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ONE HUNDRED TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY

August 28-30, 1987



Boyd Chapel United Methodist Church

School Street

Jefferson City, Tennessee 37760

Bishop R. Ken Eutsler, Resident Bishop
Reverend Gordon Ridenour, District Superintendent
Reverend Christian B. Taylor, Pastor

Milestones in the History of Boyd Chapel United Methodist Church

Boyd Chapel traces its roots to the first meeting house in Mossy Creek. In West View Cemetery there is a marker and bronze plaque that reads:

"A Log Chapel stood here erected by Adam Peck in 1780, site of earliest Christian origins at Mossy Creek. Chartered Methodist Episcopal in 1817. Baptist, Presbyterian, Black Methodists formed own groups from this beginning.

Elizabeth Chapel M.E. erected here in 1850. Used by Federal Troops at Battle of Mossy Creek, Dec. 29, 1863."

Nearby is the grave of John Peck, the first preacher, bearing a tombstone and bronze plaque.

Boyd Chapel United Methodist Church had its beginning June 1, 1867 with the gift of one half acre of land by John Roper Branner "because of his kindly feeling for the colored people of Jefferson County" to the following trustees: James Roper, Jacob Branner, Joseph Peck, William Houston and Richard Dan..." This express trust that they and their heirs shall hold said lot of land herein conveyed for the benefit of and shall permit the same at all times to be used and enjoyed by colored members of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the old neighborhood as a burial ground and for a church or house of worship for religious purposes and none other, and also for the erection of a suitable building to be used as a school house for the colored children.

And it is distinctly understood that if said lot of ground shall be used in any other manner than is herein specified or if any buildings which may be erected thereon shall be used or occupied for any other than religious or educational purposes and especially if the same shall be permitted to be used for political disputations or the meeting of any political organization society or assembly whatever that then and in that case this deed shall become null and void and the said lot shall revert to and be vested in and said John R. Branner or his heirs the same as if this Deed has never been made." (Deed registered in Dandridge, Tennessee). Col. John Roper Branner for many years was president of what is now the Southern Railroad. His great-grandchildren live in and near Jefferson City.

Rev. Charles K. Mayes is the earliest preacher of which we have any record. Boyd Chapel was a member of the Holston Conference before the East Tennessee Conference was organized. The minutes of the Holston Conference of 1888 (page 11) states as follows:

"Rev. Charles K. Mayes was born a slave March 4, 1812 in Bath County, Virginia. He was converted and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church in his twenty-second year. From the time of his conversion he felt that God had called him to the work of the ministry, but fought against his convictions until he was twenty-seven years of age. He entered the ministry in 1839, while a slave. His master would give him Saturday and Sunday which he devoted entirely to the service of the Lord. At the reorganization of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the South, he joined the Holston Conference and was appointed P.E. (Presiding Elder) for the Holston Conference for three years. He filled the following appointments at different times: Mossy Creek (now Jefferson City, Boyd Chapel), New Market, Dandridge, Chucky Valley, St. Paul, Warrensburg, Russellville, Tazewell, Rutledge, and Morristown. After service of nearly fifty years, he was called to his reward on the 18th day of July, 1888 in the 77th year of his age. Brother Mayes had but little educational advantages, yet few ministers have been more abundant in good works or more successful in bringing souls to Christ."

During the period 1867 to 1880 the church was a member of the Holston Conference.

In 1881 the East Tennessee Conference was organized and held its first session at Greeneville Methodist Church, Greeneville, Tennessee. Rev. C.K. Mayes attended. (This church is now Tate Chapel United Methodist Church).

In 1886, William and Margaret Houston sold, "for \$25.00," the present tract of land on which Boyd Chapel is now located "to the Methodist Episcopal Church in the United States of America and subject to the discipline thereof."

In 1889, a frame church was completed and the cornerstone laid. This building housed the church until the present structure was started in 1922, during the pastorate of Rev. Thomas Hendricks and was finished by Rev. H.R.S. Dykes. The trustees were: J.L. Ingram, Roy Ingram, Emma Coleman, S.M. Donaldson, P.E. Pate.

In the early 1900's Boyd Chapel and Rising Sun became a circuit. Rocktown was a mission connected with Boyd Chapel. Boyd was a circuit with White Pine, Woodlawn and New Market.

In 1968 the Methodist church merged with the Evangelical United Brethren Church to become the United Methodist Church, thus changing our name to Boyd Chapel United Methodist Church. At that time we became a member of the Holston

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Dedication

This anniversary weekend commemorating the one hundred twentieth anniversary of Boyd Chapel United Methodist Church is dedicated to its two oldest members, Mrs. Leola Bassett and Mr. William Tate. Through their sacrifices, courage and faith in carrying on the work of the church, they have been and are still testimonies to the spirit of Boyd Chapel United Methodist Church.



Patrons List

Mr. and Mrs. Edd Bissell
Mr. Curtis Harris
Mr. Raymond H. Nance
Mrs. Catherine Moulden
Mrs. Rachel Williamson
Mrs. Sue Barnett Johnson
Mrs. Ernestine E. Jackson
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Mrs. Edna J. Arnwine
Mr. Roy G. Henley

Mr. Garner W. Henley
Mrs. Elizabeth DeArmond
Mrs. Copplen Barnett
Mr. and Mrs. John D. Armstrong
Mrs. Lucille T. Ball, William and Tony
Mr. and Mrs. W.P. Osborne
Rev. Christian B. Taylor
Mr. and Mrs. Mills Swagerty
Mrs. Nettie Sue Swagerty
Mr. Roland Dykes



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The United Methodist Church

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August 11, 1987

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The Reverend Mr. Christian B. Taylor,
Members and Friends
Boyd's Chapel United Methodist Church
Jefferson City, Tennessee

Dear Friends:

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ on this the occasion of the 120th Anniversary of the founding of Boyd's Chapel United Methodist Church!

What a delight it is to reflect upon such a long and distinguished history as your's. One of my former charges is preparing to celebrate their 30th anniversary this fall. That fact means that your congregation has been worshipping and serving in the name of Jesus Christ four times as long as my former parish.

Obviously, the people of Boyd's Chapel know a great deal about being the Body of Christ in the world today. The sense of outreach and mission in your community show you to be sensitive to the call of Christ to serve those about us. And your involvement in the connectional matters of our denomination help extend the love of Jesus all across the globe.

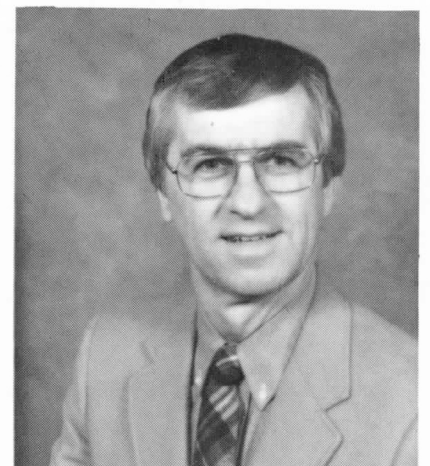
These factors, then, give you not only longevity but the qualitative type of life for which all congregations strive.

You are to be praised and congratulated at this time for reaching this milestone. May God continue to bless you with all good things needed to continue in his service for many, many more years.

Thank you for being an inspiration and a challenge to all the churches of this district.

Grace and peace,

Gordon L. Ridenour
Gordon L. Ridenour



Greetings From Our Pastor



Sisters/Brothers in Christ,

Shalom, as you celebrate one hundred and twenty (120) years of service for the Lord.

To those who held the fort and made it possible for us to celebrate today, let us not forget them and also those who continue to build for tomorrow. I pray that you will give them your support.

I urge you all to go out and look as far as you can see, and when you do, you will see farther for Christ's church.

Congratulations, and may shalom grow amongst you all.

Sincerely,

Rev. Christian B. Taylor

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One Hundred Twentieth Anniversary Celebration

Thanksgiving Service

Sunday, August 30, 1987 — 11:00 a.m.

Order of Worship

Prelude.....	Organist and Pianist
*Call to Worship.....	Minister
*Hymn of Praise and Thanksgiving.....	“O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing” No. 1
*Invocation.....	Minister
*Call to Confession.....	Minister
General Confession.....	Minister and People
Prayers for Pardon.....	Minister
The Lord’s Prayer (chanted).....	Minister and People
Selection.....	“Good News” Choir
*Psalter.....	“O Give Thanks” No. 589
*Gloria Patri.....	No. 794
Anthem.....	“The First Song of Isaiah” Choir (Eugene Goodson, Soloist) by Jack Noble White
The Scripture Lessons	
Old Testament.....	Mayor Clyde Pike
New Testament.....	Mr. Gary Holiway
*Affirmation of Faith.....	“The Apostles Creed” No. 738
*Doxology.....	“Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow” No. 809
Prayer of Thanksgiving.....	Minister
Pastoral Prayer	
Offertory	
Offertory Response.....	“All Things Come of Thee” No. 808
Parish Notices.....	Announcements, visitor recognition, and greetings
Introduction of Speaker.....	Reverend Christian B. Taylor
Solo.....	Arlene B. Peck
The Message.....	Reverend Gordon Ridenour, Morristown District Superintendent
Invitation to Christian Discipleship.....	Minister
Invitational Hymn.....	“We’ve Come This Far By Faith” Choir (Charles Mattison, Jr., Soloist) by Albert A. Goodson
Benediction.....	Minister
Sevenfold Amen.....	Choir
Silent Meditation	
Postlude	

**One Hundred Twentieth Anniversary Banquet
 Carson Newman College
 August 30, 1987 — 5:00 P.M.
 Mrs. Janet Mills, Mistress of Ceremonies**

PROGRAM

Welcome.....		Mrs. Linda M. Moore
Invocation.....	Reverend Bill Rowland, Pastor First United Methodist Church	
Selection.....		Mrs. Julia Taliaferro
The Grace.....		Michael E. Peck
—DINNER SERVED—		
<i>(Dinner Music provided by Mr. Willie P. Osborne)</i>		
Solo.....	“The Impossible Dream”	Mrs. Arlene B. Peck
Reading of the Church History.....	Stephen C. Peck, II (History recorded by E. Peck)	
Presentations		
Thanks.....		Miss Teresa Anderson
Remarks.....		Mrs. Linda M. Moore, Coordinator Anniversary Committee
		Mrs. Janet D. Mills, Mistress of Ceremony
		Reverend Christian B. Taylor, Pastor
Benediction.....	Reverend Christian B. Taylor, Pastor	

MENU

- Chicken Planks with Orange Sauce
- Sliced Roast Beef
- Escalloped Potatoes
- Green Beans
- Glazed Carrots
- Rolls
- Tea-Coffee
- Salad
- Black Forest Cake

Donations

Dr. Sam Thompson
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 by Rev. Christian B. Taylor

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July 15, 1987

Boyd Chapel United Methodist Church
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Jefferson City, TN 37760

Dear Reverend Taylor, Mrs. Ingram, Mrs. Moore and
Christian friends at Boyd Chapel United Methodist Church,

Congratulations and best wishes from all of us at First Baptist, Jefferson City, on the occasion of your 120th anniversary!

Be assured of our thoughts and prayers for all of you during this very special and significant celebration. We are thankful that we can stand in this community with wonderful folks like you in the name of our Lord and Master.

May God continue to bless you and your ministry.

Cordially yours,



Moncrief Jordan
Pastor

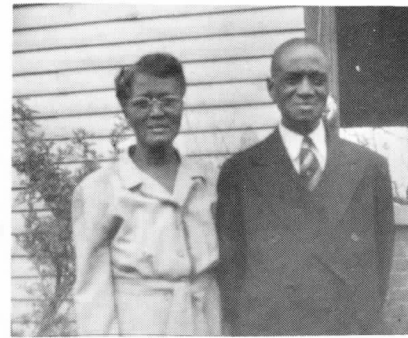
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In Memory of
Sam Spiva

Congratulations to the members and friends of the Boyd Chapel United Methodist Church for 120 years of Christian leadership. Best wishes for continued growth and service.

In Loving Memory of
Mother, Florence Williams
by Victoria Woods

In Memory of
Mr. and Mrs. J.L. Ingram
by son, Howard Ingram



Memorial
In loving memory of our dear parents,
Mr. and Mrs. S.H. Coleman
by daughter Edna Band,
Ottis Dean Halley
and Nanette Wadkins

Memorial for
Casper & Mae Williams &
Sister Mamie E. Cotner
by Jean Hall & Lavada Paige

In Memory of
Mrs. Anna Ingram
by Henry Williams

Memorial
In memory of Mr. & Mrs. W.E. Coleman,
Mrs. Emma Coleman a former trustee of
Boyd Chapel Church.
by Mrs. Willie Mae Crawford

In Memory of
Mrs. Louise Donaldson
and
Alice Peck
by Marlene & Phyllis Merriwether Donaldson

In Memory of
My Mother
Mrs. Juanita Wilkerson
by Shelby Wilkerson

In Memory of
Mr. George Peck & Norman Peck
Mr. George was a very devoted member of the
church.
by George Peck, Jr.

Memorial for
Mr. & Mrs. Ance Wilkerson
from
the Dr. B.M. Tittsworth Family

Church History Continued

Conference with the Rev. Raymon White as District Superintendent and the Rev. L.S. Allen as resident bishop.

In 1921 and 1922 the present brick church was built. The East Tennessee Conference contributed \$400. The total cost was \$1,500.

In 1928 the church caught fire and burned, but the thick solid brick walls remained standing. Only the windows, roof and floor were destroyed. The church was rebuilt using the same standing walls.

The first and only piano was purchased in 1930 and is still being used in the sanctuary. In a meeting called to plan to buy a piano it was suggested we buy a second hand piano. Sam Coleman spoke up and said we are not going to buy a second hand piano and Essie Coleman took the lead in raising the money to pay the \$400.00 for a new piano from Lynn Sheely Company.

In the 1950's Boyd Chapel was invited to sing at the East Tennessee Annual Conference which met at Morristown College. This was a great honor. Members of the choir at that time were Mrs. C. Mattison, Miss Gloria Pritchard, Mrs. William Brown, O. Pritchard, W.A. Howell, A. Wilkerson, H. Ingram, H. Mills, J.C. Dunwoody, M. Barnett, C. Brown, E.E. Peck, Leon Holly, James Barnett, and Mrs. Ed Treece, pianist.

In 1970 the idea was conceived to renovate the church basement to be used for education and fellowship. The project was launched and completed under the leadership of Rev. Raymon White and was consecrated and named in his honor.

In 1972 twenty-five new hymnals were added and twenty-three new pews were purchased by the members of the church; the chancel and sanctuary were renovated, including new carpeting.

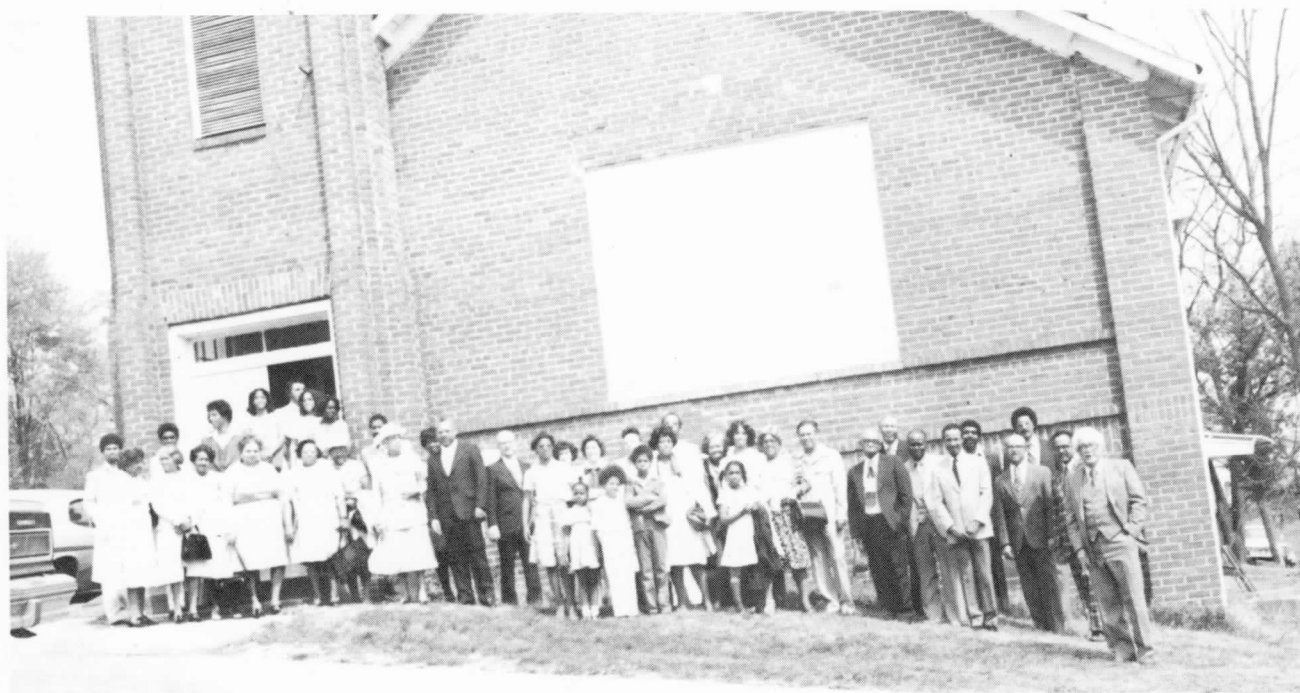
In 1985-86 an extensive renovation project was undertaken, with the assistance of the Ethnic Minority Local Church. The following improvements were made: Roof repaired and painted belfry, windows repaired and storm windows installed. New entrance doors were installed and the ceiling insulated, sanctuary painted, new lights installed in the sanctuary and fellowship hall, kitchen enlarged, a sidewalk built at the north side of the church to keep water from seeping in the basement and a walk built from the parking lot to the church.

Roll of Ministers

Rev. C.K. Mayes
Rev. Eli Provine
Rev. Charles Boyd
Rev. G.H. Crider
Rev. Samuel Delaney
Rev. J.T. Wilson
Rev. John Manning
Rev. Thomas Howard
Rev. H.S. Dykes
Rev. J.A. Pickett

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Rev. Lafayette Hamilton
Rev. F.A. Hatcher
Rev. Thomas Hendricks
Rev. H.R.S. Dykes
Rev. Moses Malone
Rev. Joshua Ingram
Rev. Moses Williams
Rev. Cooper L. Blakney
Rev. Joseph Maddox

Rev. Melvin Tolbert
Rev. Massie F. Cox
Rev. John Howell
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on your 120th Anniversary
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We rejoice with you in the celebration of 120 years of active ministry to our community. We hope that your church will continue to be blessed by God's leadership as it serves as an instrument of His Spirit in our community
First United Methodist Church
Rev. Bill Rowland, Pastor

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May God richly bless your continued
ministry in this area.