

NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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ALL SAINTS CELEBRATION - MEMORIAL SERVICE
NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE – THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 2009 ! 10:45 A.M.
GREENVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA

Organ Prelude *For All the Saints* David Cherwien
*Processional Hymn *Sing with All the Saints of Glory*

*Greeting

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Christ is risen!

He is risen, indeed!

We have gathered in these moments to celebrate the lives of those who have served faithfully through the years and who now share the triumph of Christ.

We affirm with praise and thanksgiving the goodness of our Lord!

Let us rejoice in God's presence with us, in death as in life, among those who mourn as with those who now see Christ face to face.

In the midst of our grief we sing with joy, for God's love is over all that has been made. Blessed be God's glorious name forever!

Psalter Psalm 90
(all singing)

**Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.**

**Under the shadow of Thy throne Thy saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is Thine arm alone, and our defense is sure.**

(reading responsively)

Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

You turn us back to dust, and say, "Turn back, you mortals." For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past, or like a watch in the night.

You sweep them away; they are like a dream, like grass that is renewed in the morning; in the morning it flourishes and is renewed; in the evening it fades and withers.

For we are consumed by your anger; by your wrath we are overwhelmed. You have set our iniquities before you, our secret sins in the light of your countenance. For all our days pass away under your wrath; our years come to an end like a sigh.

(all singing)

**Thy Word commands our flesh to dust, "Return, ye sons of men:"
All nations rose from earth at first, and turn to earth again.
A thousand ages in Thy sight are like an evening gone;
Short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.**

[*Please stand, as able]

(reading responsively)

The days of our life are seventy years, or perhaps eighty, if we are strong; even then their span is only toil and trouble; they are soon gone, and we fly away. Who considers the power of your anger? Your wrath is as great as the fear that is due you.

**So teach us to count our days that we may gain a wise heart.
Turn, O Lord! How long? Have compassion on your servants!**

Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days. Make us glad as many days as you have afflicted us, and as many years as we have seen evil.

Let your work be manifest to your servants, and your glorious power to their children. Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and prosper for us the work of our hands, O prosper the work of our hands!

(all singing)

**Time, like an ever-rolling stream, bears all its sons away;
They fly, forgotten, as a dream dies at the opening day.**

**Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
Be Thou our guard while troubles last, and our eternal home.**

First Reading 1 Corinthians 15:51-58

Musical Celebration Psalm 23 *My Shepherd, You Supply My Need*
Isaac Watts/Early American Melody
[Suzanne Dornsmith, Liturgical Dancer, Josh Dumbleton, piano,
Cheryl Stephenson, oboe]

Second Reading 2 Corinthians 4:16-5:10

Sermon *This is Your Story* Herbert Lowry, Jr., preacher

***Hymn** *Hymn of Promise* Natalie Sleeth

Reading of the Names/Lighting of the Candles

(As the names of the departed are read, a chime will sound and family members will rise and be escorted to the altar.)

Clergy who have died since the last Annual Conference:

Walton Needham Bass, Sr June 7, 2008
John Robert Blue June 8, 2008
James Albert Auman June 28, 2008
Grady Lee Kinley June 30, 2008
Clingman Carter Capps August 7, 2008
John Hammond Crum September 20, 2008
John Milton Roberts November 8, 2008
Susan Webb Lutz Allred December 10, 2008
Clyde McGee Creech, Sr January 12, 2009
Charles Spence Hubbard February 16, 2009
Doris Jean Johnson February 21, 2009
John Edwards Reed, Sr. May 2, 2009
René Orville Bideaux May 13, 2009

Spouses of Clergy who have died since last Annual Conference:

Rosemary Todd Wynn June 5, 2008
Georgia Reid Dodson June 17, 2008
Ruth Craft Tyson June 18, 2008
Sharon Trueman Butson July 1, 2008
Doris Elaine Faircloth July 1, 2008
Ruby Humphries Jones August 7, 2008
Flossie Gillespie McNair August 13, 2008
Marie Harriett Poole Rouse November 13, 2008
Pinear Mae Windley Epps November 23, 2008
Jamie Pocahontas Jones Ports February 9, 2009
Frances Shearon Thompson February 12, 2009
Marjorie Jean Fisher King February 23, 2009
Evelyn Sawyer Mansfield Cook April 2, 2009
Richard Daryl Hawkins April 22, 2009

Prayer

Let us pray.

God of the living, we are reminded of our community this day: those who are sitting in this holy place, those who are present in mind and soul, those who have left us recently or long ago. You call all your faithful people Saints, and even in our imperfection, we are grateful to be called to worship you with honor. Let this day be not only a time for memories, but also a time for celebration of our connection throughout the ages. May we bring here our sacrifice of thanks and praise for your sake, and for the sake of all your saints throughout time. Amen.

Benediction

***Recessional Hymn** *Forward through the Ages*

***Postlude** *Fugue in E Flat Major ("St. Anne")* J. S. Bach

Liturgists Heather Rodrigues, Owen Barrow

Musicians Michael Stephenson, saxophone
Cheryl Stephenson, oboe
Josh Dumbleton, piano and organ

Preacher Herbert Lowry, Jr.

Service Coordinators Cleve May, David Beck

JOHN BLUE
1929 - 2008

Having fought the good fight, finishing the race, and keeping the faith, Reverend John R. Blue lost his battle with prostate cancer on June 8, 2008 in a Gainesville Hospice Center. He is survived by his wife, Linda, who resides at 4315 NW 60th Terrace, Gainesville, FL 32606, and four children, James, Mark, Sarah and Stephen.

Reverend Blue was born in Poplar Bluff, MO on January 28, 1929, the son of Harry and Ida Blue. He was the fourth of six children born to them.

After being Honorably Discharged from Army service in 1947, Reverend Blue enrolled in the University of Missouri, graduating with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Agriculture on June 5, 1952.

Having received a call from his Lord to the ministry, Reverend Blue then enrolled in Seminary at Duke University the following Fall, receiving a Master of Divinity Degree on June 4, 1956.

He was appointed a Deacon of the Methodist Church in Fayetteville, NC on June 13, 1955 and became ordained as an Elder of said church on June 20, 1956 in St. Louis, MO. He served as minister to various Methodist congregations in North Carolina for 11 ½ years.

On April 15, 1968 Reverend Blue received his Ecclesiastical Endorsement for Appointment as Chaplain to the Veterans Administration, serving in the capacity until his retirement in February of 1996. The following June, he retired from the North Carolina Conference after 43.75 years of faithful service.

Reverend Blue was elected a member in the National Association of Veterans Affairs Chaplains on December 10, 1990 and is listed in Strathmore's Who's Who (2006-2007) as someone who has demonstrated leadership and achievement in their chosen profession.

To all who knew him, Reverend Blue will be fondly remembered for his winning smile, helpful nature, and wise council.



WALTON N. BASS
1920 - 2008



Walton Needham Bass, Sr., 87, a resident of United Methodist Retirement Home, Croasdaile Village in Durham died June 7, 2008. He received a CPA from Kings Business college in Raleigh. He worked as a CPA in Charlotte. He volunteered in the Army during World War II and received the rank of Staff Sergeant in the European Theater. He received an AA degree from Louisburg College in 1949. While there, he met Emma Deane Simmons from Burgaw and they were married in 1948.

He served the Rougemont Charge (4 churches), Woodington & Webbs Charge, Beach Grove Charge (3), Trenton Charge (3), Norman Charge (3), White Plains, Cary and Wellons Village in Durham.

He took a sabbatical and located at Lakewood UMC for his children to finish high school. He taught 17 years in the Durham School and retired in 1986 from both the school system and the NC Conference. He suffered with Parkinson's Disease.

He is preceded in death by his parents V. Needham Bass and Smithie Elizabeth (Bessie) Herring Bass, four brothers Eddison of Farmville, DeWitt of Wilmington, Wesley of Rosewood, Milton E (twin) of Durham, one sister S.E. (Beth) Olson of Fayetteville.

He is survived by his wife of 60 year's Emma Deane Simmons Bass, his son, W. Needham Jr. and wife Parrish of Lexington, NC, grandson Joseph Parrish and granddaughter Christine Plummer and husband Barry and great-granddaughter Kiaya of Lexington. Two sisters Myrtle B. Hodges of Eden, Allene B. Tibbles of Streeter, III. And a brother Will C. Bass of Raleigh, and several nieces and nephews.

A memorial service was held on Saturday, June 21 at 11 AM in the William Few Interfaith Chapel at Croasdaile Village. The Word of Grace and Greeting by the Rev. Denise C. Waters, The Old Testament lesson and The Epistle Lesson by the Rev. Brian Wingo, Pleasant Green UMC, and meditation by the Rev. Milton Hadley, Jr.. Melinda Wilkinson was soloist and Sam Marion was the organist.

JAMES A. AUMAN
1923 - 2008



The Reverend James A. Auman died on Saturday, June 28, 2008, at his home in McLeansville, NC. Mr. Auman was beloved minister of visitation at Mt. Pleasant United Methodist Church in Greensboro for 14 years before his retirement in 2005.

Mr. Auman was born on March 2, 1923, to Clinton and Claude Auman and grew up with brothers, Forrester and M. C., and sisters, Nancy and Ruth, in the farmlands of Randolph County. He worked in the Wilmington, NC shipyards during WW II and became a United Methodist minister after being educated at High Point College and Duke University. He was a member of the North Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church and served pastorates in Stem, Fayetteville, Hertford, Garner, Raleigh, Jacksonville, Henderson and Graham. He was the first executive director of the Association of Methodist Colleges, 1965-69, and was Superintendent of the Wilmington District of the United Methodist Church 1975-1981.

Mr. Auman traveled in Europe in 1958 and around the world in 1960. His slides of the Holy Land revealed sacred religious sites to many Sunday School and membership classes throughout the years. He was devoted to his ministry, gentle with children and nurturing to stray animals. Lake Junaluska United Methodist Assembly was one of his favorite places and his children remember quiet evenings there at the lighted cross. He enjoyed visiting among his congregations, watching Duke basketball, whistling favorite hymns, playing checkers, mastering jigsaw puzzles, and especially in his last months, watching birds and deer from the kitchen window.

He is survived by his cherished wife, Josephine Anderson Boone Auman of McLeansville, and his four children: Dr. Richard Auman and wife Genevieve of Chesapeake, VA; Beth Jennings of Raleigh; Rose Auman and life partner Susan Tillotson of Cary; and Becky Auman of Portland, OR. He was the grandfather of six: Jon and Todd Auman, Angela Thornton, Scott Jennings, Adam Lucas, and Wilkins White; and great-grandfather of 12. His parents and siblings and his wife of 41 years, Mildred Whitener Auman, predeceased him.

A celebration of Mr. Auman's life was held at Mt. Pleasant United Methodist Church, 5120 Burlington Road, Greensboro, NC on Sunday, June 29, 2008 and burial of his ashes followed in October 2008 at Graham Memorial Park, Graham, NC.

GRADY L. KINLEY
1919 - 2008

Rev. Grady Lee Kinley, 88, of Goldsboro, NC died on June 30, 2008 in Durham Regional Hospital following a brief illness. His funeral was conducted at Seymour Funeral Home in Goldsboro, with the Rev. Martin Armstrong officiating. He was buried alongside of family members at Hebron United Methodist Church in Mebane, NC, with the Rev. Bryan Sexton conducting the graveside service.

Rev. Kinley was born in Davidson County on October 15, 1919 to the late Henry James Kinley and Virginia Terry Kinley. He was a veteran of World War II and a graduate of Duke Divinity School. He was married to the late Mildred Vinson Kinley for 39 years and they had one child, a daughter. During his active pastoral career spanning 32 years, he served in a dozen different churches throughout eastern North Carolina, seeking to spread the gospel and the hope of salvation to all he encountered. Following retirement, Rev. Kinley and his wife moved to Goldsboro and became members of New Hope United Methodist Church.

Rev. Kinley is survived by his daughter, Mary Kinley Warren and her husband, Duncan Warren of Hillsborough, NC; his brother, James Kinley of Mebane, NC; his sisters, Agnes Haste and Elsie Murray of Burlington, NC and his grandson, Robert Alexander Warren, also of Hillsborough.



DORIS FAIRCLOTH
1948 - 2008

Doris Elaine Faircloth was born March 27, 1948 in Garland, North Carolina. Doris peacefully went to Heaven on July 1, 2008. Her earthly body lies at peace in the Sunrise Cemetery near Roseboro, North Carolina.

Doris was the wife of Robert Faircloth for over 35 years. Together they raised two children, Monica and Brandon. Doris was a devout Christian woman and served as a children's Sunday school teacher at Holland's Chapel Pentecostal Holiness Church for 27 years. She was a faithful partner in her husband's pastoral ministry in the United Methodist Church, which he began in July 2006 at Johnson Memorial UMC in Fayetteville, NC.

A creative person, Doris enjoyed crafting and has left her family and friends with numerous priceless treasures that will remind us of her always. Doris was also extremely organized and detail oriented, traits that served her well as a legal secretary at Holland, Poole, Holland, and Sanderson PA in Clinton, NC for 34 years. Doris also used her gifts to organize and throw the best parties in Sampson County, if not all of North Carolina. Through these parties, she created memories that will be cherished forever.

In addition to her husband, Doris is survived by her daughter Monica, son-in-law Jay Crolle and their 11 month-old twin boys, Jake and Mitchell, of Greenville, North Carolina, her son Brandon and daughter-in-law Ashley Faircloth of Roseboro, North Carolina.

Although Doris did not meet her first grandchildren, there is no doubt that she is constantly watching over them and loves them dearly. Always the caregiver, one of the last things that Doris was able to say to Monica was "Love those boys." She was adored by all who knew her, and is greatly missed by her family and friends. All who met her were truly blessed.



SHARI BUTSON
1951 - 2008

Sharon was born on August 4, 1951 in LaPlata, Maryland. She joined the Church Victorious on July 1, 2008 at the parsonage of Asbury United Methodist Church in Cove City, North Carolina after a courageous fight with cancer. She was the oldest daughter of Robert H. and Jean S. Trueman of Aquasco, Maryland. Sharon (Shari) faithfully served beside her husband on the LeCenter –Cleveland Charge in LeCenter, Minnesota, then many churches in the North Carolina Annual Conference from 1977 until her death. A Service of Death and Resurrection was held at Asbury United Methodist Church on July 3, 2008. Reverend Leland Heath and Reverend Mike Register officiated for the family. A second Memorial Service was held at Immanuel United Methodist Church in Baden, Maryland, her home church, on July 7, 2008. Reverend Jim Hunt and Reverend Jack George served the family there. Interment was in the Immanuel UMC cemetery. Shari is survived by her mother, Jean Trueman Grimes of Aquasco, Maryland, three sisters: Janice Lee Diedrich of Dillon, Montana, Nancy Norris of Jackson, Michigan and Amy Hanson of Anderson, South Carolina. She is also survived by two sons: Joel Andrew and wife Amanda of Gainesville, Va., and Scott Ian of Mountain View, CA. Her husband, John, continues to serve Asbury UMC. Sharon taught at Pamlico Community College, Richmond Community College, Sycamore Lane Middle School in Laurinburg, Central Elementary School in Laurinburg, C.S. Brown Elementary in Winton, Rich Square Elementary, and Willis Hare Elementary, and lastly J.W. Smith Elementary near Cove City. She loved children and loved teaching them using all kinds of different methods. She loved to entertain at home, to sing with the choirs, to travel and she loved her family. She made each parsonage a personal home and haven for her family. She lived and loved and shared with everyone and now enjoys the inheritance of the saints. She abides in the loving presence of our Risen Lord and Savior Jesus the Christ. Thanks be to God.

John Butson

CLINGMAN CARTER CAPPS

1931 - 2008

Clingman was born in Flat Rock, N.C. to Richard Clingman and Bessie Lee Fore Capps on March 20, 1931. Later, his family moved to Black Mountain, N.C. Clingman's mother passed away when he was eleven months old.

Clingman graduated from Black Mountain High and received a football scholarship to continue his education at Newberry College. Unfortunately, he was forced to drop out of Newberry due to illness. He was later able to pursue his educational career at Montreat College, just two miles from his home. While attending Montreat College, he met Patricia Lewis who was to become his wife.

After marriage, Clingman and Patricia moved to Reidsville, N.C. where he worked for his father-in-law during the day and attended Elon College (now Elon University) at night. While attending Elon, he became a Lay Pastor and went into the Methodist ministry after graduation.

Clingman was first given a four-point charge, the Pittsboro Circuit. At the same time, he continued his ministerial education at Duke Seminary. Next, while still attending Duke Seminary, he was appointed to the Haw River Church. After graduating from Duke, the next appointment was Murfreesboro Methodist Church. Clingman continued to serve in Sanford, Richlands (where he earned his doctorate in Edinburgh, Scotland), Snow Hill, and Havelock. He had a successful building program in all churches in which he served.

During his ministry, he battled with the disease Multiple Sclerosis. He never allowed this disease to interfere with his ministry, and he always had the support of his family.

Clingman and Pat proudly reared eight children. At the time of his passing on August 7, 2008 in Reidsville, N.C., his family had grown to include thirteen grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Clingman loved the ministry and never disappointed his congregations. After retirement, he continued to provide service to his community by preaching and by becoming Chairman of the Mayor's Committee on Disabilities and chaplain of Annie Penn Hospital. Clingman's entire ministry was truly a labor of love. He never turned away a needy person and he never gave up his battle with MS.

His family held a memorial service on August 10, 2008 at Woodmont United Methodist Church in Reidsville, N.C. Reverend Roger Cope, a long-time friend of the family presided over the service. He is survived by his wife, Patricia Lewis Capps of the home; daughter, Nancy Carol Capps; son, John Clingman Capps and wife, Carolyn; son, Mark Edwin Capps and wife, Pam; daughter, Pam; daughter, Julia Annette Capps Jenkins and husband, Doug; son, Richard Clingman Capps; son, Scott Edwin Lewis; and daughter Shannon Marie Lewis.

We miss him!

The Family



JOHN H. CRUM 1926 - 2008

John Hammond Crum, "Jack", 81, of Littleton, died September 20, 2008. His funeral was held at Edenton Street United Methodist Church with Reverends Edward Hill II, Dr. Vernon Tyson, Wesley Brown, James Ferree, William Wells and Mr. Lynn James officiating. Burial was at Montlawn Memorial Park.

Jack is survived by his wife, Kay Sugg Crum, son, Bart Hammond Crum and wife, Marsha Hobbs Crum and grandchildren, Braeden Crum, Braxton Crum and Chase Crum of Wake Forest, North Carolina.

He was born to Obera Walker Crum and Hammond Milton Crum in Augusta, Georgia on November 22, 1926. The family moved around, but finally settled down in Raleigh, NC where he lived most of his life.

He graduated from Needham Broughton High School in 1945. He attended NC State College 1945-46, University of NC 1946-47 and graduated from Emory University in 1951. He taught fifth grade at Rowland Norment Elementary School in Lumberton from 1951-1952.

He answered his call to enter the Methodist Ministry by enrolling in the Duke Divinity School in 1952. He became a deacon in 1955 and an elder in 1956 in the North Carolina Conference. He received the first Doctorate of Ministry from Boston University in 1975.

Dr. Crum served as a United Methodist minister of the North Carolina Conference from 1953-1989. He served Methodist Churches including Pleasant Grove, Avent Ferry, Hope Mills, Moncure Charge, South Rosemary, New Hope, Benson, Elevation, City Road, Mount Zion, Carr, Salem and Chartley Charge in Massachusetts. His ministry was driven by a passionate commitment to "social gospel" Christianity and the conviction that the church must labor to redeem social structures as well as individual hearts.

He also served as the Director of Christian Social Action for the North Carolina Council of Churches from 1964-1969. His passion was created by the urgency of the race issue of the sixties, and he provided courageous and skillful leadership in that area. He organized the first Council's legislative seminars and had fierce devotion to justice and peace. In 1997 he received the Distinguished Service Award from the NC Council of Churches.

Dr. Crum battled Type I diabetes almost his entire life. He refused to let this be a detriment in his life. Even with this challenge he was able to do extensive traveling in his lifetime to include all fifty states and all seven continents including more than fifty countries.

In 1990 Jack and Kay created the Endowment for a Prophetic Church to encourage churches to engage in social change ministry. They also established a Scholarship Endowment Fund for Prophetic Ministries with Duke University Divinity School in 2000 to assist the education of the students for an informed activism that confronts both system and prejudices for constructive change.

Jack Crum often disturbed the powers in church and society because of his fierce devotion to justice and peace. He did not shy away from controversy for confrontation when the gospel seemed to require it. Neither job security nor career advancement was his guiding lights. His was a source of inspiration and encouragement to many who were struggling to be faithful in a tumultuous time.

To honor his memory and advance the cause of Justice, the Methodist Federation of Social Action of the NC Conference held the first Jack Crum Conference on Prophetic Ministry, "A Cry in the Wilderness," February 21, 2009. It was planned at a time to become familiar with needs, opportunities and challenges for local and international ministry and to rekindle a passion to serve all God's people.

Family and Friends

JOHN M. ROBERTS **1927 - 2008**

Rev. John M. Roberts of Hope Mills, former pastor at Princeton United Methodist Church, died on Saturday, November 8, 2008.

John served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He preceded in death by his wife, Dorothy Coley Roberts and his sister, Louise Blackmon.

His funeral service was held at Princeton United Methodist Church and Rev. Jean Hood and Rev. Perc Coleman officiated the celebration. John was buried in Wayne Memorial Park, Goldsboro, NC.

John is survived by a daughter, Lori R. Temple of Hope Mills; a son, Dr. John M. Roberts, Jr. of Clinton; brothers, Fred Roberts of Snow Hill and Robert Roberts of Mt. Olive; sister, Frances Herring of Charlotte; and grandchildren, Amber and Rachel Temple.



PINEAR W. EPPS

1924 - 2008

As the sun rose on Christ the King Sunday, Nov. 23, 2008, Pinear Mae (Pat) Epps slipped silently out of her cancer-worn body and stepped into the Throne Room of Heaven, to be welcomed by her Savior and reunited with her husband Ralph, who predeceased her by 10 months and 20 days. A celebration of her life was held on Wednesday, Nov. 26, at Edenton UMC, with the Rev. Charles Moseley and the Rev. Ed Rutenkroger officiating. Burial followed at Beaver Hill Cemetery in Edenton.



Pinear (rhymes with “finer”) Mae Windley was born on January 31, 1924, in the Yeatesville community of Beaufort County, NC, to C. S. “Wes” and Ella Keech Windley. She was always proud of being a “farm girl” and gave that as the explanation when a nurse marveled at her stamina after surgery at the age of 83. She was a graduate of Bath High School and East Carolina Teachers College (now ECU). She began her teaching career at Brogden High School in Dudley, NC, and continued for more than 40 years, with time out to raise her children, to teach gifted education, social studies, and home economics in secondary schools all over Eastern North Carolina, including Weldon, Orrum, Alamance County, Rocky Mount, Zebulon, Washington, and Columbia. Letters from her students attest to her ability to establish bonds with them that went beyond “book learning”. In the 1970’s, she was the director of Operation OURS in Graham, a program established to assist families living in subsidized housing. Under her direction, the program offered activities for senior citizens, childcare, after-school programs, and classes in sewing, cooking, and parenting.

In 1946, she was in Pikeville for the funeral of her uncle, the Rev. Whitford Walters, and she met his associate pastor, Duke Divinity student Ralph Epps. They were married on August 21, 1947, and like countless other ministers’ wives, her life became dedicated to his calling as they served together in ministry in Stem, Maxton, Laurel Hill, Grifton, Weldon, Fairmont, Mebane, Rocky Mount, Raleigh, Washington, and Edenton, becoming known to their congregations as “Preacher & Pat”, a true team. Until her illness prevented her from continuing to serve, she taught Sunday School and played the piano for services at Bethany UMC in Belvidere, her husband’s last charge.

Mama will be remembered for her love of hummingbirds, cats (especially Mitzi), Lake Junaluska, Duke basketball, coffee & the crossword puzzle, collards, beating everyone at Scrabble, playing the piano for family sing-alongs (Eppsing), having a table full of children and grandchildren feasting on one of her delicious meals, and life with her beloved Ralph.

She is survived by her children, Barbara Tuttle of Richmond, VA, Ralph Isaac, Jr., of Edenton, and Karen Owens of Raleigh; and her grandchildren, Carolyn Tuttle, Debbie T. Phillips and husband Jon, David Epps, Malia Epps, and Jonathan Owens. She is also survived by her brother, Charles “C.B.” Windley and wife Jean of Yeatesville, her sister, Barbara “Bobbie” Windley of Oxford, her brother-in-law, Case Van Wyk of Terra Ceia, and a loving family of nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her sisters, Lucille Windley and husband James, Ethial Stell and husband Otis, and Ellene Van Wyk.

Daddy died in January, right after Christmas, and Mama died just before Thanksgiving. As one granddaughter put it, “For more than 60 years, they had never spent the holidays apart, and they weren’t about to start now!”

The Family

CLYDE M. CREECH
1935 - 2009

Clyde McGee Creech, 73, of LaGrange, NC died January 12, 2009. A service of remembrance was held at Bethel United Methodist Church with the Reverends Jim Williams, Jerry Mitchell, and Reynolds Smith officiating. Burial was Mewborn Family Cemetery.

He was born November 30, 1935 in Greene County to the late John and Clyde Worrell Creech. McGee was preceded in death by a son, Clyde McGee Creech, Jr. and survived by his wife of 52 years, Leatrice Smith Creech.; daughter, Lisa Creech Price and special friend Steve Jones and his son Nick of Goldsboro; three grandchildren, Alyssa Price, Clyde Root and Christi Newcomb and husband Joe; and three great-grandchildren, Regan, Josh and Katie Newcomb.

McGee graduated from Duke University with a Master of Divinity and served United Methodist Churches in Wayne, Johnston, and Harnett counties with 33 years of that service being at Garris Chapel United Methodist Church in LaGrange. He retired as Assistant Administrator of Cherry Hospital in Goldsboro following 28 years of service. After retiring from the ministry, McGee returned to Bethel United Methodist Church where he attended as a child until he began his own ministry. He had been a member of Bethel United Methodist Church for 61 years. He served as president of the Fellowship School Class, United Methodist Men's Club, and the building Committee. He spent numerous volunteer hours in the actual building of a new fellowship hall and educational building.

McGee was also an avid antique car enthusiast with a 1953 Chevrolet Bel Air and 1964 Ford Mustang among his collection.



The Family

FRANCES SHEARON THOMPSON
1912 - 2009

Frances S. Thompson, 96, of The Inn at Quail Haven Village in Pinehurst, NC, died on Thursday, February 12, 2009, following an extended illness.

She was born on March 7, 1912, in the Daniels Store Community of Wake County NC of Casandra Adeline Davis and Alexander Hamilton Shearon. A graduate of UNC-G and a Masters in Library Science from UNC-G, a teacher and a school librarian, she married Arthur Leo Thompson, a United Methodist minister, in 1934. They lived and served churches in Louisburg Circuit, Roseboro, Faison, Ahoskie, Raleigh, Wilmington, Roxboro, Hamlet, and Southern Pines. She taught school in Zebulon and Ahoskie and was librarian at the Vass-Lakeview School.

She is survived by her children, Leo Thompson and Betty Thompson Blount of Raleigh, NC and Everett Thompson of Bainbridge Island, WA; her granddaughters, Susan Blount Campbell of Alpharetta, GA and Jennifer Ann Thompson of Poulsbo, WA; her grandsons, Matthew Edward Thompson of Kingston, WA, John Arthur Thompson and Duncan Cava Thompson of Bainbridge Island, WA, Nathan Arthur Thompson of Jenkintown, PA; her great grandchildren, Meagan Amanda Seidl of Statesboro, GA, Rebecca Caroline Seidl and Ethan Robert Campbell of Atlanta, GA and Tobias Thompson of Jenkintown, PA; and sister, Avis Shearon McKeithan of Winston-Salem, NC.

Her husband of 51 years, Arthur Leo Thompson, her son Arthur Shearon Thompson, and grandson, Robert Estes Blount III, preceded her in death.

Her funeral service was conducted by Reverend Thomas Sweeley and Reverend Vernon Tyson and February 17, 2009, at the Southern Pines United Methodist Church. She was buried in the Mount Hope Cemetery beside her husband.

The Family

CHARLES SPENCE HUBBARD
1913 - 2009

Charles S. Hubbard, 95, of Pittsboro, NC was born December 12, 1913 in Sanford, NC. He grew up in the old Steele Street UMC. Charlie graduated from UNC and Duke Divinity School, then married Mercer Reeves Hubbard in 1938. They had four children. Rev. Martha Hubbard Forrest of the North Georgia Conference; Charles Spence Hubbard, Jr. of Fort Lauderdale, FL, Tim Hubbard of North Carolina and John Hubbard of Alamance County, NC. Charlie and Mercer were blessed to have 9 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren.

Charlie served a five-point charge in Roseboro; Hillsborough UMC and New Sharon UMC, a two-point charge; Trinity UMC in Raleigh; University UMC in Chapel Hill; Wilson First UMC in Wilson; and Duke Memorial UMC in Durham. He retired in the 70s and lived in Pittsboro. While retired, he served Trinity UMC in Sanford and Hickory Mountain UMC outside of Pittsboro.

Charlie died February 16, 2009 at his home, Hackberry Hill, in Pittsboro. He is buried at the Pittsboro UMC cemetery with his wife Mercer. Rev. Jan Hill of Pittsboro UMC, Rev. Ray Gooch and Rev. Tommy Smith officiated at the celebration.

Charlie was known for his strong preaching and leadership in the NC Conference. He loved the Lord and was an able leader in all the churches he was privileged to serve. His methods were, at times, unorthodox and adventuresome, but God blessed his ministry.

His children and grandchildren are blessed with many memories of a human, yet fun father.

Martha Hubbard Forrest



RICHARD DARYL HAWKINS
1951-2009

Richard Daryl "Rick" Hawkins, 58, of 415 Hancock Street, Oxford, NC, died April 22 at his home from complications following a stem cell transplant for prolymphocytic leukemia.

He is survived by his wife, Patricia Freeman Hawkins, his daughters, Kathryn Lucille Hawkins of Smyrna, GA, and Sara Lauren Hawkins of Durham, NC, as well as his brothers and sisters-in-law Ron and Margaret Hawkins, Bill and Rose Hawkins, and Tom and Trudy Hawkins. He is also survived by nephew Jeff Hawkins, his wife Julie, and their children, Liana and Keaton; niece Allison Merchant and husband Fareed; nephew Bill Hawkins, his wife Cathy, and their children Brandon and Olivia; niece Beth Kinney, her husband Robert, and their son Nathaniel; niece Karen Pittman, her husband Loren, and their children Claire and Leah; and nephew Keith Hawkins. Rick leaves behind an extended network of friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Rainey and Inez Hawkins, of Durham.

Rick was born in Durham and was a graduate of Durham High School, the University of North Carolina, the NC School of Banking, and NC Advanced Commercial Lending School.

He was employed as a Vice President for Fidelity Bank, worked as a commercial lender, and was instrumental in establishing Fidelity's first Durham branch. Rick considered himself a "creative lender" and loved banking because it allowed him to help people realize their dreams.

Rick was a member of Oxford United Methodist Church, where he served as a choir member. Rick had previously served as a lay leader in several area churches, including Calvary United Methodist and Resurrection United Methodist in Durham, and Christ United Methodist in Chapel Hill.

He was also a Life Scout and was a member of the Exchange Club of Greater Durham for 19 years.

Rick was an avid UNC fan, and enjoyed Carolina football and basketball, as well as kayaking, biking, and RV camping.

At Rick's request, his body was donated to Duke Medical Center for autopsy, in the hope that future patients may benefit from the knowledge obtained from Rick's illness. A memorial Service of Death and Resurrection was held at Duke Memorial United Methodist Church, 504 W. Chapel Hill Street, Durham, NC, at 2pm, April 25th. The Reverends E. Powell Osteen, C. Gregory Moore, and Hannah McManus officiated.

Memorial donations were made in Rick's honor to Oxford United Methodist Church, PO Box 757, Oxford, NC, 27565, or to the Hawkins Fund, c/o Fidelity Bank, 3016 Shannon Rd, Durham, NC, 27707, which will be used to establish a chapel at the Duke Adult Bone Marrow Transplant Clinic.

RENE ORVILLE BIDEAUX
1931-2009

Rene O. Bideaux, 77 of Asheville, NC died May 13, 2009. A memorial service was held at Biltmore United Methodist Church in Asheville with the Reverends Maria Edmonds and Richard Smyth officiating.

Rene is survived by his wife, Rebecca Edge Bideaux; two daughters, Elise Beckstett of Houston, TX and Deborah Gibbs of Manteo, NC, four granddaughters and a sister, Alicia Weiland of York, PA. He was preceded in death by his son, Charles Hubert Bideaux, who died April 4, 2009.

Rene was born to Charles Orville Bideaux and Marjorie Whiteley in Meadville, Pennsylvania. He came to North Carolina to study forestry at N.C. State University, graduating in 1954. After two years in the forestry field, he felt called into the ministry, began seminary studies at Duke University, received his Bachelor of Divinity degree and was ordained in the United Methodist Church. He later earned the Master of Sacred Theology from Boston University.

During his 38 years in ministry, Rene and Rebecca served as missionaries in Costa Rica for five years; he served pastorates in North Carolina, Massachusetts, and Rhode Island, and was District Superintendent in Connecticut and Massachusetts. He was Director of the Hinton Rural Life Center in Hayesville, NC before serving seven years as Associate General Secretary, National Division of the General Board of Global Ministries. His final pastoral appointment was in Chapel Hill, NC before retiring to Lake Junaluska on January 1, 1994.

Following retirement, Rene devoted ten years to the Academy for Spiritual Formation of The Upper Room. His collection, "A Book of Personal Prayer" was published in 1997. From 2004 to 2009 he served as chaplain of the Brooks Howell Home in Asheville.

In addition to his many years in the ministry, he enjoyed square dancing and ballroom dancing with Rebecca. He was a fan of good food and enjoyed travel and family gatherings.



IN MEMORIAM

WE REGRET THAT A MEMORIAL WAS NOT AVAILABLE FOR THE FOLLOWING:

CLERGY:

Susan Webb Lutz Allred

Doris Jean Johnson

John Edwards Reed, Sr.

SPOUSES:

Rosemary Todd Wynn

Georgia Reid Dodson

Ruth Craft Tyson

Ruby Humphries Jones

Flossie Gillespie McNair

Marie Harriett Poole Rouse

Jamie Pochahontas Jones Ports

Marjorie Jean Fisher King

Evelyn Sanyer Mansfield Cook

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**ROLL OF DECEASED MEMBERS, 1837 - 1998
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**ROLL OF DECEASED MINISTERIAL MEMBERS, 1999 - 2000
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ROLL OF DECEASED MINISTERIAL MEMBERS, 2001 - 2008

NAME	DATE/PLACE OF BIRTH	JOINED CONFERENCE	DATE/PLACE OF DEATH	PLACE OF BURIAL
George W. Ports, Jr.	1922 - Phoenix, MD	1956 - VA Conf.	2001 - Mebane	(cremation)
Millard W. Warren, Jr.	1932 - Raleigh, NC	1970 - N. GA Conf.	2001 - Kinston, NC	Mooresville, NC
Matt R. Gardner	1906 - Goldsboro	1936 - New Bern	2000 - Durham	Goldsboro
Clarence E. Hix	1907 - South Carolina	1936 - New Bern	2000 - Fayette, MO	Fayette, MO
Cecil T. Leonard	1940 - Raleigh	(LP)	2001 - Raleigh	Franklinton, NC
Don P. Lee	1925 - Colorado	1972 - Durham	2001 - Goldsboro	cremation
James E. Sponenberg	1914 - Pennsylvania	1943 - Rocky Mount	2001 - Lenoir	Sanford
Charles M. Mitchell	1917 - Buies Creek, NC	1943 - Rocky Mount	2001 - Raleigh	cremation
Roy L. Turnage	1917 - Ayden	1970 - Fayetteville	2001 - Ayden	Ayden
Albert D. Byrd	1928 - Wilmington, NC	1950 - Kinston	2001 - Lumberton	Calypso, NC
Herman S. Winberry	1923 - Verona, NC	1947 - Elizabeth City	2001 - Lumberton	Lumberton
William A. Crow	1902 - Grafton, W. VA	1936 - New Bern	2001 - Southern Pines	South'n Pines
Robert S. Pullman	1932 - Durham, NC	1957 - New Bern	2001 - Southern Pines	Aberdeen
Worlise L. Knowles	1947 - New Bern	1998 - Fayetteville(LP)	2001 - New Bern	New Bern
Clarence E. O'Briant	1917 - Durham	1974 - Fayetteville	2001 - Hookerton	Snow Hill
Waverly D. Lamb	1926 - Henderson	1976 - Fayetteville(AM)	2001 - Lumberton	Lumberton
E.M. Thompson	1931 - Raleigh	1956 - Greenville	2001 - Greenville	Greenville
Kermit R. Wheeler	1912 -	1940 - Wilmington	2002 - Florida	Florida
Samuel D. McMillan, Jr.	1934 - Jacksonville, FL	1957 - New Bern	2002 - South Carolina	Wilmington
John Rogers Crew	1922 - South Carolina	1966 - New Bern	2002 - Durham	Greer, SC
William E. Eason, Sr.	1922	1960 - Rocky Mount	2002 - Durham	Sanford
Robert Abner MacLean	1921 -	1958 - Wilson	2002 - Henderson	Henderson
Noah Bright Hill, Jr.	1922 -	1953 - Durham	2002 - Fayetteville	cremation
Donald Francis Gum	1944 - Alamance Co.	1970 - Pennsylvania	2002 - Durham	Burlington
John David Mitchell	1930 -	1964 - Burlington, NC	2002 - Goldsboro	Goldsboro
Robert Norman Knight	1925	1953 - Durham	2002 - Raleigh	Raleigh
James Wesley Hicks, Jr.	1935 - Goldsboro	1935 - Goldsboro	1972 - Durham	Goldsboro
Tommy Tyson	1922 - Farmville	1951 - Wilmington	2002 - Chapel Hill	Farmville
Robert C. Mooney, Jr.	1915 - Alabama	1942	2002 - Burlington	Graham
Thomas Holmes House	1947 - New Bern	1998 - Fayetteville(LP)	2001 - New Bern	New Bern
Alton Pugh Hill, Jr.	1924 - Lenoir Co.	1950 - Kinston	2003 - Greenville	Greenville
James Columbus Loy	1929 - Mebane	1961 - Durham	2003 - Burlington	Burlington
Sidney Grant Boone	1912 - Gates Co.	1941 - Durham	2003	Nashville
Donna Susan Moore	1946 - Alamance Co.	1984 - Fayetteville	2003 - Burlington	Burlington
Douglas R. Woodworth	1922 - New York		2003	Ayden
Daniel E. Meadows	1911 - Columbus Co.	1963 - Greenville	2003 - Bailey	Bailey
Gilbert W. Crutchfield	1907 - Carthage, NC	1943 - Rocky Mount	2003 - Durham	Raleigh
Mary Leigh VonCannon	1917	1976 - Fayetteville	2003	
James H. Shiver	1906	1958 - Fayetteville	2003	
Theodore V. Carter, Sr.	1933 - Maxton	1968 - Fayetteville	2003 - Raleigh	Raleigh
Irving E. Cook	1927	1957 - New Bern	2003	
John T. Greene	1911	1936 - New Bern	2003	
John T. Smith	1913 - Virginia	1963 - Greenville	2003 - Cary	Burlington
Richard R. Blankenhorn	1924	1961 - Durham	2003	
Hunnings, Henry M.	1922 - Beaufort	1976 - Fayetteville(AM)	2003 -	
Johnnie D. Aycock	1923	1947 - Elizabeth City	2003 - Rowland	Rowland

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Bennie J. Tripp	1943	2003		
Henry B. Lewis	1908 -Mississippi	1937 - Raleigh	2004-Raleigh	Raleigh
Chester Andrews	1907-Fairmont	1931 - Greenville	2004-High Point	Fairmont
Oscar B. Wooldridge	1916-Virginia	1942 - Richmond, VA	2004-Florida	
Lee A. Phillips	1913-Fayetteville	1958 - Wilson	2004-Rockingham	Green Lake
Luther V. Wesley	1946-	1973-Fayetteville	2004-Creedmoor	Creedmoor
William N. Fulford	1920-	1973 - Fayetteville	2004-Farmville	
Johnie L. Joyce	1908-South Hills, VA	1932 - Rocky Mt.	2004-Durham,NC	cremation
Clarence L. Warren	1923-North Carolina	1958 - Wilmington	2004-Lumberton, NC	Fayetteville
Leon R. Sparrow	1922-North Carolina	1958 - Kinston	2004-Bath, NC	Bath
Evander Parnell	1930-Hope Mills	1969 - Fayetteville	2004-Lumberton, NC	Lumberton
James A. Tingle	1935-Alliance, NC	1964 - Burlington	2004	
James H. Coile	1937-LaGrange, NC	1967 - Goldsboro	2004-New Bern, NC	Wilson
Norwood L. Jones	1923-Clayton, NC	1949 - Sanford	2004-Clayton, NC	Clayton
James G. Lupton	1919-Cedar Island, NC	1962 - Kinston	2004-Simpson, NC	Simpson
Raegan V. May	1963-Muleshoe, TX	1987 - Fayetteville	2005-Chapel Hill	Cremation
John W. Garrison	1924-Raleigh, NC	1950 - Kinston	2005-Brazil	Brasilia
Ebern E. Allen	1940-Greenville, NC	1992 - Fayetteville	2005-Graham, NC	Graham
John M. Cline	1921-Lewisville, NC	1946 - Henderson	2005-Raleigh, NC	Raleigh
Johnnie S. Huggins	1927-Newport News, VA	1971 - Fayetteville	2005	
Barney L. Jones	1920-New York	1944 - New York	2005-New York	New York
Robin J. Scroggs	1930	1955 - Fayetteville	2005-New Jersey	New Jersey
Robert S. Gibson	1925-Richmond Co.	1952 - Burlington	2005-Charlotte, NC	
James C. Chaffin	1919-Burgaw, NC	1943-Rocky Mt.	2005-Robbins	Robbins
William P. Lowdermilk	1933-Norman, NC	1956-Greenville	2005-Fayetteville	Fayetteville
Lester Jackson	1919-New Mexico	1952-Virginia	2005-	
Charles F. Eakin	1920-Virginia	1958-Virginia	2005-Yanceyville	Virginia
Samuel L. Wood	1916-Tennessee	1964-Burlington	2005	Goldsboro
Robert L. Bame	1924-Rowan County	1943-Rocky Mount	2005-Wilmington	Pikeville
Lorenzo P. Plyler	1914-Pennsylvania	1955-York, PA	2005-Georgia	Georgia
Julian P. Moorman	1918-West Virginia	1942-Holston	2005-Raleigh	cremation
Thomas A. Collins	1921-Georgia	1944-Raleigh	2005-Durham	cremation
Robert L. Nicks	1916-Yanceyville	1946-Henderson	2006-Florida	Florida
O. Kelly Ingram	1918-Alabama	1940-Alabama	2006-Cary	cremation
William E. Worley	1925-West Virginia	1957-Florida	2006-Wilson	Florida
Helen G. Crotwell	1925-South Carolina	1973-Fayetteville	2006-Georgia	Georgia
Ronald D. Cyr	1946-Massachusetts	1971-Fayetteville	2006-Greenville	cremation
James R. Lancaster	1922-Fayetteville	1971-Fayetteville	2006-Fayetteville	cremation
Arthur W. Winstead, Sr.	1923-North Carolina	1964-Burlington	2006-Raleigh	Raleigh
Paul C. Browning	1923-W. Virginia	2006-Burlington	Burlington	
Carol D. Hayes	1951-Columbia, OH	1990-Fayetteville	2006-Florida	Florida
Christian White	1920-New Jersey	1952-Burlington	2006-Durham	Burlington
Jerry S. Dodson	1950-Mebane	1974-Fayetteville	2006-Mebane	Mebane
Clyde H. Dunn	1927-Mebane	1951-Wilmington	2006-Mebane	Raleigh
Brooks B. Little	1916	1950-Kinston	2006-Tennessee	
Michael L. Tart	1951	1992-Fayetteville	2006-Rocky Mount	Dunn
William E. Clements	1937-South Carolina	1974-Fayetteville	2006-Gatesville	Elizabeth City
Charles M. Litzenberger	1943-New York	1972-Durham	2006-Chapel Hill	New Bern
Guy V. Soule, Jr.	1935-Charlotte, NC	1978-Fayetteville	2006-Burlington	Alamance Co.
James Millard Short	1928-Moore Co.	1963-Greenville	2006-Rockingham	Fayetteville
Vassar Wilson Jones	1920	1960-Rocky Mt.	2007-Roxboro	Roxboro
Rudolph H. Hodge	1927	1957-New Bern		Raleigh
Wallace B. Lewis	1937-Kinston	1977-Fayetteville	2007-Key West, FL	Dover

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Jerry Lowry	1948-Laurinburg	1983-Fayetteville	2007-Sanford	Pembroke
Benjamin F. Musser	1919	1943-Rocky Mt.	2007-	
Troy J. Barrett	1922-Georgia	1946-Henderson	2007-Raleigh	Cremation
Herman F. Davis	1926-	1950-Kinston	2007-Lumberton	Elizabethtown
Daniel M. Forbes, Jr.	1948-Laurinburg	1978-Fayetteville	2007-	Pembroke
Luther M. Peele, Jr.	1929-Laurel Hill	1976-Fayetteville	2007-Wilmington	Winnabow
Paul Cecil Millwood	1934-	2002-Fayetteville	2007-Jacksonville	Georgia
Ralph I. Epps	1920-South Carolina	1948-Greenville	2008-Edenton	Edenton
Haywood L. Harrell	1913-	1939-Fayetteville	2008-Goldsboro	Seven Springs
Robert F. Moore	1921-Maryland	1950-Kinston	2008-	Fayetteville
Eric O. Murray	1914	1965-Raleigh	2008	
Walton N. Bass	1920-	1953-Durham	2008-Durham	Durham
John R. Blue	1929-Missouri		2008-Florida	Florida
James A. Auman	1923-Randolph County	1947-Elizabeth Cty.	2008-McLeansville	Graham
Grady Lee Kingley	1919-Davidson County	1949-Sanford	2008-Durham	Mebane
Clingman Carter Capps	1931-Flat Rock	1959-Wilmington	2008-Reidsville	Reidsville
John H. Crum	1926-Georgia	1953-Durham	2008-Littleton	Littleton
John Milton Roberts	1927	1967-Goldsboro	2008-Princeton	Princeton
Susan Lutz Allred	1938	1983-Fayetteville		
Clyde M Creech Sr.	1935-Greene County	1958-Wilson	2009-LaGrange	LaGrange
Charles S. Hubbard	1913-Sanford	1939-Elizabeth City	2009-Pittsboro	Pittsboro
Doris J. Johnson	1929			
John E. Reed Sr.	1922	1956-Greenville		
Rene O. Bideaux	1931-Pennsylvania	1955-Fayetteville	2009-Asheville	Asheville

HISTORICAL STATEMENT

I. COMPOSITION

The North Carolina Conference of The United Methodist Church is composed of:

- A. The eastern portion of the former North Carolina Conference of The United Methodist Protestant Church.
- B. The former North Carolina Conference of The Methodist Episcopal Church South.
- C. The coastal region of the former Blue Ridge-Atlantic Conference of The Methodist Episcopal Church.
- D. The Eastern District, North Carolina-Virginia Conference, Central Jurisdiction.

II. ORGANIZATION

The organizing dates of the four former Conferences were as follows:

- A. The North Carolina Conference of The Methodist Protestant Church 1828, at Whitaker's Chapel in Halifax County, North Carolina.
- B. The North Carolina Conference of The Methodist Episcopal Church, South, 1837.
- C. The Blue Ridge-Atlantic Conference of The Methodist Episcopal Church, 1879, at Greensboro, North Carolina, first named Southern Central Conference; two years later, 1881, renamed Blue Ridge-Atlantic Conference.
- D. The Eastern District North Carolina-Virginia Annual Conference was organized at a special session on August 11, 1964, at Bennett College, Greensboro, North Carolina.

III. SESSIONS OF THE CONSTITUENT CONFERENCES BEFORE UNION IN 1939: (See 1988 *Journal*.)

IV. UNION: The Unification of the North Carolina Conferences was accomplished by the Unification of the three major branches of American Methodism in the United States at Kansas City, Missouri, May 10, 1939.

V. SESSIONS SINCE UNION IN 1939: (See 1988 *Journal*.)

VI. SESSIONS OF OTHER CONFERENCES: (See 1988 *Journal*.)

VII. SESSIONS SINCE UNION IN 1968 OF THE METHODIST CHURCH AND THE

EVANGELICAL UNITED BRETHREN CHURCH

Sessions of the NC Conference of The United Methodist Church, 1968 - 1999

Held	When	President	Secretary
143 Fayetteville	June 1968	Paul N. Garber	W. Carleton Wilson
144 Chapel Hill	June 1969	W. R. Cannon	W. Carleton Wilson
145 Greenville	June 1970	W. R. Cannon	W. Carleton Wilson
146 Fayetteville	June 1971	W. R. Cannon	W. Carleton Wilson
147 Durham	June 1972	W. R. Cannon	W. Carleton Wilson
148 Fayetteville	June 1973	R. M. Blackburn	A. Kimsey King
149 Fayetteville	June 1974	R. M. Blackburn	A. Kimsey King
150 Fayetteville	June 1975	R. M. Blackburn	James H. Coile
151 Fayetteville	June 1976	R. M. Blackburn	James H. Coile
152 Fayetteville	June 1977	R. M. Blackburn	James H. Coile
153 Fayetteville	June 1978	R. M. Blackburn	James H. Coile
154 Fayetteville	June 1979	R. M. Blackburn	James H. Coile
155 Fayetteville	June 1980	R. M. Blackburn	James H. Coile
156 Fayetteville	June 1981	W. R. Cannon	L. T. Wilson
157 Fayetteville	June 1982	W. R. Cannon	L. T. Wilson
158 Fayetteville	June 1983	W. R. Cannon	L. T. Wilson
159 Fayetteville	June 1984	W. R. Cannon	L. T. Wilson
160 Fayetteville	June 1985	C. P. Minnick, Jr.	L. T. Wilson
161 Durham	June 1986	C. P. Minnick, Jr.	L. T. Wilson
162 Fayetteville	June 1987	C. P. Minnick, Jr.	L. T. Wilson
163 Fayetteville	June 1988	C. P. Minnick, Jr.	L. T. Wilson
164 Fayetteville	June 1989	C. P. Minnick, Jr.	James H. Coile
165 Fayetteville	June 1990	C. P. Minnick, Jr.	James H. Coile
166 Fayetteville	June 1991	C. P. Minnick, Jr.	James H. Coile
167 Fayetteville	June 1992	C. P. Minnick, Jr.	James H. Coile
168 Fayetteville	June 1993	C. P. Minnick, Jr.	James H. Coile
169 Fayetteville	June 1994	C. P. Minnick, Jr.	James H. Coile
170 Fayetteville	June 1995	C. P. Minnick, Jr.	James H. Coile
171 Fayetteville	June 1996	C. P. Minnick, Jr.	James H. Coile
172 Fayetteville	June 1997	Marion M. Edwards	James L. Bryan
173 Fayetteville	June 1998	Marion M. Edwards	James L. Bryan
174 Fayetteville	June 1999	Marion M. Edwards	James L. Bryan
175 Fayetteville	June 2000	Marion M. Edwards	James L. Bryan
176 Fayetteville	June 2001	Marion M. Edwards	James L. Bryan
177 Fayetteville	June 2002	Marion M. Edwards	James L. Bryan
178 Fayetteville	June 2003	Marion M. Edwards	James L. Bryan
179 Fayetteville	June 2004	Marion M. Edwards	James L. Bryan
180 Fayetteville	June 2005	Alfred Wesley Gwinn Jr.	James L. Bryan

Held	When	President	Secretary
181 Greenville	June 2006	Alfred Wesley Gwinn Jr.	James L. Bryan
182 Greenville	June 2007	Alfred Wesley Gwinn Jr.	James L. Bryan
183 Greenville	June 2008	Alfred Wesley Gwinn Jr.	James L. Bryan
184 Greenville	June 2009	Alfred Wesley Gwinn Jr.	James L. Bryan