

the construction of this beautiful addition to our church. Communion cloth monogrammed by Mrs. Cecil Bridges now put into use - October 1966.

Note: Cokes Chapel gave the land that Ebenezer Baptist Church now stands on to the African-American members in 1868 at the end of the Civil War. They left Cokes Chapel marching and singing to their new church grounds and had their first service. Ebenezer still exists with good attendance. The African Americans were given a choice, they could be come a part of any denomination that they would choose.

- 1963 2 bathrooms installed and rooms painted. PA system installed in nursery. Two 20" fans bought for sanctuary. A new roof was put on entire church building, omitting steeple. Brass offering plates were placed in sanctuary in honor of E. M. Smith and G. Wynn Smith by Mr. & Mrs. Bruce Woods.
- 1965 A large room added to Community House. WSCS put new flags in Sanctuary.
- 1967 WSCS bought book case for church.
- 1968 Cokes Chapel Methodist Church became Cokes Chapel United Methodist Church. Baldwin Organ purchased. Cabinets built in back hall.
- 1969 Cabinet put in vestibule. The original Communion cloths and communion service placed on display.
- 1970 Piano donated to church by E. C. Pemberton. Partition removed from center of one Sunday School room in back of church. WSCS donated communion plate.
- 1971 Interior and exterior of entire building painted.
- 1972 Central Heating and Air conditioning unit installed.
- 1973 New Venetian blinds put in Sunday School rooms. All cane bottom straight chairs redone by Mr. Will Wright - donated to church by United Methodist Women (UMW).

Christmas 1973



1st Row Felicia
Odom

Opal Smith

2nd Row Lib Todd

Jennie Todd

3rd Row Ralph
Segrest

Joe Todd

Bennie
Lasseter

Fr.
Lasseter

Claire
Lasseter

Martha
Segrest

Judy
Lasseter

Charlene
Lasseter

Barbie
Odom

Kate
Lee

Jean
Segrest

Gail
Lasseter

Lorain
Lasseter

Beth McCoy

Gail
Lasseter



S.S. Picnic



Easter 1970

in-P
Edgar Smith
Joe Todd
Ralph Segrest
Jean Lee
Gail Lasseter



Rev Charles Davis
1973-1975

Rev. Ralph Segars
1964-1973



Mother's Day 1975
Ivey Leesetter
Gill Leesetter

To the Cokes Chapel Sunday Schools

This is to thank each and all of you for thinking about the absent me and sending the flowers they do nice.

I love Cokes Chapel Church, and especially the Sunday School, and have loved & respected them all the back as I can remember back into the 1890's. Mama & Papa carried me to church often, every time they carried me chicken bed. In answer the "Well are worth a Bible Verse," my first one lives "Jesus Christ," then I found one no longer one that I thought was more appropriate.

Next down & past my bed in the bed for my prayers every night when I was a little boy at Camp and very often went outside to the children over thought to believe in church, there was a peach tree in the back yard and it never was able to keep its fruit. I think it was on it long enough to bear fruit. I remember once week day Papa carried me with him to Marion & a political rally. He & Big Speaker, The Great Woods Town & Roselle & well when the speaker said something they liked. He went Sunday I tried it at church during the sermon but I never tried it again.

In 1898 I went to join the church and Mama decided I was old enough to stand next to her and she was right. I have been a member of Cokes Chapel ever since. Much

of the time I have lived far away from here lending to the one home I love Cokes Chapel the church and the cemetery, have always loved them. Good bye. Very sincerely, Your friend the



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The 1974 congregation of Cokes Chapel United Methodist Church



Sunday School 1973



1st row: Danner, via, erine Lasseter, Shewell



Cokes Chapel Reaches 140th Birthday in 1974

By Lib Todd

This year, 1974, is the 140th birthday of the organization of Cokes Chapel United Methodist Church on Lower Fayetteville Road near Sharpsburg.

The present building is 120 years old, being built by R. D. Cole Manufacturing Company. At that time, there were four partitions in the church with the pulpit elevated in the center. The congregation was segregated by sex and color. There are still marks on a center post where the pulpit was located.

There have been 76 ministers assigned to the church since 1834. The present minister is Rev. Charles W. Davis.

There have been several

changes made at the church since 1854, but none have changed the simple beauty of this House of Worship. The wide board walls of this building have been painted many times, but their strength still shows. A choir loft was built along with a Sunday School annex in 1954. It holds a very good choir, organized in 1949. It leads the congregation in the same old songs that have rung from the rafters for many generations. There is a steeple that points to heaven, that was a dream for many years before it became a reality in 1961. Where there used to be a pot-bellied stove, there is now central heat and air conditioning; but the same God is still worshipped by a lot of the same names that

worshipped around that pot-bellied stove. New names have joined the old names and made this into an active, mission - minded country church. The oldest, active member is 81 years of age and the youngest preparatory member is seven and a half months old.

A two-step ladder of rock still stands on the front lawn where the ladies of old mounted their horses side-saddle.

The cemetery complements the church with its history. It contains the remains of blacks and whites, Yankees and Rebs, prominent families of Coweta county history and veterans from the War of 1812 through World War II.

Christie Daphne Odum, George Brown, Ritchie, Judy & Kevin, Miss Louelle Phillips,
Mattie Eva McDonald, Ann Stewart, Mommie Vineyard, Bert Stewart,
Charlene Carter, Walter Phillips, Inez Hossetter, Merlene & Edgar Smith, Harry Todd,
Jr. Hossetter, Ralph June Segrest, Edward & Kate Lee, Joe Todd, Susan Todd, Jane Yarbrough
Morelle (w/ head) Martha Walton, Sara Cunningham, Nancy DiNicole, Louella Benderman
Lamar, Beth McCoy, Charlene, Kathy Yarbrough, Jenny Todd, Nancy Banks, Wib Todd
Phil McCoy, Don Smith, Steve Russell, Emory Phillips, Ronnie Vineyard, Pat Todd.
children in front: Greg Carter, Dana Carter, Felicia Odum, Claire holding Karen Todd.
Martha Segrest holding Chris Russell, David & Scott Yarbrough.

Homecoming Will Be Held At Cokes Chapel

Cokes Chapel United Methodist Church will hold a joint homecoming and Bicentennial celebration on Sunday, May 16th.

At the 11:00 a. m. service the choir, directed by Mrs. Phil McCoy, will present "I Love America" by John Peterson and Don Wyrzen.

"I Love America" is a musical in three sections. The first section, Patriots for America, relates to the love for the United States and recounts some of the

history. The second section, Praise For America, is a tribute to the nation and its flag. The final section, Prayer For America, presents a plea for the future of the United States, that the nation should turn back to its spiritual foundations.

The dress rehearsal will be Saturday at 7:30 p. m. May 15. It will be open to the public so those unable to come to the regular worship

will have the opportunity to see and hear it.

Following the morning service Sunday there will be an old fashioned "dinner on the ground."

At 2:00 p. m. participants will meet back in the church for prayer and singing and tribute will be paid to each person in the congregation that has served the United States. There will also be a Service Roll Call.



THE CHOIR OF COKES CHAPEL United Methodist Church will present the musical "I Love America" in a joint Bicentennial and homecoming celebration Sunday, May 16. Members of the choir are, left to right, front

row, Ellen Johnston, Carolyn Lassetter, Mattie Kate Lee, June Segrest, Morelle Lassetter, Martha Arnold, Charlene Lassetter, Elaine Christopher, Camille Tolar; second row, Jennie Todd, Maria Faulkner, Susan Todd,

Claire Lassetter, Judy Lassetter, Jill Lassetter, Martha Segrest; third row, Lib Todd, George Segrest, Ralph Segrest, George Lassetter, Jr., Ben Lassetter, Jim Wood, Lamar Lassetter, Pat Todd, and Beth McCoy.

1830 COKES CHAPEL 1974
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH.
LOWER FAYETTEVILLE ROAD
RT.1, SHARPSBURG, GA. 30277.
Charles Wesley Davis, Pastor.

HOMECOMING SERVICE MAY 19, 1974

* PRELUDE.....MRS. OPAL SMITH
CALL TO WORSHIP.....CHOIR
* INVOCATION.....MR. JOE TODD
** HYMN.....4
* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH.....512
** THE LORD'S PRAYER.....CONGREGATION
** GLORIA PATRI.....569
SCRIPTURE READING.....PASTOR
PRAYER.....PASTOR
HYMN.....416
WORDS OF WELCOME.....PASTOR
DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS.....PASTOR
CHORAL RESPONSE.....CHOIR
OFFERTORY.....ORGANIST
* DOXOLOGY.....
SPECIAL HYMN.....PASTOR
SERMON.....
HYMN OF INVITATION.....233
BENEDICTION.....MINISTER

FLOWERS PLACED IN THE SANCTUARY IN MEMORY

OF: MR. and MRS. B.M. WARE.
MR. GEORGE C. LASSETTER, SR.

FORMER PASTORS PRESENT TODAY:
REV. RALPH V. SEGREST.

AFTER THE MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE WE WILL
GATHER IN THE CHURCH COMMUNITY HOUSE FOR
DINNER, WHICH THE LADIES HAVE SO GRACIOUSLY
PREPARED FOR OUR ENJOYMENT.
BY DALE COOPER

HISTORY
Cokes Chapel had its beginning in a brush arbor in 1830, five miles from Newnan Georgia, on Lower Fayetteville Road, in Coweta County. Later it was moved to its present location in a log building, in 1850. The present building was later built, and the steeple was added in 1961. The first Pastor was REV. WILLIAM STEIGALL, appointed by the Methodist Conference in 1834. Following him, there have been seventy-five pastors, covering a period of 140 years. Cokes Chapel, is one of four church's comprising the Turin Circuit, in the La Grange District, of the North Georgia United Methodist Conference.
The last Homecoming was held in May, 1961.

STATISTICS: We have had;

5 Weddings in the Sanctuary.
25 Baptisms.
24 Preparatory Members Received.
57 Entered into Full Membership.
19 Moved by Transfer or Withdrawal.
We have lost by death. (18)
Edward Lyndon Stewart.....Feb. 18, 1963
E.M. Smith.....May 3, 1963
J.T. Cunningham, Sr.July 27, 1964
Frank Russell.....Dec. 15, 1964
T.T. Carter.....May 10, 1965
Lois Lee Harper.....1967
Mrs. Leon (Tammie) Ladd Todd.....July 24, 1967
William Harrison (Pat) McGee.....May 12, 1968
Eugenia Parrott Jones.....June 26, 1969
Mamie Yearwood.....Jan. 12, 1972
Mrs. B.M. Ware (Bertha).....Jan. 6, 1972
Mr. B.M. Ware.....July 29, 1972
Charlie Q. Smith.....Aug. 3, 1972
Amelia Smith Richardson.....Sept. 29, 1972
Sarah Hammert Puckett.....Mar. 3, 1974

- 1974 Worship Service discontinued on 1st Sunday. Back to 3rd Sunday each month. Old record books placed in cabinet in vestibule. 3rd Homecoming 3rd Sunday of May. August - resumed 1st Sunday worship service. Changed from LaGrange to Griffin District. New exterior light purchased for church portico.
- 1975 Exterior of church painted. Sign erected in front yard.
- 1976 Bicentennial Event - Homecoming 3rd Sunday in May. Directed by Beth McCoy - choir presented "I Love America" - new flags put in sanctuary. Community House painted - Sanctuary re-carpeted. Chrismon Tree put in Sanctuary during Christmas by UMW.
- 1977 Stained glass windows with storm windows installed. Interior of church painted, yard landscaped. Charge wide revival in May - November Church revival. Several rededicated lives to Christ. Windows dedicated on December 18. Increased number evening and morning sessions.
- 1978 Mar 3rd 10 new members. Original altar chairs and communion table re-finished, placed in vestibule. July 1st started services every Sunday. Roof of Community House and Portico replaced. October 15th - 8 new members on Homecoming "Opal Smith Sunday" (Fooled Miss Opal with a surprise honored for her 50 years of service to the church.) Missionary convention in February. Piano purchased - vacuum cleaner purchased.
- 1979 Mailbox put in sanctuary. Benches restored - Hymnals purchased. Took 2 missionaries at convention in February - John & Edith Powdrill (Bangladesh) Johnny Miller (SE Representative - World Gospel Mission). Pews cushioned. In September took Pauline Carroll, missionary in India. Purchased bus. Laid carpet. Lowered ceilings and painted Sunday School annex. Painted and carpeted Community House. Built office in Community House. On October 21, after much prayer and tears, much discussions and board meetings over problem with minister, board voted for church to go full time as of January 1, 1980. In November, Pastor Raymond King was asked not to return to Cokes Chapel as pastor. Gary Hansen was appointed by N. Georgia Conference as interim pastor. Joe Todd was Chairman of Board. Jr. Lassetter and Deborah Williams were on Pastor-Parish Relations Committee. The church did all as scripture dictates. The

I LOVE AMERICA

A MUSICAL BY
JOHN W. PETERSON
AND DON WYRTZEN



SERVICE ROLL

SPANISH AMERICAN WAR

* Ben Ware
Wilbur Johnson
Walter Phillips
E. M. Smith
Rawson Stewart

WORLD WAR I

* Janet Lenderman
Neil Lenderman
James Todd
Robert Todd
Phil Todd
Lee Lassetter
Bill Lassetter
Edward Johnson
Manson Smith
Phillip Lee
Hugh Lee
Hamilton McDonald
Frank Russell
Chester Weatherford

WORLD WAR II

Joe Todd
Janet Lenderman
Neil Lenderman
James Todd
Robert Todd
Phil Todd
Lee Lassetter
Bill Lassetter
Edward Johnson
Manson Smith
Phillip Lee
Hugh Lee
Hamilton McDonald
Frank Russell
Chester Weatherford

KOREAN WAR

Aubrey J. Cooper
Bill Carter
Bob Stewart
Jimmy Parham

VIETNAM WAR

Pat Todd
Jerry Williams

POST WAR

Ben Lassetter
Clint Odom
Ellis Yarbrough
Tony Beam

VIETNAM WAR

Ron Vineyard

Wilma Smith Turner
Phil McCoy

* Deceased

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COKE'S CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. Chester Weatherford, Pastor

BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

11:00 A.M.

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PRELUDE

Organist

CALL TO WORSHIP

Choir

INVOCATION AND WELCOME

Pastor

* HYMN NO. 256

Congregation

APOSTLE'S CREED

Congregation

SCRIPTURE

Pastor

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Pastor

CHORAL RESPONSE

Choir

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

DOXOLOGY

2:00 P.M. TRIBUTE TO AMERICAN SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN

I LOVE AMERICA

(A Musical by John W. Peterson and Don Wyrtzen)

PRAYER

PATRIOTISM FOR AMERICA -- OUR HISTORY

* HYMN NO. 489

PART I

I Love America
I'm Just a Flag-Waving American
Johnny Bull
In God We Trust

* PLEDGE TO FLAG

PART II

I Love America
Land that I love
Stand beside her and guide her
Through the night with a light from above
From the mountains, to the prairies,
To the oceans white with foam;
God Bless America, My Home Sweet Home
God Bless America, My Home Sweet Home.

* RECOGNITION OF SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN

Soloists:

Beth McCoy
Claire Lassetter

Narrators:

Ralph Segrest
Pat Todd

* BENEDICTION

Soloists:

Lamar Lassetter
Susan Todd

Pastor

* BENEDICTION

Soloists:

Charlene Lassetter

Pastor

* BENEDICTION

CONGREGATION STAND

* CONGREGATION STAND

PART II PRAISE FOR AMERICA -- OUR TRIBUTE

My Home, America
America the Beautiful
God of Our Fathers
The Red, White and Blue
My Home, America (Reprise)
Praise the Lord and Give Thanks, America

Soloist: Charlene Lassetter

PART III PRAYER FOR AMERICA -- OUR PLEA

It's Time to Pray
If My People
Jesus is Calling America
Battle Hymn of the Republic

Soloists: Lamar Lassetter

Susan Todd

Pastor

* BENEDICTION

COVERED DISH DINNER

TRIBUTE TO AMERICAN SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN

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* BENEDICTION



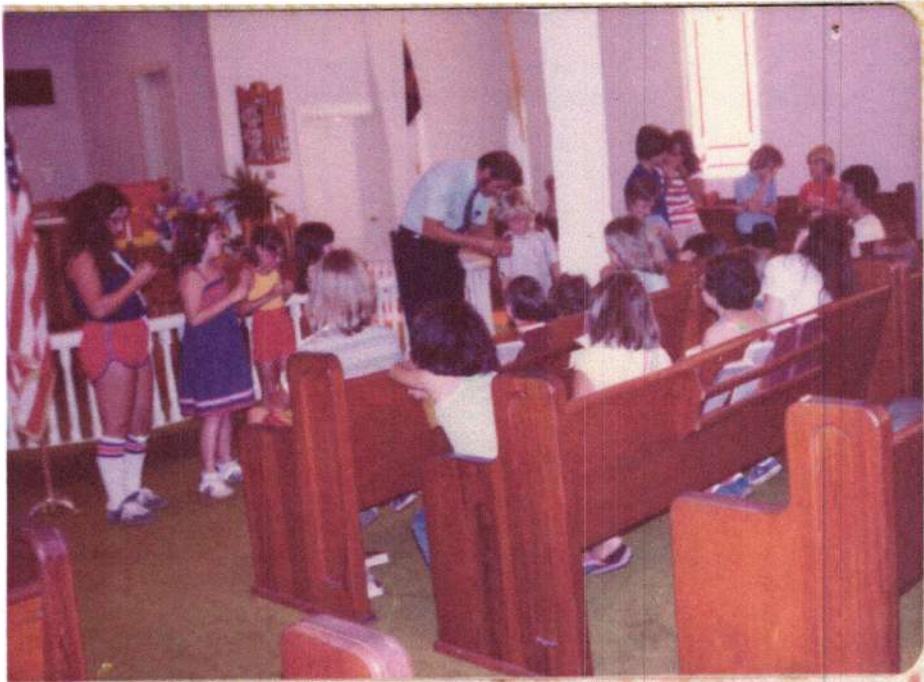
Pre-School
Rebbie Beane
Amy Shuckaby
Debbie Williams Hester
Kevin Beane



Donna Carter
Robin Shuckaby
Beth McCoy teacher



Nursery
Michelle Tolle
Parker
Amy Williams
Judy Leachette
Marlene Smith
teachers
1977



Mrs. Opal Smith
Deacons
Bible Class Leader
1978

Vacation - Summer
Bible School

Beechwood
6/6/77
Charlie Loretta
Jan Segrest
Gudy Loretta
Kathy Nealy
Mildred Winkler



Merle Smith Davis Cole
Kaye Brown
Beth Miley



Belle School
July 1977



Cheron (goddess)
Terri - son
Manson.



Fred Lassette
presenting flowers
to Opal



L-R:
Barbara Smith, Bonnie Ulrich,
Karon ?, Opal Sorett, Terri
Smith, Jeff & Teri Fambro,
Lynette S. Ulrich -



Easter, 1979
L-R
1st Row - Amy Williams,
Michelle, Matt McCoy,
Cliff Smith, Karen McCoy,
Kevin Beers, Matt McCoy, Leslie
Beers, Jeremy Williams



Red Ray, Evelyn King

