



Members of the Mount Airy Church of Christ, known as the Highland Park Church of Christ, pose in front of the old church building on U.S. 601 in a photo taken in 1946.

Church Of Christ Continues To Thrive Throughout America

Mount Airy Church of Christ is located at 1180 S. Franklin Road, Mount Airy.

The Church of Christ had its beginning in America in 1804 in Kentucky with Barton W. Stone, and in 1809 with Thomas and Alexander Campbell in Pennsylvania. By 1815, the Stone-Campbell movement had reached northwestern North Carolina.

At the request of the Piedmont N.C. District Evangelistic Board of the Churches of Christ, M.B. Miller, the president and general evangelist of the Appalachian Mountain Evangelizing Association, began work in Mount Airy on May 17, 1945. He was looking toward the establishment of a new Church of Christ in the area.

Preliminary meetings were held in Moody-Nelson Funeral Home Chapel and then later at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W.E. Williamson. A lot was purchased adjacent to U.S. 601 in the Highland Park community, and on June 27, 1945 the group began tent meetings at the site.

On July 15, 1945 Highland Park Church of Christ was organized with about 30 members. Also on that date, the land was fully paid for, and a building fund established. Construction on the building began in the fall of 1945, and the congregation moved into the structure in early 1946.

By 1970, the church had grown to the point where the Highland Park structure was too small. The congregation voted in 1970 to begin construction of a new building on the South Franklin Road site. The church also changed its name from Highland Park Church of Christ to Mount Airy Church of Christ.

The new structure, with 14 classrooms and a fellowship hall, nursery, minister's study and large auditorium, was completed in 1972, with the first service held in the building on the second Sunday of August that year.

By 1991, the church had grown sufficiently to expand again. The Family Life Center was completed in October, with a full-sized gymnasium, kitchen, bathrooms and exercise space.

Ministers who have served are M.B. Miller, 1945-46; G.W. Headon, 1946-48; Conley Greer, 1949-50; Gene Sellers, 1951-54; Joseph Craft, 1955-57; Eugene Stiff, 1957; Gene Sellers, 1958-60; Walter B. Brown, 1960-61; Phillip Everett, 1961-63; Hoyt Johnson, 1963-65; Roger D. York, 1965-68; Ned Mobley, 1969; Kermit Figart, 1969-70; and Wayne Williamson, 1971-present.

Mount Airy Church of Christ now has a membership of about 150 members.