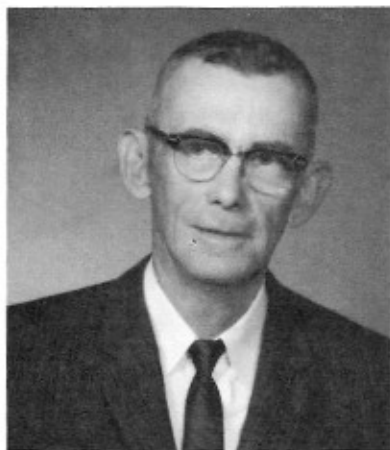


J.H. Newman has given wonderful thoughts to contemplate as we work:

Among The People

"I sought to hear the word of God
And climbed the topmost steeple,
But God declared, 'Go down again
And dwell among the people'."

May we ever do our utmost to dwell and work in peace and harmony with
our fellowman.



Collin L. Grissom
1898 - 1976

Historically, Methodist Men has served a vital need in the ongoing of our Church and, with the combining of Evangelical United Brethren and the Methodist Church in 1968, and the name-change to United Methodist Church, this phase of Methodism has taken on new impetus. More than 150 of the leading churches in North Carolina Annual Conference currently have active United Methodist Men organizations. As has been referred to herein, Mount Zion's record of service and achievement has been above average. First and foremost in the hearts and minds of United Methodist Men, at Mount Zion, as elsewhere, is the adoption and application of its Pledge as written in The Objectives of United Methodist Men.

1. To engage daily in Bible study and prayer.
2. To bear witness to Christ's way in daily work and in all personal contacts through words and actions.
3. To engage in some definite Christian service.
4. To engage in personal evangelism especially among men and boys.
5. To seek commitment to discipleship.
6. To study and become familiar with the United Methodist Church, its organization, doctrine, and beliefs.
7. To cooperate with all units of United Methodist Men in obtaining these objectives through district conferences and church-wide goals.

"Be ye doers of the Word and not hearers only"

Charles McCullers



Robert Casey and Billie Penny Matthews.



Danny A. and Beverly Grissom Batton.

MARRIAGES

"What God hath Joined together,
Let not man put assunder."

Matt. 19:6

The Bride and Groom Speak:

"Everyday I love you more and more
Today more than yesterday and less than tomorrow,
I will not mind the wrinkles of your face
My love will be deeper and more serene.
Think of all the Springs which will fill our hearts.
My own memories will also be yours,
These common memories will entwine us more
And constantly between us other ties will interlace.
It is true, we will be old, very old,
Weakened by age
For, as you know, I love you more and more
Today more than yesterday and less than tomorrow."

Rostand

(Contributed by Margaret McCullers)

Members and friends Married Before Mt. Zion's Altar and by the Pastor since May, 1966:

Everett D. Lassiter and Sandra Johnson Bennett	1966
Jerry G. Williams and Thelma Doris Coats	1967
Kenneth W. Morg and Joan Elaine Myers	1967
Donald G. Maynard and Patricia Anne Johnson	1967
John E. Wetherington and Ethel Franks Myers	1967
Sam S. Clark and Shirley Langdon Ryles	1967
Robert C. Matthews and Billie Rose Penny	1968
Greshmon D. Jackson and Linda L. Messer	1968

Bruce Y. Hatcher and Genevieve Creech Pollard	1968
Wilbur T. Britt, Jr., and Paulette Johnson	1969
Clyde F. Hurst, Jr. and Mary Jane Britt	1969
Danny A. Batten and Beverly Yvonne Grissom	1970
Prentice T. Dupree and Audrey Coats Bass	1970
Newton C. Penny and Beverly Daniel	1970
Thomas M. Langdon and Marsha Jean Grissom	1970
Ronnie H. Blanchard and Teresa Star Hall	1970
Donald E. Paul and Julia Florence Carroll	1970
Christopher R. Allen and Janet Lynn Boone	1970
Vicky E. Tart and Bettie Joyce Dawson	1971
Eugene B. Collins and Mary Jo Ashby	1971
Marcus W. Partin and Mary Gail Johnson	1971
Lawrence W. Terry and Frances K. George	1971
Glenn David Stephenson and Bonnie Lorene Grissom	1971
Lawrence E. Zettlemaier and Donna Marie Hinnant	1971
Michael L. Carroll and Amanda Lee Gulley	1972
Anthony M. Drake and Teresa Jean Sorrell	1973
Ricky E. Barnes and Jane Dean Hayes	1973
James L. Stanley and Susan Gay Dean	1973
Darrell L. Penny and Brenda June Parrish	1973
Robert T. Draughan and Kathy Anne Penny	1973
Johnny D. Johnson and Ronda Lee Grissom	1973
Hubert C. Stanley and Donna Lynn Grissom	1973
Curtis Beasley and Debra Annette Davis	1974



**Wilbur T. Jr., and Paulette Johnson
Britt.**



**Clyde F. Jr., and Mary Jane Britt
Hurst.**

David J. Rowe and Debbie Dawson DeWolfe	1974
William Jack Honeycutt and Ethlene Medlin Johnson	1974
Dwight S. Johnson and Wanda Gay Etheridge	1974
Charles E. Truelove and Yolanda Hocutt	1975
David W. Johnson and Catherine Jo Lewis	1975
Charles Norton and Lois Kirkland Ward	1977
Thomas S. Hitchcock and Madonna K. Stephenson	1977
Tommy Earl Carroll and Glenda Hunt Dean	1977
Tony Lee Barbour and Ronda Lou Penny	1977
Robert Earl Ray and Rosa Lee Walker Ring	1977

Members married in other churches by other Pastors (One before 1966):

Berry O. Barbour and Dixie M. Walls, Pleasant Grove Baptist	1957
Daniel R. Dean and Glenda Ruth Hunt. Hollands Methodist	1966
Vernon H. Grissom & Lillian M. Montague, Longview Methodist	1968
Richard L. Hayes and Mary J. Dean, Bailey Methodist	1969
William R. Bridgers and Bonnie Barbour, Clayton	1969
Paul A. Matthews and Phyllis Maye	1969
Charles L. Myatt and Dianne Carter, Cary Methodist	1969
David E. Crisp and Sylvia L. Pierce, Dunn (Home of Bride)	1972

The following prayer was presented at the marriage of one preparatory member by infant baptism:

W. Craig Ennis & Jennifer C. Edwards, Stone's Creek Christian	1977
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A Wedding Prayer

"Solemnly they take their marriage vows;
Kneeling at the altar, they entrust
Their futures to each other.
Lord protect these children
From the cruel, bitter thrusts of life
That cut the strongest loves in two.
Let their quarrels clear the air and never
Settle into deep resentments.
Teach them patience;
Grant them love that lasts forever.
"Let them learn together how to keep
The vows they make so confidently here.
In this troubled world
Let them find strength within each other,
And refuge from their fears.
Let them hold love tightly,
But without the twists of jealousy
That burn and smother.
Let them laugh,
And grant they never lose faith in Thee
Nor trust in one another."

L.J. Stout

OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

"Give of your best to the Master
Give of the strength of your youth,
Clad in Salvation's full armor
Join in the battle for truth."

Mrs. Charles Barnard

The young people of Mt. Zion have always taken an active part in the Lord's work and have prospered because they are ever mindful of God's admonition to them to ---

"Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth." Ecclesiastes 12:1

An organization for the young people of Mt. Zion was first formed in the late eighteen hundreds as the "Epworth League". Then in the nineteen forties it was changed to the "Methodist Youth Fellowship" and is now the "United Methodist Youth Fellowship".

For the last decade or so, those who have been most instrumental in the work are as follows: Billie Penny, Amanda Gulley, Jane Dean, Paulette Johnson, Jane Britt, Beverly Grissom, Nancy Morgan, Brenda Tucker, Marsha Grissom, Pat Johnson, Frances Gulley, Randy Penny, Ronda Grissom, James Gulley, Donna Grissom, Gay Dean, David Earl Crisp, Roy Max Raynor, Jr., Sheila Boone, Timothy Grissom, Wayne Grissom, Wnette Morgan, Teressa Sorrell, Terry Boone, Macon Grissom, Ellen Tart, Johnnie Boone, Cindy Dean, Rose Coats, Steve Sorrell, Johnnie Johnson, Valerie Ennis, Crystal Dupree, Donald Penny, Cathy Coats, Dexter Tart, Andrew Grissom, Sheri Dupree, Ricky Rich, Ronda Penny, Eugene Myers, Kathi Johnson, Susan Penny, Donna Tart, Thomas Jeffries, Harry Carroll, Karen Massey, Rodney Coats, Mark Dupree, Eric Coats, Eugene Myers, Donna Childers, and Karen Pierce Johnson. The present counselors are Casey and Billie Penny Matthews and the officers are: Ricky Rich, President; Rodney Coats, Vice-President; Susan Penny, Secretary; Terry Boone, Treasurer; Andrew Grissom, Sergeant-at-Arms; Dexter Tart, Recreation Chairman; and Mark Dupree, Program Chariman.

These young people have excelled in raising money for Church projects. Several years ago, the M.Y.F. raised the money, with help from the older ones, to purchase the organ for the Sanctuary. This project is recorded in Volume I. Their next large project was to raise money to carpet the classrooms and study. This they did by organizing Saturday "car washes" and selling homemade trinkets at auction sales. For many years they have served lunch for "Harvest Day" sales and have raised a goodly sum of money thereby. They purchased a movie projector to present inspirational pictures for their services as well as for other Church assemblies. They put on a "yard sale" to help raise money for our "Victory Sunday" this past year and are now raising funds to place an awning over the annex kitchen door.

One of the most delightful services they render is visiting Retirement Homes and giving joy to the elderly through gospel songs and laughter. This they have accomplished many times and it gives joy to them as well as to others. They have also engineered programs and banquets for the "Golden

Age" ones of Mt. Zion. Words cannot be found to express our ecstasy on these occasions.

For their own pleasure they have been on several camping trips to Camp Rock Fish and Kerr Lake Camp for young people. Their counsellors have always accompanied them on these trips to the lakes. The "high light" of all their journeys was an Applachian Ski Trip. They were accompanied by their current counsellors as well as former ones. They also invited young ones from the Methodist Orphanage in Raleigh to take part in the trip. Those who participated in this joy were as follows: Bus Driver Vic Council and wife, Mary; our Pastor and wife, Rev. and Mrs. Ed Barber; Counsellors Casey and Billie Matthews and Robie Matthews; Garland and Odell Penny; Lou Johnson; Kathi Johnson; Raphus and LaVerne Coats; Rose Coats; Kathy Coats; Timothy Grissom; Andrew Grissom; Donna Tart; Clyde and Jane Hurst; Danny and Beverly Batten; Roy and Clara Raynor; Randy Penny; Cindy Dean; Karen Massey; Mary Barefoot; Harry Carroll; Bobby Seagroves; and Anthony Driver. They will ever cherish the memory of this trip to "The Land of The Sky".



Ski Trip. Sketched by Roy Max Raynor, Jr.

Those who have served as counsellors for the past decade or so are as follows: Roy Max and Clara Raynor, Bob and Seleta Morgan, Lou Johnson, Beverly and Danny Batten, Vic Council, LaVerne and Raphus Coats, LaVette Boone, Josephine Rich, Ed and Jane Barber, Casey and Billie Matthews and our present Pastor, Bill Jeffries. Many of the young ones have held office through the years. Other than the ones who hold office at present time the following have been thusly honored: Amanda Carroll, Beverly Grissom, Nancy Morgan, Frances Gulley, Marsha Grissom, Rose Coats, Timothy Grissom, Cindy Dean, Cathy Coats and Johnny Boone.

It is wonderful for our young ones to further God's work on earth in the morning of their lives before the drudgery and the toils of life begin. Ralph Creshman expressed it so very meaningfully in the following poem:

The Secret

"I met God in the morning
When my day was at its best;
And His Presence came like sunrise
With a glory in my breast.
All day long the Presence lingered,
All day long He stayed with me;
And we sailed in perfect calmness
O'er a very troubled sea.
So I think I know the secret
Learned from many a troubled way;
YOu must seek Him in the morning
If you want Him through the day."

One of our precious young people of twenty years ago, Berry O. Barbour, met God in the morning of his life, entered the ministry and received his final Ministerial Order in June of 1977. He truly is a wonderful preacher and we are ever blest at Mt. Zion when he returns to bring us a message.

Let It Be Known to All Men That

Berry Otha Barbour

has been ordained

Deacon

in

The United Methodist Church

Having been deemed as well qualified to be entrusted with this sacred office, this person was elected thereto by the North Carolina Annual Conference.

Under the providence of Almighty God and in recognition of His Eternal Glory, I, a bishop of The United Methodist Church, have, by the imposition of my hands and by prayer, set apart for the work of a Deacon, to read the Holy Scriptures in the Church of God, to preach the word of God, and to perform other duties in accordance with the Discipline of the Church, so long as this person continues to be a faithful servant of Jesus Christ and to adhere to and teach the Gospel of our Lord and the doctrines of the Church.



In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of my office this twenty-sixth day of August in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and sixty-nine in Fayetteville, North Carolina
Bishop: William R. Cress

Let It Be Known That

BERRY OTHA BARBOUR

(has been ordained)

Elder

in

The United Methodist Church

Having been judged as well qualified to be entrusted with this sacred office, this person has been elected thereto by the _____ Annual Conference.

Under the providence of Almighty God and in recognition of His Eternal Glory, I, a bishop of The United Methodist Church, and several elders here, by the imposition of our hands and by prayer, set this one apart for the work of an Elder, to read the Holy Scriptures in the Church of God, to preach the word of God, and to administer the Holy Sacraments in the congregation, so long as this person continues to be a faithful servant of Jesus Christ and adheres to and teaches the Gospel of our Lord and the doctrine of the Church.



In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of my office this _____ day of _____, 2002, in the year of our Lord _____.

in _____, _____, North Carolina

Bishop: _____

The very small children of our Church are the youth who steal our hearts. A "Children's Sermon" before each Sunday Morning Service was started by our former minister, Ed Barber. This has continued and each Sunday morning they, as well as we, are blest with their upturned bright little faces to receive the message from the "Children's Sermon". They gather and sit in front of the altar for this impressive part of the Worship Service.

Noted by Clara Powell Raynor

Reverence and beauty are added to our services by our young ones who desire to be acolytes. They find great joy in serving the Lord through lighting the altar candles for all worship services.

The lighted candles show us that Jesus is "the light of the world" and they remind us to follow His admonition to us to "let our light so shine that men may see our good works and glorify our Heavenly Father".

Those who have served thusly in service to God for the past decade or so are as follows:

Randy Penny
David Earl Crisp
Dexter Tart
Terry Boone
Ricky Rich
Mark Dupree
April Raynor

Macon Grissom
Roy Max Raynor, Jr.
Andrew Grissom
Johnnie Boone
Whit Morgan
Eric Raynor
Jennie Bea Carroll

Timmy Barber
Steve Dupree
Jimmy Creech, Jr.
Dennis Tart
Todd Myers
Karen Pierce Johnson
Wayne McLendon

Barry Myers
Kevin Myers
Bennie Tart
Lee Myers
Robin Matthews
Ronda Carpenter

Those who have been faithful in filling in when needed are:

Susan Penny

Thomas Jeffries

The young ones have been a blessing to us and have delighted in taking part in furthering our Lord's work at Mt. Zion.

"Who so draws nigh to God one step
Through loving Him,
God will advance a mile
In blazing light to him."

This poem pictures an ideal and wonderful young person.

Somebody's Mother

"The woman was old and ragged and grey,
And bent with the cill of the winter's day.
The streets were wet with a recent snow,
And the woman's feet were aged and slow.
She stood at the crossing and waited long,
Alone, uncared for, among the throng
Of human beings who passed her by,
Nor heeded the glance of her anxious eye.
"Down the street with laughter and shout,
Glad in the freedom of 'school let out',
Came the boys like a flock of sheep,
Hailing the snow piled white and deep.
Passed the old woman so old and grey,
Hastened the children on their way,
Nor offered a helping hand to her
So meek, so timid, afraid to stir,
Lest the carriage wheels and horses feet
Should crowd her down in the slippery street.
"At last came one of the merry troop,
The gayest laddie of all the group.
He paused beside her and whispered low,
'I'll help you across, if you wish to go'.
Her aged hand on his strong young arm,
She placed and so without hurt or harm
He guided her trembling feet along
Proud that his own were firm and strong.
"Then back again to his friends he went,
His young heart happy and well content.
'She's somebody's mother, boys, you know,

For all she's aged and poor and slow;
And I hope some fellow will lend a hand
To help my mother, you understand,
If ever she's poor, and old and grey,
When I am a man and far away.'

"And somebody's mother bowed low her head,
In her home that night, and the prayer she said
Was, 'God be kind to the noble boy,
Who is somebody's son and pride and joy'."

Anonymous

"You young men and maidens, you old and young together,
let them praise the name of the Lord; for His name
alone is supreme! His majesty is above earth and Heaven."

Psalm 148:12-13

(Modern Language)

Our Mount Zion young people, the teenagers as well as the little ones, render special honors to their mothers on Mother's Day in both song and poem. This fills our hearts with joy and for us older ones brings many precious memories, expressed so well in this poem.

My Wonderful Mother

Dear wonderful Mother, how can I say
The things that are thrilling my heart today?
Back over the years my eyes can see
Your lovely face as it brings to me
Love and truth and a gentle smile,
A hope that nothing can beguile,
A faith secure in the midst of wrong,
Courage bold, and true, and strong.
All of this you gave to me,
Dear wonderful Mother, so tenderly.
Your voice rang out on the morning air,
As you talked to Jesus in simple prayer,
"Wonderful Words of Life", you sang
As all the day, their beauty rang
Within my heart. It seemed to me
That all my life was glad and free.
And I know, wonderful Mother of mine,
That you touched my heart with love divine,
And gave me faith that through the years
Has calmed the tumult of my fears.

Christene Waring Walker

OUR BOY SCOUTS TROOP 64

The Scout Oath

"ON my honor I will do my best
To do my duty to God and my country;
And obey the Scout laws,
To help other people at all times,
To keep myself physically strong,
Mentally awake and morally straight."

May each precious young man keep, with God's help, his Scout oath all through his life.

The Mt. Zion Methodist Men decided to further our Lord's work by sponsoring Scout Troop 64 in the Fall of 1976. Hence, in January, 1977 a scout meeting was held again at Mt. Zion after more than a decade. In fact, one of the most loyal scouts of that time, Leamon Myers, whose father, Sandy Myers, was the excellent scout leader, is Scout Master of this troop. He is a wonderful worker with the young people.

Those who helped Leamon Myers to get a troop established again at Mt. Zion were Assistant Scout Masters Shepherd Byrd and Bobby Harrelson, Jr.; the Cub Master, Brant Allen Johnson, Jr.; and the Den Mothers, Peggy Johnson and JoAnne Myers. Several members of this committee have resigned.

The 1978 leaders are Leamon Myers, Scout Master; Vic Council, Assistant Scout Master; Webelos Leader, Tommy Crocker; Cub Scout Master, Casey Matthews; Den Mothers, JoAnne Myers, Mary Council, and Billie Matthews; Den Assistants, Marcella Crocker and Brenda Abbott.

The present Scout Committee is made up of Charles McCullers, Chairman, with Roy Max Raynor, Sr., Danny Batten, Robert Dupree, Casey Matthews, Tommy Crocker, and Clyde Hurst as members.

On January 10, 1977, the Court of Honor was held in the Church Sanctuary and Rodney Coats was awarded the Eagle Badge. Also, several progress awards were presented. Those who took part in the ceremony and presentations were Eagle Scouts, Casey Phillips and Tim Parrish (the flag ceremony); Leamon Myers (Progress Awards); Scout Tracy Hargis (candle lighting); and the Eagle Ceremony was performed by Danny Batten, Roy Raynor, and Leamon Myers who presented the Eagle Badge.

The Blue and Gold Banquet was held in the Church Annex in February of 1977. Brant Allen Johnson, Jr. was Master of Ceremonies and several awards were presented. All those who were present were thrilled with the Troop's achievements.

Leamon Myers was honored by the presentation of the "Wood Badge". This was awarded to him by Mr. Marvin Coats, Master of Troop 660. We were honored to have Mr. Coats with us.

The current membership is made up of the following: Scouts - Robert Creech, Robin Grimes, Todd Myers, Barry Myers, Eugene Myers, Tracy Hargis, Tommy Hargis, Eddie Stanley, Dwight Oliver, James Barbour, David Baucom, David Cox, Eric Raynor, Jack Barbour, Rodney Coats, Mark

Harris, Eric Coats, James Monday, Howard McLaurin, and Greg Byrd; Webelos - Joey Barbour, Richie Boyd, Lee Council, Jim Creech, Kevin Coats and David Early; Cub Scouts - Phill Byrd, Jr., Jerry Byrd, Robert Stephenson, Marty Godwin, Don Wells, Kevin Myers, David Wells, Jeff Harris, Stan Powell, Eddy Gentry, Mike Lassiter, Jay Abbott, James McLamb, Barry Andrews, Robbie Matthews, Wayne McLendon, Daryl Holland, Donnie Adams, Bryan Parrish, Michael McLamb, and Wells Hayes.

We are happy to have these young ones, many from neighboring churches, as well as our own Mt. Zion ones, carry forth the banner of good works and love for their fellowman. The scouts are dedicated to life's highest ideals which help to make them exceptional young men.

On December 8, 1977, the annual Recognition Banquet of the Neusiok District of the Tuscarora Council of Boy Scouts of America was held at the Smithfield, North Carolina, Moose Lodge. Many of the leaders and committee members of our Troop 64 attended this meeting and received numerous honors for their work, their achievements, and their advancements for the year of 1977.

The following report of this meeting was submitted for this volume by JoAnne Ogburn Myers (Mrs. Leamon).

"The evening began with an opening ceremony by Scouts from Troop 21 and an invocation by Rev. John Ryberg. This was followed by the banquet, introduction of special guests, roll call and the presentation of awards.

"The Awards received by our Troop 64 are as follows: A second coffee mug for recruiting ten new members into Cub Scouting - Casey Matthews, Cub Master, received this for the Pack. A ribbon for having the greatest number of members present at the meetings was presented. The troop was presented the National Scouting Award for fulfilling ten necessary obligations during the past year. The Troop also received the District Honor Unit Award for recruiting the largest number of new members. The National Camping Award was presented to the Troop for having more than twelve days and nights camping during the year, as well as attending summer camp. The troop was presented a gift for having the largest percentage of leaders and committee members present. A gift was also presented to Troop 64 for the best table decoration (made by Vic Council), Assistant Scout Master). Leamon Myers, Scout Master, was presented the National Unit Award for attending the most 'Round Table' meetings of the year and he was also presented the Scouter's key for completing the Leadership Development Plan and the Woodbadge and Cornerstone Courses."

What a wonderful report for our Troop 64 and the leaders!

It is with a feeling of gratitude to note that Larry Hamilton, a member of Troop 21, received the Medal of Honor for saving the life of his friend by rescuing him from drowning.

For many years the Cub Scout Pack has held a "Pinewood Derby". This is a contest in which the Cub Scouts vie with each other in carving and assembling small cars from blocks of pine wood and adding wheels and other necessary parts. Of course, the most perfect carving and assembling and, also, swiftness determine those who win the contest awards.

The latest Derby was held in the Church Annex on Saturday, January 28, 1978. Those who excelled in the following categories are:

1. **Over All Performance**

Mike Lassiter - - - - Trophy and Goal Medal
Robbie Matthews - - - - Silver Medal
Lee Council - - - - Bronze Medal

2. **Webelos**

Lee Council - - - - Blue Ribbon
Joey Barbour - - - - Red Ribbon
Jim Creech - - - - Green Ribbon

3. **Cub Pack, Den #1 and #2**

Robbie Matthews - - - - Blue Ribbon
Marty Godwin - - - - Red Ribbon
Wayne McLendon - - - - Green Ribbon

4. **Cub Pack, Den #3**

Mike Lassiter - - - - Blue Ribbon
Kevin Coats - - - - Red Ribbon
Ray McLamb - - - - Green Ribbon

5. **Overall Looks and Originality**

Robert Stephenson - - - - Trophy and Gold Medal
Joey Barbour - - - - Silver Medal
Marty Godwin - - - - Bronze Medal

6. **Webelos**

Joey Barbour - - - - Blue Ribbon
Lee Council - - - - Red Ribbon
David Early - - - - Green Ribbon

7. **Cub Pack, Dens #1 and #2**

Robert Stephenson - - - - Blue Ribbon
Robbie Matthews - - - - Red Ribbon
Marty Godwin - - - - Green Ribbon

8. **Cub Pack, Den #3**

Mike Lassiter - - - - Blue Ribbon
Jay Abbott - - - - Red Ribbon
Richie Boyd - - - - Green Ribbon

This Derby was a delight to both young and old alike.

The birthday of the Boy Scout organization is the eighth day of February. However, Troop 64 celebrated the 1978 day at Mt. Zion on Sunday, February the 12th. All those present received a blessing from their participation in the Service.

The Annual Cub Scout Blue and Gold Banquet was held in the Church Annex on February 24, 1978. A wonderful feast was enjoyed by all.

Our guests were the Scout Committee members, the Roundtable leader, Mrs. Susan Lee, the District Executive of the Neusiok District, Mr. Jim Miles and the District Advisor of the Order of the Arrow, Mr. Arnold McLain.

Awards were given to David and Don Wells, Wayne McLendon, Jay Abbott, Kevin Coats, Lee Council, David Early, Richie Boyd, Jim Creech,

Daryl Holland, and Joey Barbour. Kevin Coats was promoted to the Webelos.

For entertainment, Den 1 and 2 sang "I've Got That Cub Scout Spirit". Den 3 gave us a brief history on how Cub Scouting began. The Webelos gave us their oath, motto and law.

The Dance team of the Order of The Arrow did their ceremonial dance and tapped Joey Barbour for Boy Scouts.

The meeting was closed with all singing "My Country 'Tis of Thee".

Reported by Mary Council (Mrs. Vic)



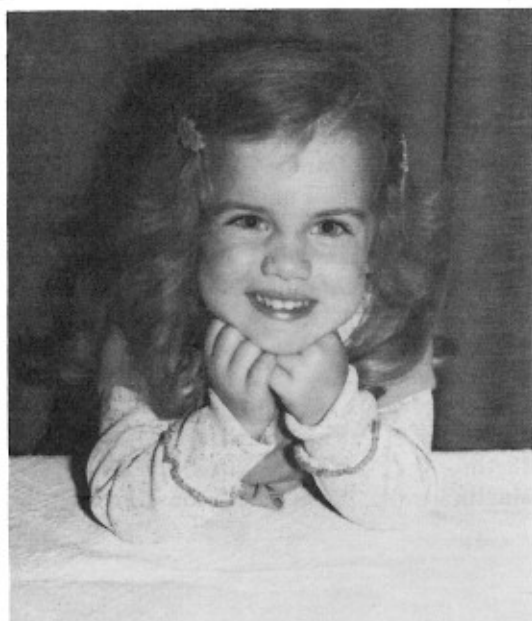
Cub Scouts

"Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the Believers in Work, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, and in purity."

I Timothy 4:12



Leoman Myres,
Scout Master



Heather Dawn Barber, daughter of Rev. & Mrs.
W. E. Barber, our first parsonage baby.

OUR BABIES

"Lo, children are the heritage of the Lord." Psalms 127:3

"There just isn't anything
That can make life more complete
Than a precious little baby
Adorable and sweet."

May we ever bring our young ones up in "the nurture and admonition of the Lord". Ephesians 6:4

Those who have been dedicated to God and baptized before Mt. Zion's sacred altar since 1966 are as follows:

Baby	Parents	Date
Joseph Frederick Rich, II	Joseph F. & Josephine M. Jones Rich	1966
Bennie Lee Tart	G. Frank & Rachel G. Tart	1967
Jeffrey Powell Raynor	Roy M. Sr. & Clara P. Raynor	1968
Robert Casey Matthews, Jr.	Robert C. Sr. & Billie P. Matthews	1968
Shirley Ann Utley	Thomas W. & Helga H. Utley	1968
Patricia Dorothy Utley		
Dennis B. Tart	G. Frank & Rachael G. Tart	1970
Penni Caroline Matthews	Robert C. & Billie P. Matthews	1971
Thomas Mitchell Langdon, Jr.	T. Mitchell Sr. & Marsha G. Langdon	1972

Alicia Jane Alcorn	Jimmy R. & Ella D. Alcorn	1972
Christopher Paul Partin	Marcus W. & Mary Gail J. Partin	1972
Traci Michelle Langdon	T. Mitchell Sr. & Marsha G. Langdon	1974
Heather Dawn Barber	Rev. Mr. W.E. & Jane N. Barber	1975
Kelli Danielle Batten	Dannie A. & Beverly G. Batten	1975
Charlotte Melody Cunningham	E. Philo III & Marilyn L. Cunningham	1975
Michael Lane Crisp	David E. & Sylvia Pierce Crisp	1976
Daniel Bryan Penny	Arthur Stanley & Terry P. Penny	1976
Wendi Michelle Britt	Clyde F. Jr. & M. Jane B. Hurst	1976
William Robert Alcorn	Jimmy R. & Ella D. Alcorn	1977
Edward Philo Cunningham IV	E. Philo III & Marilyn L. Cunningham	1977
Frederick E. Martin Jr.	Fred & Alfreda Martin	1977
Rebecca Fay Martin	Fred & Alfreda Martin	1977
Rodney Keith Martin	Fred & Alfreda Martin	1977

The following young ones were baptized in other sanctuaries and placed on our preparatory roll when their parents came to us as Church leaders:

John Whittelsey Morgan	Rev. Mr. Robert W. & Seleta T. Morgan	1964
(Carr Methodist Church, Durham, N.C. - Placed on Mt. Zion roll in 1975)		
Jonathan David Jeffries	Rev. Mr. W.M. & JoAnne L. Jeffries	1971
(New Garden Friends' Meeting House, Greensboro, N.C. - Placed on Mt. Zion roll in 1975)		

One of our members is wife of a United States Naval Officer. They had their son baptized on board ship. He is recorded as follows:

Kenneth Warren Morg, Jr. Lt. Cmdr. K.W. & Joan M. Morg 1970
(On board the USS Kitty Hawk, Anchored at Coronado, Calif.)

From "The Baby" by George MacDonald:

"But How did you come to us, you dear?"

"God thought about you, and so I am here."

We place rose buds on the altar announcing the birth of our new babies and in honor and gratitude to God.

Edith Daily has said:

"The miracle of one pale rose is proof enough of God."

We know that our precious little ones are God's greatest gifts to us and our greatest responsibility is to follow God's charge to us to lead them into a saving knowledge of His grace.

Those who have been honored thusly since 1970 and their dates are as follows:

Mary Margaret Maynard	December 14, 1970
Meredyth McGee Penny	December 29, 1972
Christopher Paul Partin	May 11, 1973
Julia Dandridge Taylor	August 14, 1973
Wayne Glenn Williams	September 13, 1973
Traci Michelle Langdon	April 20, 1974
Kevin Michael Carroll	June 21, 1974
Leamon Joel Myers	June 29, 1974
Stephanie Jane Britt	September 5, 1974
Christine Elane Taylor	September 17, 1974
Paris Dawn Penny	October 18, 1974
Heather Dawn Barber	November 15, 1974
Kelly Danielle Batten	December 17, 1974
Missy Renee Barnes	July 15, 1975
Daniel Bryan Penny	August 16, 1975
Michael Lane Crisp	September 17, 1975
Charlotte Melody Cunningham	September 20, 1975
David Scott Gurganus	October 6, 1975
Rebecca Anne Penny	November 8, 1975
Melissa Gail Partin	November 19, 1975
Valerie Lynn Britt	March 16, 1976
Wendi Michelle Hurst	April 6, 1976
Christopher Paul Barbour	April 15, 1976
Angela Denise Johnson	April 30, 1976
James McCullers Bonner	February 2, 1977
Matthew David Dawson	February 9, 1977
Dennis Lee Carroll	March 17, 1977
William Robert Alcorn	May 5, 1977
Karen Dawn Johnson	July 11, 1977
Edward Philo Cunningham IV	August 6, 1977
Katherine Elizabeth Harris	September 17, 1977
Elizabeth Anne Johnson	September 17, 1977
Rodney Keith Martin	November 12, 1977
January Nicole Jones	January 5, 1978
Roland Stony Jones	February 8, 1978
Danny Ray Dupree Jr.	February 11, 1978
Matthew Ervin Braswell	February 16, 1978
James Michael Penny	April 14, 1978
Michael Clinton Stanley -	May 24, 1978

"Train up a child in the way he should go;
And when he is old, he will not depart from it."

Proverbs 22:6

And, too, it has been said that "A parent's life is a child's copybook"; so, may each parent of the Mt. Zion children set a true copy of love and service for them to follow.

DEAR SISTER CHURCHES

"God cannot be found only
in one place,
One day or one person.
God is truly in all people
All places, all creatures
And all creation.
We feel His presence
Wherever we go,
And whatever we do
Because
God is everywhere."

Anonymous

"Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!"

Psalms 133:1

Because we know that God is everywhere and with all people, the Churches of our community gather together on many occasions to worship Him with one heart and one voice; not only to "rejoice", but also to "weep with those who weep", as God's word tells us to do.

The joyous occasions which bring us together are Easter Sunrise Services, Community Thanksgiving Services, Revivals, Weddings, singing groups of young people, and the "Golden Age" and "Young at Heart" groups.

The Choirs of several of the Churches sing special anthems at the revivals of their sister churches, and the pastors of the churches fill the pulpits of other denominations for the Community Thanksgiving Services.

The young people and the adult ladies and gentlemen have recently organized softball teams made up of members from several of the churches. This, of course, brings us closer together and gives to us much joy and comradeship.

The Boy Scouts from several of the churches meet at Mt. Zion weekly; thus bringing our young boys into brotherhood with one another. They also hold their Devotional Award Services in Mt. Zion's sanctuary and hold their banquets in the annex. This is a great joy to us each one.

Those meetings of sadness are, of course, the funerals of our beloved neighbors and families. We, also, visit with the sick and shut-ins of all our neighbors as well as those who are in need and are distressed.

These Sister Churches are of several denominations and are as follows:

Mt. Zion United Methodist
Turner Memorial Baptist
Mt. Pleasant Presbyterian
Pleasant Grove Baptist
Holland's United Methodist
Shiloh Baptist
New Bethel Baptist
Providence Presbyterian

Plymouth Christian
Black Creek Baptist
Middle Creek Primitive Baptist
New Hope Presbyterian
Johnson Memorial Baptist
Berea Presbyterian
Wooten's Chapel Freewill Baptist

St. Marys Freewill Baptist
Oakland Presbyterian
Benson Grove Baptist
Elizabeth United Methodist
Wildwood Baptist

White Memorial Presbyterian
Garner United Methodist
Garner First Baptist
First Presbyterian Church of Garner
Plain View Presbyterian

May we, as Christian brothers and sisters, ever join hands in serving our Lord and emphasizing those things which bind us to the total Body of our Lord and Savior. "Let brotherly love continue." Hebrews 13:1

"Jesus said unto them: 'Peace be unto you. As my Father hath sent me, even so send I you.'" John 20:21



Holland's United Methodist Church
Our dear companion Church
1914 - 1966

MEMORIALS AND SPECIAL GIFTS

"There are songs and wings
Every garden brings,
And the scent of pink
And rose - - -
But, 'Remembrance'
Is the sweetest flower
That in a garden grows."

Anonymous

Our memorial gifts are made to the Glory of God and in memory of our loved ones. These gifts always prove a blessing to those who love Mt. Zion and serve our Lord.

The memorials that have been presented since those recorded in Volume I was published are as follows:

Gift	In Memory Of	By
Pew	Sie D. Coats	Mrs. Irene Johnson Coats, wife
Pew	Luna Penny Grissom	Collin Grissom, husband, & friends
Pew	J.F. & Florence Crocker Batts	Mr. & Mrs. Lonnie C. Batts
Pew	Ruth Taylor Massey	Friends and Relatives
Pew	J. Van Harrington	Mr. & Mrs. I. Ed Simpson
Pew	Collin L. Grissom	Mr. & Mrs. Rex Dean
Pew	Amos C. Grissom	Mrs. Mamie Penny Grissom, wife, & family

There are two Sunday School classes named in memory of two of our deceased members who were wonderful workers for the Lord; namely, the Neil B. Johnson Memorial Class for the Youth Group and the Ed McCullers Memorial Class for those of all ages who choose it as their class.

We also have one class named for one of our Sunday School members who was killed in service for our country. It is the Robert C. Dawson Memorial Class. Robert was killed in action in Vietnam June 18, 1970. The class was organized by the young married couples.

A lovely bed of azalias has been planted in the Church garden in memory of Joseph M. McCullers, given by the family, planted by Ernest Penny, and cared for by JoAnne Jeffries up to the present time.

Many items needed to further the Lord's work in our Church have also been given in memory of the following:

Gift	In Memory Of	By
Registry Stand in Vestibule	Claud D. Taylor	His wife, Grace Brown Taylor & daughter, Dorothy Taylor
Brass Baptismal Font for the Altar	Virginia Staples Barbour	Sister, Mrs. B.L. Rose & Friends
Cash	Gertrude P. Dore	John and Mildred Harper

Choir Lights and Outside Lights for Annex	John Henry (Jackie) Pyser III	Mother, Dorothy Boone Pyser Staunton
Brass Altar Cross and Candle Sticks	Glenn E. Cox	Family & Alice Turner Purdee
Brass Bud Vase for the Altar	Luna Penny Grissom	United Methodist Women
Portable Communion Set	Luna Penny Grissom	Mr. & Mrs. Frank Tart
Vestibule Light and Brass Vase for the Vestibule Console Table	Willie L. Carroll	Friends of Julia Carroll Paul & Friends of the family
Christian Flag and United States Flag	Ida Carroll Penny	Grandchildren & friends
Church Bell	R.F. Coats	Dedicated to the Glory of God by his wife, Mrs. Addie Coats
Pen Set for the Vestibule Registry Stand	Christine Waring Walker	United Methodist Women
"Random Thoughts" by Christine W. Walker for the Church Library	Christine Waring Walker	Her Children
"All the Prayers of The Bible" by Lockyer for The Church Library	Clarence B. Barbour	Garey M. Cooper Family
Folding Table for the Annex	Bernice B. Johnson (and in honor of his wife, Charlotte S. Johnson)	Larry & Violet Johnson Zettelmaier
Pulpit Light	Collin L. & Luna Penny Grissom	Their Children
Lights for Piano and Organ	W. Page & Elsie Barber Taylor	Mt. Zion Friends

The memorial Hymn Books are as follows: Mrs. Myrtle Rich, R. Lewis Lane, Joseph E. Broughton, D.A. Austin, Roy Hobby, Martin Sherrill, D.E. Coats, Mrs. Macie Stancil Martin, Mrs. Bertha Jordan, Mrs. Malina J. Johnson, Laurie McEachern, Roger Rowe, Joe Roberts, Mrs. Nannie Tucker, Carson D. Barbour, Lonnie Langdon, Mrs. Sudie Lane Crisp, Paul Jordan, Mrs. Alice Creech Johnson, Kenneth Williams, Mrs. Penny Elizabeth Tart, Robert C. Dawson, J. Brack Penny, Eppie A. Johnson Jr., Mrs. Naomi Blalock, Elton Penny, Mrs. Margaret Wright Fierstein, Mrs. Hilda Grey Holland, Sie D. Coats, Mrs. Froney B. Penny, C. Fletcher Carroll, Mrs. Josephine Wright Lewis, T. Benton Young, Mrs. Minnie Blalock Turner, Baby Girl Batten, Mrs. Effie McGee Blalock, Roy C. Cannady, Mrs. Geneva Dawson Godfrey, Worth Messer, Mrs. Pauline S. Smith, Wilbur Crisp, R.F. Coats, Mrs. Ester Sanders Hinton, Glenn E. Cox, Mrs. Elizabeth Watkins Johnson, W.E. Johnson, Baby David Thomas Britt,

Willie L. Carroll, Mrs. Luna Penny Grissom, Mrs. Susie McGee Harper, George Thomas Dawson III, Mrs. Annie Stancil Parrish, Wyatt Parrish, Mrs. Ida Carroll Penny, Joseph Andrew Broughton, Baby David Clarence Stevens, Durwood Penny, Mrs. Carolyn Williams Whitley, Mrs. Eva Parrish Barber Eason, Sherrall Bradford Barbour, Mrs. Delphia Johnson Moore, James Johnson, William Jones, Mrs. Alma Penny Jones, Sandy B. Myers, Mrs. Lucy C. Myers, Bain Franks, Mrs. Clara L. Craven, Hubert H. Powell, Erastus Eli Powell, Dexter D. Penny, Bobby L. Penny, Mrs. Rena Meadows, E. Street Jones, Sr., Mrs. Billy Staples Rose, Dr. W.W. McIntyre, Mrs. Josephine Lane Moreadith, Burke Carroll, Mrs. Gladys Taylor Cannady, Collin L. Grissom, Mrs. Elsie Barber Taylor, W. Page Taylor, Mrs. Clara W. Autrey, Mrs. Stella B. Godwin, Burke H. Taylor, and Reuel Smith.

Other than memorials these special gifts have been presented to Mt. Zion to be used in the Lord's work.

The bell to call the people to worship was presented by Mr. and Mrs. R.F. Coats and was dedicated to Mr. Coats after his death. This has proven a great joy to us. As Albert Schweitzer expressed it:

"When I heard
The Church Bell ring,
I thought I heard
The Voice of God."

May it ever be thus with us!

Other gifts are as follows: A wall-to-wall carpet for the Neil B. Johnson Memorial Classroom by Durwood C. Johnson, Jr. in honor of his niece, Kathi Lynn Johnson, on her sixteenth birthday; one thousand dollars willed to Mt. Zion to be invested and the interest to be used for the upkeep of the cemetery by Bertie Taylor Gower; a new electric range for the Church Annex by Irene Johnson Coats; window shades for the Annex in honor of Heather Dawn Barber by Mr. and Mrs. Durwood Murray; a new electric refrigerator for the Annex by Callie Johnson Jones; the carpet and furniture for the Parsonage den by the Rev. and Mrs. R.W. Morgan; a wall-to-wall carpet for one of the Parsonage bedrooms by the Rev. and Mrs. W.E. Barber; a movie projector by the United Methodist Youth Fellowship; a movie screen by the United Methodist Men and they also raised money for the pew cushions and painting the Sanctuary; several shrubs, flowering trees, and plants were given for the Church and Parsonage grounds by Ernest Penny and wife, Betsy Pagan Penny.

A piano has been presented to us by Valeigh Austin Narron. It is placed in the Ed McCullers Memorial Classroom for the choir to use on Sunday morning before entering the choir loft. This has been a great benefit to the singers as well as a blessing to all.

We have a beautiful permanent Advent Wreath presented to the Church by Ethleen and Jack Honeycutt. This Season is in preparation for the advent of the Redeemer of mankind, the birth of Christ, our Savior. It is also the season of looking forward to His second coming according to His promise.

Two of our ladies, who have been Mt. Zion members since babyhood, have dedicated lovely Christmas wreaths for our Sanctuary doors. These wreaths are a symbol of God's encircling love and proclaim to us that Jesus Christ is born. These were given in memory of David Stevens by Bettie Jean Stevens

Sorrell and Doris Stevens Ellington.

Cash was given in memory of Leroy Messer and Stella Godwin by relatives.

Many necessities for the Church and Parsonage have been purchased with the income from the Thomas Lane McCullers legacy.

May these memorials and gifts, for which we are most grateful, ever be; used for the Glory of God and to bless the people.

"As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same
One to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God."

I Peter 4:10



Ritta Blalock Johnson,
(Mrs. N.B.)
1889 - 1978

A memorial in cash was presented to Mt. Zion in her memory and to the Glory of God on May 13, 1978 by C.M. Mitchell.



Christene Waring Walker
(Mrs. B.C. Sr.)
1893 - 1975

A memorial in cash was presented to Mt. Zion in her memory and to the Glory of God on Mother's Day 1978 by her children.

THE CEMETERY

"Be thou faithful until death, and
I will give thee a Crown of Life."

Rev. 2:10

Our Mt. Zion Cemetery is a very sacred and precious memorial garden to each one of us. Many of our loved ones are sleeping there "safe in the arms of Jesus", and in the years to come many more of us will be laid to rest beside those awaiting the great day when "the last trump will sound and we will be raised up in the twinkling of an eye to meet Jesus in Glory". This, we read in the Bible. May we always say with the Apostle Paul, "But thanks be to God, Who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." I Cor. 15:57

There Is No Death

"There is no death, the buds and flowers,
Are hidden neath the winter's gloom.
But Spring will wake to life again,
The sleeping flower, and make it bloom.

"There is no death, the immortal soul,
Freed from this tenement of clay,
Will soar aloft on wings of love,
To live in joy through endless day.

"There is no death, this weary frame,
Will sweetly sleep beneath the sod,
Then wakened by the trumpet sound,
Will live again, at home with God."

T.S. Hitchcock

(Contributed by Evelyn McC. Sherratt)

Those who have been entombed at Mt. Zion since 1966 are as follows:

Name	Born - Died
Edna Wilkins McElveen	1913 - 1967
Baby Girl Penny (Parents: Jerry and Elaine)	1967 - 1967
Roy V. Hobby	1903 - 1967
James E. Godwin	1889 - 1968
Bertie Taylor Gower	1889 - 1968
Virginia Staples Barbour	1892 - 1968
Eula Jones Wrenn	1882 - 1969
L. Bain Franks	1887 - 1969
Carson D. Barbour	1887 - 1969
Braxton J. Penny	1892 - 1970
Robert C. Dawson	1947 - 1970
James P. Jordan	1895 - 1970
Kenneth E. Williams	1901 - 1970
Fronney Byrd Penny	1881 - 1971
Fletcher C. Carroll	1893 - 1971
Margaret Wright Fierstein	1909 - 1971

George T. Dawson, Jr.	1914 - 1971
Josephine Wright Lewis	1919 - 1971
Baby Girl Batten (Parents: Danny & Beverly)	1972 - 1972
Troy Benton Young	1889 - 1972
Worth T. Messer	1918 - 1972
Fred P. Bridgers	1901 - 1972
Glenn E. Cox	1902 - 1972
Baby David T. Britt (Parents: Billy & Paulette)	1972 - 1972
Luna Penny Grissom	1901 - 1972
Willie L. Carroll	1896 - 1972
Baby Lawrence Carroll (Moved to Mt. Zion 1973)	1926 - 1928
Louise Wrenn Matthews	1907 - 1973
Ruth Taylor Massey	1886 - 1974
Bobby L. Penny	1928 - 1974
Linda Williams Evans	1922 - 1975
Clarence Barnes Barbour	1885 - 1975
Fannie Johnson Walton Williams	1891 - 1976
Collin L. Grissom	1898 - 1976
Irene Poole George	1901 - 1977
Baby Boy Ellis (Grandmother: Pearl Londy)	1977 - 1977
Amos C. Grissom	1904 - 1977
Ritta Blalock Johnson	1889 - 1978

Other who are sleeping at Mt. Zion are listed in Volume I.

Our first lesson ends with death and we know that we have a new beginning waiting for us at the "open gate" to Heaven.

Our cemetery is beautiful and is well kept by Durwood C. Johnson, Sr. He has been a faithful member of Mt. Zion for fifty-six years, has been Sunday School Superintendent and Chairman of many committees, as well as Chairman of the Board of Stewards. We are grateful to him for his service in keeping "God's Acre" beautiful in sacred memory to our loved ones and to God's glory.

Mrs. Bertie Taylor Gower, widow of Dr. Floyd Gower, willed a goodly sum of money to the Church for the interest to be used for the upkeep of the cemetery. For this, we are also grateful.

The "sage" Haskins has said:

"Go out into the darkness and put your
Hand into the hand of God.
That shall be to you better than light
And safer than a known way."



Mr. Zion's Cemetery.

OUR MT. ZION PASTORS SINCE 1966

"Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature."

Mark 16:15

We at Mt. Zion have always been blessed with pastors who were true disciples of Christ. They have guided us in paths of righteousness and we honor them and cherish their memory.

Those who have served us since we became a station Church are as follows:

The Rev. Mr. Dan E. Meadows	1964-67
Dr. William W. McIntyre	1967-69
The Rev. Mr. Robert W. Morgan	1969-73
The Rev. Mr. W. Edward Barber	1973-75
The Rev. Mr. William M. Jeffries	1975-

These dedicated men have proven a great blessing to us.

Mr. Meadows and his wife (Nee, Jean Bullard) were the first to occupy our own Mt. Zion Parsonage and have returned to visit with us many times since they were called to another Church.

Mr. Meadows was a great help to us during the time we were building our parsonage and in guiding us into many programs as our first "station" pastor.

His daughter, Josephine M. Jones Rich, and her family are still members with us and are very active in all phases of our work, especially so in music and work with our young people. We count the Meadows family very dear to us.

Dr. McIntyre came to North Carolina Conference after his retirement from the Virginia Conference in 1965; having served forty-six years in the ministry. His first pastorate here was in Apex and then in June 1967 we were blest to have him come to us. Since Bishop Garber was Bishop of both the Virginia Conference and ours, he knew that we needed Dr. McIntyre and he, "Dr. Mack", was truly a help to us. He retired from our Conference and returned to Virginia in June 1969. He and his lovely wife, (Nee, Elsie Griffin), returned to worship with us several times before his death in 1973, at age 78. He preached our Homecoming Sermon in September 1971 to one of the largest congregations ever to assemble at Mt. Zion. What a blessing!

Dr. McIntyre was a great leader in the Virginia Conference. He was a member of the Bishop's Cabinet, was District Superintendent of two Virginia Districts, was co-founder of the Patrick Henry Hospital in Portsmouth, Virginia, and was trustee of the hospital at the time of his death. Also, he was President of the Pell Foundation of the United Methodist Church, was a former chairman of the World Service Board of Virginia, was a member of the United Methodist Conference and was a former co-chairman of the Tide Water Chapter of the American Cancer Society. He was truly a servant of the Lord and may we at Mt. Zion ever strive to reach his goals in Christian service.

We are blest that Mrs. McIntyre continues as a dear friend and supporter of our Church.

Mr. Morgan brought with him to our parsonage a lovely family of young people. Mrs. Morgan, (Nee, Seleta Tucker), and the children, as well as our

pastor, were a great joy to us and added much to the interest and enthusiasm to our Church life. They were a very musical family and thereby brought growth to our "singing Church", as Mt. Zion has been called down through the ages.

The young people needed more parsonage room, so we decided to enclose the "port-co-chere-- and thus add a "den" for the young ones to enjoy. Our pastor and Mrs. Morgan furnished the "den" themselves as a gift to our Church for which we will ever be grateful.

Mr. Morgan did much to help us grow and encouraged us in many ways. We are thankful that we were privileged to have them with us for four years.

Mr. and Mrs. Barber, (Nee, Jane Nelms), came to us as "Bride and Groom" just beginning a wonderful life together. They were both precious and he was filled with a young man's enthusiasm and love for the Lord's work. While he was with us, we renovated the Sunday School rooms on the east side of the sanctuary and in the north and south transepts. These five rooms were carpeted, the ceilings lowered and walls repainted, thus improving the 1840 section of the Lord's house.

A most precious, "Blessed Event", took place the second year they were with us: Heather Dawn Barber was born on November 15, 1974, and was baptized on March 16, 1975, at Mt. Zion's sacred altar by Bishop Robert M. Blackburn. Heather was our first Parsonage baby and she will ever remain a "first" with us.

Mr. and Mrs. Barber gladly took into their home, while they were with us, a precious "red headed" boy of five years who needed a home. They later legally adopted him, hence he is now Timmy Barber and is dear to us all.

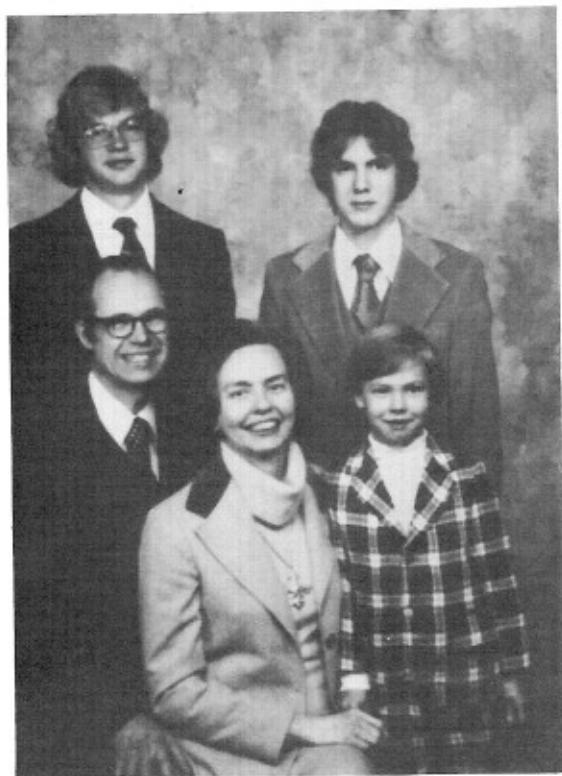
Mr. Barber worked enthusiastically with the young people and we were blest during his tenure with us.

Our current pastor is our own capable "Bill" Jeffries and he is one of our most thoughtful and concerned pastors. He brought with him a wife, (Nee, JoAnne Lee), who abounds in enthusiasm and love, and three precious boys.

Since Mr. Jeffries came to us, we have continued to grow and make improvements. A Boy Scout Troop has been transferred to us and the Methodist Men have raised money for pew cushions and other improvements for the sanctuary. Also, much has been done to beautify the Church grounds.

The family needed more parsonage room so we moved the Pastor's study from the Parsonage to the south transept of the Sanctuary instead of using that for a classroom.

Mr. Jeffries has encouraged us to continue work in all the Conference Committees and organizations and to abound in the Lord's work.



Rev. & Mrs. W. M. Jeffries, and sons, Kalon, Thomas,
and Johnathan.

"I shall pass through this life but once.
Any good, therefore, that I can do
Or any kindness that I can show to
Any fellow creature,
Let me do it now.
Let me not defer or neglect it,
For I shall not pass this way again."

Etienne de Grillet

OUR DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS

"Make me to understand the way of Thy precepts;
So shall I talk of Thy wondrous works."

Psalms 119:27

Our superintendents help us to understand God's wonderful works and to carry out His plans for the people of His Church.

We have been blest by the following men since Volume I was begun in 1964:

"The Reverend Doctor Nicholas W. Grant served our Church, as Raleigh District Superintendent during the period 1964-1968 and demonstrated his recognized ability as an outstanding administrator, as well as a devout friend and Christian leader. Dr. Grant and his lovely wife, Ruth Henderson Grant were loyal helpers and leaders in the ongoing of Mount Zion and won the lasting friendship and admiration of its members and neighbors during the four-year period.

"Following Reverend Grant, The Reverend Leon Russell and his sweet wife, Alta Stone Russell came to the Raleigh District. They left their mark in Christian influence and leadership with Mount Zion and, following a distinguished career in God's ministry, with service as pastor to eight leading charges and superintendency at both Goldsboro and Raleigh, left us at Mount Zion and the Raleigh District to enter into a well-earned retirement in 1969.

"Jack Ward Page became Superintendent of our Raleigh District following Mr. Russell's retirement in 1969, and emulated well the splendid examples set by his predecessors. The Reverend Page and his lovely helpmate, Frances Foster Page, gave stimulating encouragement and consecrated direction to the work of his district in general and to Mount Zion Church in particular. The occasions that brought the Pages to our Church were memorable indeed and left us better prepared. He was the first of the list of five great superintendents to answer the call to Glory and we shall miss his presence and his unusually dedicated direction of administrative affairs. He served us for almost four years.

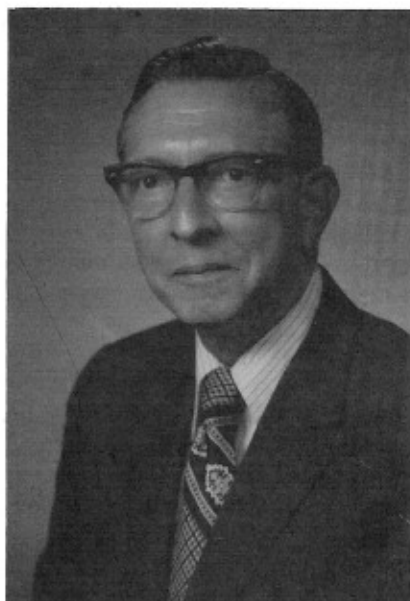
"Though of short duration, as interim District Superintendent during the 1974-1975 conference year, combined with his duties as Conference Director of Ministeries, The Reverend Charles H. Mercer served our District well and to the satisfaction of all his charges, including Mount Zion. Charlie and Florrie Smyth Mercer made indellible and lasting impressions on all who had the good fortune of knowing them. Their work with us will be remembered and cherished through the years to come. The Mercers continue their discipleship as important leaders at the Methodist Building in Raleigh.

"Brother Warren B. Petteway, our incumbent District Superintendent, has 'for such a time as this' brought continued dignity, profound respect and inspiring leadership to the Raleigh District and all its charges and churches. Warren and his lovely Harriett Fleming Petteway grace our District Parsonage in Raleigh and are regarded widely as typical of our most capable and distinguished leaders in North Carolina United Methodism. Ours is a better and richer Christian sojourn because of the Petteways. Our abiding

gratitude to them and to our Heavenly Father for their presence and discipleship."

Compiled by Charles L. McCullers

These servants of the Lord have proven a great blessing to us at Mt. Zion.



Rev. W. B. Petteway.

OUR BISHOPS

"This is a true saying;
If a man desire the office of Bishop,
He desireth a good work."

I Timothy 3:1

Our bishops have truly been a great inspiration to us and have done "a good work".

Bishop Paul N. Garber was very precious to us. He came, many times, to Mt. Zion from the year of his election to the Bishopric in 1944 up to the time he went to Switzerland to serve the Lord there in 1968. He blessed us with a wonderful Dedicatory Sermon for our present sanctuary in 1951. Dear Bishop Garber was called home to Heaven in 1972.

Bishop William B. Cannon was elected Bishop in 1968 and was assigned to us at that time. He was a great Disciple of Jesus Christ and we loved him. He was transferred to Atlanta as Bishop of that area in 1972.

We, at Mt. Zion, felt honored as Bishop Cannon was honored, when President-Elect Jimmy Carter requested him to give the invocation at his Inauguration in Washington, D.C., on January 20, 1977.

Bishop Robert M. Blackburn was elected Bishop in 1972 and became our succeeding Bishop. He has served this district in a wonderful way up to the present time and has been to Mt. Zion on several occasions. His visits are always a great inspiration to us. He was instrumental in helping us to get a long-standing mortgage, which had been satisfied, canceled on the County books. For this we are thankful. He conducted our revival in October 1977. This proved a great blessing to Mt. Zion and to our community made up of churches of several denominations. The Baptist Choir from Pleasant Grove



Rev. R. M. Blackburn Bishop.