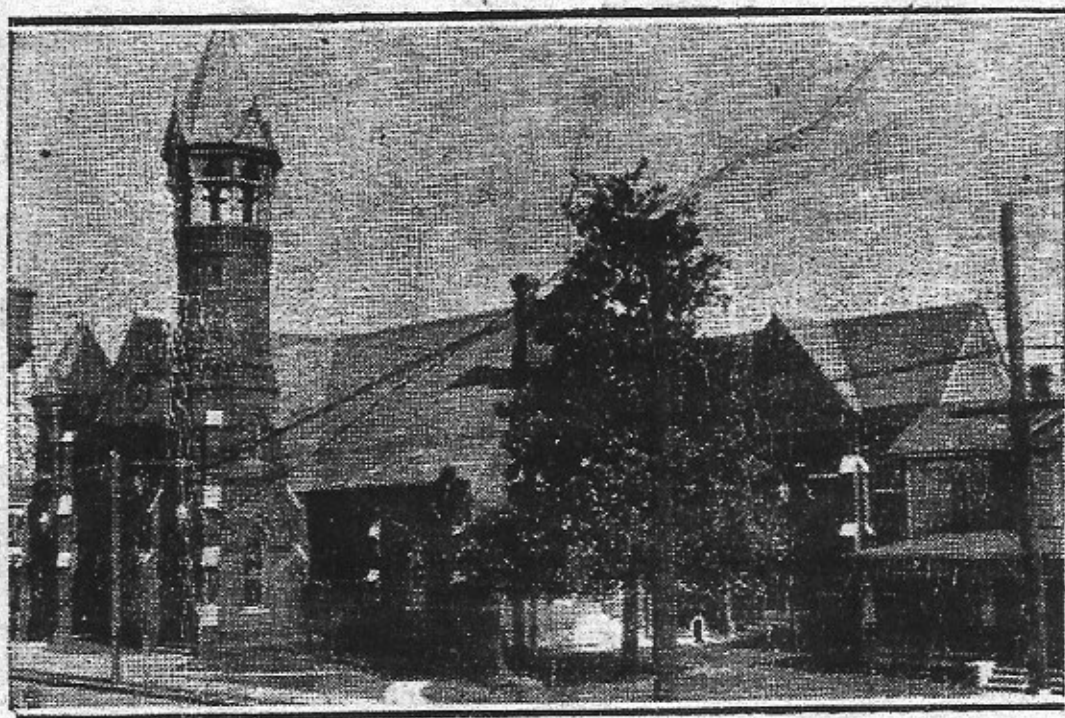


Reopening Services

First Methodist Church

*North Carolina Conference
Washington District*



WASHINGTON, NORTH CAROLINA

September 24th. - - October 1st.

1933

ITS GENESIS IN MISSIONS

The voice of one crying in the wilderness resounded in the attentive ears of the Rev. John Wesley, M. A., minister, scholar, statesman and organizer on English shores. "Come over and help us," was the appeal of American Methodists. "For the good of thousands," Mr. Wesley was urged to send missionaries to these American shores. The promise to support these preacher-missionaries to the extent of "selling our coats and shirts, if necessary," was made. Methodism's founder was urged "not to forget the church in the wilderness." Their enthusiasm was so great that they prophesied that "by the goodness of God such a flame will soon be kindled as would never stop until it reached the great South Seas."

Joseph Pilmoor and Richard Boardman came to these shores, and it was the former who preached the first "Methodistical sermon" in North Carolina, at Currituck Courthouse on September 28, 1772. The Methodist church in America was organized in Baltimore on December 24th, 1748. The organization was a definite result of a missionary vision. It was at that same Christmas Conference that Bishop Thomas Coke "took a collection for missions." It is impossible to write the history of Methodism without writing a history of missions.

The organization of Washington Methodism in North Carolina was the result of missions, when Bishop Francis Asbury came to this growing country town on the banks of the Pamlico, and in the same year of the organization of American Methodism, 1784, Washington Methodism had its genesis. Thus, our local church got in on the ground floor. Three different church edifices have been erected since the organization of the Washington Methodist church, the present edifice having been erected in 1897. The present Sunday School building was erected as a result of foresight and missionary enthusiasm.

During the first few months of the present Pastorate this church was led into a most successful

and encouraging missionary campaign, when the challenge to assist in the support of the Rev. J. J. Davis, Missionary to the Congo, was made. So enthusiastic and victorious was the response that the money desired was more than obtained. During this campaign the attendance at Sunday School and Church increased appreciably. Support of the local church was on the increase. The missionary movement led into a blessed revival of inner religion. This led into a successful campaign for the support of the Methodist orphanage.

When the church had helped to care for the missionary and the orphan, the members looked to the care of their own church plant. One of America's early ministers said, "Those who love their own chimney corner and dare not fare beyond their own town's end shall never have the honor to see the wonderful works of God." This congregation has endeavored to care for OTHERS first, and SELF next. It has worked most graciously. As a result of this desire, our church has been renovated from top to bottom, inside and out. Beautiful shrubs have been attractively set around the church. New lights have been added to the church auditorium. Art glass doors, as memorials, have been added to the five entrances to the auditorium. The walls of the auditorium have been painted, ceiling cleaned and varnished, pews have been renovated and varnished; hardwood floors have been renovated and new carpet runners have also been laid; beautiful pads have been re-covered; new offering plates of solid oak have been presented, and a new heating system, for the church is now being installed. All of these things had their genesis in missions. As a congregation we are pledged to follow Him who said, "Go ye as we hear the voice of a modern Macedonian calling, "Come over." The least and most that we can say is "Here am I, send me."

The reopening services and Loyalty Week are in commemoration of these recent advances; a kind of a spiritual celebration of a material advance.

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GIFTS OF LOVING REMEMBRANCE

(A Book of Memoirs)

One of the most beautiful customs a church may have is that of remembering her faithful ones by the presentation of some gift, however small, or however large. When one enters First Methodist Church, Washington, he will see at once that a large group of former members are tenderly remembered by appropriate memorials.

During the present Conference year the following memorials have been affectionately presented and graciously received:

Art Glass Doors: In Memory of Emily Freeman Robbins, 1912-1929. By Her Sister, Mrs. E. P. Rhodes.

Art Glass Doors: In Honor of Mrs. Claudia Ann Waters, 1850, and Miss Sarah Tripp, 1857. By Their Friends.

Art Glass Doors: "In Memory of Our Beloved Father," Dr. Samuel T. Nicholson, 1855-1930. By His Children.

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Art Glass Doors: In Memory of My Parents, Calvin Crane Walker, 1868-1930; Julia Ada Walker, 1871-1930. By Their Son, G. W. Walker.

Offering Plates: In Memory of Emily Augusta Freeman Robbins, 1849-1917. By Her Granddaughter, Mrs. E. P. Rhodes.



MR. GLASS

Wednesday, September the Twenty-seventh

Quotation, "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse."—Malachai, the Prophet.

Duet, "The Name of Jesus"Lorenz

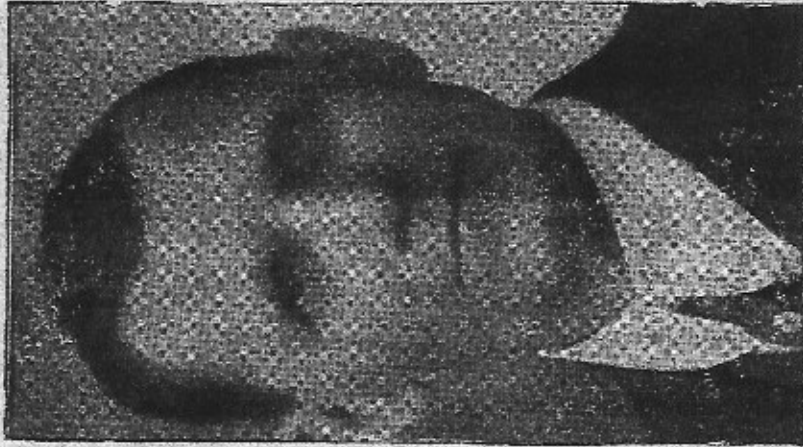
Mr. and Mrs. Edward J. Rees

Sermon, "The Value and Integrity of the Church"

Rev. H. I. Glass

Minister First Methodist Church, Elizabeth City

Quotation, "Upon this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."—Jesus Christ.



MR. McCRACKEN

Thursday, September the Twenty-eighth

"Let stewards be persons of solid piety, who both know and love the Methodist doctrine and discipline."—Paragraph 219, Methodist Discipline.

Duet, "Secret Prayer"Gabriel

Mrs. J. A. Hackney and Mrs. J. D. Snuggs

Sermon, "The Response of a Methodist Steward

to His Trust."

Rev. J. H. McCracken

Presiding Elder Elizabeth City District

Quotation, "It is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful."—I Corinthians 4:2,



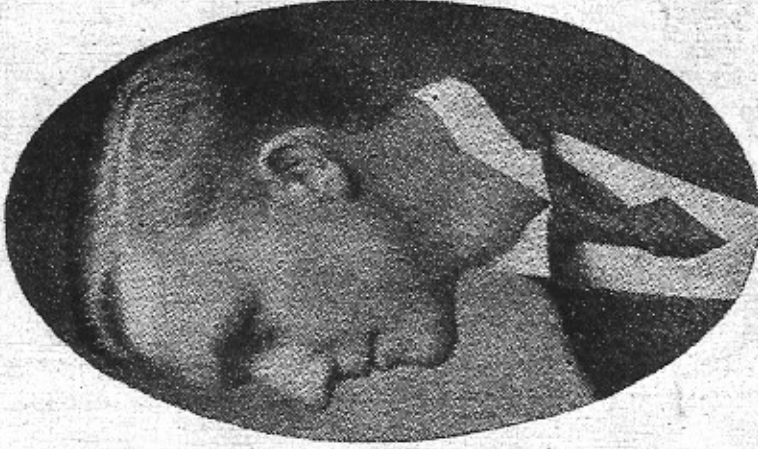
MR. REES

Sunday, September the Twenty-fourth

MORNING—Eleven O'clock

Anthem, "O Sing Unto The Lord,"By the Choir
Communion Address, "Living Loyalties".....Mr. Rees
Administration of the Sacrament of
the Lord's Supper

Quotation, "The Sacrament is the Soul of the Church."



MR. HENDRICKS

Sunday, September the Twenty-fourth

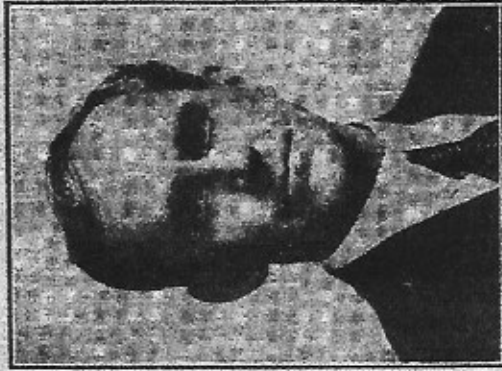
EVENING—Eight O'clock

Anthem, "Praise Ye The Lord,"Gounod
By the Choir

Sermon, "Co-Workers With God"

Rev. H. L. Hendricks
Minister Farmville Methodist Church

Quotation, "I must work the works of him that sent me while it is day."—Jesus Christ.



DR. PLYLER

Sunday, October the First

EVENING—Eight O'clock

Anthem, "Be Ye Joyful in The Lord"....Nomabama
By the Choir

Quotation, "Give attendance to reading."

Sermon, "Methodism in Her Present Conquest"
Dr. Marion Timothy Plyler
Editor N. C. Christian Advocate

Quotation, "Give attendance to reading."—Paul.

Quotation, "What doth the Lord require of thee,
but to do justly, and to love mercy and to walk
humbly with thy God?"—The Prophet Micah.

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