

Mike Costell built a "Stepping Block" in front of the Church where the ladies, mounted on horses, could dismount. Wagons, buggies and still later, cars, parked all over the front yard.

The silver communion goblets were donated by Mrs. Carrie Smith Nelson; as of 1962 they were in the possession of Mrs. B. M. Ware.

The Goblets are now on display in a cabinet in the Narthex (1999)

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| 1856 | Newnan Circuit
LaGrange District
Georgia Conf., MECS | William H. Evans, P.C.
John C. Simmons, P.E.
George Foster Pierce and
William Capers, B |
| 1857 | Newnan Circuit
LaGrange District
Georgia Conf., MECS | James Harris, P.C.
Samuel Anthony, P.E.
Robert Paine, B |

The Plan of Organization of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, had denied women the equality with men. The General Conference in 1858 recognized the effort and authorized the organization of the missionary work of the women in the Church, namely the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

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| 1858 | Newnan Circuit
LaGrange District
Georgia Conf., MECS | Edmund P. Birch, P.C.
Samuel Anthony, P.E.
George Foster Pierce, B |
| 1859 | Coweta Circuit
LaGrange District
Georgia Conf., MECS | John W. Knight, P.C.
William H. Evans, P.E.
Hubbard Hinde Kavanaugh, B |
| 1860 | Coweta Circuit
LaGrange District
Georgia Conf., MECS | John M. Marshall, P.C.
William H. Evans, P.E.
Hubbard Hinde Kavanaugh, B |
| 1861 | Coweta Circuit
LaGrange District
Georgia Conf., MECS | John M. Marshall, P.C.
J. Blakely Smith, P.E.
George Foster Pierce, B |

The War Between the States, the Civil War, began on April 12, 1862. The first shot was fired by the Confederate forces,

Southerners, in South Carolina upon the Federal forces,
Northerners, at Fort Sumter, South Carolina.

1862	Coweta Circuit	Tyre B. Harbin, P.C.
	LaGrange District	J. Blakely Smith, P.E.
	Georgia Conf., MECS	George Foster Pierce, B

The impact of the War Between the States. the Civil War, upon Methodism in Georgia was devastating. In Georgia, no session of the annual conference failed to convene, but due to disorganization its work suffered: no statistical reports could be made; travel to and from the site was restricted due to disturbed conditions; communications had been disrupted and the need for the men to stay at home and in their individual communities was evident.

1863	Coweta Circuit	Michael A. Clonts, P.C.
	LaGrange District	J. Blakely Smith, P.E.
	Georgia Conf., MECS	James Osgood Andrew and John Early, B

Bishop John Early had been scheduled to preside at the 1863 Conference, but he could not be present.

Preachers matched patriotism with the laity as enthusiasm prompted general enlistment in the Confederate Army. Some preachers had enlisted as soldiers. The appointment system (assigning preachers to their churches for the next year) was complicated, because of the absence of many preachers, who were in the service. Preachers remained where they were for another year.

1864	Coweta Circuit	Michael A. Clonts, P.C.
	LaGrange; District	J. Blakely Smith, P.E.
	Georgia Conf., MECS	James Osgood Andrew and John Early, B

The thrill of victory; the depression of defeat; the disintegration of business; the anxiety for loved ones in uniform and the destruction of family life were combined forces against the Church. Public worship was neglected; Sunday Schools disbanded and some churches were burned to the ground as acts of war and pillage.

Christian experience began to lose its fervor; Sabbath desecration, public swearing, dishonesty, gambling and

licentious living told the story of moral deterioration. Church leaders called for richer personal experiences in Bible studies, individual devotions and regular attendance upon public worship on the part of members. Sins of all kinds were exposed and vigorously reprov'd. Gratitude to God, love of country and a zeal for souls urged the spiritual laborers onward.

Atlanta, Georgia, surrendered to General Sherman's federal forces on September 2, 1864. The surrender of the Confederate Army took the people at home by surprise. The true state of things at the front was kept from the people, who were visualizing victory, believing in the right of the Southern Cause and that God was on their side. And now, S-U-R-R-E-N-D-E-R!!

The bitter humiliation of defeat was felt! Had God betrayed the Southern people, who had trusted Him? Faith of the Southern people grew feeble and they had to struggle to keep it alive. The whole outlook was dark--dismally so; the political, economical, domestic and religious patterns of life were out of balance.

The Methodist Episcopal Church, South rallied! Gradually the members accepted that it was their misunderstanding of God's truth and not God's infidelity to His word. Confidence was restored; faith was renewed, while a new day dawned.

1865	Coweta Circuit LaGrange District Georgia Conf., MECS	Robert F. Jones, P.C. John B. McGehee, P.E. George Foster Pierce, B
1866	Coweta Circuit Junior Preacher LaGrange District Georgia Conf., MECS	Robert F. Jones, P.C. Eldridge K. Aiken, J.P. John B. McGehee, P.E. Holland Nimmonds McTyeire, B

The Georgia Annual Conference had become so large as to warrant a division. It divided into two annual conferences: The North Georgia Annual Conference and The South Georgia Annual Conference. The dividing line went across the State of Georgia, east to west. The line was drawn just north of Macon and just south of Gray.

The General Conference of 1866 (composed only of preachers) recognized that the time had come to recognize laymen in the various phases of activities in the Annual and General Conferences of the Church. Laymen were limited to

their own local charges, or churches, for they had no membership in either the annual, or general conferences, nor did they participate in the work of these conferences. The integration of the laymen into the life of the Church in an organized manner was not instantly successful, nor a complete success.

Appreciation of these laymen and their contributions to the growth and development of the Christian endeavors within the various levels of conference activities grew as time, again and again, proved the wisdom in this case to be right. More and more responsibilities have been allocated to the faithful laymen through the organization of the General Board of Lay Activities and its comprehensive programs and varied interests. Today, 1999, the Laymen answer the call to conference leadership and encourage others to be equally as faithful.

The horrors of Reconstruction of government and society were more demoralizing than the war. The breaking up of large plantations into small farms and the reaction of the blacks to their freedom left much to be desired. The desolations of the war left the people brooding over altered fortunes; a paralyzing sense of total disaster followed the end of the war. These bleak situations were issues that the Church had to face for they had the tendency to drive the peace of God from the hearts of the people. Many preachers had no horse, were without a parsonage and received meager support for their efforts. These men, however, appeared to be happy, rejoicing in the work given to them.

1867	Coweta & Colored Charge LaGrange District North Georgia Conf., MECS	Robert F. Jones, P.C. John B. McGehee, P.E. George Foster Pierce, B
1868	Coweta & Colored Charge LaGrange District No. Ga. Conf., MECS	Robert F. Jones, P.C. Lewis J. Davies, P.E. Robert Paine, B
1869	Palmetto Circuit & Col. Chg. LaGrange District No. Ga. Conf., MECS	James Thomas Lowe, P.C. Lewis J. Davies, P.E. David Seth Doggett, B

Mrs. Carrie Smith Nelson presented to our Church a Communion Table Cloth, which she made. It was still in use as of 1966.

1870 Palmetto Circuit & Col. Chg. James Thomas Lowe, P.C.
 LaGrange District Lewis J. Davies, P.E.
 No. Ga. Conf., MECS George Foster Pierce, B

1871 Palmetto Circuit John Malachi Bowden, P.C.
 LaGrange District Habersham J. Adams, P.E.
 No. Ga. Conf., MECS William May Wightman, B

1872 Palmetto Circuit John Malachi Bowden, P.C.
 LaGrange District Habersham J. Adams, P.E.
 No. Ga. Conf., MECS Enoch M. Marvin, B

1873 Palmetto & Jones Chapel Thomas Holmes Timmons, P.C.
 LaGrange District Habersham J. Adams, P.E.
 No. Ga. Conf., MECS Robert Paine, B

The Rev. William A. Parks was assigned as the Agent
 of the American Bible Society. He could not have
 assisted in serving this church.

1874 Palmetto & Jones Chapel Thomas Holmes Timmons, P.C.
 LaGrange District Habersham J. Adams, P.E.
 No. Ga. Conf., MECS William May Wightman, B

1875 Palmetto & Jones Chapel James Sidney Bryan, P.C.
 LaGrange District John Wesley Heidt, P.E.
 No. Ga. Conf., MECS John Christian Keener, B

1876 Senoia Circuit Leonard Rush, P.C.
 LaGrange District John Wesley Heidt, P.E.
 No. Ga. Conf., MECS George Foster Pierce, B

1877 Senoia Circuit Leonard Rush, P.C.
 Junior Preacher J. T. Curtis, J.P.
 LaGrange District John Wesley Heidt, P.E.
 No. Ga. Conf., MECS George Foster Pierce, B

The General Conference held on May 23, 1878 at the First
 Methodist Episcopal Church, South in Atlanta, Georgia,
 authorized the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society to become
 a regular institution in the Methodist Episcopal Church,
 South. This date was a historical one for the women of the
 Church. To safeguard this authorization, the bishops

appointed all the officers; they appointed their own wives as vice presidents. The Woman's Home Missionary Society of the North Georgia Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South was organized in Marietta, Georgia, on November 30, 1878.

1878	Palmetto Circuit LaGrange District No. Ga. Conf., MECS	William Asbury Parks, P.C. John Wesley Heidt, P.E. Holland Nimmonds McTyeire, B
1879	Palmetto Circuit LaGrange District No. Ga. Conf., MECS	James Sidney Bryan, P.C. Weyman H. Potter, P.E. John Christian Keener, B
1880	Newnan Circuit LaGrange District No. Ga. Conf., MECS	John Wiley Quillian, P.C. Weyman H. Potter, P.E. Holland Nimmonds McTyeire, B
1881	Newnan Circuit Newnan District No. Ga. Conf., MECS	John Wiley Quillian, P.C. George E. Gardner, P.E. Holland Nimmonds McTyeire, B
1882	Newnan Circuit Newnan District No. Ga. Conf., MECS	John Wiley Quillian, P.C. George E. Gardner, P.E. George Foster Pierce, B
1883	Newnan Circuit Newnan District No. Ga. Conf., MECS	Asbury Wimby Quillian, P.C. George E. Gardner, P.E. George Foster Pierce, B
1884	Turin Circuit Newnan District No. Ga. Conf., MECS	F. M. T. Brannan, P.C. Jesse Boring, P.E. John C. Granberry, B
1885	Turin Circuit Newnan District No. Ga. Conf., MECS	George W. Duvall, P.C. W. W. Wadsworth, P.E. Alpheus Waters Wilson, B
1886	Turin Circuit Griffin District No. Ga. Conf., MECS	Britton Sanders, P.C. Harwell H. Parks, P.E. Holland Nimmonds McTyeire, B

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| 1887 | Turin Circuit
Griffin District
No. Ga. Conf., MECS | Britton Sanders, P.C.
Harwell H. Parks, P.E.
Holland Nimmonds McTyeire, B |
| 1888 | Turin Circuit
Griffin District
No. Ga. Conf., MEC | John Henry Little, P.C.
Harwell H. Parks, P.E.
John Christian Keener, B |
| 1889 | Turin Circuit
Griffin District
No. Ga. Conf., MECS | Robert Perry Martyn, P.C.
Simon Peter Richardson, P.E.
John Christian Keener, B |
| 1890 | Turin Circuit
Griffin District
No. Ga. Conf., MECS | Robert Perry Martyn, P.C.
Clement A. Evans, P.E.
Robert K. Hargrove, B |
| 1891 | Turin Circuit
Griffin District
No. Ga. Conf., MECS | William Jasper Cotter, P.C.
James Sidney Bryan, P.E.
Joseph Staunton Key, B |
| 1892 | Turin Circuit
Griffin District
No. Ga. Conf., MECS | William Jasper Cotter, P.C.
James Sidney Bryan, P.E.
Oscar Penn Fitzgerald, B |
| 1893 | Turin Circuit
LaGrange District
No. Ga. Conf., MECS | William Jasper Cotter, P.C.
J. Fletcher Mixon, P.E.
Atticus Greene Haygood, B |
| 1894 | Turin Circuit
LaGrange District
No. Ga. Conf., MECS | Henry Robert Davies, P.C.
J. T. Gibson, P.E.
Atticus Greene Haygood, B |
- The pulpit was moved to the back of the sanctuary of our Church and an altar rail (built by the sons of George Edward Smith: Robert L. and Edward M. Smith) was placed around the altar in 1895. The partition running across the width of the sanctuary was removed, *Also the length was removed.*
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| 1895 | Turin Circuit
LaGrange District
No. Ga. Conf., MECS | Henry Robert Davies, P.C.
J. T. Gibson, P.E.
John Christian Keener, B |
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1896	Turin Circuit LaGrange District No. Ga. Conf., MECS	George W. Morgan, P.C. Thomas R. Kendall, P.E. Alpheus Waters Wilson, B.
1897	Turin Circuit LaGrange District No. Ga. Conf., MECS	George W. Morgan, P.C. William Robert Foote, P.E. Charles Betts Galloway, B
1898	Turin Circuit LaGrange District No. Ga. Conf., MECS	Henry Robert Davies, P.C. William Robert Foote, P.E. Wallace William Duncan, B
1899	Turin Circuit LaGrange District No. Ga. Conf., MECS	Henry Robert Davies, P.C. John Wiley Quillian, P.E. Eugene Russell Hendrix, B

In 1900, the center partition running the length of the sanctuary was removed. A wall was erected at the rear of the sanctuary, forming a wide vestibule with a door placed on each side to enter the sanctuary. However, the vestibule had only one outside front door.

1900	Turin Circuit Junior Preacher LaGrange District No. Ga. Conf., MECS	Henry Robert Davies, P.C. Elam Franklin Dempsey, J.P. Merritt Jones Cofer, P.E. Eugene Russell Hendrix, B
1901	Turin Circuit LaGrange District No. Ga. Conf., MECS	Elam Franklin Dempsey, P.C. Merritt Jones Cofer, P.E. Charles Betts Galloway, B
1902	Turin Circuit LaGrange District No. Ga. Conf., MECS	William Edward Tarpley, P.C. Beverly P. Allen, P.E. Warren Akin Candler, B
1903	Turin Circuit LaGrange District No. Ga. Conf., MECS	Madison Mitchell Walraven, P.C. Beverly P. Allen, P.E. Joseph Staunton Key, B
1904	Turin Circuit LaGrange District No. Ga. Conf., MECS	Madison Mitchell Walraven, P.C. Beverly P. Allen, P.E. Wallace William Duncan, B

1905	Turin Circuit LaGrange District No. Ga. Conf., MECS	Elisha Adkerson Ware, P.C. Beverly P. Allen, P.E. Wallace William Duncan, B
1906	Turin Circuit LaGrange District No. Ga. Conf., MECS	Elisha Adkerson Ware, P.C. John Bradley Robins, P.E. Seth Ward, B
1907	Turin Circuit LaGrange District No. Ga. Conf., MECS	Larkin LaFayette Landrum, P.C. John Wiley Quillian, P.E. Seth Ward, B
1908	Turin Circuit LaGrange District No. Ga. Conf., MECS	Larkin LaFayette Landrum, P.C. John Wiley Quillian, P.E. Elijah Embree Hoss, B
1909	Turin Circuit LaGrange District No. Ga. Conf., MECS	Wister Smith Gaines, P.C. John Wiley Quillian, P.E. Eugene Russell Hendrix, B
1910	Turin Circuit LaGrange District No. Ga. Conf., MECS	Wister Smith Gaines, P.C. William Pressley lovejoy, P.E. Alpheus Waters Wilson, B
1911	Turin Circuit LaGrange District No. Ga. Conf., MECS	Wister Smith Gaines, P.C. Wills Lovick Pierce, P.E. Alpheus Waters Wilson, B
1912	Turin Circuit LaGrange District No. Ga. Conf., MECS	Jacob Glenn Davis, P.C. Wills Lovick Pierce, P.E. James H. McCoy, B
1913	Newnan Circuit LaGrange District No. Ga. Conf., MECS	Charles Guy White, P.C. Wills Lovick Pierce, P.E. Collins Denny, B
1914	Turin Circuit LaGrange District No. Ga. Conf., MECS	Jacob Glenn Davis, P.C. Wills Lovick Pierce, P.E. Collins Denny, B
1915	Turin Circuit LaGrange District No. Ga. Conf., MECS	Jacob Glenn Davis, P.C. Beverly P. Allen, P.E. Collins Denny, B

1916	Turin Circuit LaGrange District No. Ga. Conf., MECS	Gibson Telubus Sorrells, P.C. Beverly P. Allen, P.E. Warren Akin Candler, B
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On April 6, 1917, the United States declared war on Germany and the Central Powers. This war became known as the World War I.

1917	Turin Circuit LaGrange District No. Ga. Conf., MECS	Gibson Telubus Sorrells, P.C. Beverly P. Allen, P.E. Warren Akin Candler, B
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On November 11, 1918, Germany and the Central Powers surrendered and signed the peace treaty, called the Armistice.

The General Conference of 1918 was held in Atlanta, Georgia, at the Wesley Memorial Methodist Episcopal Church, South. At this conference a vote of 265 to 57 was taken granting "Laity Rights" to the women of the Church, that is to share in the conference business and activities as the men had been doing for fifty-two years. Up to this time, their voices could not be heard. However, there was still much unfriendliness toward the women's work in the Church.

Undauntedly, the women of the Church assumed their places in the organization of the local churches, in the districts, and in the annual and general conferences. Reviewing their important roles as of 1999, it is clear the women of the Church have been most influential in determining and in promoting the great movements of Methodism in our nation and throughout the world.

1918	Turin Circuit LaGrange District No. Ga. Conf., MECS	William David Stephenson, P.C. Richard Cox Cleckler, P.E. Warren Akin Candler, B
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1919	Turin Circuit LaGrange District No. Ga. Conf., MECS	William David Stephenson, P.C. Richard Cox Cleckler, P.E. Warren Akin Candler, B
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1920	Turin Circuit LaGrange District No. GA. Conf., MECS	William David Stephenson, P.C. Richard Cox Cleckler, P.E. Warren Akin Candler, B
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1921	Turin Circuit	Zedekiah Speer, P.C.
	LaGrange District	Richard Cox Cleckler, P.E.
	No. Ga. Conf., MECS	Warren Akin Candler, B

The "Roaring Twenties" waved goodbye to the recent past "Victorian Age." The twenties became known as the "Flapper Era." The women with their bobbed hair, knee-length skirts and permanent waves were symbolic of the progress women enjoyed during this largely carefree decade. This was the beginning of the "Jazz Age" in music. The social trends were for the most part a great concern of the Church for these became indented with the low moral degradation that appeared to be sweeping the country.

1922	Inman-Brooks Circuit	Zedekiah Speer, P.C.
	LaGrange District	Luke G. Johnson, P.E.
	No. Ga. Conf., MECS	William B. Murrah, B

1923	Brooks Circuit	Zedekiah Speer, P.C.
	LaGrange District	James Henderson Eakes, P.E.
	No. Ga. Conf., MECS	Urban V. W. Darlington, B

1924	Turin Circuit	Frank Irby Green, P.C.
	LaGrange District	William Henry LaPrade, Jr., P.E.
	No. Ga. Conf., MECS	Urban V. W. Darlington, B

1925	Turin Circuit	Lovick Augustus McLaughlin, P.C.
	LaGrange District	William Henry LaPrade, Jr., P.E.
	No. Ga. Conf., MECS	Urban V. W. Darlington, B

The Rev. Mr. McLaughlin was a Supply; he was not a member of the annual conference.

1926	Turin Circuit	Lovick Augustus McLaughlin, P.C.
	LaGrange District	William Henry LaPrade, Jr., P.E.
	No. Ga. Conf., MECS	W. B. Beauchamp, B

1927	Turin Circuit	Buren Wesley Hancock, P.C.
	LaGrange District	William Henry LaPrade, Jr., P.E.
	No. Ga. Conf., MECS	W. B. Beauchamp, B

The Turin Circuit consisted of four churches: Turin, Mount Gilead, Bethel and Cokes Chapel.

Penicillin was discovered in 1928. The most devastating disease was polio. It was a fearful disease as there was no cure. Polio left its victims crippled for life, in iron-lungs for years, or dead. There was another disease almost as dreadful. It was Tuberculosis. People thought going to a dry climate was the answer, but the chances for recovery were between slim and none, regardless of what care one received. Confinement and isolation faced the patients.

1928 Turin Circuit Buren Wesley Hancock, P.C.
LaGrange District William Merriwether Barnett, P.E.
No. Ga. Conf., MECS W. B. Beauchamp, B

1929 Turin Circuit Buren Wesley Hancock, P.C.
LaGrange District William Merriwether Barnett, P.E.
No. Ga. Conf., MECS W. B. Beauchamp, B

During the 1920s, the average annual income was about \$1,000.00 per family. Only those earning \$3,000.00 or more could afford to hire domestic servants. By this time, 1929, about 60 per cent of the homes had electricity and some of the new-fangled, labor-saving appliances were appearing as part of the domestic scene. The electric iron was a best-seller.

"The Great Depression" began in the United States of America during the fall of 1929. The workers were laid off from their jobs; factories and businesses folded; money became scarce, banks closed, and a state of near panic seized the people. The Church, in addition to meeting the spiritual needs of the community, now faced the task of meeting the material needs of the people: food, clothing fuel, etc. People were called upon to look out for one another; they shared. These times brought the people closer together.

1930 Turin Circuit Buren Wesley Hancock, P.C.
Junior Preacher John Earl Cline, J.P.
LaGrange District William Merriwether Barnett, P.E.
No. Ga. Conf., MECS John M. Moore, B

1931 Turin Circuit John Earl Cline, P.C.
LaGrange District William Merriwether Barnett, P.E.
No. Ga. Conf., MECS John M. Moore, B

Ebenezer was added to the Turin Circuit.
Cokes Chapel was never AWARE of this Addition.

1932	Turin Circuit LaGrange District No. Ga. Conf., MECS	Thomas Luther Rutland, P.C. Irby Henderson, P.E. John M. Moore, B
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1933	Turin Circuit LaGrange District No. Ga. Conf., MECS	Thomas Luther Rutland, P.C. Irby Henderson, P.E. John M. Moore, B
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1934	Turin Circuit LaGrange District No. Ga. Conf., MECS	Thomas Luther Rutland, P.C. Irby Henderson, P.E. William Newman Ainsworth, B
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In 1935, the wide vestibule was closed on both sides making a class room at each end with a small vestibule in the center. The entrances into the classrooms were doors leading from the small vestibule. A double door entrance into the sanctuary was erected. A concrete stoop was added to the front of the church and a window installed on each side of the front doors. This work was completed by B. M. Ware.

1935	Turin Circuit LaGrange District No. Ga. Conf., MECS	George Pierce Gary, P.C. Irby Henderson, P.E. William Newman Ainsworth, B
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1936	Turin Circuit LaGrange District No. Ga. Conf., MECS	George Pierce Gary, P.C. Augustus Ernest, P.E. William Newman Ainsworth, B
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The same five churches composed the Turin Circuit: Turin, Mount Gilead, Bethel, Cokes Chapel and Ebenezer.

1937	Turin Circuit LaGrange District No. Ga. Conf., MECS	George Pierce Gary, P.C. Augustus Ernest, P.E. William Newman Ainsworth, B
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At the 1937 Session of the North Georgia Annual Conference, Mrs. R. M. Paty addressed the conference on the second day, during the morning session. She spoke feelingly on the conditions prevailing in China due to the Japanese invasion. The conference received an offering of \$745.00, which was designated "For the relief of the Chinese."

The American people became very conscious of the atrocities of the Japanese upon the Chinese people. Response to this struggle of the Chinese to drive the enemy from their shores aroused some American men to enter the warfare on the side of the Chinese.

1938	Turin Circuit	George Pierce Gary, P.C.
	LaGrange District	Jesse William Veatch, P.E.
	No. Ga. Conf., MECS	J. Lloyd Decell, B

The Uniting Conference was held in Kansas City, Missouri, on April 26, 1939 through May 10, 1939, in which The Methodist Protestant Church, The Methodist Episcopal Church and The Methodist Episcopal Church, South, were merged into one Church: THE METHODIST CHURCH. Among the changes made, the following names were changed: Presiding Elder became District Superintendent; the Woman's Missionary Society became the Woman's Society of Christian Service; the ladies who worked were organized in the Wesleyan Service Guild, and the Epworth League became the Methodist Youth Fellowship.

During the Depression, desertion (husbands and fathers left their families to forge for themselves) soared in our nation. Divorce rates dropped. Half of the births were in families on relief, or making under \$1,000.00 per year.

1939	Turin Circuit	George Pierce Gary, P.C.
	LaGrange District	George Lumpkin King, D.S.
	No. Ga. Conf., TMC	J. Lloyd Decell, B

The first session of the North Georgia Annual Conference of The Methodist Church was held November 23, 1939 and the conference ended on November 26, 1939.

Electric lines were run to the church and now the church had electric lights.

1940	Turin Circuit	George Pierce Gary, P.C.
	LaGrange District	George Lumpkin King, D.S.
	No. Ga. Conf., TMC	Arthur James Moore, B

1941	Turin Circuit	Lloyd G. Marlin, P.C.
	LaGrange District	George Lumpkin King, D.S.
	No. Ga. Conf., TMC	Arthur James Moore, B

On Sunday morning, December 7, 1941, the Japanese forces made a sneak attack upon our naval installations in Pearl Harbor; we are now brought into World War II. On December 8th, the Congress of the United States declared war on Japan. On December 11th, Germany and Italy declared war on the United States. It became a war between the Allied Forces (the United States included) and the Axis Forces, including Germany, Italy and Japan. *Cokes Chapel had one member, Joe Todd, who was stationed at Pearl Harbor on the USS Solace.*

1942 Turin Circuit
LaGrange District
No. Ga. Conf., TMC

Lloyd G. Marlin, P.C.
George Lumpkin King, D.S.
Arthur James Moore, B

The Ebenezer Church was removed from the Turin Circuit and placed on the Fayetteville Circuit. Ebenezer was not in Cokes Chapel's history.

During the war years, the Depression ended. The many new jobs that the war industries brought into being gave our people a means of earning a living. Some of our women and teenagers worked in the plants. Youngsters across the nation raided trash piles hunting for iron, brass and rubber items. The civilians faced the ration cards for such items as tires and gasoline for the cars; meat, coffee and sugar for the table and clothing. New titles of music reflecting the times: "Rosie the Riveter," "Victory Gardens," and "USO," Then there was leg make-up to replace hosiery and V-Mail.

1943 Turin Circuit *
LaGrange District
No. Ga. Conf., TMC

A. J. Gilliam, P.C.
Walter Mondwell Twiggs, D.S.
Arthur James Moore, B

* The Rev. A. J. Gilliam was a Supply Preacher; this appointment was listed as "To Be Supplied."

1944 Turin Circuit
LaGrange District
No. Ga. Conf., TMC

Howard Moody, P.C.
Walter Mondwell Twiggs, D.S.
Arthur James Moore, B

The Rev. Mr. Moody was another Supply Preacher.

1945 Turin Circuit
LaGrange District
No. Ga. Conf., TMC

Howard Moody, P.C.
Walter Mondwell Twiggs, D.S.
Arthur James Moore, B

Germany surrendered to the Allied Forces on May 7, 1945. This day was proclaimed as V-E Day (Victory in Europe Day). The unconditional surrender of the Japanese Forces on September 2, 1945 was proclaimed as V-J Day (Victory in Japan Day). Both of these days were days of mass celebrations in the United States for they marked the ending of hostilities. Officially, World War II had ended. The Occupational Forces were left both in European and Japanese areas to insure peace.

1946 Turin Circuit
LaGrange District
No. Ga. Conf., TMC

Howard Moody, P.C.
Walter Mondwell Twiggs, D.S.
Arthur James Moore, B

1947 Turin Circuit
LaGrange District
No. Ga. Conf., TMC

Albert G. Joiner, P.C.
Walter Mondwell Twiggs, D.S.
Costen J. Harrell and
Arthur James Moore, B

The North Georgia Annual Conference met July 9-13, 1947. The Conference also met in July in 1948 and from then until now, the conference has met in June.

The Rev. Mr. Joiner was a Supply Preacher.

In 1947, the straight pews, which were over 100 years old, were removed from the sanctuary. Using the old wood, Mr. Paul Robinson made new pews for the Church at a cost of \$33.00 each.

1948 Turin Circuit
LaGrange District
No. Ga. Conf., TMC

Ralph Jackson, P.C.
Walter Mondwell Twiggs, D.S.
Arthur James Moore, B

The Rev. Mr. Jackson was a Supply Preacher.

After the General Conference met in which approval was granted to license women to preach, Dr. Gamble encouraged one of the most able Church School teachers to apply for a license. At the Quarterly Conference of September 29, 1948, Miss Ruth Rogers was recommended to the District Conference for a license to preach. At the District Conference held early in 1949, Miss Ruth Rogers received a "License to Preach." She became the first woman in the North Georgia Annual Conference to be so licensed.

1949 Turin Circuit
LaGrange District
No. Ga. Conf., TMC

Thomas Edward Sherwood, P.C.
Joseph Sims Thraikill, D.S.
Arthur James Moore, B

Last year, the annual conference met in July for the second time. This year, it met in June.

During the year 1949, a CHURCH CHOIR was formed with Mrs. Opal Smith as ORGANIST and Mrs. Joe Todd as CHOIR DIRECTOR. Charter members were: (SOPRANOS) Martha Todd, Bert Stewart, Judy Lassetter, Inez Lassetter, Mattie Kate Lee and Mrs. Guy Wright; (ALTOS) Elizabeth Todd, Carrie Lassetter and Wynette Smith; (BARITONES) Joe Todd, E. M. Smith, Bennie Lassetter, George Lassetter, Jr.; and (BASSES) Lamar Lassetter, Lee Lassetter, Phil Todd and George Lassetter, Sr.

A concrete block house was built across the road from the Church and it was to be used as a community meeting house.

1950 Turin Circuit
LaGrange District
No. Ga. Conf., TMC

Thomas Edward Sherwood, P.C.
Joseph Sims Thrailkill, D.S.
Arthur James Moore, B

The Korean Conflict. At the close of World War II the United States became the protector of the free world against World Communism. In an effort to stop world domination by Communism, President Harry S. Truman entered the Korean Conflict; acting quickly without declaring war, calling it a police action. He persuaded the reluctant United Nations to approve his action and fifteen nations joined America in battling North Korea and China. Fighting erupted at the 38th parallel in Korea on June 25, 1950.

A Wurlitzer organ was purchased for \$1,550.00 by the congregation. Dr. L. C. Fischer was a great help in this project. A new gas heating system at a cost of \$600.00 was installed.

1951 Turin Circuit
LaGrange District
No. Ga. Conf., TMC

Era P. Eubanks, P.C.
Joseph Sims Thrailkill, D.S.
Arthur James Moore, B

The Rev. Mr. Eubanks was a Retired Preacher, who was serving in a Supply capacity.

1952 Turin Circuit
LaGrange District
No. Ga. Conf., TMC

Era P. Eubanks, P.C.
James Walton Segars, D.S.
Arthur James Moore, B

A kitchen and two restrooms, fully equipped, were added to the community house; they were donated by Dr. L. C. Fischer. Communion glasses and silver communion trays were donated to our Church by Mrs. Nelle Robinson.

1953 Turin Circuit
LaGrange District
No. Ga. Conf., TMC

Era P. Eubanks, P.C.
James Walton Segars, D.S.
Fred P. Corson and
Arthur James Moore, B

The peace treaty was signed in 1953; the Korean Conflict was ended. Four million human beings, half of them civilians, died in a brutal contest marked by atrocities on both sides on a peninsula the size of the State of Utah. None of the issues that started the war had been settled. It was the first war America never won. It left a legacy of hate and division. It accelerated European re-armament, boosted military budgets and established the dangerous precedent of

a President conducting an undeclared war without constitutional sanction under the guise of "police action."

Dr. L. C. Fischer donated a concrete foundation which was added to the pillars under the church building.

1954 Turin Circuit
LaGrange District
No. Ga. Conf., TMC

Era P. Eubanks, P.C.
James Walton Segars, D.S.
Arthur James Moore, B

The First Home-Coming for Cokes Chapel was held on the 3rd Sunday in May. The foundation was already laid for the Sunday school annex. This work was done by B. M. Ware. Later, the annex was constructed in the rear of the church building by Russell Strickland and father. It consists of 3 closets, 3 large class rooms, a hall and a choir loft. The two rear windows were replaced with two doors entering into the back hall. The building annex is of concrete block. This annex was built at a cost of \$6,200.00.

1955 Turin Circuit
LaGrange District
No. Ga. Conf., TMC

Era P. Eubanks, P.C.
James Walton Segars, D.S.
Arthur James Moore, B

A new roof was placed over the old roof on the church.

1956 Turin Circuit
LaGrange District
No. Ga. Conf., TMC

Era P. Eubanks, P.C.
Jesse William Veatch, D.S.
Arthur James Moore, B

One Hundred new Methodist Hymnals were purchased for the church.

1957 Turin Circuit
LaGrange District
No. Ga. Conf., TMC

Era P. Eubanks, P.C.
Jesse William Veatch, D.S.
Arthur James Moore, B

The classroom annex was painted inside and outside. Venetian blinds were placed in all classrooms. Carpet was laid in sanctuary and new pulpit furniture was purchased. The old pulpit furniture was placed in the adult classroom. The sanctuary was painted light green. A brass cross and candelabra were donated by Mrs. Opal Smith and Bennie Lassetter for the communion table. A bulletin board was placed in the vestibule. Grass was planted in the front yard with a cement walk, laid by E. M. Smith. A chain was placed outlining the yard with two outdoor lights at the walk entrance. Furniture was purchased for two classrooms.

1958	Turin Circuit LaGrange District No. Ga. Conf., TMC	James Daniel Crawford, P.C. Jesse William Veatch, D.S. Arthur James Moore, B
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Our society had undergone a transition during the 1950s. Higher wages were experienced; divorce rates dropped; teenage pregnancies were higher than previous years, so were teenage marriages; for the most part mothers stayed home and the attitude that father knew best was generally accepted. Among the topics of conversation for the youth were custom cars, roasters, hot rods, good buddies and pretty girls. Then there were the times for sipping sodas at the drug stores, cruising the local drive-ins (diners) and watching a movie at the local drive-in theaters.

The dirt road in front of the Church was paved this year.

1959	Turin Circuit LaGrange District No. Ga. Conf., TMC	James Daniel Crawford, P.C. Jesse William Veatch, D.S. Arthur James Moore, B
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1960	Turin Circuit LaGrange District No. Ga. Conf., TMC	James Daniel Crawford, P.C. John Bidd Tate, D.S. Arthur James Moore, B
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1961	Turin Circuit LaGrange District No. Ga. Conf., TMC	B. Douglas Wilson, P.C. John Bidd Tate, D.S. John Owen Smith, B
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Before 1961, the worship service was held on the third Sunday of every month. Beginning in 1961, the worship services are held on the first and third Sundays of every month.

West Construction Company built a portico and steeple onto the front of the church at a cost of \$5,500.00. The two classrooms on each side of the vestibule were partitioned and two additional classrooms were provided. Mr. and Mrs. Leon Todd donated two brass urns with greenery in them for the sanctuary. On the third Sunday in July, the Second Home Coming was held.

1962	Turin Circuit LaGrange District No. Ga. Conf., TMC	B. Douglas Wilson, P.C. John Bidd Tate, D.S. John Owen Smith, B
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Carpets were laid in all classrooms. Fans and gas heaters were installed in the small classrooms. The outside flood lights were placed on edges of the Church yard.

1963 Turin Circuit
LaGrange District
No. Ga. Conf., TMC

B. Douglas Wilson, P.C.
John Bidd Tate, D.S.
John Owen Smith, B

Two bathrooms were installed and the rooms painted. One PA System was installed in the Nursery. Two 20-inch fans were bought for the sanctuary. A new roof was placed on the entire church building omitting the steeple. Brass offering plates were placed in the sanctuary in honor of E. M. Smith and G. Wynn Smith by Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Woods.

1964 Turin Circuit
LaGrange District
No. Ga. Conf., TMC

Ralph Vernon Segrest, Jr. P.C.
John Bidd Tate, D.S.
John Owen Smith, B

The Rev. Mr. Segrest is a Lay Pastor.

The Methodist Episcopal Church, South, established a local congregation in 1902 which met in the building called The Wesleyan Tabernacle. The name was changed in 1904 to The Wesley Memorial Church. It was located at 63 Auburn Ave, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia; it was in the Atlanta-Marietta District. Office space was made available for the Bishop's



WESLEY MEMORIAL CHURCH

It was completed in 1910; valued at \$250,000.00.

office. The resident bishop served the Atlanta Area, which included both the North and South Georgia Annual Conferences. For a time this building was the site of the North Georgia Annual Conference. The last regular session of the North Georgia Annual Conference, which met in the building, was the 88th Session which met June 21-25, 1954. However, a Called Session of the North Georgia Annual Conference was held here on December 14, 1955.

On March 21, 1963, a Called Session of the North Georgia Annual Conference granted authority to the Trustees of the Wesley Memorial Building to sell the building. The Bishop's office was moved to the Walco Building, 26 Auburn Avenue, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia. This move was reported to the North Georgia Annual Conference, which met June 22-26, 1964.

1965	Turin Circuit	Ralph Vernon Segrest, Jr. P.C.
	LaGrange District	John Bidd Tate, D.S.
	No. Ga. Conf., TMC	John Owen Smith, B

A large room was added to the Community House.

1966	Turin Circuit	Ralph Vernon Segrest, Jr. P.C.
	LaGrange District	Robert Lauren Taylor, D.S.
	No. Ga. Conf., TMC	John Owen Smith, B

On the fourth day (June 29, 1961) of the Tenth Session of the North Georgia Annual Conference, a motion was made and carried that the Annual Conference begin a campaign for \$100,000.00 for a new Methodist Center. At the North Georgia Annual Conference, which met June 20-24, 1966, it was reported that The Methodist Center was open for business and that the Bishop's Office and certain other conference offices would be located therein. The address of The Methodist Center was to be 159 Forrest Avenue, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia. Later, the street was renamed Ralph McGill Boulevard, N.E..

The communion cloths were monogramed by Mrs. Cecil Bridges and put into use in 1966.

1967	Turin Circuit	Ralph Vernon Segrest, Jr. P.C.
	LaGrange District	Robert Lauren Taylor, D.S.
	No. Ga. Conf., TMC	John Owen Smith, B

The United Methodist Church. The Methodist Church and the Evangelical United Brethren Church merged into THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH at the Uniting Conference held on April 23, 1968 in Dallas, Texas. The Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild were combined and renamed United Methodist Women (UMW); the men's organization was to become the United Methodist Men (UMM); and the Methodist Youth Fellowship was to be renamed the United Methodist Youth Fellowship (UMYF)

The W.S.C.S. bought a bookcase for the Church and a set of flags for the sanctuary.

1968	Turin Circuit	Ralph Vernon Segrest, Jr. P.C.
	LaGrange District	Robert Lauren Taylor, D.S.
	No. Ga. Conf., TUMC	John Owen Smith, B

In 1868, one hundred years ago, the Cokes Chapel gave the land on which the Ebenezer Baptist Church was built. This was to be a congregation of colored people. The colored people were given a choice of staying with Cokes Chapel or going. Some left, marching and singing as they went to their new church grounds and had their first service there. Ebenezer Baptist Church still stands.

A Baldwin organ was purchased for approximately \$3,000.00. Cabinets were built and installed in the back hall.

1969	Turin Circuit	Ralph Vernon Segrest, Jr. P.C.
	LaGrange District	Edgar Allen Padgett, D.S.
	No. Ga. Conf., TUMC	John Owen Smith, B

A cabinet was placed in the vestibule. The original communion cloths and communion service was placed on display.

1970	Turin Circuit	Ralph Vernon Segrest, Jr. P.C.
	LaGrange District	Edgar Allen Padgett, D.S.
	No. Ga. Conf., TUMC	John Owen Smith, B

A piano was donated to the Church by E. C. Pemberton. A partition was removed from the center of one Sunday School room in back of the Church. The W.S.C.S. gave a communion plate.

1971	Turin Circuit	Ralph Vernon Segrest, Jr. P.C.
	LaGrange District	Edgar Allen Padgett, D.S.
	No. Ga. Conf., TUMC	John Owen Smith, B

A Called Session of the North Georgia Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church was held at the Glenn Memorial United Methodist Church, Emory Campus, Atlanta, Georgia, on Monday evening, June 21, 1971. The purpose for this meeting was to vote on the merger of the North Georgia (white members) Annual Conference with the Georgia (Black members) Annual Conference. After the balloting was made, Bishop John Owen Smith declared that the two annual conferences had merged into one conference and this union was to be known as the North Georgia Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church. *Cokes Chapel had 2 members to go to Vietnam, Pat Todd and Ronnie Vineyard.*

The interior and exterior of the church building was painted.

1972	Turin Circuit	Ralph Vernon Segrest, Jr. P.C.
	LaGrange District	Edgar Allen Padgett, D.S.
	No. Ga. Conf., TUMC	William Ragsdale Cannon, B

On January 27, 1973, representatives of South Vietnam and the United States met with the representatives of North Vietnam to sign a peace pact. The United States agreed to withdraw its forces from South Vietnam. The North Vietnamese promised to release all American prisoners of war. The South Vietnamese were given the right to determine their own future. An international peace-keeping force was to supervise the fulfillment of the terms of the treaty. By March, 1973, all American forces had left Vietnam -- officially ending all direct United States military involvement there.

A central heating and air-conditioning unit was installed in the church plant.

1973	Turin Circuit	Charles Wesley Davis, P.C.
	LaGrange District	Edgar Allen Padgett, D.S.
	No. Ga. Conf., TUMC	William Ragsdale Cannon, B

New Venetian blinds were put in the Sunday School classrooms. All cane-bottom chairs were redone by Will Wright and donated to the Church by the United Methodist Women.

1974	Turin Circuit	Charles Wesley Davis, P.C.
	LaGrange District	Edgar Allen Padgett, D.S.
	No. Ga. Conf., TUMC	William Ragsdale Cannon, B

Worship services were discontinued on first Sundays. The services were held only on third Sundays of each month. Old record books were placed in the cabinet in the vestibule. The third Home-coming was held on the third Sunday in May. In August, worship services were resumed for the first and third Sundays of each month. A new exterior light was purchased for the portico.

1975	Turin Circuit	Chester Leroy Weatherford, P.C.
	Griffin District	Robert Neal Windom, D.S.
	No. Ga. Conf., TUMC	William Ragsdale Cannon, B

The exterior of the church building was painted. A lawn sign was erected in the front yard of the Church.

In 1975, North Vietnam's armed troops overran South Vietnam and once again the country was united. Vietnam had become another Communist country.

1976	Turin Circuit	Chester Leroy Weatherford, P.C.
	Griffin District	Robert Neal Windom, D.S.
	No. Ga. Conf., TUMC	William Ragsdale Cannon, B

The Bicentennial event-Home Coming Celebration was held on the third Sunday in May. Beth McCoy directed the Choir, which presented "I Love America." New flags were placed in the sanctuary. The Community House was repainted. New carpet was laid in the sanctuary.

1977	Turin Circuit	Raymond Vinson King, P.C.
	Griffin District	Frank Edward Jenkins, D.S.
	No. Ga. Conf., TUMC	William Ragsdale Cannon, B

Stained glass windows and storm windows were installed. The Church yard was landscaped. The interior of the Church was repainted. A Charge-wide revival was held in May and a Church-wide revival was held in November. Several rededicated their lives to Christ. An increase was noted in the morning and evening worship services. The windows were dedicated on December 18th.

1978	Turin Circuit	Raymond Vinson King, P.C.
	Associate - - - - ERROR - - - -	Tommy Wimberly, J.P.
	Griffin District	Frank Edward Jenkins, D.S.
	No. Ga. Conf., TUMC	William Ragsdale Cannon, B

Original altar chairs and communion table were refinished and placed in the vestibule. In March, ten new members were added to the church roll; in October another eight members joined. On July 1st, worship services were held every Sunday.

Opal Smith Sunday was celebrated, recognizing her fifty years of service to the Church.

1979	Turin Circuit	Raymond Vinson King, P.C.
	Associate	Dr. Kenneth Callaghan, J.P.
	Associate	Gary Hansen, J.P.
	Griffin District	Frank Edward Jenkins, D.S.
	No. Ga. Conf., TUMC	William Ragsdale Cannon, B

Dr. Callaghan resigned in October. Gary Hansen became the Associate at that time.

Pews were restored and new cushions added; new hymnals were purchased; a bus was purchased; Lowered the ceiling\$ of SS. ROOMS which was then painted; laid carpet; built office in the community House were a few of the projects which the Church undertook and completed during the year.

The Administrative Board voted to go with a full time pastor as of January 1, 1980, with Gary Hansen as Pastor in Charge.

In November, 1979, Iran forces seized the American Embassy in Iran; citizens of the United States were captured and taken as prisoners. In January, 1980, President Carter proclaimed that the Persian Gulf was critical to the United States' interests and pledged to resist any attempt by an outside power to control it.

1980 Cokes Chapel
Griffin District
No. Ga. Conf., TUMC

Max Carter Caylor, P.C.
Frank Edward Jenkins, D.S.
Joel Duncan McDavid, B

At this conference Cokes Chapel became a Station Church. Ground breaking for a new parsonage was on January 26, 1980. Rev. Max Caylor was the first full time pastor for the Church. He, his wife and son moved into the new parsonage on June 29, 1980.

In September, 1980, the Iran-Iraq War began in the Far East. President Carter was defeated in the presidential election and President Ronald Reagan was elected as President of the U.S.. In January, 1981, the American hostages were released.

1981 Cokes Chapel
Griffin District
No. Ga. Conf., TUMC

Max Carter Caylor, P.C.
Frank Edward Jenkins, D.S.
Joel Duncan McDavid, B

There were several projects completed for the Community House: a new roof, second office for the secretary, new cabinet tops and sink for the kitchen, the playground was enlarged and new playground equipment was built.

1982 Cokes Chapel
Griffin District
No. Ga. Conf., TUMC

Harold T. Murphree, P.C.
Frank Edward Jenkins, D.S.
Joel Duncan McDavid, B

A men's club was formed.

The parsonage was free of debt and therefore dedicated on November 29, 1981.

1983 Cokes Chapel
Griffin District
No. Ga. Conf., TUMC

Harold T. Murphree, P.C.
James Newton Thompson, D.S.
Joel Duncan McDavid, B

A stained glass window was; placed in the Choir Loft.

1984	Cokes Chapel	John Van Dickens, P.C.
	Griffin District	James Newton Thompson, D.S.
	No. Ga. Conf., TUMC	Joel Duncan McDavid, B

The Rev. Dickens ~~was a Student Local Pastor.~~ ^{WAS ORDAINED IN LA. CONFERENCE}

The American Methodism's Bicentennial Year was proclaimed throughout the nation.

1985	Cokes Chapel	John Van Dickens, P.C.
	Griffin District	James Newton Thompson, D.S.
	No. Ga. Conf., TUMC	Ernest Abner Fitzgerald, B

1986	Cokes Chapel	Daniel Walter Gaddy, P.C.
	LaGrange District	Bobby Hugh Berrier, D.S.
	No. Ga. Conf., TUMC	Ernest Abner Fitzgerald, B

A ramp was built on the side of the front porch of the Church for the handicap.

1987	Cokes Chape	Daniel Walter Gaddy, P.C.
	LaGrange District	Bobby Hugh Berrier, D.S.
	No. Ga. Conf., TUNC	Ernest Abner Fitzgerald, B

1988	Cokes Chapel	Jeffrey Alexander Stone, P.C.
	LaGrange District	William Greene Edwards, Jr., P.C.
	No. Ga. Conf., TUMC	Ernest Abner Fitzgerald, B

1989	Cokes Chapel	Jeffrey Alexander Stone, P.C.
	LaGrange District	William Greene Edwards, Jr., D.S.
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	No. Ga. Conf., TUMC	Ernest Abner Fitzgerald, B

Susan Harbin became the pianist after Cindy Alexander resigned; ~~she~~ ^{CINDY} became the Choir Director.

Vinyl siding was placed on the Church and the exterior trim was painted. Other projects included gravel placed on parking lot, church sign erected, full landscaping of the church grounds, and the interior of the church was painted.

On February 28, 1991, Thursday, at 9:00 o'clock P.M., President George Bush went on television and announced to the American people that "Kuwait is liberated." The United States-led operations, "Desert Storm," was over in what seemed to be a clear-cut United States and allied victory. The American people exploded with an unprecedented outpouring of national pride over this victory in the Persian Gulf War. It had taken six weeks of heavy air raids and one hundred hours of infantry and tank fighting on the ground to defeat the enemy. President Bush had only months before sent more than 400,000 American troops to help liberate Kuwait and to protect the vital oil-rich region from the threat of Saddam Hussein, Iraq's leader. Combat began the moment the allied forces started bombing on January 17, 1991.

1991 Cokes Chapel Jeffrey Alexander Stone, P.C.
 LaGrange District William Greene Edwards, Jr., D.S.
 No. Ga. Conf., TUMC Ernest Abner Fitzgerald, B

The Rev. Mr. Stone served until October of this year. The Rev. Daniel Ferguson Brewster, Jr., a retired United Methodist pastor, was appointed to fill the rest of the conference year as the interim pastor.

The parsonage was refurbished and some items were purchased to make it ready for the new pastor.

1992 Cokes Chapel Roger Alan Vest, P.C.
 LaGrange District Charles Albert Farr, Jr., D.S.
 No. Ga. Conf., TUMC Ernest Abner Fitzgerald, B

The Rev. Mr. Vest came to us in January and was reappointed in June.

A pavilion was built beside the Fellowship Hall.

1993 Cokes Chapel Joe Lyle Allen, P.C.
 LaGrange District Charles Albert Farr, Jr., D.S.
 No. Ga. Conf., TUMC James Lloyd Knox, B

An active youth program was begun with Jerry Veal as Director. The front two Sunday School rooms and the rear two Sunday School rooms were carpeted.

Bishop Lloyd Knox was welcomed to our Worship Service on July 18th.

The Atlanta Area of the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference had consisted of the North and South Georgia

Annual Conferences. This year, The Atlanta Area consisted only of The North Georgia Annual Conference with Bishop James Lloyd Knox as the Resident Bishop. The South Georgia Annual Conference was placed in the newly formed Macon Area with Bishop Riichard C. Looney as the Resident Bishop.

1994	Cokes Chapel	Joe Lyle Allen, P.C.
	LaGrange District	Charles Albert Farr, Jr., D.S.
	No. Ga. Conf., TUMC	James Lloyd Knox, B

1995	Cokes Chapel	John W. Freeland, P.C.
	LaGrange District	Charles Albert Farr, Jr., D.S.
	No. Ga. Conf., TUMC	James Lloyd Knox, B

The Rev. Freeland was a Student Pastor.

Parking lots on both sides of the road were paved. A fence was put all around the playground. Steve Cash became our Organist/Choir Director in June.

1996	Cokes Chapel	John W. Freeland, P.C.
	LaGrange District	Charles Albert Farr, Jr., D.S.
	No. Ga. Conf., TUMC	James Lloyd Knox, B

Steve left in April, 1996. The parsonage was re-roofed and painted. An air-conditioning unit was installed for the sanctuary and two others for classrooms.

Ray Landers landscaped the yards of the Church and Fellowship Hall.

A delegation of 528 persons at the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference held at Lake Junaluska, North Carolina, on July 16--19, 1996, elected the Rev. George Lindsey Davis, 48 year old Methodist Minister, a Bishop on the second ballot. He was a member of the Kentucky Annual Conference and the first of seven bishops chosen. He has a wife, Jennifer, and two children: John, 22 years old, and Laura, 19 years old.

Bishop Davis succeeded the retiring Bishop J. Lloyd Knox as the Resident Bishop of the North Georgia Annual Conference on September 1, 1996. The North Georgia Annual Conference has a membership of 287,000 United Methodist members.

1997	Cokes Chapel	John W. Freeland, P.C.
	LaGrange District	Gerald Sims Thurman, D.S.
	No. Ga. Conf., TUMC	George Lindsey Davis, B

Air conditioning unit was added to the Secretary's office and the Pastor's office. Carpet was purchased for the parsonage and natural gas was installed there.

The wooded area of the cemetery was cleared

1998	Cokes Chapel	John Hagen, P.C.
	LaGrange District	Gerald Sims Thurman, D.S.
	No. Ga. Conf., TUMC	George Lindsey Davis, B

The Rev. Mr. Hagen was a Student Pastor.

A keyboard was purchased for the Church. Padded chairs were installed in the Choir Loft in memory of Opal Smith and Bert Stewart. Central heating and air conditioning was installed in the Church.

1999	Cokes Chapel	John Hagen, P.C.
	LaGrange District	Gerald Sims Thurman, D.S.
	No. Ga. Conf., TUMC	George Lindsey Davis, B

From the beginning (prior to 1833) to this present date, (1999), many devoted Christian men and women have given of their time and possessions to make this Church effective through her ministries and services. From the ranks of her membership preachers, missionaries, workers and witnesses have gone forth to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the love of our Lord God. May, in the years to come, the Cokes Chapel United Methodist Church continue to spread the message of salvation here at home and throughout the whole world.

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