

NEW HOPE BEGINNINGS.....

1878 *Mr. James Tillman Busby was "turned out" or "excluded" from membership at New Prospect Baptist Church for playing the fiddle and calling the sets at a square dance.*

1878-

-1884 *Mr. Busby, his wife "Miss Cynthia", family, neighbors including Mr. and Mrs. Abner Bolt, and friends, cut trees, milled lumber and built the one room church. Pulpit and pews were built by Charles M. White, (married Mr. Busby's daughter, Anna).*

1884 *New Hope Methodist Church established; it was located about 300 feet from the Busby home. Sunday School and prayer meetings were held each Sunday. Mr. Busby, with the help of visiting preachers, kept the church going for several years.*

1884 *First credited spiritual leader was Mr. James Tillman Busby. Protracted meetings (revivals) were held. There are no dates certain for the following men:*

Rev. John Attaway

Rev. James Kinard

Rev. Fletcher Anderson

1900-

-1910 *No records of ministers or congregation. A Rev. Doc Brown helped install the chancel rail.*

1910-1913 *Rev. C.P. Carter*

1913-1917 *Rev. Sam Danner*

1917-1921 *Rev. J. G. Huggins*

1921-1926 *Rev. A. M. Smith*

1922-1928 *on Toxaway Circuit (consisting of Union Grove, Trinity, New Hope and Toxaway) ***

1923-1927 *Rev. Jimmy Renfro ***

1926-1927 *Rev. J. W. D. Bolin***

*** Names were also found in Toxaway history.*

1927-1928 *Rev. Kinard*

1928-1932 *Rev. Paul Kinnett; Sunday School was re-organized 1931. Church was put on a two point charge with Bethal Church, Anderson,(about 1930), and then put on the Orville charge (1931).*

1931 *While on Orrville circuit, two morning and two afternoon services were held monthly, so a weekly Sunday School was most important.*

1932-1933 *Rev. Thomas Bryson*

1933-1937 *Rev. D. W. Smith; This was a time of growth and prosperity as three Sunday School rooms were added (1935); church exterior covered and lights installed.*

1938-1939 *Rev. W. Y. Cooley*

1940-1943 *Rev. Clyde Allen*

1944-1945 *Rev. C. L. Harris*

1945-1948 *Rev. W. A. Duckworth; Rev. Duckworth died while serving this charge. Before his death he made arrangements for two Bob Jones University boys - Ray Seay and Jim Singleton - to help at New Hope.*

1948-1949 *Rev. Grady Newman*

1949-1950 *Rev. C. O. Dorn; Joined Townville Charge; remained on the Townville charge until 1974. Charge consisted of three churches: Asbury(1833), Dickson Memorial(1903), and New Hope (1884).*

- 1951-1952 *Rev. W. Glenn Smith*
- 1952-1955 *Rev. L. O. Foxworth, Jr.*
- 1955-1958 *Rev. William Vines; new windows were installed and new furniture moved into church on 13 April 1958.*
- 1958-1962 *Rev. W. Y. Jenkins*
- 1962-1967 *Rev. John M. Williams, Jr.*
- 1966-1967 *Rev. Harold Jayroe*
- 1967-1971 *Rev. Dewey Brazill; Townville United Methodist Charge. Land was purchased from the original McLee's property by Mr. W. Lewis Martin, Sr. (1965)*

Ground breaking for the new church was 4 November 1967; "Opening Day" services held on 20 April 1969.

- 1971-1974 *Rev. Allen Kuback*
- 1974 (June)
- 1978(Feb) *Rev. Harley Feltman; new parsonage and fellowship hall were built. Original church torn down (Feb-Mar 1977) and became a station church.*
- 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. Needed monies of \$763.00 of week.*
- 1978 *Interim appointment until June.*
- 1978-
-1982(Dec) *Rev. Marcus Antley*
- 1982 (Dec)
- 1983 *Dr. Harold Albert*

- 1983-1987 *Rev. Robert Davenport*
- 1987-1990 *Rev. Donald S. Haton*
- 1990-1994 *Rev. Paul A. Wood*
- 1994-1999 *Rev. Barry W. Cannon; Church became a two-point charge with John Wesley United Methodist Church (May 1996).*
- 1999-2007 *Rev. Phillip Stout*
- 2007-2009 *Rev. Wayne Pearce; Became station church in 2008*
- 2008 (Sept
-15 Nov) *Interim appointment Rev. Herb Franklin*
- 2009 (May
-June) *Interim appointment Rev. Michael Vandiver*
- 2009- *Rev. Joyce G. Murphy*

Current District Superintendant is Rev. Robert Stillwell; current Bishop is the Rev. Mary Virginia Taylor