

Dobson United Methodist Church

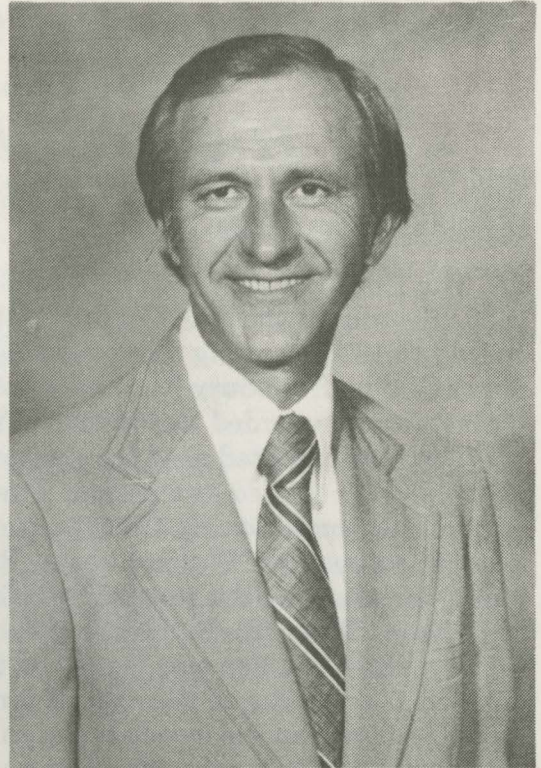
DOBSON, NORTH CAROLINA



DIRECTORY

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*Minister's
Message*



EDWARD D. LEE

Whatever else the Church may be, it is people. In this directory are presented the people of our congregation. How different we are! Here are the young and the old, the single and the married, the married and those yet to be married. Each of us is distinctive; and each of us has his or her own personal combination of strengths and weaknesses, joys, burdens, hopes, and responsibilities, limitations and opportunities. Some of us are confident. At times we are perhaps frightened. Each person and each family possesses a unique combination of dreams, memories, achievements and failures, disappointments and satisfactions. And yet we are alike in many ways; and we share many things in common.

As you make use of this directory remember that we belong to each other. We need each other. The weakness or incompleteness of any one of us is made strong and complete in the unity and fellowship of the whole. We share a common faith in Christ. As we make our way together on the pilgrimage of life it is my prayer that we might come more and more to love and appreciate each other. This directory can help us to be reminded that we are part of a great fellowship.

We regret that not all of our families could come to be photographed for the directory. However, the entire membership roll, as of date, is to be found in the back of the directory. Check the families you know, and then see if there are any you should learn to know, or perhaps those you would like to know better.

Yes, the Church is people. Our church is what we are. And what we are, as well as what we become, depends to a great extent on how well we know and care for each other. The continuing friendliness and fellowship of this church depends on you, for you are the church. May this directory prove a helpful resource to us as we plan our ministry to one another and to the world.

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Historical Sketch: 1858-1978

(NOTE: Most of the material for this brief historical review comes from *A Brief History of Dobson United Methodist Church* compiled by Nannie G. Riggs in 1966.)

The Dobson United Methodist Church began as a Methodist Episcopal Church, South in 1858, meeting in the old Martin Hotel and in the Surry County Courthouse for the first 18 years ending in 1876. Among those guiding the church at that time was Rev. Marquis L. Wood of the Surry Circuit, Salisbury District, who was stationed at Mount Airy 1858-59. In his diary at Duke University is recorded this entry: "Friday, April 19, 1858, preached at Dobson."

The first recorded deed for a church lot is dated in 1877 with R. S. Folger, Henry Snow and Thomas Evans listed as trustees. The first church building was begun on this lot, located northwest of the Surry County Courthouse, in 1876, during the pastorate of Rev. Walter Creasy. One account states that "Walter Creasy, Romulus S. Folger, Henry Snow and Harden Leak, a Negro, took their axes into the woods, knelt for prayer, and cut trees to build the first Methodist Church in Dobson. When the building was completed, and plans were ready for the opening service in the new church, a lien was placed on the door for a small debt still owed for some material. This delayed the opening of the church until Henry Snow sold the same mules that had been used to haul the logs from the woods to the sawmill. With the money from the sale of the mules, the debt was paid and the door of the new church was opened."

In 1923 it was decided to relocate by building a new church on South Main Street. A Building Committee was appointed composed of: Grady Cooper, Chm.; W. B. White, Sec., Treas.; W. E. Reid, Mrs. R. C. Freeman; Dr. W. M. Stone; and B. F. Folger. The Women's Missionary Society worked to raise funds; and the construction began with Rev. C. C. Totherow, pastor, supervising the making of brick, the digging of the basement, and the pouring of cement for the foundation. However, work was stopped for lack of funds. In 1926, Rev. A. J. Bowling, pastor, renewed solicitation of pledges for the building; but it was not until 1928, during the pastorate of Rev. Elmer Simpson, that work on the new building resumed. The new church building was completed at a cost of \$12,000; and on August 24, 1930, the dedication service was held with Presiding Elder W. E. Poovey in charge of the service.

Major improvements to the church were made in 1948 under the leadership of Rev. Enoch M. Hoyle, pastor, and a committee composed of Mrs. R. L. Folger, Mrs. Aubrey Moore, and Mr. Frank Comer. A new ceiling was added at this time, floors were refinished, a choir loft was built, the interior painted, and the chancel and center aisle were carpeted; and two rest rooms were installed.

An educational building was built in 1958. Rev. George Lyndon was pastor at the time, and the Building Committee included John Norman, Chm.; Frank Comer, Treas.; Glenn Beasley; Porter Barker; D. A. McLaurin; E. T. Newell; and Horace Adams. The addition included a fellowship hall, kitchen, and rest rooms on the first floor. The second floor housed classrooms, the pastor's study, and a furnace room.

During Rev. Don Davis' pastorate a complete renovation of the sanctuary was completed in 1964-65, and improvements were made to the adjoining church-school classrooms. Mrs. Frank Riggs served as Financial Secretary; and John Norman chaired the Building Committee composed of Frank Comer, Treas.; Otis Carter; Jimmy Davis; Mrs. S. I. Poole; and Mrs. Aubrey Moore. Part of this major project included the installation of stained glass memorial windows, and the purchase of a new Baldwin Organ. An additional tract of land adjoining the church property was also purchased at this time.

The history of parsonages, and the labors of the congregation to provide housing for its ministers is omitted from this brief sketch. Likewise, the activities of worship service, study, and mission originating out of the congregation have been omitted. However, one can picture in imagination something of the hopes and dreams, struggles and defeats, trials and victories that have made up the experience of those men and women, boys and girls that have called and still call this church their own.

Pastors

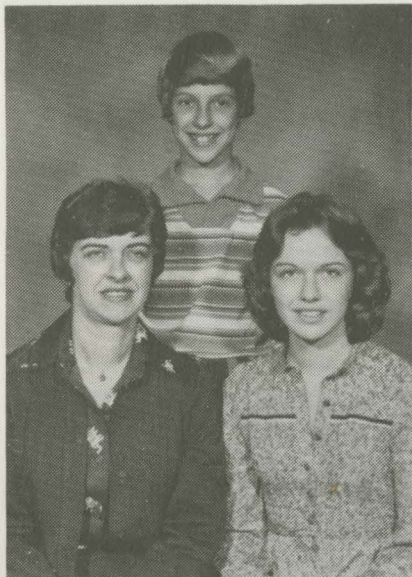
A complete listing of pastors for the earliest years of the congregation could not be compiled. During some years of the Civil War no records of minutes were received; and in other years we learn that pastors were to be supplied, but no name was given. However, we do know that the following ministers were among those who have served the church since its beginning; although no dates are available for some of these:

Marquis L. Wood	Hugh F. Wiley
Isaac Avent	W. B. Maness
James Smoot	F. A. Bishop
William A. Smith	W. F. Needham
R. T. N. Stevenson	

The following ministers served in the respective years:

1876-1879	W. S. Creasy	1915-1918	T. V. Crouse
1879-1880	S. J. McLeod	1918-1919	O. P. Routh
1880-1881	C. G. Little	1919-1921	T. S. Coble
1881-1882	E. L. Stamey	1921-1924	C. C. Totherow
1882-1883	J. F. Craven	1924-1925	J. E. Hipp
1883-1884	James Wilson	1925-1926	A. J. Bowling
1884-1885	R. M. Taylor	1926-1927	M. Q. Tuttle
1885-1887	B. A. York	1927-1931	Elmer Simpson
1887-1888	N. R. Richardson		(W. J. S. Walker filled out
1888-1889	J. M. Price		Rev. Simpson's last year)
1889-1890	W. L. Dawson	1931-1933	M. A. Lewis
1890-1892	W. H. Perry	1933-1935	J. O. Cox
1892-1893	J. B. Tucker	1935-1939	C. W. Russell
1893-1894	S. P. Douglas	1939-1940	R. G. McClamrock
1894-1895	E. W. Dixon	1940-1944	J. W. Parker
1895-1896	Nicholas Mallory	1944-1946	Wilson Nesbitt
1896-1897	S. D. Moore	1946-1948	E. M. Hoyle
1897-1899	J. P. Rodgers	1948-1949	Robert C. Carter
1899-1901	Seymour Taylor	1949-1953	Ivan A. Stephens
1901-1902	V. L. Marsh	1953-1954	Earl C. Black
1902-1905	J. W. Long	1954-1957	G. R. Combs
1905-1906	D. W. Lowman	1957-1960	George E. Lyndon, Jr.
1906-1910	T. J. Houck	1960-1964	P. T. Dixon
1910-1911	B. M. Jackson	1964-1967	Donald C. Davis
1911-1912	E. M. Avett	1967-1971	James R. Calloway
1912-1913	J. M. Price	1971-1976	Jack B. Yarbrough
1913-1915	J. G. W. Holloway	1976-present	Edward D. Lee

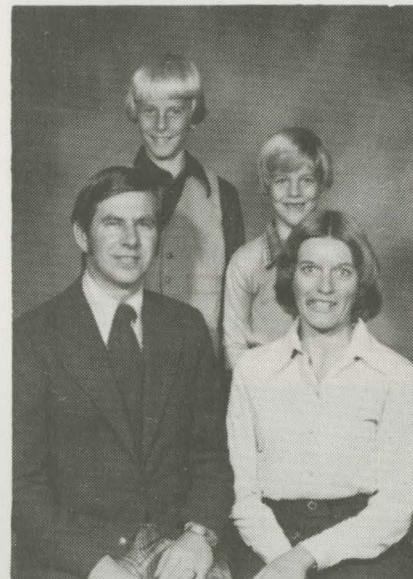
Our Church Families



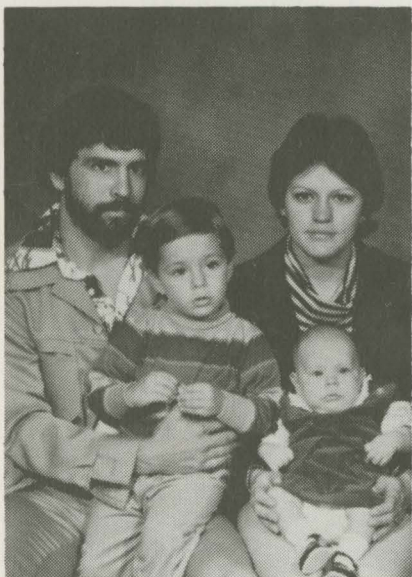
Barbara Alberty,
Cheryl and Steven



Viola Alberty



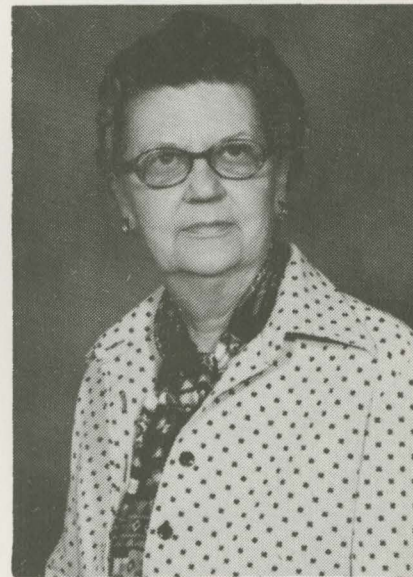
Claude and Judy Ayers,
Michael and David



Eddie and Patti Beasley,
Joel and Amy



Glenn and Marjorie Beasley

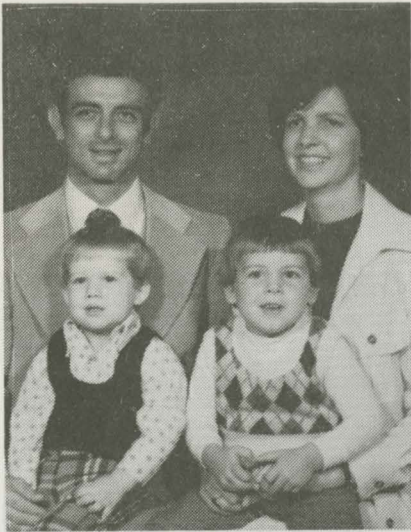


Lib Bolich



CHOIR

Viola Alberty, Nannie Riggs, Nancy McCann (Organist), Ann Weaver, Patti Brame, Karen Ritchie (Choir Director), Lucille Folger, Eunice Hollingsworth, Eleanor Cooper, Juliet Poole, Madeline Carter, and Ed Lee (Minister).



John and Pattie Brame,
Michael and Jonathon



Otis and Madeline Carter



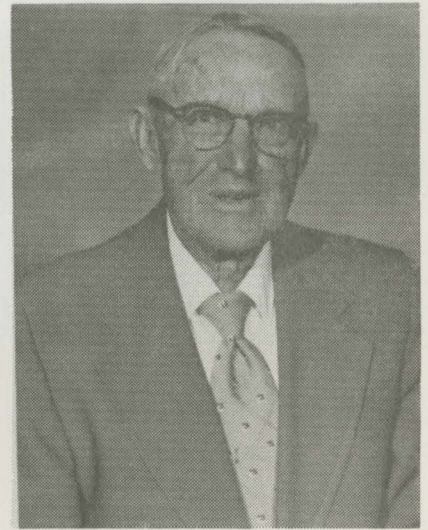
Cindy Comer



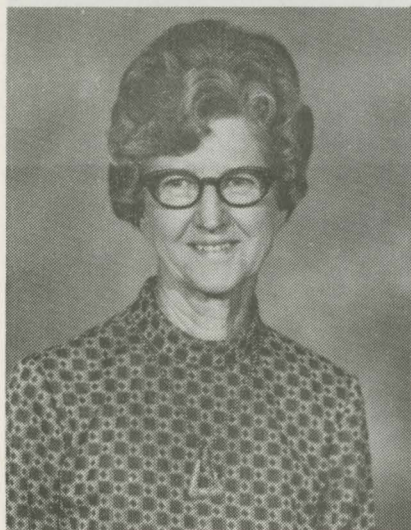
Frank and Carolyn Comer



Eleanor Cooper and Surprise



Grady Cooper



Dovie Cude



Blanche Folger



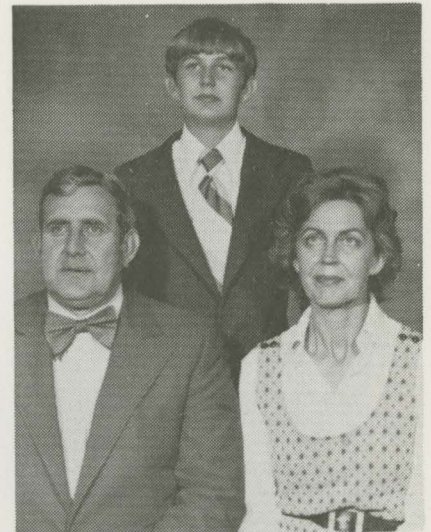
Harry and Patti Folger,
and Melissa



Jim and Marge Folger



Charles and Martha Graham,
Chuck and Anna



Gray and Julia Hall and Jim



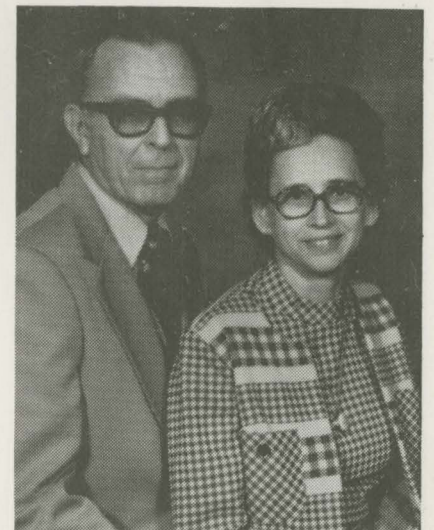
Edward and Vera Lee, Susan, Michael and Teresa



Don and Willie Mathews,
Tim and Sheila



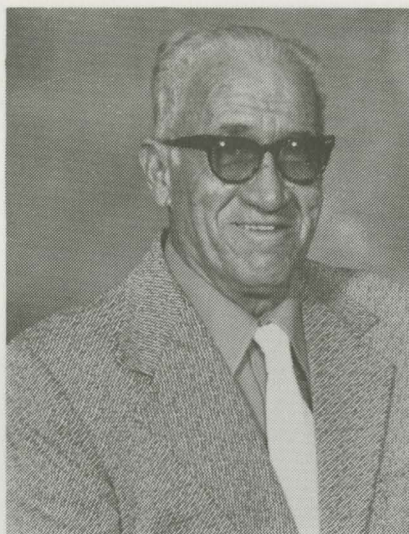
Bill and Nancy McCachren,
Jimmy, Mac, Steve and Kim



Guy and Nancy McCann



Cassie McQuinn



Ira McQuinn



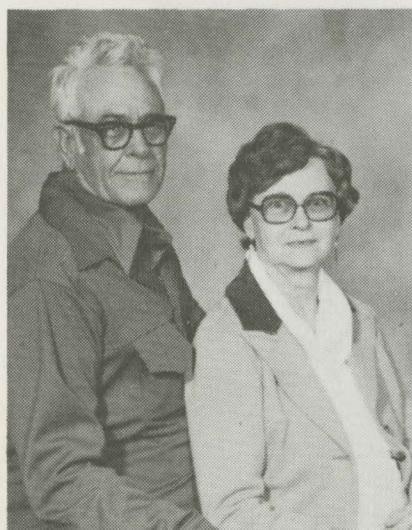
George and Kathy Pendergraft
and Edith Ann



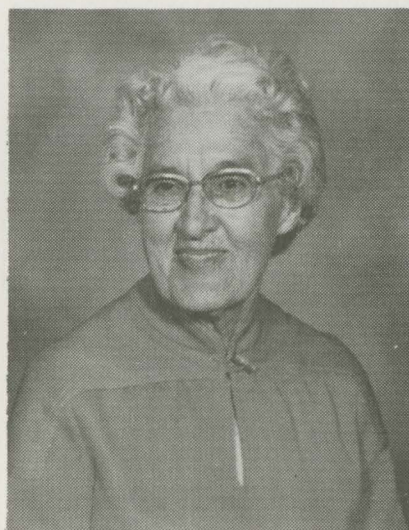
John and Oma Norman,
Susan (Wilmoth), Cynthia and Mark



Juliet Poole



Malo and Mildred Reece



Nannie Riggs



Al and Lillian Selecman



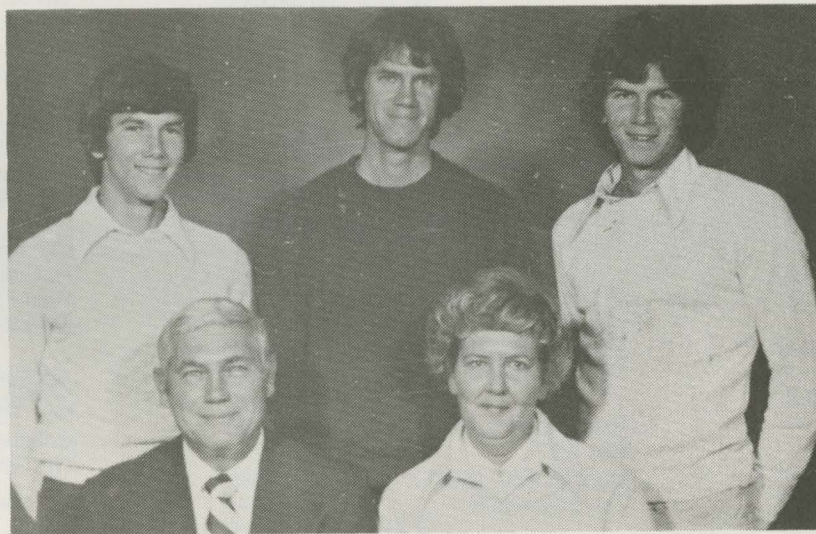
Fred and Mary Lou Sidden,
Phillip and Terri



George and Edna Stockton



Steve and Judy Yokely



Sam and Helen Walker,
Drew, Jett and Thom