

## **CHURCH, PARSONAGE AND FELLOWSHIP HALL IMPROVEMENTS**

### **New Hope Methodist Church 1884**

- Pre-1910* Chancel rail installed by the Rev. Doc Brown.
- 1935 Three Sunday School rooms added; Church exterior covered and lights installed.
- 1953-55 Coal burning "pot-bellied" stove replaced by gas heaters.  
1957 Church remodeled; new windows installed.  
1958 New pews and pulpit furniture installed (13 Apr).
- 1965 Land purchased by W. Lewis Martin from original McLee's property (\$1125. ) (Oct. 23)
- 1967 Ground-breaking for new church building (4 Nov).
- 1968 Bell tower furnished with amplifying system for hymns to be played before services (by MYF).
- 1968 Church become "United Methodist Church"
- 1969 "Opening Day" services in new church; (Sanctuary, six Sunday School rooms, nursery), at cost of \$55,000.  
20 April, 1969.
- 1976 New carpeting in nursery and 2 children's SS rooms; Bell tower painted; new roof installed; Sanctuary carpeting, interior and exterior painting.
- 1976 (April 12) First newsletter and was a regular feature for several years.
- 1976 Altar candlestick set given in loving memory of Mrs. Reatha Lou Baker (by Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Savage, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gibson and Jimmy Baker).
- 1976 Altar parament set given to the glory of God by Mrs. Marie Harris.
- 1977 For the first time in the history of the church we are now paying a full-time pastor's salary and 100% of Conference obligations; budget of \$763.00 each week.
- 1977 May 15, 1977; Baby grand piano purchased for sanctuary from memorial donations in memory of L. D. Coker, dedicated this date.

- 1984 *Altar rails removed and refinished in March of this year (Jimmy Sonefelt).*
- 1984 *Bible donated to church in memory of James and Cynthia Busby by the Busby family for our 100 year anniversary.*
- 1986 *New carpet for sanctuary.*
- 1990 *New paraments, altar cloths, pulpit cloths, and bookmark for sanctuary given by UMW.*
- 1990 *"New Hope--Where Your Hopes Are Renewed", chosen as church motto (Glenola Barth).*
- 1991 *Elevator installed (\$15,561.); dedication service 10 Nov 1991; new hymnals purchased.*
- 1992 *New choir robes purchased.*
- 1992 *Tint put on windows to deflect sun's rays in Eunice Martin Sunday School room.*
- 1994 *Advent candles given in memory of Agnes Busby; gold finish vase in memory of Lum (Columbus) and Janie Poore Coker.*
- 1994 *Flower stands made from wood of stairwell removed for elevator; secretary wall unit in library; hymnal holders for handicapped accessible pew (Jim Gunnels).*
- 1996 *Hand bells purchased and dedicated 28 Feb 1996.*
- 1996 *Gas heaters installed in Sunday School rooms; air conditioner placed in nursery; office and choir room painted.*
- 1996 *Children's Church started (Amber Griffey).*
- 1997 *Computer purchased for church office; upgraded.*
- 1997 *Candles (with kerosene wick) to be used in the church windows in memory of Pauline Vickery (UMW).*
- 1998 *First WEB page designed by Jim Gunnels.*
- 1998 *Bell tower refurbished and the Methodist Flame was added to the cross at the top; Bell Tower rededicated 20 September 1998; Garden spot under the bell tower was designed and tended by Anna Wojtalik as a Girl Scout Golden Awards project.*
- 1998 *Church incorporated.*

- 2000 *Sound system purchased for the sanctuary; cabinetry built by Harry Stout with help from men of church; (lapel microphone 2007).*
- 2001 *Front section of church roof replaced. Choir room, bell choir room and Sunday School rooms repainted.*
- 2002 *Sidewalk built between church and fellowship hall*
- 2003 *Air conditioners added to youth Sunday School rooms.*
- 2003 *Received monies from Viola Harris estate (2002) which allowed for the driveway and parking lot to be refinished, handicapped signage to be placed, and lighted church sign to be built and installed; church painted.*
- 2004 *Vertical blinds hung in Eunice Martin classroom in memory of Elizabeth Owen Mosteller.*
- 2005 *10-seat passenger van and enclosed trailer donated to church by anonymous donor.*
- 2007 *WEB page redesigned (Aggie Hennessy).*
- 2007 *Zero-turn lawn mower purchased for church by anonymous donor.*
- 2008 *Front doors replaced with doors made and installed by men of the church. Bell tower garden re-designed by Dr. Stuart and Margaret Barnes.*
- 2008 *Choir room updated with risers and 3 new pews.*
- 2009 *Purchased new air conditioner for L. D. Coker Sunday School room. Wind damage necessitated replacing roof for front section of church.*
- 2009 *New cross and candle holders for altar given in memory of Perry Davis.*
- 2009 *Book case built and stained for pastor's church office. Closet space and shelf built in pastor's office.*

*Please take a moment to read the memorial markers on the sides of the various pews.*

## *Parsonage*

- 1974-  
-1976 *Parsonage and Fellowship Hall were built. Mr. Z. W. Dickerson donated the land for the Parsonage; Dickerson Builders built both Parsonage and Fellowship Hall.*
- 1976 *(May 2) Dedication of new parsonage.*
- 1981 *Mortgage burning ceremony for parsonage.*  
1988 *Master bedroom suite given to parsonage by anonymous donor.*
- 1990 *Church wide fund-raiser (Oct 20); new copier and a heating system was purchased for the parsonage; proceeds also helped with missions.*
- 1994 *Vinyl trim added to parsonage exterior; new carpeting throughout home.*
- 1995 *Master bath remodeled.*  
1998 *Gas heater for parsonage den installed; Garage door installed and parsonage kitchen remodeled.*
- 2000 *Parsonage kitchen floor redone.*  
2001 *Parsonage deck rebuilt.*  
2004 *Replaced heat pumps, kitchen floor and painted interior of parsonage.*
- 2006 *New hot water heater for parsonage; front porch columns replaced; rain gutters fixed.*
- 2007 *Repainted and reglazed parsonage windows; Replaced window screens and storm windows; Cleaned air ducts for heating/AC unit.*
- 2007 *Two new lawn mowers purchased (church and parsonage).*
- 2009 *Parsonage interior repainted.*  
*A.C. ducts cleaned and section replaced; check for mold.*  
2009 *Front lawn graded, shrubbery pruned and lawn seeded. (Nov.)*

## *Fellowship Hall*

- 1964-  
-1965 *Church agreed to sponsor Boy Scout Troop #280, under the leadership of Harrison Vickery and John Thrasher; Pete Hatcher and Paul Burden helped while John served in Vietnam; meetings were held in the Robert's school until the fellowship hall was completed.*
- 1969 *The white church moved back from the road and used as a fellowship hall when new church was completed.*
- 1974-  
-1976 *Fellowship hall built.*  
1977 *(Feb 20) Sale of the old New Hope Church building finalized; building removal begun by buyer, Saturday 2/28/77. Completed by end of March. A large beam from the original church structure was used to make the mantel for fireplace.*
- 1977 *Metal playground pieces donated from a church in Lavonia, Ga. Men of the church moved it and reset the pieces (March).*
- 1991 *Ceiling track installed in Fellowship Hall to allow for use of curtains, saving on heat bill.*
- 1992 *Some playground equipment installed; wooden play house with slide built and installed (Herb Kaiser).*
- 1995 *Flood light for playground area installed.*
- 1997 *Storage closet built in back corner of hall for use by scouts.*
- 1999 *Playground equipment was updated.*
- 2000 *Ice maker purchased; replaced 2008.  
Roof was replaced*
- 2002 *Fellowship Hall updated with new counter tops, stoves, additional cabinets, repairs to ceiling, and painted.*
- 2004 *Double set of gas logs for fireplace in memory of James Todd.  
Replaced bathroom fixtures and bathroom cabinets.  
Purchased new TV and DVD/Tape player. (UMM)*

- 2008 *New rules for fellowship hall were adopted.  
Area behind fellowship hall cleaned up for use as a  
meeting area for MYF.*
- 2008 *Cub Scouts, belonging to troop #280, are now meeting in  
the fellowship hall.*
- 2008 *Bench installed in playground area in memory of  
Waymond Hatcher.*
- 2009 *Air conditioning unit in fellowship hall was replaced;  
Drain field for fellowship hall was replaced.*

*We are blessed to have most of the general repairs and  
maintenance done by the men of the church, (work  
ministry). New Hope has men who excel in woodworking  
skills, general carpentry, fixing drainage problems,  
cutting grass. The list of needed work is long; the names of  
the willing helpers is even longer. Each of you know who  
you are and most importantly, God knows you work for  
Him! Thank you all.*