman, Powell Hunter, Norman Kohn, R. E. Lynch, III (Chapter Chief), Tom Sims, William A. Rhea, III.

The following Peachtree Road Members have attained honors in other Troops:
Eagles: Henry W. Bookout, Jr. (238), Andrew Yantis (238), Clyde M. Kennedy, III (5), David Thomas (5), John H. Patton (122), Ray Lewis (122), John Staton, Jr. (212), John Boman, Jr. (212), Lyman Johnson (86).
Order of Arrow: Henry W. Bookout, Jr. (238), David Thomas (5), Clyde M. Kennedy, III (5), Andrew Yantis (238), Lyman Johnson, Jr. (86).

Officials honored by membership in the Order of the Arrow:
Arnold C. Swain
J. P. Hunter
John A. Dunaway
John H. Lander

As of January, 1953, there were fifty Scouts.

Explorers
The Explorer Scout Unit was organized in 1948 with V. O. Rankin, Jr., as Advisor. Other Advisors have been Dick Garland, W. W. Timmis, and R. J. Taylor, III.
The following have served as Chairmen of the Committee: L. V. Johnson, Oliver Sale, and T. E. Sims.
In 1951 W. Thomas Smith, Assistant Pastor, was made Troop Chaplain. He served until December 31, 1952.
Cubs

In 1944, Cub Pack Number Three was organized with R. W. Williams as the first Chairman of the Pack Committee and Norman Kohn as the first Cub Master.

Chairmen of the Cub Pack Committee have been:
R. W. Williams, 1944
John H. Lander, 1945-1946
H. B. Wynn, 1947
L. P. Cobb, 1948-1949
S. W. Hawkins, 1950
Lewis L. Barnes, 1951-1952

Cub Masters have been:
Norman Kohn, 1944-1946
Ivey L. Morrison, 1947-1948
E. K. Jamison, 1949-1951
Don Dutton, 1952-1953

One of the significant Cub programs of each year is the widely attended Minstrel show. As of December, 1952, there were seventy-nine Cubs.
Peachtree Road Members Who Have Served in Official Capacities in the National Council, the Atlanta Area Council, the North Atlanta District, and the North Fulton District of The Boy Scouts of America:

National Council
J. P. Hunter, Member-at-Large; National Committee-man, Order of Arrow.

Atlanta Area Council
John H. Lander, President; Holder of Silver Beaver Award.
Judge Eugene Gunby, President; Holder of Silver Beaver Award.
Clarence M. Stovall, Member of Executive Board of Atlanta Area Council; Holder of Silver Beaver Award.

North Atlanta District
Clarence M. Stovall, Chairman of the District; Chairman of Organization and Extension.

North Fulton District
J. P. Hunter, Chairman of the District; Chairman of Advancement.
Clyde M. Kennedy, Jr., Chairman of Explorer Division; Chairman of Activities.
Norman S. Kohn, Director of Explorer-Leader Training.
Robert B. Shelley, Chairman of Charter Presentation; Chairman of Training.
Troy G. Chastain, Chairman of the District.
Walter S. Askew, Jr., Director of Scout-Leader Training.
Charles B. Fisher, Chairman of Organization and Extension.
Girl Scouts

In 1944 the first Girl Scout Troop was organized at Peachtree Road Methodist Church with Mrs. Norman Kohn as the first group leader. Later more troops were added and a neighborhood group was formed. Mrs. Norman Kohn was named the Neighborhood Chairman in 1947. Mrs. J. H. Carter succeeded Mrs. Kohn in 1949. Mrs. W. K. Meadow was named the third Neighborhood Chairman in 1950.

As of January 1, 1953, there were meeting in the Peachtree Road Methodist Girl Scout Hut four Brownie Troops, six Intermediate Troops, and four Senior Troops, a total of fourteen troops including two hundred and forty girls.
Institutional Representatives for the Scouting Program

Mr. Norman S. Kohn was the first Institutional Representative named by the Board of Education to serve as a liaison officer between the Church and Scout Headquarters. He served in this capacity from 1947 to 1950. He was succeeded in 1950 by Walter S. Askew, Jr.

Mrs. W. K. Meadow, Neighborhood Chairman for the Girl Scouts, was in 1950 named as Institutional Representative, to serve in a liaison capacity between the Church and Girl Scout Headquarters.

The Church School Library

In May, 1949, the Church School Library was established in the Education Building with Miss Will Gary Williams as Librarian. Mrs. Lawrence Clark was named in 1952 as Assistant Librarian. Other members of the Library Committee are Mrs. John Patton, Mrs. C. A. Rauschenberg, Miss Virginia McJenkin, Miss Julia Maxwell, Miss Jean Buchanan, and Miss Hazel Wade. On January 1, 1953, there were in the library six hundred books.

The Board of Education

The first Board of Education was organized in 1933. The following have served as Chairmen of the Board:

W. L. Ballenger, Sr., 1933-1934
R. L. Ruble, 1935
C. G. Boland, 1936
J. E. White, 1937-1938
J. F. Cox, 1939-1941

Mrs. C. A. Rauschenberg, 1942-1943
J. E. White, 1944-1950
C. R. Justi, 1951-1952

The Commission on Education

On May 28, 1952, the Board of Education became the Commission on Education under the new plan for the Local Church adopted by the General Conference in San Fran-
The Woman's Missionary Society

Presidents of the Woman's Missionary Society

The following women have served as Presidents of the Woman's Missionary Society for the years indicated:

Mrs. M. D. Jamerson, 1925-1926
Mrs. R. E. Andoe, 1927
Mrs. George Lunsford, 1928
Mrs. W. E. Letts, 1929-1930
Mrs. J. L. Respess, 1931-1932
Mrs. W. E. Letts, 1933-1934
Mrs. W. E. Letts, 1935-1937
Mrs. W. B. Miller, 1938-1940

In 1940 the General Conference of The Methodist Church changed the name of the Woman’s Missionary Society to “Woman’s Society of Christian Service.”

Presidents of the Woman’s Society of Christian Service

Mrs. C. G. Boland, 1941-1943
Mrs. W. L. Ballenger, 1944-1945
Mrs. W. E. Letts, 1946-1949
Mrs. H. M. Thompson, June, 1949 - June, 1952
Mrs. Fred Thomas, 1952-1953

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1940—214 1947—325
1941—265 1948—354
1942—256 1949—375
1943—263 1950—381
1944—269 1951—433
1945—273 1952—603
1946—319 1953—648

The Woman’s Society of Christian Service, had, as of December, 1952, 16 Circles, and 648 members.

Money Raised by the Woman’s Missionary Society

The amounts raised for all purposes by the WMS for each of the years of our history are as follows:

1925—$142.00 1933—$1,124.00
1926—689.00 1934—1,343.00
1927—1,189.00 1935—1,428.00
1928—1,578.00 1936—1,453.00
1929—1,163.00 1937—1,682.00
1930—1,695.00 1938—1,695.00
1931—1,298.00 1939—1,796.00
1932—1,359.00 1940—2,135.00

Money Raised by the Woman’s Society of Christian Service

1941—$2,205.00 1947—$4,140.00
1942—1,445.00 1948—4,678.00
1943—3,802.00 1949—11,976.00
1944—3,028.00 1950—5,729.00
1945—3,349.00 1951—6,068.00
1946—3,644.00 1952—4,963.00

Treasurers of the Woman’s Society

From the beginning of the Woman’s Society in 1925 until 1953 there have been only five treasurers: Mrs. J. L. Respess, Mrs. Eva Miller, Mrs. A. L. Norris, Mrs. John Stewart, Mrs. C. H. Wetmore.
Wesleyan Service Guild

The Wesleyan Service Guild was organized in 1941 with 34 members.

Prior to the organization of the Guild there was for many years a very effective Business Women's Circle. The former members of this circle formed the nucleus of the newly organized Guild.

The following have served as Presidents of the Wesleyan Service Guild:

Miss Ruth Gibson, 1941  Miss Patricia Head, 1946-1948
Mrs. Dale Collins, 1942  Mrs. H.H. Hamrick, 1949-1951
Mrs. W.C. Thompson, 1943-1945  Mrs. E.M. Murphy, 1952-1953

The Wesleyan Service Guild has had a membership each year of its history as follows:


Money Raised by the Various Organizations for All Purposes

The Board of Stewards or the Official Board, the Church School, the Woman's Society of Christian Service, the Wesleyan Service Guild, and other organizations of the Church have together raised for all purposes for each of the years the Church has existed the following amounts:

1925—$3,890.00  1926—5,399.00  1927—10,841.00  1928—11,038.00  1929—9,126.00  1930—8,558.00  1939—13,036.00  1940—14,685.00  1941—23,202.00  1942—21,940.00  1943—47,981.00  1944—58,957.00
1931— 7,337.00  
1932— 7,182.00  
1933— 6,428.00  
1934— 7,036.00  
1935—$ 9,413.00  
1936— 9,526.00  
1937— 11,166.00  
1938— 11,388.00  
1939— 15,320.00  
1940— 14,490.00  
1941— 13,208.00  
1942— 14,900.00  
1943— 15,320.00  
1944— 16,940.00  
1945—$ 63,154.00  
1946— 72,518.00  
1947— 67,046.00  
1948— 98,349.00  
1949— 130,726.00  
1950— 187,692.00  
1951— 153,208.00  
1952— 144,900.00  
July 1 to Dec. 31, 1952— 83,581.00

From April 28, 1925, until December 31, 1952, there had been raised for all purposes a grand total of $1,299,305.

The Growth of the Membership of the Church

From April 28, 1925, until December 1, 1925, during the brief pastorate of E. H. Wood, the membership of the Church grew to 88.

C. A. Norton serving the Church in 1926, received 58 members. He reported at the end of his one-year pastorate a total of 146.

T. H. Shackleford was pastor from 1927 through 1930. He received a total of 232 members; over the same period 46 members were removed from the roll. At the end of his pastorate there was a total of 332 members.

R. J. Broyles, serving in 1931-1932, received 79 members; 37 were removed; at the end of his pastorate he reported a total membership of 374.

Nat G. Long, serving for 1933, received 48 members; 23 were removed; he reported a total of 399.

T. Z. B. Everton, serving in 1934, received 43 members; 31 were removed; he reported a total of 411.

A. Lee Hale served from 1934 through 1938. He was appointed for the year of 1939, but soon after the beginning of the conference year, he passed away; he received 442 members; 160 were removed; he reported a total membership of 693 members.

W. Graham Davis succeeded Mr. Hale; he received
83 members; 18 were removed; he reported at the end of 1939 a total membership of 758.

N. C. McPherson, Jr., served the Church from December, 1940, to August, 1942; he received 607 members; 217 were removed; he reported a total membership of 1148.

Nat G. Long began his second pastorate on December 1, 1942. From December 1, 1942, until December 31, 1952, he received a total of 2880 members; during this period 1191 members were removed; he reported on December 31, 1952, a total membership of 2837.

From April 28, 1925, until December 31, 1952, there were received into the Church a total of 4560 members; during this same period 1723 were removed, leaving 2837 members on the roll on December 31, 1952.

Directories, listing the membership of the Church, were printed in 1930, 1941, 1948, 1951, and 1953.

**The Choirs**

From April to September, 1925, there was no choir. From October, 1925, until October, 1936, a quartet was employed. In 1936 the Chancel Choir was organized; in 1945, the Junior Choir; in 1947, the Cherub, the Intermediate, the Youth Choirs, and the Men’s Chorus.

There have been three Choir Directors: Miss Leona Wood (1925-1947); Mrs. Jack Robbins (1947-1950); Mrs. Bruce M. Hughes (1950- ). Mrs. Hughes directs four choirs with a membership totaling 230.

**Reorganization of the Church**

The General Conference in San Francisco, April 22-May 8, 1952, ordered that every Church in Methodism be organized according to a new plan. On May 28, 1952, in accordance with the Discipline of 1952, the Peachtree Road Methodist Church organized the Official Board, the Commission on Evangelism, the Commission on Missions, the Commission on Education, and the Commission on Finances.
Building Lots

Near what is now the corner of Peachtree Road and Sardis Way the first lot was purchased in 1925 at a cost of $15,000.

In 1935 a lot with a house at Peachtree Road and Sardis Way was purchased at a cost of $6,000. The house became the first parsonage.

In 1941 additional lots were purchased at a cost of $7,000 to complete the square at Peachtree Road and Sardis Way. This gave the Church a frontage of 150 feet on Peachtree Road, the entire length of Sardis Way, and 125 feet on Roswell Road.

In 1941 the property at Peachtree Road and Sardis Way was sold for $41,500.

In 1941 the lot on which the Church now stands at 3180 Peachtree Road, N. E., was purchased at a cost of $17,940.

In 1945 additional land was purchased at a cost of $1,500 to make possible a fifty-foot paved street from Mathieson Drive to West Shadowlawn Avenue.

In 1947 a wooded lot to the rear of the Church was purchased by a group of individuals at a cost of $7,500; this area, more than fifty percent as large as the lot at 3180 Peachtree Road, was bought for the activities of the Church's youth program. R. L. Stephens headed the committee which secured the funds.

In November, 1952, at a cost of $1,000 about two-thirds of an acre of additional land, adjoining the wooded lot to the rear of the Church, was purchased by a group of individuals. J. P. Hunter headed the committee which raised the money.
Buildings

Temporary Structures

In 1925 the temporary wooden tabernacle was built at a cost of $1,500.

In 1928 the temporary chapel was divided into Sunday School rooms; to the chapel a kitchen was added; directly in front of the wooden tabernacle a wooden Church auditorium, seating 250 people, was built at a cost of $4,578.

Between 1928 and 1939 additional temporary wooden buildings were added at a cost of $5,000.

In 1942 all the temporary buildings were moved to 3180 Peachtree Road, N. E.
The First Parsonage

Until 1935, when a house was bought at Peachtree Road and Sardis Way, the Church had rented parsonages for the preachers. In May, 1935, A. Lee Hale and his family moved into the first parsonage owned by the Church. This house was sold, along with the other property at Peachtree Road and Sardis Way, in 1941.
The Great Hall

In 1942 a recreation building with a kitchen and dining-room facilities, and with equipment for dramatics, known as The Great Hall, was erected at a cost of $35,000. Other improvements cost $9,375.

The Great Hall was used from 1942 until 1949 for all services of public worship. Since the day it was completed, it has been continuously used for parties, banquets, pageants, plays, dinner meetings, mid-week services, and various other activities. It is equipped for the showing of motion pictures, for badminton, shuffle-board, ping pong,
and other games. It is used each Sunday morning by the
Men's Bible Class.

From September 1, 1951, until August 31, 1952, under
the direction of Mrs. R. E. Stewart, Hostess, 127 different
groups were served 13,860 meals in the Great Hall.

THE GREAT HALL
The Second Parsonage

The first parsonage, at Peachtree Road and Sardis Way, having been sold in 1941, a new one was purchased in 1942 at a cost of $11,000, at 257 Rumson Road, N. E.

THE SECOND PARSONAGE

The First Scout Hut

In 1942 a two-story Scout hut, valued at $5,000, was erected. For several years this building housed the Boy Scout Troop. It also served for several years as the meeting place for the Wesley Fellowship Class. It was used for a time by the Men's Class. In it the Sunday evening youth meetings were held. Various groups still meet there for parties. Since 1946 it has been assigned to the Girl Scouts
of the Church. It has been used, since the fall of 1951, by the Kindergarten Department of R. L. Hope Elementary School.

The Lower Floor of the Church
In 1945 the lower floor of the Church Auditorium was built at a cost of $45,000. From the beginning it has housed a part of the Children's Division of the Church School.

The Second Scout Hut
In 1946, a second Scout hut, valued at $1,500, was erected. This was used from 1946 until 1952 for the Boy Scouts. In October, 1952, it was moved to the wooded lot to the rear of the Church, and became part of the new Boy Scout Building.

The Church and the Church School Building
In 1949 the beautiful white colonial-type Church and Church School Building were erected at a cost of $485,000. Wilhoit and Smith were the Architects. Wey-Leonard Construction Company did the building.

The Church
Pews, costing $15,000, were installed. Beautiful red carpeting, a gift of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, costing $4,000, was laid. The Church with its level floor, its open chancel, its pulpit and its lectern, its altar, and its lighted candles is beautiful in its simplicity. It seats, without extra chairs, one thousand worshippers. With chairs, eleven hundred and fifty may be seated.

At first there was no organ. A grand piano was used from April, 1949, until January, 1950.

The Organ
In 1949 a contract for a three-manual organ was let to the M. P. Moller Company for $30,000. In December,
1949, the organ was installed. On February 12, 1950, the Moller organ was dedicated. Dr. Charles A. Sheldon, organist of the First Presbyterian Church, Atlanta, and designer of the organ, gave a beautiful recital.

**The Church School Building**

The Church School Building consists of three floors: the ground floor, which houses a part of the Children’s Division and one Adult Class; the street floor, which includes the offices of the pastor and of the staff, a supply room, a work room, a Youth Lounge, youth and adult class rooms; the third floor which is occupied by the Youth Division.

In 1949 and 1950 equipment, valued at $30,000, was placed in the Church School Building.

**The Youth Lounge**

The Youth Lounge, located on the street floor of the Church School Building, was beautifully equipped at a cost of more than $4,000. It includes a television set and a grand piano. Mr. and Mrs. James F. Cox headed the committee which raised the money for this important project.

**The Youth Kitchen**

On the third floor of the Church School Building a kitchen for special use by the youth of the church was fully equipped. Mrs. James F. Cox led the financial drive for this development.

**The General Kitchen**

In 1942 the general kitchen was furnished well, and it served admirably until 1949, when the Woman’s Society of Christian Service, at a cost of $6,000, installed new equipment such as larger gas ranges, a more spacious refrigerator, an automatic dish washer, and a water cooler.
**Automatic Heat Control**

Improvement of the heating system was made in 1950 at a cost of $3,000. Walter Garrard designed and installed this equipment.

**The New Scout Building**

In the fall of 1952 a new building for Scout and other youth activities was constructed on the wooded lot to the rear of the Church, and around the wooded lot a steel fence was erected. The cost of this development was $17,500.

**Improvement of Lights in Sanctuary**

In January, 1953, a group of individuals, led by J. P. Hunter and R. L. Stephens, raised $1000 for the improvement of the lighting of the sanctuary.

**Building Committees**

The first Building Committee, elected in 1925, was composed of G. W. Cooley, Chairman; J. L. Respess, Sr., and C. J. Cofer. This committee erected the wooden tabernacle and the wooden auditorium.

The second Building Committee, elected in 1941, was composed of James L. Respess, Sr., Chairman; R. A. Calvert, Clyde M. Kennedy, Jr., L. P. Cobb, and Troy G. Chastain. This Committee erected the Great Hall.

The third Building Committee, elected in 1945, was composed of C. M. Kennedy, Jr., Chairman; C. R. Justi, H. R. Maugans, Spencer Brewer, Charles H. Robeson, B. A. Martin, and W. B. Hardman. This committee erected the lower floor of the Sanctuary, the Church, and the Church School Building. W. B. Hardman had charge of erecting the
first Scout Hut and B. A. Martin had charge of erecting the second Scout Hut.

The fourth Building Committee, elected in June, 1952, was composed of Alvin Barge, Chairman; H. M. Thompson, Julian Jett, Caraker Paschall, and John A. Dunaway. This committee erected the Boy Scout Building and constructed the fence around the youth area. The Boy Scout Building is used primarily for Scout, Cub, and Explorer activities; and secondarily for other youth groups.

**Building Advisory Committee**

For the construction of the Church and of the Church School Building, a Building Advisory Committee was composed of the following:


**Committee on Interior Decoration**

In addition to the Building Committee and the Building Advisory Committee, an important committee was that on Interior Decoration which, along with the Building Committee, helped to determine the kind of tile to be used on all floors, the color of paint to be used in all Church
THE GREAT HALL CONNECTS THE CHURCH SCHOOL BUILDING AND THE CHURCH

The space in front of the Great Hall and between the Church School Building and the Church will later be used as an outdoor chapel.
THE CHURCH SCHOOL BUILDING

It houses a part of the Children's Division, the entire Youth Division, Adult Classes, and the offices of the pastor and the staff.
School rooms, the colors to be used in the Sanctuary, the type of dossal, and other such important matters. This committee was composed of: Mrs. W. E. Letts, Chairman; Mrs. D. M. Byrd, Sr., Mrs. O. H. Sale, Mrs. R. E. Stewart, Mrs. Ray Mitchell, H. M. Thompson, and R. M. Braswell.

**The Raising of Funds for Building Lots and Buildings**

From 1926 to 1940 James L. Respess, Sr., served as Chairman of the Building Fund Committee. Under his leadership, there was raised from the membership for the Building Fund, $22,463.13; from a fire loss on the original wooden Church School Building at Sardis Way, $1,033.19; from the sale in 1941 of Church property at Peachtree Road and Sardis Way, $41,500; the total raised was $64,996.32.

From 1941 through 1943 R. A. Calvert served as Chairman of the Building Fund Campaign Committee and he raised $45,872.

From 1944 through 1950 L. P. Jervey was Chairman. He raised from the membership $287,797.80; from a fire loss on the new Church School Building in 1950, $799.43; the total was $288,597.23.

For the years 1951 and 1952 Banks O. Godfrey, Sr., was Chairman. He raised from the membership $93,613.

On July 1, 1952, Harold N. Hill became Chairman. From July 1 through December 31, 1952, he had raised $25,671.

From the sale of property, from fire losses, and from the membership there has been raised for building purposes, including interest, from 1926 through December, 1952, a total of $533,065.95.

**Church Loans**

In 1925 the Church gave its note for $15,000 to various individuals.

In 1942 $20,000 was borrowed from the Citizens and
Southern National Bank in Atlanta. This loan was repaid by Easter, 1943.

In 1948-1949 $327,000 was borrowed from the Citizens and Southern National Bank as a Construction Loan.

In 1949-1950 $350,000 was borrowed from the Life Insurance Company of Georgia. This was the permanent loan used to pay off the indebtedness to the Citizens and Southern National Bank. Before the loan was made to the Church the members signed notes, underwriting the loan, amounting to a total of $375,000. An arrangement was made with the Life Insurance Company of Georgia whereby the Church would pay $2,120.93 per month for twenty years to cover principal and interest. This amounts to $25,452 per year. As of December 1, 1952, the Church had met all monthly payments on time, and was four years ahead in paying the loan.

In 1950 the Church borrowed $20,000 from the Citizens and Southern National Bank of Atlanta as the Organ Loan. This was repaid early in 1952.

In the fall of 1952, $17,500 was borrowed from the Citizens and Southern National Bank to erect a Scout building on the wooded lot to the rear of the Church, and to build a fence around the lot.

*Increase of Property Value by Years*

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The indebtedness of $247,456.28 in December, 1952, was for the church building program. In addition there was at that time an indebtedness of $17,500 on account of the new Scout building.
Memorials

A pulpit was given in 1927 by members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and the general membership of the Church in honor of the Reverend and Mrs. E. H. Wood, first pastor and his wife. The pulpit is in the Great Hall.

An altar, built by Mr. A. S. Horner, was given in 1942 by the same group in honor of Mr. and Mrs. James L. Respess, Sr. The altar is being used by the Intermediate Department in the Church School.

A brass cross, two brass vases, and two brass candelabra were given in 1942 by Mrs. Robert Clement in memory of her husband. The brass altar pieces are in use in the assembly room of the Senior Department.

A Baptismal Font, in honor of Robert Andrew Calvert, Jr., and in memory of Mr. Joseph B. Robbins, was given in 1942 by Mrs. Joseph B. Robbins, grandmother and wife.

The air conditioning system for the Great Hall was given in 1942 by Mr. Walter M. Garrard in memory of his father, Mr. George D. Garrard.

At Easter, 1949, Mr. W. R. Bentley presented a piano to the Wesley Fellowship Class in memory of his mother, Martha Owen Bentley.

A wire recording machine was given in 1950 by Mr. Frank Jones in memory of his mother, Mrs. James A. Jones.

On October 1, 1950, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph W. Williams gave two floor-length seven-branched candelabra to the Church in memory of their son, John Martin Hicks Wil-
liams, who was born January 12, 1945, and died December 7, 1949.

In 1951 Mrs. Guy H. Wood and her daughter, Miss Margaret Wood, in memory of Mr. Guy H. Wood, 1887-1943, a founder of the church, gave a partial pictorial history of the Church, including a picture of each pastor, and pictures of the following buildings: the original wooden Church at Peachtree Road and Sardis Way, the old parsonage, the new parsonage, the Great Hall, the Church School Building, and the Church. These pictures hang on the walls of the vestibule of the Church School Building.

The furnishings in the office of the Woman's Society of Christian Service were given in 1951 by Mrs. M. T. Salter's children in her memory.

Mrs. Troy G. Chastain, in memory of her husband, Mr. Troy G. Chastain, Chairman of the Board of Stewards, 1942-1943, presented in 1951 twelve brass offering plates; these are used constantly in the Church.

In 1953 Mrs. J. P. Hunter gave a brass cross and two brass candelabra in memory of her father, Mr. George Washington Wilson, who was born in 1856 and died in 1934. These brass pieces are in use in the Sanctuary.

Other Gifts

In 1942 the Reverend Frank S. Hudson, retired minister of the North Georgia Conference, gave to the Church a large Pulpit Bible which is now used at the lectern in the Sanctuary.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Verdery in 1949 presented to the Church the altar cloth, the pulpit cloth, and the lectern cloth which are now in use.

The public address system for the Sanctuary was de-
signed, installed, and given by Mr. William B. Miller, Jr.,
in 1949.

In 1949 the desk set for the pastor’s office was given
by Mr. and Mrs. James L. Respess, Sr.

For several years, beginning in 1932, Dr. Chas G. Bo­
land provided the bulletins for the services of public wor­
ship.

Beginning in 1938, Mr. Gus Russell, who is not a mem­
ber but a good friend of the Church, has provided the
bulletins for the services of public worship. He is still, in
1953, making this generous contribution.

The Woman’s Society of Christian Service in 1949
equipped the kitchen, carpeted the sanctuary, and furnished
both the pastor’s office in the Church School Building and
his study in the Church.

Mr. W. R. Copeland, in honor of his two grandchil­
dren, Linda Lathem and Louie Page Lathem, III, on two
occasions presented to the Children’s Division much needed
equipment.

R. L. Stephens and W. N. Thurman gave to the church
a film projector; O. H. Sale and Robert Tharpe, much
needed office equipment; Mrs. W. E. Waters, an Explain­
ette Operadio Projector; I. T. Ragsdale, needed equipment
for the Sanctuary; Mrs. P. A. Rhodes and Mrs. L. P. War­
ner, equipment for the library; Carl Hartrampf, a water
fountain for the church school building.

Other persons who have made special gifts to the
Church School are Herman M. Thompson, Ray A. Ed­
mondson, Otis Alvin Barge, Jr., George P. Bomar, John A.
Dunaway, E. Owen Kellum, Irwin Wootton, John T. Pat­
ton, Harold Hill, Frank Jones, O. C. Dobbs, Ed S. Walkley,
R. E. Boyle, A. C. Turley, George Rowbotham, Charles G.
Boland, and Irwin Willingham.
Brass Plaque—In 1950 the Wey-Leonard Construction Company presented to the Church a brass plaque on which these words appear:

“Peachtree Road Methodist Church
organized 1925
First Location: Peachtree Road and Sardis Way
Buildings erected here:
Great Hall—1941
Lower Floor of Church—1945
Church and Church School Building—1949”

John Wesley’s portrait—In September, 1951, Nat G. Long was appointed by Bishop Arthur J. Moore as a delegate to the Eighth Methodist Ecumenical Conference in Oxford, England. The Peachtree Road Methodist Church made it possible for the pastor and Mrs. Long to attend the Conference. Out of gratitude for and in memory of the visit to the historic places of Methodism in England, the pastor presented to the Peachtree Road Methodist Church a portrait of John Wesley, which was purchased in Wesley’s Chapel, London, where Wesley preached, where he died, and where he was buried. The original painting was done by Frank O. Salisbury. It was engraved by H. Macbeth Raeburn. The portrait hangs in the foyer of the Church.

Gifts of money have been made from time to time by persons who are not members of the Church. In the first list in 1925 of outside givers to the Church the first name is that of Walter T. Candler, a member of Glenn Memorial Methodist Church. In 1949 Mr. Candler made another very substantial gift.
THE INTERIOR OF THE SANCTUARY
It seats one thousand worshippers. With extra chairs, eleven hundred and fifty may be seated.

Every person who joins the Methodist Church promises to uphold his Church by his prayers, his presence, his gifts, and his service. It is perfectly obvious that many, many members have had to fulfill their vows to make possible the
splendid development of Peachtree Road Church. Many have prayed, many have attended all services and programs, many have given freely of their money, many have unselfishly served. Many have held no office. They have simply loved and supported and worked for their Church in a quiet, unassuming way. The names of many persons who have contributed much to the building of this Church will not appear in this book, but God has inscribed their names in His holy record.
CHAPTER V
MEMORABLE SERVICES

Every service in any Church is worthy of being noted, but there are some more meaningful historically than others. Peachtree Road Methodists will long regard as notable the public meetings here cited.

The First Public Worship Service in the Wooden Tabernacle

It was a joyous occasion when, at the first public worship service in the temporary tabernacle on June 7, 1925, Bishop U. V. W. Darlington preached. The young Church was on its way. A handful of courageous people was beginning a great enterprise with and for God.

The First Supper Meeting in the Great Hall

On Thursday, June 4, 1942, the first supper meeting was held in the Great Hall. The pastor and the people, impatient to use their dining-room facilities, planned a supper before all the equipment was fully installed. The gas, for instance, had not been turned on until late in the afternoon. It was difficult to broil chickens without a hot range! Three hundred and seventy persons had come to supper. Instead of eating at the announced hour of 6:30 o'clock, the people had their meal served three and one half hours later. There was time for renewing acquaintances with old friends, and enjoying fellowship generally. Nobody who attended the meeting has forgotten it, but for each one who was there it is a pleasant memory!

The First Public Worship Service in the Great Hall

On Sunday, June 7, 1942, the people met for the first time in their beautiful new building, "The Great Hall."
N. C. McPherson, Jr., the pastor, preached on “With Grateful Hearts.” The Church had taken on new life; it had entered upon a glorious adventure.

The Dedication of the Great Hall

When the people entered the Great Hall in the summer of 1942, there was still owed on it the sum of $14,000. By Easter Day, April 25, 1943, the Church had paid off this indebtedness. In celebration of this accomplishment, Bishop Arthur J. Moore was invited to preach on Easter Day, 1943, and to dedicate to God the debt-free property.

The Twentieth Anniversary

On June 3, 1945, a special service observing the twentieth anniversary of the Church was held in the Great Hall. Nat G. Long, Pastor, preached on the subject, “Christ and the Church.” The nineteen founders were asked to sit in a body, and were given special recognition. The other charter members were also honored. A brief history of the Church was read by the Pastor.

The Dedication of the Lower Floor of the Church

In 1945 it became apparent that extra space must be provided to house the rapidly growing Children’s Division. Accordingly, special permission was secured from the War Production Board to allow the Church to build the lower floor of the Sanctuary. This unit was erected at a cost of $45,000.

It was completely paid for by the time it was finished, and it was dedicated by the pastor and the people on Sunday, October 14, 1945.
GROUND-BREAKING CEREMONIES
Ceremony of Ground-Breaking for the Church and the Church School Building

In the spring of 1948, a contract was made with Wey-Leonard for the construction of the Church and of the Church School Building. On Wednesday afternoon, April 21, 1948, at five o'clock, a formal ground breaking ceremony was led by Nat G. Long, Pastor.

C. H. Robeson, General Superintendent of the Church School, read the Scripture Lesson; J. E. White, Chairman of the Board of Christian Education, led the prayer.

Brief remarks were made by the following: A. G. Maxwell, Chairman of the Board of Stewards, under whose leadership the project was launched; J. L. Respess, Sr., Chairman of the Board of Trustees; Mrs. W. E. Letts, President of the Woman's Society of Christian Service; Miss Daisy Davies, representing the Building Advisory Committee; L. P. Jervey, Chairman of the Building Fund Campaign Committee.

A Litany of Purpose was said by the Pastor and the People.

C. M. Kennedy, Jr., Chairman of the Building Committee, announced that the plans for the two buildings, drawn by Wilhoit and Smith, had been perfected, and that the Wey-Leonard Company was ready to begin construction at once.

The Pastor, A. G. Maxwell, J. L. Respess, Sr., C. M. Kennedy, Jr., E. S. Walkley, Vice-Chairman of the Board of Stewards, wielded picks, and broke the ground.

Individuals, representing various organizations, shoveled dirt: Herman Thompson, representing the Church School; Mrs. Ray Mitchell, the Board of Education; Oliver Sale, Jr., all the boys and girls of the Church School; John Patton, the Young People; James F. Cox, the Adults; Mrs. M. A. Hildebrand, the Woman's Society of Christian Serv-
ice and the Wesleyan Service Guild; Norman Kohn, the Cubs, the Boy Scouts, the Camp Fire Girls, the Girl Scouts; Miss Evelyn Wall (Mrs. Jack Robbins), the Choir; Miss Leona Wood, her father, E. H. Wood, the first Pastor; Miss Ruth Gilstrap (Mrs. A. Levy Rogers), the Staff; James Clark, the Janitors.

The Doxology was sung, and W. Thomas Smith, Student worker with Intermediates, gave the Benediction.

After the ceremony, supper was served, and hundreds of people ate their meal on the beautiful Church lawn.

Worship Services For
The Workmen Who Constructed The Building

Wey-Leonard Construction Company employed, from April 1948 until April 1949, a total of 500 different men to erect the Church School Building and the Church. On several occasions, during the period of construction, the Pastor held worship services in the Great Hall for the workmen. He sought to impress upon them the sacredness of their task, reminding them that they were "laborers together with God" in the building of a beautiful Church. There was always an atmosphere of humility and reverence.

On the day of the Opening Service, on April 10, 1949, along with officials of the church, one of the 500 workmen was asked to stand in recognition of their indispensable contribution to the building project.

The First Service in the New Sanctuary

In many ways the happiest occasion in the history of the Church was the special service on Palm Sunday, April 10, 1949, for the opening of the new Sanctuary. Certain persons and groups were recognized. The names of the nine pastors who had served the Church were called. The Founders and other charter members were asked to stand within the chancel before the altar.
Individuals were called forward to represent various leaders and organizations as follows:

Mrs. C. H. Wetmore, representing her mother, Mrs. M. T. Salter, in whose home the Church was organized; Miss Ruth Wood, representing her father, the Reverend E. H. Wood, the first pastor; Mrs. Guy Wood, representing F. A. O’Neal, first chairman of the Board of Stewards and R. E. Andoe, the first treasurer; J. W. Dorsey, representing G. W. Cooley, first chairman of the Board of Trustees, and his father, Judge Hugh M. Dorsey, one of the first trustees; Dr. Chas. G. Boland, representing R. L. Ruble, first Church School Superintendent; Mrs. Preston Singletary, representing her mother, Mrs. M. D. Jamerson, first president of the Woman’s Missionary Society; C. H. Roberts, representing his mother, Mrs. W. Clyde Roberts, first head of the Epworth League; C. J. Cofer, Church School Secretary for the past twenty-five years, representing Mrs. Cofer, first church secretary and first pianist; Miss Leona Wood, choir director for twenty-two years, stood; Dr. W. L. Ballenger, first chairman of the Board of Christian Education, stood; Mrs. F. I. Sillay, representing her sister, Miss Ruth Gibson, first president of the Wesleyan Service Guild; C. R. Justi, Chairman, representing the Board of Stewards and all the men of the Church; Mrs. W. E. Letts, President, representing the Woman’s Society of Christian Service and all the women of the Church; H. M. Thompson, Church School Superintendent, representing the Church School Staff and the Board of Education; Miss Pat Head, President, representing the Wesleyan Service Guild; J. L. Respess, Sr., Chairman, the Board of Trustees; Miss Evelyn Wall, Choir Director, the Choir; Miss Merle Bruner, Director of Christian Education, the Church Staff; Miss Pat Thomason and Mr. Clyde Kennedy, III, the youth of the Church; Linda Clark and David Jamison, the children; Robert Alan, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Parish, representing the future;
James Clark, the janitorial staff; L. P. Jervey, Chairman of the Building Fund Committee, all who gave of their substance to make the building possible; C. M. Kennedy, Jr., Chairman of the Building Committee, the members of the committee; Mr. Wilhoit and Mr. Smith, Architects, stood; Mr. Wey and Mr. Leonard represented the Wey-Leonard Construction Company; Mr. Frank J. Butler represented the five hundred workmen who constructed the Church.

Recognition was given to the following who had made special gifts to the Church: Wm. B. Miller, Jr., public address system; Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Verdery, the Altar Cloth, the Pulpit Cloth, and the Lectern Scarf.

Marion Pierson, Director of Intermediates, presided. Nat G. Long, Pastor, preached on the subject, “Our Church.” Mrs. Jack Robbins played the organ. The church was filled to overflowing.

In the afternoon of Palm Sunday, April 10, 1949, the Pastor baptized a large number of infants. The first child to receive baptism in the new Sanctuary was Hall Thompson Penn, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Penn, and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Thompson.

Dedication of the Organ

On Sunday evening, February 12, 1950, the new $30,000 Moller Organ was dedicated. A beautiful worship service was held. R. Howard Dobbs, Chairman of the Music Committee, the one official of the Church who had most to do with inspiring the congregation to purchase the organ, described the organ and gave a brief history of its construction. Alva G. Maxwell, Chairman of the Official Board, expressed his thanks to the people for their contributions which made the organ possible; he officially presented the organ to the Church. James L. Respess, Sr., Chairman of the Board of Trustees, officially accepted the
organ. The organ was formerly dedicated to God. Following the dedication ceremony, Dr. Charles H. Sheldon, organist of the First Presbyterian Church and designer of the organ, gave a recital.

The Twenty-Fifth Anniversary

On June 11, 1950 the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Church was observed. All of the former pastors who were still living were invited to attend and take part in the service. T. H. Shackleford, who served the Church from 1926 through 1930, led the morning prayer. Mrs. A. Lee Hale, widow of the late A. Lee Hale, who served the Church from 1934 through 1938, read the Scripture Lesson. R. J. Broyles, who served the Church from 1931 through 1932, preached on the subject, “The Love of God.”

Three of the nine pastors had passed away—E. H. Wood, C. A. Norton, and A. Lee Hale. The other ministers, T. Z. B. Everton, W. Graham Davis, and N. C. McPherson, Jr., were unable to be present.

An overflow crowd attended the services. A wire recording was made of the entire program.

In the afternoon in the Great Hall a reception was held in honor of the founders and the other charter members.
CHAPTER VI
SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

L. P. Jervey Establishes Loving Cup for Outstanding Stewardship

In 1948 L. P. Jervey, who served as Chairman of the Building Fund Campaign Committee from 1944 through 1950, as Vice-Chairman of the Board of Stewards 1949-1950, and as Chairman of the Board in 1951, established "The Nat G. Long Memorial Cup" to be given annually to the member of the Official Board who, in the judgment of a committee of the board, has done the most outstanding work for the church in a particular year. When another member of the Official Board is selected to receive the cup, the holder of the cup for the previous year surrenders it to the new honoree. The holder of the large cup for the previous year is then given a small silver loving cup for his permanent possession. Banks O. Godfrey, Sr., was awarded the cup for 1949; C. R. Justi, for 1950; Dr. J. H. Crossett, for 1951; and H. M. Thompson, for 1952.

The Pastor and the Official Board Vote Words of Appreciation to Two Men

On December 3, 1951, the pastor and the Official Board selected two men who had rendered outstanding service to the Church and presented to each of them a citation embossed on a scroll in gold letters and appropriately framed. Extra copies of each man's citation were given to him for the members of his family. A copy of each citation hangs in the Pastor's office.

An Appreciation of James L. Respess, Sr.

"Among the nineteen persons who, on April twenty-eighth, nineteen hundred and twenty-five, founded
Peachtree Road Methodist Church, Atlanta, Georgia, was James L. Respess, Sr. Faithfully he has served twenty-six years as a Trustee, eighteen years as Chairman of the Board of Trustees, twenty-four years as a Steward, five years as Chairman of the Board of Stewards, eight years as a member of the Building Committee, two years as Chairman of the Building Committee, fifteen years as Chairman of the Building Fund Committee, twenty-five years as Treasurer of the Building Fund, five years as a member of the Policy Committee, and countless hours every year since nineteen hundred and twenty-five in many other important tasks. Through its adversity and its prosperity he has unfailingly upheld the Church with his prayers, his presence, his gifts, and his service. As surely as any, and more surely than most, he has symbolized the real spirit of the Church. He has been and is a true pillar in the House of God. To him the Pastor and the Official Board, both for themselves and for the entire membership, do on this third day of December, nineteen hundred and fifty-one, declare their admiration, offer their thanks, and bestow their love.”

An Appreciation of Clyde M. Kennedy, Jr.

“In nineteen hundred and thirty-three Clyde M. Kennedy, Jr., joined Peachtree Road Methodist Church, Atlanta, Georgia. A faithful member ever since, he has, at various times, given effective service as Steward, Usher, Chairman of the Committee on Building and Grounds, Organizer and President of the Men’s Class, Counsellor of the Senior Department, Teacher of Youth, and Member of the Building Committee which in nineteen hundred and forty-two erected the Great Hall. His finest contribution was made as Chairman of
the Building Committee. Under his skilled direction
the Lower Floor of the Sanctuary was constructed in
nineteen hundred and forty-five, and the Church School
Building and the Church in nineteen hundred and
forty-nine. He dedicated himself unreservedly to the
establishment here of beautiful edifices which would
serve man and glorify God. Without stint he gave his
time, his energy, his wisdom, his possessions, himself
to his mission. The Church Buildings will long stand
as monuments to his unselfish devotion. To him the
Pastor and the Official Board, both for themselves and
for the entire membership, do on this third day of De­
cember, nineteen hundred and fifty-one, declare their
admiration, offer their thanks, and bestow their love.”

A Word of Thanks to those Who Prepare The Lord’s Table
For Holy Communion

On Holy Communion Sunday, the worshippers, imme­
diately upon their entrance into the Church, observe that
on the altar is a pure, white linen cloth which covers the
bread and wine, the sacred symbols of Christ’s sacrifice for
mankind. The worshippers, who have done nothing toward
placing the elements on the altar, are asked to do nothing
except come forward and receive the bread and the wine
which have been lovingly prepared by some devoted woman
before the service. There is beautiful symbolism in this fact
itself. The worshippers have done nothing to deserve the
salvation which Christ has already won for them; all they
are asked to do is to accept what Christ freely gives.

Often the loving hands which have made ready the
Lord’s Table are taken for granted, or entirely forgotten.
Their contribution, however, is exceedingly significant. If
somebody did not prepare the table, there would be no
Lord’s Supper. The preparation of the elements enables the
living Lord to express His continued love for mankind and
helps to call forth a new dedication of life on the part of those who humbly partake of the break and the wine.

In the early days of the Church Mrs. M. T. Salter prepared the Lord’s table. Following her were Mrs. Eva Miller, Mrs. W. B. Miller, and Mrs. Harry S. Jenkins. For several years it was a Woman’s Society Circle duty, and this indispensable service was performed by a number of women whose names this writer does not have. From January 1, 1943, until April 30, 1949, Mrs. R. E. Stewart was responsible for making the necessary preparation for the Holy Communion Service. On May 1, 1949, Mrs. O. H. Sale assumed this sacred office; she continues in it at the time of this recording of the Church’s story, January, 1953.

These devoted women deserve the thanks of all who have at any time partaken of the bread and wine at Peachtree Road Methodist Church.

Others Who Deserve Special Mention

Dr. C. G. Boland, for a period of ten years, 1934-1943, served as Church School Superintendent; for three years as a teacher of youth; for many years as a steward; in 1935, as Chairman of the Board of Stewards; in 1936, as Chairman of the Board of Christian Education; for many years as a Trustee; for six years as a member of the Policy Committee. He has unfailingly supported the church with his presence, his prayers, his gifts and his service.

J. E. White, for a period of three years, 1931-1933, served as Church School Superintendent; for 17 years, 1936-1953, as a teacher of the Wesley Fellowship Class; for two terms as Chairman of the Board of Christian Education, 1937-1938 and 1944-1950; for many years he was a steward; for six years he was a member of the Policy Committee. Few have given longer or more devoted service to the Church than he.

It must be repeated that there have been, and there
are, many persons in the Church who have given of their time, their energy, their money, their prayers, but whose names do not appear. Hundreds upon hundreds have contributed much to the upbuilding of Peachtree Road Methodist Church and to the extension of God’s Kingdom. The limits of this brief book preclude the naming of every one who has labored well and long. Be it known, however, that every bit of devotion shown anywhere at any time by any person to this Church is deeply appreciated. Thanks be unto God for every man, every woman, every boy, every girl who has loved and served Peachtree Road Methodist Church.
THE CHANCEL

The altar is the symbol of God's redemption of man; the cross on the altar, the sacrifice of Christ; the two lighted candles, the humanity and the divinity of Christ; the seven-branched candelabra, the gifts of the Holy Spirit; the torch at the top of the reredos, Jesus as the Light of the World.
CHAPTER VII

DISTINCTIVE FEATURES

All Methodist Churches have many things in common, but each one has some characteristic marks. Peachtree Road has some features in its buildings and in its program that are distinctive.

*The Open Chancel*

Few Methodist Churches in the South have the Open Chancel, but it is not un-Methodistic. No denomination has a monopoly on the Open Chancel any more than on the Bible, or the pulpit, or the Lord’s Supper.

The side-pulpit plan exalts the preaching ministry. It makes possible the proper location of our greatest symbols—the altar, or the communion table, and the cross. It is artistic; the altar, or communion table, at the head of the Church is artistically a far better center for the architectural interior than a pulpit. It is more conducive to worship than the center-pulpit plan. To focus the attention for an hour on the altar, the symbol of Christ’s atoning love, is to stimulate and to help sustain the worshipful mood throughout the service. The side-pulpit plan makes possible the proper location of the choir; the worst of all possible arrangements is to have the choir perched up behind and above the pulpit where every move of a single member of the choir distracts the attention of the congregation. The open chancel makes far more effective any kind of processional, or recessional. It is better plan for weddings and funerals. No single good reason can be advanced against the Open Chancel.
The Symbolism of the Church

The symbolism of the Church is simple, but rich. The Christian Altar, derived from the Altar of the Jewish Temple, on which animals were sacrificed to God, is a perpetual reminder that God gave His only begotten Son to die on the Cross, and thus make a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. The altar is the symbol of God’s redemption of man.

The Cross on the altar symbolizes Christ’s sacrifice for mankind; it signifies his triumph over sin and death; it reminds the worshipper that Jesus Christ is alive, and available to any person who looks to Him in Faith. The Cross appears on the altar cloth, on the Bible marker, on the pulpit scarf, and on the steeple. It means the same everywhere.

On the cross, the Bible marker, the altar cloth, the pulpit scarf are the letters “I H S.” These are the English equivalent of the first three capital letters of the word “Jesus” written in Greek. They simply mean Jesus, and nothing else.

On the Altar are two lighted candles. A lighted candle anywhere in a Church symbolizes Jesus as the light of the world. The flame signifies the presence of God’s spirit. One of the candles on the altar also symbolizes the humanity of Jesus; the other, the divinity of Jesus.

Each of the seven-branched candelabra signifies the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit. Isaiah (11:2-3) lists them as wisdom, understanding, counsel, might, knowledge, godliness, holy fear. Revelation (5:12) lists them as power, riches, wisdom, strength, honor, glory, blessing.

At the top of the reredos, at the back of the altar, is a representation of a Torch. This suggests Jesus as the Light of the world.

At the left of the chancel is the lectern where the min-
ister leads the people in the worship of God. Here he speaks for the people to God. On the lectern is an open Bible which is to men the Bread of Life, the lamp unto their feet, the light unto their path. At the right of the chancel is the pulpit where the minister speaks for God to the people. The pulpit symbolizes the prophetic utterance of the preacher as directed by the Holy Spirit.

Inside the chancel rail is the Baptismal Font, signifying the Sacrament of Baptism, suggesting the coming of the Holy Spirit, dedication to God, and newness of life.

At the top of each door at the altar end of the church is a torch, suggesting that, as the worshippers go out of the Church, to their various callings, Christ, the light of the world, will guide them.

The steeple silently points to the truth, beauty, and goodness of God; it points to God’s everlasting Kingdom. On top of the steeple at night is a beautiful lighted cross. In John’s Gospel is this sentence referring to Christ, “The light is still shining in the darkness, for the darkness can never put it out.” The lighted cross is declaring to God’s children who see it that darkness and despair will not have the final word in God’s world, but that Christ, the light of the world, will.

The Order of Morning Worship

The best illustration of a true worship experience is to be found in the Book of Isaiah, the sixth chapter, verses one through eight. King Uzziah is dead. The leadership of the nation is suddenly thrust upon Isaiah. He goes to the temple to pray for God’s help. First, he has a vision of God, a deep sense of God’s presence: “I saw the Lord high and lifted up.” Second, he has a deep sense of unworthiness in God’s presence: “Woe is me . . . I am a man of unclean lips.” Third, he has a feeling of exaltation; God is great enough to cleanse him. He hears a voice which says, “Thy
sin is purged.” Fourth, he thinks of his country and of his
duty, and his mind is clarified as to the steps he must take.
Fifth, he wants to give himself to God. He says, “Here am
I, Lord, send me!”

In every true worship experience there are these five
elements: Vision of God, or a sure sense of God’s presence;
a feeling of unworthiness before God; an inner assurance
that God is great enough and good enough to cleanse the
worshipper; an illumination of one’s mind as to one’s duty;
and a longing to consecrate oneself to God.

The Order of Worship at Peachtree Road is patterned
to follow Isaiah’s experience.

The Prelude, the Processional Hymn, the Call to Wor­
ship, the Choral response are designed to help create a sense
of God’s presence. The Prayer of Confession has as its pur­
pose the helping of each worshipper to express his peni­
tence. The Anthem, the Responsive Reading, the Creed,
the Gloria are intended to help the worshipper express his
sense of uplift and exaltation which comes from his convic­
tion that God can mightily save a sinner. The Scripture and
the prayer come at a point where the worshippers’ minds
are made clearer concerning their duty to God and to man.
The offering comes as a symbol of consecration. The hymn
before the sermon is one of exaltation. The sermon seeks to
give clarification of mind. The final hymn calls the wor­
shipper to consecration. The Benediction and the Postlude
close a service which is a unity.

The Use of Gowns by the Ministers

In a beautiful setting such as the Sanctuary of Peach­
tree Road Methodist Church a business suit for the minister
is wholly inappropriate. A cut-a-way, or morning coat, is
likewise out of place. The black, Geneva gown is proper.

The Protestant Reformers, Martin Luther and John
Calvin, protested against the elaborate and gorgeous vest-
ments which set the priest apart from the common people, but they did not go to the extreme of wearing ordinary business suits in the pulpit. They insisted that a minister in the pulpit should be dressed in the garb of an educated man, which was the academic gown. Dr. A. W. Palmer reminds us that the popular idea that the wearing of a simple black gown is a drift toward Rome is quite unfounded in history. It is just the other way.

John Wesley always preached in a gown. The use of a gown by any Methodist minister is quite within the Protestant tradition generally, and within the Methodist tradition as far as John Wesley himself was concerned.

On October 1, 1950, gowns were first worn by ministers of Peachtree Road Methodist Church.

**Greeters and Ushers**

Under the leadership of Dr. J. H. Crossett, who became Chairman of the Committee of Greeters and Ushers in 1945, the greeting, the ushering, the handling of the offering, and the direction of the people in their participation in the Lord’s Supper have attained excellence and dignity. All men of the Church are given an opportunity to serve on the Committee of Greeters and Ushers. Hundreds have participated. In the fall, winter, and spring, the men wear blue suits, and white carnations; in the summer, white suits and pink carnations. Each man is thoroughly trained by the Chairman for this important work.

At various times during each year Dr. Crossett trains Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and other youth to usher in a poised, dignified, attractive manner. The Chairman is assisted now and then in this instruction by J. P. Hunter.

**Sunday Evening Worship**

The evening service is informal, though dignified. Congregational singing is emphasized. During certain periods of each year members of the Scout Troop and Explorer
Unit, and other youth, serve as ushers. A large youth choir of fifty voices furnishes special music. Frequent altar calls are given, and both young and old respond eagerly.

**Mid-Week Supper Meetings**

On each Wednesday from the middle of September until the middle of December, and from the middle of January to the end of May, supper is served in the Great Hall at 6:30 o’clock. Sixteen hostesses from the Woman’s...
Society of Christian Service preside at tables of ten persons each. After the supper a special speaker is presented. The finest leadership, which the Churches, the Colleges, the Universities, and the Civic interests of Atlanta and Georgia afford is offered in the mid-week program. From 150 to 300 persons regularly attend.

**January Youth Services**

Since 1945 January has been set aside each year as Youth month. The pastor preaches sermons especially designed for young people. The youth of the Church eagerly participate in the program. At each Youth Service, a young person presides, one reads the Scripture, one leads the morning prayer, one tells a brief story for boys and girls. Young people serve as greeters and ushers. Others sing in the choir. It is the most popular month of the year.

**Seven Ministers Have Come From the Church**

Peachtree Road has had seven young men to answer the call to the ministry.

Thaxton Springfield became a member of our Church in 1936; he was licensed to preach by the Atlanta District Conference in 1937. He joined the Florida Conference in 1940. He served as Chaplain in the United States Navy during World War II.

Benson Barrett, one of the Charter members of the Church, joined the North Georgia Conference on trial in 1941. He was admitted into full connection in 1943. He served as a Chaplain in the United States Navy in World War II, and was called again into the Chaplaincy in 1951.

Edward Drewry Jervey was licensed to preach by the Atlanta West District Conference on April 17, 1947. He joined the Southern California-Arizona Conference in 1950. He is studying, at the time of the writing of this history, at Boston University.
The Atlanta West District licensed John H. Patton to preach on January 9, 1951. He is a student at Emory University and assistant minister at Northside Methodist Church.

The Ad Interim Committee of the Atlanta West District licensed Banks O. Godfrey, Jr., to preach on August 14, 1951. He is a student at Duke University.

The Ad Interim Committee of the Atlanta West District licensed E. O. Kellum, Jr. to preach on April 6, 1952. He is a student at Davidson College.

Earl P. Crow, Jr., whose parents are members of Peachtree Road Methodist Church, and who, himself, has been an active leader in the Youth Division of this Church, was licensed to preach by the Wilmington District Conference, North Carolina, in July, 1950. He is a student at Duke University.

In July, 1952, the Sunday evening services were led by the five young men recently licensed to preach. Excellent congregations gave to them appreciative hearing.

**Peachtree Road People Have Served Beyond the Bounds of Their Own Parish**

The Church has had a good number of persons who have rendered important service for the Methodist Church outside the bounds of the local parish.

Miss Daisy Davies has served as President of LaGrange College, as Field Secretary of the Woman’s Foreign Missionary Society, as Secretary of Spiritual Life of the Woman’s Society of Christian Service, as a member of the Board of Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, as member of the Board of Trustees of Scarrett College, as Director of Relief Work in Europe after World War I, and as a member of several General Conferences.

Mrs. C. H. Robeson is Secretary of Children’s Work
in the Southeastern Jurisdiction of the Woman’s Society of Christian Service.

Mrs. E. W. Brogdon was for twenty-one years Treasurer of the North Georgia Conference Woman’s Society of Christian Service.

Mrs. Arthur H. Styron is the present Treasurer of the North Georgia Conference Woman’s Society of Christian Service.

Mrs. C. G. Boland, Sr., is Secretary of Promotion of the North Georgia Conference Woman’s Society of Christian Service.

Mrs. John T. Patton is Secretary of Missionary Personnel, North Georgia Conference Woman’s Society of Christian Service, Chairman of Youth Work for the Georgia State Council of Church Women, Chairman of Youth Work for the Atlanta Area of the Atlanta Council of Church Women.

Mrs. W. E. Letts is Secretary, North Georgia Conference Woman’s Society of Christian Service, and President of Wesley Community House Board.

Mrs. W. C. Thompson is Treasurer, Atlanta West District Woman’s Society of Christian Service.

Mrs. C. M. Kennedy, Jr., is Assistant Treasurer, Atlanta West District Woman’s Society of Christian Service.

Mrs. James D. Fluker has served as Treasurer of the Atlanta West District Woman’s Society of Christian Service.

Mrs. Tom J. Hayes is Secretary of Missionary Personnel, Atlanta West District Woman’s Society of Christian Service.

Mrs. W. L. Ballenger was President of the Emory University Hospital Auxiliary.

Mrs. Fred Thomas is at present President of the Emory University Hospital Auxiliary.

Mrs. C. R. Justi is Vice-President of the Good Will Auxiliary.
Mrs. W. V. Pentecost is Chairman of Social Service in the Good Will Auxiliary.

Mrs. James L. Respess, Jr., is Assistant Treasurer of the Wesley House Auxiliary.

Alva G. Maxwell, James F. Cox, Judge Jesse Wood, and Judge Clarence Bell served as President of the Atlanta Methodist Stewards’ Association.

Alva G. Maxwell is a Trustee of Young Harris College, and of Clark College.

Mrs. Alva G. Maxwell is a member of the Board of Trustees of the Methodist Children’s Home, and Director of Publicity for the Home. She organized the Atlanta Good Will Auxiliary.

Henry B. Mays was for several years Superintendent of the Methodist Children’s Home.

Elmer Born is a Trustee of the Methodist Children’s Home.

John H. Patton served as President of the North Georgia Young People’s Conference.

Mrs. C. A. Rauschenberg is a qualified teacher of many courses for the General Board of Education of the Methodist Church. She is a writer of Church School literature.

Mr. C. A. Rauschenberg has served for 20 years as Treasurer of the Board of Missions of the North Georgia Conference.

Mrs. A. L. Norris originated the idea of Circles for the Woman’s Society of Christian Service of the Methodist Church.

Mrs. J. B. Robbins organized the Woman’s Rural and Mountain Circle of Georgia.

Mrs. T. J. Burke was Secretary of Literature and Publications of the North Georgia Conference.

Mrs. J. M. Boland organized the Woman’s Christian Temperance Union in the Buckhead area.

C. H. Robeson is General Superintendent of the
Methodist Church School Institute for Metropolitan Atlanta.

Relation of Emory University to the Church

When the religious survey of the Buckhead area was made in 1925, nineteen theological students, one of them a Japanese, from Emory University assisted the Reverend J. C. Adams and Mr. C. J. Cofer.

In July, 1926, when the Church was unable to meet the payments on its fifteen thousand dollar loan and a suit to foreclose the mortgage on the property was instituted, Emory University paid off the Church's entire indebtedness, and worked out a plan whereby the Church could make reasonable monthly payments to Emory University. The Church still had great difficulty in meeting its obligations. Emory University was lenient, allowing the Church to pay as it could. The final payment was made to Emory in 1941.

Several of the pastors studied at Emory University: C. A. Norton, T. H. Shackleford, R. J. Broyles, A. Lee Hale, W. Graham Davis, and N. C. McPherson, Jr. W. Thomas Smith, Assistant Pastor, also was a student at Emory.

N. C. McPherson, Jr., was elected President of Wesleyan College in the summer of 1942. Between the time of his going on July 1, 1942, and the coming of Nat G. Long on December 1, 1942, W. A. Smart and John Lee, both of Emory, served as part-time pastors, and Henry M. Johnson of Emory served as part-time Director of Christian Education.

Throughout all the years of the Church's existence members of the faculty of Emory have at times supplied the pulpit, spoken to the Wednesday night gatherings, led training courses, taught Church School Classes. More than twenty-five Emory professors have given generously of their time to the Church.

More than a score of Emory students have served as workers with youth.
Atlanta Points With Pride To This Church

Hundreds of visitors to Atlanta are brought by their friends to see this Church. Every year, during Ministers’ Week at Emory University, many preachers from different parts of the country visit Peachtree Road, which has become widely known, especially among Methodist people.

The Atlanta Chamber of Commerce, in declaring the church life of the city to be an asset, proudly presents a picture of this church in some of its publicity material.

On October 6, 1951, the Junior Flower Association conducted a tour of ten Atlanta churches where there were displayed “Flowers in the Sanctuary,” ecclesiastical arrangements by the ten member garden clubs. One of the churches selected was Peachtree Road Methodist Church. A booklet including a picture of each of the churches was presented to each visitor.

The Atlanta Journal and Constitution, on Easter, April 13, 1952, used a full-page picture of this church in color on the cover-page of its Magazine Section.

The magazine, Beautiful Atlanta, devoted two full pages to pictures of the church in the fall issue of 1952.

The WSB Television Station of The Atlanta Journal and The Atlanta Constitution takes pride in televising periodically the eleven o’clock worship services of the church. The beautiful simplicity of the church gives a perfect setting for an hour of genuine worship.

Distinguished Speakers

Few churches have heard more distinguished speakers than Peachtree Road. Some of those who have inspired this congregation have been:

Episcopal Bishops: John M. Walker, John Walthour.

College Presidents: Goodrich C. White, Emory University; Philip Weltner, Oglethorpe University; Wallace Alston, Agnes Scott College; J. R. McCain, Agnes Scott College; Waights G. Henry, Jr., LaGrange College; H. G. Smith, Garrett Biblical Institute; Florence M. Reid, Spelman College; Victor Murray, Cheshunt College of Cambridge University; E. C. Colwell, University of Chicago; J. McDowell Richards, Columbia Theological Seminary; J. P. Brawley, Clark College; Benjamin Mays, Morehouse College; N. C. McPherson, Wesleyan College; J. R. Burgess, Reinhardt College; L. V. Johnson, Southern Technical Institute; C. Y. Yang, Soochow University; David Lin, Anglo-Chinese College, Foochow.


Civic Leaders: Ralph McGill, editor of the Atlanta Constitution; Judge Grady Head; Judge Jesse Wood; Judge Eugene Gunby; Miss Ira Jarrell, Superintendent of Atlanta Public Schools; Dr. Willis Sutton, Superintendent of Atlanta Public Schools; Governor Ellis Arnall; Governor M. E. Thompson; Mayor William B. Hartsfield; Congressman Robert Ramspeck; Morgan Blake; George Goodwin; Warden John W. Sanford; Virlyn B. Moore, Jr.

Important Groups Hold Their Meetings Here

Among many important groups which have met in this Church are: The North Georgia Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service, the Atlanta Methodist Stewards' Association, the Family Life Conference for the Atlanta East and the Atlanta West Districts, the North Georgia Conference Methodist Youth Fellowship, the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference of Deaconesses, the Atlanta Christian Council. Here on September 30, 1952, was held one of the national meetings which celebrated the publication of the Revised Standard Version of the Bible.

The forty-eight Girl Scout troops of District XII annually select this church for their beautiful Christmas Candlelight service.

The North Fulton District of Boy Scouts selects the Great Hall for its annual banquet.

The Church Has a Full-Rounded Program

The Quarterly Conference

The Quarterly Conference, which is the governing body
of the church, is composed of the pastor, assistant pastor, retired preachers, local preachers, trustees, elective stewards, and the following persons who are ex-officio stewards: Director of Christian Education; Director of Children’s Work; General Superintendent of the Church School; Chairman of Commission on Education; Chairman of Commission on Evangelism; Chairman of Commission on Missions; Chairman of Commission on Finance; President of Woman’s Society of Christian Service; President of Methodist Men; Charge Lay Leader; Lay Member of the Annual Conference; the Church Treasurers; the President of the Young Adult Fellowship; the President of the Methodist Youth Fellowship.

The Quarterly Conference is presided over by the District Superintendent or by an elder designated by him. The pastor, with the written consent of the District Superintendent, may preside over a called session.

The Quarterly Conference elects annually four commissions: A Commission on Membership and Evangelism, a Commission on Education, a Commission on Missions, and a Commission on Finance. These four commissions report in detail to the Quarterly Conference.

In addition to the commissions the Quarterly Conference has elected the following committees: Nominating Committee, Pastoral Relations Committee, Policy Committee, Building Committee, Historical Committee, Committee on Children’s Home, Committee on Golden Cross. Other committees are elected as they are needed. All committees report to the governing body.

The Quarterly Conference meets regularly twice a year in a supper meeting—the first quarterly conference and the fourth. Called meetings are held as needed. There is always a large attendance at the regular meeting. Every phase of the church’s work is reviewed. Representatives of all committees and representatives of the four commissions make
detailed, written reports. These reports are filed in the Quarterly Conference records. District Superintendents who know Peachtree Road Methodist Church report that the Quarterly Conference of this Church is one of the very best.

*The Official Board*

The Official Board, which is the administrative body of the church, is composed of the following: pastor, assistant pastor, trustees, elective stewards, and the following persons who are ex-officio stewards: Director of Christian Education; Director of Children’s Work; General Superintendent of the Church School; Chairman of the Commission on Education; Chairman of Commission on Membership and Evangelism; Chairman of the Commission on Missions; Chairman of Commission on Finance; President of the Woman’s Society of Christian Service; President of Methodist Men; Charge Lay Leader; Lay Member of the Annual Conference; Church Treasurers; President of Young Adult Fellowship; President of the Youth Fellowship.

The Official Board elects its own officers, and is presided over by its Chairman. It convenes in a supper meeting in the Great Hall on the Monday evening following the first Sunday of each month. Reports are heard regularly from the four commissions, and from other quarterly conference committees.

To the December meeting each year the wives and husbands of the Official Board members are invited.

In addition to the Commissions and to the Quarterly Conference Committees, the Official Board has the following Committees: Every-Member Canvass Committee, New Members, Greeters and Ushers, Insurance, Audit, Music, Building and Grounds. Additional committees are appointed as the need arises. All committees report regularly to the Official Board.
The Commission on Finance

Under the general direction of this Commission the budget for the church is made, the every-member canvass is carried on, and all financial matters relating to the operation of the church, the benevolent giving, and the Building Fund are handled.

The Chairman of the Every-Member Canvass Committee, working under the Commission, divides the Official Board into eight groups, each headed by a captain, and into twenty-five teams, each headed by a lieutenant. In the conference year 1952-1953 the budget of $116,569 was over-pledged.

At each monthly meeting of the Official Board, mimeographed reports of the Chairman of the Finance Committee, the Chairman of the Every-Member Canvass Committee, the Building Fund Treasurer, and the Church Treasurer are put into the hands of all the members of the official board.

The Commission on Education

This Commission directs the total program of Christian Education. It meets monthly to hear reports from all departments and to plan for all the activities of the church school, which includes three divisions: Children, Youth, Adult. In the Adult Division are seven classes with an enrollment of nine hundred and twenty-five. In the Youth Division are three departments, Intermediate, Senior, and Older Youth, with an enrollment of five hundred. In the Children’s Division are eleven departments with an enrollment of eight hundred and seventy-five. The total enrollment of the school is 2300. During the fall of 1952 the average attendance was more than 1100.

The Sunday morning program of the Church School begins at 9:30 and extends to 10:40 for most classes. Ex-
panded sessions are held in the Nursery, Kindergarten, and Primary Departments during the church worship service.

The Sunday afternoon and evening program includes recreational, study, and worship activities for Juniors, Intermediates, Seniors, and Older Youth. A Snack Supper is served each group prior to the fellowship programs. Sunday evening attendance during the fall and winter of 1952 has averaged two hundred.

The week-day activities of the church school consist of community service projects, recreation, home visitation, absentee follow-up, business meetings of classes, groups, and departmental sessions. Groups meet at the church practically every day and night during each week.

Through the Institutional representatives of Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts the Commission oversees an extensive scouting program. There is a Cub Pack of eighty boys, a Scout Troop of fifty-one boys, and an Explorer Unit of thirty boys. There are fourteen Girl Scout Troops with two hundred and forty girls. There are two buildings for these activities: the Girl Scout hut, and the Boy Scout Building, both of which are also used for other youth programs.

The Commission supervises an aggressive program of leadership training. In the summer of 1952 twenty-four young people attended camps and conferences while thirty-five officers and teachers attended training courses at Lake Junaluska, N. C., and at Camp Glisson. In the fall of 1952 twenty-three persons took credit in the Atlanta Training School and fifty-one received credit in local leadership courses taught by the Director of Christian Education and the Director of Children's Work. In the spring of 1952 the Senior Department Officers held a retreat at Mount Gilead Camp Ground. In the fall of 1952 the Youth Division retreat was held at Camp Glisson with over a hundred in attendance.
Workers' Conferences are held quarterly for the two hundred officers and teachers of the Church School. Divisional planning meetings are also held quarterly.

Drama is a significant part of the educational program, plays and pageants being presented during the Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter seasons. Drama is also used occasionally on Sunday evenings, on Wednesday evenings, and in various departments on Sunday mornings.

Audio-Visual resources are made available to the church through a standing committee of the Commission on Education. As of January 1, 1953, there were forty sets of film strips, slides, and records in the Audio-Visual Library. The church owns two projection screens, a Bell and Howell film projector, a slide and filmstrip projector, a wire recorder, a combination radio-televisio

The family life committee conducts an effective parent education program through the use of special short-term parents' courses, promotion of the Christian Home magazine, parent-teacher meetings, and suggested reading and study materials. Helps for parents are included in many of the church school lesson materials.

An excellent library, containing over six hundred books as of January 1, 1953, is sponsored by the Commission. The library is open each Sunday morning before and after Church School. Books may be checked out during the week by the church secretaries and the Church School Directors.

The Commission on Education and the Commission on Missions co-operate in promoting the missionary education program of the church. The fourth Sunday of each month is observed as World Service Sunday throughout the Church School. Special emphasis is given to the World Service program of The Methodist Church on this day through the use
of printed materials, worship services, and a special offering. The World Service offering averaged two hundred and fifty dollars monthly during the fall and winter months of 1952.

The Church School budget is set up and the money is raised by the Commission on Education, with all classes and departments co-operating. Nearly $2000 is spent each year for literature. Over $1000 goes for Leader Training. Other expenditures are for equipment and supplies, library books, recreational and play equipment, Vacation Church School, audio-visual resources, and departmental activities. The budget for the year 1952-1953 called for $5800.

The Commission on Membership and Evangelism

Under the leadership of the pastor, this commission promotes the total program of Evangelism in the church. It conducted in February 1953 a religious survey of the Buckhead territory. It supervises Visitation Evangelism in the fall and in the spring, oversees the teaching of Church membership classes for Children, Youth, and Adults, promotes attendance upon all services of public worship, seeks out the indifferent and negligent members, keeps in touch with the sick and the sorrowful, encourages private and family worship, distributes evangelistic and devotional literature, and arranges for special evangelistic preaching services. The Commission secured for a week in January 1953 Dr. E. Stanley Jones, and for two days in February 1953 Dr. Glenn Clark.

The Commission on Missions

The Commission on Missions has general charge of the distribution of missionary literature. It plans each year with the pastor, with the Woman’s Society of Christian Service, and with the Commission on Education for a Church-wide school of missions in order that the entire congregation may be drawn into a period of intensive study of the world’s
needs and of the church’s obligation to help in meeting those needs. The Commission recommends special projects, both home and foreign, to be supported by the church. It cooperates with the Commission on Education in making the fourth Sunday of each month a day when the entire Church School studies and makes an offering to missions. It keeps before the church the cause of World Service, and insists that a liberal amount be placed in the budget by the Commission on Finance for missionary causes.

Under the general supervision of the Commission on Missions a helpful project has been carried on in a very poor section of Atlanta, near Fulton Bag and Cotton Mill, known as Pickett’s Alley. In this section there live a multitude of underprivileged children. Mrs. Henrietta Keel, a member of the Church of God, in 1947, began to teach and otherwise direct the activities of many of the boys and girls of Pickett’s Alley. She appealed to the Atlanta Council of Church Women for assistance, and from the Council there came a call to Peachtree Road Methodist Church. Beginning in 1950 members of the Woman’s Society of Christian Service and members of the Church School have sought in a modest way to help the children. On Saturdays throughout a good portion of the year a program of religious education and recreation is carried on. In the summer a Vacation Church School is held. At Thanksgiving and at Christmas, presents are given to the children.

The Commission has been studying the section with the view of rendering more substantial and permanent help in the future.

The Church’s Interest in Belgian Methodism

After World War I the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, carried on a program of relief work in Europe, Miss Daisy Davies of Peachtree Road Methodist Church being
the Director. Out of the relief work in Belgium a number of active Methodist Churches developed. Today there are 17 pastors, 35 preaching places, and 3,600 Belgian Methodists.

One of the important churches is The Central Methodist Church in Brussels. Here is the headquarters for the training of Methodist missionaries who go to the Belgian Congo in Africa. In memory of her parents Miss Daisy Davies gave the pulpit furniture to this church, and there is a silver plaque on the altar rail indicating this fact.

In the summer of 1951 the Reverend Nat G. Long and Mrs. Long visited the Methodist work in Liege and in Brussels, and brought a report to the church.

For five years the Peachtree Road people have helped to pay the salary of a Belgian pastor, have aided with the current operation expenses of a Methodist orphanage in Brussels, and have given some funds to the Central church in Brussels. Another Mission Special has helped with Methodist work in the Belgian Congo.

The Woman's Society of Christian Service and The Wesleyan Service Guild

The Woman's Society of Christian Service with its sixteen circles and six hundred and forty-eight members (as of January 1, 1953), its eight general officers, its nine secretaries, its eleven committee chairmen, its sixteen circle chairmen and its sixteen co-chairmen, its sixteen Bible leaders, and its sixteen assistant Bible leaders has as its high purpose the uniting of all the women of the Church in Christian living and service, the supporting of Christian work among women and children around the world, the development of the spiritual life, the study of the needs of the world, the strengthening of the local church, and the raising of funds for missionary causes at home and abroad.

The Woman's Society has a budget for 1952-1953 of $6555, $4500 of which is to be used for missionary causes
beyond the bounds of the North Georgia Conference, $1775 for local causes, and $280 for Christian Social Relations.

The Woman's Society serves the Church in many ways. The Circles furnish sixteen hostesses each Wednesday to preside at the supper tables, and to give a cordial welcome to new members. The Society sees that the new members and the sick and the sorrowful are visited, that flowers are placed each Sunday on the altar, that visitors and new members are greeted at the Sunday morning worship services, that the parsonage is properly furnished and kept in good repair. The Society has at all times been most co-operative with and most helpful to the pastor.

The Wesleyan Service Guild, an organization of fifty-

THE CHOIR ROOM
five Business Women, carries on a program in general very similar to that of the Woman's Society. One significant service rendered by this group is the serving of supper to the Young People on Sunday evenings.

**The Church Music**

Under the general direction of the Music Committee of the Official Board the Choir Director serves. There are the following Choirs: Chancel, composed of sixty members; Youth, composed of one hundred and twenty-three; Carol, composed of twenty; Cherub, composed of twenty-seven.

The Chancel Choir rehearses on Thursday evenings, and Sunday mornings; the Youth Choir on Sunday after-

THE CHOIR ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 4, 1953
noons at 5:45; the Carol and Cherub Choirs on Friday afternoons.

*The Services of Public Worship*

Services are held for the public worship of God at 11 o'clock each Sunday morning, and at 7:30 o'clock each Sunday evening throughout the year. Wednesday evening supper meetings are held at 6:30 o'clock from the middle of September to the middle of December, and from the middle of January until the first of June each year. All services are well-attended.

*The Meetings of the Staff*

The entire staff, frequently including the janitors, maids, and cateresses, meets each Tuesday at two o'clock for prayer. Following a period of devotion there is a discussion as to how each member of the staff can serve more effectively in his or her particular capacity.

*Tithing and Family Worship*

The pastors at various times have emphasized tithing and family worship. More members each year tithe their incomes and have family prayer.

*The Church is Open For Prayer*

Daily from 9 A.M. until 5 P.M. the church is open for prayer. Any one who desires to enter the church for private worship is welcome. A prayer room, to the rear of the Sanctuary, is available to individuals or groups. Each Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock a group meets in the prayer room for devotions. Any person who feels a deep spiritual need is invited. Many avail themselves of this opportunity.
THE LIBRARY

Left to right: Miss Linda Barnes, Miss Nancy Trout, Miss Will Gary Williams, Librarian; Miss Julia Maxwell, Member of Library Committee
CHAPTER VIII
PASTORS AND STAFF

Pastors

Pastors in Charge

From 1925 until 1953, the date of the writing of this history, there have been nine pastors and ten pastorates, one pastor having had two pastorates:

E. H. Wood—1925
C. A. Norton—1926
T. H. Shackleford—1927-1930
R. J. Broyles—1931-1932
Nat G. Long—1933 (First Pastorate)
T. Z. B. Everton—1934
A. Lee Hale—1935-1938
W. Graham Davis—1939
N. C. McPherson, Jr.—1940-1942
Nat G. Long—Beginning 1942 (Second Pastorate)

N. C. McPherson, Jr., served until August, 1942, when he was elected President of Wesleyan College. John Lee and W. A. Smart supplied the pulpit, and Henry M. Johnson served as part-time Director of Christian Education from August until December 1, 1942, when Nat G. Long was appointed.

W. Thomas Smith was appointed as Assistant Pastor in August, 1950. He served until December 31, 1952.
E. H. WOOD
First Pastor
1925

C. A. NORTON
Second Pastor
1926
T. H. SHACKLEFORD
Third Pastor
1927-1930

R. J. BROYLES
Fourth Pastor
1931-1932
T. Z. B. EVERTON
Sixth Pastor
1934

A. LEE HALE
Seventh Pastor
1935-1938
W. GRAHAM DAVIS
Eighth Pastor
1939

N. C. McPHERSON, JR.
Ninth Pastor
1940-1942
NAT G. LONG
Fifth Pastor
1933
and
Tenth Pastor
1942—

W. THOMAS SMITH
Assistant Pastor
Aug. 1, 1950 - Dec. 31, 1952

FRANK GULLEY, JR.
Assistant Pastor
Jan. 1, 1953—
District Superintendents

Eight District Superintendents have served the Atlanta District and the Atlanta-West District during the history of Peachtree Road Methodist Church, one having been appointed twice:

W. L. Pierce—1925-1928
S. P. Wiggins—1929-1930
R. L. Russell—1931-1934
Lester Rumble—1935
C. C. Jarrell—1936-1937
W. G. Henry, Sr.—1938-1939
Wallace Rogers—1940-1945
Lester Rumble—1946-1950
J. W. O. McKibben—1951-1953

Bishops

Six Bishops have presided over the North Georgia Conference during Peachtree Road’s existence:

U. V. W. Darlington—1925
W. B. Beauchamp—1926-1929
John M. Moore—1930-1933
W. N. Ainsworth—1934-1937
J. L. Decell—1938-1939
A. J. Moore—1940-1953
STAFF

The Period of No Paid Employees

In 1925 there were no paid employees of the Church. The Reverend E. H. Wood donated his time as minister. Miss Leona Wood gave her services as Choir Director.

Secretaries

In the early years of the Church there was no paid secretary; however, Mrs. C. J. Cofer served as secretary without salary. From 1934 through 1940 Mrs. C. G. Boland was the first paid secretary of the Church. In the first part of 1941 Mrs. T. H. Norton was Church secretary; in the latter part of 1941, Miss Bess Johnson; from January 1, 1942 until December 1, 1944, Mrs. W. C. Thompson; in 1944 for several months Mrs. V. O. Rankin, Jr., and Mrs. H. H. McPherson served as part-time assistant secretaries; from November 15, 1944, to July 1, 1947, Mrs. H. A. Sigman served. On July 1, 1947, it became necessary for the Church to have two secretaries. Mrs. H. A. Sigman, on July 1, 1947, became the Pastor’s secretary and served in that capacity until December 1, 1948. On July 1, 1947, Miss Ruth Gilstrap, later to become Mrs. A. Levy Rogers, was employed as the Church secretary. She served until March 1, 1951. When, on December 1, 1948, Mrs. H. A. Sigman resigned, Miss Ruth Gilstrap became the Pastor’s secretary. From January 1, 1949, to August 1, 1949, Miss Betty Hitt served as Church secretary; from August 1, 1949, until March 31, 1950, Mrs. W. H. McRae; from April 1, 1950, until July 1, 1951, Miss Evelyn Trawick; from July 15, 1951, to October 15, 1951, Miss Denny Wells Spencer; from November 1, 1951, to August 15, 1952, Mrs. Clarence Whitley. On August 15, 1952, Miss Jean Burns became Church secretary. When Mrs. Rogers resigned in March, 1951, Miss
Frances Blackman became the Pastor's secretary. She was succeeded by Miss Bette Burks on November 1, 1951.

**Student Workers With Youth**

From 1939 to 1940, Thaxton Springfield, theological student from Emory University, served as a part-time Director of Youth Work. T. H. Norton served from 1939 to 1941 in the same capacity. From 1940 to 1941 N. P. Jacobson, theological student from Emory, was a worker with youth.

From 1941 to 1943, Bob Lundy and Dorothy Burkhart served as part-time student workers with youth. Bob Lundy served again for six months in 1944. Also working with youth in 1944 were Mrs. Hoyt McPherson and Mrs. Phil Goodrum. From June, 1944, to June, 1945, Mack Gibbs, theological student at Emory, was a part-time worker with youth. Allen Balch served in like capacity from June 1944, to December, 1944.

Miss Pat Willman, Agnes Scott student, worked with youth during the summer of 1945.

Miss Margaret Johnson served as a director of youth from October 1, 1945, until March 1, 1946.

W. Thomas Smith, theological student, served as Director of Intermediates from the fall of 1945 through the summer of 1946. During the Conference year, 1945-1946, Bill Martin served.

Marion Pierson, theological student at Emory, served as Director of Intermediates in 1949, 1950, and until June 30, 1951. From June, 1951, until June, 1952, Elton Brown worked with Intermediates.

Jimmie Williams, theological student from Emory, served from the fall of 1947 until the spring of 1948 as Director of the Senior Department. W. Thomas Smith again became Director of Intermediates, and served from
the fall of 1947 through 1948. From the spring of 1948 until the fall, Bill Middleton was Director of Seniors.

From October 1, 1949, until March 1, 1951, A. Levy Rogers was Director of Young Adult Work.

From July, 1949, until October, 1950, Bill Bruner served as Director of Seniors.

Fletcher Thorington was Director of Seniors from March 1, 1951, until November 1, 1951.

On July 1, 1952, George Currey became Student Worker with Intermediates; Frank McRae with Seniors; and Frank Gulley, Jr. with the Older Youth.

**Director of Youth (Full-time)**

Mrs. Elton Brown served as full time Director of Youth from June, 1951, until June, 1952.

**Director of Children's Work**

Miss Jean Buchanan became full-time Director of Children's Work on July 1, 1952.

**Assistants to the Pastor**

For the year 1939, following the death of her husband, Mrs. A. Lee Hale was employed as Assistant to the Pastor, the Reverend W. Graham Davis.

On August 1, 1944, Mrs. C. H. Robeson was employed as full-time Assistant to the Pastor and she served until March 1, 1945. Again in the fall, from September 1, 1948, to December 31, 1948, she served in this capacity.

**Directors of Christian Education**

In September, 1946, Lloyd H. Snyder, Jr., was employed as Minister of Education; he served until the first of August, 1947.

From January 1, 1948, until December 15, 1951, Miss
Merle Bruner was employed as Director of Christian Education. On March 1, 1952, Miss Hazel Wade became the Director.

**Assistant Pastors**

On December 1, 1938, when it was apparent that A. Lee Hale was desperately ill, the Bishop appointed W. Graham Davis as assistant to Mr. Hale. Within two or three weeks after the Conference year began, Mr. Hale died (November 24, 1938). At that time Mr. Davis became Pastor of the Church.

On August 1, 1950, W. Thomas Smith was called from his studies at Boston University to become full-time Assistant Pastor at Peachtree Road Methodist Church. He served until December 31, 1952.

Frank Gulley, Jr. became Assistant Pastor on January 1, 1953.

**Hostesses**

For several years, there was no paid hostess. Mrs. W. E. Letts, Chairman of Local Church Activities, directed from 1940 to 1943 the preparation of the meals for the Church Night Programs. From 1943 until 1947, Mrs. R. E. Stewart, Chairman of Local Church Activities, supervised the work of the kitchen, and had general oversight of the janitor's and the maid's duties.

In 1947 Mrs. Simon Titlebaum became the first part-time paid hostess. She served until 1949.

In 1949 Mrs. R. E. Stewart was employed as full-time hostess to have charge of all the kitchen and dining room activities, the janitorial staff, the operation of all the buildings, the cleaning of the buildings, and the keeping of the grounds.
Janitors, Maids, and Cateresses

Of the score of janitors the church has employed during the last 28 years, James Clark, serving from 1942 until the time of the writing of this history, 1953, has been the most faithful. Of the various maids, Gladys Milner has done the best work. Of the several cateresses, Emma Johnson, serving from 1942 until the present, has been outstanding.
CHAPTER IX
SUMMARY OF FACTS BY PASTORATES

First Pastorate

Period: April 28, 1925, to December 1, 1925 (6 months)

Pastor: E. H. Wood
Bishop: U. V. W. Darlington
District Superintendent: W. L. Pierce
Chairman of Board of Stewards: F. A. O'Neal
Chairman of Board of Trustees: G. W. Cooley
Church School Superintendent: R. L. Ruble
President of Woman's Missionary Society: Mrs. M. D. Jamerson
President of Epworth League: Mrs. W. Clyde Roberts

Choir Director: Miss Leona Wood
Church Secretary: Mrs. C. J. Cofer
Chairman Building Committee: G. W. Cooley

Steps of Progress

1. Church was organized April 28, 1925, in home of Dr. and Mrs. M. T. Salter.
2. Lot on Peachtree Road and Sardis Way purchased.
3. Temporary chapel erected.
4. Received 87 new members.
5. Money raised during period for all purposes—$3,890.
6. Property value at end of period—$17,000.
7. Membership reported at end of period:
   Church School 225
   Woman's Society 25
   Church membership 88

Second Pastorate

Period: December 1, 1925, to November 30, 1926 (one year)

Pastor: C. A. Norton
Bishop: W. B. Beauchamp
District Superintendent: W. L. Pierce
Chairman of Board of Stewards: F. A. O'Neal
Chairman of Board of Trustees: G. W. Cooley
Church School Superintendent: R. L. Ruble
President of Woman's Missionary Society: Mrs. M. D. Jamerson
President of Epworth League: Mrs. W. Clyde Roberts
Choir Director: Miss Leona Wood
Church Secretary: Mrs. C. J. Cofer
Chairman of Building Committee: G. W. Cooley

Steps of Progress
1. Received 58 new members.
2. Improvement of whole Church organization.
3. Money raised during the one-year period for all purposes—$5,399.
4. Membership reported at end of period:
   Church School  146  
   Woman's Society  33  
   Church Membership  148  

**Third Pastorate**

*Period:* December 1, 1926, to December 1, 1930 (4 years)

*Pastor:* T. H. Shackleford

*Bishops:* W. B. Beauchamp (1926-1929)  
              John M. Moore (1930)

*District Superintendents:*  
  W. L. Pierce (1926-1928)  
  S. P. Wiggins (1929-1930)

*Chairmen of Board of Stewards:*  
  F. A. O'Neal (1926-1927)  
  J. L. Respess, Sr. (1928-1930)

*Chairman of Board of Trustees:*  
  G. W. Cooley (1926-1930)

*Church School Superintendents:*  
  R. L. Ruble (1926-1927)  
  F. A. O'Neal (1928-1930)

*Presidents of Woman's Missionary Society:*  
  Mrs. M. D. Jamerson (1926)  
  Mrs. R. E. Andoe (1927)  
  Mrs. George A. Lunsford (1928)  
  Mrs. C. E. Lovett (1929-1930)

*Presidents of Epworth League:*  
  Mrs. W. C. Roberts (1926-1927)  
  Miss Miriam Riley (1927-1928)  
  Frank Barrett (1929-1930)
Choir Director: Miss Leona Wood  
Church Secretary: Mrs. C. J. Cofer  
Chairman Building Committee: G. W. Cooley

Steps of Progress
1. Church organization improved.
2. Temporary chapel divided into Church School rooms.
4. Wooden auditorium built to seat 250 people.
5. Received 232 new members.
6. Full-time janitor employed.
7. Choir Director became part-time paid member of Staff.
8. Money raised for all purposes during four-year Pastorate—$39,563.
9. Property value of Church increased to $23,569.
10. Membership reported at end of period:
   - Church School 325
   - Woman’s Society 87
   - Church membership 332

Fourth Pastorate

Period: December 1, 1930, to November 30, 1932 (2 years)

Pastor: R. J. Broyles
Bishop: John M. Moore (1930-1932)
District Superintendents: S. P. Wiggins (1930)  
                         R. L. Russell (1931-1932)
Chairman of Board of Stewards:  
   J. L. Respess, Sr. (1930-1932)
Chairman of Board of Trustees:  G. W. Cooley

Church School Superintendents:

   F. A. O’Neal (1930-1931)
   J. E. White (1932)

Presidents of Woman’s Missionary Society:

   Mrs. C. E. Lovett (1930)
   Mrs. W. E. Letts (1931-1932)

Choir Director:  Miss Leona Wood

Steps of Progress

1. Beautified altar section of Church.
2. Introduced beautiful order of worship.
3. First worship bulletin was introduced.
4. Received 79 new members.
5. Erected additional temporary building for Church School.
6. Money raised for all purposes during two-year pastorate—$14,519.
7. Property value of Church increased to $26,000.
8. Membership reported at end of period:

   Church School  360
   Woman’s Society  90
   Church membership  374

Fifth Pastorate

Period:  December 1, 1932, to November 30, 1933
         (1 year)

Pastor:  Nat G. Long

Bishop:  John M. Moore

District Superintendent:  R. L. Russell
Chairman of Board of Stewards:  Jesse M. Wood
Chairman of Board of Trustees:  G. W. Cooley
Church School Superintendent:  J. E. White
President of Woman’s Missionary Society:
   Mrs. J. L. Respess, Sr.
Chairman of Board of Education:
   W. L. Ballenger, Sr.

Choir Director:  Miss Leona Wood

Steps of Progress
1. Sunday Evening Program for Youth organized and developed. Attendance grew to 75 or 80.
2. Improved order of worship.
3. Published monthly news sheet called “Peachtree Up-Look.”
4. Received 48 members.
5. Church music improved.
6. Organized for first time The Board of Christian Education; Dr. W. L. Ballenger, Chairman.
7. Money raised for all purposes during one-year pastorate—$6,428.
8. Memberships reported at end of period:
   Church School 362
   Woman’s Society 91
   Church Membership 399

Sixth Pastorate
Period:  December 1, 1933, to November 30, 1934
   (1 year)
Pastor:  T. Z. B. Everton
Bishop:  W. N. Ainsworth
District Superintendent:  R. L. Russell
Chairman of Board of Stewards: Jesse M. Wood
Chairman of Board of Trustees: J. L. Respess
Chairman of Board of Education: Dr. W. L. Ballenger
Church School Superintendent: Dr. C. G. Boland
President of Woman's Missionary Society: Mrs. J. L. Respess, Sr.
Choir Director: Miss Leona Wood

Steps of Progress
1. Received 43 members.
2. Raised for all purposes during one-year pastorate—$7,036.
3. Memberships reported at end of period:
   Church School 405
   Woman's Society 124
   Church Membership 411

Seventh Pastorate
Period: December 1, 1934, to November 24, 1938
   (about 4 years and 1 month)
Pastor: A. Lee Hale (died November 24, 1938)
Bishop: W. N. Ainsworth
District Superintendents: Lester Rumble (1935)
   C. C. Jarrell (1936-1937)
   W. G. Henry, Sr. (1938)
Chairmen of Board of Stewards:
   Dr. C. G. Boland (1935)
   Dr. W. L. Ballenger (1936)
   Guy H. Wood (1937-1938)
Chairman of Board of Trustees:
   J. L. Respess, Sr. (1934-1938)
Chairmen of Board of Education:
   R. L. Ruble (1935)
   Dr. C. G. Boland (1936)
   J. E. White (1937-1938)

Presidents of Woman’s Missionary Society:
   Mrs. W. E. Letts (1935-1937)
   Mrs. W. B. Miller (1938)

Church School Superintendent: Dr. C. G. Boland (1935-1938)

Choir Director: Miss Leona Wood

Steps of Progress
1. Young Adult Class, known as Wesley Fellowship Class, established.
2. Received during four-year pastorate 442 members.
3. Generally strengthened the total Church organization.
4. Employed full-time Church Secretary, Mrs. C. G. Boland.
5. Employed part-time student worker, Thaxton Springfield. He was licensed to preach in 1937.
6. Parsonage on Peachtree Road at Sardis Way purchased at cost of $6,000.
7. Additional wooden buildings erected at cost of $5,000 to take care of expanding Church School.
8. Property value of Church increased to $36,500.
9. Raised for all purposes during the four years—$41,493.
10. Memberships reported at end of period:
    Church School 588
    Woman’s Society 182
    Church Membership 693
Eighth Pastorate

Period: December, 1938, to November 30, 1939
(slightly less than one year)

Pastor: W. Graham Davis
Bishop: J. L. Decell
District Superintendent: W. G. Henry, Sr.
Chairman of Board of Stewards: W. B. Miller
Chairman of Board of Trustees: J. L. Respess, Sr.
Chairman of Board of Education: J. F. Cox
President of Woman’s Missionary Society: Mrs. W. B. Miller
Church School Superintendent: Dr. C. G. Boland
Choir Director: Miss Leona Wood

Steps of Progress
1. Received 83 members.
2. Raised for all purposes—$13,036.
3. Property value of Church increased to $37,500.
4. Memberships reported at end of period:
   Church School 589
   Woman’s Society 193
   Church Membership 758

Ninth Pastorate

Period: December 1, 1939, to November 30, 1942

Pastor: N. C. McPherson, Jr., served from December 1, 1939, to August 1, 1942 (2 years and 8 months)
W. A. Smart and John Lee supplied the pul-
pit from August 1, 1942, to November 30, 1942.
During the same period Henry Johnson served as part-time Director of Christian Education.

Bishops:  J. L. Decell (1939)
          A. J. Moore (1940-1942)

District Superintendents:
          W. G. Henry, Sr. (1939)
          Wallace Rogers (1940-1942)

Chairmen of Board of Stewards:
          W. B. Miller (1940)
          W. R. Bentley (1941)
          Troy G. Chastain (1942)

Chairman of Board of Trustees:  J. L. Respess, Sr.

Chairmen of Board of Education:
          J. F. Cox (1940-1941)
          Mrs. C. A. Rauschenberg (1942)

Church School Superintendent:  Dr. C. G. Boland

Choir Director:  Miss Leona Wood

President of Woman’s Missionary Society:
          Mrs. W. B. Miller (1939-1940)

President of Woman’s Society of Christian Service:
          Mrs. C. G. Boland (1941-1942)

Presidents of Wesleyan Service Guild:
          Miss Ruth Gibson (1941)
          Mrs. Dale Collins (1942)

Chairman of Building Fund Campaign Committee:
          R. A. Calvert
Chairman of Building Committee: J. L. Respess, Sr.

Steps of Progress

1. Wesleyan Service Guild organized—1941; Miss Ruth Gibson, President.
2. Received 607 members.
3. Old indebtedness of $7,878 paid and way was cleared for advance.
4. In 1941 purchased additional property at cost of $7,000 to complete the square at Peachtree Road and Sardis Way.
5. Sold property at Peachtree Road and Sardis Way for $41,500.
6. Purchased new lot at 3180 Peachtree Road for $17,940.
7. Purchased new parsonage at 257 Rumson Road for $11,000.
8. Enlarged the staff, employing two part-time student workers in addition to full-time secretary.
9. Instituted Church Night Dinners.
10. Constructed and equipped the Great Hall, and made other improvements, all at total cost of $44,375.
11. Inspired congregation to begin thinking of a completed plant. It was then thought that $200,000 would be the cost of the plant. Many made pledges to the project.
12. Raised for all purposes $59,827.
13. Property value of the Church increased to $80,000.
14. Membership reported at the end of the period:
   Church School  607
   Woman's Society  256
   Church membership  1148
Tenth Pastorate

Period: December 1, 1942—
During this pastorate there have been two short conference “years”—one for eight months, and one for eleven months. These short “years” were occasioned by the shifting of the time of the meeting of the Annual Conference from the fall to the summer. The first summer conference was July 9-13, 1941. This was the eight-month “year.” The Conference began in 1948 to meet in June. In 1948 was the eleven-month “year.”

Pastor: Nat G. Long
Assistant Pastors: W. Thomas Smith was appointed in August, 1950; he served until Dec. 31, 1952.
Frank Gulley, Jr. was appointed January 1, 1953.

Bishop: Arthur J. Moore
District Superintendents:
Wallace Rogers (1942-1945)
Lester Rumble (1946-1951)
J. W. O. McKibben (1952-1953)

Chairmen of Board of Stewards:
Troy G. Chastain (1942-1943)
R. A. Calvert (1944-1945)
A. G. Maxwell (1946-1948)
C. R. Justi (1949-1950)
L. P. Jervey (1951)
E. O. Kellum (1952)

Chairman of Official Board:
Banks O. Godfrey, Sr. (1953)
Chairmen of Board of Education:
   Mrs. C. A. Rauschenberg (1942-1943)
   J. E. White (1944-1950)
   C. R. Justi (1951)

Chairman of Commission on Education:
   C. R. Justi (1952-1953)

Church School Superintendents:
   C. G. Boland (1942-1943)
   C. H. Robeson (1944-1948)
   H. M. Thompson (1949-1953)

Presidents of Woman's Society:
   Mrs. C. G. Boland (1942-1943)
   Mrs. W. L. Ballenger (1944-1945)
   Mrs. W. E. Letts (1946-1949)
   Mrs. H. M. Thompson (1949-1952)
   Mrs. Fred Thomas (1953)

Presidents of Wesleyan Service Guild:
   Mrs. W. C. Thompson (1943-1945)
   Miss Patricia Head (1946-1948)
   Mrs. H. H. Hamrick (1949-1951)
   Mrs. E. M. Murphy (1952-1953)

Choir Directors:
   Miss Leona Wood (1942-1946)
   Mrs. Jack Robbins (1947-1949)
   Mrs. Bruce M. Hughes (1950-1953)

Chairmen of Building Committee:
   Clyde M. Kennedy, Jr. (1945-1952)
   O. A. Barge, Jr. (1953)

Chairmen of Building Fund Campaign Committee:
   R. A. Calvert (1942-1943)
   L. P. Jervey (1944-1950)
   Banks O. Godfrey, Sr. (1951-1952)
   Harold N. Hill (1953)
Steps of Progress


3. Explorer Unit organized in 1948—V. O. Rankin, Chairman of Committee.


6. In addition to Chancel Choir and Junior Choir, there were organized by Mrs. Jack Robbins in 1947, a Cherub Choir, an Intermediate Choir, a Youth Choir, and a Men’s Chorus. Mrs. Bruce Hughes has continued the Cherub Choir, the Junior Choir, the Youth Choir, and the Chancel Choir.

7. Two-story Scout Building erected in 1943, valued at $5,000.

8. A second Scout hut erected in 1946, valued at $1,500.


10. Indebtedness on parsonage of $8,000 paid by end of 1943.

11. Additional land purchased at cost of $1,500 in 1945 to make possible a street at rear of Church from Mathieson Drive to West Shadowlawn.

12. In 1947 there was purchased for $7,500 a wooded lot in rear of Church, fifty per cent as large as area north of Mathieson Place—this is for Youth Activities.
13. Expanded the Church Night Dinner meetings.

14. In 1945 lower floor of Church auditorium erected at cost of $45,000. No loan necessary. Paid in full when job was completed. This unit was dedicated October 14, 1945.

15. In 1949 new Church School Building and Church Sanctuary erected at cost of $485,000.

16. M. P. Moller organ installed in 1950 at cost of $30,000.

17. Equipment for Church, including pews, carpets, and the like, installed in 1949 at cost of more than $20,000.

18. In 1949 and 1950 equipment for Church School Building installed at cost of more than $30,000.

19. In 1947, 1949, 1950 grounds were landscaped, parking areas and driveways were paved and marked at a cost of $8,334.

20. A third building for Scout and other Youth Activities was erected in 1952 at a cost of $17,500.

21. A staff consisting of fifteen persons was employed. Full-time workers: Pastor; Assistant Pastor; Director of Christian Education; Director of Children's Work; Hostess; Church Secretary; Pastor's Secretary; three janitors and one maid. Part-time workers: Leader for Intermediates; Leader for Seniors; Leader for Young People; Organist and Choir Director; Cateress.

22. Five young men licensed to preach. Four are members of the Church: Banks O. Godfrey, Jr., Owen Kellum, Jr., John H. Patton, Drewry Jervey. One is member of the older Youth Department: Earl P. Crow, Jr.


25. Established in fall of 1949 a Sunday Evening Service which has continued with increasing success ever since.

26. Methodist Men's Club organized November 17, 1952—C. M. Kennedy, Jr., President.

27. Received from December 1, 1942, to December 31, 1952: 2880 members.

28. Library established in 1949, with Miss Will Gary Williams as Librarian. As of December, 1952, there were 600 books.

29. Property value increased from $80,000 in 1942 to $888,500 in 1952—an increase of 1016 per cent.

30. Raised for all purposes during the pastorate (to December 31, 1952) $1,108,114.

31. Memberships reported as of December 31, 1952, with percentages of increase since December 1, 1942:

   - Church School 2300—increase of 278%
   - Woman's Society 648—increase of 153%
   - Church Membership 2837—increase of 147%
CHAPTER X
THE PERSONNEL OF PEACHTREE ROAD
METHODIST CHURCH, JANUARY 1, 1953

The Staff

Nat G. Long, Pastor
Frank Gulley, Jr., Assistant Pastor
Miss Hazel Wade, Director of Christian Education
Miss Jean Buchanan, Director of Children's Work
Mrs. Bruce M. Hughes, Organist and Choir Director
Miss Bette Burks, Secretary to the Pastor
Miss Jean Burns, Church Secretary
Mrs. R. E. Stewart, Church Hostess
George Currey, Worker with Intermediates
Frank McRae, Worker with Seniors
James Benson, Worker with Older Youth
James Akins, Janitor
James Clark, Janitor
Johnny Hutchins, Janitor
Gladys Milner, Maid
Ella Maddox, Maid
Emma Johnson, Cateress

The Official Board

Officers: Banks O. Godfrey, Sr., Chairman; Harold Hill, First Vice-Chairman; R. L. Stephens, Second Vice-Chairman; Henry Henderson, Secretary; Ivey L. Morrison, Church Treasurer; W. E. Grubbs, Assistant Treasurer; J. L. Respess, Sr., Building Fund Treasurer.

Ex-Officio Members: Nat G. Long, Pastor; Frank Gulley, Jr., Assistant Pastor; Miss Hazel Wade, Director of Christian Education; H. M. Thompson, General Superintendent of Church School; C. R. Justi, Chairman of Commission on Education; E. O. Kellum, Chairman of Commission on Missions; Miss Daisy Davies, Chairman of Commission on Evangelism; Oliver Sale, Chairman of Commission on Finance; Mrs. Fred Thomas, President of Woman's Society of Christian Service; Mrs. John
THE STAFF

Standing (left to right): James Benson, George Currey, Frank McRae.
Seated (left to right): Miss Bette Burks, Mrs. R. E. Stewart, Mrs. Bruce M. Hughes, Miss Hazel Wade, Nat G. Long, Frank Gulley, Jr., Miss Jean Burns, Miss Jean Buchanan.
T. Patton, Lay Member of Annual Conference; Banks O. Godfrey, Sr., Charge Lay Leader; Henry Bookout, Jr., President of Methodist Youth Fellowship.


Honorary Steward: G. W. Rowbotham.

Commission on Membership and Evangelism:  Miss Daisy Davies, Chairman; A. C. Turley, Vice-Chairman; Mrs. J. Ross Garner, Secretary; Mrs. J. P. Hunter, Assistant Secretary; Nat G. Long, E. O. Kellum, H. M. Thompson, Miss Shirley Paisley, Mrs. W. V. Pentecost, Caraker Paschall, Ivey L. Morrison, Clyde M. Kennedy, Jr., Frank Gulley, Jr., Miss Marcia Jeanne Crawford, Ralph Stephens, Alva G. Maxwell.

Commission on Education:  C. R. Justi, Chairman; Paul Moore, Vice-Chairman; Mrs. O. H. Sale, Secretary; Julian H. Clark, Treasurer; Nat G. Long, H. M. Thompson, Mrs. O. C. Dobbs, Mrs. John T. Patton, Tom Wood, Miss Hazel Wade, Miss Jeanne Sillay, Mrs. C. A. Rauschenberg, Judge Eugene Gunby, Mrs. C. H. Robeson, Mrs. W. K. Meadow, Walter S. Askew, Miss Daisy Davies, J. E. White, Miss Will Gary Williams, Claude E. Brock, Mrs. William E. Waters, Miss Jean Buchanan, Mrs. Henry Wagnon, C. R. Hartrampf, Hogarth Sandeford, Frank Gulley, Jr.

Commission on Missions:  E. O. Kellum, Chairman; Mrs. Fred Thomas, Vice-Chairman; Mrs. W. E. Letts, Secretary; Nat G. Long, Mrs. Troy Chastain, L. P. Jervey, George A. Kassabaum, John H. Patton, V. O. Rankin, C. A. Rauschenberg, Jr., Mrs. H. M. Thompson.


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**1953**

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Charles F. Cooper, President  

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Grady Head, Teacher  
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Mrs. Herman Thompson,  
Asst. Teacher  
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Mrs. T. J. Burke, Asst. Teacher  
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President  

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Eugene Gunby, Reserve Teacher  
Charles Robeson,  
Reserve Teacher  
C. M. Stovall, Reserve Teacher  
Nathan T. Teague, President  

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Chancel Choir  
Soloists  
Mrs. Jack Thompson, Soprano  
Mrs. J. D. Wiley, Contralto  
Mr. George Rogers, Tenor  
Mr. Stell Huie, Bass-Baritone  
Miss Patricia Calhoun, Substitute Soprano  

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Mrs. W. R. Baxter, Miss Juliette Boland, Mr. Henry Bookout, Miss  
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Williamson, Jr.
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- Eldred C. Hill
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- Mrs. P. A. Rhodes
- W. C. Baker
- Mrs. W. C. Baker
THE KITCHEN

From the kitchen, during the period from September 1, 1951, until August 31, 1952, under the direction of Mrs. R. E. Stewart, Hostess, 127 different groups were served 13,860 meals.
Our sincere appreciation goes to our beloved pastor, Dr. Nat G. Long, for his splendid and scholarly accomplishment in compiling this history of the Peachtree Road Methodist Church of Atlanta.

Each page of this volume is a testament to hours of Dr. Long's exacting work. His research extended through months of searching for facts and records, careful examination of every available item of information, numerous committee meetings and innumerable calls. Characteristically, Dr. Long spared no effort in his endeavor to make this history complete and authentic. His success will be evident to the reader of these pages.

We are most appreciative and proud of his splendid work. It will afford coming generations an accurate and detailed story of the early years and progress of our church. The development of the Peachtree Road Methodist Church has far exceeded the hopes of the faithful few who laid its foundations almost three decades past. In no small measure has its success and progress been due to the efforts of Dr. Long whose devotion to the spiritual and material wellbeing of his church has been so evident. His deep love for his church prompted Dr. Long to undertake the compilation of its history. In this, as in all his many accomplishments in the interest of our church, we take the greatest pride.

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